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## Council approves purchase of plate detectors

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council Monday authorized the purchase of 10 additional license plate readers to help police solve crimes.

In January 2020, the council approved the police's request to install 23 such readers in various spots around the city. In a memo to council urging the additional readers, Police Chief Noe Diaz said the readers provide "best artificial intelligence and will allow the department to collaborate and share information with neighboring cities and counties."

The units cost \$2,500 each, and there is a \$2,500 initiation fee for these units.

The Police Department asked for more readers to give coverage in the city. Diaz said the department last year solved hundreds of cases with the help of the readers. He said police arrested suspects for various crimes that would have otherwise gone unsolved.

"We still currently have 23 ALPR cameras and are looking to increase that by adding 10 new cameras," Diaz said. "These new cameras will be placed in areas where we have seen an increase in crime and will allow us to reduce the crime occurring in those areas."

City Administrator Byron Hebert also praised the readers.

"They've proven very valuable to us," Hebert said.

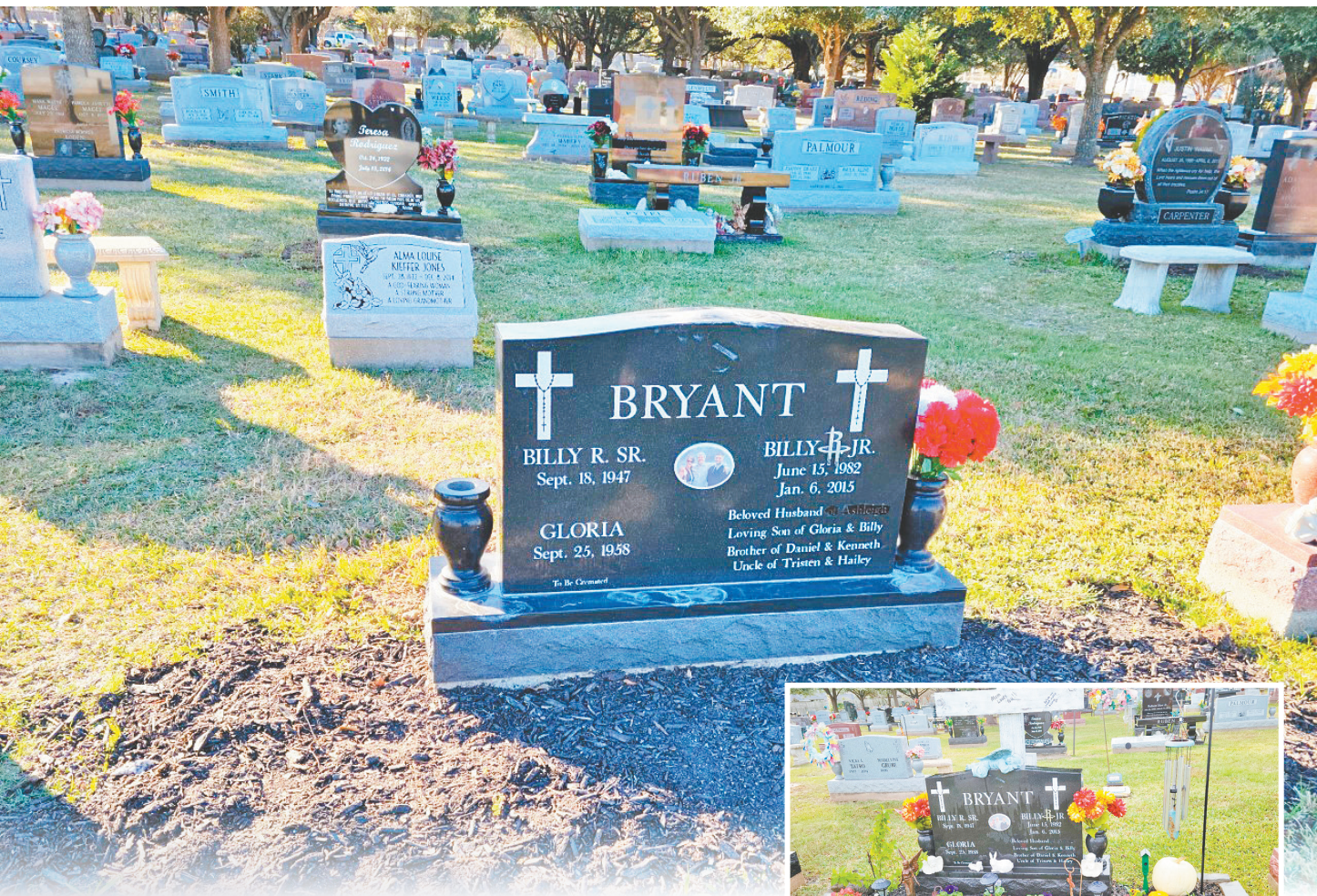
Ward A Council Member Dan Smith and Ward B Council Member Rory Robertson expressed their support for the idea.

"It stops crimes and makes our community safer," Robertson said.

### New stop signs for Morton Road

The council passed an ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs on Morton Road near the intersection with Pitts Road.

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Photos of the Bryant family gravesite before and after a recent cleaning at Katy Magnolia Cemetery.  
COURTESY OF GLORIA BRYANT

## Families upset following gravesite memento removal at Katy Magnolia Cemetery

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

When 32-year-old Billy Bryant Jr. died unexpectedly of an infection in January 2015, his mother Gloria Bryant said about 500 people showed up for his funeral and later burial in Katy Magnolia Cemetery, 6801 Franz Road. She said even Mayor Bill Hastings, then the city's police chief, attended.

Bryant said she and her husband, Billy Sr., have visited their son's grave site every day since the funeral. Like many grieving families, they did some landscaping work at the gravesite. They also left tokens of remembrance. In Bryant's case, such remembrances included wind chimes and a four-inch wide cross.

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Photos of the Allen family gravesite before and after a recent cemetery cleaning.  
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### KATY ISD

## Trustees name new elementary school

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees Monday named the district's newest elementary school, which is set to open this fall.

Steve & Elaine Robertson Elementary will be at 7400 Innovation Drive in the Cane Island subdivision. It is the 44th elementary school in the district. It is named for Steve and Elaine Robertson, who retired in 2020 following a combined 64 years of service in education.

Steve Robertson began his career in 1985 as an elementary teacher in the Spring Branch Independent School District. He later took leadership roles in the Conroe Independent School District, and later the Katy Independent School District.

In Katy, Steve Robertson served as an elementary, junior high and high school principal. Later he served as an assistant super-

intendent for secondary school leadership and support. He was cited for leading school improvement efforts, increased student performance, and support and mentorship to staff and campus leadership.

Elaine Robertson began her career in 1987 as a deaf education elementary teacher with West 10 Cooperative. She took some time away to focus on family and returned to education in 1997, when she became a parent-infant advisor for the Katy Independent School District.

In 2002, Elaine Robertson took the leader-

ship role of instructional officer for deaf education, vision and assistive technology. She wrote grants to fund innovative instruction, provided engaging and inspiring staff development sessions, and served on inclusion teams and site-based management teams.

Elaine Robertson also organized extra-curricular programs to bridge academic and social gaps between the deaf and hard of hearing and other students. She has been a leader in establishing the district's audiolog-

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For more information, visit the website [cap4pets.org](http://cap4pets.org).

FEB. 1  
LOW-COST SHOT CLINIC FOR PETS

Special Pals Shelter offers a low-cost shot clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 1 at its offices at 3830 Greenhouse Road. Walk-ins only, with no appointment needed. Shots include yearly vaccines, preventative flea and heartworm medication, heartworm testing, and microchipping. Vaccines start at \$10.  
For more information, visit the website [specialpalsshelter.org/clinic/prices](http://specialpalsshelter.org/clinic/prices).

FEB. 3  
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HOUSTON  
VIRTUAL PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE

British International School of Houston, 2203 N. Westgreen Blvd., hosts a virtual prospective parent house. The event is set for 9:30-10:30 a.m. Feb. 3.  
For more information and to RSVP, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3FWuhrp>.

FEB. 5  
NATIONALL CHARITY LEAGUE – KATY CHAPTER  
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

The National Charity League – Katy Chapter holds its annual garage sale fundraiser, with clothing, furniture, household items and other items for sale. Proceeds benefit Christmas families and other philanthropies. The event is set for 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Feb. 5 at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd.

FEB. 5-6  
LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year is the Chinese New Year and begins Feb. 1, but the restaurants and shops at Katy Asian Town, 23119 Colonial Pkwy., will have individual events to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. Among the activities is a Dragon & Lion



dance performance, set for 12-1 p.m. Feb. 5-6. Dragon & Lion dances are performed during the Chinese New Year and are supposed to ward off negative energies and shower the audience with good luck and prosperity.  
For more information about the various restaurants and shops, visit the website [katyasiatown.com](http://katyasiatown.com).



FEB. 9  
GALENTINES NIGHT OUT

Southern Divas Boutique celebrates a "Galentines Night Out" from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 9 at its store, 23114 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Ladies are invited to bring their girlfriends and the store offers 15% of an entire purchase.



FEB. 11  
TEXAS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its fifth annual chili cook-off. Proceeds benefit Katy ISD Future Farmers of America. The cook-off is from 4-7 p.m. at 814 East Ave.  
For more information and to register, call Ashley DeWispelaere at 281-391-5289.

FEB. 12

2022 KATY HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN

The event is from 7-11 a.m. at Typhoon Texas, 555 S. Katy Fort Bend Rd.  
For more information, visit the website [kathyhalfmarathon.com](http://kathyhalfmarathon.com).

FEB. 12

LA CENTERRA FARMERS MARKET

Local vendors and artisans sell their goods at the Heritage Square. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. No cost. To become a vendor, email [customer@yourneighborhoodfarmersmarket.com](mailto:customer@yourneighborhoodfarmersmarket.com).

FEB. 14

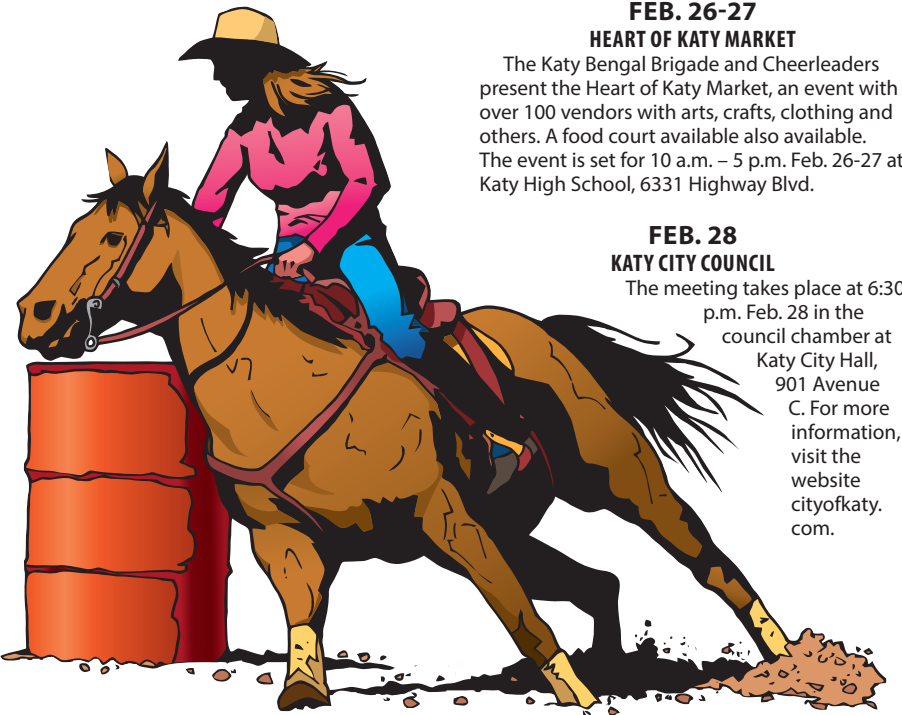
KATY CITY COUNCIL

The meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the council chamber at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C. For more information, visit the website [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com).

FEB. 15-19

79TH ANNUAL KATY ISD FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW & KATY RODEO

Events will be at the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Center, 5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road. The livestock show and rodeo are concurrent events but are managed separately.  
For more information about the livestock show, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3GXHemh>.  
For more information about the rodeo, visit the website [katyrodeo.org](http://katyrodeo.org).



FEB. 17

KATY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Officials at local colleges discuss educating and developing our workforce in the Katy Area. The event is set for 11:30-1 p.m. Feb. 17 at Embassy Suites, 16435 Katy Fwy.  
For more information and to RSVP, visit the website [katychamber.com](http://katychamber.com).

FEB. 18

KATY CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: BREAKFAST WITH DON HUFFINES

Don Huffines, Republican candidate for governor, will speak at the Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce breakfast. The event is set for 7 a.m. Feb. 18 at Church on the Rock, 433 Barker Cypress.  
For more information, visit the website [katychristianchamber.com](http://katychristianchamber.com).

FEB. 22

FOURIE FOUNDATION INVITATIONAL

Golf tournament with proceeds benefiting Closets for Schools and Clothed by Faith. The tournament will be played at the Bluejack National Golf Course in Montgomery. For more information and to register, visit the website at <https://bit.ly/3FUVpHV>.

FEB. 26-27

HEART OF KATY MARKET

The Katy Bengal Brigade and Cheerleaders present the Heart of Katy Market, an event with over 100 vendors with arts, crafts, clothing and others. A food court available also available. The event is set for 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Feb. 26-27 at Katy High School, 6331 Highway Blvd.

FEB. 28

KATY CITY COUNCIL

The meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the council chamber at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C. For more information, visit the website [cityofkaty.com](http://cityofkaty.com).

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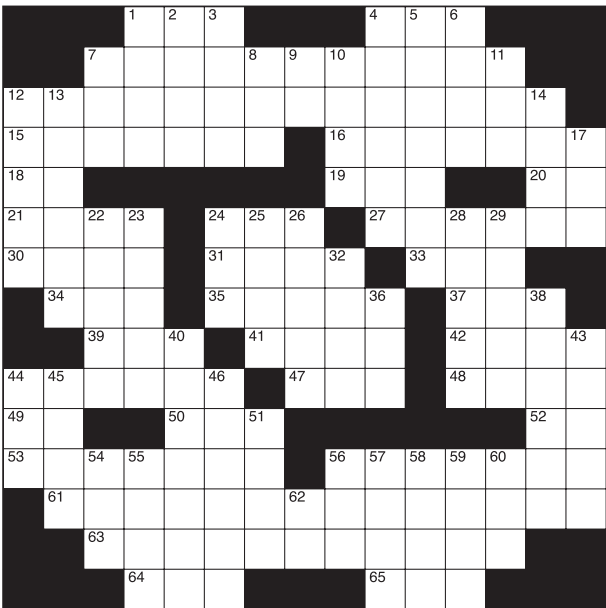
CLUES ACROSS

- Brew
- NY ballplayer
- Rigid external covering in some animals
- Promotional materials
- More high-pitched
- Widely cultivated cereal
- Dormitory employee
- Bad act
- One's mother
- Scored perfectly
- Space station
- Exchange for money
- Edible seaweed
- Iranian city
- Lakers' crosstown rivals
- Nothing
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- Military official (abbr.)
- Matchstick games
- Gasteyer and De Armas are two
- Distant planet
- A type of residue
- Punk art icon Jimmy De \_\_\_
- Millihenry
- Canadian media firm
- Type of withdrawal
- Spicy
- Dish of minced meat or fish

- Noted previously
- Happily
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- Not present

CLUES DOWN

- In a way, brought to an end
- Scandalized actress Loughlin
- This (Spanish)
- Essay
- Continuing indefinitely
- Tool for lifting food
- Partner to Adam
- Dry white wine drink
- Spanish be
- Smaller quantity
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- (Scottish) island
- Church officer
- Large wrestler
- Polite address for women
- Famed Susan Lucci character "\_\_\_ Kane"
- Mason \_\_\_ Line
- Disfigure
- Asian nation
- Rage (Span.)
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Opera solo
- Database management system

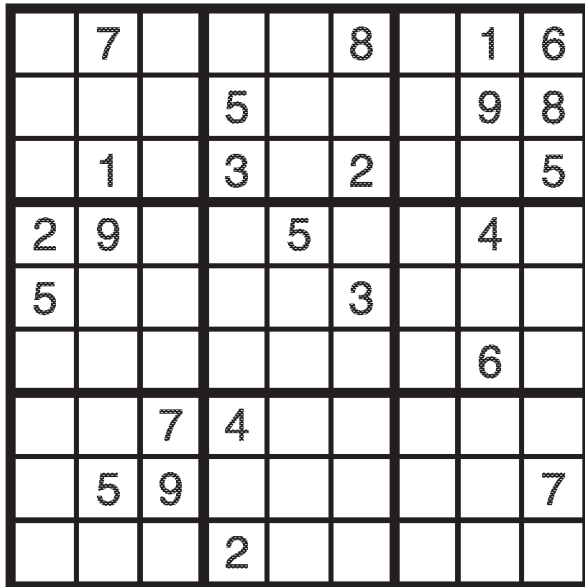


- Similar
- Move up and down playfully
- Alfalfa
- Satisfied
- Baseball official
- Large, flightless bird of S. America
- Money given in support
- Flower cluster

- Beginning military rank
- Russian weight measurement
- Explosive
- An individual unit
- Midskirt
- Weapon featuring balls
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Unit of measurement

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



## CEMETERY

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“That’s my son’s home now,” Bryant said. “You didn’t choose to die, and my husband and I didn’t choose to go out there every day for the past seven years. But that’s his home now.”

Yet a recent cemetery cleanup meant an unceremonious removal of those tokens. Now, the Bryants and other families are expressing dismay about what happened to those gravesites.

“A couple of weeks ago, they put out a sign saying they’re going to clean up the cemetery,” Bryant said. “I saw the signs, but had no idea they were going to rip up the flower bed and take his cross.”

Bryant said the cemetery maintenance crew removed the tokens and trashed the landscaping around the gravesite. She said she couldn’t climb in the dumpster, in the back of the cemetery, to look for what she left at her son’s gravesite.

A cemetery spokesman, who asked not to be named, said families purchasing cemetery plots sign a contract that specifies what can be left at a grave site. He said the contract limits grave decorations to one artificial or one fresh flower arrangement per grave.

Barb Mallory, whose parents Robert and Edna Allen are buried at the cemetery, said families might not read the contract because they are in grief when they are asked to sign it.

“We were so distraught over losing a loved one,” Mallory said. “We were tired and you’re not thinking clearly.”

The cemetery spokesman said he understood that it can be an emotional time when signing the contract to

**FOR ADDITIONAL PHOTOS  
FROM KATY MAGNOLIA  
CEMETERY, PLEASE SEE PAGE A6.**

buy a plot. Yet it does not negate the legality of the contract. The contract itself has places where one initials that he or she has read and understands the rules.

“We do understand that people are distraught and not necessarily reading, but that does not negate the contract,” the spokesman said. “The reason is that the cemetery needs to be consistent with everyone. If you let one person do whatever they want, then you have to let everyone do whatever they want, and that’s not of the rules.”

The rules apply to the eastern part of the cemetery, where not all plots have been purchased. They do not apply to the western portion of the cemetery, where all the plots have been purchased, even if they have not been filled.

“If we have to move objects out of the way (in the eastern section), and something breaks, we can’t be liable for that because we have to bury someone else’s love one,” the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the cemetery has made several different attempts to contact families and ask them to clean up their respective gravesites. A few years ago, the cemetery sent

certified letters, including pictures of the gravesites with objects needing removal. But results have varied.

“Some picked up everything, while some picked up some of their things,” the spokesman said. “Some picked up nothing.”

But not all the keepsakes left at gravesites are picked up and removed by the maintenance crews. The spokesman said he has seen funerals at the cemetery where small children would pick up a keepsake from one gravesite and leave it at another.

“Stuff gets stolen all the time,” the spokesman said. “Some people have sticky fingers. There are a bunch of different explanations.”

Mallory described the cemetery as a sacred place. She said she thought that Schmidt Funeral Home, which owns the cemetery, forgot what made it what it was.

“They’ve always been number 1 in Katy to me, and I never thought about going anywhere else,” Mallory said. “All they think about is the end result. They lost feeling and compassion of people in Katy who chose to go there.”

The spokesman said the cemetery cared about the families.

“We want to do a good job,” the spokesman said. “We do care about everybody and their belongings, but at the same time, we have to treat everyone equally. There’s just never a good time to do a cleanup, but it has to be done for safety and maintenance.”

Katy Magnolia Cemetery has been around for over a century. The spokesman said the earliest grave marker there he knew of was in 1898.

**“Along with the Sundown team of educators and parents, we will work together to provide each student a safe, supportive and positive environment.”**

*—Kari Nelson Torres, Principal of Sundown Elementary School*

## SCHOOL

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ical center.

After the vote, Board President Greg Schulte asked the Robertsons to stand and be recognized.

“Congratulations,” Schulte said. “They’ve got a lot of people with them, a lot of support.”

### Sundown principal named

Trustees appointed Kari Nelson Torres as the new principal of Sundown Elementary School. She begins her new role this week.

Torres began her career in 1993 as a junior high teacher in the Alief Independent School District. During her time with Alief, she also served as a language arts, social studies, GT and dyslexia specialist.

Torres in 2006 took a leadership role as a district ESL/bilingual instructional specialist. She later became the program supervisor of the district elementary program.

Torres joined the Katy Independent School District in 2014 as an assistant principal at Fielder Elementary. She held that role for two years before joining Wood-Creek Junior High as student support administrator.

Most recently, Torres served as assistant principal at Adams Junior High. She said she was excited to continue the tradition of the Sundown Armadillo family while creating new adventures along the way.

“Along with the Sundown team of educators and parents, we will work together to provide each student a safe, supportive and positive environment,” Torres said.

Torres holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Sam Houston State University, a Master of Science in Educational Management, as well as a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

### District of Innovation plan finalized

Trustees finalized a District of Innovation plan.

The concept, as passed by the Texas Legislature, enables districts such as Katy to obtain exemptions from certain provisions in the Texas Education Code that are now available to open enrollment charter schools.

Trustees approved Katy’s first plan in 2017. That plan reflected exemptions for the school start date, teacher certification and designated campus behavior coordinators.

The plan adopted Monday includes exemptions for student suspensions, attendance for class credits or final grades, and excused absences for college, vocation school, or military visits.

### Election set for May 7

Trustees set the school board election for May 7.

The position 1 and position 2 seats are on the ballot. Incumbent Position 1 Trustee Duke Keller, an attorney, and incumbent Position 2 Trustee Lance Redmon, who works in building material sales, have both filed for re-election.

Filing deadline is Feb. 18.



A map showing where two stop signs will be installed on Morton Road near the Pitts Road intersection.

## COUNCIL

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Assistant City Administrator Anas Garfaoui said that Morton Road, which runs east and west, would have a stop sign on either side of both the new Pitts Road, which is south of Morton Road, and the existing Pitts Road on the north.

At its Jan. 10 meeting, the council approved plans to realign the new Pitts Road and Cane Island with the existing Pitts Road. A three-way stop will be installed when that realignment is complete.

Estimated cost of the realignment project is \$2.4 million.

### Mayor gives health update

Mayor Bill Hastings presided over Monday’s meeting after dealing with COVID-19 for the past 15 days. He said he was feeling better and thanked everyone for their calls and well wishes.

He joked that he didn’t think anybody missed him during his absence.

“This city never slowed down,” Hastings said. “We have a wonderful staff, a wonderful council.”

Hastings missed the Jan. 10 council meeting and the Jan. 13 State of the City presentation sponsored by the

Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris served as Hastings’s stand in at both events.

Smith said while Hastings was missed at the State of the City event, Harris and Hebert represented the city well.

Hastings recently announced he would not seek re-election as mayor.



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# The cops who didn't come home

While many Americans celebrated the holidays with their families in the final week of 2021, law enforcement kept working. And, tragically, four officers didn't make it home to their loved ones that week. They were murdered while doing their job keeping others safe.

Baltimore Police Officer Keona Holley, ambushed while alone in her car, died on Christmas Eve. Five days later in Illinois, Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Riley was killed during a call for assistance. On Dec. 30, also in Illinois, Bradley Police Department Sgt. Marlene Rittmanic was shot while attempting to locate the owner of dogs left in a car. And on New Year's Eve, Cleveland Police Officer Shane Bartek was killed in an attempted carjacking.

These four murders brought the total number of officers feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2021 to 73, the highest annual number since the 9/11 attacks. That's the equivalent of one officer murdered every five days. In a year when homicides and violent crime reached distressing levels, this 20-year high hasn't received the attention it deserves.

Especially troubling is that a record number of officers killed—nearly half—had no engagement with their assailant before the attack. Each story is heartbreaking: A 30-year Florida deputy murdered one shift shy of retirement; an officer ambushed on his first day on the job, leaving behind a wife and 6-month-old son; a combat veteran and his police dog killed while serving together.

At the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we experienced loss in 2021, too. Special Agents Laura Schwartzenberger and Daniel Alfin were murdered while doing the difficult job investigating crimes against children. FBI Task Force Officer Greg Ferency of the Terre Haute, Ind., Police Department was ambushed and killed outside an FBI office.

When I started as FBI director, I made it my practice to call the chief or sheriff of every officer intentionally killed in the line of duty. I have now made more than 200 such calls. Each conversation reminds me that behind the uniform, the badge, and, yes, sometimes the flashing lights in your rearview mirror, there are real people. With each call, I think about the families and friends who lost someone they loved, the children who will grow up without



CHRISTOPHER WRAY  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

a parent, and the communities deprived of a public servant.

We owe it to them to redouble our efforts to take the most violent offenders off the streets and to make sure officers have the resources, equipment and training they need to do their jobs safely. Even more, we need to ensure the brave men and women know that the communities they serve have their backs.

Every day, officers willingly put themselves at risk not knowing what dangerous situation or traumatic event they might encounter. I won't pretend every person who carries a badge is beyond reproach, but the overwhelming majority do the job with the professionalism and commitment to equal justice citizens rightly expect.

I meet frequently with chiefs and sheriffs across the country, and they are concerned about morale and the challenges of recruiting the next generation of officers. They understand that trust and transparency are vital to safety, and they are committed to finding ways to improve interactions. And while respect must be earned, if we are going to recruit and retain the kind of people willing to put their lives on the line to protect others, we have to show that we value their sacrifices.

Civic and business leaders, government officials and responsible citizens need to consider how we talk about engaging with law enforcement. When police are miscast as lacking humanity—devoid of empathy and compassion—everyone suffers. Departments lose good officers who are hard to replace, and communities are less safe.

As we reflect on 2021, let's honor the memories of those who lost their lives protecting others. Let's commit to making communities safer, finding ways to improve interactions between law enforcement and those they serve, holding everyone to the high standards befitting men and women in uniform, and valuing those who do their jobs with honor.

*Christopher Wray is director of the FBI. This op-ed was published on The Wall Street Journal's website Jan. 12 and appeared in the print issue Jan. 13.*



“ Now I'm begging. Get vaccinated.”

# Are you putting off your annual physical exam?

I'm not seeking sympathy, but I'm writing this on the eve of my annual physical exam.

Don't infer that I'm bragging about a commendable lifelong habit. By "annual," I mean "I've (almost) done it two years in a row." And by "physical," I mean, if I had my druthers, I'd suggest, "Hey, doc, when I turn my head and cough, how about standing over there in the corner and reading my aura?"

Before my renewed dedication in the last couple of years, I could always make an excuse for kicking the can down the road. Until one day my neuroskeletal system gently implored me, "Stop kicking that %\$#@ can!! It hurts, bro!"

I came by my erstwhile procrastination honestly. Several generations of my family have showcased individuals leery of routine medical care. This foot-dragging stretches at least as far back as the days when a thespian-turned-pitchman might intone, "I'm not a doctor, but I play one on the telegraph."

My mother delights in preemptively telling nurses that she suffers from the dreaded "white coat syndrome" – a phenomenon in which normally stable blood pressure or some other vital statistic spikes solely because the patient is nervous about being in the examination room.

DANNY TYREE

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I experience a touch of this myself from time to time. And by "a touch," I mean, the sight of cotton balls and tongue depressors has been known to make me start developing a conjoined twin.

Self-image is another issue. Most Americans could stay on a bucking bronco longer than they can stand to linger on that judgmental doctor's office scale. Sadistic nurses don't help, when they estimate the weight of your clothing as no more than Tinker Bell would wear in a burlesque show.

All of this ties in, of course, with the hallowed Body Mass Index, this week's position on cholesterol and lectures about portion control. My friend Cletus has a few choice words for the medical experts behind such shaming. ("See if you can control the portion of my foot that goes up your...")

Some patients merely dread the stilted bedside manner and observations such as "None of us are getting any younger \*chuckle\*." Be glad your doctor graduated near the TOP of his class. Think of his less accomplished classmates.

("Ohhhh...Mr. Danvers went into a fetal position because of the diet regimen I handed him and not because he was getting YOUNGER. Let me put that in his chart...")

Many people proudly declare a "What I don't know can't hurt me" attitude about diagnoses. When these responsible adults aren't putting duct tape over their "CHECK ENGINE SOON" light, they're doubtless wrestling with varmints on the front porch without turning on the light.

I don't know if my cheerleading will influence my peers, but perhaps it will inspire future generations. I know most young people think they're 10 feet tall and bulletproof (despite uttering phrases such as "I need a 'safe space' with an 11-foot ceiling and a 'gun-free zone' placard"), but they should form a lifetime habit of regular medical checkups.

This will allow them to keep their immunizations up to date, detect problems early and read drug brochures at their leisure, to determine if they were just imagining it when the fast-talking TV announcer seemingly listed "writhing in the Stygian depths" between "projectile earwax" and "heat-seeking ballistic unibrow" among the side effects.

*Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."*

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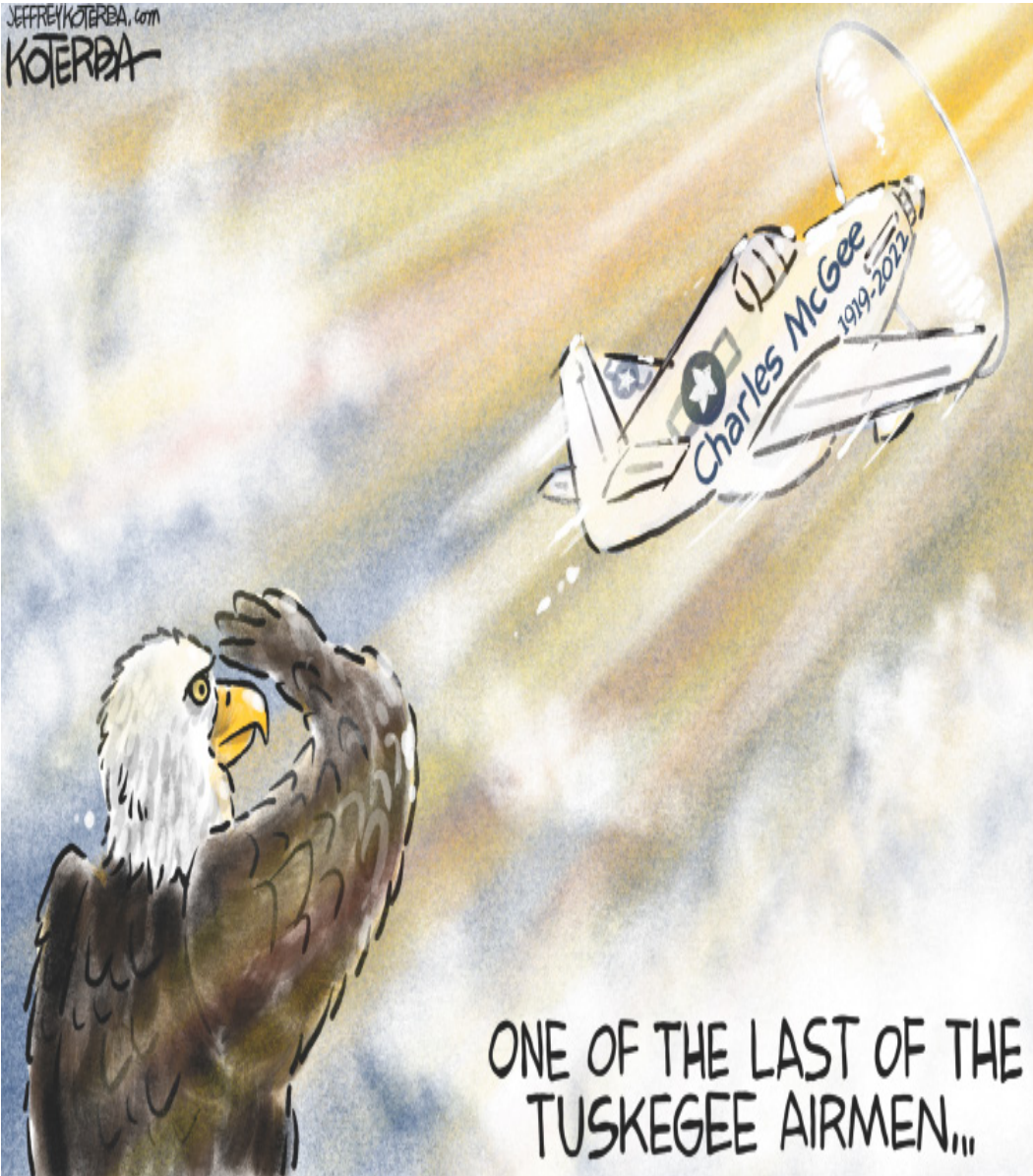
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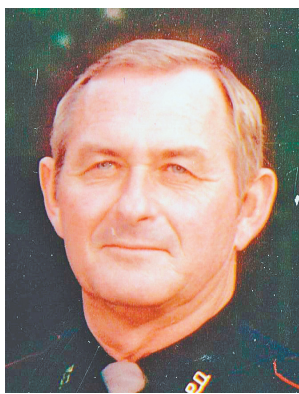
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## TRIBUTE

Jackie Lee Cantwell passed away at his home in Katy, Texas, on January 21, 2022, at the age of 86 years. He was born on December 4, 1935, at his family's home outside of Cedar Park, Texas, to parents Homer Lee Cantwell and Annie (Henry) Cantwell.



**JACKIE LEE CANTWELL**  
1935-2022

Jackie proudly served our country from 1954 to 1957 in the United States Air Force in the 578th Fighter Interception Squadron as a weapon's mechanic. In 1958, he began work with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and went on to work for the Bellaire Police Department from 1960 to 1967. On June 25, 1960, he married Christine Winkelman, and had two sons from this union. In 1967, Jackie made the decision to leave the Bellaire Police Department to join Memorial Villages Police Department as a patrol man. He worked up the ranks as a detective, sergeant, and eventually become Assistant Police Chief. After nearly 30 years of dedicated service with Memorial Villages, he retired in 1996. He later worked as an investigator for Clyde Wilson Investigators and Wayne Wicks Security Advisor before retiring once more in 2017.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Christine Cantwell; sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey Lee and Joan Cantwell, and Scott Andrew and Tessie Cantwell; grandson, Jameson Lee Cantwell; brother, J.H. Cantwell; and sister, Mary Linda Hays. He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer Lee and Annie Cantwell; and brother, Raymond Cantwell.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2022, at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, with Chaplain Daniel Schramm officiating.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1350 N. Mason Road, Katy, TX 77449.

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# Harris County ESD 48 Board signs off on purchases to expand fleet

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Board commissioners for Harris County Emergency Services District 48 approved the purchase of two stock engines and a ladder truck at its Jan. 19 meeting.

The purchases come as the district reduces the average age of its fleet. Jason Tharp, public information officer, said replacement parts for the older vehicles are becoming scarce.

"We have fleet going in for maintenance and just like automakers, we are seeing that parts are becoming more scarce, which extends wait times for our frontline apparatus to go back in service," Tharp said.

When a frontline apparatus is down for maintenance

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—Jason Tharp, Harris County Emergency Services District 48 public information officer

for an extended time, crews move over to a reserve apparatus.

"As supply chain issues continue, we are relying heavily on our reserves," Tharp said.

Mark Donovan, assistant chief of operations, said supply chain issues continue to impact the industry. As a result, he said, lead times for construction of new apparatus are currently up to 24 months.

"Stock units are in high demand; competition amongst departments for available units is extremely high," Donovan said. "Parts availability for our older apparatus will continue to be a problem, possibly impacting service and availability to our citizens."

Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, the regional Pierce Apparatus dealer, had two stock 2022 Pierce Arrow XT Engines that could be de-

livered to the district within six weeks. The 2022 Pierce Enforcer 107' Aerial Ladder is currently being built and could be delivered in about month, district officials said.

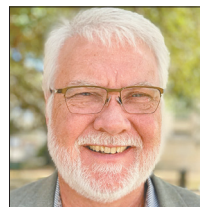
"The acquisition of three units and moving current frontline units to reserve, reduces the average age of frontline apparatus from 7.25 years to 2.25 years and reserve apparatus from 16.7 years to 9 years," Donovan said.

# Candidates file for party county chair positions

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

In a contested election year such as 2022, top-of-the-ballot races receive the attention, but the lower-ballot races, such as for county party chairman, have also drawn candidates.

In Fort Bend County, Democratic chairman Cynthia Gillard has drawn two challengers. One is retired attorney Morris "Skip" Bell,



**DAVID LUTHER**

and the other is Allison Drew, a former Fort Bend Independent School District trustee. Republican chairman Bobby



**DENISE MATTOX**

Eberle is unopposed. In Harris County, both Democratic chairman Odus Evbagharu and Republican



**LESHA ROBERTS**

chairman Cindy Siegel are unopposed. Evbagharu is chief of staff to state Rep. Joe E. Rosenthal of Houston. Siegel is a former Bellaire mayor.

In Waller County, Democratic Party chairman Denise Mattox is unopposed. Republican chairman David Luther, a private investigator, has drawn an opponent. She is Lesha Roberts, an organizer of the Waller County Patriots, an activist group.

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Harmony Public Schools to open Katy campus this fall

Harmony Public Schools said it will expand the number of grade levels offered at the opening of its newest elementary campus, Harmony School of Excellence – Katy. The new campus is set to open this fall.

Previously, Harmony planned to offer enrollment for only students entering PreK-2 and Grade 6 for 2022-23, with Grades 3-5 added in subsequent years. However, due to high demand during the campus's first open enrollment period, happening now, Harmony has changed its plans and now offers all elementary grade levels PreK-6 beginning this fall.

For more information and to apply, visit the website [harmonytexas.org/apply](https://www.harmonytexas.org/apply).

Two Katy ISD yearbooks named finalists for top national awards

The Paetow High School Portfolio yearbook and the Katy Junior High Tiger Tracks yearbook have been named nationwide finalists for the coveted Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Crown Awards.

The association annually vets and honors top school yearbook and newspaper publications for excellence in content, design, coverage, photography, as well as writing and editing. The Paetow Portfolio "this WE know" edition was one of 61 nationwide high school finalists. Katy Junior High's Tiger Tracks "REDefine" was one of 13 junior high publications.

Additionally, both schools were selected as Balfour National Samples, which means that their yearbooks will be shown across the country, in Mexico and Europe, as a gold standard of what student publications should showcase.



Angus, a Labrador/Golden Retriever mix, is the newest member of Texas Children's Hospital – West Campus team. Here he comforts a young patient.

"To be in the running to earn a Crown Award is one of the highest honors a student publication can earn. I am so incredibly proud of my students' achievement this past year," Candice Thomas, former Katy Tiger Tracks adviser and current Haskett Junior High The BluePrint adviser, said. "There were so many obstacles that they had to overcome this year, and to do so AND achieve such great feats, is unbelievable."

Both publications were completed via in-person and Katy Virtual Academy instruction.

Sara Gonzales, Paetow Portfolio adviser said, this would be the first Crown Award her program would receive in her career.

"Being named a finalist is a testament to the work my students do daily," Gonzales said. "I'm the lucky one to be on this journey with each of my students as their spreads become the moving art of the year. Each photograph, story, caption and headline makes the spread a memory that comes to life. We're incredibly proud and honored to have been named a Crown finalist."

CSPA ceremonies will be held virtually in March 2022 to determine the Silver and Gold Crown winners.

**Texas Children's Hospital – West Campus welcomes new team member**  
Texas Children's Hospital –

West Campus in Katy has a new, four-legged team member.

Angus, a two-year-old Labrador/Golden Retriever mix, is the first assigned facility dog to be assigned to the West Campus. He joins the hospital's five other facility dogs as part of Texas Children's Pawsitive Play Program. The program is designed to enhance the emotional well-being of pediatric patients by reducing their anxiety, perception of pain and fear of hospitalization.

The hospital said Angus has been training for the chance to help with patients' motivation and rehabilitation. He and his handler, Meg Gustafson, a child life specialist, are settling in to

their new roles at the new job at West Campus.

**Katy Police investigating drive-by shooting**

Katy Police are investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred at about 2 a.m. Saturday in the 5200 block of Luckel Drive.

Nobody was hurt in the incident. Officer Jim Lieberman said shell casings were found at the scene in the 5200 block of Luckel. He said one house had bullet holes in one garage and a car in the driveway had bullet impact marks.

Lieberman said police have no suspects or motives but continue to investigate the situation. Police believe the shooting was an isolated incident.

**Katy ISD celebrates winter mid-year graduates**

The Katy Independent School District celebrated winter graduation Jan. 20, as 105 seniors chose to graduate early.

Ronnie Edwards, assistant superintendent for school leadership and support, said there are a number of reasons why seniors elect to graduate mid-year.

"Mid-year graduates may desire to enter the workforce immediately, enroll in college or a technical school for the spring or join the military," Edwards said. "Campus counselors and college & career facilitators are instrumental in advising students how to graduate mid-year if this is one of their goals."

School trustee Ashley Vann said the graduates have faced adversity yet demonstrated strength and resilience.

"They have learned remarkable academic and life lessons, and overcome challenges culminating in moments of triumph," Vann said.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

KATY MAGNOLIA CEMETERY CLEANUP



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Decorations destined for disposal are placed against the trash bin in the back of the Katy Magnolia Cemetery. A sign placed at Katy Magnolia Cemetery announces rules for tending gravesites, right.





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# Paetow shrugs off slow start, rolls past Jordan

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow has only one goal in mind this year. Coming off a trip to the Class 5A regional finals, the Panthers have thrived this season and continually pushed to be an even better team than last year. That pursuit has resulted in a strong season thus far for the Panthers, as the team has a 21-5 record and has started District 19-5A play 9-0. “The things that we can do as a team are amazing,” said senior guard Trevor Frank. “Everyone on the team is so athletic, we can shoot and

most importantly the way we play, everyone feeding off each other, it’s fun to watch and it makes everyone successful.” That play style was on full display Tuesday as the Panthers shook off a slow start against Jordan to come away 70-36 winners and stay unbeaten in district play. “The way we play each and every day just gives us confidence,” Frank said. “Us together as a team, we just trust one another. We have a goal and that’s to win state. We’re going to push every day and work hard to accomplish that.” Paetow didn’t have its fastest start to the game, as Jordan stuck around in the first quarter and had things as

close as three points, and Paetow only led 17-13 at the end of the quarter. But that slow start didn’t deter the Panthers, as they turned things around completely in the second quarter. Paetow started the quarter on a 7-0 run and turned their four-point lead into a 17-point lead going into halftime. “We got out of our way,” said Paetow head coach Mike Niemi. “We

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Paetow’s Kamren Ingram shoots a floater during Tuesday’s District 19-5A basketball game against Jordan at the Jordan gym.



## WEEK OF JAN. 20 SCORES & SCHEDULES

### BOYS BASKETBALL

- Friday**
- Jordan vs. Waller, 6:30 p.m.
  - Paetow vs. Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 1 p.m.
  - Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 1 p.m.
  - Morton Ranch vs. Tompkins, 1 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Friday**
- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
  - Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.
  - Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
  - Paetow at Magnolia, 7 p.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

- Friday**
- Paetow vs. Waller, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 12:45 p.m.
  - Tompkins vs. Katy, 12:45 p.m., Legacy Stadium
  - Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, 1 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

- Friday**
- Paetow at Waller, 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 1 p.m.
  - Katy vs. Tompkins, 1 p.m.
  - Taylor vs. Seven Lakes, 12:45 p.m.



Abou Camara dunks an alley-oop during Tuesday’s game against Jordan.

# Camara rising to the occasion in senior season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Abou Camara is used to having to work to get where he wants to go. As a sophomore, Camara didn’t make the Paetow JV team, but he dedicated himself to becoming a better player, didn’t take no for an answer, and concentrated on making JV as a junior

and developing further. “He was disappointed when he got cut as a sophomore and he found himself on his own,” said Paetow head coach Mike Niemi. “He got some guys to work out with, he was at the gym all the time and he was always shooting and training. Of course it helps that he grew

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# Cinco Ranch peaking at right time as second half of district begins

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Something has clicked for Cinco Ranch over the past two weeks. After opening District 19-6A play with two losses in three games, including an overtime loss to Katy, the Cougars have reeled off five straight wins, including wins over state ranked Tompkins and Seven Lakes. “The kids have just continued to buy in and trust the process,” said Cinco Ranch head coach Tamara Collier. “They really believe in each other and they know every single one of them has each others backs. They’ve learned that it takes all of them working together and it’s not just one player out there on the floor. The amount of buy in and support we’ve had from all of them is just awesome.” The Cougars have continued to improve all season, they play a tough full court press style of defense and it tires opponents while they continue to get better as games go on. “We have to be in crazy shape to be able to do what we do on defense,” said junior guard Danielle Williams. “We do so much running in practice so we can be in shape enough to do the press. Our thing is we want to get a lot of steals and force a lot of turnovers. When we work together we get lots of steals and get out in transition.” That defense was on full display Friday, as Cinco Ranch beat Mayde Creek 62-33, continuing their hot run of form in the second game of the second half of district play. The Cougars came out with their full court press and wreaked havoc, allowing seven first quarter points while scoring 22. They continued their onslaught in the second quarter to take a 35-16 lead going into half. The Cougars wouldn’t be able to play the style of play they want to if it weren’t for their deep bench. Cinco Ranch gets out in transition at every opportunity, taking every chance to turn defense into offense and disrupting any offense the opposing teams try to get into. Cinco Ranch makes substitutions often to keep the team fresh and Collier counts it as a blessing that she is able to have so many

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# 5 HEAD COACH CANDIDATES THE TEXANS SHOULD CONSIDER TO REPLACE DAVID CULLEY

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The next Texans head coaching hire might be the most important in the history of the franchise. The team is in a terrible spot, with arguably the worst roster in the NFL and there are questions any head coaching candidate will have about the management with Nick Caserio and Jack Easterby and the ownership under the McNair's.

All of this is to say that the Texans must get their next head coach decision right. Many fans have lost faith in the McNair's and the front office and coaching candidates have become wary of the way things are run in the organization. We've already seen Dan Quinn pass up a head coach interview with Jacksonville this season, the Texans are dangerously close to having candidates do the same in future situations.

With that being said, here are five candidates I believe the Texans should consider as their next head coach.

### BRIAN FLORES

*Former head coach/Miami Dolphins*

Texans General Manager Nick Caserio was a longtime Patriots executive before joining the Texans so we should assume he will interview coaches from his former organization.

Flores coached in New England for 15 years, rising from a scouting assistant all the way to earning playcalling duties before he became the head coach of the Dolphins. He went 24-25 over his three years as head coach in Miami but the team made great strides in 2021, winning eight of their last nine games and narrowly missing out on the playoffs. He is a strong defensive mind and built a defense that was 10th in DVOA this season. He would know what to expect dealing with Caserio.

There are negatives with Flores — he fired many of his assistants and there was a power struggle in Miami between Flores and Chris Grier over control of the roster among other things, but he would be a terrific hire in my eyes.

### ERIC BIENIEMY

*Offensive Coordinator/Kansas City Chiefs*

Eric Bieniemy has helped build the top offense in the league and helped develop Patrick Mahomes into an MVP quarterback, yet inexplicably the Chiefs Offensive Coordinator has not been hired as a head coach.

The Texans were the lone team with a head coach opening to not interview Bieniemy and they should not make that mistake again this offseason. Bieniemy would be my top pick as Texans head coach. He comes from a very good culture and has learned from a great coach in Andy Reid and he has helped develop arguably the best quarterback in the NFL in Patrick Mahomes. That experience would be invaluable in Houston, where he have to build a culture from scratch and help de-

velop Davis Mills, who has shown promise, but still needs time to develop and reach the next level.

### BYRON LEFTWICH

*Offensive Coordinator/Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

Byron Leftwich has proven over the past few seasons that he should be a top candidate for a head coaching vacancy. In 2019, Leftwich coordinated an offensive attack that had Jameis Winston lead the NFL in passing yards and since the Buccaneers added Tom Brady, Tampa Bay has become one of the most prolific offenses in the NFL. Even with an array of injuries this year, the Tampa Bay pass and run game has been very strong, and the Texans need a coach that will help with the a run game that has been one of the worst in the NFL over the past two seasons.

### BRIAN DABOLL

*Offensive Coordinator/Buffalo Bills*

The Texans need someone that can help develop Davis Mills and one of the top names on the list, if you are looking for a coach who can develop quarterbacks, is Brian Daboll. When the Bills drafted Josh Allen, they knew he was talented, but he came with lots of question marks when it came to his development and what he could become. Allen came into the Bills organization extremely raw, had accuracy issues, issues with staying on plane with his throws and issues with trying to run to frequently.

Daboll has turned helped turn Allen into an MVP player and someone who is one of the most feared quarterbacks in the entire NFL and has also coordinated a Bills offense that has had success on the ground. Someone like that would be perfect to pair with a still developing Mills.

### JEROD MAYO

*Inside Linebackers Coach/New England Patriots*

During Nick Caserio's press conference after David Culley's firing, the Texans General Manager heaped praise on the Pittsburgh Steelers organization and their ability to identify coaches. He talked about how they took an in-depth approach to their last head coaching search to find a young Mike Tomlin, who had been a defensive coordinator for only one season with the Minnesota Vikings to that point. If that is the direction Caserio and the Texans decide to go, don't be surprised if Jerod Mayo is in the discussion as the next head coach. The Patriots' inside linebackers coach is only 35 and technically isn't a coordinator, but earned an interview last year for the Philadelphia Eagles head coaching vacancy and is thought of as a great mind around the league.

The Texans are committed to building from the ground up, and Mayo would be a choice that could work out in the long run as it would give him time to develop as a head coach as the roster is built over the next few years as well.



Tompkins, above, won the boys team title at the District 19-6A swimming and diving meet. Seven Lakes won the girls team swim title at the District 19-6A swimming and diving meet, left.

COURTESY KATY ISD

## Seven Lakes, Tompkins win gold at 19-6A swim meet

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes took home the girls gold and Tompkins took home the gold for the boys over during this weekends District 19-6A swimming and diving meet.

Seven Lakes knocked off Taylor, as the Mustangs had won three straight district championships heading into the meet.

Seven Lakes' Taylor Craft took home athlete of the meet on the girls side while Taylor's Logan Pack were named the athletes of the meet at the District 19-6A swimming and diving meet.

Katy's Avery Coates and Tompkins' Matthew Aigner earned first place at the 1-me-



COURTESY KATY ISD

Seven Lakes' Taylor Craft and Taylor's Logan Pack were named the athletes of the meet at the District 19-6A swimming and diving meet.

ter diving championships on Thursday.

It was the second straight district championship for Aigner, who is attempting to reach

the state meet for the third straight season.

The top six finishers from the diving finals move on to the regional meet.

Coates took home first place in the girls event, followed by silver medalist Kailey Koval of Seven Lakes, bronze medalist Tompkins' Lorenza Kabuloglu, fourth place finisher Seven Lakes' Vivi Jokinen, fifth place finisher Katy's Giselle Rojas and sixth place finisher Seven Lakes' Mikayla Kaplan.

On the boys side, Aigner took home the gold, while Tompkins' Daniel Barrientos took home the silver, Cinco Ranch's Yuyi Kobe earned a bronze medal, Mayde Creek's Lee Jordan came in fourth place.

The regional swimming and diving meet will be held from Feb. 4-5 at the Cy-Fair ISD Natatorium in Cypress.

## CAMARA

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five inches and it helps that he has a 37-inch vertical. All those things are hugely beneficial, but he took it upon himself to improve."

Now in his senior year, the 6-foot-7 Camara has taken the next step, starting for the Panthers and being able to play both in the post and on the perimeter.

The perimeter game is especially something that Camara takes pride in, as he put in tireless work in the offseason to get better in that part of his game.

"I just feel more comfortable shooting and off the dribble," Camara said. "It's that part of my game where I've grown the most is just being confident enough to do that. Just shooting the ball when I'm open and then knowing when I can pump fake and drive inside too."

His work on the perimeter

has led to him garnering an even bigger role and being used not just as a power forward or center, but as a wing player as well.

"He's proven it, he's a guy who is constantly working on something," Niemi said. "One of the areas of weakness where people have honed in on in the past has been his perimeter game. But he comes in and work on it. He works on attacking the rim, he works on jump shots, he works on all of this with us and on his own and it's gotten to the point as a coach where you feel more comfortable giving him a few more freedoms."


On defense, Camara makes things happen for Paetow with his length, athleticism and his tenacity. He never stops working and makes plays, turning defense into offense.

"His activity is the most

important thing and the biggest thing for him," Niemi said. "When he's running the floor, offensively when he's getting out in transition. When he's playing around the rim and running back defensively, blocking shots and rebounding, that's when you can see what he can do and recognize it. It's all based on his activity."

Paetow is coming off a trip to the regional semifinals and their goal is to take the next step and make it to a state championship game. Camara has enjoyed being a part of a team with such a singular goal and knows he will have to be at his best to help Paetow get where it wants to go.

"It's a steady grind every day," Camara said. "Every day we work, every practice we go to we have one goal. That's to win state."



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# Katy grad Small announces plan to enter NFL draft

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy graduate and current Texas A&M kicker Seth Small announced over social media on Jan. 6 that he won't return for a fifth season with the Aggies.

"After many days in prayer, I have decided to enter the 2022 NFL Draft," Small said on his Instagram post. "To God be the glory. Whether His plan for my future is football or other endeavors. I love Texas A&M and am and always will be a proud former student."

Small was ranked the No. 3 kicker in the country when he graduated from Katy and made 12 field goals in his senior year, going 68-70 on extra points.

"Thank you to Coach Fisher, Coach Williams, Coach V, Coach Joseph and all the other incredible coaches that have helped me to become the man and athlete I am

today."

All he did once joining A&M was take his game to the next level.

Over the course of his college career, Small made 71 of 91 field goal attempts, and he went 22-27 in his senior season.

"To my teammates, you have been like family and the relationships we have built will last a lifetime," Small said. "I have cherished every moment with you."

Small's biggest moment came as a senior against Alabama. Small connected on a 28-yard field goal as time expired to give Texas A&M a win over the Crimson Tide.

Small also became the holder of the most made field goals in Aggie history.

"Words cannot describe how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to represent Texas A&M the past four years," he said. "I will forever cherish my time spent at the best University."



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Place kicker Seth Small #47 of the Texas A&M Aggies during the game between the Florida Gators and the Texas A&M Aggies at Kyle Field in College Station, TX.



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Tompkins guard B.B. Knight

## Tompkins' BB Knight nominated to McDonald's All American game

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins BB Knight was named to the McDonald's All American game on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The games, which are slated for this March in Chicago will be the 45th in the history of the McDonald's All American games.

More than 760 players across the country were nominated to

the games, which players such as Michael Jordan, Candace Parker, LeBron James, Maya Moore, Trae Young, Breanna Stewart have played in.

"As a brand that feeds and fosters many communities across the country, it's great to celebrate these players who are proudly representing their high schools, families and hometowns from all over," said Derrick Taylor, owner/operator and Black McDonald's

Operators Association Lead for Chicago. "As a big basketball fan myself, and on behalf of McDonald's owner/operators across the country, we can't wait to see the top 48 high school players take the court this March in Chicago, a city that's hosted the Games numerous times over the past 45 years."

Knight, who is currently out with an injury, has helped Tompkins to a 14-8 record to start the season.

## Tompkins ranked No. 3 in preseason baseball poll

### STAFF REPORT

Tompkins is ranked No. 3 in this year's Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association pre-season poll.

The Falcons return 10 starters from last year's team that made it to the regional semifinals and went 9-3 in district, finishing second.

Tompkins will start the season on Feb. 24 against Flower Mound in a tournament. The Falcons will play their first district game on March 15 against

Taylor.

Rockwall Heath was ranked No. 1 in Class 6A, followed by Southlake Carroll and Tompkins, San Antonio Reagan and Rockwall rounded out the top five. Atascocita and Tomball were also ranked in the top 10, coming in at No. 8 and 9 respectively.

Friendswood was ranked No. 1 in Class 5A, while Pleasant Grove and Corpus Christi London were ranked No. 1 in Class 4A and Class 3A respectively. Bosqueville came in at No. 1 in

Class 2A.

### No Katy teams ranked in preseason softball poll

No Katy ISD teams were ranked in the Texas Girls Coaches Association preseason softball poll. The only Houston area team ranked in the top 10 was Ridge Point, in Class 5A, Barbers Hill was ranked No. 1 and Lake Creek was ranked No. 4. Huffman Hargrave was ranked no. 9 in Class 4A.



Tompkins' Jace Laviolette takes a swing during Game 3 of the Falcons' Region III-6A semifinals against Strake Jesuit on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Cy-Falls High.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District

Owner's Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450

Project (the Work): Recoating the interior and exterior of a 620,000-gallon ground storage tank and all tank-related piping and appurtenances at Dominion Drive Water Plant

Project location: 847 Dominion Dr. (rear area), Katy, TX 77450

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by February 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference (non-mandatory) is set for February 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Owner's Office.

/s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

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ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES

IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Title I, Part A- Improving Basic Programs	50 Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 17,390,404	\$ --	\$ 6,249,909	\$ 133,794
5800	State Program Revenues	11,896,229	--	40,786	603,024
5900	Federal Program Revenues	605,461	773,632	--	2,303,154
5020	Total Revenues	29,892,094	773,632	6,290,695	3,039,972
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	15,286,803	632,809	--	963,944
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	154,338	--	--	154,338
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	433,991	132,442	--	90,809
0021	Instructional Leadership	410,462	--	--	71,585
0023	School Leadership	1,764,300	--	--	--
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	678,022	--	--	198,524
0032	Social Work Services	88,314	230	--	--
0033	Health Services	307,353	--	--	--
0034	Student Transportation	1,419,615	--	--	--
0035	Food Service	365	--	--	1,332,091
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	970,660	--	--	23,230
0041	General Administration	1,205,195	--	--	7,360
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	3,678,820	--	--	11,903
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	142,437	--	--	46,736
0053	Data Processing Services	583,698	--	--	--
0061	Community Services	2,459	8,151	--	5,940
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	175,000	--	3,185,000	--
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	51,738	--	1,986,783	--
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	1,900	--	914,369	--
0081	Capital Outlay	855,215	--	--	--
0093	Payments to Shared Services Arrangements	--	--	--	61,839
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	343,553	--	--	--
6030	Total Expenditures	28,554,238	773,632	6,086,152	2,813,961
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over				
1100	(Under) Expenditures	1,337,856	--	204,543	226,011
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7911	Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	--	7,120,000	--
8949	Other Uses	--	--	(6,978,995)	--
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	--	--	141,005	--
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	1,337,856	--	345,548	226,011
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	10,388,247	--	2,298,732	53,774
1300	Prior Period Adjustment	--	--	--	5,831
	Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated	10,388,247	--	2,298,732	59,605
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 11,726,103	\$ --	\$ 2,644,280	\$ 285,616

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HELP WANTED

INVITATION TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACTORS

OWNER: FORT BEND COUNTY MUD 37

PROJECT NAME: FORT BEND COUNTY MUD 37 WWTP REHAB

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 AT 10:00 AM

BID OPENING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 2:00 PM

Project: Construction of the rehabilitation of the 0.175 mgd Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 37 Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project site is located at 25039 Emporia Chase Court, Katy, Fort Bend County, Texas 77494.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents: Drawings, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com), search **Fort Bend County MUD 37 WWTP Rehab**.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at **10:00 AM CST on Thursday January 27, 2022 at the project site. Attendance at the pre-bid is encouraged, but not mandatory.**

Bid Opening: Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to "Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 37" for construction of rehabilitation of the Fort Bend County MUD 37 WWTP will be received at the office of WaterEngineers, Inc., 17230 Huffmeister Road, Cypress, Texas 77429. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2:00 PM CST.**

A cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total Bid amount from an FDIC insured bank or surety company licensed to issue bid bonds in the State of Texas must accompany each bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for the full amount of the contract. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District

Owner's Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450

Project (the Work): Sanitary Forcemain Replacement including removal of approx. 390 LF, replacement with 14-in. fusible DR-18 PVC, asphalt trail and other goods and services.

Project location: In HCFCD easement north of 21602 Cimarron Pkwy., Katy, TX 77450

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by February 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference (non-mandatory) is set for February 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing At Their Regular Meeting To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2022

The Hearing Is Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Amending The City Of Katy Zoning Ordinance No. 621; Establishing A Special Use Permit That Allows, A Special Use, To-Wit: Private School (Mirus Academy) In A "C-1" Commercial District At 5506 Third Street; Providing For An Effective Date; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists. Applicant And Property Owner Is Mary Kaye Hafner, Agent Is Scott Hogan Of Mirus Academy.

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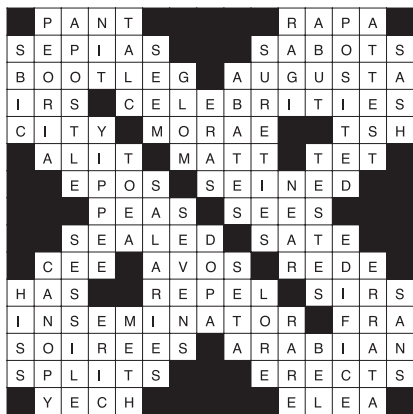
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## INVITATION TO WATER PLANT CONTRACTORS

**OWNER:** Waller County MUD 34  
**PROJECT NAME:** Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase I)  
**PRE-BID:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
**BID OPENING:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:00 PM

**Project:** Construction of the Phase I design of the proposed Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant. The project site is located near the intersection of Hebert Road and FM 362 Road in Waller, Texas 77484.

**Obtaining the Bidding Documents:** Drawings, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com), search **Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase I)**.

**Pre-Bid Conference:** A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at **10:00 AM on Thursday February 3, 2022** at the WaterEngineers, Inc. office, 17230 Huffmeister Road, Suite A, Cypress, Texas 77429. **Attendance at the pre-bid is encouraged, but not mandatory.**

**Bid Opening:** Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to "Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 34" will be received at the office of WaterEngineers, Inc. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM.**

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 5% of the total Bid amount from an FDIC insured bank or surety company licensed to issue bid bonds in the State of Texas must accompany each bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for the full amount of the contract. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.



## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Pattison plans to apply for the upcoming Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant(s) from the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB, and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. Accordingly, the City of Pattison is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm with experience with Master Drainage/Storm Water Management plans to conduct an engineering study if applicable, determine scope of work and prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Pattison in its pre-award and post-award engineering services of its proposed HMA project(s). Please submit five (5) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to P.O. Box 223, Pattison, TX 77466, Attn: Lorene Hartfel, City Secretary. Proposals shall be received by the City of Pattison no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 10, 2022 to be considered. The City of Pattison reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Pattison is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

## INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Katy Development Authority, Attention: Mr. Jonas W. Conner, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, February 10, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Prairie Parkway Extension" for Katy Development Authority, Fort Bend County, Texas"

Scope of Work of the Contract includes a new roadway connection from the Katy Boardwalk District to Kingsland Boulevard. The distance of the new roadway is approximately 710 linear feet from Kingsland Boulevard to Boardwalk Drive. The roadway design is a two-lane concrete roadway with parking areas adjacent to the roadway. In addition to the roadway improvements, the project includes a water line extension and a wastewater line extension to serve the future development in the area.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Local Time, at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, TX 77493.** Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NOT MANDATORY.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search Katy Development Authority Prairie Parkway Extension. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

**The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING INTENTION OF THE BROOKSHIRE- KATY DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO CONSIDER UPDATING ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to § 2007 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given regarding the intention of the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District, acting by and through its Board of Supervisors, to conduct a public hearing on February 28, 2022, at 8:00 A.M., in the District's Offices located at 1111 Kenny Street, Brookshire, Texas 77423, to consider the adoption of updates to its Rules and Regulations in Waller County, Texas, and to receive public comment on said proposed actions.

The proposed actions will include the Takings Impact Assessment and updated and/or new regulations concerning the following general areas:

NOAA Atlas-14 rainfall amounts, storm water pump station design criteria, and general drainage criteria updates; for reclamation and drainage of its overflowed lands and other lands needing drainage and these Rules and Regulations promote the conservation of water of the State of Texas.

As required by Section 2007.043 of the Texas Government Code (TGC), a Takings Impact Assessment (TIA) of the proposed Rules and Regulations was completed. The TIA, using the analysis outlined by the Texas Attorney General, has determined that the adoption of these Rules and Regulations does not constitute an unconstitutional taking of real property, as defined by Section 2007.002 of the Texas Government Code. The proposed actions were determined to be exempted and/or only impose nominal burdens, from the Texas Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act ("Act"), in accordance with TGC §2007.003(b)(13) due to the District's intent to protect public health and safety by establishing minimum requirements for the reclamation and drainage of overflowed lands including subdivision development of land. Land previously lawfully subdivided may be permitted to continue operations in their current status so long as such property is not altered in use, enlarged or expanded.

Copies of the proposed updates to the Rules and Regulations and the Takings Impact Assessment are available for inspection at the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District office located at 1111 Kenney Street, Brookshire, Texas 77423 during normal business hours, online at [www.bkdd.dst.tx.us](http://www.bkdd.dst.tx.us), and/or Waller County Clerk's Offices. Copies of the proposed updates to the Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the District office, at a cost of \$.10 per page.

Any persons interested in expressing their views on the updates of the Rules and Regulation or the Takings Impact Assessment are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

## INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Pulte, Homes of Texas, on behalf of Fort Bend Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2, Attention Chett Wignall, Project Manager, will be received **electronically** until 10:00 a.m., Friday February 11th, 2022 and then publicly opened and read for the construction of: "Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Katy Court Section 1A" and "Water Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Katy Court Street Dedication" for Fort Bend Waller Counties MUD No. 2, Harris County, Texas.

**The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.**

**Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large gatherings are not recommended. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 349702742# when prompted.**

Scope of work of the contract includes construction of water, sanitary, and drainage facilities. The project is located within the future Katy Court Development in Harris County, TX. It is within the boundaries of Fort Bend - Waller Counties M.U.D. No. 2 and is in the City of Katy. It is approximately 900 feet south of the Clay Rd and Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd intersection. The project is located in Harris County, Key Map No. 444-G, 444-H, 444-L, and 444-M.

Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted. An **OPTIONAL** pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, February 4th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 412178238# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **OPTIONAL.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Jones and Carter, Inc., 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS obo FORT BEND WALLER COUNTIES MUD NO. 2





TYLER TYRE

Cinco Ranch's Danielle Williams shoots a floater during Friday's District 19-6A game against Mayde Creek at the Mayde Creek gym.

CINCO RANCH

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talented players.

“It’s definitely a plus,” she said. “The energy, I tell them all the time, the energy comes from the bench. So the effort of those girls who didn’t start, those girls on the bench and what they do is just as important as those that start. Really it starts in practice, everyone has to come ready to compete and be ready to play with anyone, so I mix my teams up so everyone knows how to play with each other. You have to make sure your starters and your role players can play with each other.”

Cinco Ranch thrives off that transition

basketball and it led to Danielle Williams scoring 21 points and Aniya Foy scoring 13 on the night.

The Cougars ballooned their lead to 46-23 in the third quarter as they went on to easily win their fifth straight game.

Going into the thick of the second half of district play, Williams thinks the team is starting to peak at the right time.

“I feel like this is the absolute best time to start peaking,” Williams said. “It will help at the end of the district season and help us get a chance to win district and do well in the playoffs.”

**District 19-6A**  
**Cinco Ranch 66,**  
**Mayde Creek 33**

Points: (CR) Danielle Williams 21, Aniya Foy 13, Madison Mascorro 10, Holly Firth 5, Kinsley Harding 4, Camille Terrance 4, Sofia Budnik 3, Joyce Youssef; (MC) Sania Thomas 19, Zena Tarhani 7, Johnson 2, Agree Fykes, Logan Johnson 2.

Halftime: Cinco Ranch 35-16; 3-Point-ers: (CR) Williams 3, Firth; (CR) Thomas 2, Tarhini; Records: Cinco Ranch 15-8, 6-2; 4-19, 0-7

PAETOW

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have a tendency early on in games to negate the scouting report, negate the film and negate the things we know about particular teams. Like Jordan, they love to shoot the three. There’s a couple of guys they have that can just knock it down from deep. We gave up three threes in the first quarter to shooters, and after that they just became aware of things and trusted and believed in what we were trying to do. We have to apply that to the first quarter and early in games. Sometimes we come out and try to just score and forget about defending consistently.”

Paetow continued to pull away in the third quarter. Stretching its lead to 51-26, as Abou Camara had a terrific quarter, throwing down multiple dunks.

“I’ve just gained a lot of confidence this year,” Camara said. “I was a junior on JV last year and I didn’t really have that confidence with the team when I was moved up. But now I feel more comfortable shooting and dribbling on the court and just doing things for the team. I’m not afraid to shoot the ball when I’m open and I know when I’m inside that if I have someone little on me, just pump fake and go up.”

Paetow cruised in the fourth quarter on the way to its ninth district win.

The Panthers know they will need to stay consistent to go through the rest of district undefeated and make a playoff run, but the team believes they have the right mold to do it, with seven seniors.

“We talked about it in the room, I love those guys to death and sometimes they drive me crazy,” Niemi said. “The biggest thing for these guys is to understand, as talented as they are, and as good as they have the potential to play together, we still have moments of ‘me’ basketball. But this senior class is just a special group, and I really don’t know a way to define them, but they’re so special when you talk about the skill, ability to shoot, rebound, run the floor and have size. There’s a lot of pieces that will help make us successful. We just have to all come together and play together the way we need to.”

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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT						
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES						
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021						
Data Control Codes		General	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES					
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 449,089,418	\$ 170,914,613	\$ 75,838	\$ 1 6,347,381	\$ 636,427,250
5800	State Program Revenues	369,328,110	1,542,584		8 ,405,104	379,275,798
5900	Federal Program Revenues	14,203,849		113,129	65,080,803	79,397,781
5020	Total Revenues	832,621,377	172,457,197	188,967	89,833,288	1,095,100,829
	EXPENDITURES					
	Current:					
0011	Instruction	521,820,428			36,378,578	558,199,006
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	9,247,707			352,082	9,599,789
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	11,096,239			4,029,876	15,126,115
0021	Instructional Leadership	6,506,395			663,574	7,169,969
0023	School Leadership	46,995,228			658,747	47,653,975
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	39,465,701			4,505,336	43,971,037
0032	Social Work	479,944			7,836	487,780
0033	Health Services	9,115,603			386,058	9,501,661
0034	Student Transportation	19,373,833			139,996	19,513,829
0035	Food Services				30,309,414	30,309,414
0036	Extracurricular Activities	17,374,571			5,625,673	23,000,244
0041	General Administration	14,187,431			115,241	14,302,672
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	82,768,762			171,741	82,940,503
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	10,448,604			100,296	10,548,900
0053	Data Processing Services	16,398,709			42,744	16,441,453
0061	Community Services	177,102			709,419	886,521
	Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt		74,406,648			74,406,648
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt		82,371,734			82,371,734
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		14,096,729			14,096,729
0081	Capital Outlay: Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,838,121		103,742,379	5,388,275	111,968,775
	Intergovernmental Charges:					
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agents SSA	742,071				742,071
0095	Payments to JJAEP	6,500				6 ,500
0097	Payments to Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone	4,346,913				4,346,913
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	4,610,384				4,610,384
6030	Total Expenditures	818,000,246	170,875,111	103,742,379	89,584,886	1,182,202,622
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	14,621,131	1,582,086	(103,553,412)	248,402	(87,101,793)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)					
7901	Refunding Bonds Issued		106,904,919			106,904,919
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	233,573				233,573
7915	Transfers In	500,000	75,838		955,087	1,530,925
7916	Premium on Issuance of Bonds		29,831,980			29,831,980
8911	Transfers Out	(3,000,000)		(75,838)	(1,455,087)	(4,530,925)
8940	Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent		(136,071,176)			(136,071,176)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(2,266,427)	741,561	(75,838)	(500,000)	(2,100,704)
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	12,354,704	2,323,647	(103,629,250)	(251,598)	(89,202,497)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	295,443,119	60,578,121	119,661,421	22,549,898	498,232,559
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 307,797,823	\$ 62,901,768	\$ 16,032,171	\$ 22,298,300	\$ 409,030,062