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City to receive grant to build fitness court

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council Monday voted to accept a \$50,000 National Fitness Campaign 2022 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for the creation of a fitness court at Katy City Park, 5850 Franz Road. Kevin Browne, the city's parks director, prepared the grant application. In a memo to the council, Browne wrote that additional

money would be needed for installation of the concrete slab and surfacing where the fitness court would go, along with equipment and any customized artwork. The council voted to authorize spending an additional \$92,350 in parks bond money for those things. When completed, the fitness court will have areas for people to do a variety of exercises to improve their physical fitness. In the city's application, Browne wrote

that the city has 10 developed parks, a community center and two more park areas in development. "We are also undertaking our first-ever Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan to provide planning for the future growth of our parks system and identify potential areas for trail connections to connect our parks across the city and provide alternative mobility opportunities to the community," Browne wrote.

"The department currently oversees facility rentals for the community center, park pavilions and athletic fields, community wide special events, summer and after school youth programs and we are continually searching for new programs and events to provide quality leisure activities and events for the community," Browne wrote. Browne said the fitness court will be

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Harris County Pet. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle, left, awards a proclamation to Howdy Homemade Ice Cream shop owner Roderick Batson, Austin Hanson and Andrew Heap. The store refers to its employees as "heroes."

Howdy Homemade Ice Cream celebrates one-year anniversary in Katy

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Ice cream is one fine way to celebrate a one-year anniversary. The folks at Howdy Homemade Ice Cream, 20920 Katy Fwy., Ste. S, can speak to that. The Katy store on Friday celebrated its anniversary after opening its doors

on July 22 of last year. The store is known for hiring special needs individuals, whom it calls heroes, to serve as ice cream servers. Friday's celebration included free ice cream for special needs individuals and proclamations from elected officials. Store owner Roderick Batson said some players from the Houston Rockets and Houston Texans were also

expected to make appearances that afternoon. "The community has really embraced us," Batson said. "Because of the community, we've had the success that we've had. It's not about me and my staff, but really, it's the individuals in the community who brag about us."

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KISD boundary modification could affect 9 elementary schools in 2023-24

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees are looking at a plan that would change attendance boundaries for nine elementary schools, including two now under construction. If approved, the changes would go into effect for the 2023-24 school year.

Ted Vierling, the district's chief operations officer, presented the plan to trustees at their Monday meeting. Assisting him with the presentation was Population and Survey Analysts, a firm which works with the district to analyze the district's growth. The district continues to experience strong population growth. Vierling said the student population is expected to reach over 100,000 students by 2028. "Periodic boundary modifications ensure efficient campus usage and helps balance enrollment across our campuses," Vierling said. Other elementary schools whose attendance boundaries will be affected by the proposal include: Bethke, Campbell, Golbow, Hutsell, Leonard, McElwain and McRoberts. Elementary #45 and #46 are under construction through a voter-approved bond program from 2021. Both schools are to open in the fall of 2023. Both schools will be located in the northwest quadrant of the district, keeping with the growing

"Periodic boundary modifications ensure efficient campus usage and helps balance enrollment across our campuses."

— Ted Vierling, Katy ISD chief operations officer

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Brookshire to create city administrator position

Pattison looking to remodel city hall

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The City of Brookshire is planning to create a city administrator position, Position 5 Alderman Jeremiah Hill said. The council members discussed the position in an executive session at their June 30 meeting. Hill said they voted unanimously to have City Attorney Justin Pruitt and his law firm, Olson & Olson, prepare the needed paperwork for council consideration at a future meeting. If approved by the council, Hill said the city charter would be amended to incorporate the position into the upcoming budget, which goes into effect in September. "The biggest thing we're looking for this position is, number one, someone to create better record retention policies, better employee policies," Hill said. "One of the issues we've seen or we've been dealt with as we been told things like minutes. Our policy right now requires that the minutes of every meeting are available within a week. But we're



Pattison Position 3 Council Member Robert MacCallum, Position 1 Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Kircher, City Attorney Timothy Kirwin and Mayor Joe Garcia at the July 21 city council meeting.

being told by our city secretary that that's just not going to happen. Well, that's not in good service to the public. The public should be able to get on there and disseminate and read and see what your city council and your

mayor have been doing." Hill said other cities have a city manager, but cities the size of Brookshire have a city ad-

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Community Calendar AUGUST

AUG. 4 MOVIE IN THE PARK

Monsters Inc. movie showing at George Bush Park, 16756 Westheimer Pkwy., Pavilion #3. The movie begins at 7 p.m. Bring your own blankets, chairs and snacks. Popcorn is free and snowcones are available for purchase.



NATIONAL IPA DAY

National IPA (for India Pale Ale) Day is on Aug. 4, and No Label Brewing Co. is hosting one of the best IPAs in the world and some others that aren't too shabby. IPAs include Cali Boy West Coast IPA, Sittin' Sidehaze NEIPA, 11 AMP American IPA and Los Gemelos Double IPA.

The event is from 3-10 p.m. at No Label Brewing Co., 5351 1st St. Live music, food trucks, vendors, and special IPA Day merchandise will be available.

AUG 6

THE SPICOLIS BACK TO THE '80S TOUR

The Spicolis are an authentic 80s party band, playing tribute to the bands that made MTV the phenomenon it became when it first aired in 1981 and actually played real music. No gimmicks, just the music.

The show begins at 9 p.m. The Spicolis will perform at the Wildcatter Saloon, 26913 Katy Fwy. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website wildcattersaloon.com.



AUG. 9

KATY HERITAGE SOCIETY SPIRIT NIGHT

Texas Tradition, 5321 Highway Blvd., hosts Katy Heritage Society Spirit Day. A percentage of all sales will be donated to the society, which is Katy's oldest nonprofit.

AUG. 10-11

MEET THE TEACHERS IN ROYAL ISD

Royal ISD hosts Meet the Teacher nights at all its campuses. Here is the schedule:

- Early Childhood Center: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 10.
- Royal Elementary School: 5-7 p.m. Aug. 10.
- STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology and Math): 5-7 p.m. Aug. 10.
- Royal Junior High: 5-7:30 p.m. Aug. 11.
- Royal High School: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 11.

For more information, contact the district at 281-934-2248.

AUG. 12

KATY SUMMER NIGHTS MOVIE IN THE PARK

The City of Katy Parks and Recreation Department hosts a showing of The Sandlot.

The event features free popcorn, pre-movie activities and giveaways, with snacks and drinks available for purchase. Participants can bring chairs, blankets and food/drinks. Glass, alcohol and pets are not permitted. An adult must accompany all minors.

The event is from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 12 at Katy Harvest Plaza in downtown Katy. The movie starts at around 8 p.m.



AUG. 13

KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR

Join Parkway Fellowship (North Katy) and Katy Christian Ministries as they fight to end food insecurity in the Greater Katy area. The ongoing community food fair events are aimed at feeding local families and providing fresh produce in a time of need.

The food fair is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church, 5819 10th St.

For more information, visit the website ktcmm.org/foodpantry.



KATY PRAIRIE MARKET

A family-fun market for north Katy communities. It features vendors with farm products, artisan goods, food, drinks and more.

The market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Katy Prairie Market, 24111 Stockdick School Road. For more information, email katyprairiemarket@gmail.com.

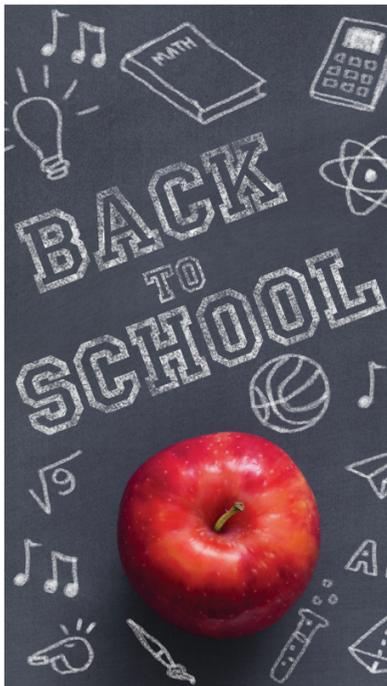
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Join the Nottingham Country Elementary School PTA as it celebrates the end of summer. The bash is at 3 p.m. Aug. 13 at Cosmic Air Park, 1210 Fry Road.

Tickets to the bash, which is not a drop-off event, are \$18 and include two hours of jump time and socks. Pay at the door and say you are with Nottingham Country Elementary School to get the deal.

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The show begins at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at Toddy Oaks, 20120 Franz Road. Reserved seating begins at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$12. To purchase tickets, visit the website at toddyinc.net/product/texas-eagles-eagles-tribute-august-13th.

AUG. 16

ROYAL ISD BACK TO SCHOOL

Royal ISD students return to school. Drivers are urged to be mindful of school bus pickup times, hours and driving zones.

AUG. 17

KATY ISD BACK TO SCHOOL

Katy ISD students return to school. Drivers are urged to be mindful of school bus pickup times, hours and driving zones.

AUGUST 20 KATY MARKET DAY

The monthly Katy Market Day features vendors, a food truck, beer garden, entertainment, and inflatable attractions for children's entertainment. The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic Downtown Katy. For more information, call Betsy Proctor at 281-391-1993.



AUG. 30

BUILDING BRIDGES GOLF TOURNAMENT

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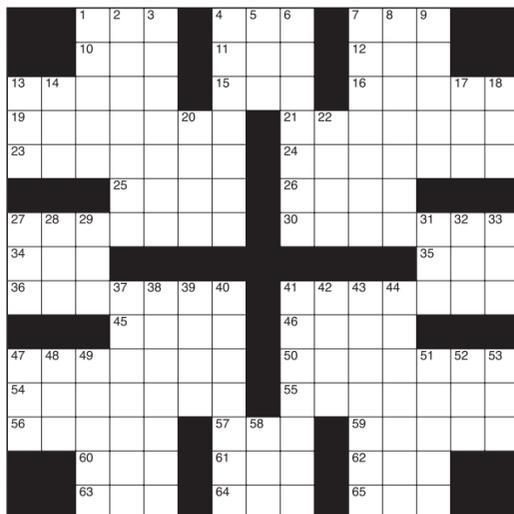
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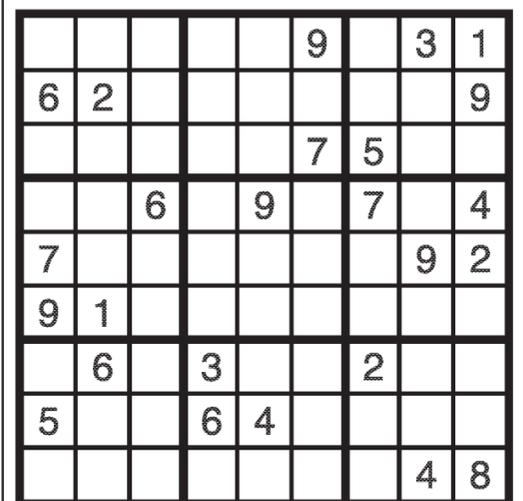
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- Eccentric person
- A way to save for your future
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

KATY PLAZA - SITE PLAN CONCEPT



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| 1 Katy Civic Center | 6 Extended Landscape Buffer | 11 Central Axis off of Katy Seal | 16 Event Lawn | 21 Katy Corner Monument |
| 2 Katy Civic Center Pavilion | 7 Harvest Plaza | 12 Seatwall | 17 Katy Civic Center Plaza | 22 Historic Rest Stop |
| 3 Planting with Seatwall | 8 Water Feature & Seatwall | 13 Spill-out lawn - Harvest Plaza | 18 Perimeter Walk | 23 5' Maintenance Access Walk |
| 4 Harvest Plaza Extension | 9 HVAC Building/Storage | 14 Katy Water Tower | 19 5' WALK | 24 Katy Visitors Center/Restrooms |
| 5 20' Main Promenade | 10 Event Parking | 15 Portable Stage Area | 20 Proposed Live Oaks/Planting | 25 Karankawa Park |

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built on the north side of Katy City Park, near the covered basketball court and the Play Station Playground. "The Play Station Playground at Katy City Park was one of the first all-inclusive playgrounds in the area when it was built in partnership with the Be An Angel foundation, and remains one of the most popular amenities in the area today," Browne wrote.

Council authorizes Harvest Plaza improvements

In a separate parks-related issue, the council approved a \$378,100 agreement with LJA Engineering for professional design services to the historic downtown plaza. Chris LeBlanc, vice president of land development at LJA Engineering, shared a rendering with the council that illustrated what the finalized plaza will look like. "This has been a long time coming," LeBlanc said. "COVID got in the way of us completing the project." Among the improvements, LeBlanc said LJA Engineering and the city would work to maintain the iconic water tower. He said they would add a shaded structure that, when completed, will cover the temporary stage that the city has purchased. In this way, he said, the stage would get coverage in all kinds of weather. Other shaded areas are to be built or planned in the plaza, he said. A historical component is also being planned for the park. The emphasis there would be on Katy's history. LeBlanc said in the future, the city's Christmas tree would be placed there instead of its customary site in front of the City Hall building.

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ministrator. Hill said the city council appoints a manager or administrator. The person holding that position serves as chief administrator, financial officer, city records management officer and city public information officer.

"I noticed before being elected, especially once elected, that we have a huge leadership vacuum and one of the concerns that there was so much overlap and what our city secretary does and the ability to effectively perform all of those tasks," Hill said. "And so, for instance, we as city councilmembers have asked for certain information. There's a huge delay in getting that sometimes. There are several things that there is just that leadership gap there."

If the position becomes available in September as hoped, Hill said the city wanted ample time to find the right person for the job.

"We're going to be looking for someone with a minimum of five years' experience in this position," Hill said. "They're going to have to be certified. There also going to have to have a degree. So, we're not looking for someone for whom this is not going to be their first day on the job."

To find that candidate, Hill said, the city expects to advertise through the Texas Municipal League, along with other statewide websites.

"It's not going to be just a local news (advertisement) because of the type of candidate were looking for," Hill said. "It's going to be more expansive—statewide and further potentially than just your local newspaper, per se."

Hill said the city administrator, when hired, would have input in the city's search for a permanent police chief. He said the council, which previously appointed Sgt. Clyde Miller as acting chief, has now voted to make him the interim chief. Hill said the chief would report to the city administrator under the new set up.

"What we've seen in Brookshire is there's not a lot of radical changes based on the mayor," Hill said. "You have a really aggressive mayor, or a really passive mayor, or a really

engaged mayor, or kind of a take-it-as-you-come type style or however you want to call it. We're really needing to set Brookshire up for success and have consistency, regardless of who the mayor or the council is, even. And this is one way we can establish that."

Hill said the city administrator system has worked well in Katy.

"It doesn't mean it's not without its drawbacks or flaws, but we really need somebody who can come in and really bring our professional level up," Hill said. "Be looking at the long-range projects of our street traffic ordinances, developments. We need somebody that their sole focus is not who's the mayor, not who's on city council, but what's best for the city of Brookshire five years, 10 years, 20 years from now."

Pattison looking to remodel its city hall

The Pattison City Council is looking to renovate its city hall, 3410 1st St., and has asked a Houston architectural firm to come back with some ideas for making it happen.

Noel Compean, principal of Calyx Design Studio, presented the council with three basic concepts at the council's July 21 meeting. The concepts were built around completely gutting the building's interior, gutting the interior extensively and gutting the interior slightly.

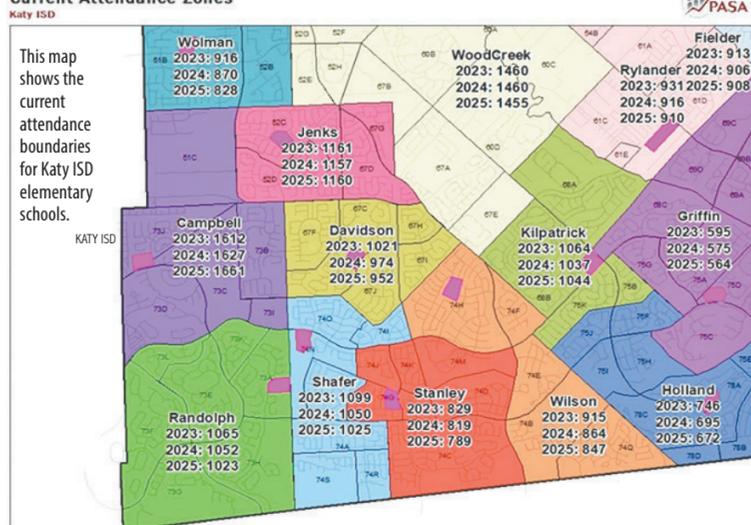
The council chose the first proposal, in which the interior was completely gutted. Under this plan, the council chamber would be moved from the left to the right side of the building, with 30 seats for citizens to attend meetings. The mayor and council would sit at a half-circle credenza.

Presently, the chamber is on the left side of the building and council members sit around two large tables pressed together.

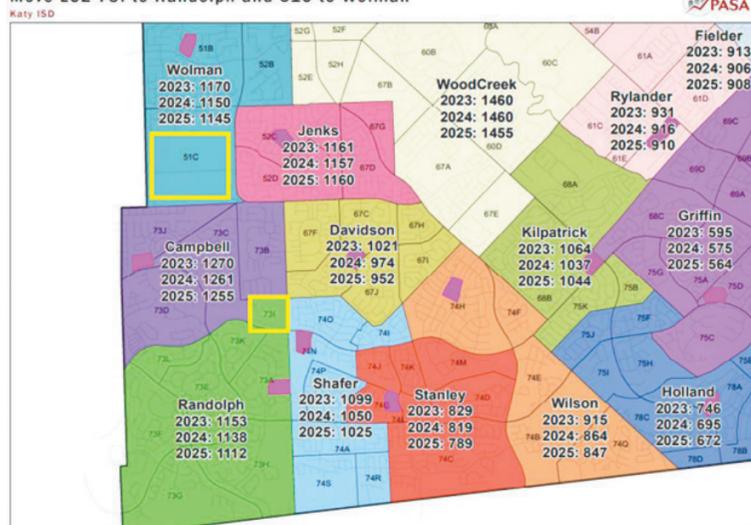
The plan calls for two offices, a daily operations center, a records storage room, a conference room, a break area, a wellness room, a janitor's room and two restrooms.

Mayor Joe Garcia said the city last year acquired the building from Waller County.

Current Attendance Zones



Move LUZ 731 to Randolph and 51C to Wolman



This map shows the proposed attendance boundary modifications for Katy ISD elementary schools. If approved, the changes would go into effect for the 2023-24 school year.

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population in that area. Elementary #45 will be at 25600 Longenbaugh Road. Elementary #46 will be at 25615 Clay Road. Neither school has been named.

The district will survey residents in the neighborhoods surrounding these campuses for feedback. The survey will run through Oct. 7.

HOWDY

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Batson and his colleagues have grown the business. This year, Howdy Homemade signed deals with both the University of Houston and the Katy Independent School District to provide ice cream at sports events.

Towards that end, Batson said the company would be hiring between 30 and 40 special needs individuals to help meet the growing demand for ice cream. Batson was confident there would be plenty of applicants.

"Once the word gets out, I think there's more than enough individuals looking for an

opportunity," Batson said.

Batson cited the personalities of the special needs individuals who work at Howdy Homemade. He said their heroes love having the opportunity to work at the store.

"They have a sense of ownership when they come here," Batson said. "They don't look at the clock."

Andrew Hanson, one of the heroes, said he loves working with customers.

"They make us happier than anyone else," Hanson said.

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Does your body hate you?

Trust me when I declare that I am not competing for sympathy against folks suffering from cancer, blocked arteries, diabetes or other serious ailments.

I do nonetheless think that my body is out to get me.

And not just with the chronic aches, pains and wrinkles that accompany normal aging. No, my body perpetrates fiendishly clever assaults on my comfort and dignity. (Misery loves company, so you may be yelling, "Too much information!" as this essay assaults your own comfort and dignity.)

I am most keenly aware of the wee-wee complications. I can sleep through the night (thank you very much), but during my waking hours, I hear from my urinary tract more often than I hear from the extended-warranty pitchman. I wish I could be the bladder whisperer, but I'm more the bladder "will you shut the heck up and stop harassing me?" type.

Seriously, even if I've gotten preoccupied and skimped on hydration, I apparently start absorbing moisture from house plants, puddles, horse troughs and the like. On a really bad day, the technicians at Hoover Dam have learned to mutter, "No, it's not a leak. Tyree's at it again."

Alas, my gastrointestinal system gets in on the act, too. Regardless of how well I've handled my diet, in the back of my mind I can hear Chubby Checker on heavy rotation. ("Let's go again like we did last hour/Let's go again, like you trained your rear...")

Dressing in a hurry always brings surprises. Hangnails that were nonexistent 30 seconds ago suddenly snag delicate fabrics. Instead of being recognized as a sharp-dressed man, I am dismissed as someone who lost a tussle with Zorro.

The more I need to meet a project deadline, the more my nose spontaneously conjures up distracting postnasal drip. Granted, I am in good company. The full Archimedes quote was "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it and a big honkin' box of Kleenex, and I shall move the world."

On a related note, I dread jostling anyone in a crowd. As a super-polite citizen, I want to issue a robust "Excuse me, please." But I invariably have just enough phlegm in my throat to turn it into a wimpy



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

I exercise...my option for choicest spot on the sofa, but exercise, nonetheless. I get at least six-ish hours of sleep per night on my good-as-new mattress. That's more than the previous owners got, with all that squawking about, "The British are coming! The British are coming!"

guttural response. Countless strangers have inched away from me while conjecturing, "Maybe if the poor schmuck discovers fire, he can roast himself a mastodon."

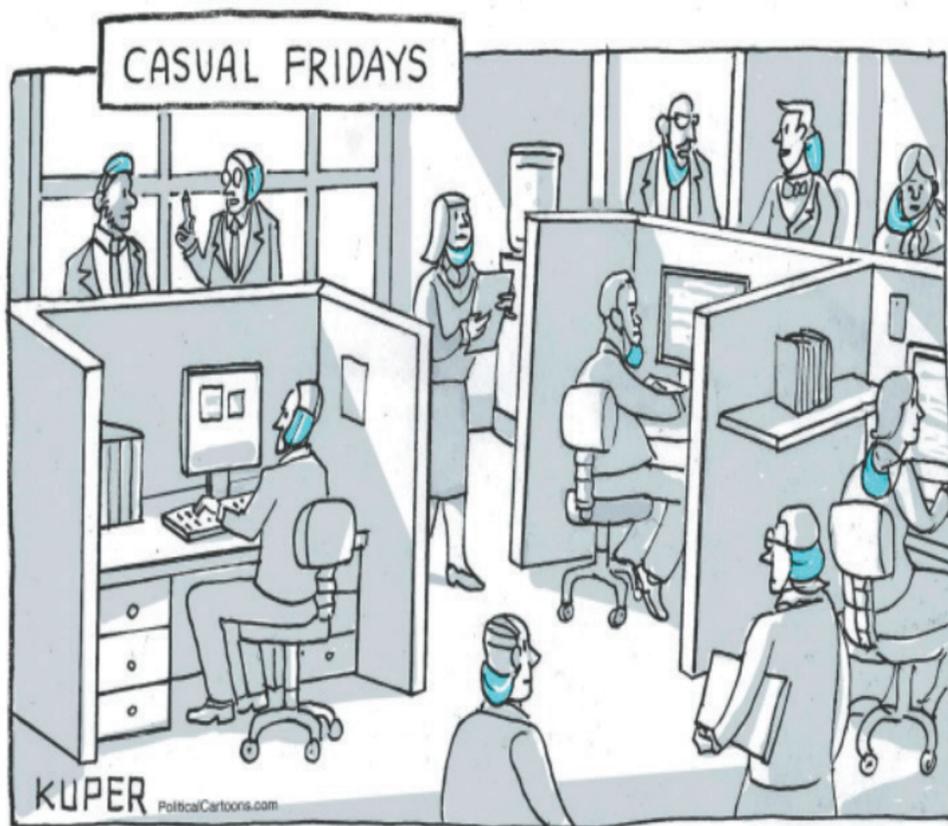
I truly despise being double-teamed. Sometimes my inner child colludes with my body. I can't drive within 25 miles of a cemetery without my body demanding to know, "Are we there yet? Are we there yet?"

Why is my body so relentless in bombarding me with missteps, coughs and eye boogers? After all I've done for it!

I exercise...my option for choicest spot on the sofa, but exercise, nonetheless. I get at least six-ish hours of sleep per night on my good-as-new mattress. That's more than the previous owners got, with all that squawking about, "The British are coming! The British are coming!"

Finally, I am careful about what foods I put into my bodily temple. I don't exactly adhere to the Food Pyramid, but I have discovered the rival Food Sphinx. I've even come close to solving the Food Sphinx's riddle: "What goes on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon and deep-fries everything that is arguably edible in the evening?"

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



Teenagers not working doesn't work for America

Here's a trend that may not bode well for the future of our country: According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 40 percent of 16- to 19-year-olds have summer jobs—down from 75 percent of teens a generation ago.

As it goes, according to the NerdWallet website, teen summer employment has been declining for decades. Why?

One reason is that jobs typically tailored for teens are either shrinking or being taken by older folks. Another is that more teens are attending summer school, participating in extracurricular activities and volunteering.

But a third reason is the most troubling: Fewer teens are willing to flip burgers or work manual labor during their summer vacation, according to recruiting firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas.

Which is a shame, because work is good for teens. It exposes them to how industry works. It teaches them the value of a dollar. It gives them the dignity of exchanging their labor for money that they can use to support their education or maybe buy their first junker car.

But most of all, teens who don't work are missing out on some incredible growth experiences.

I got my very first job in the summer before I became an eighth-grader. I persuaded a neighbor to hire me to cut her lawn for five bucks. She had an electric



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

mower with a long extension cord—which I promptly ran over and destroyed. I got canned before I finished the job.

The next few summers, I worked at a driving range. I had to wake up at 5 a.m., ride my bike two miles up a hill, then pick up a couple of acres of golf balls with an aluminum picker. Sometimes, I worked the evening shift. I wore a metal cage as I worked—as dozens of people tried to hit me with golf balls. I was paid \$1.25 an hour for this honor.

The summer before 10th grade, I built up a decent business mowing lawns, but the summer before my junior year—when I had my driver's license, finally—I hit the mother lode. I put ads in the paper offering a service to rebuild stone and block retaining walls.

After a few months of mistakes and mishaps, I learned how to bid the jobs. I hired two or three others to help me run the jobs. I slowly began to master the art of cutting and placing stones. And the cash came rolling in. I was doing mighty fine for a 17-year-old and had earned enough in a few months to pay for my first year of college.

I worked a series of jobs in college: dishwasher, janitor, handyman, grass cutter. I worked as a bouncer, too, which involved kicking drunk people out of bars and mopping up that which some patrons couldn't keep down—the most respect I ever got, then or now.

In any event, these jobs helped me learn how to socialize and work with others. I learned how to sell, bid jobs and manage money. I learned self-reliance and the joy that comes with a job well done.

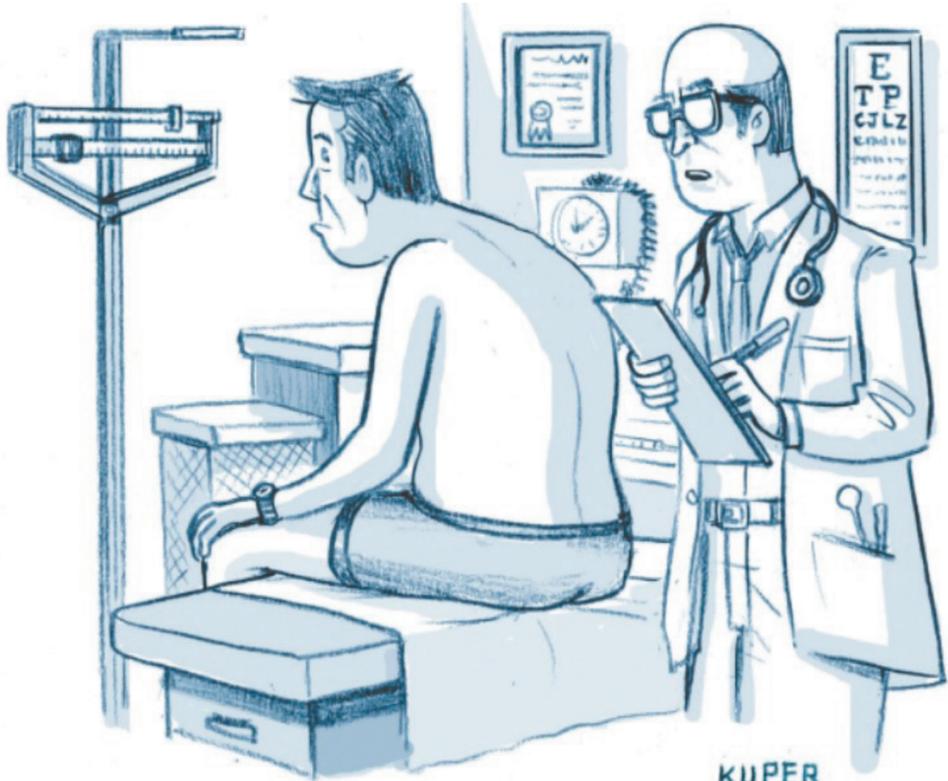
As more of today's teens miss out on such experiences, how might that affect their future? How might it affect America's future?

Are we encouraging more kids to rely on the government, rather than themselves, to meet their basic needs in their adult years? The Congressional Budget Office recently reported that big-government programs like Obamacare will discourage people from working.

A strong work ethic is what built America. We need to maintain our work ethic to keep our country going and produce our needed tax revenue.

That's why I'm troubled that fewer teens want to work these days.

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DATE NIGHT

The Katy Parks Department staged its first-ever Date Night Friday at Katy Harvest Plaza. Here are some scenes from the event. Above: Rhonda and David Petersen of Katy enjoy playing Jenga at the Date Night Friday at Katy Harvest Plaza. Far right: Diego Escobar, who was visiting Katy from Columbia, shows his winning beanbag tossing form. Right: Justin Gessel, a street magician, performs a rope trick while Jameson Davitz watches.

PHOTOS BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER



GROUNDBREAKING



SUSAN ROVEGNO

JASJS Development LLC broke ground Friday on Westbound Katy Business Park at 30934-30839 in Brookshire next to Grunfos. The mixed-use development will open in two phases. Phase 1 is a continuing upgrade of classic mid-century metal buildings currently occupied by American Pressure Products LLC DBA Texas Rubber Products and by Grunfos CBS Inc. Phase 2 is the construction of three 12,000 square feet modern metal office warehouses. Estimated occupancy is December 2022.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Midway BBQ planning to reopen Sept. 1

Midway BBQ announced that it plans to reopen its restaurant Sept. 1.

The rebuilt restaurant includes a third smoker in a new smoker room, an expanded service kitchen and food service line. It also features a new catering kitchen, new bakery kitchen area, larger dessert case and retail area. Improvements have also been made to the restaurant's semi-private dining room and the private banquet room has been redesigned.

The rebuilding comes following a fire at the restaurant in February 2021. The damage to the interior of the building was a total loss and the rebuilding effort began from scratch.

The store opened Midway BBQ Jr., 6191 Highway Blvd., to accommodate its customers, and continued to serve meals at its long-established Midway Meat Market location, 5901 Highway Blvd. The "junior" location will be closed while the final arrangements take place before the reopening. However, the Midway Meat Market will remain open during this time.

Katy Heritage Society to hold vintage carnival Oct. 22

The Katy Heritage Society is planning its second annual vintage carnival, which will feature food, vintage carnival games and festivities.

The carnival will be from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Dr. For more information, visit the Katy Heritage Society website at katyheritagesociety.com.

Fort Bend County Fair mutton bustin' seeking entries

Mutton Bustin' online registration for the 2022 Fort Bend County Fair will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 16.

The first 100 qualified children who are 4-7 years of age and who weigh less than 55 lbs. on the day of the competition are eligible to compete. The top 10 qualifiers advance and will compete before the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo performance at 2 p.m. Oct. 2. To enter once on the fair's website, click on the preferred date, complete the entry, and submit payment. A confirmation email will be sent, and you are registered.

If your preferred date is unavailable, go to the next available date. If all dates are complete, there is the "alternate" option. Alternates will only be able to ride if someone else opts out. Ride dates for alternates will be determined based on availability.

A Grand Champion buckle will be awarded to the mutton buster with the highest score at the Final Round on Oct. 2, with prizes for each contestant in the preliminary rounds. Mutton Bustin' is a fan favorite, and everyone is welcome to come to cheer on their favorite cowboy or cowgirl.

For more information, visit the website fortbendcountyfair.com.

Fort Bend Junior Service League accepting community assistance fund applications

The Fort Bend Junior Service League's Beneficiary Review Committee is preparing for the 2022-2023 league year.

The league is accepting Community Assistance Fund (CAF) applications for \$5,000



Midway BBQ, 6025 Highway Blvd., plans a Sept. 1 reopening after a fire in February 2021.

FILE PHOTO

or less. This fund enables the league to make multiple small grants throughout the year to local Fort Bend County non-profit organizations.

The CAF is funded through the league's annual Sugar Plum Market, which will take place Nov. 3-5, with a special Preview Night Celebration on Nov. 2 at the Stafford Centre Performing Arts Theatre and Convention Center.

For more information on applying for a CAF grant, visit the website fbjls.org/requestsupport/. For more information about the Sugar Plum Market, visit the website sugarplummarket.com/.

Committee members are: Jennifer Bombach and Jennifer Small as co-chairs, Misty Gasiorowski, Monique Brown, Alexis Geissler, Dana Loper, Kelsea Lake, Diane Molina, Jennifer Semeyn, and Jessica Gregory as board liaison.

Mamie George Community Center's Mission of Love Gala to honor Father Dat Hoang of St. Faustina Catholic Church in Fulshear

Father Dat Huang will be honored at the Mission of Love Gala, which benefits Catholic Charities' Mamie George Community Center in Richmond. He is the founding pastor at St. Faustina, which came into being in 2014 when the priest was appointed by his archbishop, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, to solidify a congregation in the fast-growing Fulshear area.

Dat Hoang wanted to be a priest from the age of 10, while living with his large Catholic family in Vietnam. Because his father had served as an officer in the South Vietnamese Air Force, their bishop advised that they

leave the country to realize the youngster's dreams.

It took two years and harrowing journeys to escape. They were lost at sea and starving, rescued by a Soviet tanker, imprisoned, lost their life savings, separated from each other, and attacked by pirates. Eventually they made it to refugee camps. Dat Hoang's faith remained strong as he served as an altar boy, even risking his life setting up for Mass in the middle of gunfire.

Eventually, Dat Hoang was reunited with his brothers in Houston, where he pushed himself to learn English in high school, and went on to attend seminary and realize his dream of becoming a priest.

Father Dat's remarkable story will be the centerpiece at the Mission of Love Gala, which will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond. For 11 years, the Mamie George Community Center has provided meals, gatherings and classes to keep seniors engaged and active. In addition, the center provides vital services for people of all ages: a food pantry, financial

assistance, help for women veterans, and parenting education for young families.

Thousands of Fort Bend residents are helped each year through the center, located in a zip code with high levels of poverty.

During the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, MGCC converted to home deliveries of meals and food to seniors, virtual interaction with other clients and drive-through food distribution. Nearly five million pounds of food have been distributed, with help from a devoted corps of volunteers, since the pandemic began.

For tables and tickets, visit the website CatholicCharities.org/MissionofLove. Those unable to attend but still wish to support Mamie George Community Center and the services provided in Fort Bend County may visit the website CatholicCharities.org/MissionofLove/make-a-gift/.

For more information, contact Matt Johns at mjohns@CatholicCharities.org or 713-874-6659.

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



SARAH MARTIN

The Rotary Club of Katy presented scholarships to 27 graduates from the Katy ISD class of 2022 at a July 21 banquet. Scholarships ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000 each. These scholarships are funded annually by the annual Katy Triathlon (kattytriathlon.org) and the Katy Rice Festival. Pictured on the front row are, from left, Jayden Polk, Angelica Meza Navarro, Paula Rubio, Millicent Kennedy, Ava Conroy, Samantha Feinberg, Kayla Platz and Angela Lopez. On the middle row, from left, are Breesia Garza, Kristen Justilian, Ana Walsh, Kathryn Kyrisch, Lauren Forney, Colin Wall, Abby Ward and Lakshya Gupta. On the top row, from left, are Ryan Chen, Naasson Crowell, Jachin Choi, Austin Brown, Allison Mabry, Claudia Garrett and Filbert Presley. Not pictured: Evan Abboud, Laura Davis, Mia Ferow and Nicholas Cernosek.

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LaViolette opts to stick with A&M over MLB draft

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jace LaViolette had a hard decision to make.

The Tompkins graduate had signed to play baseball at Texas A&M, but knew there was a chance he could get his name called in this week's MLB draft.

LaViolette mulled things over, but kept going back to the same decision.

He knew his new home was in College Station.

"After careful consideration with my friends and family I've decided to come play baseball (at A&M) for the next three or four years," LaViolette said in an interview with TexAgs.com. "I'm super and excited and pumped to be here and I can't wait."

LaViolette had committed to A&M before his senior year and signed to play baseball there in the fall. The Tompkins graduate knew that there were strong opportunities to

go pro, but ultimately, after being on campus and around the team this summer, the decision to stay became a no-brainer for him.

"These last two weeks just really sealed the deal for me," LaViolette said. "Before that I was already bought in, but I didn't fully understand by what people meant when they said this is the best university to come to. Now that I'm here and I understand, this is the best place to be."

LaViolette was one of the top recruits in the nation, earning a 10 rating from perfect game, which is only allotted to the top high school prospects in the nation. Overall, LaViolette was ranked as the seventh best

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Tompkins senior Jace LaViolette takes a swing during Game 3 of the Falcons' Region III-6A semifinals against Strake Jesuit last year at Cy-Falls High.



Paetow's Lonnie Teagle named 40-under-40 coach

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow head coach Lonnie Teagle was named a 40-under-40 coach by Dave Campbell's Texas Football in its 2022 summer magazine.

Dave Campbell recognizes the top young coaches in the state each year with its 40-under-40 list, selecting the top 40 coaches from around the state of Texas and honoring them for their achievements.

Teagle, a Houston native, worked his way up the ranks in Denton ISD. After graduating from Alcorn State, he spent five years at McMath Middle School before moving to an assistant role at Denton High for five years, where he also spent three years as the head track coach. He joined Coppell for three years before heading to Denton Ryan as a running back coach in 2019 and then being promoted to offensive coordinator which he coached for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

Teagle won a state title in the 2020 season, and Ryan twice made the state championship game during his time there. His offense averaged 40 points per game, 197.5 yards on the ground and 219.5 yards through the air over the course of his two seasons as offensive coordinator and Ryan had a record of 42-3 while Teagle was coaching there.

Joining Teagle on the list was former Paetow head coach B.J. Gotte, who is now the head coach as Pearland. He started the program and led the Panthers to a 35-13 record over the course of four years as a varsity program. He will have a chance to continue to prove himself joining a tough district in Pearland.

University of Houston defensive coordinator Doug Belk was also named to the coaching list, as the Cougars

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Former Paetow head coach and current Pearland head coach B.J. Gotte was named a 40-under-40 coach by Dave Campbell's Texas Football.



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Katy, Tx. Nov 5, 2021: Katy's Seth Davis #23 carries the ball during a conference game between Katy and Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

Davis and Hicks named to preseason All-State team

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy's Seth Davis and Paetow's David Hicks Jr. were named to Dave Campbell preseason All-State team, as both took home first team honors in the preseason awards.

It came as no surprise the duo were named to the preseason All-State team after their accomplishments as underclassmen, as both head into the year among the very best at their respective positions in the state.

Davis has shown his ability for Katy since his sophomore year, when he rushed for 1625 yards and 17 touchdowns while being named the MVP of the Class 6A-Division II State Title game. All he did was follow that up with a 2422 yard junior season to go along with 28 touchdowns, bringing his career mark to 4047 yards and 45 touchdowns. He has averaged over 149 yards per game for his career and 9.8 yards per carry.

And Davis isn't satisfied, after committing to Mississippi State this summer and earning a 3-star rating



FILE PHOTO

Paetow defensive lineman DJ Hicks was named to the Dave Campbell Texas Football's Class 6A Preseason All-State Team.

on collegiate services, as his goal for his senior season is to rush for over 3,000 yards and rush for even more touchdowns than he did in his junior season.

Hicks spent his sophomore season at Morton Ranch before moving to

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- RB: Owen Allen, Southlake Carroll
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- K: Julitan Melucci, El Paso Eastlake

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- DL: DJ Hicks Jr., Paetow
- DL: Colton Vasek, Austin Westlake
- DL: Johnny Bowens, Converse
- DL: Jordan Renaud, Tyler Legacy
- LB: Aaurean York, Temple
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Houston's Tune named to Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

STAFF REPORT

University of Houston Football senior quarterback Clayton Tune has been named to the preseason watch list for the 46th annual Davey O'Brien Award, the Davey O'Brien Foundation announced Tuesday.

The award, tabbed as the oldest and most prestigious national quarterback award presented to the best college quarterback in the nation, highlights Tune alongside 34 other quarterbacks voted based on performance and expectations for the 2022 season.

Houston is one of three in-state programs to have a returning starter named to the watch list along with SMU and UTSA, as well as one of three quarterbacks from the American Athletic Conference.

Among first timers on the 2022 Davey O'Brien Award watch list, Tune ranked third in

completions and passing touchdowns, and fourth in passing yards last season. Alongside all honorees' stats from last season, Tune ranked 10th in completions and 11th in passing yards and touchdowns.

Tune posted a career year in 2021, recording career highs in games played (14), completions (287), passing yards (3,550), passing touchdowns (30), and completion percentage (68.3) while leading the Cougars to a 12-2 overall record, an appearance in the American Athletic Conference Championship game and a Birmingham Bowl victory over Auburn. His performance on the field catapulted him up the Houston record books, moving into seventh all-time in career passing yards and fifth all-time in passing touchdowns in program history.

A midseason watch list will be announced on Oct. 18 con-

sisting of the 35 quarterbacks on the preseason watch list including any quarterbacks added to the list throughout the first seven weeks of the season.

A second 35-man midseason watch list will be released on Oct. 25, before 16 semifinalists are announced on Nov. 8. Three finalists will be selected with the winner of the 46th annual Davey O'Brien Award announced on Dec. 8 at The Home Depot College Football Awards.

Houston will open the season against UTSA on Sept. 3 and will host Kansas on Sept. 17 in the teams home opener.

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Houston Cougars quarterback Clayton Tune (3) leaps in an attempt to avoid the tackle attempt of SMU Mustangs linebacker Richard Moore (14) during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas.



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

Nathaniel Dell named to Biletnikoff watch list

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

University of Houston Football junior wide receiver Nathaniel Dell has been named to the 2022 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List, honoring college football's top FBS receiver, the Tallahassee Quarterback Club (TQC) Foundation announced Thursday.

Any player, regardless of position (wide receiver, tight end, slot back, and running back) who catches a pass is eligible for the award. As such, the Biletnikoff Award recognizes college football's outstanding receiver, not merely college football's outstanding wide receiver.

Dell had a breakout sophomore season in 2021, register-

ing career highs while hauling in 90 passes for 1,329 yards and 12 touchdowns. The All-American Athletic Conference First Team honoree ranked eighth nationally in 2021 in receiving touchdowns.

Forty-three student-athletes were named to the Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List. Dell is one of six receivers from the state of Texas on the list and one of four representatives from The American.

The semifinalists, finalists, and award recipient are selected by the highly distinguished Biletnikoff Award National Selection Committee, a group of 640 prominent college football journalists, commentators, announcers, Biletnikoff Award winners, and other former receivers.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Melendez leads group of Longhorns in MLB draft

STAFF REPORT

Texas first baseman Ivan Melendez was selected 43rd overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the MLB Draft on Sunday night.

Melendez was the first of six Longhorns to be selected in the first two days of the draft, which also included pitcher Pete Hansen, catcher Silas Ardoin, outfielder Doug Hodo, shortstop Trey Faltine and utility man Murphy Stehly.

Melendez swept the national player of the year awards in 2022 and became the Longhorns' first Golden Spikes Award winner. He batted .387 and led the nation with a program record 32 home runs. He also led the country with 94 RBI, an .863 slugging percentage and 214 total bases.

He was named the Big 12 Player of the Year after leading the league with a .432 batting average and 14 homers in conference games. He was named a First Team All-Big 12 selection as well as a First Team All-American.

Melendez is the second-straight Longhorn to be drafted on the first day of the MLB Draft after Ty Madden was taken with the 32nd pick of the 2021 MLB Draft.

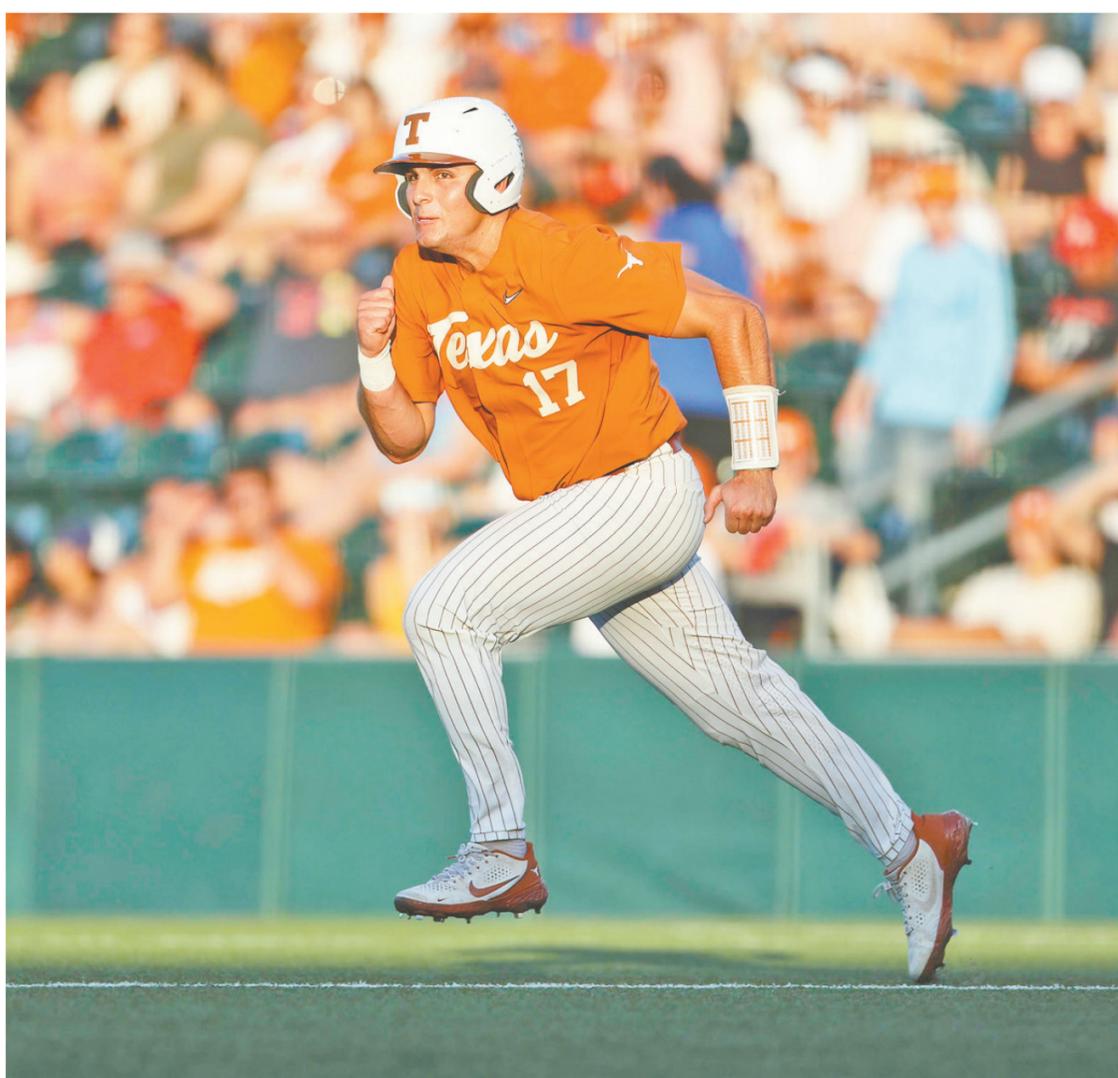
Hansen, who was selected with the 97th overall pick by the Cardinals, led the Longhorns with an 11-3 record and 120 strikeouts in 107.2 innings pitched this season. For his career, Hansen went 22-4 with a 2.67 ERA and 218 strikeouts in 215.2 innings pitched.

Ardoin, the 107th pick by the Orioles, batted .271 with 12 home runs, 20 doubles and 50 RBI in 2022. He played 69 games and was one of the best defensive catchers in the country with 22 runners thrown out.

Faltine, selected by the Reds with the 213th pick, batted .282 with 18 doubles, 15 homers, 56 RBI and 60 runs scored this season. For his Longhorn career, Faltine played 152 games at shortstop and batted .266 with 39 doubles, 21 homers, 100 RBI and 123 runs scored.

Stehly, the 291st overall pick by the Nationals, led the Longhorns with 102 hits and batted .367 with 19 homers and 61 RBI. He played right field, second base, first base and third base throughout the season. Stehly played in 110 games for the Longhorns and batted .345 with 78 RBI and 80 runs scored.

Two Texas signees were drafted as well, Cutter Coffey with the 41st overall pick by the Boston Red Sox and Brenner Cox with the 111th overall pick by the Washington Nationals.



Texas infielder Ivan Melendez (17) runs to second base during an NCAA playoff baseball game against Louisiana Tech on June 4, 2022 in Austin, Texas.

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were dominant in his first year as defensive coordinator last year, holding opponents to an average of under 20 points per game, 100.4 yards per game on the ground and 194 yards per game through the air.

And Texas A&M Co-Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers coach Tyler Santucci was also named to the list. A former All-American linebacker, Santucci was a defensive analyst and linebackers coach at Wake Forest and Notre Dame before joining the A&M staff and being promoted to co-defensive coordinator. Other Houston area coaches named to the list were Crosby head coach Jerry Prieto, Willis head coach Trent Miller, Deer Park head coach Austin Flynn and Klein Cain head coach James Clancy.

PHOTO COURTESY JEFF WOO | DENTON RECORD CHRONICLE

Paetow head coach and former Denton Ryan offensive coordinator Lonnie Teagle flexes his muscles with Anthony Hill Jr. after Hill scored a touchdown against Longview at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.



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Allen his junior year. Now he is back at Katy ISD with Paetow for his senior season, as his father, David Hicks Sr. took a job on the Panthers coaching staff.

As a junior, Hicks totaled 88 tackles, including 22 tackles for loss and 13 sacks for Allen, which

made it to the fourth round of the Class 6A-Division I. He is the No. 1 ranked player out of Texas in the 2023 and a 5 star with over 40 collegiate offers. Hicks has a top seven of the University of Oklahoma, University of Alabama, University of Oregon, Michigan State

University and the University of Miami, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

Dave Campbell expects both Katy and Paetow to have strong seasons this year, predicting the two will both make the Class 6A-Division II playoffs and meet

in the Region III Final, with Dave Campbell predicting Katy will make it to the championship game. They also listed District 19-6A as a district to watch, as teams in the District averaged more wins last year than in any other 6A district.

LAVIOLETTE

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prospect in the state and the 27th best outfield prospect in the nation in the 2022 class.

He joins a strong Aggie team that made it to semifinals of the College World Series this year and which is building a strong culture under head coach Jim Schlossnagle.

The outfielder should have no problem competing for playing time with the Aggies despite them having a strong core. LaViolette brings a plus bat with outstanding power, while having a strong arm and a good glove defensively and he moves very well for his size.

Over the course of his senior season, LaViolette hit .601 with nine doubles, 13 triples and 11 homeruns while driving in 51 runs and scoring 53 runs on his own. He also garnered District MVP honors, earning All-Region honors as well as being named a first team American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings High School All-American.

And LaViolette isn't in College Station just to mess around, he has big goals and wants to be part of the program taking the next jump into becoming a national power.

"Really and truly I've never been more excited in my life," LaViolette said. "I'm ready to be here for the next three or four years and I want to help us maybe win a national championship for Aggie land."

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The project involves six (6) point repairs to an existing 21" and 27" gravity sewer trunk main. The trunk main is located along a drainage ditch that runs alongside Interstate 10 Frontage Rd. from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant to Pin Oak Road.
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER: 19134

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Curry Rail Services, Inc., 17000 Premium Drive, Hockley, TX 77447-9109, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 19134, which would authorize modification of a railcar manufacturing and repair plant located at 17000 Premium Drive, Hockley, Harris County, Texas 77447. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 4, 2022. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, lead and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at the Lone Star College-CyFair Library (HCPL), 9191 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.025&lng=-95.864722&zoom=13&type=r>.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Curry Rail Services, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Alexandra M Creany, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety at (814) 224-7444.

Notice Issuance Date: July 22, 2022

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to **Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171**, will be electronically received, until 2 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, September 1, 2022 and then publicly opened and read at the offices of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for "**Elyson Basin K Park Landscape**", Harris County, Texas. In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/95249248646>.

Scope of Work for the Contract includes, but is not limited to, restroom construction, concrete parking lot, steel overlook structure, concrete and aggregate trail, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/98781740051>. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search **NWCt019.A**. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed or agreed to through the use of an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

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

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

July 21 Puzzle Answers

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Pitre ready to step up for Texans defensive squad

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jalen Pitre has made an impact on every level he's played at.

He jumped onto the scene his sophomore year at Stafford and when he got to Baylor, he did the same thing, starting in eight games his freshman year.

He knows that his biggest jump yet will come when he jumps from collegiate ball to the NFL, but Pitre isn't keen on letting that stop him, and the rookie defensive back has been working everyday to prove he has what it takes to compete in the NFL.

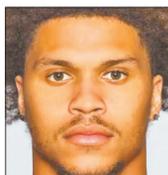
"It's been amazing out there so far," Pitre said. "I'm just learning a lot from the coaches and even the players that are veterans. They're teaching me so much and I'm so

excited to be here and be a Texan."

It's been a quick jump for Pitre and the other Texans rookies, as they have gone from the draft to rookie minicamp, to OTA's and now are gearing up for the start of training camp.

But for Pitre, he sees that as a blessing, and he sees himself maturing on the fly.

"Early on it was a bit hard because I was learning something new and we were all in a new environment," Pitre said. "But I would give a lot of credit to my coaches for just continuing to push me and demand the best out



JALEN PITRE

of me. I feel like that's what has helped me make some big jumps early on and I'm looking to continue to take jumps in the future."

Pitre was a very accomplished and decorated collegiate player. He spent five years at Baylor and earned Big 12-Defensive Player of the Year and All-American honors in his final season at Baylor, while also helping the Bears to a Big 12 title.

He knows what it takes to win and Pitre knows that other players on the roster know that as well, which is why he takes every day of work seriously.

"I'm really confident but that comes with how I approach my job," Pitre said. "It's the most serious thing for me every day. I'm studying every night, making sure I know every call that we have. I'm making sure I can speak to my teammates in the correct

language and make those calls too. I think whenever you are able to do that, then you're able to play a lot faster and see the things you need to see. Honestly I'm just enjoying it."

Pitre also is one of the most adaptable players on the team, as he can play at the safety, nickel and even fill in as a smaller linebacker when needed. That versatility is a plus and he can't wait to show it off more when things kick off again in training camp.

"I can play wherever I need to," Pitre said. "I feel most comfortable wherever coach Lovie (Smith) feels most comfortable with me. I look forward to being a guy that can produce wherever they need me to and I can do whatever he needs me to do. I take pride in that, knowing everything and making sure that I'm very productive wherever he puts me."

Former Taylor coach Calhoun inducted into TTCA Hall of Fame

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Taylor head tennis coach and UTSA assistant head coach Tim Calhoun was inducted to the Texas Tennis Coaches Association 2022 Class, the association announced this past week.

Calhoun, who retired in 2018, currently serves as a group fitness instructor. He was a non-faculty volunteer tennis coach at De-

Ridder (Louisiana) High School. From 1988-1991, he served as an assistant coach at University of Texas at San Antonio. Calhoun was the men's and women's tennis coach at Lamar University from 1991-1994. He was the head coach, from a period of 1995-2018, at Lamar Consolidated, Cypress Ridge High School, Eagle Mountain Saginaw High School and Fort Bend Ridge High School along with Taylor. He was the TTCA president from

2008-2010. Among his accolades, Calhoun was elected the 2011 Houston Area Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the 2010 Cypress-Fairbanks Wall of Fame.

Joining Calhoun as inductees in the 2022 Hall of Fame Class are Sammie Courington and Bobby Kramer.

Courington is a volunteer tennis coach at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. He has coached in a variety of high schools, including Corpus Christi Ray (1977-1980),

Brownwood High School (1980-2003), and Round Rock Stony Point (2003-2005). Courington then coached at Pflugerville Hendrickson from 20005-2009, and returned to Brownwood in 2011 as an assistant tennis coach before retirement. He was honored by the TTCA in 1992 as the Class 4A Coach of the Year, and was selected as the 1994 Texas State Junior High Coach of the Year.

Kramer coached tennis at Do-

bie High School in the Pasadena ISD, as well as serving for two years as head girls basketball coach. Among the accomplishments, Kramer's tennis teams produced seven state champions, eight state finalists, five regional finalists, and over 35 district champions. He has been inducted into the Dobie High School Hall of Fame.

A Hall of Fame committee selected the honorees from a statewide list of nominations.

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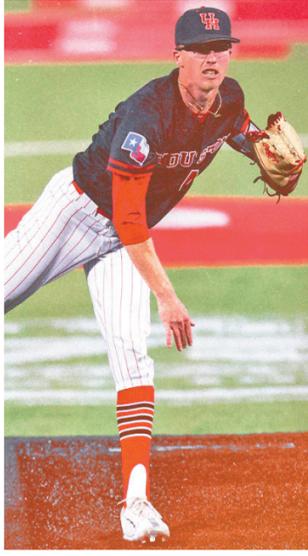
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<p>NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EUGENE E. MECHURA, DECEASED</p> <p>Notice is here given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eugene E. Mechura, Deceased, were issued on June 9, 2022, under Cause No. 502761, pending in the Probate Court No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, to Ruth Mae Mechura, Independent Executor.</p> <p>Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows: Carl Dawson, Ryan & Dawson, 770 S. Post Oak Ln., Ste. 600, Houston, Texas 77056. All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.</p> <p>Dated this July 8, 2022</p> <p>/s/ Carl Dawson Attorney for the Estate 770 S. Post Oak Lane, Suite 600 Houston, Texas 77056 State Bar No. 05599100 (713) 960-1555</p>	<p>NOTICE</p> <p>The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings At Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.</p> <p>CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2022</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 p.m., Monday, August 22, 2022</p> <p>The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct Hearings at Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The Hearings Are Being Conducted to Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas Amending The City of Katy Zoning Ordinance No. 621 For The Addition Of Section 20B Outdoor Lighting Standards.</p>	<p>NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE OF FORT BEND-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 TO KATY WEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that Fort Bend-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2 obtained approval of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on June 16, 2022, to change its name to Katy West Municipal Utility District. This change takes effect immediately. This change does not affect any outstanding bonds, obligations, or other indebtedness of the District. Any questions concerning the change should be directed to the District's engineer, Travis Miller, at Quiddity Engineering, Inc., 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449, (832) 913-4000, or the District's attorney, Katie Sherborne, at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Ste. 2600, Houston, TX 77027, (713) 860-6400.</p> <p>/s/ Suzanne Corbin President, Board of Directors</p>	<p>Visit us online at KatyTimes.com</p>							

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University of Houston pitcher Logan Clayton was drafted in the 17th round of the MLB draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks.



University of Houston pitcher Jaycob Deese was drafted in the 17th round of the MLB draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Three Houston players selected in MLB draft

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

A trio of Houston pitchers were selected during the final day of the 2022 Major League Baseball draft on Tuesday.

Junior right-handed pitcher Ben Sears was the first Cougar taken in the draft by the Kansas City Royals in the 14th round with the 415 pick. A native of Riverside, R.I., Sears tossed 66.2 innings as Houston's closer with a 3.10 ERA in 2022. He was an American Athletic Conference All-Conference honoree and was tops in the conference with 12 saves.

Fellow righty Logan Clayton was the next Cougar to hear his name called during the MLB

Draft. Clayton was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 17th round with the 498th selection. The pitcher finished the 2022 with a 7-4 record across 27 appearances.

Cougar starting pitcher Jaycob Deese rounded out the trio being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round with the 500th pick. Deese, a 2022 Golden Glove Finalist, finished the season with a 5-3 record in 17 appearances and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. He led the team in innings pitched with 85.0 including throwing a 9.0 inning complete game.

Houston's three total pitchers selected matched USF for the most in the American Athletic Conference.

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