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CITY HALL ROUNDUP

## Council approves emergency sewer pipe repair

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council approved \$47,235 in emergency repairs to a sewer pipe along 1st Street running from Avenue D to Avenue C.

The council gave its approval at its May 22 meeting at City Hall.

City Finance Director Andrew Vasquez, in a memo to the council, wrote that the money for the work would come from the city's enterprise fund reserves.

In another action, the council approved a deal with Rain for Rent, which will provide a temporary tank for Water Plant 6. The four-month rental will cost \$27,036, which includes the tank for \$23,872 for the tank and \$3,159 for a rental protection plan.

Vasquez wrote that the money for this work would also come from the city's enterprise fund reserves.

### Corte sworn in for third term as Ward A council member

Ward A Council Member Janet Corte was sworn in for a third term of office at the meeting. Corte was first elected in 2018 to a two-year term, then re-elected in 2020 to a

three-year term after Katy voters approved extending terms of office to three years.

Corte missed the May 17 meeting in which Council Member-at-Large Chris Harris and Ward B Council Member Rory Robertson were sworn in. Neither drew an opponent and were declared re-elected, under city law, in February. Corte, a retired IT manager, defeated Cara Bonin, a contractor, to win re-election.

Corte thanked her family for supporting her council activities, and said many times they have taken second place to city events. "I greatly appreciate your love and support these past five years," Corte said.

Corte said she looked forward to continuing her work with Mayor Dusty Thiele and her council colleagues. They work well together, she said, and have a great momentum going. She her priorities would remain excellent public safety, improving flood control, replacing aging infrastructure and improving parks and recreation.

This is the final term for Corte, Harris and Robertson under term limits. Their three-year terms expire in 2026.



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Ward A Council Member Janet Corte takes the oath of office from Katy Municipal Judge Jeffrey Brashear at the May 22 council meeting.

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## Bond set for Katy man accused in 3-month-old child's death

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

A \$200,000 bond has been set for a Katy man charged in the death of his three-month-old daughter in April.



STEVEN LUKE MAGLITTO

Steven Luke Maglitto, age 38, is charged with injury to a child — serious bodily injury.

Charging documents said when deputies arrived at 3:47 p.m. April 27 at Maglitto's house in the 1700 block of Penmark Lane, Maglitto was standing in the driveway, holding

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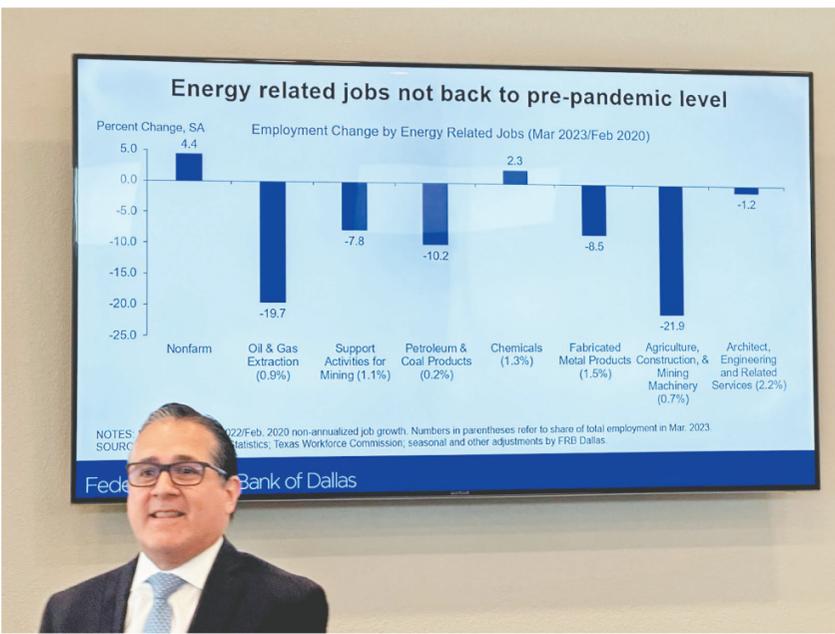
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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Luis B. Torres, a senior business economist in the research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, gave a presentation at a May 18 economic forecast session sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

## Local economy remains strong, but slowing, economist says

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas and Houston-area economies are slowing in part because of elevated inflation and rising interest rates, along with a slowing global economy and uncertainty over the Russia-Ukraine war, an economist said.

Luis B. Torres is a senior business economist in the research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He presented his findings at a May 18 economic forecast session sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The meeting took place at the chamber headquarters, 814 East Ave., Suite G.

Despite the slowing economy, Torres said, the early 2023 Texas job growth rate remains strong. The current job growth rate is 3.9% in

Texas, compared to 2.2% nationally. These moderate rates are highlighted both by a downturn in high-wage service sectors and continued weakness in the manufacturing sector, he said.

In terms of Texas markets, the Dallas-Fort Worth metro job growth is the strongest in the state, at 30.4%. The Houston area is second, at 24.1%. Austin (9.4%) and San Antonio (8.3%) follow.

Yet despite this growth in jobs, Torres said, energy related jobs are not yet back to their pre-pandemic level. Only two energy-related categories—non-farm and chemicals—have seen job growth. Other categories, most notably oil and gas extraction and agriculture,

See **ECONOMY**, page A3

## Katy ISD names principal for newest high school

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

When doors open for Katy ISD's tenth high school in fall 2024, Gina Cobb will welcome students as their first-ever principal. Cobb, who closed out the 2022-23 school year as principal of Mayde Creek High School, will assume the principalship for the new campus this summer.

"I am confident that Ms. Cobb will lead the school toward a promising future and will create a culture that aligns with Katy ISD's mission and vision for student success," Superintendent Ken Gregorski said.



GINA COBB

Cobb has been a part of the Katy ISD family since 1999 when she began her career in public education. From 1999-2006, she taught and coached at Katy and Morton Ranch junior highs and Morton Ranch High School. In 2006, she began her administrative career in the district. She has held several administrative titles from 2006-12 at Morton Ranch High School, including grade-level assistant principal, administrative

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## TxDOT, law enforcement urge all to "Click It or Ticket"



PEXELS

The Texas Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies are urging motorists to wear their seat belts.

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

It has been nearly seven years since Eden Ganzerla lost control of her car while driving to work and crashed into a retaining wall, breaking nearly every bone in her body. Since then, she has endured thousands of hours of physical, occupational and speech therapy, the result of one fateful decision to not

wear her seat belt.

Ganzerla now struggles with a traumatic brain injury, speaks with the aid of a computer, and is slowly learning how to walk and talk again.

"Before the crash, Eden was very outgoing and talkative, living life to the fullest with her animals and friends," John Ganzerla, Eden's father, said. "Now, she lives with us in Dripping

Springs and is dependent on her mother and me for even the simplest everyday tasks."

Unfortunately, choosing to not wear a seat belt is an all-too-common mistake in Texas. In 2022 there were 1,258 people killed who were not wearing their seat belt, a 2.5% increase from the year before.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Katy's No Label Brewing Co. wins 11 awards at Craft Beer Marketing Awards

Katy's No Label Brewing Co. earned top honors last week at an industry event in Nashville, for the work its creative team has done in marketing its wide array of beers.

No Label, 5351 1st St., won 11 trophies at the 2023 Craft Beer Marketing Awards—known as “The Crushies”—at the annual Craft Brewers Conference. One of the beer world's most popular events since its launch in 2020, the Crushies celebrate the very best marketing in the brewing industry across the world. More than 650 judges in the craft beer industry vote on winners from competing breweries, agencies, artists and marketing partners. Craft brewers from Texas brought home the second-largest haul of awards from any state for the Crushies.

The list of accolades for No Label was formidable due to the team's attention to detail, creativity and love for craft beer. No Label took home global top honors for can design, mascot creation, growler labels and brand identity.

“This brewery is nothing without its core group of talented individuals, from management, brewers, sales and the taproom team,” No Label co-owner and creative director Tom Paynter said. “The No Label creative collective brought home the goods.”

No Label earned two Crushies in 2021, seven more in 2022 and now 11 in 2023. Eight of this year's awards were global. Paynter said that of all the Crushies, winning the global nod for Best Mural is the one that easily means the most for himself and the team.

“The ability to say one of the best craft beer murals can be found right here at our taproom in Katy is just wild,” Paynter said. “The artist, Chris Hernandez, is a No Label regular and Katy resident. It's a pretty spectacular sight and a phenomenal win for him, the taproom and Katy.”

### Groundbreaking held for Fort Bend Pct. 3 Annex

Fort Bend County Pct. 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers hosted a groundbreaking May 11 for a new Fort Bend County Pct. 3 Annex at 151 Stadium Dr. in Sugar Land.

More than 50 employees from the following county offices will serve the public at the new 25,000 square foot facility:

- Pct. 3 commissioner's office.
- Pct. 3 justice of the peace.
- Pct. 3 constable's office.
- County clerk's office.
- Tax-assessor collector's office.

The new facility will allow the county to serve its residents better. The current Pct.



FORT BEND JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

The Fort Bend Junior Service League announced its 2023 Sugar Plum Market co-chairs. Pictured are, front row left to right, Monica Hasty and Cherie Lyne Bouterie, and back row left to right, Candace Amini, Michelle Monterroso, Holly Barker and Andi Wallis.

3 building (12919 Dairy Ashford Rd., Sugar Land) was built in the 1980s and purchased by the county in 1993. It needs to be larger for the volume of business conducted, especially for the Justice of the Peace function. In addition, there is no room available for the county clerk to provide services from the current building, and it needs more parking. The new facility will have space for the county clerk and adequate parking.

### Pattison Pitmaster Cook Off set for July 14-15

The Pattison Pitmaster Cook Off, the proceeds from which benefit Royal ISD senior scholarships, has been set for July 14-15 at the Pattison Volunteer Fire Department, 2950 FM 359, in Pattison.

In addition to the food, the event features a cornhole team on July 14, vendors, and a kids FFA competition, among other activities. For more information, visit the website [loncreekevents.com/onlinestore](http://loncreekevents.com/onlinestore).

### Fort Bend Junior Service League announces 2023 Sugar Plum Market co-chairs, times and dates

The Fort Bend Junior Service League announced the 2023 Sugar Plum Market co-chairs Candace Amini, Holly Barker, Cherie Lyne Bouterie, Monica Hasty, Michelle Monterroso and Andi Wallis. This volunteer

team of FBJSJL members have already been hard at work planning this beloved Fort Bend County tradition.

“We are excited to announce this year's Sugar Plum Market theme is ‘Tis the Season,” Monica Hasty, co-chair lead, said. “The co-chairs all agreed that we wanted a theme that would capture the spirit of the market that kicks off the holiday season for so many in Fort Bend County.”

The 2023 Sugar Plum Market will be Nov. 2-4 at the Stafford Centre, with Preview Night being held Nov. 1.

The Sugar Plum Market is the premier fundraising event for Fort Bend Junior Service League. Since its inception in 2001, the market has raised over \$4.4 million which has benefited numerous nonprofit organizations in Fort Bend County.

Sponsorship and underwriting packages are available to both businesses and individ-



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Andrew Nurchaya was one of three speakers presenting at the May 16 Katy Area Economic Development Council meeting held at the Houston Community College Katy campus, 22910 Colonial Pkwy. Nurchaya is redeveloping the historic J.V. Cardiff and Sons Rice Dryer, 5321 1st St. Also speaking were Jerry Ashworth, senior vice president and chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Cypress & Memorial Hermann Katy Hospitals, and Stuart A. Cayer, senior director of ambulator clinics at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

uals. Donations are also being sought for the premium raffle. For more information, visit the website [sugarplummarket.com](http://sugarplummarket.com).

### Lone Star Symphonic Band invites singers to join Community Chorus for July 2 patriotic concert

The Lone Star Symphonic Band is inviting all interested participants to join in the Community Chorus celebrating America for their concert, “We Hold These Truths...”, to be held on July 2. The performance will be held at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 22111 Morton Road, and will begin at 4 p.m.

For more information about rehearsals and the concert, email Beverly Buis at [BeverlyBuis@LSSBand.org](mailto:BeverlyBuis@LSSBand.org).

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



A May 11 groundbreaking was held for the Fort Bend Pct. 3 Annex, shown in this rendering.

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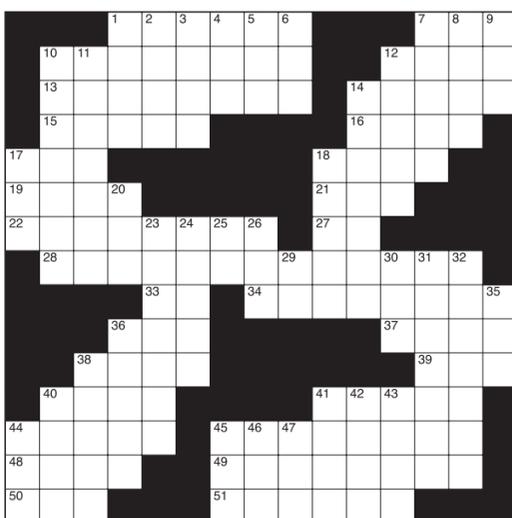
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- Jeweled headdress
- Digits
- Trillion hertz
- Snap up
- Classical portico
- Residue after burning
- Large integers
- Free agent
- Where ballplayers work
- Blood type
- Scottish city
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Serbian monetary unit
- Make a sudden surprise attack on
- Wood or metal bolt
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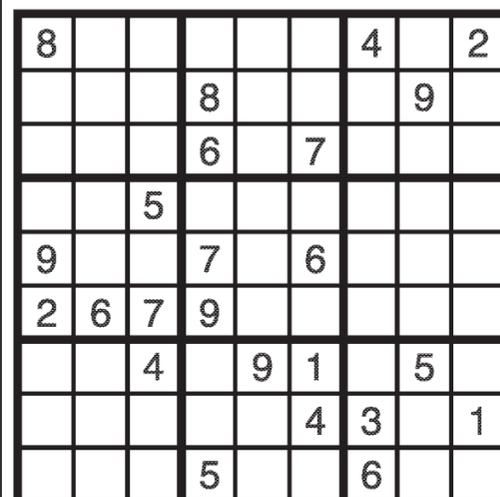
- Nonflowering aquatic plant
- Britpop rockers
- National capital
- Consumed
- The habitat of wild animals
- Sun up in New York
- Cygnus star
- Male parents
- Talk to you (abbr.)
- A place to clean oneself
- Southwestern US state
- South Korean idol singer
- Pirate
- Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- Mistake
- Promotions
- Prepares
- Partner to flowed
- State lawyer
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Pound
- Electronic data processing
- Sports player
- Treats with contempt



- Apprehend
- Excessively talkative
- Highways
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- College organization for males
- Any customary observance or practice
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Male parent
- The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
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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.

# Agencies team up to caution drivers about drunk driving during holiday weekend

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, Harris County Constables, the Texas Department of Public Safety, American Automobile Association (AAA) and Mothers Against Drunk Driving are joining forces ahead of the Memorial Day holiday weekend to crack down on drunk drivers across the county.

Harris County has had one of the country's highest DWI fatality crash rates for several years. The multi-agency impaired driver task force will focus on preventing alcohol and drug-related traffic incidents and saving lives. Dozens of deputies and state troopers will be out in full force to identify and arrest motorists that make the choice to get behind the wheel while under the influence.

"We're committed to reducing drunk-driving tragedies and educating Harris County residents

**"We're committed to reducing drunk-driving tragedies and educating Harris County residents about the dangers of drinking and driving."**

—ED GONZALEZ,  
Harris County Sheriff

about the dangers of drinking and driving," Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said. "Every single injury and death caused by drunk driving is preventable."

Memorial Day weekend is a time when families and friends come together to honor and remember our fallen heroes. It also marks the unofficial start of summer, with increased travel and celebrations.

Unfortunately, it is also a time when alcohol-related accidents and DWI incidents tend to rise.

"We urge everyone to make responsible choices, plan ahead, and never drive under the influence. Together, we can make this Memorial Day weekend a safe and memorable occasion for all," Gonzalez said.

People are asked to designate a sober driver, call a taxi or rideshare service, use public transit, or arrange for someone to pick you up.

Drivers suspected of being impaired will be subject to field sobriety tests and no-refusal blood draws. Medical technicians will be on site to collect the blood samples. Prosecutors from the Harris County District Attorney's office will be on site for charges, and district judges will be on standby to review and sign off on blood warrants for suspected drunk drivers.

The initiative enables law enforcement to fast-track the process of investigating a drunk driver.

## ECONOMY

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construction and mining machinery, have suffered the most losses, he said.

The outlook there isn't likely to change, according to a March survey of 137 oil and gas firms. According to this survey, Torres said, over half of those surveyed said they expected the employment in oil and gas firms to remain the same. About 40% of those surveyed said they expected to see a slight increase in employment in oil and gas firms, Torres said.

The energy sector, while important, isn't the only sector economists are following. In the Houston metropolitan area, he said, five sectors have had double-digit percentage growth. They are trade, transportation and utilities (20.5%), professional and business services (16.8%), education and health services (13.2%), government (13.2%) and leisure and hospitality (10.4%).

As of February, Torres said,

private sector average hourly earnings in Austin (\$33.86) and San Antonio (\$27.78) have leveled off while Fort Worth (\$33.78), Dallas (\$33.51), Houston (\$33.03) have all gone up.

The U.S. (\$33.22) and the Texas (\$31.15) average hourly earnings have also been rising. The U.S. figure was as of March, while the Texas figure was as of February, Torres said.

Looking forward, Torres said, according to the Texas Economic Forecast, jobs in Texas will increase by 2.4% this year. The trend reflects a steady decline, from 4.8% in January and 6.1% in January 2022, he said.

The growth forecast comes as a Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas survey indicates that industry executives expect the industry to continue slowing down and the price of a barrel of oil falls from \$108, in the second quarter of 2022, to an expected \$80 this year. As of press time, the price of a barrel of oil was at \$73.

## PRINCIPAL

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assistant principal, student support assistant principal and associate principal.

She served as the principal of West Memorial Junior High for eight years before being appointed as the Mayde Creek High School principal in 2021. Cobb has held that position for the past two years.

"I am so excited to start this next chapter and to partner with the students, parents and staff of Katy ISD's newest high school," Cobb said. "Together we will establish a community of excellence for years to come. We will build something special."

Cobb earned her bachelor's degree in applied learning and development at the University of Texas at Austin and her master's degree in educational leadership from Prairie View A&M University.

## BOND

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his daughter, who was struggling to breathe.

A deputy began performing CPR on the child and noticed she had a large bruise on her forehead. The deputy also noticed bruising on the child's ears, arms and legs, and she was wet and cold to the touch.

Charging documents said Maglitto laid on the ground, in a prone position, and began apologizing and said he does not remember what happened. The deputy said Maglitto spoke about God and that "God will take care of it."

The child was taken by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital in the Texas Medical Center in critical condition because of the severe head trauma, the charging documents said. The child died at 4:57 p.m., shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Charging documents said an autopsy was performed on the child. Findings included head and suspicious for torso contusions and a displaced left-sided skull fracture. Such injuries are nonaccidental blunt force trauma, the documents said.

Charging documents said deputies interviewed Maglitto's sister, who said earlier that day she received a text message from Maglitto saying that the child was unwell. At about 12:30 p.m. she arrived at the residence, and found the child in apparently good health. She did not notice any visible markings or bruises, the documents said.

The sister called the child's mother and told her she was concerned about the children, both the three-month-old-daughter and another, four-year-old child, the documents said.

The case is in the 232nd State District Court.

## COUNCIL

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### Harris approved as mayor pro tem

Thiele renominated, and the council approved, Harris for mayor pro tem.

Harris has served as mayor pro tem since 2019, when he was nominated by then-Mayor Bill Hastings and approved by the council at that time. The term of appointment is for one year.

"There's probably never been a better mayor pro tem than Council Member Chris Harris," Thiele said. "He's always there for me. He's always a sounding board for me. He always has advice. Sometimes I take it, sometimes I don't, but it's always there."

Thiele's comment drew some laughs and smiles from those in attendance, along with Harris.

"It's true," Harris said, smiling.

Thiele said Harris is always out in the community and does a great job of representing the city.

## TICKET

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"It's critical for everyone to take just a few seconds to buckle up, every ride, every time," Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important precautions motorists and their passengers can take to protect themselves in a crash. Whatever reason you may have for not buckling up, I promise it's not worth your life."

While more than 90% of

### Katy Rice Harvest Festival reclaims its old name

When the City of Katy took over the annual Katy Rice Harvest Festival from the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce in 2018, officials changed the name, albeit slightly, by dropping the word "Harvest." Officials at the time said the revised name reflected a new era while keeping ties to a local, 40-year-old tradition.

At Monday's meeting, the old name—Katy Rice Harvest Festival—was reclaimed and will once again be the name of the festival.

Ashley Lipsman, the city's tourism and marketing event coordinator, said reclaiming the full name has brought a positive response.

"We may not harvest rice in Katy area like we used to, but we celebrate the history by bringing back our name, the Katy Rice Harvest Festival," Lipsman said.

The festival, held each October, is among Katy's biggest attractions, drawing tens of thousands of people, both from across Texas and other states. Festival attractions include arts and crafts for sale, children's attractions and rides, live performances on two stages, food, and beverage stations.



CITY OF KATY

The new Katy Rice Harvest Festival reflects a return to the long-time name for the festival.

The festival began in 1978, when it was called a "Sellabration." Its purpose was to honor local rice farmers and their contributions to the local economy. The festival became known as the Rice Harvest Festival in 1981. Over time, the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce became involved in staging the festival.

The festival continues to be held each October in downtown Katy, between 1st Street and 4th Street and Avenue A and Avenue D.

Lipsman said vendor registration began May 10 and sponsorship opportunities will begin in the next few weeks. For more information, visit the website [katyriceharvestfestival.com](http://katyriceharvestfestival.com).

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— MARC WILLIAMS, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Executive Director

Texans choose to wear a seat belt, that still means 10% of Texans make the dangerous choice to stay unprotected on the road.

TxDOT's goal is to get 100% of drivers and passengers to wear their seat belt 100% of the time.

From May 22-June 4, including Memorial Day Weekend, law enforcement from around the state will be working overtime ticketing motorists who are

not buckled up. State law requires that every person in a vehicle be secured by a seat belt whether riding in the front or back seat. Fines and court costs for failing to fasten seat belts can add up to \$250 or more.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the Click It or Ticket initiative has saved more than 7,399 lives, prevented more than 120,000 serious injuries, and

resulted in \$28.5 billion in economic savings since its inception in 2002.

TxDOT's Click It or Ticket campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

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# How to 'un-dorm' a college student

Every year in late spring, parents of college students all over America travel to university campuses with stylish IKEA storage bags or (in our case) cardboard boxes that once held bulk orders of toilet paper and tortilla chips. When the parents arrive, they joyfully greet their academically-hungover children and start the arduous and sometimes pungent process of "un-dorming."

My wife and I recently drove in our decrepit but cavernous 2013 SUV to move our middle daughter and her dirty laundry back home from college. Upon our arrival to campus, we were immediately confronted by sympathetic glances from other dads in sweat-soaked t-shirts and beleaguered moms whose expressions belied their incredulity at how their children could possibly have spent an entire academic year living like this.

When we entered our daughter's dorm complex, apparently built sometime during the late Pleistocene era, I immediately began to feel itchy. My sensations didn't improve on our elevator ride to her room as the belt made a screeching noise that sounded like it had recently been repaired with Scotch tape and Flex Seal (as seen on TV).

Once we started the cleaning and packing process, I noticed the following repeated conversations between us and our daughter:

Parents: "Where is (insert missing item purchased at beginning of academic year for dorm room)?"

Daughter: "I threw that away. It was gross."

Parents: "What happened to (insert expensive and stained/damaged clothing/footwear item purchased at the beginning of academic year)?"

Daughter: "I'm not sure. It got wet somehow."

We eventually stopped asking questions, and I decided to retreat to the bathroom our daughter shares with her suitemates. I could barely navigate my way to the toilet as the place looked like it had been ransacked by cross-dressing Russian mercenaries.

In fact, I almost stepped on what looked like two deceased flesh-toned jellyfish about the size of fruit bowls. When I emerged from the bathroom holding them up about chest-high, my daughter shrieked, "Dad! Put those down! They're not mine!"

JASE GRAVES

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**We eventually stopped asking questions, and I decided to retreat to the bathroom our daughter shares with her suitemates. I could barely navigate my way to the toilet as the place looked like it had been ransacked by cross-dressing Russian mercenaries.**

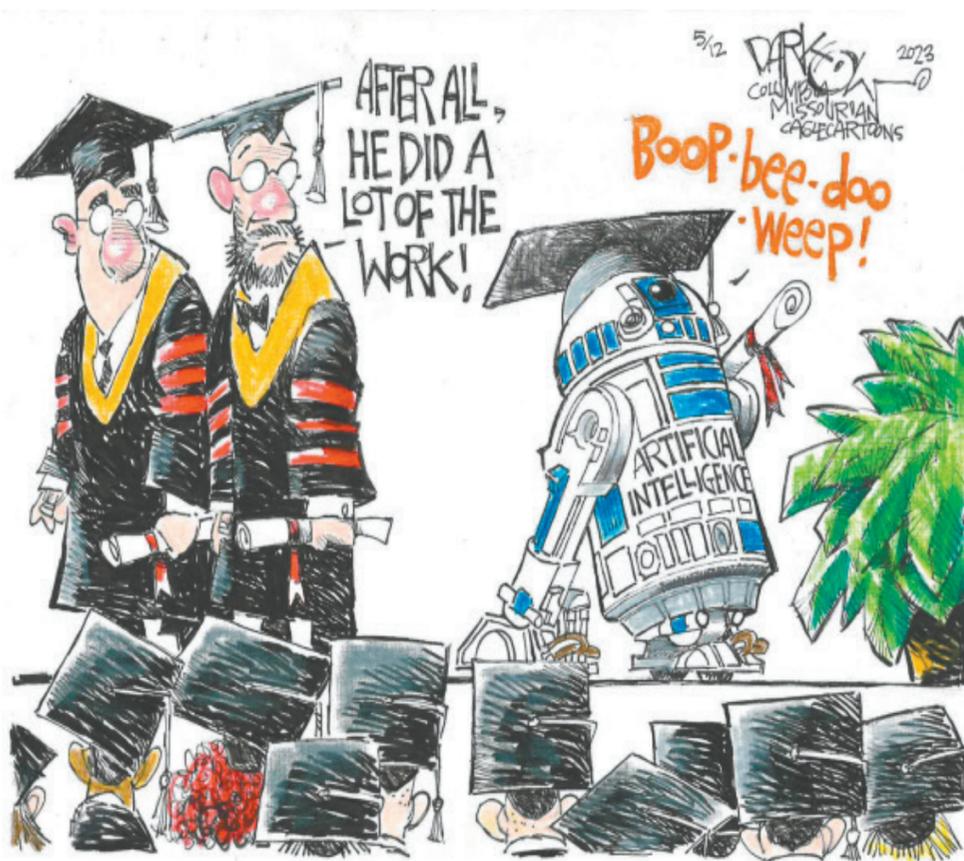
Naturally, I then wore them as a hat.

Once we had everything packed up, I made a final sweep with the vacuum cleaner and noticed that it wasn't sucking up the plethora of discarded contact lenses and goldfish cracker crumbs from the musty carpet. I immediately exhausted my mechanical expertise by checking the dust canister and removing enough hair to reconstruct a young woolly mammoth. (I'm still waiting for my medal.)

When the community assistant came in to examine the room for our final checkout, she noticed that a sliver of paint had been removed from the wall when my daughter had pulled off her adhesive LED lights. The CA then indicated that we would be charged a small fine for repairs—despite my protests that the room already looked like the dilapidated barracks of a Victorian madhouse when my daughter first moved in.

Oh, well. At least we got our daughter back home for the summer—and I'm hoping I'll stop itching before we have to move her back next fall.

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# Retired state workers deserve a 13th pension check

Retired state employees have not seen an increase in their monthly pensions since 2001—Rick Perry's first year as governor—and have come together at the Capitol this month to call for action.

State workers dedicated our careers to protecting public safety and serving Texas in many other ways. But too many of the people I served with are now struggling to make ends meet—or working extra jobs just to support themselves.

They live in every county and legislative district. They built the infrastructure that allowed Texas to grow and prosper. And they need help.

My organization, the Department of Public Safety Officers Association, is one of eight employee and retiree organizations that sent a letter to the state's top budget writers and gathered at the Capitol on May 3 to urge them to use a small part of the state's historic \$33 billion surplus for a pension increase. The organizations represent thousands of the 122,000 retired state workers and their beneficiaries who receive pensions through the Employees Retirement System (ERS).

The groups are asking the Legislature for a 13th pension check for ERS retirees this year, similar to the extra check that retired Texas teachers have received in each of the past two state budgets and are expected to receive again.

A "13th-month check" is a one-time payment that would help retirees ease the burden of inflation and help pay for food, gas, housing, and medicine. In the long

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term, the retiree groups are seeking the first cost of living adjustment in 22 years, similar to what retired teachers will receive this year.

"We are deeply concerned that the budget does not include any immediate relief for retired State of Texas employees," retired game warden Larry Young of the Texas Game Warden Peace Officers Association said. "For years, a secure retirement has been vital to keeping good workers providing essential services to the citizens of Texas."

Providing a one-time supplemental 13th check for all ERS retirees would cost only \$250 million in the proposed \$308 billion budget and could be

distributed within months without negatively affecting ERS's financial soundness.

"I started working for the State of Texas two days after I graduated high school and continued for more than 30 years after I earned my degree at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches," John "Dan" Maxwell, president of the statewide retirees' chapter of the Texas Public Employees Association, said. "My co-workers and I made less than we could have in other jobs because we loved serving Texas. We always thought we would have stability when we retired."

Workers who retired in 2001, the year of the last benefit enhancement, today receive an average pension of less than \$18,000 a year.

"In my 24 years in state government, I saw that my work impacted thousands of Texans, and I was proud to be a state worker," Sandy Smith of San Antonio, a board member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Texas Retirees, said. "When I retired in 2010, it had already been almost a decade since the Legislature had increased pensions for retirees. I never dreamed we would be here nearly a decade-and-a-half later, still with no help."

The other organizations advocating for a 13th check include Texas State Troopers Association, AFSCME Texas Correctional Employees Council, Retired State Employees Association, and the Texas State Employees Union.

*Jankovsky is president of the Department of Public Safety Officers Association.*

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## Fort Bend Junior Service League awards scholarships

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The Fort Bend Junior Service League has awarded 6 \$1,000 scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year to the following young ladies for their outstanding volunteer commitment and contributions to our community: Hadley Boudreaux, Katherine Bourgeois, Anvi Garyali, Alifiya Saleem, Ria Tahwar and Emilie Wakeman.

Boudreaux is a senior at Saint Agnes Academy, where she is the captain of both the basketball and cross-country teams, and a member of the National Charity League where she has volunteered 780 hours.

Bourgeois is a senior at Stephen F Austin High School, where she is a member of the National Charity League and has volunteered over 350 hours while staying very active in school.

Garyali is a senior at Dulles High School. She has volunteered 1,250 hours all while maintaining a 4.26 GPA. She is the founder of Rhythm of Live, a non-profit organization created to advocate and raise awareness surrounding mental health and substance abuse.

Saleem is a senior at Kempner High School, where she is president of the National Honor Society and has won over a dozen awards. She is a group founder of Hello Talk where she teaches English to Chinese students and has taught over 500 students.

Tahwar is a senior at Ridge Point High School, where she is the president of the Science Honor Society and is working on turning 200 pounds of plastic caps into a school bench.

Wakeman is a senior at Cinco Ranch High School, where she is the vice president of programs for the National Charity League. She is also on the National Honors Society as well as the Spanish National Honors Society.

The league is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the Fort Bend County community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Proceeds from various events and fundraisers have made it possible for the league to donate more than \$4.8 million to non-profit agencies in the Fort Bend community since its inception in 2001.



From left, Hadley Boudreaux, Katherine Bourgeois, Anvi Garyali, Ria Tahwar, and Emilie Wakeman have received \$1,000 scholarships from the Fort Bend Junior Service League. Not pictured: Alifiya Saleem.

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### Mayde Creek teacher wins Outstanding Teaching of Humanities Award

Mayde Creek High School teacher Taylor Kratz has received the 2023 Outstanding Teaching of Humanities Award by Humanities Texas. The award recognizes exemplary K-12 humanities teachers.

As a result of her win, the high school will receive \$1,000 to purchase humanities instructional materials or to improve humanities courses and programs.

### Royal High students participate in state UIL academics competition

Royal senior state qualifier and senior Leonardo Robles-Lara, junior state qualifier Alexcia Garcia (also an alternate in a second event), sophomore state qualifier Eleanor Recinos, and senior state alternate in two events Vladimir Moreno headed to State UIL Academics competition on May 17.

Robles-Lara competed in mathematics and placed in the top half of over 30 students representing the best of the best in the 4A for the State of Texas.

In news writing, Garcia placed sixth in the entire state for the 4A conference. In addition, Recinos placed fifth in editorial writing.

For both young ladies, placing is just the icing on the cake. As a junior and a sophomore respectively, they are excited for next season and the opportunity to represent Royal High School again next year.

All three participants are now eligible for TILF Scholarships from UIL. Robles-Lara will be able to apply this year and then Garcia and Recinos will be able to apply during their senior years.

The state team includes:  
• Mathematics: qualifier Leonardo Robles-Lara.



Alexcia Garcia



Eleanor Recinos



Leonardo Robles-Lara

- Calculator applications: first alternate Vladimir Moreno.
  - News Writing: qualifier Alexcia Garcia, sixth place.
  - Editorial Writing: qualifier Eleanor Recinos, fifth place; first alternate Alexcia Garcia.
  - Literary Criticism: first alternate Vladimir Moreno.
- Junior McKay, Enos Inniss and Lisa Inniss coach the team.

### HCC, Dwyer to sign agreement to train 500 certified nurse aides annually

Houston Community College (HCC) and Dwyer Workforce Development will formalize a Memorandum of Understanding to train and support up to 500 new

health care professionals a year.

The event takes place at 10:30 a.m. May 25 in HCC Coleman College Tower, 1919 Pressler St. in the Texas Medical Center.

HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado and Dwyer CEO Barb Clapp will sign an agreement to launch the HCC/Dwyer Registered Apprenticeship Program. Under the program, Dwyer will support up to 500 apprentices annually for two years to allow them to earn Certified Nurse Aide certificates from HCC.

The partnership will offer high-potential residents from Houston and the surrounding area the opportunity to become Dwyer Scholars. Dwyer Scholars earn their CNA credentials at no cost so they can become members of the

high-demand health care workforce.

"We're pleased to enter into this agreement with Dwyer," Maldonado said. "Our mission at HCC is to prepare and graduate highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce professionals and empower them through education. Partnering with Dwyer for the CNA apprenticeship program naturally aligns with our mission to serve our communities and improve lives—one student at a time."

Dwyer Workforce is a Maryland-based nonprofit with a record of supporting hundreds of students as they successfully earn their CNA credentials and launch their careers in health care. The HCC/Dwyer Registered

Apprenticeship Program is Dwyer's first partnership in Texas.

"Great things happen when you give people the tools to change their lives, and that's what we plan to accomplish," Clapp said. "Circumstances should not define lives, and we are proud to partner with HCC to change the circumstances for hundreds of Houston-area apprentices."

According to Christina Robinson, executive director of HCC Work-Based Learning and Industry Partnerships, the initiative will help meet the growing demand for health care professionals and forge career pathways for participants.

"In addition to creating a strong talent pipeline for the health care industry, the partnership may motivate some CNAs to continue their education later to become licensed vocational nurses," Robinson said. "It's a smart collaboration that benefits everyone."

For more information, visit [hccs.edu/ApprenticeshipHub](http://hccs.edu/ApprenticeshipHub).

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



Katy ISD has unveiled the logos for both Youngblood Elementary and Faldyn Elementary. Youngblood Elementary will be the home of the Bulls. Faldyn Elementary will be the home of the Foxes. Both schools are expected to open this fall.

KATY ISD

# Texas A&M Foundation honors student from Katy

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees honored three students, one of whom is from Katy, as recipients of the foundation's highest student award, the Trustees' Outstanding Student Award. These students, who have excelled academically and as student leaders, were honored during a luncheon on May 19. Each recipient received a cash prize of \$3,200.

When it came time to select a college, Grace Vaughn of Katy was set on attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, but she was disqualified at the last minute. At that point, she turned to her mother's alma mater, Texas A&M.

"I knew I wanted to be part of a big school culture with a rich history, tradition and so many opportunities," Vaughn said.

Yet Vaughn's parents, who have seven children, weren't sure if they could afford Texas A&M. The Houston-area family decided to take it semester by semester, and

Vaughn applied for and received scholarships and internships over the years to help pay for her education.



GRACE VAUGHN

Attending Texas A&M gave Vaughn many opportunities to grow as a person. Her first challenge arose as an incoming freshman when a friend died by suicide right before Vaughn began the Corps of Cadets' Freshman Orientation Week. Vaughn credits

the combination of these events for teaching her how to be independent and resilient in the face of challenges.

She also took the advice of friends and mentors who invited her to participate in various campus organizations, such as the Muster Committee.

"What's defined my Aggie experience is other Aggies helping me when I didn't have

much guidance from others," Vaughn said. "I've learned so much from these experiences."

Recommendations from peers led her to join the Texas A&M Foundation's Maroon Coats, which she believes is the most impactful involvement she's had on campus.

"I saw how much all the Maroon Coats absolutely love Texas A&M," Vaughn said. "That was the first time I was surrounded by such high-caliber people who were investing in me in such a unique way."

The Trustees' Outstanding Student Award caps her college experience. Vaughn, who is earning a degree in psychology with a minor in Russian, plans to save most of the award as she prepares to embark on a management consulting career at Bain & Company.

She also leaves the university with a deep sense of gratitude.

"I'm grateful for my scholarships, my parents and Texas A&M's support system all helping me to graduate and earn this degree without debt and without having to work a full-time job during college," Vaughn said. "So many people helped me financially and personally—and they helped me develop a deep sense of wanting to do that for others."

Since 2013, 21 Aggies have been recognized with this honor. Billy Lemmons, chair of the foundation's board of trustees, emphasized the award's prestige.

"It's about more than good grades," Lemmons said. "This award recognizes students' character, selfless service and the exam-

ple they set for their peers. We want these extraordinary Aggies who really embody this university's values to know the impact they've already made on others."

The award was established through an endowed gift from former Foundation trustee Melbern Glasscock '59 and his wife, Susanne. The couple wanted to recognize students who have overcome significant personal or family financial challenges to attend Texas A&M. Additionally, these Aggies have demonstrated leadership in the classroom and in campus, state or national student organizations. Recipients also have previously received one or more scholarships funded through the Texas A&M Foundation.

"Talking to these students and hearing their stories reminds our team why we are so passionate about our mission of building a brighter future for Texas A&M University," Tyson Voelkel, foundation president and CEO, said. "They represent what Texas A&M is all about: fostering true leaders of character from all walks of life. We're proud to have helped support these students in their Aggie journeys and look forward to seeing them excel long after they've left campus."

Also honored were Juliette Jimenez, of Edinburg, which is near McAllen in South Texas, and Emily Orr of Lucas, near Dallas.

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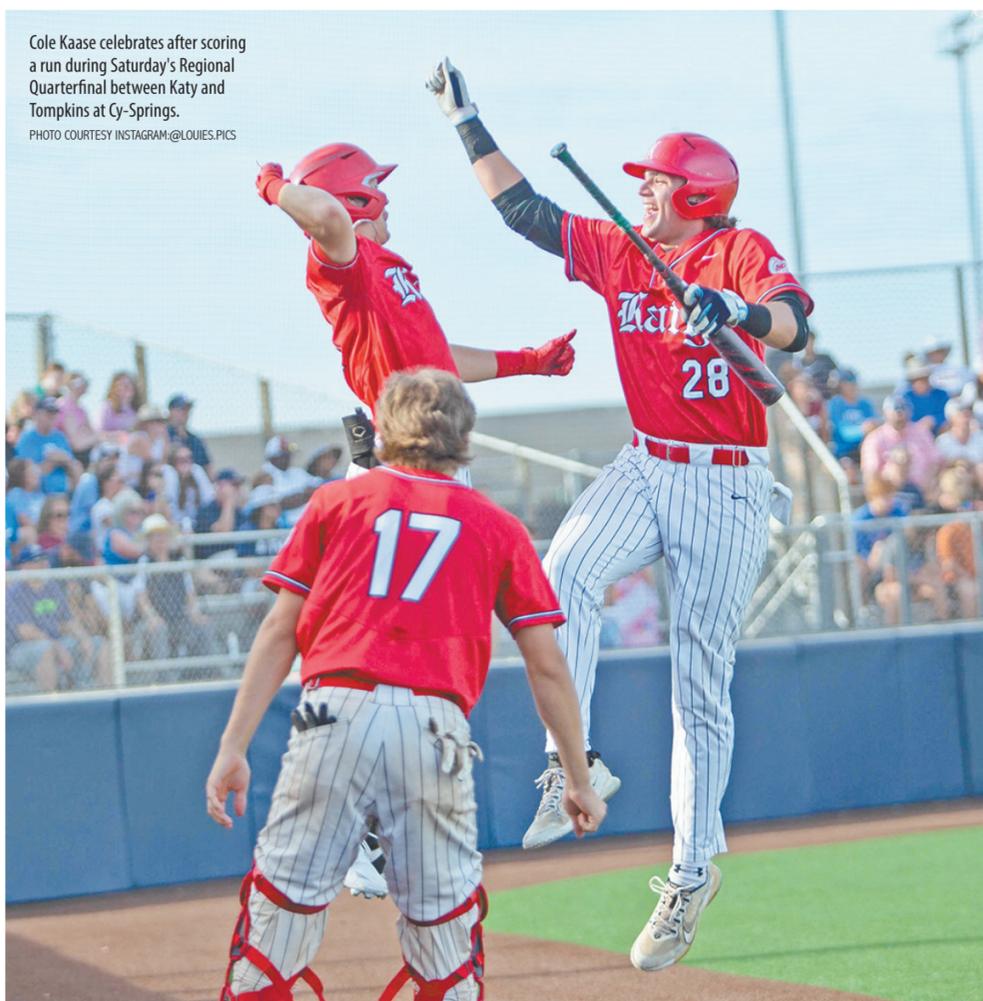
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Cole Kaase celebrates after scoring a run during Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal between Katy and Tompkins at Cy-Springs.  
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## Katy advances to second straight regional semifinal

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy never had any doubts heading into its series against Tompkins.

The Tigers had lost to the Falcons both times they faced off earlier this season, but Katy had all the confidence heading into the third round matchup, and the Tigers knew they had what it took to take down Tompkins.

Katy never had a let down over the course of the two games and the Tigers took game two on Saturday 5-3 over Tompkins. The win

secured a sweep over the Falcons to advance to their second straight regional semifinal.

"They caught us at a bad time this season and we just wanted to show what type of team we are in this series," said short stop Graham Laxton. "We talked after the second time we played them in district and we told ourselves, 'we will see them in the playoffs, and we are going to have to be ready.' All of this week we prepared and we wanted this. We didn't let the game get too big; we played our kind of baseball and we knew that if we hopped on them early today we would be able to

handle whatever they threw at us, and that's what we did."

Katy had three pitchers combine for a no-hitter in the game. Lucas Moore went three innings, allowing three runs to go with three walks and three hit by pitches, before Cade Nelson threw three shutout innings, striking out three, and Cole Kaase closed the game with a clean bottom of the seventh inning. Katy scored four first inning runs to break the game open early on, with Laxton driving in three on an inside the park home run and Katy

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## Rutherford's one-hit shutout leads Cinco to first regional semifinal

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

No moment is too big for Gavin Rutherford.

It didn't matter if he hadn't started a game on the mound this year, if he was in a tough situation against a state ranked team or anything else that puts pressure on a player. The senior always knew he had the ability to step up and shut down any lineup in front of him.

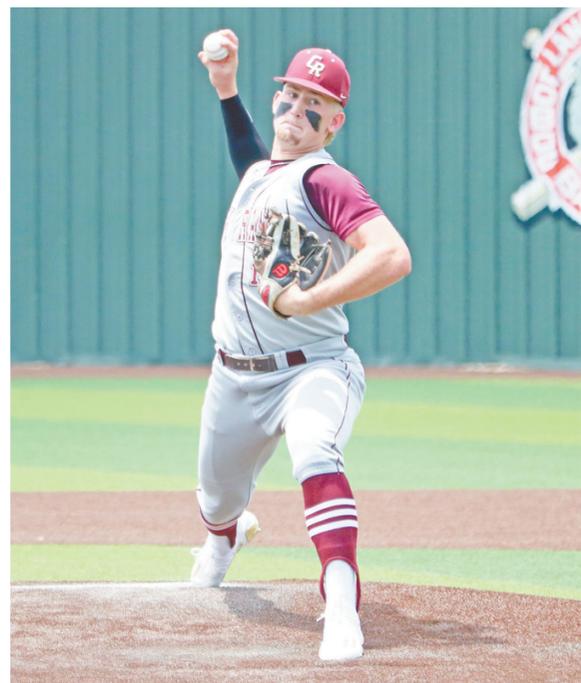
But no one could have expected the type of performance Rutherford put together on Saturday. The senior pitched a complete game shutout against state ranked No. 6 Ridge Point, leading the Cougars to a 7-0 win over the Panthers while allowing just one walk and one hit in the win. Cinco Ranch beat Ridge Point two games to

one in the regional quarterfinal round.

"He's only pitched five innings for us this year and we worked him a couple innings last week in case we needed him in a game three," said Cinco Ranch head coach Brett Wallace. "The game plan today was just for him to go three or four innings; that's what we felt we needed from him so we could turn the ball over to (Logan) Sosolik from there. But Gavin just didn't allow us to take the ball from him today. He was terrific. He was not going to have the ball taken out of his hands and with him pitching like that, I wasn't going to try."

Rutherford finished the day with 12 strikeouts, facing just two batters over the minimum

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Gavin Rutherford pitches during Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal between Cinco Ranch and Ridge Point.  
TYLER TYRE



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Seven Lakes' Maelynn Kim won the Class 6A individual golf state tournament by shooting four under for the tournament.

## Seven Lakes' Kim wins golf state championship

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Maelynn Kim added a major accomplishment on Tuesday, winning the Class 6A individual state golf championship after two terrific days of golf at Legacy Hills Country Club.

Kim won the tournament by shooting four under and winning a three way playoff after three golfers finished with the same score after two days.

She was very consistent over the course of the two days, shooting 70 in both round one and round two to finish four under for the tournament. She went into a playoff with Vandegrift's Sydney Givens and Lake Travis' Kate Pickrell, where it took just one hole for



Seven Lakes placed eighth as a team at the Class 6A golf state tournament.

Kim to clinch the state championship. Givens finished second and Pickrell finished third as they went on to play another playoff hole.

Kim's performance also propelled Seven Lakes to an eighth place finish as a

team. Elle Astete was the second best performer on the team, finishing 41st at state by shooting 12 over for the tournament. She was followed by Kay Song, who finished 18 over over

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### WEEK OF MAY 26

## SCORES & SCHEDULES

### BASEBALL

#### Scores

- Katy 4, Tompkins 3
- Katy 5, Tompkins 3
- Cinco Ranch 8, Ridge Point 1
- Ridge Point 6, Cinco Ranch 2
- Cinco Ranch 7, Ridge Point 0

#### REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

#### Wednesday

- Game 1: Katy vs. Clear Springs, 6 p.m. at Deer Park

#### Thursday

- Game 2: Katy vs. Clear Springs, 6 p.m. at Langham Creek
- Game 1: Cinco Ranch vs. Pearland, 7 p.m. at University of Houston

#### Friday

- Game 2: Cinco Ranch vs. Pearland, 7 p.m. at University of Houston

#### Saturday

- Game 3: Katy vs. Clear Springs, noon at Langham Creek (if needed)
- Game 3: Cinco Ranch vs. Pearland, 2 p.m. at University of Houston (if needed)

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Left: Ben Bucic celebrates after scoring a goal during a match between Jordan and Cy-Ridge at the Spring Woods football field. Above: Elijah Betancourt takes a free kick during a Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal between Jordan and Paetow at Legacy Stadium.

PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

# Katy ISD athletes earn TASCOC honors

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD players filled up the pages of award winners in this year's Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-Region and All-State recognitions.

The district placed seven all-state players and seven all-region players on the boys side and two All-State players and eight all-region players on the girls side while coaches in the district also got recognition for their efforts.

For the boys, Ben Aviles Vera was named first team all-state as a goalkeeper for Seven Lakes while Jordan's Elijah Betancourt was named honorable mention all-state at goalkeeper.

For defenders, Cinco Ranch's Ossian Elgstrom was named first team all-state and Jordan's Ben Bucic was named second team all-state. Tompkins' Jacob Robisch was named second team all-region.

In midfield, Aidan Morrison led the way for Seven Lakes, being named first team all-state, while Jordan's Marcelo Ojeda and Jusancarlos Santos were named first team all-region.

And at forward the district really shined. Seven Lakes had two players named all-state in Kortay Koc, who was named to the first team, and Hunter Merritt, who was named honorable mention all-state. Paetow had two forwards named all-region, as Jose Dominguez and Benjamin Alimasi were named first team all-region. Cinch Ranch's Daniel Vargas was named second team all-region along with Tompkins' Luis Lugo, who rounded out the all-region selections.

On the girls side, Seven Lakes Maddie Rich led the way as the district only first team all-state member, earning the honors at goalkeeper, while Jordan's Madelyn Mech



TYLER TYRE

Maddie Rich passes the ball during a game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at the Cinco Ranch soccer field.

was named first team all-region at goalkeeper.

For defenders, Tompkins' Ilyse Lehmann and Seven Lakes Katie Lennon were named first team all-region and Tompkins' Grace Nyamapfumba was named second team all-region.

Seven Lakes Rebecca Romero was named honorable mention all-state in midfield while Tompkins' Rhegan Coobs was named first team all-region.

For forwards, Tompkins' Kayla Boven and Seven Lakes' Haydan Erck were named first team all-region, while Jordan's Madison Lambert was named second team all-region.

Seven Lakes head boys coach Jimmy Krueger was named the head coach of the year out of region three, while Seven Lakes Jay Kolkman was named the regions assistant coach of the year.



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Seven Lakes goalkeeper Ben Aviles Vera (1) punches the ball away during the Class 6A boys state semifinal soccer game between Seven Lakes and Sachse on April 14, 2023 in Georgetown.



Kortay Koc dribbles past an opponent during a Region III Class 6A Final between Seven Lakes and Dobie at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

TYLER TYRE



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## GOLF

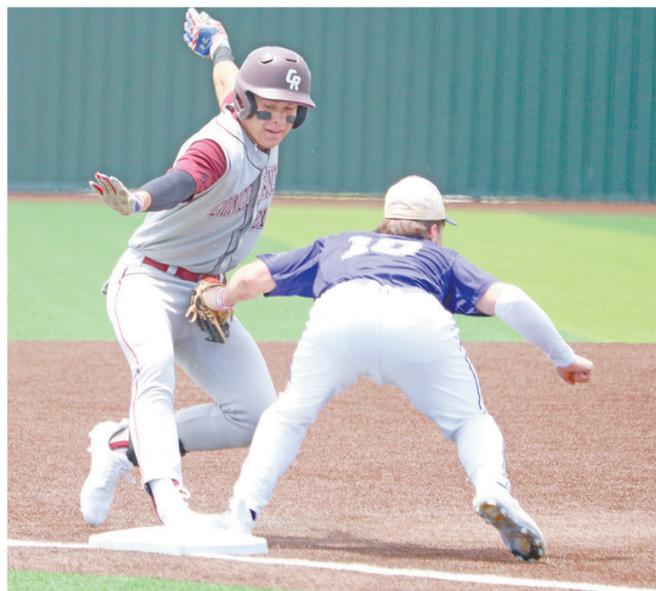
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the course of the two days, finishing tied for 52nd. Krisna Mahendran finished 23 over for the tournament to tie for 63rd, and Sydney Conover shot 32 over to finish 69th.

Vandegrift took the overall team title by shooting a collective five over while Kingwood took second and The Woodlands finished in

third place.

Kim came into the state tournament confident after shooting a 64 to win the Region III-6A tournament and that paid off for the state winner. The senior, who won the district tournament each of the past two years, capped off her high school career with the ultimate prize.



TYLER TYRE

Charlie Atkinson slides into third base during Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal between Cinco Ranch and Ridge Point.

## CINCO

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and pitching five perfect innings and seven and 2/3 innings of no hit ball, and while some may have been surprised by his performance, Rutherford always knew that he had the ability.

"It's crazy and I'm still trying to comprehend what I just did, but I knew I could do it," Rutherford said. "I was confident in myself, I trusted the coaches and I trusted the pitch calling. I just did my job and tried to execute every pitch. But it wasn't just me — this was a team performance. My defense backed me up all day and the bats gave us runs. The boys were locked in from the jump and that's what got us this win."

Cinco took the lead in the third inning and never looked back. Sosolik started the scoring with an RBI triple and Charlie Atkinson hit into a sacrifice grounder to put the Cougars up two after three innings. Lucas Franco then broke things open in the fourth, blasting a 3-run home run over the right field fence to give the Cougars some big insurance runs. It was Franco's second home run of the series and the sophomore made a terrific play at third base later in the game, showing off both the glove and the bat on Saturday.

"He's only a sophomore and he's already making such big plays for us," Wallace said. "He just nails things defensively and then he finds ways to come up with clutch hits when we need it. Three run bombs are awesome and we'll take them any time we can get them."

The Cougars got a sixth run off an error and Brock DeYoung put things out of reach with an RBI single in the fifth inning, as Rutherford never allowed a runner to reach scoring position the rest of the way.

This is uncharted territory for the Cougars, as they advance to their first ever regional semifinal. But although they are excited about what they have accomplished, the

group isn't ready for things to be done yet.

Cinco will play Pearland in the regional semifinals in a battle between two teams that have been very strong all season.

"It's a dream come true but this job isn't finished for us," Rutherford said. "There's a bigger goal for us in mind. We're all working towards it; we are going to keep going into every practice and keep getting better every day. We have to do that because at this point you have to be prepared and ready to go every game."

### Cinco drops game two to Ridge Point

Cinco Ranch built an early lead but fell 6-2 to Ridge Point on Friday night, as the Panthers evened the series at one after Cinco took game one on Thursday.

Cinco started the game strong but Ridge Point mounted a comeback behind strong pitching to take the win.

Ridge Point got a double in the first inning, but Brayden Hodge pitched out of the jam and did the same thing in the second, as the Panthers loaded the bases but Hodge again got out of things, forcing Ridge Point into a fielders choice and a ground out to end the inning.

Cinco then took the lead in the bottom of the second. Logan Sosolik walked to start it and Charlie Atkinson came to the plate and drilled a two-run home run to deep left center field.

But mistakes would start to cost the Cougars from there. Ridge Point trimmed the Cougars' lead to one in the third inning on a wild pitch and then scored two runs of errors in the fourth inning while getting another on a sacrifice grounder. The score stayed at 5-2 until the sixth inning, when Ridge Point added a final run with an RBI double.

## KATY

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bringing in another on a Sutton Hull single.

"Those runs in the first were huge," said Katy head coach Wes Hearne. "It let our guys get settled in. Lucas pitched three great innings for us and then Cade has been absolutely outstanding for us. Cole got us through it there in the seventh too, and that was big. He hadn't pitched this week, so to come out of the bullpen in a different role and do what he did was really good as well."

Tompkins got into the game with three runs without a hit in the third inning. Katy got a big insurance run right back in the fourth inning when Nayden Ramirez hit an RBI single to drive in Kaase. Katy's pitching and defense secured the win the rest of the way.

"The kids just stepped up," Hearne said. "They played hard, they wanted it and they had high energy the entire time. They just wanted this. They never let up and they played like this could be their last game. I'm just so proud of them right now."

It will be the second straight year Katy has made it to the regional semifinal, and the sting of last year's defeat still hasn't left the Katy clubhouse. The Tigers took regional finalist Strake Jesuit to three games, falling 2-1 in game three last year. That has been the fuel for the Tigers' entire playoff run, where they haven't dropped a game.

Katy will play Clear Springs in the regional semifinals, a team that the Tigers tied 11-11 in tournament play earlier this year.

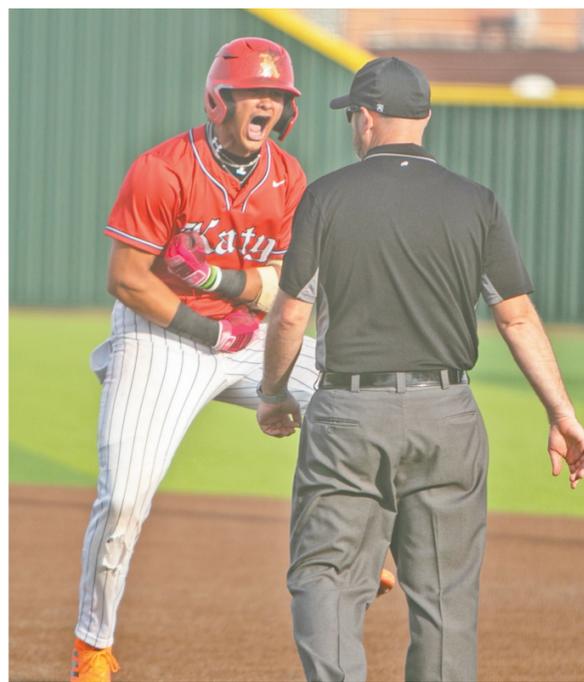
"We've been talking about this since before the season," Kaase said. "This is where we wanted to be and we're really looking forward to it. We don't want to stop here, our goal is state, but this is where we have to continue to get better and dig deep. We've thought about this one a lot."

### Katy overcomes three run deficit, takes game one over Tompkins

Katy could have let the pressure get to them on Thursday.

The Tigers could have given up after falling behind to a Tompkins team that had beaten them three times in a row, they could have looked ahead to Saturday or been discouraged after falling behind.

But instead, facing a three run deficit against a team they have struggled against, the Tigers dug deep and found a way



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Nayden Ramirez celebrates after driving in a run during Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal between Katy and Tompkins at Cy-Springs.

back into things, overcoming those three runs and beating Tompkins 4-3 in game one of the three-game regional quarterfinal series.

"I'm just proud of them. It would have been easy for our guys to lay down and quit when Tompkins went up three," said Katy head coach Wes Hearne. "They've had our number the past few times we've faced them, but our guys were able to stay in it. We scored a couple runs, got the momentum and our guys just showed so much energy and fight. We've been in some close games but that's the first one we've had in the playoffs and it was a really good step for us to take."

Both Caleb Koger for Katy and Ty Dagley for Tompkins were strong in their starts and limited the offense early in the game.

Tompkins was the first to get on the board, getting two runs in the second when Landon West hit a double off the center field wall. The Falcons added a third in the third inning, from a Gavin Brewer hit a sacrifice fly.

Katy found a way back into things immediately after that, getting runners on in the fourth and getting a run back when Reese Rudderman hit an RBI single before trimming the Tompkins lead to one on a suicide squeeze by Josh Dunayczan in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Aaron Brashear came on in relief and worked himself out of trouble to pitch a clean fifth inning. Katy then tied it in the

bottom of the fifth when Graham Laxton hit a sacrifice fly. Katy took the lead in the bottom of the sixth on a double from AJ Atkinson that drove in Nayden Ramirez.

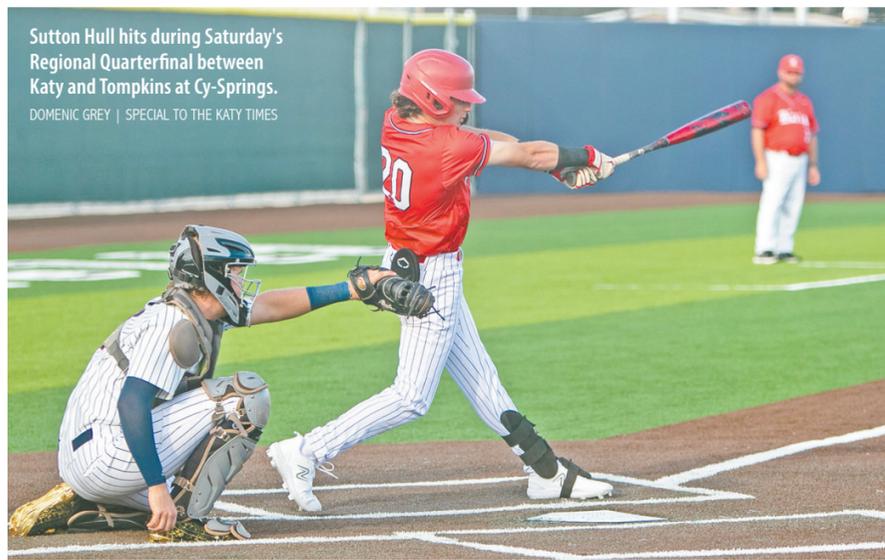
"I was just looking for something to drive," Atkinson said. "He had gotten a bit wild and I knew that he was going to try to attack me with his fastball. I just sat on it and was able to drive it when it came."

Sophomore pitcher Cade Nelson closed things out with a very strong two innings in relief, striking out five over the sixth and seventh innings and sealing the game one victory.

"I was worried he was going to be antsy because he came in during a big moment, he had a man on with two-three-four coming up. But we talked and Cade just looked at me and said 'I got this.' He had all the confidence in himself and he treated it just like any other outing. I can't say enough about him — he's a stud."

It was a hugely important game one to take for the Tigers and gives them an advantage going into the weekend, which they took advantage of by taking game two.

"The biggest thing for us is to get our rest tomorrow but stay ready," Atkinson said. "Tompkins is going to come at us with everything on Saturday and we have to be prepared for that. So we have to just keep ourselves rested on our off day and be ready to fight and play game two."



Sutton Hull hits during Saturday's Regional Quarterfinal between Katy and Tompkins at Cy-Springs.  
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David Minze, Chairman  
 Zoning Board of Adjustment

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**Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale**

APN 100140000031 U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 ( c ) Whereas, on 2/10/2011, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Patricia H. Richey A/K/A Patricia Hunter Richey, a single person as trustor in favor of 1st AA Reverse Mortgage, Inc. as beneficiary, and Scott R. Valby as trustee, and was recorded on 3/8/2011, as Instrument No. 20110094420, in Book XX, Page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder of Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 3/2/2017, recorded on 3/15/2017, as instrument number RP-2017-109191, book XX, page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder, Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 1/1/2020, was not made due to a borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/1/2020 is \$139,981.73; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Law Offices of Jason C Tatman as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 4/4/2023 as instrument number RP-2023-118061, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 6/6/2023 at/between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot Thirty-One (31) in Block Nine (9) of Kirkwood Subdivision, Section Two (2) a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map recorded in Volume 147, Page 48, of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas. Commonly known as: 11531 Kirkhollow Drive, Houston, TX 77089 The sale will be held at Approximately 5,050 square feet of area of the Bayou City Event Center beginning at the southeast corner of the large ballroom and continuing westerly along the south wall a distance of approximately 87 feet and; thence northerly a distance of approximately 58 feet; then easterly approximately 59 feet to the point of beginning, or if the preceding area is no longer the designated area, at the area most recently designated by the County Commissioner's Court. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$178,675.09. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$17,867.51 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$17,867.51 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$178,675.09, as of 6/5/2023, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: 4/25/2023 Law Offices of Jason C Tatman U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: /s/ Rhonda Rorie [rr@tatmanlegal.com](mailto:rr@tatmanlegal.com) 5677 Oberlin Dr., Ste 210, San Diego, CA92121 (858) 201-3590 Fax (858) 348-4976 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State of California County of San Diego On 4/25/2023 before me, Dana Renee Stewart, a Notary Public, personally appeared Rhonda Rorie who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal /s/ Dana Renee Stewart My Commission Expires September 24, 2026.

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The project involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2,700 L.F. of existing sanitary sewer mains by pipe bursting, manhole rehabilitation, services reconnections as well as all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- a. Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the City of Katy.
- b. Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Virtual Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **Friday, June 2nd, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** local time via zoom.us. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NOT MANDATORY.**

Information for joining the virtual meeting is given below:

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A Complete set of the bidding documents are on file at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). There is no cost to view or download the plans. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.

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TS No. LO-52728-TX  
**Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale**

APN 0660870030018 U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 ( c ) Whereas, on 5/25/2011, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Gordon N Bynum, an unmarried person as trustor in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access Inc., its successors and/or assigns as beneficiary, and 2001 Agency Corporation as trustee, and was recorded on 7/1/2011, as Instrument No. 20110270716, in Book XX, Page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder of Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 11/15/2018, recorded on 11/16/2018, as instrument number RP-2018-519543, book XX, page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder, Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 1/1/2020, was not made due to a borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/1/2020 is \$544,566.22; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Law Offices of Jason C Tatman as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 4/4/2023 as instrument number RP-2023-118061, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 6/6/2023 at/between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot Eighteen (18) in Block Three (3) of Richwood, a Subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat Thereof of Recorded in Volume 13, Page 57, of the Map Records fo Harris County, Texas. Commonly known as: 1812 Norfolk St, Houston, TX 77098-4306 The sale will be held at Approximately 5,050 square feet of area of the Bayou City Event Center beginning at the southeast corner of the large ballroom and continuing westerly along the south wall a distance of approximately 87 feet and; thence northerly a distance of approximately 58 feet; then easterly approximately 59 feet to the point of beginning, or if the preceding area is no longer the designated area, at the area most recently designated by the County Commissioner's Court. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$751,532.44. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$75,153.24 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$75,153.24 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$751,532.44, as of 6/5/2023, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. 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I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal /s/ Dana Renee Stewart My Commission Expires September 24, 2026

**May 18 Puzzle Answers**

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APN 0772350030025 U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 ( c ) Whereas, on 4/15/2011, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Dora Marie Dawson, a single person as trustor in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as beneficiary, and Robert K. Fowler as trustee, and was recorded on 4/28/2011, as Instrument No. 20110170390, in Book XX, Page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder of Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 2/19/2018, recorded on 2/27/2018, as instrument number RP-2018-82194, book XX, page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder, Harris County, Texas; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 5/20/2022, was not made due to a borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 5/20/2022 is \$111,454.03; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Law Offices of Jason C Tatman as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 4/4/2023 as instrument number RP-2023-118061, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 6/6/2023 at/between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot Twenty-Five (25), in Block "C", of Mixon Place, an addition in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in volume 34, page 36, Map of records of Harris County, Texas. Commonly known as: 10810 Stabler Lane, Houston, TX 77076 The sale will be held at Approximately 5,050 square feet of area of the Bayou City Event Center beginning at the southeast corner of the large ballroom and continuing westerly along the south wall a distance of approximately 87 feet and; thence northerly a distance of approximately 58 feet; then easterly approximately 59 feet to the point of beginning, or if the preceding area is no longer the designated area, at the area most recently designated by the County Commissioner's Court. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$130,383.42. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. 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I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal /s/ Dana Renee Stewart My Commission Expires September 24, 2026.

# Rockets to pick fourth in NBA Draft

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The Rockets didn't become the lucky Wembanyama winner at the draft lottery.

The prize of the night went to the San Antonio Spurs, who will pick first in the 2023 NBA draft, while the Rockets will have the No. 4 pick.

The Rockets may have missed out on the Wemby sweepstakes, but they should still get a very strong player on draft night with the fourth pick. The Rockets avoided the worst case, as they could have dropped as low as the sixth pick, but still find themselves in a position they weren't hoping to be in.

The Charlotte Hornets and the Portland Trail Blazers will pick second and third in the draft.

Most mocks have the Rockets

taking Amen Thompson with the fourth pick. Thompson is a lengthy athletic point guard, who has exceptional athleticism, strong defense and very good passing ability.

Along with that, the Rockets may explore trading up or down in the draft. Both the Hornets and Trail Blazers have point guards and may not be interested in taking Scoot Henderson, who most scouts have pegged as the second best player in the draft. Another option for Houston would be to trade back or out of the draft, as they could potentially package the fourth and 20th overall picks for a proven player. Brandon Miller is also an intriguing prospect towards the top of draft boards that could potentially be of interest to Houston.

Whatever the Rockets do with the pick, the plan is for the team to be more competitive this coming

season, taking a promising young core a step forward after three years of struggles and accumulating young talent. It's an important draft and it will be interesting to see what the Rockets do.

Following is the full results of the NBA Draft Lottery.

1. Spurs
2. Hornets
3. Trail Blazers
4. Rockets
5. Pistons
6. Magic
7. Pacers
8. Wizards
9. Jazz
10. Mavericks
11. Magic
12. Thunder
13. Raptors
14. Pelicans

# Rockets Eason, Smith named to All-Rookie team

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The Houston Rockets had two players named to this year's All-Rookie team, as Jabari Smith Jr. and Tari Eason both headlined the selections.

Both Smith and Eason were named to the second team after strong rookie seasons.

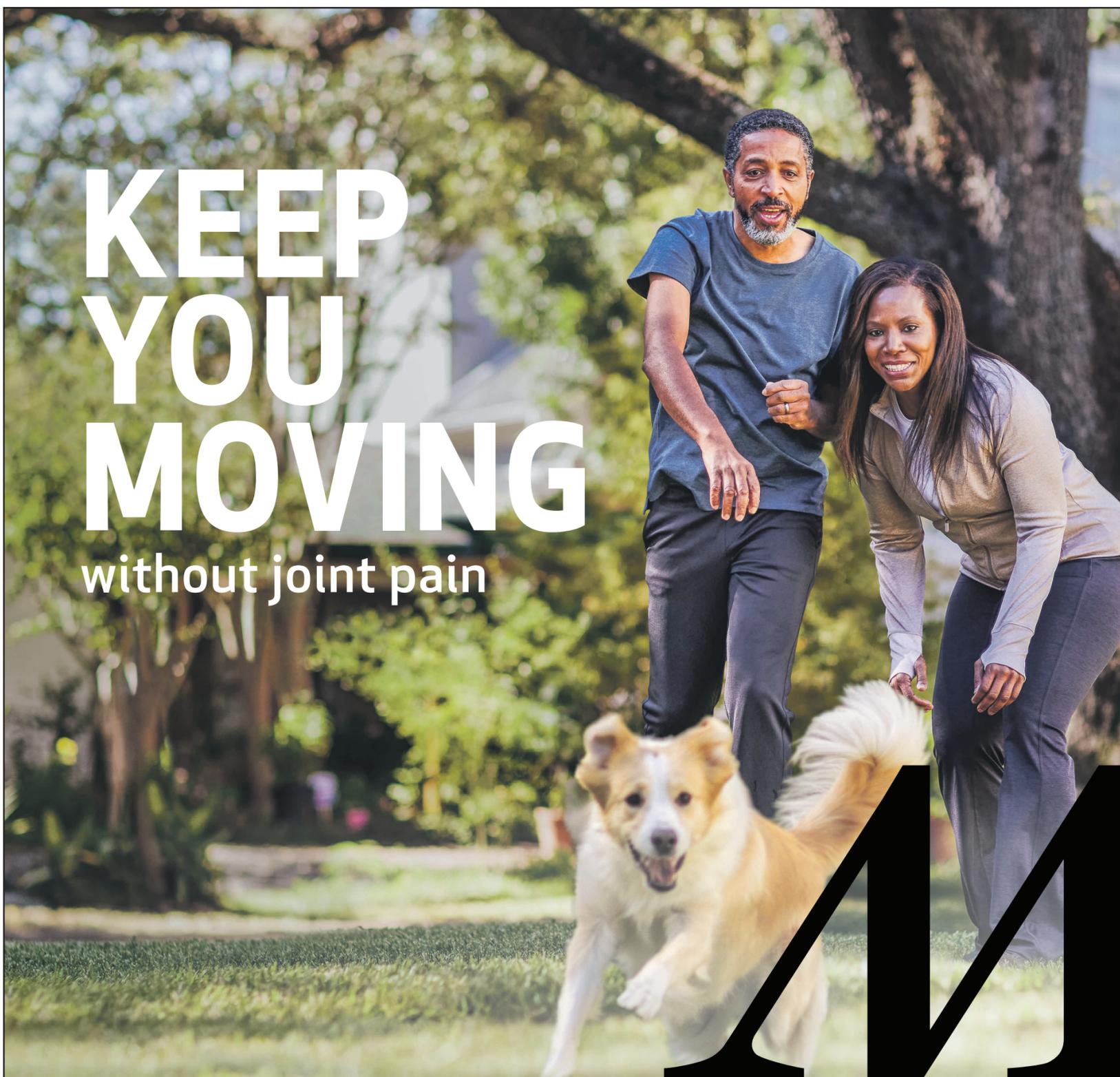
Smith had a slow start to the year but turned things on towards the end of the year. He finished the season averaging 12.8 points per game and 7.2 rebounds per game, shooting 40% of the year and 30% from three-point range, also blocking .9 shots per game.

Smith, the third pick in last

year's draft was much better as the season went on, upping his average points per game over his last five games to 15.2, his field goal percentage to 45% and 32% from three-point range as his confidence grew.

Eason averaged nine points and six rebounds per game, with just over an assist and steal per game and over half a block per game. Eason shot almost 45% from the field and 34% from three-point range.

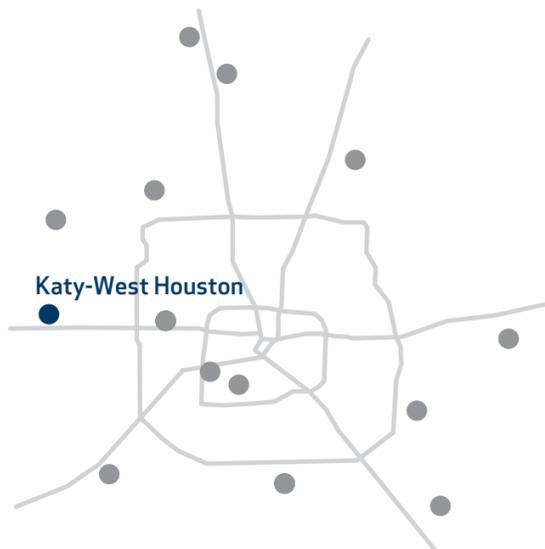
Eason's defensive ability and effort was on full display throughout the season, as he earned more minutes throughout the season and has been a player that Ime Udoka has been excited to work with.



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