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Executives give updates on local nonprofit group activities

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Leaders from three local nonprofit organizations gave updates for their respective groups at a Dec. 6 meeting of the Katy Area Economic Development Council.

Tracey Brown is executive director of Amazing Place, which helps people who are suffering from dementia. David Brown is executive director of The Ballard House, which provides temporary housing for patients undergoing medical care and their families. Deysi Crespo is executive director of Katy Christian Ministries, which provides social services, including support for domestic abuse and sexual assault victims, as well as a food pantry.

The meeting took place at the Embassy Suites, 16435 Katy Freeway.

Tracey Brown said Amazing Place, which is governed by 16 churches, has programs for family caregiver support and for community education. While both programs are important, Amazing Place is working to educate the public about dementia.

"We offer a lot of caregiver education and support groups," Brown said, adding that Amazing Grace partners with churches to help identify and assist older

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City of Pattison celebrating its 50th anniversary

Celebration will be held this Saturday at the Pattison House

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The City of Pattison is holding its 50th birthday Saturday, but to hear Mayor Joe Garcia tell it, the community's history goes back centuries.

The celebration is from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the Pattison House, 3602 North St. in Pattison. The Brookwood Handbell Choir will perform the national anthem and Santa Claus will also make an appearance.

In addition to visits with Santa, kids' activities include

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ON TRACK

Model train a popular Nelson Museum attraction

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Part of being a train engineer is making sure the train runs on time. That counts for the big trains running across America, but it also counts for the model train set at the Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum, 6002 George Bush Dr.

Richard Baker is the engineer. He's a retired surveyor, cartographer and data manager for BP. He said he has always had a fascination for trains, and today he operates the model train for museum visitors—children and adults alike.

"Most of them are absolutely fascinated," Baker said. "They've never seen it. They've never experienced a model railroad like this."

Baker said in one case, a grandfather brought his grandson to the museum to see the model train. They were fascinated, and Baker said they told him they wanted to make a donation. It turned out, Baker said, they had some small model trees that could be included in the setup.

Getting the train back on track, pun intended, took work. Baker



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The model railroad at the Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum is a popular attraction with museum visitors. Top photo: Richard Baker operates the model railroad.

said he train parts were in storage and went underwater when Hurricane Harvey came in 2017. He repaired the equipment, installed the electrical connections, and made sure everything worked correctly.

The work has been in progress for a year and a half, he said.

Some donated items for the model train, such as the small

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Katy Flowers owner Pam Grisham, left, and employee Iris Sands hold a wreath created for the Keep Katy Beautiful Adopt-a-Wreath program. During the season, local businesses adopt and decorate the wreaths for display. To participate in the program, call 281-391-4717.

Police investigating fatal shooting at children's hospital

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a woman and apparent suicide of a man at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus, 18200 Katy Fwy. The shootings occurred at about 2 p.m. Dec. 4.

The identities of the female victim and the man are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Houston police officers responded to a shooting in the parking lot of the hospital. There, they found a female inside the hospital with a gunshot wound. Hospital personnel pronounced her dead. A man was found unresponsive in a parked vehicle outside the hospital. He was pronounced dead with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A preliminary investigation indicated the male and female knew each other, and were possibly in a dating relationship.

The department continues to investigate the matter. Anyone with more information in this case is asked to contact the Houston Police Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New fitness location coming to Katy

Houston-based Baker Katz, a full-service commercial real estate brokerage firm specializing in retail tenant representation, investment sales, and project development and leasing, has executed three real estate leases, one of which is in Katy, with EÖS Fitness.

The Katy lease is located at The Square at Elyson in Katy, which will be west of the Grand Parkway and on the north side of FM 529. The 51,130 square foot gym also features the additional 2,500 square foot outdoor area. The space is set to open in 2025.

"We are ecstatic to support the growth and expansion of an accessible, affordable and innovative gym concept like EÖS Fitness," Jason Baker, principal at Baker Katz, said. "These three new locations will promote a healthier lifestyle in the communities in which they serve, and we are proud to be a small part of that EÖS Fitness mission."

The Katy lease is the third of three leases. The first lease is located in Williams Trace Plaza in Sugar Land. The 51,130 square foot gym features an additional 2,500 square foot outdoor area. The space is set to open in 2024.

The second lease is located at the Shoppes at the Bridges in Atascocita. The 42,000 square foot gym also features an additional 2,500 square foot outdoor area. The space is set to open in 2025.

EÖS Fitness is gym environment where anyone can pursue a range of fitness goals. EÖS Fitness offers premium fitness amenities like group classes and well-maintained equipment and facilities at a low price. For more information, visit eosfitness.com.

Solis Mammography expands access to breast cancer screening in Katy

Solis Mammography, the nation's largest independent provider of breast screening and diagnostic services, has opened a new center is located at 24926 FM 1093, Suite B, in the Southpark at Cinco Ranch shopping center.

"Growing the number of convenient locations where patients can get mammograms lowers barriers to care and helps women prioritize their breast health," Grant Davies, Solis Mammography CEO, said. "Increased access to care supports our mission of catching breast cancers as early as possible, adding years to our patients' lives."

Breast cancer often is detected through routine screening and is highly treatable if caught early through annual mammograms. Solis Mammography aligns with the American College of Radiology, the Society of Breast Imaging and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in recommending that women 40 and older with average risk of developing breast cancer get a mammogram every year. Annual mammography screening starting at age 40 is associated with the highest mortality reduction for average-risk women, allowing for the greatest number of lives saved and the most life years gained.

Solis Mammography is known for its compassionate, patient-focused approach to breast health and its robust advancements in screening, including 3D mammography with AI software integration, and SmartCurve comfort technology, which has been clinically proven to provide a more comfortable mammogram.

For more information about Solis Mammography Cinco Ranch, visit the website solismammo.com/houston/cinco-ranch.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



The second quarter (April-June) is the best time to sell your house, but that's a generalization. Other factors can come into play.

PEXELS

When's the best time of year to sell?

BY TIMOTHY GENE SOJKA
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

One of the most frequently asked questions in real estate is, "What's the best time of year to sell your home?"

Answer: the second quarter (April-June).

That's the brief answer. But there's more to the question. Let's accept that while the second quarter is the best time to sell, it's a generalization and true most year. Major events can affect the market.

For example, in the second quarter of 2020, we saw the beginnings of the COVID pandemic. People became confused. However, as people realized they were stuck in their homes, cool stuff in your home became more important. So people wanted cooler homes. It took about 90 days for people to decide that their home was their castle, and they wanted a better castle.

As a result, the third quarter (July-September), became a great quarter.

Still, let's return to generalization, as they apply most years. Let's analyze each quarter and their strengths and weaknesses.

Second quarter (April-June)

Several factors play into the success of the second quarter as the best time to sell real estate. First, a larger portion of taxpay-

ers know what they owe the IRS or the refund they receive from the treasury. So, understanding their financial position, buyers and sellers are ready to make a real estate move.

Second, organized families understand they need to start preparing for the hot summer real estate market with the goal to get their kids to their aspiration school the next school year.

Third, we've been trained that this time of the year rocks to buy and sell homes.

Fourth quarter (October-December)

Three factors affect the success of fourth-quarter sales.

First, people like to be in their new home for the holidays.

Second, past tax laws offered benefits to own a home by the end of the year. However, some of these laws have recently changed.

Third, bargain home shoppers know some sellers drop their price near the end of the year to move to the next phase of their lives.

First quarter (January-March)

The first quarter is the most bipolar of the four.

On the positive side, most companies start their annual budgets in January. If the economy is fantastic, or if oil prices are high, major companies relocate new employees to the Houston

and Katy area. This means the first quarter can be a great time to have you home on the market.

On the negative side, if the economy is poor or the oil prices, major companies won't be relocating those employees and it will be tougher to sell because there will be fewer prospective buyers.

Third quarter (July-September)

Despite the example cited earlier, this is consistently the slowest quarter. Often these months see many closings, but these deals were negated in the second quarter.

The third quarter is slow for two major reasons.

First, back to school, with parents focused on getting their children started in their new grade.

Second, the third quarter, and part of the fourth quarter, focused on hurricane season. If a hurricane is in the Gulf of Mexico, closings may be delayed or occasionally canceled.

I hope this article helps you set direction for planning your home sale. Feel free to contact our team for help find the perfect lot to make your dream come true.

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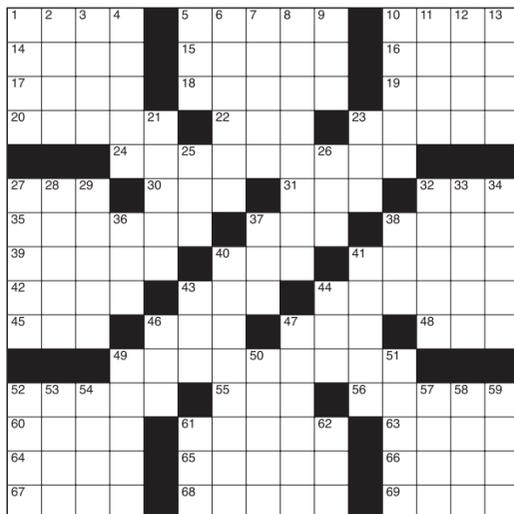
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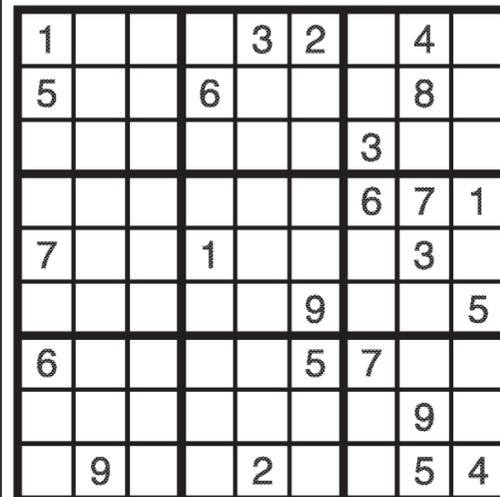
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

The Morton Ranch High School Choir performs at the Katy Area Economic Development Council meeting.

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people who need help.

Amazing Grace is working to develop its own facility. Presently, its local office is in The Hub, 5614 1st St., in Downtown Katy. But it is raising money for a new facility. Brown said \$12.2 million has been raised, with \$14 million being the goal for the groundbreaking. The overall fundraising goal is \$20 million, she said.

David Brown recently took over as executive director at The Ballard House, though he was a longtime director before taking on his new assignment. He described The Ballard house as a "home away from home" that has been around since 2006. He said it has offered over 66,000 nights of no-cost lodging for patients and their families.

Brown said The Ballard House has hired a live-in hostess, and is growing its volunteer base to support its guests even better. He said The Ballard House is en-



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Tracey Brown, executive director of Amazing Place, speaks at the Katy Area Economic Development Council meeting.

couraging more community groups to provide meals and asking more churches to provide worship and fellowship opportunities with its guests.

To support these activities, Brown said The Ballard House is asking businesses to support its mission

through sponsoring and attending fundraisers. Also, Brown said, The Ballard House is increased its grant writing activities to secure more funds. He urged the audience to remember corporate matches.

Crespo said KCM, founded in 1984 by nine churches during an economic downturn, has had an active year. Through October, she said, KCM's social services has helped 12,150 families. The food pantry has provided over 1.2 million meals to 6,861 households. She said this is about 1.5 million pounds of food and fresh produce.

The crisis center has also been active, providing crisis intervention to 1,714 domestic violence and sexual abuse victims, Crespo said.

In addition to the presentations, the Morton Ranch Choir, under the direction of choir director David Van Wyk, sang holiday music before the meeting.

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facepainting and stick horsing.

A hall of history will discuss the community's German heritage. It will also feature local family history displays and a history of Pattison's incorporation. Longtime local residents will lead campfire talks, where they will share their memories.

A barbecue meal will be served at 4 p.m. and partygoers are asked to bring desserts.

Garcia said the area where the city of Pattison now sits has a history that goes back to the 1820s. Texas was part of Spain then. Texas became part of Mexico when Mexico won its independence from Spain.

Stephen F. Austin, today remembered as the Father of Texas for bringing American settlers to the area during that time, created the San Felipe community about nine miles to the west.

Most Texans know the rest of the state's story, from the 1836 Texas Revolution to being a part of the United

States today. But Pattison enjoyed prosperity thanks to having a railroad.

According to the city website, the Pattison community was established in 1877. That year, the family of James Tarrant Pattison, for whom the community is named, granted the Texas Western Narrow Gauge

Railroad a path through their property. The Pattison family also donated land for the townsite.

James Tarrant Pattison's own involvement with the area began years earlier, when in 1839, he built

a plantation on a hill in the area.

The railroad closed its Pattison operation in 1899. At one time, Garcia said, Pattison was the second largest community in Waller County.

"We were platted before Brookshire," Garcia said. "Much of Brookshire was built by folks from Pattison. We once had several cotton gins and a number of stores."

Garcia said Pattison voters on Nov. 16, 1972, voted

to incorporate. In January 1973, he said, Pattison voters elected their first council members and marshal. Allen Taylor was the city's first mayor, serving from 1972-1985. Garcia was been mayor since 2016.

"We want to remember what happened 50 years ago," Garcia said. "We're glad to be where we are today. I hope we can preserve some of our community and the rustic, rural way that we enjoy now."

Today, Garcia said, Pattison has a population of about 600. He and his neighbors know that Pattison, Brookshire, and their immediate area is growing exponentially, with new businesses and housing developments coming west from the Katy area.

Still, it's good to celebrate the community with both new and long-time residents.

"We hope we can preserve the history of our community," Garcia said. "Our goal is to make sure at least some of the newer residents in our community have an opportunity to learn about the history of the community."

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model trees. Baker scoured the internet for other items. Many of the items came from hobby shops across the country. Most of the equipment is 60-70 years old, he said. But the equipment is compatible. The old parts are made to work with the new parts.

Some have donated financially to help Baker secure equipment. City Administrator Byron Hebert and his assistant, Lindsay Kerr, have also helped with a small budget, Baker said.

Baker said he comes in as often as he can when the museum is open to run the train. He said many parents who watch him operate the train are living vicariously backwards. He understands, he said, because he has done the same thing.

But living vicariously backwards and

operating the train are two different things. Baker said he does not usually let others operate the train because of the age and delicacy of the equipment.

Baker said Katy owes much of its history to railroads. Over the years, Baker said, Katy had passenger traffic on those trains. But now, thanks to automobiles and expanded freeways, the rail lines have gone by the wayside and most train lines go out of Houston parallel to US 290, or to Sugar Land.

"The MKT Railroad was the Missouri-Kansas-Texas line," Baker said. "Katy's name came from the train. It was a big train depot because of rice farming. That's what built Katy, oil and rice farming and the trains."



KATY LIGHTS UP THE TREE

Santa Claus joined Mayor Dusty Thiele in the City of Katy's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, which took place Dec. 1 at City Hall.

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Invasion of the college students

Imagine, if you will, a tranquil late-autumn evening. It's the first day of your Thanksgiving holiday, and you are reclining in your easy chair, enjoying the warmth and gently dancing flames of your fireplace insert—with semi-realistic gas logs—and sipping a cup of warm tea from your new Keurig machine that Bed Bath & Beyond put on sale for 50% off immediately after your purchase.

Suddenly, the serenity of the evening is shattered by the slamming of the garage door, the harsh jangle of keys against the kitchen counter and the raucous rumble of wheels from an unnecessarily large and expensive suitcase across the kitchen tile, followed by shouts of "I'm home! Where's Mom!?"

Our family is now experiencing the chaotically sweet phenomenon of our two older daughters coming home from college to enjoy their holidays with family and reconnect with hometown retail centers.

When our daughters left for college this year, we conducted a deep cleaning and reorganization of their bedrooms so that they could come home to fresh and relaxing spaces when they visit. Exactly 24 hours after their arrival for Thanksgiving break, their bedrooms resembled disaster relief donation centers—

After informing us of her urgent need for a cell phone upgrade, our eldest and most expensive daughter spent the first evening of her break hanging out with her high school friends—who were also home from college sharing memories and soiled laundry with their parents.

And speaking of laundry, I had almost forgotten what it's like to spend what seems like hours loitering in our laundry room and battling against the laws of physics to reinsert numerous floppy bra pad things back into holes that seem entirely too small for floppy bra pad things—praying that I match the correct bras and floppy bra pad things, and don't get them upside down or backward—which might cause chafing or some other unthinkable malady.

Our middle daughter spent her first full day at home lounging in her queen-sized bed, relishing the fact that she didn't have to break out her rappelling equipment to take a nap in her twin-sized dorm loft. Once re-energized, she quickly headed out for reunions with some of her favorite people—namely, the employees of the



JASE GRAVES
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When our daughters left for college this year, we conducted a deep cleaning and reorganization of their bedrooms so that they could come home to fresh and relaxing spaces when they visit. Exactly 24 hours after their arrival for Thanksgiving break, their bedrooms resembled disaster relief donation centers — with open suitcases strategically positioned to rupture my ACL when I came in to kiss them goodnight.

local Target and Starbucks.

Our youngest daughter was enjoying her break from high school by intermittently raiding the pantry for snacks (approximately once every 20 minutes) to allow her overheated retinas time to recover from marathon YouTube sessions. She seemed fairly oblivious to the homecoming of her sisters, casually asking me when they would arrive—after they had already been with us for about 8 hours.

The highlights of the girls' visits have been the home-cooked meals we prepare at their request – giving them a break from the near-starvation rations they are allotted in college cafeterias where they are forced to survive on an all-you-can-eat array of buffet style salad bars, dessert stations, international cuisine and retail dining franchises. Apparently, though, the mashed potatoes at college just taste weird.

Although I miss having little girls, it's great having them all at home together—even all grown up. My only complaints are that their visits are never long enough—and the floppy bra pad things.

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Have you hugged a Santa impersonator yet?

It has been years since my family last dealt with the "pictures with Santa" pageantry, but Saint Nick impersonators remain an integral part of Christmas for Americans.

Parents feel compelled to honor the tradition of dumping tiny tots in Santa's lap, even if they're not emotionally ready for the experience. I wish I hadn't sold my Child Psychology textbook back to the college bookstore, or I would explain why kids who think nothing of sticking a fork in an electrical outlet or inviting a rabid wolverine into the house are suddenly in fight-or-flight-or-wet-your-pants mode over a jovial old man who surrounds himself with elves and candy canes.

Yes, shrieking and bawling are the immediate result of encounters with Kris Kringle, but the traumatizing life event also creates repressed memories that pop up unexpectedly in adulthood. ("The ocean—it's shaking like a bowlful of jelly! I can't help it—I'm going A.W.O.L. from the Navy!")

Some Santa impersonators (motto: "I'm not a morbidly obese peeping Tom, but I play one at the local mall") volunteer for the pure joy of seeing children's faces light up. Other Santa surrogates don the iconic red suit to earn extra money. (Granted, in today's economy, "extra" money is what Bigfoot and Elvis would use to purchase a unicorn for their UFO.)

I'm glad there are still job



DANNY TYREE
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opportunities for Santa Clauses, considering retailers' self-checkout mentality. ("Put on this cap, make yourself a vague promise, make way for the next kid. Buh-bye.")

Physical disabilities are no roadblock to those truly committed to serving as a mall Santa. The agencies that book Santas do, however, frown on applicants with dyslexia. Being upfront about that cuts down on posting a "Santa wanted" sign and having guys with cloven hooves and pitchforks showing up for auditions.

An article in the "New York Post" recommended Santa roleplaying as a side hustle for college students, but I think the job is more suited for seasoned individuals with experience as fathers or grandfathers. Eight hours of putting up with snotty noses, sticky hands, beard-tugging, mile-long lists, mystery smells and awkward questions ("If you can visit every home in the world in one night, how come it has taken my dad more than three years to go to the corner store for a pack of cigarettes?") would make the

young guys' reproductive system implode.

Yes, some spoiled brats issue totally unreasonable demands, so it's heartwarming when one is well grounded in reality. Like the little girl who was patient enough to put off a pony until next Christmas. ("I know that THIS year I need to prioritize having Santa make my 10th-story apartment pony-accessible.")

Santa impersonators have to do an amazing job of hemming and hawing when presented with a budget-busting wish list. "I'll check into that." "Let me see what I can do." "I would hate to disappoint a good little boy or girl!" Toss in the occasional "I'll have to circle back," "infrastructure" and "democracy," and Santa would qualify for Secret Service protection!

On the other hand, do you know who is the most powerful person in the world? Elon Musk? China's Xi Jinping? Wrong. It's a ready-to-retire Santa who gives parents that reindeer-in-the-headlights look by rubberstamping everything on the little darlings' wish list.

I wouldn't call them evil masterminds, but their "Ho ho ho" sure sounds more like "Bwahahaha."

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Pet adoption event set for Fort Bend County

The adoption event is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 17 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 Texas 36 S., in Rosenberg.

Parking and admission are free. Adoption fees have been waived or reduced.

Event sponsors include Fort Bend County Animal Services, Best Friends, City of Sugar Land, Rosenberg Animal Control and Shelter, Fort Bend Health and Human Services, City of Stafford and City of Missouri City.

For more information, visit the website fbchhs.org.

Fussell Senior Center to host open house

The City of Katy's Fussell Senior Center is hosting an open house. The public is invited to share a cozy afternoon with festivities, entertainment, light refreshments and to learn more about the senior citizen center.

The open house is from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Fussell Senior Citizen Center, 5370 E. 5th St.

The open house coincides with the deadline for donations to Camp Hope, an intensive residential program of the PTSD Foundation of America. The foundation provides whole person treatment for combat veterans suffering from combat-related PTSD.

For many years, Katy-area seniors have collected household necessities, pantry staples and hygiene items to donate to veterans staying at Camp Hope. Donations are welcomed and the public is invited to drop off those donations at the Fussell Senior Citizen Center.

High-need items include sliced bread, bottled water, body wash, men's socks, disposable razors, batteries, men's running shoes, sweatshirts sizes 1XL-3XL, t-shirts (all sizes), paper towels, trash bags, alarm clocks, notebook paper, 1- and 2-inch binders, postage stamps, spiral notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpeners and toilet bowl cleaner.

Drop-off deadline is 4 p.m. Dec. 16.

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RIBBON CUTTING AT HARMONY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



Above: A student choir sings at the Dec. 5 ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Harmony School of Excellence. The school serves students from kindergarten through sixth grade, with schools for older students planned for the future. Left: Principal Christopher Hassan speaks at the Dec. 5 ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Harmony School of Excellence, 22855 Elyson Falls Drive Road. The school has an enrollment of about 500 students.

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Decorative holiday symbols add to seasonal celebrations



Families around the world use decorative holiday symbols to add to their seasonal celebrations.

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Decorating homes and other spaces is a major component of the holiday season. Holiday decorations often reflect celebrants' religious beliefs, and the following are some traditional holiday decor symbols for people of various faiths.

Christmas tree: Christian or secular Christmas symbol

Few things evoke thoughts of Christmastime quite like a towering evergreen parked front and center in a home's picture window. Christmas trees are believed to date back to sixteenth century Germany. The custom ultimately arrived in America when the country welcomed an influx of German immigrants. It is widely believed that various non-Christian cultures may have used evergreen plants indoors in celebration of the winter solstice, which suggests Christmas trees may pre-date Christian symbolism.



Kinara and Mishumaa Saba: Kwanzaa cultural symbol

The Kinara (candle holder) and the Mishumaa Samba (the seven candles) are symbolic of Kwanzaa. The candles and holder represent the Seven Principles, or the minimum set of values by which African people are urged to live.

Baby New Year: Secular symbol

Baby New Year is a popular promotional symbol used to commemorate the dawn of a new year. The baby represents rebirth and may be traced back to the ancient Greeks or Egyptians. Historians say the Greeks believed that their god of wine, Dionysus, was reborn on New Year's Day as the spirit of fertility. While people may not decorate with Baby New Year figurines, they do participate in "First Baby" competitions, which celebrate those infants born in the opening moments of a new year.



Menorah: Jewish Chanukah symbol

Menorahs are seven-armed candelabras used in Jewish religious worship. To mark the Chanukah celebration, a special nine-armed hanukkah is displayed for eight days and nights. A candle is lit each day to commemorate the miracle of oil lasting in the rededicated Temple after the Maccabees' successful uprising against the Syrian Greeks. The menorah typically is placed in a highly visible spot, such as the front window of a home or in a high-traffic living space.



Nativity scene: Christian Christmas symbol

It's customary for nativity scenes to be included in Christmas decor schemes. The nativity depicts the birth of Christ and typically includes a manger, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, various animals, an angel, and the three visiting Magi. The infant Jesus also is included, though some people prefer to wait until the after the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve to place Jesus in the manger. Live nativity scenes also are commonplace around Christmas. Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223.

Advent wreath: Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran, among others, Christian symbol

The Advent wreath is used by various Christian denominations and draws attention to the weeks preceding Christmas. A new candle is lit on the wreath each Sunday at mass to prepare the faithful to receive the Lord Jesus.



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The Bible Seminary to observe Hanukkah, Christmas by lighting lamps from Hasmonaean period

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Since Jesus celebrated Hanukkah, The Bible Seminary is excited to announce that the Joshua, Judges, and Jesus (3J) Museum will be exploring the archaeological aspects of the first Christmas in conjunction with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

The current exhibit closed Nov. 28 and will reopen Dec. 18, the first day of Hanukkah. Bible Seminary President, Dr. K. Lynn Lewis extends an invitation to gather at 5 p.m. on the porch of Grace Fellowship Church, 2655 S. Mason Road. A shofar blown at sunset, anticipated at 5:27 p.m., will begin the festivities, which are scheduled to include an informational tour led by archaeologist and Bible Seminary Provost Dr. Scott Stripling, the lighting of the first lamp, and then an open house illuminating the history of Hanukkah (also known as the Feast of Dedication, or Festival of Lights).

Since Hanukkah coincides with the Christian holiday of Christmas this year, the Bible Seminary will open every night of Hanukkah to light Hasmonaean lamps that were first lit almost 2,200 years ago. The celebration will commemorate God's preemptive measures that pointed to Jesus, the true Light of the world.

The 3J Museum will be open to the public during regular hours, which are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 19-23 of Hanukkah week. Evening and weekend visits may be requested by appointment only, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The nightly lightings of the lamps for each of the eight evenings will begin with a 4:45 p.m. tour and then the lamp lighting at sundown (around 5:27 p.m.). Viewers can also watch live online at facebook.com/thebibleseminary.

Reservations can be made to tour the museum and attend a lighting by registering at TheBibleSeminary.edu/3J.



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Local toy drives in full swing

STAFF REPORT

Children's Lighthouse of Katy-Wood Creek Reserve, 26051 Kingsland Blvd., is holding a toy drive. Those wishing to make donations are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate to those in need this holiday season.

Deadline for donations is Dec. 12. For more information, call Children's

Lighthouse at 281-746-6565.

Meanwhile, Katy Cares is hosting a toy drive, which is set for 4-7 p.m. Dec. 17 at Little Woodrow's Katy, 22225 Katy Fwy. Bring in a toy or gift card, and get a raffle ticket to enter the drawing. The event features drink specials and giveaways, along with live music by Katie Katy.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Royal FFA shines at FFA leadership development event competition

FFA leadership teams from Royal High School competed at the Nov. 19 FFA Area 11 Leadership Development Event Competition at Blinn College.

Three teams finished first in their categories. They were to compete in the state competition, which was set for Dec. 2-3 at Sam Houston State University:

- Isabell Bishop, Stephanie De La Rosa and Litzie Gonzalez in radio broadcasting.
 - Kaelyn Hein, Vladimir Moreno and Deysi Rivera in senior skills.
 - Vladimir Moreno in senior Spanish creed speaking.
- Other Royal teams competing included:
- Katia Mendoza in senior creed speaking.
 - Luis Diaz, Alexcia Garcia, Cynthia Rivera, Stephanie De La Rosa and Litzie Gonzalez in ag issues.
 - Raelee Hacke, Tate Seward and Kevin Weatherford in green-hand skills.
 - Kaylee Meader, Kaelyn Hein, Elizabeth Ibarra and Katia Mendoza in public relations.
 - Alexa Cisneros, Jaylyn Danz, Lauren Hillsman and Elyssa Pruner in ag advocacy.



Isabell Bishop, Litzie Gonzalez and Stephanie De La Rosa finished first at the Nov. 19 FFA Area Leadership Event Competition at Blinn College.



ROYAL ISD PHOTOS

Students in the Royal High FFA competed at the Nov. 19 FFA Area 11 Leadership Development Event Competition.

Mitsubishi Logisnext Americas opens applications for Cat Lift Trucks Scholarship Program

Houston-based Mitsubishi Logisnext Americas calls for applications for its 19th Annual Cat Lift Trucks Scholarship Program.

Each year, the scholarship program honors an outstanding Houston-area high-school senior interested in pursuing a four-year degree related to the material handling industry. This year's winner will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to go towards their higher education.

"We're proud to announce this

year's Cat Lift Trucks scholarship program," said Ken Barina, Mitsubishi Logisnext Americas president, said. "Each year, we are continuously impressed by the academic achievements and dedication to community service of our scholarship applicants. We hope this program will continue to drive new opportunities for students pursuing a higher education, and also help support and inspire the next generation of future leaders."

Since its launch in 2005, the Cat Lift Trucks scholarship

program has awarded \$135,000 in educational assistance to 26 Houston-area students. Past scholarship recipients have enrolled at Texas universities and colleges, including Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State Technical College, pursuing degrees in various fields such as mechanical and chemical engineering, welding technology and entrepreneurship. Recipients are selected based on their academic performance, commitment to community service, demonstration of

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"We're honored to serve as a sponsor for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and to be a part of its 90-year commitment to Texas youth and education," John Sneddon, executive vice president, Sales and Marketing, at Mitsubishi Logisnext Americas, said. "Initiatives such as the Cat Lift Trucks scholarship program are vital to helping inspire the future of manufacturing and business."

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 2023. Finalists will be notified by Feb. 10, 2023, and a winner will be selected by Feb. 24, 2023. Applicants must be from a Houston-area school district and plan to enroll in a college, university or technical school in Texas with a focus on engineering or a business-oriented or technical trade field related to the material handling industry.

For more information, or to apply, visit the website logisnextamericas.com/en/cat/cat-lift-trucks-scholarship.

Pattison Elementary blood drive set for Dec. 12

Pattison Elementary School, 19910 Stonebridge Dr., is hosting a blood drive sponsored by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

The blood drive will be from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Dec. 12 in the school's parking lot.

Donors are encouraged to schedule their own appointment at the website commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/362104.

All successful donors will receive a free blood center promotional item of choice. Donors will also receive a free ticket to Dig World at Katy Mills Mall. Donors can also write notes of well wishes, or send videos, to patients. Bears will be hand-delivered to patients who are spending their holiday in the hospital.

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1307: Seth Davis breaks a run outside during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium.

FOOTBALL

Interim no more, Hicks named head coach at Paetow

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow officially removed the interim tag off of David Hicks Sr.'s head coach status on Wednesday, as Katy ISD officially announced Hicks as the school's next head football coach and campus athletic coordinator.

Hicks took over as the interim head coach at Paetow in October after the resignation of Lonnie Teagle, and guided the Panthers to a 2-2 record over the team's final four games, as the team played very admirably over the final stretch of the season and bought in to their new coach.

Hicks has 11 years of coaching experience and has served as an assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, track

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Katy holds off C.E. King

Tigers make third straight state semifinal

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy withstood a haymaker on Friday.

Katy had a gameplan coming into the Class 6A-Division II Region III Final to contain the King run game and the team's biggest threat in Keith Willis Jr., but King knew that Katy would be prepared and countered with something unexpected.

Instead of leaning on their workhorse like they had all season, King went away from him and instead attacked solely through the air, throwing a wrench into everything Katy had planned for.

But The Tigers weathered the storm, adjusted and attacked, like so many of the great Tigers teams have done, and in the end came out 56-34 winners, advancing to the Class 6A-Division II state semifinal.

"We had a gameplan coming in, but they did the exact opposite of what we had planned for," said senior safety Johnathan Hall. "But we stayed calm with it — we know how good we are as a team and we got to halftime made the adjustments and then found a way to come out and execute in the second half to get the win."

The game couldn't have started in better fashion for Katy. Seth Davis took a handoff 69-yards for a touchdown on the first play of the game and then after Katy forced a punt, Davis took a handoff on the Tigers next offensive snap and ran in a score from 42-yards out to make things 14-0 Katy with less than a minute off the clock in the first quarter.

But King came right back with punches of their own. Denim Johnson ran in a nine yard score late in the first quarter to

trim the Katy lead to seven before Rae'G Dailey took a punt return 89-yards for a touchdown in the second to make things a one-point Katy lead.

But Davis had the answer again, running in a 26-yard touchdown, and after King made things a one-point game again Davis ran in a 40-yard score to increase the Katy lead again before King once again trimmed the lead down to one point at half.

Davis carried the Tigers offensively throughout the night, carrying the ball 23 times for 293 yards and six touchdowns to lead Katy to the win.

"That kid is just a special, good football player," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "I think a lot of people are seeing that right now — you don't see people in a state

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Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. watches from the sideline during a game between Paetow and Seven Lakes at Legacy Stadium.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

• Katy 56, C.E. King 34

Saturday

Class 6A-Division II State Semifinal
• Katy vs. Vandegrift, 1 p.m., Alamodome

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday

• Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
• Katy vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
• Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
• Taylor vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m.

Monday

• Cinco Ranch vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
• Paetow vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
• Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
• Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday

• Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
• Jordan vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
• Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
• Tompkins vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.

Monday

• Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
• Katy vs. Paetow, 7 p.m.
• Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
• Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.

Paetow's Sanford receives Army All-American jersey



TYLER TYRE

Daymion Sanford poses in his U.S. Army All-American Bowl Game jersey during Friday's pep rally at Paetow.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Daymion Sanford had put everything in to get to this moment.

The Paetow senior had spent years working to make himself a great player, a dominant force on the field and a top recruit heading into the collegiate ranks.

The senior's work has been paying off. He achieved a four-star ranking unanimously by recruiting services and garnered interest from some of the top college football programs in the nation before committing to Texas A&M.

All of those were huge accomplishments for Sanford, but one of his biggest came on Friday, as he was given his jersey which he will play the U.S. Army All-American game in, as Sanford was chosen as one of the top players in the country to compete in the honorary game.

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Katy faces Vandegrift with trip to state final on the line

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy still remembers last season.

The Tigers had an amazing year, reclaiming the District 19-6A state championship winning a Region III championship for the second straight season and reached the state semifinal game.

But there is still a bitter taste in the Tigers' mouths from that state semi game when they played Austin Westlake, and it has fueled the Tigers all year to get back to this point.

"This whole team has been motivated to get here and we're motivated to get past this round," said senior safety Johnathan Hall. "Last year, I feel like we were embarrassed with the way we played in that game. But that's the motivation right there. This year we're coming in hard and ready to go, last year we weren't prepared the right way. This year, we're going to be prepared and we're going to take it all the way."

The Tigers rolled through the first three rounds of the playoffs before facing a tense game against C.E. King in the Class 6A-Division II Region III Final, but a strong second half performance both offensively and defensively led Katy into the state semifinals as they have kept their quest for the school's tenth state football championship alive.

"We've been grinding to get back to this point," said senior running back Seth Davis. "Last year didn't end how we wanted and we made it a point to get back here. We weren't going to let anyone get in our way — now we have to make sure we come out and do this one more time and make it to



Katy's Johnathan Hall makes a tackle during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium.

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CLASS 6A-DIVISION II STATE SEMIFINAL

KATY (14-0) VS. VANDEGRIFT (13-1)
1 p.m. Saturday
Alamodome, San Antonio

state."

Standing in the way of the Tigers' mission is a very tough Vandegrift (13-1) team which comes off a close victory over Dripping Springs to claim the Region IV title.

The Vipers are not slouches either and fully deserve to be in this position. They have a very balanced offense with a pass game that has the potential to give Katy's secondary trouble just as King's offense did last week.

Brayden Buchanan leads

the Vandegrift offense and has thrown for 2,839 yards this year, completing 65% of his passes and averaging over 200 yards per game

while he has thrown for 27 touchdowns compared to five interceptions on the year. Miles Coleman is the biggest threat for the team

in the air, having caught 87 passes for 1420 yards and 12 touchdowns this season while Jean Middleton has 33 catches for 498 yards and 10 touchdowns. Alex Witt leads the ground game with 1,064 yards and 18 touchdowns. And defensively, Vandegrift is only giving up 10.5 points per game.

Game time will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio, and the Tigers know they will have to be ready for another full, four quarter fight.

"I'm excited about playing another week, I might not be excited about playing Vandegrift — that's a tough football team, but I'm excited we get to go out there and play again," said Katy head coach Gary Jospheh. "I think it's awesome — this program won a state championship and then went to back-to-back state semifinals and it just shows that this program is still up there and not dead yet. I'm proud of our kids and the whole school. That's what you play for."



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Seth Davis scores a touchdown during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium.

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Left: J.R. Ceyanes celebrates during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium. Above: Katy fans cheer during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium.

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KATY 56, C.E. KING 34

Katy	14	14	7	21	--	56
C.E. King	7	20	7	0	--	34

First quarter

K: Seth Davis 69 run (Hunter Ondrush kick) 11:45
K: Davis 42 run (Ondrush kick) 11:02
CE: Denim Johnson 9 run (Christopher Bronilla kick) 2:56

Second quarter

CE: Rae'G Dailey 89 punt return, 9:20
K: Davis 26 run (Ondrush kick) 8:17
CE: Keith Willis Jr. 5 pass to Mekhi Emerinini (Bonilla kick) 7:57
CE: Johnson 26 pass to Dailey (Bonilla kick) 3:19

Third quarter

CE: Johnson 70 pass to Dailey (Bonilla kick) 11:50
K: Davis 1 run (Ondrush kick) 7:14

Fourth quarter

K: Caleb Koger 1 run (Ondrush kick) 11:55
K: Davis 49 run (Ondrush kick) 8:48
K: Koger 1 run (Ondrush kick) 4:02

Team stats

	KATY	C.E. KING
First downs	20	22
Yards rushing	45-369	13-43
Yards passing	77	477
Passes	7-14-0-0	32-48-3-1
Punts	1-59	3-16
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalty-yards	1-15	6-57

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Seth Davis, 23-293-6; Dallas Glass, 16-68; Chase Johnsey, 3-6; C.E. King: Keith Willis Jr., 5-23; Denim Johnson, 6-11; Jermaine Franshaw, 2-9; Passing – Katy: Caleb Koger, 7-13-77-0-0; Adam Jackson, 0-1-0-0-0 C.E. King: Denim Johnson, 31-47-472-2-1; Keith Willis Jr., 1-1-5-1-0; Receiving – Katy: Chase Johnsey, 5-45; Adam Jackson, 2-22; Micah Koenig, 1-10; C.E. King: Rae'G Dailey, 13-190-2; Elias Dejean, 9-187; Mekhi Emerinini, 3-45-1; Keith Willis Jr., 3-20; Vincent Jones, 3-20; Duaine Harris, 2-15;

KATY

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quarterfinal game score that many times and break that many runs the way he did. They were a good defensive football team and for him to do that is just phenomenal. But I'm so proud of our offensive line as well and the job they did."

King came out and took the lead on the first play of the third quarter, as Dailey took a screen pass 70-yards for a score, but from there on out, the Tigers' defense stood strong against the King attack, not allowing a point the rest of the way.

"We didn't expect them to throw so much," Joseph said. "We felt like we had to come in and stop their big running back, but we had been stopping the run well this year and I think King knew that. So second half we went to dime more and the kids also just executed better. We missed tackles in the first half and hit us with so many hitch routes. We just had to come up and make tackles better and we did that."

Davis scored late in the third quarter as Katy regained the lead and the Tigers scored three more times in the fourth, twice on Caleb Koger quarterback sneaks and once on a 49-yard run by Davis, to put things away.

"Being in games like this makes you better," Davis said. "This is what you want. To play in big time games and get these wins. It brings you closer together, it shows your character and that is us. We're going to keep fighting and find a way to win."

Katy advances to face Vandegrift in the state semifinals 2 p.m. Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. It's the third straight year in the semifinal for Katy and they're hoping this time it leads to a victory.

"We're going to be ready," Hall said. "We know how big this game is, we're excited, motivated and we're going to get to work to make sure we play our best game."



PHOTOS BY DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Above: Seth Davis celebrates with teammates during Friday's Class 6A-Division II Region III Final between Katy and C.E. King at NRG Stadium. Below: Caleb Koger lines the Katy offense up during Friday's game at NRG Stadium.



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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a MB Permit by 8 ounce LLC dba 8 ounce Korean Steakhouse to be located at 23220 Grand Cir Blvd., Suite 180, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77449. Officers of said corporation are members Tae Kyung Kim and Angelina Kim.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Pulte, Homes of Texas, on behalf of Katy West Municipal Utility District, Attention Terence Brennan, Project Manager, will be received electronically until 10:00am, Thursday December 15th, 2022 and then publicly opened and read for the construction of: "Paving Facilities in Katy Court Section 2" for Katy West MUD, 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 280506592# when prompted.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

Notice by Publication of an Amendment of an Existing Permit

Enstor Katy Storage and Transportation, L.P. (10375 Richmond Ave., Houston, TX 77042) is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an amendment to an existing gas storage reservoir permit. The applicant is storing natural gas in the Yegua Formation, Fulshear (Hillebrenner) Field, KST Katy Lease, amending Well Nos. 3, 8A, and 12. The Facility is located 2 miles in the southeast direction from Katy, in the Fulshear (Hillebrenner) Field, in Fort Bend County. The gas storage reservoir is located in the subsurface depth interval from 6872 feet to 7699 feet. The request in this application is to amend the permit removing the temporary exceptions granted by the RRC on Well Nos. 8A and 12. The temporary exceptions were granted regarding minimum packer depths on the referenced Injection wells. With the amended permit, the No. 8A well will be reclassified as an Observation well. The packer on the No. 12 well was lowered during a workover and now complies with the packer depth restrictions in the original permit. Enstor is not seeking to increase the size of the gas storage facility or to change the location of any surface facilities. A copy of all materials submitted by the applicant is available for public inspection at the Railroad Commission of Texas office at 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for more information about the application may be made to: Injection-Storage Permits Unit, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711, (Telephone 512/463-6792). Persons who can show they may be adversely affected by the amended existing gas storage reservoir may request a public hearing on the application. Such request must be received in writing within fifteen days of the last date of publication of this notice. Requests for hearing should be sent to the Environmental Services Section at the address above.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids in duplicate will be received by Fort Bend County M.U.D. No. 58 in the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC (L.A. License No. 2602, Texas), 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494 until 2:00 P.M. on December 22, 2022, for Gaston Road Median Improvements.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for construction of improvements including irrigation, planting, fine grading, hydromulch, and solid sod.

Bidders shall submit two (2) copies of the Bid on exact copies of the Bid Form provided. A Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) and Certificate of Interested Parties (HB Form 1295) must be returned with Bid. (Forms are provided with Spec Book)

Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC, 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494, or may be obtained upon deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each set. This sum is non-refundable and checks should be made payable to KGA/DeForest Design, LLC. Only check or money order will be accepted.

A Cashier's Check or Bidder's Bond Payable to Fort Bend County M.U.D. No. 58 in the amount of not less than two percent (2%) of the bid submitted, outlined in the Contract Documents, must accompany the Bid.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2022, at 2:15 P.M. at the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC.

Bidders must have at least five years of confirmed experience on comparable size projects of a similar scope in the Houston Area.

The successful bidder receiving contract award must furnish Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

The winning bid is decided not by low price but by this standard:

"The responsible person or persons that, in the Board's judgment, will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the District's proposed improvements." The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive bidding informalities.

Scope of work of the contract includes construction of Paving facilities. The project is located within the future Katy Court Development in Harris County, TX. It is within the boundaries of Katy West M.U.D. and is in the City of Katy. It is approximately 450 feet south of the Clay Rd and Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd intersection. The project is located in Harris County, Key Map No.484A.

Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted. An **OPTIONAL** pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, December 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The number for this call is 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 295630430# 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. 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.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - CITY OF PATTISON - TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Pattison will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2022, at City Hall 3410 First Street, Pattison, TX 77466 regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for one or more Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants for Program Year 2023. City of Pattison may be eligible to participate in the Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund Construction Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST), and/or Downtown Revitalization Program. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of TxCDBG application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Mayor Joe Garcia at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

AVISO PÚBLICO - CIUDAD DE PATTISON - PROGRAMA SUBVENCION PARA BLOQUES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO DE TEXAS

La Ciudad de Pattison llevará a cabo una audiencia pública a las 6:00 p.m. el día 14 de Diciembre de 2022, en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad 3410 First Street, Pattison, TX 77466 regarding sobre la presentación de una aplicación al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para programas sobre la Programa Subvencion Para Bloques De Desarrollo Comunitario De Texas (TxCDBG) en 2023. La Ciudad de Pattison puede ser elegible para participar en TxCDBG Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund Construction Program, Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program, Fire, Ambulance & Service Truck (FAST), o el Downtown Revitalization Program. El propósito de esta reunión es permitir a los ciudadanos la oportunidad de hablar sobre el plan de participación ciudadana, el desarrollo de las necesidades locales de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, la cantidad de fondos disponibles de TxCDBG, todas las actividades elegibles de TxCDBG y el uso de fondos anteriores de TxCDBG. La Ciudad alienta a los ciudadanos a participar en el desarrollo de esta aplicación TxCDBG y dar a conocer sus opiniones en esta audiencia pública. Los ciudadanos que no puedan asistir a esta reunión pueden enviar sus opiniones y propuestas al Alcalde Joe Garcia en el ayuntamiento de la ciudad. Las personas con discapacidades que deseen asistir a esta reunión deben comunicarse con el ayuntamiento de la ciudad para coordinar la asistencia. Las personas que necesiten ayuda o servicios auxiliares para esta reunión también deben comunicarse con el ayuntamiento de la ciudad al menos dos (2) días antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer los arreglos apropiados.

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Bids will be received by the Waller County Auditor, Alan Younts January 3, 2023 until 2:00 pm in the office of County Auditor at 836 Austin Street, Suite 221, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Bids shall be opened by Commissioners' Court at 9:00 a.m. January 4, 2023, in the Waller County Courtroom, Hempstead, Texas 77445. The Court shall award the contract on January 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Waller County Courtroom, during open session of Commissioners' Court to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid.

A contract shall not be awarded to a bidder who is not the lowest dollar bidder meeting specifications unless, before the award, each lower bidder is given notice of the proposed award, and is given an opportunity to appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning the lower bidder's responsibility.

Bid award shall be based on either unit price or lump sum as indicated on the BID SHEET.

Method of payment will be by check upon completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County.

Bid Forms may be downloaded from the Waller County web site at www.co.waller.tx.us.

ALAN YOUNTS
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Texans lose in Watson's return despite stellar defense

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texans' defense stepped up on Sunday.

Houston's defense did everything it could to try and get the team a win in Deshaun Watson's return game to NRG, forcing two turnovers and limiting the Browns' offense every time they touched it throughout the game.

But as good as the Texans' defense was, the team's offense was equally as bad, and it ended with the Texans falling to the Browns 27-14, as the Browns handed the Texans their seventh straight loss.

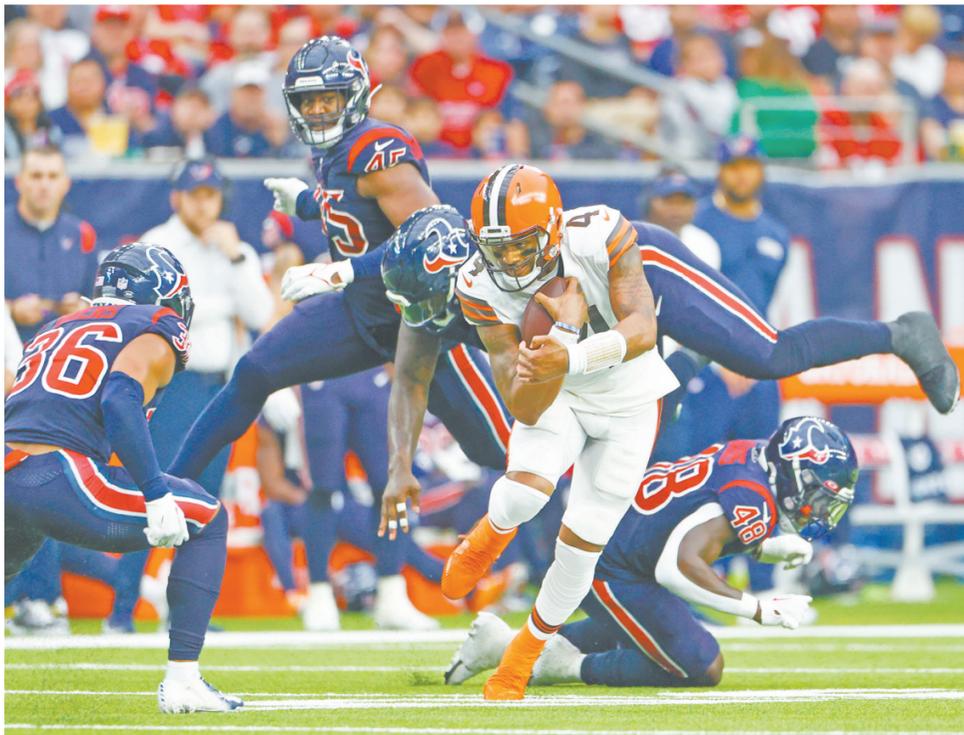
The Browns did it all without scoring one offensive touchdown, as they scored two defensive touchdowns and a special teams touchdown on the way to a victory where the Texans' defense was severely let down by the team's other units.

"The story of the game was the turnover ratio," said Texans head coach Lovie Smith. "When you talk about non offensive touchdowns and they have three of them and two of them because of our turnovers, we have to protect the ball better. We had opportunities in the redzone and weren't able to cash in. Dameon Pierce played well, but we didn't do anything in the passing game. We have to do a better job as coaches because offensively, you can't win a game playing like that."

The first half was a struggle between two stagnant and struggling offenses.

Kyle Allen threw an interception on the Texans' first play from scrimmage, a ball that could have been caught but bounced in the air off a receivers hands. But the Texans' defense didn't allow anything out of it.

But the Texans stepped up to force a three and out, and on the Browns' next offensive possession, the Texans forced a fumble that immediately put the Houston offense in field goal range. The Texans' offense put together a ten-play drive after that but was forced to settle for a 44-yard field goal as Houston took the lead.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) avoids defenders while carrying the ball during an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 4, 2022, in Houston. The Browns won, 27-14.

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The Browns' defense continued their strong play after that, forcing another turnover on the Browns' next drive, as Jalen Pitre intercepted a pass in the endzone, and the Texans' offense took the ball all the way down to the Browns 1-yard line but ultimately turning the ball over on downs without Dameon Pierce getting a touch at the goal-line.

The Texans' defense though, added to the lead on the next drive by forcing a safety on a Nick Chubb run.

But the Texans' offense continued to do nothing, punting on both of their next two possessions and the Browns took the lead when Donovan Peoples-Jones returned a punt 76-yards for a touchdown late in the second quarter, as the Browns led 7-5 at half.

Watson struggled in his return from an 11-game suspension, throwing for only 131 yards and an interception as the Texans' defense kept Houston in it for as long as they could.

"The defense played well tonight," Smith said. "Whenever you can keep an NFL offense out of the endzone for a full game, especially

with the amount of firepower they have, it's a good performance. I like a lot of the things we did, taking the ball away and giving the offense second chances, but their defense outplayed even that today."

The third quarter started the same way the first half went, with the Texans' defense stepping up and the Texans' offense trying to give the game away. After forcing the Browns to punt, the Texans' offense took over at their own goal-line and Allen fumbled on a quarterback sneak, which Denzel Ward picked up and returned four yards for a touchdown as the Browns built a nine-point lead without the team's

offense putting up a point.

"Eventually we have to have some production on offense," Smith said. "You have to score points. We were good defensively, holding them and taking the ball away which is exactly what we've been stressing, to give the offense opportunities. But you have to take advantage of that offensively. We got in the redzone and had opportunities but we have to convert on those."

The Texans trimmed things down to a seven-point deficit on their next drive with a 35-yard field goal but the Browns' offense finally broke through with a score of their own on a 44-yard field goal to bring the lead back to nine midway through the fourth quarter.

And the Texan's offense sealed things in the Browns' favor on the next drive when Allen threw an interception which Tony Fields returned 16-yards for a touchdown to increase the Browns' lead to three scores.

The Texans got a late score on a 6-yard pass from Allen to Nico Collins, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Texans could not do anything with it after.

Houston ended the day without just the one touchdown and only 283 yards of total offense. Things will only get more difficult as they travel to play the Dallas Cowboys next week before the Kansas City Chiefs come to Houston in two weeks.

"We have to continue to play," Smith said. "We're going to highlight the good things we did defensively but continue to get better and then offensively and special teams wise, it's not good enough and we have to raise our game. It's really as simple as that, we understand what the record is. We lost the game today but those are the type of things we have to emphasize — each player has to look at how they played. It's just putting that together and being better."

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and field coach, strength and conditioning coach and powerlifting coach over his years in public education.

"It was truly humbling and overwhelming when I got the news," Hicks said. "The support from Katy ISD, to here at Paetow with the teachers and staff to the whole athletic department has been phenomenal. I'm just truly blessed to be here in this situation and have that support."

Hicks played in the NFL for the Kansas City Chiefs, New York Giants and Cincinnati Bengals before joining Sharpstown High School in Houston ISD as a teacher and coach in 2011. From there he moved to Westside High School in 2014 before joining the Morton Ranch football staff from 2017 to 2021 and working himself up to being the defensive coordinator.

Hicks joined the Allen coaching staff in 2021, becoming the assistant head coach of the football team before coming back to Katy ISD in 2022, joining the Paetow staff in the same capacity.

Hicks holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and minor in Kinesiology from Grambling State and also earned a Master of Education in Administration from Lamar University.

Hicks impressed during his time as interim head coach, taking over the team in a chaotic time and guiding them admirably through Paetow's final four games, as the Panthers completely bought in to Coach Hicks and the shaken up Paetow coaching staff, played hard the entire rest of the season and were not eliminated from the playoffs until the final night of the regular season.

"It's been so awesome to be here and be these players' coach," Hicks said. "As coaches we've come in and dished out so much



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DJ Hicks is presented with his Under Armour All-American jersey as David Hicks Sr. looks on during a pep rally at the Paetow gym.

love and we're getting that same love back. With these guys, truly, it's never a job. I'm showing up every day and doing something I love and doing everything I've wanted to do in life. We have such a phenomenal team here — there's no other team I'd rather coach and there's no other team I would rather be around."

It was obvious from the start that Hicks was the players' choice for becoming the full time head coach at Paetow and the Katy ISD Athletic Staff and school board agreed. Hicks will immediately take steps to get his team ready for the offseason and spring, as the Panthers will be busy replacing a very talented senior class that is

graduating. But Paetow still has plenty to work with, with lots of talent returning and a players on both sides of the ball still remaining from 2021's state championship team.

"It's truly special to know that I'll be here long term and work with these kids," Hicks said. "I have a special group of kids and I think

we are going to be able to continue to build that championship culture here. Having everyone bought in all the way on up from the elementary schools to the junior highs to here and with the staff and the athletic department is something that you dream about. It's truly living the dream to be in this situation."

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"This whole thing is a dream come true," Sanford said. "I know people say that all the time but it's true. When I heard that I was going to be playing in the game I literally was jumping up and down and screaming. I was just so excited. It's such a blessing and it's something I won't take for granted."

Sanford was a huge part of Paetow's state championship run in 2021 and was just as big of a part of a stout Panthers defense this year. But some of the biggest impact didn't come on the field, it came off the field where he was a quiet leader for the Panthers.

"He's just such an awesome kid," said Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. "He's a leader on the field but he's just as big a leader off the field as well. He's the hardest working person in the room, he's the first person there

every day at practice and the last one to leave. Even on off days he's here. You dream of being able to coach guys like him and he's really been great to have."

Sanford is the second All-American to come from Paetow and the second this year, as he joined current and future teammate D.J. Hicks, who will play in the Under Armour All-American game.

"Some people don't get an All-American in a lifetime of coaching, so to get two in one year is crazy," Hicks said. "It's a great moment and one he and everyone at the school can enjoy. It speaks volumes about the program, the school and the brand that we're building here. I'm just so happy for him."

The Army All-American Bowl will be played at noon on January 7, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, and Sanford can't wait to have a



Right: Daymion Sanford and D.J. Hicks talk during Friday's pep rally at Paetow.

Above: Sanford poses with his U.S. Army All-American Bowl Game jersey during Friday's pep rally at Paetow.

chance to enjoy it and prove himself.

"I really just want to show off my skills and show what I can do," Sanford said. "It's gonna be a fun experience and the main thing I want to do is have fun but there's going to be some talented guys there and I want to test myself against that and see what I can do."



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Katy native Katelyn with Houston Texans head coach Lovie Smith.

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Texans pick 2 Katy area children to be Kickoff Kids

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Two local Katy children were chosen as Kickoff Kid's of the Game for two different Houston Texans NFL games over the past month.

Each Kickoff Kid of the Game receives tickets to the game, a Texans game jersey, a \$500 Ashley HomeStore gift card and is featured on the Texans' video board.

Twelve-year-old Daxton served as the Kickoff Kid of the game against the Washington Commanders on Nov. 20th. He aspires to be a zoologist when he is older and reads National Geographic Kids in his free time.

Katelyn was featured as the Kickoff Kid on Nov. 3 in the Texans' matchup against the Philadelphia Eagles. Katelyn wants to be a teacher when she is older and loves to read 'Love and Gelato.'

Katy native Daxton served as kickoff kid during the Texans game against the Commanders.



Katy native Daxton served as kickoff kid during the Texans game against the Commanders.



Katy native Katelyn with Houston Texans head coach Lovie Smith.



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Houston Cougars guard Jamal Shead (1) moves the ball during an NCAA men's basketball game between Houston and Wichita State on Jan. 8, 2022 in Houston, Texas.

UH basketball ranked No. 1 in first since 1983

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in nearly four decades, the Houston Cougars are No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

The Cougars climbed to No. 1 in the latest poll, which came out Monday, the first time since the 1983 season, echoing back to the times of Phi Slama Jama and the pinnacle of the University of Houston basketball.

"Not everyone gets to be ranked No. 1 and it's not something I ever really thought about," said Houston head coach Kelvin Sampson. "I certainly don't think were the best team in the nation, because I think we're a work in progress. But I'm happy for our fanbase, really happy for them. They've been through some tough decades with the program and they've seen the highest of highs and since then it's been hit or miss. It's just great for our fanbase to get to see this."

Two other Texas teams were ranked in the top 10, as the University of Texas was ranked second and Baylor was ranked sixth in the nation.

"You go back to two years ago, Baylor and Houston were

both in the final four, so this is nothing new for the state," Sampson said. "It starts with the fanbases and the coaching staffs. That's where it all starts. Texas Tech almost won a national championship, Baylor did win it and Texas has always had a great program. TCU is growing too — there's just so many great coaching staffs and systems in our state."

Houston's had 45 first-place votes, easily outpacing Texas, which had eight. The Cougars have started the year 8-0 but will face a real test next week when they play No 11 Alabama at the Fertitta Center on Saturday, as the Cougars will look to continue their perfect start to the season and keep their No. 1 ranking.

"This is really a moment for our fans," Sampson said. "They're the reason we do it, it wouldn't be nearly as fun playing in an empty arena. I can't tell you how proud I am of those fans this year. They've shown up, they haven't complained and they've brought that support and atmosphere and environment that we need. That atmosphere that our fans and our band creates just means so much to the kids on the team."



Houston Cougars head coach Kelvin Sampson talks with guard Jamal Shead (1) during an NCAA men's basketball game between Houston and Wichita State on Jan. 8, 2022 in Houston, Texas.



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UH to play Louisiana in Independence Bowl

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Houston will play the University of Louisiana Lafayette in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl, the bowl game announced Sunday.

Houston won five of its final seven games to finish the regular season at 7-5 overall. The Cougars, led by First-Team All-Conference quarterback Clayton Tune, were among the nation's

premier offenses, scoring 30-plus points in 11 of their 12 games.

The Cougars are competing in their 15th bowl game in the last 18 seasons - the most in the state of Texas in that span.

Houston went 5-3 in its final American Athletic Conference season before moving to the Big 12 Conference in 2023.

Louisiana (6-6) is heading bowling for a school-record fifth consecutive season. The

Ragin' Cajuns placed 11 on the All-Sun Belt Conference team while making a name for themselves on special teams, leading the league in blocked kicks (5), kickoff return defense (16.57) and punt returns (16.24).

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Houston Cougars wide receiver Nathaniel Dell (1) makes a catch during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas.



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