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## Expert advice for preparing your home for cold weather

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

As winter weather approaches, Katy area residents may have flashbacks to the week of Valentine's Day when Winter Storm Uri took out power throughout Texas. The lack of electricity – and thereby heat for many Katy Times readers – caused widespread damage as pipes froze and burst and other damages that could have been prevented with some preparation.

Bryant Gauthier, co-founder and operations manager at ThisIsLivin Homes, agreed to answer questions to help area residents prepare for upcoming winter conditions as temperatures cool. Gauthier and his wife, Jodi Gauthier, have worked extensively over the last several months to help homeowners remodel homes damaged as a result of Winter Storm Uri.

**Q: During Winter Storm Uri in February, what were the preventable damages that clients called you to help repair the most?**

Gauthier: The majority of our calls came from busted pipes. They were the number one source of cabinet and sheetrock damage in most homes in our area. We had many clients that had wanted to remodel the entire kitchen for some time and they

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COURTESY BRYANT GAUTHIER

Katy natives Bryant Gauthier and his wife Jodi Gauthier run ThisIsLivin Homes, a locally-owned business that helps local residents with remodels, redecorating and general contracting work. ThisIsLivin Homes placed in multiple categories in the Katy Times' Best of Katy contest this year, including taking first place in the Best Remodeling category.



CONTRIBUTED BY COMCAST

Fort Bend County Judge KP George (third from right) poses for a photo with grant awardees and Comcast representatives at a recent awards ceremony wherein small business owners throughout Greater Houston, including several in Katy, were given \$10,000 grants via the Comcast RISE program. The grants may be used to improve marketing, technology and other tools to help small businesses across the U.S. shore up their operations after financial challenges during the last 19 months.

## Comcast provides \$1 million in grants to small businesses

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Comcast has provided \$10,000 grants to 100 businesses in Greater Houston totaling \$1 million via the company's Comcast Rise Investment Fund program, according to a Nov. 23 press release.

"As we continue to rebuild and emerge from the effects of the pandemic, small businesses will continue to be the backbone of our economy – and we must take every opportunity to help them thrive,"

said Comcast Cable President and CEO Dave Watson.

Fort Bend County Judge KP George applauded the distribution of grant funds and said the funds, which will help locally-owned small businesses with marketing, technology and capital support, will be invaluable to Fort Bend businesses that have faced trying times during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are proud of all of our small businesses, the impact they have in Fort Bend County is invaluable. Many of our business

owners, particularly our minority-owned businesses, have faced unprecedented challenges over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and require a wide range of support to help their businesses survive," George said. "The Comcast Rise Investment Fund Grant provides these business owners with the critical financial lifeline and the resources needed so they can sustain and grow their businesses."

According to the RISE website – com-

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## Waller OKs public hearing for stop sign

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Waller County commissioners approved a public hearing for the installation by the city of Katy of a stop sign at the intersection of Morton and Pitts roads during their Nov. 23 regular meeting.

Commissioners were initially not privy to whether the sign would be paid for by the city or the county, but Katy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said the city would be paying for the sign which would be placed within city limits. The approval of the public hearing is a formality and the city will pay for any signage changes at

that intersection.

Commissioners also unanimously voted to accept a \$2,500 donation to purchase equipment to finish outfitting the Waller County Fire Marshal's investigation trailer. The funds were donated by

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## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

BY GARY BORDERS  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

### Election Audit Division funds allocated

Gov. Greg Abbott and GOP legislative leaders announced Nov. 19 that \$4 million has been shifted from the state prison system to the secretary of state's office to pay for county election audits as required under the state's new elections law.

The Dallas Morning News reported the secretary of state's office, which is under the governor's control, would create an Election Audit Division that could conduct random county audits of elections under the new law.

"Ensuring the integrity of our elections is critical to our democracy, and the Texas Secretary of State's office deserves the resources and support needed to thoroughly complete this ongoing task," Abbott said.

Abbott said the audit of Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin counties is "the largest

## Election audits, border security and 3 other Texas issues

forensic audit in the country." Former President Trump called for a statewide review of the 2020 presidential election despite winning the state by more than 600,000 votes.

### Shipping containers used to create border wall

Abbott directed National Guard and Department of Public Safety troops to place about 20 large shipping containers along the banks of the Rio Grande to form a "steel curtain" to prevent illegal crossings from Mexico.

The Houston Chronicle reported the move came while the world is facing a shortage in shipping containers that is contributing to the supply chain disruptions being experienced as a result of pandemic-related shutdowns.

The shipping containers were placed next to the international bridge at Eagle Pass. "Large shipping containers, resources, and personnel are being used to protect

communities and property owners. Texas is securing the border," Abbott said in a tweet.

### 1 Winter rainbow trout stocking begins

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department begins its annual stocking of more than 350,000 rainbow trout throughout the state this week, a program that continues until early March.

"TPWD stocks catchable-sized fish during winter months to create angling opportunities throughout Texas," Carl Kittel, rainbow trout program director, said. "Rainbow trout love cold water, can be caught on a variety of baits and lures and are great to take home and eat. Our winter rainbow trout program has been a favorite with anglers for over 40 years."

TPWD manages 18 neighborhood fishing lakes in the state's major urban areas, as well as a number of city- and county-managed park

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East West Bank representatives presented a \$10,000 donation to the Houston Police Foundation on Nov. 18.

East West Bank gives \$10K to Houston Police Foundation

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

East West Bank, one of the largest independent banks headquartered in California which operates 13 locations in the Texas/Southwest Region, honored Houston's first responders by contributing \$10,000 to the Houston Police Foundation.

"East West Bank is committed to building bridges in our communities," said Mike Burr, Senior Managing Director & Head of Texas Market at East West Bank. "We are thrilled to commemorate the reopening of our great city with today's

event and finally reconnect with our public safety and community partners in person."

The contribution was presented to HPF Executive Director Charlene Floyd, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner and Houston Assistant Police Chief Ban Tien at a Public Safety and Community Engagement event held at the bank's Regional Head Office in Houston. Other key local officials and representatives from community organizations attended the event, which featured remarks from Christopher Olson, Director of Trade and International Affairs for the City of Houston; Police Chief

Finner; and Burr.

"East West Bank looks forward to continuing to support our partners as we work through this recovery together," said Burr.

In 2021, East West Bank has made contributions to support nonprofit organizations aiding communities disproportionately impacted by this year's earlier winter storm and the ongoing pandemic. They include Star of Hope Mission, Chinese Community Center, The Women's Resource Center, Baker Ripley, Houston Food Bank, OCA-Greater Houston Chapter, Sister Cities of Houston, Inc., among others.

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12. Maine city
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14. Appetizer
15. Encounters
16. Leader
17. The source of bacon
18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
19. Celery (Spanish)
21. Pie \_\_ mode
22. Eye disease
27. Hello (slang)
28. Those in their 80s
33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
34. Business organizations
36. Mimic
37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
38. Feeling
39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Norwegian composer

**CLUES DOWN**

1. N. American indigenous people
2. Fascinated by
3. Root of out
4. Patti Hearst's captors
5. Atomic #50
6. Habitual drunkard
7. Arabic for "peace"
8. Trickery
9. One's physique (slang)
10. Not quite there
11. Wistfully mournful
12. Popular dance
14. Cut of meat
17. A way to stand
18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
23. A way of jumping
24. Utah town
25. Of I

26. Actress de Armas  
29. Silver  
30. Play a role  
31. \_\_ Falls  
32. Attaches to  
35. Japanese title  
36. Expressed pleasure  
38. Buckets

40. Dirt  
41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)  
42. Restaurant drive-\_\_  
43. Digs up  
44. He voices "Olaf"  
45. Relaxing place  
46. Body part  
47. Pesky house critter

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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## COLD

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took advantage of the unfortunate opportunity to do so.

**Q: With those same problems in mind, what preventive steps should Katy area residents be taking as temperatures begin to dip to ensure their homes are prepared for winter weather?**

We'd recommend insulating pool equipment, attic pipes, and any exterior or exposed pipes early on in the season. Getting your furnace inspected and or serviced yearly is a good idea. It is also important to have your chimney swept if you have a wood-burning fireplace and have not done so recently.

**Q: Plumbing is obviously a big concern for winter weather. What inexpensive steps can our readers take to protect their homes from water damage due to burst pipes?**

Insulating exposed pipes in the attic can be done before temperatures drop. If we experience anything like Uri again and happen to lose power for days, it is important to turn off the main valve to your home and drain all faucets and lines IF you are leaving your home unattended.

Many homeowners left their homes to head to neighbors or relatives that had power and when they returned the

water lines had defrosted and left water running throughout the homes causing extensive damage.

If you plan on staying in your home and braving the frigid temperatures slowly dripping the faucets and leaving cabinet doors open can prevent pipes from freezing.

**Q: To prepare their landscaping and the exterior of their homes for the cold, what do you recommend people in the Katy area do?**

Have your roof inspected and maintenance package done to ensure all flashing, shingles and vents are secure and sealed. Bring in any tropical warm weather plants. Caulk and seal all windows and any exposed electrical or plumbing openings to keep cold air out.

**Q: Many attics in the Katy area are ventilated to ensure heat escapes rather than to keep warmth in. What items in attics and crawlspaces should be checked after a cold snap?**

Check your pipes, look for any signs of moisture or water staining on the roof decking. Also, make sure that any exposed pipes are insulated.

**Q: What other general advice do you have for readers to help them ensure their**



COURTESY THISSLIVIN HOMES

This is Livin Homes has worked with several clients since Winter Storm Uri devastated the Katy area with home damages due to freezing pipes during unprecedented cold weather for the region. The kitchen above was damaged by burst water lines and This is Livin helped the homeowners repair and update their kitchen with a more modern look.

**homes are protected from severe cold snaps?**

If you have an older home or a home that has copper and/or CPVC pipes consider investing in a PEX repipe. If you are considering a home

remodel you may want to think about converting the fireplace or range to gas. If we happen to lose power for an extended period of time again, you can camp out by the fireplace and make the best of it.

## WALLER

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ATMOS Energy Pipeline which is located in southern Waller County.

Fire Marshal Brian Cantrell said he had met representatives from ATMOS during the response to the plane crash at the Houston Regional Airport on Oct. 19. After that event, he had contacted the company's representatives via email and they had agreed to provide the money to purchase the fire investigation supplies.

County Judge Trey Duhon and Cantrell, who also serves as the county's emergency management coordinator, discussed the state of the pandemic in Waller County. At the time, Duhon said the county had seen 5,360 cases of the disease since the pandemic began and the county then had 22 active cases. He

added that the Texas Medical Center has remained at Phase I – the lowest response level in its pandemic plan – for several weeks now.

Cantrell said the county is still coordinating vaccinations for Waller County residents that are 18 years of age and older. Additional information regarding vaccinations is available through the county's website at [www.co.waller.tx.us](http://www.co.waller.tx.us).

Commissioners also:

- Approved multiple variances for land in northern Waller County to allow families to split land for sale to family members or for family members to build homes on.
- Held a public hearing to discuss subdividing property in northern

Waller County. Duhon noted that some restrictions on the property would be the responsibility of relevant HOAs or other organizations to enforce in regard to types of homes installed on the land. Landowners would be required to meet environmental requirements for septic and water well systems.

- Approved expending \$325 for membership dues for professional memberships for various programs.
- Approved \$1,195 in payments to Magnolia Funeral Home for transportation services to the morgue.
- Approved invoices totaling more than \$15,600 to Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, LLP for legal expenses for the county.

## RISE

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castrise.com – these businesses have been affected more significantly by financial hardships over the last 19 months than non-minority businesses.

While 21% of small businesses have been severely impacted or closed due to the pandemic and other factors, 41% of Black-owned businesses have closed, Hispanic-owned businesses saw a 32% decline and Asian-owned businesses saw a 25% decline, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

To qualify for the program, businesses must be minority-owned or women-owned businesses that qualify as small businesses. The RISE program provides financial support, but also adds marketing, media, creative and technology support to awardees.

In the Katy area, awards were given to: C. Prince Media Productions, Inc.; Capital Construction Management, Inc.; Cielo Dulce; Cinco Ranch Sleep Center, Dalilego Trade Texas, Inc.; Dawniel Patterson Win-ningham International; Devioncoop Invest-ments; Eagle Eye Adjusters, Inc.; Fort Bend Roadside Assistance; Fraternal Store; Global Teamwork, LLC.; HD Tonsorium Barber Shop; He Cross Co./Insure-Ez.com; Huckeye Health Services; Installpros TX, LLC; Katy Kid's Shuttle; KMK Development Services, LLC; Leds Innovation, LLC; Little Superstars

## LOOKING TO RISE?

To qualify for Comcast's RISE grants and small business support, eligible businesses must be primarily owned and operated by minorities or women and meet the criteria to be classified as a small business.

To apply for the program, visit [www.comcastrise.com](http://www.comcastrise.com).

Studio; Makhija CPA, LLC; MI Roofing; New Generation Consulting Resource Solutions, LLC; Stacked Pickle Texas, LLC; Stellar Ledgers, LLC; Sugar Land Family Dentistry; Sunline Trucking, LLC; T&P Blessed Hands; Telenutritiondoc.com; The Barber Collec-tion; Tribe Trading Company, Ultimate Recovery & Wellness Suite; Unlimited Tax Resource, LLC and Virago Chic.

These businesses join almost 6,700 busi-nesses nationwide that have been supported by Comcast's program, the press release said.

The Nov. 23 press release also said the program had just added women-owned businesses as eligible applicants to address inequities for those businesses.

"Looking forward, this expansion will enable Comcast RISE to further empower and strengthen even more small businesses that are the heart of our local communities across the country," said Watson.




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Like I say, the Devil is in the details!

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# A winning idea for Americans and their dogs

Our elected representatives in Washington produce bad ideas like cows produce methane. But if Congress really wants to do something to make the lives of Americans better – and remember, I said “if” – I have an idea.

Not only would this idea garner significant bipartisan support, it would score massive political points without sowing further discord among Americans and driving the country one more level down to oblivion. Might be a nice change of pace.

Here it is: Congress should immediately petition the court for an immediate injunction barring all TV commercials involving a doorbell.

I stand with some 78 million American dog owners, and their pooches, in calling for the drafting of emergency legislation. We can call it the American Ding-Dong Act. It works on so many levels.

Laugh if you want, cat owners and non-dog-people, but you need to understand the impact TV doorbells have on the quality of American life. I’m talking to you too, DoorDash.

With every ring of a television doorbell, our Great Dane, Bosco, and his stumpy-legged Corgi sidekick, Henry, unleash a cacophony of barks and yelps that come straight from Satan’s Spotify. I have also found that yelling, “It’s a TV doorbell! It’s a TV doorbell!” at the dogs in an effort to get them to stop has little to no effect.

See, in the mind of a dog with no sense of context or object permanence, the doorbell triggers a little thought bubble, which contains a wee man wearing a mask and carrying a crowbar, standing at our front door. Though he doesn’t exist, the dogs race to the front door making as much noise as possible in order to run him off. To date, their record is unblemished.

For this reason, Halloween is my sworn enemy. Tiny, noisy children in costumes, quickly and frantically moving about and ringing the doorbell. What could possibly be worse? Five straight hours of skull-crushing barking.

I must confess that this past Halloween I went dark. I sat in my house as if I were waiting out an air raid.

To make matters worse, my next-door neighbor had constructed an elaborate system of pulleys and cables on which skeletons and various other spooks flew around his front yard. Very impressive. A crowd gathered in front of his house to watch the show. I know this



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because I skulked out my front door to get rid of some trash and saw the crowd. I suddenly realized I might be spotted and quickly reversed my steps, lest I be caught out and forever branded as “the guy who hates children.”

I’m clearly not the only concerned about the doorbell issue. I recently visited an internet forum – is there another place with more reliable information? – which featured numerous complaints.

“I hate when I am on the phone and both [dogs] start barking and running to the door!”

I feel you. “[My dog] not only barks at tv doorbells, he stops what he is doing and barks at dogs on tv.” Been there.

“Those commercials with doorbells sound so real that one night my husband jumped up & went to the door.”

I have not been able to confirm reports that the lady’s husband later chased the mailman down the street.

Need I continue?

Let me pause here because I know that following the publishing of this piece, I will get an email from some know-it-all who will point out that dogs can be trained not to bark at the doorbell. So, whoever you are, I will save you the trouble and write the email for you.

Dear Moron:

If you knew anything about dogs, you would train your dog not to bark at the doorbell. That’s what I did. Rather than wasting your time writing about it, why don’t you spend some time training those dogs?

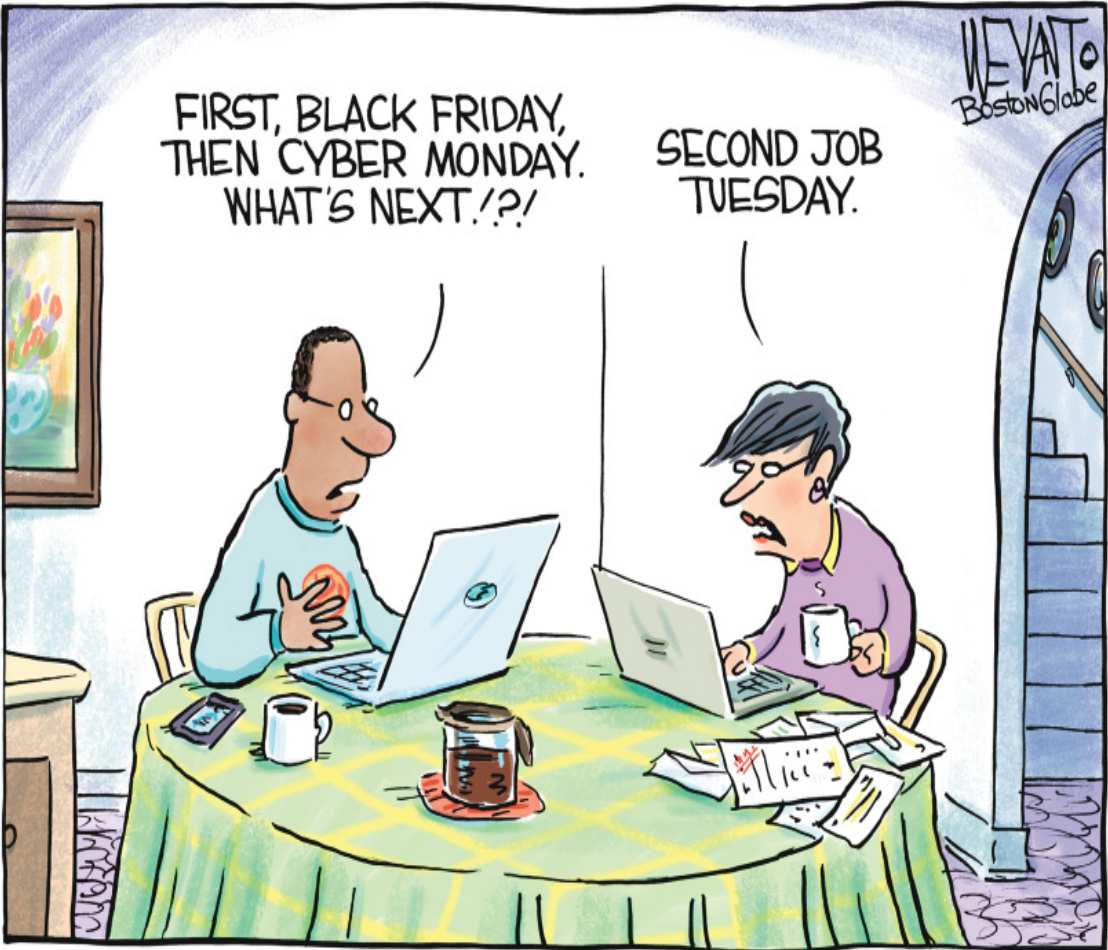
I guess I should respond.

Dear Humorless:

I’m well aware that dogs can be trained. In fact, we sent our Great Dane to a boarding school for two weeks. It didn’t take. He once spent five minutes barking at a cooked turkey so you see what I’m up against. Thanks anyway for the advice.

I often prattle on about Congress failing America by involving itself in trivial matters. But if “all politics is local,” my front door might be a good place to start.

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# When Thanksgiving and Christmas collide ...

These days, we’re all used to walking through retail stores in October and dodging Christmas displays of inflatable Baby Yoda yard art while we’re still trying to find the perfect Halloween pumpkins to decompose on our front porches.

The real holiday season mashup controversy, though, emerges in November, when we try to determine when it’s appropriate to start slipping our disks by dragging out the Christmas décor and festooning the living room with enough sparkly baubles to trigger our glitter jitters. Do we wait until we finish digesting our Thanksgiving giblets or move on into full-blown Yuletide beast mode?

I say go ahead and get jiggy with your tree trimming. Because let’s face it. Thanksgiving, while a worthy exercise in expressing gratitude for our blessings by replacing all of our bodily fluids with gravy, is a little like a pre-game warmup for Christmas. In fact, you’re likely to have some Thanksgiving leftovers mutating in your refrigerator when December 25 rolls around.

So why not combine the celebrations into a giant two-month carb-laden extravaganza? Besides, the two holidays already have a lot in common.

For instance, both involve eating until you doubt your self-worth and your digestive skills.



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Not only that, but we enjoy some of the same foods at Thanksgiving and Christmas—including that cranberry sauce that comes out of the can looking like a sunburned segment of a giant earthworm.

Both holidays also involve experiencing an entire year’s allotment of family irritation within the space of around twelve hours. No wonder grandmother lives over the river and through the woods.

And that particular song reminds me that both holidays have classic Charlie Brown specials — the best! (I still think Snoopy deserves a good old-fashioned neutering.)

Most importantly, these celebrations give us a chance to thank the Lord for the greatest gift ever given to humanity. And I really don’t think He gives a rip that Starbucks starts selling the Peppermint Mocha Frappuccino the first week of November.

I realize this philosophy will draw the ire of Thanksgiving purists who relegate Santa, Rudolph, Frosty, the Grinch, Scrooge, Ralphie in his pink bunny pajamas, Buddy the Elf, and Cousin Eddie in his bath robe to

holiday quarantine until the clock strikes midnight after Turkey Day. (Ironically, these are probably the same folks who keep a forgotten string of elderly Christmas lights clinging to their houses for dear life year round.)

I’ve always loved both holidays and never could resist humming a few Christmas carols while unpacking our ceramic turkey salt and pepper shakers in early November. I’ve even been known to start putting out Christmas decorations, a few at a time, in the run-up to Thanksgiving, and no one seems to be bothered by it. (Then again, I’m pretty sure I could install a life-sized replica of Cousin Eddie’s dilapidated RV in the middle of the living room, and my three teenage daughters wouldn’t notice — unless it interfered with the WiFi.)

Yes, I agree that Thanksgiving is an important occasion and deserving of its own traditions (especially the pie), but I also believe in bipartisanship, and if Santa wants a seat at my Thanksgiving table, he is always welcome to an extra slice of canned cranberry sauce.

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## TRIBUTES

Carol Leslie, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, November 19, 2021 at the age of 90.

Preceding her in death is her husband of 68 years, Clarence Leslie; her parents, Charlie and Florence Warren; and siblings, William and Elenoar Warren, Ivan Perry, Arthur and Mardell Warren, Lester and Eleanor Warren, and Bill Biedenfeld.

Carol is survived by her children, Kit and Leann Leslie, Robin and Ed Myers and Rick and Lisa Leslie; grandchildren, Jacob Leslie, Nathan Leslie and Jennifer and Craig Godwin; great-granddaughter, Ali Godwin; siblings, Lois Perry and Nora Biedenfeld; and many nieces and nephews.

Carol was born in Sioux Township, Iowa on August 23, 1931 to Charlie and Florence Warren. As a young woman, Carol was a girl scout and was in 4H club for 8 years including serving as



**CAROL LESLIE**  
1931-2021

county president for Clay County. Carol spent a lot of time helping on her family farm especially during WWII when her siblings were deployed. She also worked many summers picking corn on local farms. On March 7, 1951, she married Clarence Leslie a member of the U.S. Armed Services. Carol worked in retail until she began her family in 1955 when she had Kit Leslie.

Carol and Clarence had 2 more children, Robin and Rick, over the next 6 years. Carol spent many hours sewing, gardening, canning and caring for her family. One month prior to their 69th wedding anniversary, Clarence passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Carol remained in their Katy, Texas home independent until her final days.

Carol called Spencer and Cherokee, Iowa home, but also spent many years in Hibbing, Minnesota, Camdenton and Springfield, Missouri, and finally Katy, Texas. Carol and her daughter Robin operated a successful wholesale craft business for many years. Carol has always enjoyed painting, crafting, creating and working with her hands. She taught many painting classes and also taught a class on trunk restoration. She has been a lifelong Methodist Church member and was active in many church

functions. Carol treasured time spent with her family including summers with the grandchildren at their Lake of the Ozarks home, and eventually getting to watch her great-grandchild before and after school in Katy. Her 90 years of love and legacy cannot be appropriately summarized in these few paragraphs. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Katy Magnolia Cemetery, in Katy, with Chaplain Daniel Schramm officiating.

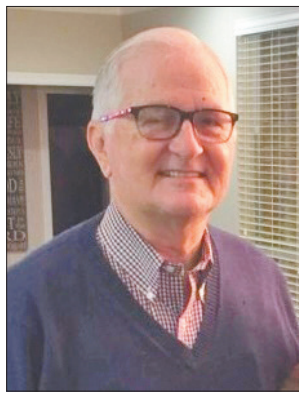
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Charles Kenneth "Ken" Temple Jr. was born on October 4, 1941 in Kentwood, LA to Kenneth Charles Temple, Sr. and Helen Temple. On June 3, 1961, he married the love of his life, Maureen Evans Temple, in Houston, Texas. Ken was a devoted Baptist minister that devoted much of his life to bringing others to Christ. He loved spending time with his friends and family, but above all else, he loved Jesus. Ken and Maureen were lifetime members of Katy's First Baptist Church.

Kenneth Temple peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 21, 2021, surrounded by love and family.

He was married to Maureen for 60 years and survived by sons Darren, David and Kevin and his wife Rebecca Temple and sister Kay Simmons; grandchildren, Evan and his wife Haley, Cody and his wife Brianna, Mason, Ally, Harrison, and Weston; as well as one great-grandchild, Macie Temple. He was preceded in death by his



**CHARLES KENNETH "KEN" TEMPLE, JR.**  
1941-2021

parents and Maureen who passed away on August 18, 2021.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Katy's First Baptist Church, in Katy.

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**BARBARA GAY FOSTER GILBERT**  
1942-2021

Barbara Gay Foster Gilbert was born on October 14, 1942 in Eagle Lake, Texas. She grew up and graduated from high school in Eagle Lake, and on April 25, 1964, she married James Richard Gilbert. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time sewing, quilting, and working in her garden. She loved her cats and was a great "cat mom." Barbara was a true hero until the very end. She cherished her time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Barbara Gay Foster Gilbert passed away on Tues-

day, November 16, 2021.

She is survived by her husband, James Richard Gilbert; children, Kimberly Denise Gilbert, Karla DiAnne Miller, and Jamey Christine Maza; grandchildren, Samuel Lynn Risley, Anna Katherine Risley, Hutchinson Shane Miller, Cody Thomas Miller, Adan Christopher Maza, and Anthony Raymond Maza; and a sister, Patricia Ann Norman.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Marie Gold Foster Walker; father, Lee Otto Foster; and brother, Joe Lee Foster, all of Eagle Lake, Texas.

The family received

friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, in Katy, where funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 with Chaplain Daniel Schramm officiating.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to MD Anderson Cancer Center or Cuddle Buddies Rescue.

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Katy's #4 Nic Anderson makes the reception scoring a TD during the first half of the UIL regional semifinal playoff game between Katy Tigers and King Panthers at Legacy Stadium in Katy.  
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## BACK IN THE GAME

### TIGERS BACK IN REGIONAL FINAL AFTER HARD-FOUGHT WIN OVER C.E. KING

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy knew that it would be tested by C.E. King in the Class 6A, Division II Regional Semifinals. The Tigers had cruised to victories in their first two playoff games against Fort Bend Clements and Stratford, but King brought a different challenge. The Panthers came into the game with only two losses on the season, to North Shore and Atascocita, but the Tigers handed King its third with a 41-24 win at Legacy Stadium Friday, moving Katy into the regional final for the second straight season. "I was very proud of our kids for hanging in there," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "Some bad things happened in the game but they responded like they needed to. We talked about it before the game, about how there was going to be some things that happened that wasn't in our control. We knew we would have to respond, and every time something happened they did respond. I couldn't be prouder of their character and the way they did that." Katy came out with the first punch, as they methodically drove the ball down the field to get into the redzone. But the Tigers pulled off some trickery from there, as Seth Davis took a toss play and ended up throwing for an 8-yard touchdown to JR Ceyanes to open the scoring. Katy added another touchdown through the air late in the first quarter as Caleb Koger found Nic Anderson on a dig route on a third and long and the senior wide receiver took it 47 yards for a score.

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## Cinco Ranch playoff run ends against Summer Creek

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch was fueled by what they felt were doubters this year. The Cougars, who had one game over the previous two seasons, kept pushing all season and found a way to a winning record, a playoff berth, and a regional semifinal appearance. "We've been doubted since the beginning," said junior quarterback Gavin Rutherford. "There's no one that gave us anything besides ourselves. We knew how good we could be and what we could become and that motivated us all season. We had to work for everything we got and I'm so glad we got to this point." Cinco Ranch carried that motivation into its Class 6A-Division II, Regional semifinal game against Summer Creek, but the Cougars' tremendous season finally came to an end as they fell 62-41 to Summer Creek on Saturday at TDECU Stadium. The Cougars fought, but ultimately



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Cinco Ranch's Braden Williams #39 gets the sack on Memorial quarterback Chase Goodwin #15 during the second half of their UIL area playoff game against Memorial at Tully Stadium in Houston.

came up short against a stacked defensive line and strong run game for the Bulldogs. "At the start of the season, there weren't a whole lot of people outside of our walls that expected a whole lot out of these guys," said Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley. "Most people didn't have us pegged for a winning record or the playoffs, but that was a chip these kids carried, and that they really carried since the start of last offseason. The strides that they made in this one year to turn this thing around and rekindle the fire of this program, it was just

really special." Cinco got the ball rolling early, as Seth Salverino took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, but Summer Creek answered back in a hurry. Torrie Curry ran in a 13-yard touchdown and then a 40-yarder to give the Bulldogs the lead going into the second quarter. Summer Creek took over in the second quarter, Jahrik Jones threw a 28-yard touchdown to Andrew Alexander and Lloyd Avant ran in a 39-yard

See **CINCO RANCH**, page 10

## Second-half struggles continue to doom Texans

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight week the Houston Texans built an early lead but struggled offensively in the second half. In their last game against the Dolphins, the Texans were able to do enough to come out with a victory, but that wouldn't be the case against the New York Jets. The Texans (2-9) took a 14-11 lead into halftime but only mustered 59 yards of offense in the second half on the way to a loss to the 3-8 Jets. "It's frustrating when you lose any of them," said Texans head coach David Culley. "We just didn't play well in the second half. We had that same thing happen last week, but we were able to hold on. We just have to keep working on it, look at the video and keep evaluating everything we do. We have to correct it." The Texans made an early mistake but quickly recovered. Houston drove the field to start the game but Tyrod Taylor had a screen pass deflected and intercepted, that the Jets brought back to the Texans 40-yard-line. The Jets offense took advantage of the turnover by getting the ball inside the 10-yard-line, but Houston's defense responded by holding New York to a field goal. It took until the second quarter, but Houston got on the board with a 13-yard pass from Taylor to Brevin Jordan and made things a double-digit lead when Brandin Cooks hauled in a 40-yard touchdown from Taylor minutes later. But the Jets trimmed things to a three-point deficit going into the half with a 2-yard Austin Walter run and two-point conversion by Josh Johnson. "We did a pretty good job in the first half, we put drives together and really marched the ball down the field," said Texans running back

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## SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK OF DEC. 3

### FOOTBALL

**Regional semifinal scores**  
• Katy 41, C.E. King 24  
• Paetow 65, Cedar Park 14  
• Summer Creek 62, Cinco Ranch 41

**Friday Class 5A-Division I**  
• Paetow vs. Fort Bend Hightower, 7 p.m. at Rice Stadium

**Saturday Class 6A-Division II**  
• Katy vs. Summer Creek, 1 p.m. at Rice Stadium

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KATY ISD REGIONAL FINAL PREVIEW

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday

Class 5A-Division I

Paetow (12-1) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (11-2), 7 p.m., Rice Stadium

• The Class 5A-Division I Region III final will be a District 10-5A, Division I rematch for Paetow, as they take on Hightower for the second time this season.

The Panthers are coming off a huge victory over Cedar Park in the regional semifinal round. Jacob Brown led the way for Paetow for the second straight game. The senior running back had 241 yards and four touchdowns on 14 carries, averaging over 17 yards a touch and Paetow rushed for a total of 312 yards. CJ Dumas and Kole Wilson proved once again why they are so dangerous; Dumas was 12-15 passing for 152 yards and two touchdowns while Wilson hauled in both of those touchdown passes and finished the game with four receptions for 76 yards. Paetow's defense held Cedar Park to just 31

yards rushing, but did allow 286 yards through the air.

Paetow blew out Hightower last time the two teams met, but the Hurricanes have been on a run ever since. Hightower comes off its biggest win of the season over Manvel and the team did damage in both the run and pass game. Jeremy Payne rushed for 252 yards and a touchdown while Kendron Penson Jr. had one of his best games of his career through the air, throwing for three touchdowns to zero interceptions and throwing for 203 yards.

Paetow will have to be strong against the Hightower pass game and continue their dominance on the ground with an efficient pass game to get to the state semifinal.

Saturday

Class 6A-Division II

Katy (13-0) vs. Summer Creek (10-3), 1 p.m., Rice Stadium

• Katy handled a strong C.E. King team last week and now gets a game against what seems to be a beatable Summer Creek team.

Both Katy and Summer Creek were dominant in their regional semifinal

wins, and both did most of their work on the ground. Katy continued to dominate but did show weakness in the secondary during the second half against King. In the second half, Katy allowed 190 yards through the air in the second half and a touchdown through the air and the pass game also opened up King's run game, as they ran for two touchdowns in the second half. Katy had success in the pass game, but also got away with a couple of dropped interceptions, including one that could have been returned for a touchdown if caught.

But Summer Creek should be an opponent that Katy can handle as they did in their first few rounds of the playoffs. Summer Creek has suffered three losses so far this year, all in district play. North Shore and Atascocita were both very tough opponents and losses, but Summer Creek also lost to Katy's last opponent, C.E. King, 35-10 earlier this year. Summer Creek allowed 343 yards on the ground to King in that game, which bodes very well for Katy. The Tigers have also been deadlier than ever in the pass game so far in these playoffs with their full plethora of receivers back healthy.

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TIGERS

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"They had some big kids up front, so we knew we would have to be able to throw the football so they couldn't just tee off on us," Joseph said. "We knew that coming in, and it was important for us to be able to move the football. Whether that was throwing or running we knew we needed to be able to move it and also limit their possessions and we did a good job of that in the first half."

Katy dominated the first half and added another score on a 30-yard field goal by Axel Robertson with just over two minutes remaining in the second quarter.

C.E. King tried to operate out of the wildcat for the majority of the first half, but switched their strategy up late and drove the ball to the Katy redzone where Christopher Bonilla got the Panthers their first points on a 31-yard field goal late in the half.

"The key to stopping their run game was just everyone doing their jobs and to make our fits," said senior linebacker Carson Marshall. "Everyone has a job and as long as we did what we were supposed to, we knew we would be good. They were a really good team with a good offense and being able to hold them to 24 points was good, but we know we can do better. We're going to come out next week and continue to improve."

King battled back in the second half.

On the Panthers' first play from scrimmage in the third quarter, Nehemiah Broussard threw a flare route to D.K. Hammond who made a defender miss and took the pass 75 yards for a touchdown, making it a ten-point game.

Seth Davis ran in a 62-yard touchdown as Katy responded, but Hammond trimmed the lead again on a 25-yard run.

It continued to be back and forth. Katy got a touchdown in the fourth quarter off a 29-yard pass from Koger to Luke Carter and Hammond again trimmed the lead to 10 late with a 3-yard run, but Anderson sealed it when he took a reverse 40 yards for a touchdown with just three minutes remaining.

"I still feel like we haven't had our best game yet," Anderson said. "But I feel like things are getting there and starting to fall into place, when we do get there it's going to be a good game so I can't wait for that moment."

Katy 41, C.E. King 24

C.E. King	0	3	14	7	--	24
Katy	14	3	10	14	--	41

First quarter

Katy: Seth Davis 8 pass to JR Ceyanes (Axel Robertson kick) 7:42

Katy: Caleb Koger 47 pass to Nic Anderson (Robertson kick) 2:59

Second quarter

Katy: Robertson 30 field goal, 2:33

King: Christopher Bonilla 31 field goal, 0:16

Third quarter

King: Nehemiah Broussard 75 pass to D.K. Hammond (Bonilla kick) 11:45

Katy: Davis 62 run (Robertson kick) 10:50

King: Hammond 25 run (Bonilla kick) 9:15

Katy: Robertson 38 field goal, 3:33

Fourth quarter

Katy: Koger 29 pass to Luke Carter (Robertson kick) 8:37

King: Hammond 3 run (Bonilla kick) 3:49

Katy: Nic Anderson 40 run (Robertson kick) 0:50

Team stats

	C.E. King	Katy
First downs	17	21
Yards rushing	25-125	40-253
Yards passing	232	179
Passes	18-25-1-0	14-23-3-0
Punts	3-34	1-34
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	3-35	1-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing - Katy: Seth Davis, 28-163-1; Nic Anderson, 1-40-1; Dallas Glass, 6-38; Isaiah Smith, 4-11; Caleb Koger, 1-1; King: D.K. Hammond, 14-77-2; Jerrell Wimbley, 9-43; Nehemiah Broussard, 2-5

Passing - Katy: Caleb Koger, 13-22-171-2-0; Seth Davis, 1-1-8-1-0; King: Nehemiah Broussard, 18-25-232-1-0

Receiving - Katy: Nic Anderson, 8-98-1; Luke Carter, 2-46-1; JR Ceyanes, 3-35-1; King: D.K. Hammond, 2-86-1; Elias Dejean, 6-84; Malachi Boles, 7-48; Britt McKinney, 2-11; Jerrell Wimbley, 1-3

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Paetow Panthers senior running back Jacob Brown (25) carries the ball during a high school football playoff game between Cedar Park and Paetow on November 26, 2021 in Waller, Texas.  
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# Paetow dominates Cedar Park to reach regional final

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow may have never been to a regional semifinal, but that didn't matter to the Panthers.

Paetow rolled to a 65-14 win over Cedar Park to clinch its spot in its first ever regional final.

Jacob Brown got the team rolling early with a 72-yard touchdown and CJ Dumas made it a two-score lead with a 22-yard touchdown strike to Kole

Wilson.

Cedar Park got a touchdown late in the first quarter, but Brown answered right back with a 25-yard touchdown of his own early in the second quarter. Dumas threw another touchdown late in the second quarter from 35-yards out to Wilson and Paetow took a 30-7 lead into halftime after a field goal.

Brown ran for two more touchdowns in the third quarter to cap off his terrific day. Daymion

Sanford took an interception back for a touchdown, and Gene Kendall ran in a touchdown in the third quarter. Paetow finished the day off with a 75-yard punt return in the fourth quarter.

The 65 points given up was the third most ever by Cedar Park and the most in a playoff game.

Paetow will take on Manvel in the Class 5A-Division I, Region III Final at 7 p.m. on Friday at Rice Stadium.

## TEXANS

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Rex Burkhead. In the second half we just struggled to do that. We weren't converting on third down. We did a good job on first and second, getting us into those opportunities, but we just didn't do well."

The Jets came out strong in the second half and took their opening drive 75 yards on 11 plays, capped off by a 4-yard touchdown run by Zach Wilson and after forcing the Texans to punt went right down the field again, but Matt Ammendola missed a field goal with a chance to put the Jets up 7.

The Texans responded with yet another three and out, but the Texans' defense held the Jets to a 37-yard field goal giving Houston one last chance to respond. But the Texans failed to gain a first down, practically ending things. Houston got the ball back with 20 seconds left but couldn't do anything with it.

"On that second to last drive, we thought we had an opportunity, but the defense gave us a tough look," Taylor said.

"We wanted to get the first first down and then go into two-minute mode or hurry up mode. We just didn't execute and the way we needed to, and it didn't work out for us. We just didn't execute, if you look at the first half, when the game was in our favor, we were executing and doing what we needed to with our plays. We just didn't do that in the second half."

The Texans finished the game with 254 yards of total offense and once again failed to top 100 yards rushing. Even as Culley bills the Texans as a running team.

"It's inconsistency, we had some penalties and some sacks. There were some missed assignments," Culley said. "It's gotten minimal, but the good thing is we haven't been turning it over. We just have to get more consistent with doing the things consistently we need to do in order to stay on the field. We're not doing that."

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touchdown run.

Gavin Rutherford finally got an offensive touchdown for Cinco right as time expired in the half, on a ten-yard pass to Noah Abboud, but Summer Creek held a 27-14 lead heading into halftime.

“I just love this team,” said junior running back Sam McKnight. “I love that we came together and that we had chemistry and we just all loved each other. That’s what got us this far in the season. It was the love that was there and how we trusted every brother next to us.”

Summer Creek increased its lead early in the third. Lloyd Avant took a handoff 55-yards for a score and on Summer Creek’s next drive, Curry ran in a 2-yard touchdown. Ruth-

erford stopped the bleeding though as he took a run up the middle 33 yards for a score. But Summer Creek responded with a 35-yard touchdown from Curry.

Rutherford threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Salverino early in the fourth and then ran in another touchdown after Cinco Ranch recovered an onside kick, but it was too little too late. Summer Creek sealed it on a 72-yard touchdown run from Cory Nichols and a 3-yard touchdown run from Curry.

Rutherford ended the game with 237 yards passing, 19 yards rushing and four total touchdowns.

“He really took the next step this year,” Dudley said. “You could see that by the way he led

the offense, you could see it by the throws he makes. He can make any type of throw with really good accuracy and his game grew with running the ball as well. We’re really pleased with how he developed as a leader as well.”

The Cougars graduate a senior class that helped rebuild the program but will bring back a talented group of players next season.

“This year was amazing, and we’re going to do it again,” McKnight said. “We’re going to put in the work in the offseason, come back next year and go even further.”

Katy will take on Summer Creek in the Class 6A-Division II, Region III Final 1 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium.

Summer Creek 62, Cinco Ranch 41

Cinco Ranch	7	7	7	20	--	41
Summer Creek	14	13	21	14	--	62

First quarter

Cinco: Seth Salverino 95 kick return (Santiago Taborda kick) 11:46

Summer: Torrie Curry 13 run (Alfonso Gonzalez kick) 8:07

Summer: Curry 40 run (Gonzalez kick) 6:27

Second quarter

Summer: Jahrik Jones 28 pass to Andrew Alexander, 9:22

Summer: Lloyd Avant 39 run (Gonzalez kick) 1:03

Cinco: Gavin Rutherford 10 pass to Noah Abboud (Taborda kick) 0:00

Third quarter

Summer: Lloyd Avant 55 run (Gonzalez kick) 10:41

Summer: Curry 2 run (Gonzalez kick) 8:46

Cinco: Rutherford 33 run (Taborda kick) 4:50

Summer: Curry 35 run (Gonzalez kick) 3:13

Fourth quarter

Cinco: Rutherford 3 pass to Salverino (Taborda kick) 10:39

Cinco: Rutherford 1 run (Taborda kick) 8:39

Summer: Cory Nichols 72 run (Gonzalez kick) 7:09

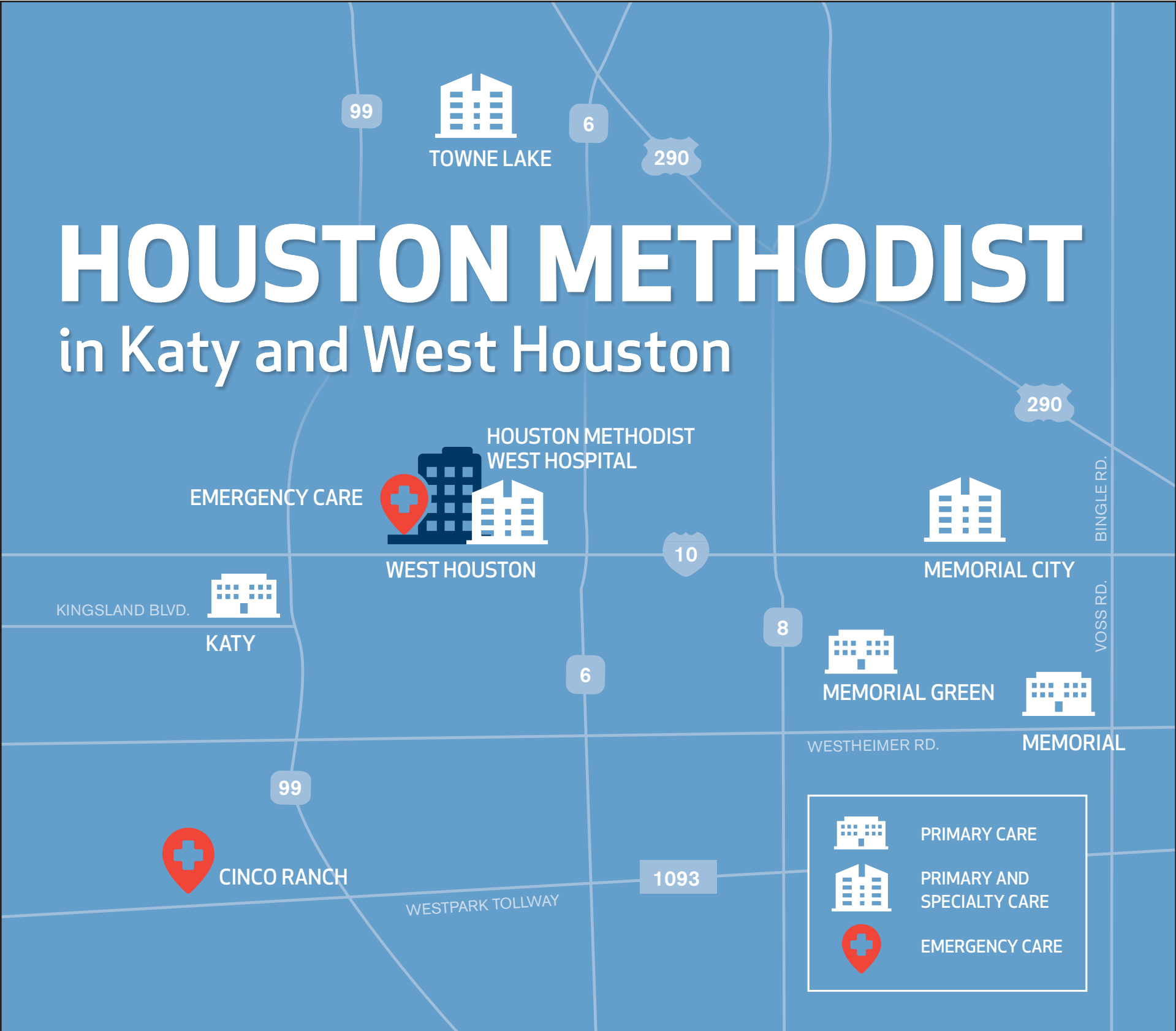
Summer: Curry 3 run (Gonzalez kick) 0:58

Cinco: Jack McCall 26 pass to Salverino

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	Team stats	
	C. Ranch	S. Creek
First downs	17	20
Yards rushing	26-68	41-433
Yards passing	284	103
Passes	31-45-3-1	8-10-1-0
Punts	4-34	1-26
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalty-yards	1-5	9-60

<b>Individual Statistics</b>	
Rushing – Summer Creek: Lloyd Avant, 12-173-2; Torrie Curry, 17-108-5; Cory Nichols, 7-89-1; Jahrik Jones, 4-33; Paul Singleton, 1-30; Cinco Ranch: Eric Eckstrom, 9-41; Gavin Rutherford, 14-19-2; Jack McCall, 1-8; Sam McKnight, 1-5; Seth Salverino, 1-(-5)	
Passing – Summer Creek: Jahrik Jones, 7-8-97-1-0; Cory Nichols, 1-2-6-0-0; Cinco Ranch: Gavin Rutherford, 28-40-237-2-1; Jack McCall, 3-4-47-1-0; Fischer Reed, 0-1-0-0-0	
Receiving – Summer Creek: Andrew Alexander, 1-28-1; Jaidyn Lacy, 1-30; Torrie Curry, 2-17; Roriyon Richardson, 3-16; Cory Nichols, 1-12;; Cinco Ranch: Fischer Reed, 10-127; Seth Salverino, 6-55-2; Eric Eckstrom, 6-47; Noah Abboud, 5-35; Aadi Patel, 1-12; Sam McKnight, 2-8; Grayson Williams, 1-0;	



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