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UHV-Katy holds commencement at Merrell Center

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Dozens of University of Houston-Victoria at Katy students walked across the stage at the Merrell Center this last weekend as the school caught up with graduations delayed by the pandemic. UHV Provost Chance Glenn delivered the commencement address at the event which marked the first graduation held since COVID-19 first shuttered the area last year.

"I know that you've had to wait a long time for this, and we're as excited as you are," Glenn said at the beginning of his speech. "... And before we go into this next part, let's take a quick moment and celebrate right now. So put your hands together (and) lift your voices." In his commencement address, Glenn said he was grateful to be able to hold the graduation ceremonies and include graduates

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NITYA HOSUR, EDITORIAL INTERN

University of Houston-Victoria graduates stand and sing during the National Anthem at the UHV Katy graduation commencement on Saturday, July 31. Students were encouraged by UHV Provost Chance Glenn to "go out and do good work" with the knowledge they'd gained during their time at the school.

Pattison moves forward with city office purchase, comprehensive plan

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Pattison City Council approved the purchase of the old Waller County Precinct 3 Annex at 3410 First Street to use as a city office during its Aug. 3 meeting. Council members also received a draft of the city's comprehensive plan from Chris Brown, a consultant who

has been helping the city work on the document since February of this year. "This serves as a basis for discussion on the future of the city," Pattison Mayor Joe Garcia said of the draft plan. The document is not finalized and Garcia emphasized that the plan would require fine-tuning

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R. HANS MILLER

Fort Bend County Constable for Precinct 3 Chad Norvell (left) presents Life Saver awards to deputies (from left to right) Gregory Markovsky, Bryan Steffen and Roger Castillo on Wednesday, July 28 at the Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Annex.

A LIFE Saved

Deputy constables receive life saver awards after preventing teen suicide

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Three deputies with Fort Bend County Constable for Precinct 3 Chad Norvell have been recognized for their actions which led to the prevention of a 17-year-old young woman's death. Officers Gregory Markovsky, Bryan Steffen and Roger Castillo worked cooperatively to prevent the teen from jumping off the top of a parking garage on July 7, Norvell said. "I appreciate everyone for coming out," Norvell said at a July 28 award ceremony. "We don't get to honor officers often enough. And the media - the way things have gone for law enforcement - we're often the most hated (and) the most needed on the same day, as Paul Harvey said once." The incident that led to the three deputies being honored

began with a report of the young woman sitting on the ledge of the top floor of a LaCenterra parking garage. Officers were dispatched to the scene and Castillo engaged her in conversation. Markovsky and Steffen were then able to come up behind her and pull her to safety and begin connecting her with resources through the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office's Crisis Intervention Team. "Honestly, you know, it was difficult," Steffen said. "It was scary. I've been to other suicides before where you get on the scene and it didn't work out. Fortunately, you know, this time, we get there (and) I came up behind her. She never saw me. Trying to talk her down, I didn't feel would be a very good idea because then she would know I was there. So, I grabbed ahold of her (and) was able to pull her off (the ledge). Markovsky was able to help me kind of calm her

down a little bit." Norvell said the parking garages at LaCenterra have a history of suicide attempts and that the shopping center's management is planning to make adjustments to the facility to help prevent further suicides. Two people have taken their lives at LaCenterra parking garages and two other attempted suicides were prevented, he said. "I want to also add, we have been meeting with LaCenterra and they are proactively working to find solutions to prevent this in the future. Hopefully, with some restrictive barriers on top of their garage if that's possible. They're working with their engineers to see what they can attach to the garage." LaCenterra also provided lunch for the awards ceremony in appreciation of the officers' inter-

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COURTESY MEGHA OZARKER

Misal Pav, prepared fresh at Sanskar. This popular West Indian dish is spicy and served with two gravies that are often mixed to suit the diner's tastes. In India it is often served with salted snacks known as besan farsan. The dish comes with a side of fresh-made bread.

Sanskar: A Maharashtrian cuisine hotspot

BY NITYA HOSUR
EDITORIAL INTERN

Sanskar, a Maharashtrian cuisine spot, was started by Megha Ozarker in 2015 at home, and professionally opened on April 6, 2019. Its purpose is to connect people with the culture of Maharashtra, a state

in India, along with its traditions, Ozarker said. Sanskar is the Sanskrit word for values. Ozarker said she chose this to represent her passion for passing the cultural values and traditions through food and festivities to

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Officers arrest Katy area man for alleged murder

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Harris County law enforcement officers have arrested Lawrence Reed, a resident of the Katy area, for the Thursday evening shooting death of his wife, Valerie Junius, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez announced via social media. The shooting appears to be the result of ongoing domestic issues between the couple. "The deceased female was identified as Reed's wife. The motive for the shooting appeared to be an



Lawrence Reed is currently in custody at the Harris County Jail and authorities are charging him in the murder of his wife, Valerie Junius as well as in the assault of her two children.

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Katy-based Bible archaeologist heads to Israel

BY MEGAN BIASIOLLI
EDITORIAL INTERN

Local archaeologist Scott Stripling left for Israel July 20 on his first trip back to the Holy Land since the pandemic began. Stripling is the provost for The Bible Seminary in Katy and director of excavations for the Association for Biblical Research. While in Israel, he said he'll be filming with the Trinity Broadcasting Network and consulting with colleagues.

Stripling is an archaeologist with a doctorate in Philosophy from Veritas International University and a masters degree in Biblical literature from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary who has taken multiple archaeological trips to Israel. Stripling led a team that found a rare Egyptian scarab seal in 2019, he said. The artifact was found in Tel Shiloh archaeological site in Samaria using a new wet-sifting method to uncover artifacts that were previously missed by historians.

"That was very fascinating to see how that new technology, in my opinion, would revolutionize the way that archaeology is done," Stripling said.

He is also the Director of



Scott Stripling being interviewed in Shiloh, Israel. He is the Director of Excavations for the Associates for Biblical Research at Khirbet el-Maqatir and Shiloh, Israel. During his current trip to Israel he will be filming with Trinity Broadcasting Network, discussing his work in Israel as well as consulting with colleagues in the region.

Excavations for the Associates for Biblical Research at ancient Shiloh, Israel. Stripling's most recent trip to Israel was just before the COVID-19 pandemic started. He was excavating on Mount Ebal, going through the dig piles there from the 1980s. Stripling's pursuit of

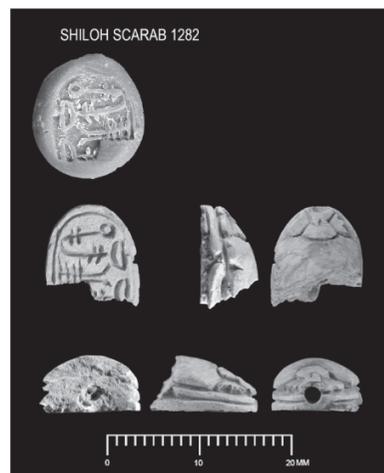
archaeology started with his interest in the biblical text. He was fascinated with what the Bible meant to the people in Israel at the time it was written. He believes things people struggle to understand about the scripture is because of the lack of understanding of the culture at the time the Bible

was written. Stripling got started in biblical studies and then began archaeological studies. Then he volunteered on excavations and made his way through different positions until becoming the person who is in charge now.

Stripling said people should go to Israel if they are interested in history, or if they are Christian, because it helps to picture and better understand the Bible.

"If someone is interested in history or the background of the biblical text then they have to go to Israel," Stripling said.

Stripling views the Bible as a historic text that can be backed up with archaeological data. There is biblical bias in the academic sector, he said. He wrote "The Trowel and the Truth: A Guide to Field Archaeology in the Holy Land" to show how



COURTESY SCOTT STRIPLING

In 2019, Stripling found a scarab in Israel that had been missed by several archaeologists before him at the dig site. Stripling said the use of new methods at the site helped track down the seal the scarab was depicted on. A scarab was a popular Egyptian jewelry or clay impression in the shape of a scarab beetle which was seen as sacred in ancient Egypt.

the Bible coincides with archaeology. His goal is to reduce anti-biblical bias and refute the misconceptions about the Bible not being a historical text.

This most recent trip will be Stripling's first time going back to Israel since COVID-19 first started. He will be filming with Trinity Broadcasting Network's, "InGrace." They will go to the City of David, Shiloh, Michmash, and Shechem, he said. His trip to Israel will consist of filming and excavating at the historic site. He will be staying in East Jerusalem throughout his trip, and he plans to visit colleagues in other places like Tel Azekah.

Stripling said he will buy a new ATV, meet with the Israeli Antiquities Authority, train a new ceramicist for his team and work in a lab analyzing artifacts for publication when he is not filming with TBN.

According to Stripling's website, he will be in Israel through Aug. 8 working on the Israel film project. Stripling said he plans to return with students in 2022.

The Bible Seminary trains students and takes them

to Israel to complete their fieldwork. The school does not require students to be vaccinated to travel to Israel. However, the Israeli government requires everyone entering the country to either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of natural immunity against the virus that causes the life-threatening disease.

The renewed tensions in Israel have people contemplating whether it is safe traveling there. However, Stripling said he was not concerned about violence in the region. Every conflict that occurs in Israel is instant world news, he said, while crime in Greater Houston is only heard about locally.

"Israel is much safer than Houston, statistically," Stripling said.

Stripling and his team will not be in immediate danger because the location of their dig is far from any unrest, he said. They stay in the hill country where the rockets cannot reach and the team maintains neutrality in any conflicts.

"We get along with both sides," Stripling said.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ponds
6. "Unbelievable" musicians
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. "Luther" actor
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Detects underwater objects
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. Fencing sword
22. Painful places on the body
23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
24. Sodium
25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
28. Small lump
29. African antelope
31. Electronic point of sale
33. Carefully chooses
36. Ringworm
38. Unrefined
39. Drenches
41. Type of pants
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. Being without clothes
60. Surrounded by

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. Sudden, very loud sound
4. Type of chair
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Broad volcanic crater
8. Some animals have it
9. Ottoman palaces
10. Divulge a secret
11. "A Doll's House" playwright
12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
14. Poisonous perennial
17. Gulf in the Aegean
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21. Chairs
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30. Genus of lemurs
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by council members, the city's planning commission and through feedback from residents. The plan will help the city address infrastructure needs and ensure the growth that is expected to come to the Pattison area is managed in a way that is beneficial to current and future residents.

The purchase of the new city office was approved by council members unanimously, but Garcia said the sale of the building to the city will also need to be approved by the Waller County Commissioners Court at one of that body's upcoming meetings. Garcia said the building and land would cost just under \$67,000, and the building is structurally sound and could be adapted to the city's needs.

Randall Flowers, a member of the city's planning commission, said the location for the building was ideal.

"Provided all those plans (for city improvements) get through as designed, that building sits right smack

dab in the middle of where the epicenter of all this improvement is," Flowers said. "And the city needs a landmark there (such as) an administration building or something."

Council also approved a lighting ordinance intended to prevent excessive light pollution in the area. The new ordinance allows exceptions for properties within city limits that have already been developed, freeing residents, businesses and other property owners from having to bring their properties in compliance with the new city rule. However, all future development or redeveloped properties will need to comply, Garcia said.

Council denied the application for a hardship permit by Octavio Ramirez, who had requested council allow the permit so he and his wife could live in a mobile home on his property for one year while a permanent house was being built. Ramirez had already installed the trailer on his property on Royal Road and claimed he later found out that he'd

been given incorrect information by the county.

Council members noted that the county does not have the right to overrule city ordinances related to zoning or building rules and Ramirez should have known that his property was within city limits. They also noted that, due to his experience in construction, Ramirez should have been aware of the need for proper permitting before moving the mobile home onto the property. Council gave him 30 days to remove the trailer from the property.

Garcia also nominated Lya Coulter and Debra M. Reyes to serve two-year terms on the city's planning commission. Both nominations were approved unanimously, and Coulter and Reyes said they looked forward to serving on the commission and helping to fine-tune the comprehensive plan.

"I'm glad, and I appreciate your willingness to step up," Garcia said to the two new commissioners.



R. HANS MILLER

Fort Bend County Constable for Precinct 3 Chad Norvell provides opening remarks at the ceremony presenting three of his deputies with an award in recognition of their efforts that prevented a 17-year-old from taking her own life.

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vention in the young woman's suicide attempt.

Lieutenant Jerome Ellis with the FBCSO Crisis Intervention Team was also on-hand at the ceremony and said he appreciated the three officers' work in stopping the teen from killing herself. Ellis said he and his team have a focus on compassionate law enforcement that focuses on deescalating situations where area residents are in a mental health crisis. Intervention, he said, includes follow up with the people his team interacts with to ensure they are connected with the services and resources they need to improve their situations.

"We respond to mental health crises and partner with any agency in Fort Bend (County), whether it be a municipality, constables office, EMS - we partner with everybody," Ellis said. "And we assist in that de-escalation. And then, if appropriate, divert from the criminal justice system with that community member and try to usher them into the mental health system."

Ellis said he and his team also work with nonprofits in the area to ensure the person in crisis gets connected to whatever is needed to get their lives straightened out.

The process of connecting people to resources is a cautious one and involves compassion, he said. People experiencing mental health strains need to be approached with respect and consideration, as well as the realization that they've been through some sort of trauma.

As an example, Ellis said the family of the young woman that was helped by Markovsky, Steffen and Castillo would likely be contacted by telephone first, then additional follow ups would commence as the family was comfortable with the situation. The long-term goal is to ensure she is healthy and able to improve her situation.

"Crisis intervention is really just a commitment to compassion," Ellis said. "And it takes two things - effective leadership and great partnership."

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ongoing domestic disturbance between Reed and Junius. Two other family members, a 16-yr-old male & a 21-yr-old female, both children of Junius, were also wounded in the shooting," Gonzalez said.

The incident occurred in the 2700 block of Roaring Oaks Lane southeast of the intersection of Morton and North Mason roads. Officers responded to a call at about 8:40 p.m. where Reed had barricaded himself into his home. Gonzalez said a SWAT team was called to help with the situation and Reed later surrendered to them without further incident.

The condition of the Junius's two children is not known at this time and Katy Times has reached out to

HCSO for an update.

Reed is currently being held at the Harris County Jail and is charged with one count of aggravated assault of a family member, one charge of aggravated assault of a family member with a deadly weapon, and one count of murder. Bonds for those charges exceed \$1 million. He is also being held for an unrelated traffic violation.

A court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 2 according to Harris County Jail records.

"Our condolences go out to the family. Our gratitude to all HCSO personnel that responded to the scene, including EMS and our partners at Harris County Pct 5 Constables Office," Gonzalez said.

SANSKAR

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the next generation. It also represents her drive to provide safe and healthy food to her customers.

"I tell everyone who comes to Sanskar that this food is eaten by my family every day," Megha said. "Whatever I provide for my family is good, and my customers are my extended family."

Megha said she prides herself on sanitation and has consistently received scores above 95 on Harris County food safety tests and inspections.

The concept of Sanskar started in 2015, Ozarker said. She was an IT worker and catered from home on the side. With customer encouragement and her own ambitions, she wished to expand Sanskar into a commercial setting. Her son and husband were also supportive of her dream. When she first suggested the idea to her husband, he told her it was her decision and to follow her passion. Both her son and husband help her when they can, she said.

Before the pandemic, Ozarker said the business was doing well. She had established a good customer base and although she didn't actively advertise Sanskar, word of mouth brought her business. When the pandemic hit, most shops and areas closed down, and Sanskar was no exception. For a couple of months, she said she wondered if this was the end for Sanskar. However, Ozarker realized she could restart her original business idea of catering and takeout. She ran the idea by customers, who supported the change. In March 2020, Sanskar switched to catering and takeout only. Ozarker said her plan succeeded and she now serves hundreds of customers per week.

Ozarker said she ensures her restaurant is unique in multiple ways. She rotates the menu daily so her customers always have something new to try. Meals are prepared fresh every day. Often, she said, she puts in seven to eight hours per day, waking up between 5 and 6 a.m. and working until 6:30-7 p.m. She also caters to specialized diets. She offers vegetarian and vegan options and said she personally contacts each customer to ensure she accommodates food allergies.

Before the pandemic, Ozarker also hosted special events. She started Sanskar with two departments in mind: the cultural department and the food department. First, she said that she would choose a traditional



COURTESY MEGHA OZARKER

Megha Ozarker is the owner of Sanskar, a Maharashtran restaurant in the Katy area. Vada Pav, right, a local delicacy of Maharashtra, is a vegetarian sandwich made of a deep-fried potato dumpling placed inside of a sliced bun. It is usually served with one or more chutneys and green chilis.



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Indian play with cultural importance. She and her family would then make sets for the plays by hand. Ozarker would also hire actors from India to take part in the play. After the play, Ozarker would serve them food associated with the performance. In this way, she said, she connected the food aspect of Maharashtra with its cultural vibrance, creating a rich

performance. Sanskar displays a variety of traditional Maharashtrian options and ensures that its food is handled and prepared properly. Ozarker connects the cultural aspects of India with food and celebrates each festival with new dishes. "I'm not thinking about the business," Megha said. "I just want to give good quality food."

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Trump's endorsements can hurt the GOP

Will Donald Trump's endorsements in the 2022 Republican primaries be a double-edged sword for the party?

Based on the surprising results of this week's special House runoff election in Texas, they could be.

The Republican-only election in a congressional district near Fort Worth was a runoff between Susan Wright, who was endorsed by Trump, and a freshman state representative named Jake Ellzey.

According to all the experts, Wright should have won fairly easily. She was the widow of Rep. Don Wright, whose COVID-19 related death in February triggered the election. She was a solid conservative in a conservative district.

And she had the backing of Donald Trump.

Trump did not appear in person for her, and local pols say his support was "half-hearted," but the ex-president appeared in TV spots for her and his political action committee gave her money and bought ads attacking Ellzey.

When the votes were counted, however, Ellzey beat Wright with relative ease, 53 to 47 percent.

Ellzey is a former Navy combat pilot and a conservative who out-hustled Wright and was endorsed by former Texas governor Rick Perry and fellow combat veteran Rep. Dan Crenshaw.

After he won, Ellzey said his victory proved that the people of his district wanted a positive "Reagan Republican outlook for the future of our country."

Evoking my father's name always makes me smile.

But Ellzey's win makes me wonder about how much Trump will help or hurt Republicans next fall when they hope to regain the House and Senate.

When Trump enthusiastically endorses one candidate in a primary and gets his followers to come to the polls to defeat the others, he runs the danger of hurting the party's chances in the general election.

To win in the fall — as we painfully learned last year — Republicans have to do more than just get out their base.

They also have to capture the votes of independents and moderate Democrats.

When I look at the 2022 mid-terms, I think, "Yeah, as a

MICHAEL REAGAN

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candidate you might want Donald Trump's unconditional and avid support in the Republican primary. But how are you going to win-over those independents and moderate Democrats in the fall?"

Those crucial voters may end up hating you — because of their hatred of Trump — more than they hate the way the Pelosi-Biden Democrats are wrecking the economy, blowing up the Southern border and mishandling the war against COVID.

And so Donald Trump becomes a double-edged sword—you want his endorsement for the Republican primary, but because of him in the general election you're liable to lose independents, suburban women and moderate Democrats.

And to win you are going to need those voters — just as my father did in 1980. He won not because Republicans showed up and voted for him, but because millions of independents and moderate Democrats did.

Wright should have been elected. Most wives who run for their dead husband's seats do so. She had the feel-sorry vote and the name recognition. Plus, she had the support of Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz.

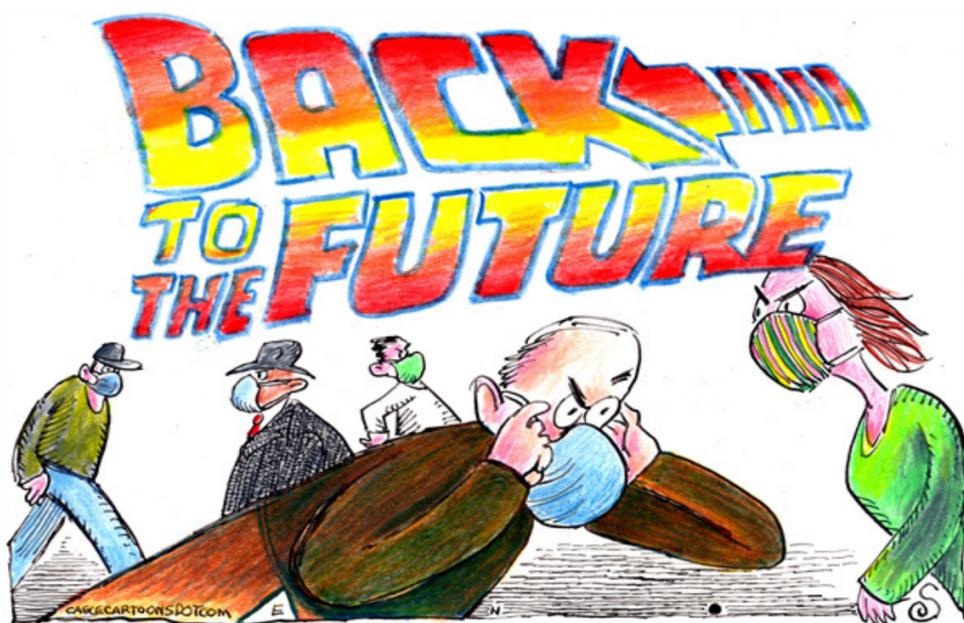
But Ellzey upset her.

It was a special election, so turnout was low, and it may have been a one-off election that means nothing for next fall.

Or it could be a wake-up call for the GOP's leaders — a warning that Trump's power within the Republican Party could hurt their big plans for next fall.

Wright's surprise loss also should force the party's grand poohbahs to ask themselves, what was it that Dan Crenshaw knew that they should also know?

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Who says there's no crying in baseball?

Even with this year's emotionally jarring MLB season — featuring widespread fan misbehavior, COVID-19 postponements, and a game suspension caused by a shooting in Washington, D.C. — it's generally accepted (as stated by Jimmy Dugan in the film "A League of Their Own") that "There's no crying in baseball."

Well, apparently, Tom Hanks has never been a fan of the hapless, heartbreaking Texas Rangers. The Rangers are currently having one of their worst seasons ever, and that's saying something.

In fact, the only time I've ever "almost" wept over a sporting event (other than that time I accidentally put on my athletic cup backwards in junior high football) was in game six of the 2011 World Series when the Rangers lost to St. Louis after coming within one strike of winning the whole box of puppies — twice.

I was so distraught that I could barely bring myself to watch them go down in ultimate defeat in game seven, wishing I had chosen, instead, to witness something less tragic — like a double feature of "Old Yeller" and "Titanic."

And here they are again, stumbling through the 2021 season like President Joe Biden trying to navigate a spiral staircase on roller skates. But that didn't stop me from joining my family on a recent trip to Arlington, Texas, to watch the perennially putrid Rangers suffer in brand-new Globe Life Field, which, from the outside, looks like a giant mobile home under construction.

Fortunately, we were gifted with some tickets in a luxury suite with its own private restroom, which



JASE GRAVES

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makes nine innings of slaughter a bit more tolerable. The suite included a buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, sodas, popcorn, candy, peanuts, ice cream and all the other reasons we needed a private restroom.

Once the initial novelty wore off (after about two pitches) and I had devoured every edible item in the suite, my youngest teenage daughter grew bored and began accusing me of causing climate change by throwing peanut shells on the floor of the seating area. She then challenged me in a mixed-martial-arts tickle fight. Did I mention we had a private restroom?

My middle daughter insisted on spending the bulk of the game exploring the stadium's concession areas on a quest for sushi. Yes, that's right, sushi — at a baseball game. And, to my disbelief, she found some — for only about the price of an official Texas Rangers jersey signed by Nolan Ryan and stained with the blood of Robin Ventura.

Naturally, I tried some of this elusive ballpark cuisine. Did I mention we had a private restroom?

Watching the Rangers flail around on the field brought back memories of my own ignominious experience with America's pastime in little league. Although my long-suffering dad tried his best

to help me hold the bat correctly, keep my eye on the ball, and stop gnawing on my glove in the outfield, I never could accept that being an effective baseball player required occasional running — and practice doing something other than visiting the concession stand.

Still, I did enjoy our family trips to the old Arlington Stadium to watch the Rangers lose in the 1970s. I remember the faint aroma of cigarette smoke mingled with cotton candy, popcorn, and all the ballpark delights to distract a kid from whatever the score was at the time. At one game, Mom and Dad even bought me a little stuffed Texas Rangers doll that I named "Billy Martin" after the volatile and often hilarious Rangers manager at the time.

These days, I only get out my Billy Martin doll when the Rangers make a rare, ill-fated playoff run (or during scary thunderstorms.)

Yes, the Texas Rangers are having an embarrassing season — again. Yes, they have resorted to slinging second-rate sushi at their stadium. And I still haven't forgiven them for kinda sorta making me cry when they lost the World Series. But they do have their moments, and I can't help rooting (secretly) for the team I loved as a kid, especially when I can go to a game and have my own private restroom.

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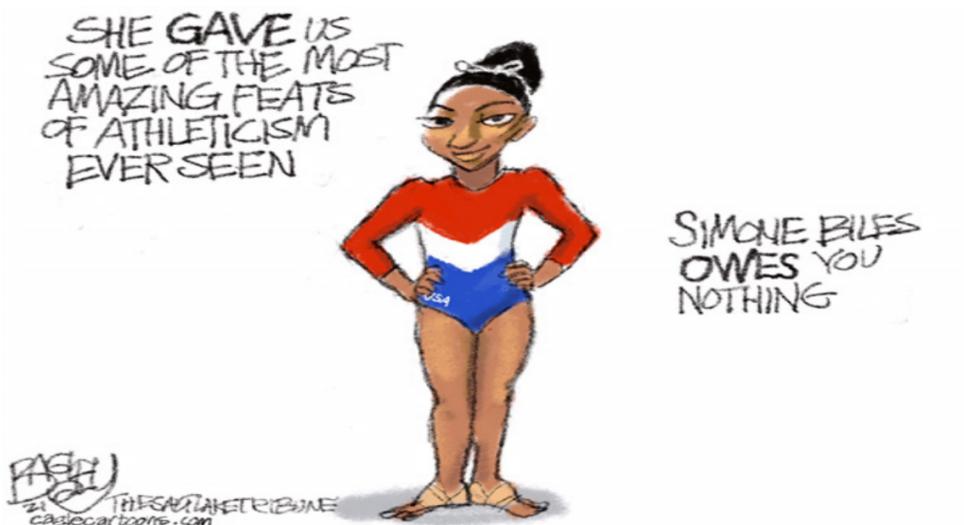
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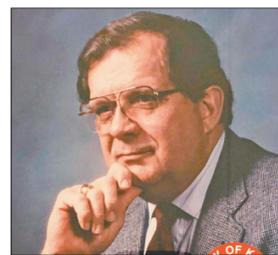
BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Joe Hegar, who served as city attorney for Katy for 31 years, passed away on July 29, the city announced via social media. Hegar worked with the city from

April of 1979 until May of 2010. "Joe was a kind man and was highly regarded by those who knew him. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family," Katy City Council Member Janet Corte said in response to the announcement.

Katy Mayor Bill Hastings praised Hegar as one of the finest men he's ever known and noted that he played a very important role in the city's history and would be missed. "Our sympathy and prayers are with his loved ones, friends,

and the Katy community during this time of great loss," the city's official statement read. Details for Hegar's funeral services had not been announced in time for publication, but will be posted at <https://bit.ly/3iYyXDC> once they have become available.



JOE HEGAR
1933 - 2021

TRIBUTES

Gilbert J. Hegemeyer passed away on July 27, 2021 at the age of 87 years. He was born to the late Eddie C. Hegemeyer and Viola (Rinn) Hegemeyer on August 20, 1933 in Austin County, Texas. He spent most of his childhood in New Ulm, Texas before moving to Houston, Texas and marrying the love of his life, Emily (Kuhn) Hegemeyer on November 26, 1960.

Gilbert attended Henkhaus Elementary School and Columbus High School before enlisting in the Army. He began his Basic Training on May 4, 1954 at Fort Bliss and finished his Quartermaster Training in Fort Lee, Virginia, before being sent to Würzburg Germany as a Specialist 3rd Class in the 1st Infantry Division. After returning to Fort Riley, Kansas, he was honorably discharged in May 1956.

Gilbert worked for TRW Mission in Houston for 17 years, Gulf Oil and Halliburton. He also ran Gilbert's A/C and Heating Service for several years before retiring in 2001.

One of Gilbert's favorite pastimes was sharing his expertise on repairing old



GILBERT J. HEGEMEYER
1933-2021

cars with his grandsons, Cody and John Pyka. He loved gardening and traveling overseas. While employed at Halliburton he donated much time and effort helping with their Annual Leukemia Society Jog-A-Longs (a 5 mile walk for life) and walked many miles as a member of the Katy Mills Mile Walker Club.

Gilbert was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church where he worked on the founding committee in 1960 and ushered on weekends.

Gilbert loved to share stories of his childhood with his grandsons, especially the one he told them

about his father paying the doctor who delivered him with a bottle of whiskey and the time the lightning strike killed his prize turkeys that he was planning to show at an agriculture function.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Viola (Rinn) Hegemeyer and his brothers Newton and Eddie Hegemeyer, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Emily Kuhn Hegemeyer, a son Joel Hegemeyer and wife Diana, a daughter Jacqueline Hegemeyer Fisher and husband Keith, grandsons Cody and John Pyka, step-grandson Daniel Fisher and Amy Acosta Fisher, two great-grandchildren Sara and Ethan Fischer, sisters Lucille Gross and Deloris Kutra of Sealy, brother William Hegemeyer of Cat Spring, plus many nieces, nephews and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Cody Pyka, John Pyka, Clinton Hegemeyer, Michael Gross, Craig Kutra and Nathan Kuhn. Honorary pallbearers are Brian Hegemeyer, Edward Hegemeyer, Nathan Hegemeyer, and Chris Gurecky. Readings will be done by Steven Kutra.

Visitation will be held on from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at Schmidt Funeral Home, 1508 East Avenue, Katy with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m.

Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021 at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church, 5356 11th St., in Katy, with the Rev. Wayne Wilkerson, Celebrant.

Interment was held at 2:00 p.m. at St. Roch's Catholic Church Cemetery in Mentz, 1600 Frelsburg Road, Alleyton, Texas 78935.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Gilbert Hegemeyer to St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 5356 Eleventh Street, Katy, Texas (www.St-Bart.org), St. Roch's Catholic Church, 1600 Frelsburg Road, Alleyton, Texas 78935, or Citizens for Animal Protection, 17555 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77094.

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James Lynch "J.L." Rose Jr., passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021. He died peacefully of natural causes while at home with his wife Bessie. J.L. was born on July 5, 1937, in Houston, Texas, to James Lynch "Jim" Rose Sr., and Audrey Inez Montgomery Rose. J. L. grew on the Katy prairie south of town and attended Katy High School. He married Bessie Ann Sturm on June 22, 1963, in Katy and they had four children, David, Brian, Diane, and Brenda.

J.L. was a talented equipment operator and industrial equipment designer with two patents to his credit. He worked as a rice farmer, bridge constructor, pipeline equipment manufacturer and retired from the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District after working for many years as field manager.

J.L. leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Bessie Ann Sturm Rose; son Brian Rose and wife Kara; daughters Diane Moore and Brenda Kolek; and daughter-in-law Karen Rose; grandchildren Evelyn, Daniel, Faith, and Carolyn Rose, Kolby Parker, Katherine Moore, Tyler and Stephen Kolek, and Carson and Madison Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents; son David Rose; son-in-law James Kolek; and sister Audrey Rose Thomas.



JAMES LYNCH "J.L." ROSE, JR.
1937-2021

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, in Katy, where funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, with Rev. Dotti Dumas Officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers you may make donations to Christ Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 507, Pattison, Texas 77466; or Pattison Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 442, Pattison Texas 77466.

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UHV psychology earns national accreditation

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The University of Houston-Victoria's Specialist in School Psychology program has been awarded national accreditation by the National Association of School Psychologists, according to a UHV press release. The recognition makes UHV's program, which is offered through its Katy campus, one of only 13 in Texas accredited by the association.

"This is a historic accomplishment for the School of Arts & Sciences because school psychology is the first nationally accredited program in the school," said Dean of the UHV School of Arts & Sciences Craig Goodman.

The program's recognition will be beneficial to graduates because it shows potential employers that UHV's school psychology program is above average, Goodman said. On the other hand, he said, it also draws more students to UHV and UHV Katy to continue to build the program up. That subsequently leads to more resources for the school to tap into, he said.

Accreditation also



Drs. Elise Hendricker (left) and Viola Shannon (right), both associate professors at the University of Houston-Victoria, worked over the last year to collect the data and materials to help the university's School Psychology program earn national accreditation through the National Association of School Psychologists. The accreditation covers all UHV campuses, including the one in Katy.

allows students the liberty of obtaining post-graduate certifications and licenses more easily, the press release said. Without the recognition, graduates are required to provide comprehensive course lists, evidence of their training, a portfolio of their training and experience and other application materials. Accreditation allows them to bypass that process.

The effort to gain accreditation took nearly a year and involved the collection of a great deal of data on the part of faculty and staff.

"Dr. Elise Hendricker

and Dr. Shannon Viola lead our efforts, and they had to go through and review the course curriculum, there was a site visit, they had to collect data on outcomes and prepare a long report, so it took them the better part of a year to collect all the data and everything they needed to report to the national accreditation agency," Goodman said.

The accreditation will last for six years and began Aug. 1. Viola, a UHV associate professor and director of the school psychology program, said the effort to get

"UHV's certification is especially exciting because our program is one of the few that offers a distance learning option. ... This stamp of approval shows that online learning can be just as effective."

— DR. ELISE HENDRICKER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA

accreditation began before the formal reports were compiled as UHV worked to fine-tune its school psychology program.

"After years of compiling reports, adjusting our program and courses, and an intensive review process, we are proud to reach this milestone for our program and the students we serve," Viola said.

Hendricker, also an associate professor and chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division at UHV, echoed Viola's statements and said the program is also unique from a remote learning standpoint.

"UHV's certification is especially exciting because our program is one of the few that offers a distance learning option," Hendricker said. "Normally, school psychology programs require students to be on campus and learn in person. This stamp of approval shows that online learning can be just as effective."

UHV student Juliet Polk of Richmond just finished her practicum with Lamar ISD. She had been a teacher for 11 years prior to pursuing school psychology. She became interested in school psychology after working with students to help them

get testing for disabilities and special accommodations.

Polk said she was glad the school had gotten accreditation and acknowledged that the program at UHV had helped her develop the skills she needs in her chosen field, as well as giving her the tools to help students.

"Accreditation is an overdue honor," Polk said. "UHV's program is excellent, especially when it comes to the faculty members. They are always ready to go above and beyond to help students understand concepts and prepare for their careers."



NITYA HOSUR, EDITORIAL INTERN

Graduates were spaced apart and some chose not to walk the stage due to COVID-19 concerns at the graduation ceremony for the University of Houston-Victoria's Katy campus.

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from spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021 classes in the event. Many of those students had been unable to walk the stage last year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many of the graduates and ceremony attendees wore masks, but that didn't stop them from yelling in celebration and congratulations at the ceremony.

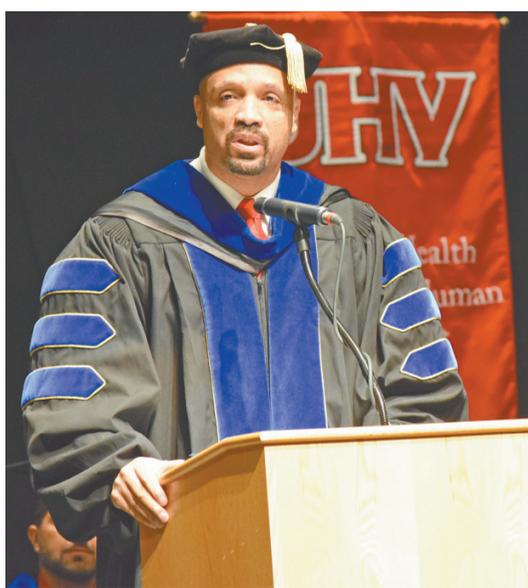
Melissa Solis was one of the students who was grateful for the chance to participate in the Saturday afternoon ceremony. Solis received her Bachelor of Arts in English from UHV in the spring of 2020 but was unable to participate in a ceremony until Saturday. She said she had been disappointed the year before and was very happy to be able to make up for it this year.

"I'm just looking forward to celebrating this moment with my family," Solis said.

Kimberly Goodman was excited to see her daughter, Christina Goodman, graduate Saturday afternoon. She said she hadn't been worried about her daughter walking the stage, because her daughter was determined.

"She wouldn't have had it any other way," Kimberly said.

Glenn encouraged the hundreds of UHV graduates, whether able to participate in the ceremony or not, to keep a similar level of determination. He said the knowledge the students had gained during their time at UHV would serve them well and reminded them that



NITYA HOSUR, EDITORIAL INTERN

University of Houston-Victoria Provost Chance Glenn delivers the commencement address at the Merrell Center for graduates of the School of Arts and Sciences on July 31.

knowledge is an opportunity not only to lift themselves up but their communities and professions as well.

"So, therefore, being thankful, being grateful, being gracious, compassionate and understanding are all signs that the knowledge that you have obtained makes you worthy of this omen and the responsibility that we all have for the planet and each other," Glenn said.

UHV Student Body President Tiarah Figueroa also spoke and led the assembled graduates and guests in a moment of reflection. She spoke about the crises

the world has seen in the past and those that may come and encouraged the audience to put those out of their minds and live in the present for a moment of reflection on the importance of graduation.

"My understanding is that the purpose of taking a moment to reflect is to help each of us focus on this moment and time, to be appreciative of our past, present and future," Figueroa said. "... We offer this moment in time for each of you to reflect on why you were here, how you came to be here and where you may go."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The *Katy Independent School District* will hold a public meeting at 4:00 p.m., August 23, 2021 in the Boardroom, Education Support Complex, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas 77494. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.9617 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.3900 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.8567 % (increase) or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service	7.1965 % (increase) or _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.5923 % (increase) or _____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 49,554,167,998	\$ 52,928,361,023
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,997,222,606	\$ 1,688,107,126
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 45,000,749,456	\$ 48,132,317,884
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,540,382,336	\$ 1,419,373,103

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,801,090,230
*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.9988	\$0.3900	\$1.3888	\$7.376	\$3.862
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.9949	\$0.4292	\$1.4241	\$7.486	\$3.900
Proposed Rate	\$0.9617	\$0.3900	\$1.3517	\$7.645	\$4.204

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 304,133	\$ 317,292
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 272,689	\$ 285,336
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.38880	\$ 1.35170
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,787	\$ 3,857
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 70

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.39091. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.39091.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$274,262,196
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 61,353,656

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



Seven Lakes coach Spurlock excited to head up TABC

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Angela Spurlock has done plenty over her 24 years as a head basketball coach.

The leader of the Seven Lakes girls basketball team achieved yet another accomplishment this summer, as she was named the president of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.

"TABC has been an integral part of my coaching career. In many ways this professional organization has helped mold the coach I am today," Spurlock said. "Because of TABC, I have had

the privilege to collaborate and build relationships with high school coaches across this great state, as well as college coaches at all levels across the country. One of my visions as president is to continue to provide tools to build and develop coaches in their careers. Our communities, schools, and athletes deserve the best we have to offer as coaches."

Spurlock, who has over 500 career coaching victories, has been the head girls coach at Seven Lakes for 16 years.

She has also led her teams to district championships 13 different times,

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Cole Lopardo wraps up a tackle wheel during Monday's practice at Tompkins High School.
TYLER TYRE

THE BOYS OF FALL

TOMPKINS BACK ON FIELD, SET TO DEFEND DISTRICT TITLE

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a hot, humid morning as whistles blew and cleats hit the ground at Tompkins High School on Monday.

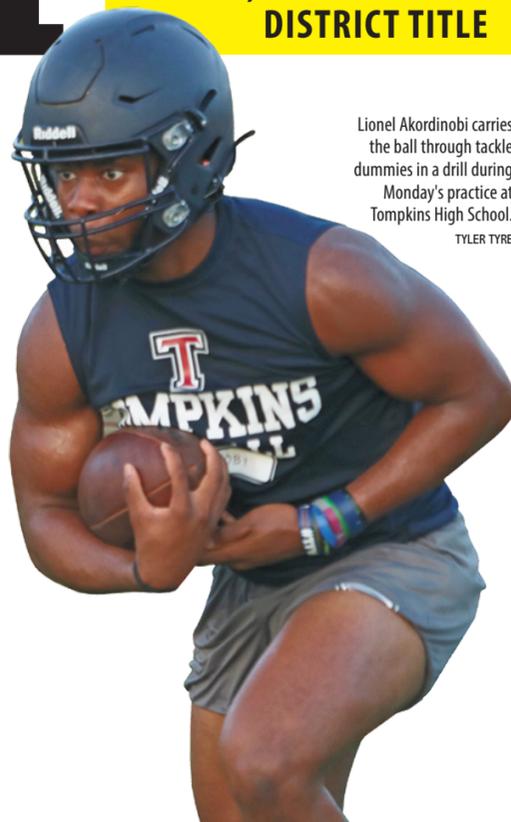
But Eti-Eni Bassey didn't care as he and his Falcons teammates walked off the field with sweat dripping off their backs after the team's first day of practice, because football is back.

"It was awesome, it felt really good to be back out here," Bassey said. "It was a long summer, we had a lot of hard work we did during strength and conditioning and it's time to ramp it up and get ready for the season. I just love it."

The Falcons ran through drills in shorts and shirts with helmets, gearing up for a long season by focusing on the basics.

Tompkins head coach Todd McVey was pleased with what he saw from the team.

"It was good to see them getting back into it," McVey said. "It's a little different than strength and conditioning. They just were out there learning the speed we need to do things, team speed picking it up and doing things consistently is the most important thing and they were able to get that today. Today was



Lionel Akordinobi carries the ball through tackle dummies in a drill during Monday's practice at Tompkins High School.
TYLER TYRE

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COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS

Quentin Grimes became the first University of Houston basketball player to be selected in the first round in 30 years on July 29.

Grimes is first Cougar selected in first round of draft in over 30 years

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

When Quentin Grimes name was called in the first round of the NBA draft on Thursday, he let it all out.

The University of Houston standout was selected with the 25th pick by the New York Knicks, making him the first University of Houston player selected in the first round since Greg Anderson 34 years ago.

"It's indescribable, I woke up with a big smile on

my face just knowing that I'm going to be playing at the most famous arena in the world every night, 41 games out of the season," Grimes said in a video posted to the Knicks twitter account on Friday. "I'm really lost for words."

Grimes averaged 17.8 points and 5.7 rebounds for the Cougars in his junior season, en route to being named the American Athletic Conference's player of the year.

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Katy high grad Hymel scores first racing win, sets bigger goals

COURTESY TY HYMEL
Ty Hymel stands in victory lane at Houston Motorsports Park after winning the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series race on July 17.



BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a long road for Ty Hymel to get his first win in the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series.

For six years Hymel has raced in the series, coming close to victory numerous times. But it wasn't until July 17 when he finally claimed a checkered flag and got to park in victory lane at Houston Motorsports Park.

"Really it was just a sigh of relief," the 21-year-old Hymel said. "My whole life I've known I could do it and I've known my whole life that all I

ever wanted to do was race. I just remember coming out of turn four, seeing that checkered flag and knowing that we had won the race. It was a feeling of 'finally we actually did it,' me and my team were finally able to do what so many thought we were incapable of doing."

It was a big moment for the Katy native and Katy high graduate, who had been waiting for years for that exact moment.

"It's been countless hours of constantly working," Hymel said. "There's so much that goes into the work on the race car and on the business side

as well. I've been doing this for the past six years, but I've been working on this for as long as I remember. I grew up watching race film, I would mow grass and work different jobs and save every penny that I had so I could buy a car and start racing. It's been a long journey."

Hymel's race showcased a bounce back from a disappointment he had in Alabama in June.

He had driven from Katy to Mobile to race but learned at the track that his car had an intake manifold leak, prevent-

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Zardes' late goal lifts U.S. over Qatar in Gold Cup semis

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

When Gyasi Zardes first played at Q2 Stadium just over a month ago, goals were hard to come by. His return trip on Thursday was a completely different story.

The Columbus Crew striker came on as a second-half substitute and scored a late goal, as the U.S. Men's National Team a 1-0 win over Qatar and sending them to the Gold Cup Final.

"I never question the coaches' decision," Zardes said. "They do months of research on teams and game models and how we like to play. If I'm starting or on the bench, that's their decision. I'm going to do whatever I can to make a difference."

The USMNT is on an eight-game winning streak, the second-longest run for the Americans since they won 12 games in a row in 2013. Berhalter also became the fastest coach to win 25 games with the U.S.

Goalkeeper Matt Turner came up huge in the first half, making two diving saves. He made six saves in total and was named Man of the Match.

"This is a resilient group, and for us to battle back like that and get the win shows a lot about the character of this team," U.S. Men's National Team head coach Gregg Berhalter said.

The U.S. will take on Mexico — who beat Canada 1-0 in the other semifinal Thursday night in Houston — in the Gold Cup final on Sunday night. Mexico beat the U.S. in the last Gold Cup Final in 2019.

"Part of the objective of this tournament was to give young, highly-touted players experience," Berhalter said. "We've done that, and we continue to do that. This is an extremely young group, and guys are going to get six games. That makes a huge difference in terms of international soccer. We feel like we're in a good spot with that."

Turner stopped a close-range shot just about 20 minutes in, then pushed away a redirected shot from U.S. defender Sam Vines a few minutes later.

Daryl Dike, who got his second straight start of the tournament, nearly opened the scoring for the Americans in the second half, but the Qatar keeper was there to get in the way. Akram Afif drew a penalty for Qatar in the 54th minute, but Hassan Al Haydos skied his shot over the bar.

"It was a big moment in an international tournament, tensions were high and emotions were running high," Turner said. "I just tried to let the guy know that I had been watching his penalties. I mimicked his run-up as I was going back to



PHOTO BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

United States forward Gyasi Zardes (9) and midfielder Paul Arriola (7) celebrate a 1-0 victory over Qatar in a Concacaf Gold Cup semifinal on July 29, 2021 in Austin, Texas. The United States won 1-0. Zardes scored the lone goal in the match.

goal to mess with him."

Zardes was there to poke in a cross from Nicholas Gioacchini in the 85th minute, and the Americans held on across nine minutes of stoppage time.

"When you play in a tournament, you have to be ready when your named is called," Zardes said. "I'm just going to make sure I'm prepared if my named is called."

For many observers, the U.S. seemed to have sent a 'B' team to the tournament. This squad is made up mainly of MLS players, while many of the regular, European-based players were left off.

Thursday's lineup featured players who averaged 13 caps with an average age of 23 years, 284 days.

But just because they're young and relatively inexperienced on the international stage doesn't mean their ambition is any less.

"What other people say doesn't really matter," Turner said. "For us, as U.S. Soccer, the expectation is pretty clear. When you're playing in CONCACAF Tournament, you get to the final and compete for trophies. It doesn't really matter who's on the field."

Note: The United States beat Mexico 1-0 in extra time on Sunday in the CONCACAF Gold Cup Final.



PHOTO BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Qatar defender Homam Ahmed (14) fouls United States midfielder Paul Arriola (7) during the second half of the Concacaf Gold Cup semifinal between the United States and Qatar on July 29, 2021 in Austin, Texas. The United States won 1-0.

GRIMES

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He led Houston to its first Final Four since 1984 and led all players in scoring at the NBA draft combined.

"The first time I realized he would probably go in the first round was probably when I was in Duncanville recruiting while he was at the draft combine in Chicago," said University of Houston basketball coach Kelvin Sampson in a Zoom interview to reporters. "My phone started blowing up and I looked at it and guys I know in different front offices kept telling

me how great Quentin was doing."

The NBA values "3-and-D" style players more than at any point in history and Grimes fits the bill as someone who is a stingy defender and will be able to spot up and hit open shots.

The Knicks front office and head coach Tom Thibodeau orchestrated a trade that gave them the No. 25 pick and a second round pick next year while sending the Los Angeles Clippers the No. 21 pick in this year's draft.

Thibodeau is one of the most

hard-nosed and defensive minded coaches in the league; he traded for the pick specifically to get Grimes.

"I'm excited just to learn from him (Thibodeau)," Grimes said. "I know he and Coach Sampson have a lot of similarities and I'm going to embrace that from day one. I want to learn everything I can and take everything on the chin. I want to earn everything I get and don't want anything given to me. I feel like that's the kind of guy that Thibs wants. It's going to be a match

made in heaven."

Grimes doesn't want to set any specific goals for the season but is excited for everything to get going.

"I'm just trying to come in and have an immediate impact," Grimes said. "I don't like to set goals for myself too far ahead. I like to trust my work and let my work speak for itself, but I definitely have high expectations, not only for myself but for the team and I feel like right now with what the Knicks are doing, we can have a really special season."



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Quentin Grimes was selected with the No. 25 pick by the New York Knicks.

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SEC extends invites to Texas, Oklahoma



Game officials hold the television timeout clock during a during an NCAA football game between Texas A&M and Kentucky on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M won, 20-14 in overtime.

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

The SEC Presidents and Chancellors voted unanimously on Thursday to invite Texas and Oklahoma into the conference beginning in 2025.

The only hurdle left is for the Sooners and Longhorns to accept the invitation, which could happen as soon as Friday when the boards of regents for both schools have called special meetings.

UT's board of regents meeting begins at 9 a.m.

"Today's unanimous vote is both a testament to the SEC's longstanding spirit of unity and mutual cooperation, as well as a recognition of the outstanding legacies of academic and athletic excellence established by the Universities of Oklahoma and Texas," SEC commissioner Greg Sankey said in a release. "I greatly appreciate the collective efforts of our Presidents and Chancellors in considering and acting upon each school's membership interest."

Texas and Oklahoma released a joint statement on Monday that said they

would remain a part of the Big 12 until 2025 when the current media rights deal expires. The schools would have to pay up to \$80 million to break the agreement and leave before the contract expires.

Texas A&M was originally against the expansion plans, but the board of regents voted 8-1 on Wednesday in favor of adding its former conference rivals.

Losing to two riches programs leaves the Big 12 on a knife's edge.

Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby sent ESPN a cease and desist letter accusing the network of communicating with member schools about the possible move to other conferences. ESPN said the accusation is "entirely without merit."

"We are unwavering in the belief that the Big 12 provides an outstanding platform for its members' athletic and academic success," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Monday. "We will face the challenges head-on, and have confidence that the Big 12 will continue to be a vibrant and successful entity in the near term and into the foreseeable future."

TOMPKINS

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learning where everybody lines up, where everyone goes and getting some familiarity with everything."

McVey and the coaching staff made the decision to not have spring practice this year, giving them an extra week in the fall to get ready for the season.

"We all came together and just decided it was best to do it this way in the spring," McVey said. "Guys were everywhere in the spring, we had guys in track and baseball and part of it was just 'how could we try to do this without having everybody?' We have some veteran lineman and know what we have there and that's a big part of the spring is finding what you have in the trenches. So I think this extra week will benefit us and we also got to lift a little bit more in the summer, so we'll see."

While Tompkins returns many of its players up front, it will be an entirely new look in the backfield this year with the graduation of quarterback Jaden Milroe, who is now at the University of Alabama, as well as the teams five leading rushers from last season.

But everyone on the team knows this group still has a chance to be special.

"I really think we can be great," said senior linebacker Bryce Shaink. "But we can't get caught up on that. "We have to take things one day, one practice, one game at a time. We can't look into the future because when we do that's how we are going to get beat. That's how you



Tompkins players wait on the sideline during Monday's practice at Tompkins High School.

TYLER TYRE

beat yourself. You just have to take on every day and do your best to get better."

The Falcons won the district 19-6A title last season as Katy High's 11 year run atop the district was halted.

Tompkins knows they will get every teams' best shot this season, but the team isn't shying away from

the pressure.

"One thing we say around here, is 'be the legacy,'" Shaink said. "Last year's seniors have set the bar high and we need to keep getting better at those things. They've set that 'crimson line' as we like to call it. Now we need to keep raising that bar and be elite."

TYLER TYRE

A Tompkins safety dives through a tackle wheel in a drill during Monday's practice at Tompkins High School.



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Sean DuBose Jr. fights through a blocker in a drill during Monday's practice at Tompkins High School.



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Houston, TX 77084

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This serves as notice that a small claims case has been filed on 7/15/21 against Krystina Woods.

A hearing regarding the entering of judgment as requested in the complaint will be heard on 8/26/2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Racine County Courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Ave., Racine, Wisconsin, in the First Floor Courtroom.

TO THE DEFENDANT: If you fail to appear at this hearing, a judgment may be entered against you. A copy of the complaint has been mailed to you at the address listed above.

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City Secretary
City of Katy, Texas

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NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Stark, Markle, Brome named first team all-state

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Will Stark, Drew Markle and Ryan Brome led the way for Katy ISD on the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 6A all-state baseball team, as all three were named first team all-state.

For Tompkins, Markle, who hit .403 with 13 doubles, four triples and 38 RBIs, made the team as a designated hitter. Stark, a second baseman, hit .422 with 22 RBIs while scoring 50 runs. Katy High's Brome, a first baseman, hit .453 with 31 RBIs, 6 home runs and nine doubles. Brome is signed to play at Texas Tech while Stark will continue his baseball career at Wichita State.

Tompkins Jack Little was named to the second team at first base. Little, like Stark has signed to play at Wichita State. Jace LaViolette, who has committed to play at LSU, was named to the third team. Little hit .424 with 45 RBIs, seven doubles and three homeruns while scoring 48 runs and stealing 14 bases. LaViolette had a 2.49 ERA with 67 strikeouts over 39.1 innings pitched as a junior.

Katy High's CJ Matthews and Aiden Huerta, Tompkins Graiden West and Cinco Ranch's Evan Marquez and Blake Hansen were honorable mentions on the team.

Tompkins placed five players overall on the team after a 31-7-1 season which saw the team reach the regional semifinals, the schools longest ever playoff run in baseball.



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



Tompkins senior Will Stark rounds past second base during the first inning of Game 3 of the Falcons' Region III-6A semifinal against Strake Jesuit on Saturday, May 29, at Cy-Falls High.

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Katy High seniors Ryan Brome, left, and Caleb Matthews, pose for a photo after a 6-2 win over Cinco Ranch on Tuesday, March 16, at Cinco Ranch High.

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Seven Lakes head girls basketball coach Angela Spurlock has been named the president of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.

showing what kind of leadership Spurlock can bring to a program.

"I am honored to serve as President of TABC," Spurlock said. "When you look at the past President's list it is certainly a privilege to be considered a leader in our profession and within this organization."

The TABC's motto is "The Voice of Basketball" and the purpose of the organization is to provide coaches and athletes the opportunity to grow and to also showcase Texas basketball.

The organization hosts coaching clinics, all-star games, camps and also gives out recognitions and accomplishments in the form of all-region and all-state teams.

"It is important to elevate our vision to include professional development, social awareness, and the importance and impact that athletics plays in the lives of so many people," Spurlock said. "In many aspects, today's coaches and athletes are experiencing athletics in a whole new way. From advances in technology, to a stronger focus on mental health and well-being, to athletic training and overall just more opportunities"

With the COVID-19 pandemic raging last year, many clinics and camps had to be postponed and shut down for the year. But they have been popping up again this year, something Spurlock is

very happy about.

"After the challenges of this past year it is great to see a return of clinics. Athletics by nature is a collaborative journey, so being able to be face to face with our colleagues and back on the court this past May with our clinicians was much needed," Spurlock said. "We obviously had some setbacks, however we have learned a lot as an organization. We are introducing our new VMC Series beginning this August, which I hope will now become a part of our continued outreach and professional growth."

The TABC hosted its first ever NCAA sanctioned Boys Showcase this year, Spurlock hopes to be able to hold one for girls as well in 2022.

"It is extremely important to provide the same opportunities to all basketball players in this state, and across the country for that matter. I'd like to stay focused on building a strong relationship and maintaining a positive collaboration with the NCAA," Spurlock said. "TABC is committed to working with the NCAA regarding viewing periods for girls' basketball and logistics to host a girls showcase next summer. The NCAA college coaches must be able to see the best of the best in the girl's game, just like the boy's successful Showcase, and our goal will be the summer of 2022."

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“This is more than just a hobby to me; this is my career. ... I’m fully invested and I just can’t stop until I get there. I know there’s so much I have left to show and I hope I get the opportunity. I’m not going to stop until I get the opportunity because

I know I can make it.”

— TY HYMEL, RACECAR DRIVER AND KATY HIGH GRADUATE



COURTESY TY HYMEL

Ty Hymel stands with the rest of the TGH racing crew after his win in the NASCAR Advanced Auto Parts Weekly Series on July 17.

HYMEL

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ing him from competing. “It was a real heartbreaker, because our team had gone out there and we didn’t get to race we didn’t get any points we didn’t get anything. So it was a rollercoaster of emotions.”

His win came in the very next race, as he led for all 20 laps and moved himself up into tenth in the standings for the Lone Star Legacy Racing Series.

“The series might allow us to drop a race and that would help us a lot since it would allow us to drop the race where we got zero points,” Hymel said. “If that was to happen we would be second in points right now. The standings don’t really do us justice this year for how we have raced so far and it was such an accomplishment to get that win.”

Hymel’s ultimate goal is to get to the NASCAR cup or Xfinity series and win a championship there.

He was able to get an up close and personal look at that last year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when he went to work for MBM Motorsports on Xfinity circuit in Moores-

ville, North Carolina.

“When the track season here was cut short, I had to find a way to stay in the game. This is my whole life and I didn’t want to be out of it, so I found a job with a team in North Carolina. I was on the pit crew and was in the shop just learning everything that I possibly could about race cars and racing and the drivers. It was a experience I’ll never forget. I drove from North Carolina to Las Vegas and got to see the drivers up close and study them.”

Hymel isn’t satisfied being a one-time winner. He plans to do everything he can to keep improving and get closer to his ultimate goal.

“This is more than just a hobby to me; this is my career,” Hymel said. “This is what I want to do. I’m not going to college, I’ve spent my college savings trying to pursue this. I’m fully invested and I just can’t stop until I get there. I know there’s so much I have left to show and I hope I get the opportunity. I’m not going to stop until I get the opportunity because I know I can make it.”

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