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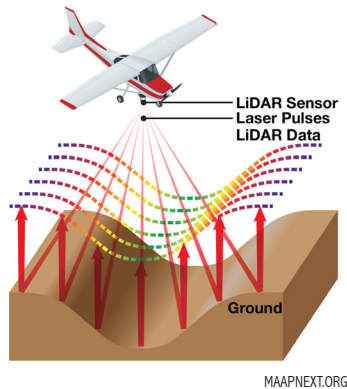
By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Harris County accepted \$3.5 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Dec. 17, 2019 for their Modeling, Assessment and Awareness Project – commonly referred to as MAAP or MAAPnext – a joint venture between the Harris County Flood Control District and FEMA to better map floodplains in Harris County.

“Essentially what MAAPnext will do is it’s a countywide floodplain [map] resetting which will ultimately result in the issuance of new flood insurance rate maps,” said Brian Edmondson, MAAPnext project manager with HCFCD.

Edmondson said HCFCD is eligible for federal funding thanks to a cooperating technical partnership agreement with FEMA that allows the flood control district to apply for federal grant funding. This is the second grant the county has gotten for the project. Another grant of \$6.5 million was received Oct. 2018. Both grants require matching funds, which Harris County is providing by way of bond funding. The 2018 grant is being matched with \$8 million of local funds and the Dec. 2019 received \$5 million in local funding.

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The MAAPnext project uses LiDAR data to evaluate terrain to better understand the flow of storm water across the topography scanned from the air. The Harris County Flood Control District hopes this information will help to better understand flood risks and help target flood mitigation efforts more effectively.

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FBCSO investigating arson



COURTESY FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office employee's vehicle was destroyed the morning of Dec. 29 when an unknown perpetrator threw a Molotov cocktail at the vehicle. Law enforcement officials believe the attack may have been targeted. The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information to contact the department.

Molotov cocktails thrown at Fort Bend officer's home

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's office and Fort Bend County Fire Marshall's Office are conducting an arson investigation relating to two incidences involving Molotov cocktails being thrown at an officer's home. Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls said in a Dec. 29 press conference that he feels the attack may have specifically targeted a peace officer for his work as a sheriff's office employee.

“This is horrible and it’s one of our employees who has been an employee of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for years,” Nehls said. “This individual works in our criminal investigations division and our robbery homicide [division]. And, me personally ... I believe that this is targeted [attack].”

Nehls said the incident over the weekend of Dec. 28 was the second of two attacks. One of the



Investigators have identified this dark-colored Ford F250 with a silver equipment rack on the back in the investigation into the attack on a law enforcement officer's home. The vehicle was seen on nearby surveillance cameras, stopping in front of the home and a video shared by law enforcement shows a Molotov cocktail hitting the officer's vehicle shortly after.



COURTESY FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

makeshift firebombs was thrown at the house Dec. 23 and narrowly missed a window, Nehls said. Had the Molotov gone through the window, it likely would have hit a person sleeping there at the time, he said. A vehicle was destroyed in the second attack after the Molotov cocktail set the vehicle aflame in minutes.

Fort Bend County Fire Marshall Mark Flathouse said his

office is investigating the two incidents and is interested in a dark-colored Ford F250 with an aluminum construction or ladder rack on the back. Video from neighboring homes shows two people in the vehicle that law enforcement would like to question.

Nehls said anyone apprehended in connection with the case would be investigated for arson and may face federal hate

crime charges if it is shown that the FBCSO employee had been associated with cases in the perpetrators' pasts.

Nehls would not discuss measures taken to ensure the safety of the detective and the detective's family in order to ensure those measures are effective but did say the department is taking the

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Westlake VFD responds to Dollar General fire

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Westlake Volunteer Fire Department firefighters responded to a structure fire in the Dollar General at 2002 Fry Road, Ste. 117 the morning of Jan. 2. Firetrucks were dispatched to the scene at 3:57 a.m. and the scene was cleared at about 1 p.m. said Lieutenant Joe Driver, public information officer for Westlake VFD.

“The fire started in the Dollar General store,” Driver said. “They have a warehouse storage

area where it started and spread over to the main store.”

The Dollar General is located in the Westlake Plaza shopping center just south of the intersection of Saums and Fry roads. Driver said there were no injuries, but the neighboring China Bistro had suffered smoke and water damage from the fire and firefighting efforts.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office investigated and found that the fire was caused by an electrical



R. HANS MILLER

A Dollar General employee surveys the damage to the store the afternoon after the fire. Employees of neighboring businesses said their electricity was out most of the day as maintenance staff for the shopping center worked to repair electrical lines in the building.

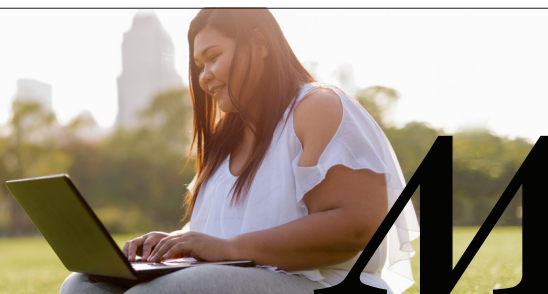
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Margaret Catherine Owen was born on January 9, 1934 in Shreveport, Louisiana to James Troy Hill and Bessie Lynn Bankston Hill. On January 12, 1951, she married Roy Dean Owen in Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1984, Margaret and Roy moved to Katy, Texas. Margaret started a daycare, which she successfully grew into 16 locations. The 16 Mangum Oaks Schools were located in and around the Houston area. She also became a realtor and was a member of the Houston Association of Realtors. Margaret was a member of Second Baptist Church West Campus.

Margaret Catherine Owen passed away on Friday, January 3, 2020 at her home in Katy, Texas at the age of 85 years. She was kind to everyone and had a special love for babies and all children.

She was preceded in death by her



MARGARET CATHERINE OWEN
1934-2020

husband of 56 years, Roy Dean Owen, on November 24, 2007.

She is survived by her children, Dale & Janice Owen of Katy, Gail & Barry Begault of Metairie, Louisiana, Rex Owen of Katy, and Brenda & Mark Denker of Katy; her seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Bella Rose.

The family received friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway, in Katy. A graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 with Rev. Chris Hopf officiating at Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

To express condolences, please visit www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net

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Karen Rose (Hendrix) Murrell 81 of Kerrville, TX passed from this life peacefully on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Karen was born September 10, 1938 in Tishomingo, OK to parents, Grace Louise (Brewer) Hendrix and Jarrett Olan Hendrix. She grew up and graduated high school in Ada, OK. She met Ken while working in a drugstore downtown Ada in 1956 and 14 months later they were married on December 20, 1957. After Ken's graduation they moved to Oklahoma City, OK and throughout the years also lived in Odessa, TX (1972), Kerrville, TX (1982), Houston, TX (1988) and back to Kerrville in 2007.

Karen enjoyed gardening, flowers, cooking, reading and spending time with her children and delighted in watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow. Karen had an abiding faith in God and His saving grace. She strove to live her life in His will. She was loved by all and will be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Grace Louise Hendrix and Jarrett Olan Hendrix; sister, Sybal Hendrix; and brothers, John Ernest Hendrix and Jackie Dean Hendrix.

Those left to cherish her memory include



KAREN ROSE MURRELL
1938-2020

her beloved husband, Kenneth Ray Murrell; children, Tamara Renae Graham, Danny Ray Murrell, Steven Randall Murrell and Kimberly Rose Bramlett; 11 grandchildren, Jaylynn Perkins, Kenneth Rex and Caroline Murrell, Nicole Mohammad, Naythan and Clayton Murrell, Libbey Vasquez, Chase and Mackenzie Bramlett, Kyla and Juliann Cuchia and 6 great grandchildren, Archer Perkins, Enzo Mohammad, Anthony Williams and Ada, Abel and Atticus Vasquez along with many other relatives and dear friends.

A visitation and prayer service was held from 5-7pm on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Kerrville Funeral Home, 1221 Junction Highway, Kerrville, TX 78028 with Pastor John Wheat officiating the service.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Internment at Garden of Memories, 3250 Fredericksburg Road, Kerrville, TX 78028.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas TX 75284.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kerrville Funeral Home (830) 895-5111.

SHOOTOUT

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serving as president. His primary focuses have been on scholarships, hospitality and sponsorships.

"I'm savoring the moment a little more this year," said Vasel, who started with the organization in 2017 as a board member and served as president in 2019 and 2020. "Last year was my first year with brand new board members, and we didn't really know what we didn't know. But we've pulled together, it's worked well, and this year we're more seasoned and calmer about things."

The association runs with the help of several volunteers and board members. The board members are Vasel (a representative of Tompkins), Marty Hensley (Katy), Maria Nork (Tompkins), H.L. Poole (Tompkins), Roland Benavides (Tompkins), Maria Benavides (Tompkins), Chris Copeland (Morton Ranch), Seth Norton (Taylor) and Cesar Lara (Katy).

Katy High girls soccer coach Dianne Loftin (who arranges the brackets for play) and Katy ISD assistant athletic director Charlie Stevens (who helps with understanding of logistical issues) are also significant contributors for the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

"What really astonishes me every year is how good the people are in this area," Vasel said. "The community supports the girls, the schools ... it's incredible how much energy and effort people are willingly providing to make sure the tournament is successful. And working with the coaches and Katy ISD ... top-notch people."

There are generally three volunteers per game. Each head varsity soccer coach designates a parent representative in charge of managing the volunteers and hospitality at each campus.

Vasel said the tournament had its most schools return this year. There is even a waiting list consisting of a handful of schools.

"Last year, being my first year as president, was the first time I was able to really get a pulse on what teams liked and didn't like," Vasel said. "I'd love to say everybody loved it, but there's good and there's things we can improve on. Overwhelmingly, there were a lot of coaches who moved schools and asked to be fit in at new schools. For teams that don't return, one of the biggest reasons is they're rebuilding their program and they had a really challenging tournament. But word of mouth is so important, and we have a lot of interest from new schools every year, which speaks to the reputation of the tournament."

For scores, schedules and other information, visit www.i-10shootout.org.

The 15th annual I-10 Shootout will be held January 9-11 at local high schools and Rhodes and Legacy stadiums. The following is brackets for play during the tournament, and the championship game times and location for each bracket division on Saturday, Jan. 11. Bracket games are played at each respective campus. For more information, scores and rosters, visit www.i-10shootout.org.

Panther Bracket (Paetow High School): Paetow, Kingwood, Barbers Hill, Aldine Davis, Deer Park, Canyon Lake, Spring Woods, Jersey Village

Ram Bracket (Mayde Creek High School): Mayde Creek, Fort Bend Bush, Sharyland Pioneer, Cypress Ridge, Pasadena, Klein Forest, Cypress Lakes, Fort Bend Travis

Tiger Bracket (Katy High School): Katy, La Porte, Cypress Creek, Clear Brook, South Houston, Santa Fe, Houston Heights, Fort Bend Elkins

Maverick Bracket (Morton Ranch High School): Morton Ranch, Fort Bend Austin, Foster, Tomball, Langham Creek, Stratford, Oak Ridge, Klein Cain

Mustang Bracket (Taylor High School): Taylor, Westside, Cypress Falls, Cypress Park, Nederland, Kempner, Alvin, North Shore

Spartan Bracket (Seven Lakes High School): Seven Lakes, Lake Highlands, George Ranch, Houston Memorial, Lumberton, Pearland Dawson, Cypress Ranch, Tomball Memorial

Falcon Bracket (Tompkins High School): Tompkins, Ridge Point, Bellaire, McAllen High, Brazoswood, Clear Springs, San Antonio Johnson, Cypress Woods

Cougar Bracket (Cinco Ranch High School): Cinco Ranch, Pearland High, Bridgeland, St. Agnes, Klein High, Fort Bend Clements, San Antonio Churchill, Cypress Fair

Bracket Championship Games, Saturday:

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9 a.m.: Maverick Bracket
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1 p.m.: Ram Bracket
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Mary Ann Nilsson was called home by Jesus on December 24th Christmas Eve, after a brief illness at the age of 84 years old.

All of her life she shared the importance and the reason of this time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Lord. She was born in Fort Supply, Oklahoma on May 8th 1935. Mary Ann was raised by her parents Luther Warner Bass and Loleet Burns Bass residing in Luling Texas. She attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas after graduating from High School where she obtained her degree as a registered nurse (RN). Her passion was working in an Emergency Room. Mary Ann married William Donald Nilsson on January 19th 1957 and celebrated 61 years together. They were blessed with two sons Will and Les.

Mary Ann possessed an artistic eye that gave her the ability to create beautiful jewelry, flower arrangements and crafts. While living in Japan she developed her artist skills with painting wonderful landscapes, still lifes and portraits. Her talents were immeasurable. She always enjoyed singing from a very young age performed throughout Central Texas in a variety of venues including Church where her heart and spirit were defined completely. Hymns and Gospel songs were not only inspirational to Mary Ann, but to all that heard her singing them. Her musical talents also included the piano. Mary Ann and her husband delighted in teaching Children's Sunday School and introduced them to unique crafts. She



MARY ANN NILSSON
1957-2019

invariably shared her faith and love for Jesus Christ her Savior and Lord planting the seeds of hope through Jesus Christ to

everyone she met even up to her last days here on this earth. She loved and supported her family sacrificing her own desires and needs for all seeking her help or guidance. Friendship and fellowship were synonymous to all that met Mary Ann.

Mary Ann is survived by her son, Leslie W. Nilsson, daughter-in-law Paula, grand-daughter Christina Gillis, her husband Manuel Deaquino and great-grandson, Evan Gillis; her son William D. Nilsson, Jr. and daughter-in-law Marta.

The interment will be held on Monday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78209 (tel: 210-820-3891). Memorial Service begins promptly at 1:35pm at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery Shelter 3, conducted by Dr. Bruce Smilie. Flowers may be delivered to the cemetery on the morning of January 13th to Shelter 3. Only flowers in plastic containers, no glass or metal and no wreaths are permitted by the cemetery. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

The interment will be held on Monday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78209

Cynthia Ann Wilder died unexpectedly on December 23, 2019. Cynthia was born October 5, 1939 in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from McArthur High School in San Antonio and attended Texas Woman's University. Cynthia married Richard Wilder on June 5, 1959, and they were married for 60 years, most of those years spent in Katy, Texas where she worked in the Katy school district as an administrative assistant.

Cynthia was the most selfless person one could imagine. She was dedicated to her family. She was a living example of John 15:13, "Greater love has on one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Cynthia spent most of her life as a caregiver to others including her parents, her sister-in-law and her daughter Lisa, who was stricken with extreme acute Multiple Sclerosis at age 27. She cared for Lisa for 31 years until the disease recently took Lisa's life.

Cynthia also held a great passion for animals. When she and Richard retired, they moved to the Texas Hill Country, near Tarpley, TX. The Hill Country was very special to her. She had several miniature horses, and she loved her time working with and caring for them. She bonded with these horses, and they held mutual affection for her. The very sight of her brought an unbelievable reaction from her precious horses. After they moved back to Katy, she had Teddy and Freddy, her loyal lap dogs, and they gave her great joy. What



CYNTHIA ANN WILDER
1939-2019

gave her the most joy was attending her grandchildren's sporting and FFA events. Carson, Collin and Camryn are her "jewels" and she was so proud of them. She loved to brag about them.

Cynthia is a devoted believer in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was a member of Katy First United Methodist Church, and attended the Good Samaritans, or Good SAM'S, Sunday School class. They were a tremendous support to her family and were by their side when Cynthia collapsed and was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital. Her family has found sustainable comfort in the

fact that she is experiencing the hope that is found in following Jesus and has reunited with her daughter and other loved ones who have gone on before her.

She is survived by her husband Richard, her son Craig Wilder and his wife Catherine, grandson Carson Wilder and his wife Danielle, grandson Collin Wilder and granddaughter Camryn Wilder. She is preceded in death by her daughter Lisa Wilder.

A celebration of Cynthia's life was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Katy First United Methodist Church with Dr. Richard L. White officiating.

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Katy duo impacts playoff win

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Two Houston Texans with Katy ties played significant roles in the Texans' 22-19 AFC Wild Card playoff win over the Buffalo Bills on Jan. 4 at NRG Stadium.

Katy native and former Taylor High standout Cullen Gillaspia played special teams and saw snaps on offense at fullback, while outside linebacker Jacob Martin, who calls Katy his hometown and whose parents live in Katy, made a couple of big plays on defense.

Gillaspia, a rookie seventh-round draft pick, was the lead blocker on Deshaun Watson's 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that provided the Texans' first score of the game.

"We were down and wanted to make a spark," said Watson, who dragged two Bills with him into the end zone. "I made a play ... Gilly, 12th man, came and got in front of me and made a sly move, and I just knew I had to find something to keep going. I knew I wasn't going down and just kept pushing forward and got into the end zone."

After the game, Gillaspia told the *Houston Chronicle*, "I was just doing my job. Deshaun is a great runner. I got on the guy and he did the rest."

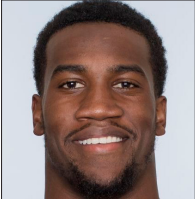
Gillaspia also tweeted afterward: "Credit to my quarterback. Made a great play with his legs."

Gillaspia played eight offensive snaps against the Bills. He had only played 13 total in the regular season, and none since Week 8.

The 6-foot-2, 235-pound Gillaspia, 24, is renown as arguably the best "12th Man" in Texas A&M football history. He has played mostly special teams for Houston this season, with six total tackles as a member of that personnel coming into the Bills game.



CULLEN GILLASPIA



JACOB MARTIN



Houston Texans fullback Cullen Gillaspia (44) blocks for quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) on Watson's 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the Texans' AFC Wild Card playoff win over the Buffalo Bills on Saturday, Jan. 4, at NRG Stadium.

He also had a kick return for two yards against the Bills.

Gillaspia's six special teams tackles—three solo and three assisted—rank fourth on the Texans.

"He does a good job," coach Bill O'Brien said on Dec. 16. "He takes a lot of pride in his role on special teams. That's the primary reason why he was drafted. Obviously, he was the 12th Man at (Texas) A&M, he's a Houston guy, he's from Katy. He loves it and he works real hard."

The 6-2, 242-pound Martin, 24, was acquired by the Texans from the Seattle Seahawks in the Jadeveon Clowney trade on Aug. 31.

Martin, a second-year pro, is a defensive

end and outside linebacker and has played well for Houston, totaling 11 tackles with 3.5 sacks, three tackles for a loss and a forced fumble as mostly a pass-rushing specialist.

Against the Bills, Martin had a sack and a fumble recovery. His most notable impact, however, came with 1:37 left in the fourth quarter. With Buffalo trailing 19-16 and on 4th-and-23 from the Houston 42-yard line, Martin got a huge sack of quarterback Josh Allen for a 19-yard loss to force a key turnover on downs.

"Jacob with a sack was a massive play," defensive end J.J. Watt said.

As a baby, Martin lived in the Third Ward of Houston before moving to Alief and then Katy. His family moved to Colorado when he



Houston Texans fullback Cullen Gillaspia (44) celebrates with quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) after Watson's 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the Texans' AFC Wild Card playoff win over the Buffalo Bills on Saturday, Jan. 4, at NRG Stadium.

was in elementary school, but is now back in Katy.

"All I know about Jacob Martin is he plays 100 miles an hour and he's a great teammate," O'Brien said on Dec. 2. "He's awesome in the locker room, meetings ... you should see the way the guy practices. I mean, he practices, he's out there every day, he doesn't complain about it, he just goes to work. I think when you have that type of work ethic, you're going to get better, and I think that's what Jacob does."

"He brings some playmaking ability off the edge, some speed. He hustles, he's competitive. You want guys like that."

Texans escape Bills in Wild Card OT win

By DENNIS SILVA II
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It goes down on the stat sheet as a third-down sack in the third quarter, with the Buffalo Bills leading the Houston Texans by 13 points before adding another three points with the ensuing field goal.

But it will be remembered in Texans lore as the play that likely saved Houston's 2019 season.

Because it was J.J. Watt who made the sack, and not just any sack. It was a play made by the Texans' star making a remarkably fast return to the field from what had seemed to be a season-ending torn pectoral injury, and though it essentially allowed the Bills to push their lead to a full two scores in an AFC Wild Card playoff game, it was a game-changer.

From there, Houston scored 19 unanswered points to surge a dramatic comeback, and quarterback Deshaun Watson's 34-yard toss to Taiwan Jones after eluding two tacklers and scrambling from pressure in overtime buoyed the Texans to a 22-19 win on Ka'imi Fairbairn's 28-yard field goal on Jan. 4 at NRG Stadium.

Houston improved to 4-5 all-time in the playoffs. The Texans (11-5) play the Chiefs (12-4) in an AFC divisional playoff game at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, in Kansas City on CBS. It is a rematch. Houston beat Kansas City, in Kansas City, on Oct. 13, 31-24.

Watson completed 20 of 25 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown and rushed for another touchdown against the Bills, and Watt tallied only the one sack for an eight-yard loss with 6:02 left in the third quarter and two quarterback hits. But there was no question who turned the game around for Houston after a miserable first half.

"J.J.'s sack, that was probably the turning point," Watson said. "We knew it was a matter of time before he'd make a play. It's J.J. Watt. Hall of Famer, the best guy to do it. Eventually, he was going to get his opportunity. He made a heck of a play, and it just turned the whole momentum."

Watson's sack came when the Bills were threatening in the red zone. It forced a 38-yard field goal by Stephen Hauschka instead of Buffalo possibly pushing its lead to three touchdowns.

The Texans' offense capitalized off Watt's play, which energized all of NRG Stadium into a frenzy as he screamed "Let's go!" demonstratively after throwing quarterback Josh Allen to the ground. Watson capped a nine-play, 75-yard scoring drive with a 20-yard plunge around the right end to cut the



Houston Texans kicker Ka'imi Fairbairn is lifted onto the shoulders of Texans players after kicking the winning 28-yard field goal in overtime during Houston's 22-19 win over the Buffalo Bills on Jan. 4 in an AFC Wild Card playoff game at NRG Stadium.

16-0 deficit in half after a two-point conversion.

After a Fairbairn 41-yard field goal opened the fourth-quarter scoring, Watson struck again, this time on a 5-yard toss to running back Carlos Hyde. Watson found receiver DeAndre Hopkins for an easy two-point conversion and a 19-16 lead, Houston's first lead in the game, with 4:37 left.

Hauschka's 47-yard field goal with five seconds left tied the game and forced overtime. The Texans punted on their first drive to open overtime. Buffalo punted. And then Watson produced one of the most memorable plays of his career, a Houdini-like escape of a pair of Bills defenders in the pocket as he sprinted to his right and found running back Taiwan Jones for a 34-yard catch-and-run to the Buffalo 11-yard line with 5:42 left in overtime.

"It was a blitz-zero," Watson said of the defense. "I knew I was going to have pressure. I knew the ball was going to have to get out quick. I was trying to make a play with (Hopkins), and it just happened to be (Bills defensive back and former

Houston Texan) Kevin Johnson sitting over there at the corner spot, who's been here for five years and knows exactly where I wanted to go against this coverage. He sunk off, and by the time I was trying to get it to Taiwan earlier, they were going to be right there; the pressure was there.

"I braced myself, spun out of it, and I knew exactly where Taiwan was going to be at."

Watson said Watson was "unbelievable."

"You're never out of a game when you have Deshaun Watson as your quarterback," Watt said. "The guy's incredible. We knew all we needed was a spark, and you add Deshaun Watson to a spark and you're going to have one hell of a fire. I'm lucky and thankful to have him as my quarterback."

After Jones' run, coach Bill O'Brien called on Fairbairn right away to end matters, and the kicker drilled a 28-yarder for the win.

"There's not a lot of words to describe what it's like in that locker room," O'Brien said. "They're very resilient. You've got a good group



Houston Texans linebacker Benardrick McKinney celebrates a big play during the fourth quarter of Houston's 22-19 overtime win over the Buffalo Bills on Jan. 4 in an AFC Wild Card playoff game at NRG Stadium.

of guys that really care about each other, that really care about trying to do the right thing. When they mess up, they'll tell you.

"It was tough sledding there for a long time, but I think it shows you the heart of this team."

Watt missed only two months with the torn pectoral suffered during the Week 8 win over the Raiders in late October. It is an injury that generally takes 3-4 months of recovery time.

"It was one day at a time," Watt said of his rehab process. "It was whatever they would allow me to do, and whatever they'd let me do, I'd do. I'd do everything and listen. I'd stop when they told me to stop, but we would push and we'd test the boundaries. Every step of the way, we'd start trying some stuff that people don't try at that level or that many weeks. And (the doctor) would say, 'Nobody has ever done this at this level.' And I'd say, 'Well, has anybody ever tried?' He'd say no. And I said, 'Well, how do we know?' We'd try it, I'd do something, we'd check it out, it holds up and we move on to another checkpoint. It kept holding up and we pushed it all the way.

"Part of it was that belief that it was going to hold up and part of it was that belief that I could come back, and part of it was you've got to be crazy enough to try."

During the first three quarters, Watt only played on obvious third-down pass-rushing situations and any other situational downs that demanded a pass-rush, though he and doctors did scrap that plan and "let it loose" in the fourth quarter and overtime.

The first three quarters were frustrating at times, Watt admitted, but he promised doctors and his family he would be smart about his comeback. He held to that.

His reward was a crucial play at a crucial time for the Texans.

"It's incredible to be back out there with the guys," said Watt, who played 61 percent of the Texans' defensive snaps (52 of 85). "That's why you do it. That's why you take the risk, that's why you put in the work, that's why you do the rehab. That's why you do all of it, for those moments to be out there with the guys and be a part of the team and try to be out there and create that spark."

Watt said he was "pretty shocked" at how the shoulder held up through the game and how it felt afterward. His rehab was aided by Texans' Director of Sports Medicine and head athletic trainer Geoff Kaplan, and director of rehabilitation/associate head athletic trainer Roland Ramirez.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "There was one play where (a Bills ballcarrier) was rolling out and I dove for him, and before I dove, I thought to myself, 'Here it is. It's (the pectoral muscle) either going to hold or it's going to go.' I dove, landed right on it, popped up, checked it out, looked over to the doctor standing 10 feet away, and was like, 'OK, it's alright.'"

With Watt's inspiration and ability, the Texans never felt out of the game, even when trailing 13-0 at the half or 16-0 late through the third quarter.

"The game is never over, regardless if we're down 16-0, 7-0, 28-0," Watson said. "I'm going to keep fighting. That's just me. I've been told, especially at a young age and in college ... if you're up or if you're down, don't look at the scoreboard. Keep fighting and keep pushing forward, and at the end of the day you'll look up at the scoreboard and you'll be where you want to be at."

SPORTS

Ambitious Panthers begin season with tie

By **STEPHEN GREENWELL**
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While the final score of 0-0 meant the game went into the books as a tie, Paetow looked impressive and dominated possession for much of the match against Class 6A Morton Ranch in both teams' season openers on Friday, Jan. 3.

The Panthers had several opportunities to score and controlled the ball for most of both halves. Their two best opportunities were a shot from junior Adam Cerna that sailed just over the net in the 33rd minute and a breakaway by junior Alex Zamora Campbell in the game's final 45 seconds that was swallowed up by Maverick defenders.

Defensively, senior goalkeeper Omar Rangel had to make a run to just about the edge of the box to stop a shot attempt in the game's 78th minute. The save preserved the tie.

"I saw that they were building up an attack, and we were holding it off, but they were able to take a shot and I was there to make the save," Rangel said of what he saw from the back line.

Rangel said he's gaining that knowledge about when to sprint

out and when not to in his second year as the starting varsity goalkeeper.

"The main thing with goalkeeping is not so much the diving and the saving, but it's the positioning," he said. "It's my last year here, so I want to do big stuff here with this team. With me last year as a new goalie, I did pretty well and got second place for individual awards, and this year I want to get first."

Seniors Kevin Vasquez and Jose Toro, and junior David Montelongo—all three captains—identified a district championship and a state title game appearance as goals the team has set this year.

"A team goal is motivate each other to do the best we can in practice, and hopefully that translates over to the game," Montelongo said. "All of us are on the same page that we want to go to the state finals. That's our goal. We want to win district, but our main goal is to make the state finals."

However, to achieve that goal, Paetow coach Vincenzo Vaccaro said their conditioning would have to improve. While the Panthers dominated possession in the first half, their control deteriorated as the game wore on, and

Vaccaro said he had to substitute more often as a result.

"I felt like we controlled early and did what we wanted to do, what we were practiced, but it kind of fell apart as their conditioning went downhill," he said. "They were tired, and it's not just about losing their legs. They lose their minds, and it gets harder to think about what we want to do."

Vaccaro noted that he did try out some players at new positions—switching some of his forwards to midfield roles—to shore up possessions and the Paetow defense. It worked in a sense, as the Panthers didn't allow a goal, but he said they had hoped to slip at least one or two shots past the Morton Ranch keeper.

The frequent substitutions and different positions led to inconsistency on offense. While Paetow did control the possession battle, it didn't translate to strong shots on goal. Vaccaro said it would be on the guys to improve their conditioning, to lead to more playing time and consistent attacks.

"I was moving dudes in and out, and that's the struggle at this point," he said. "We're going to continue to work on being the dominant team at first touch and getting a little more gas in our tank."



Paetow senior Kevin Vasquez, senior goalkeeper Omar Rangel, junior David Montelongo and senior Jose Toro are among the returning experienced players for the Panthers this year. Vasquez, Montelongo and Toro serve as captains for the team.

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"Eddie's a beast in the paint, so I'm just trying to be more aggressive," Cryer said. "I feel like when he plays, I can be a bit more passive and get him some touches. But now, my team needs me to score the ball more. I love it. When I'm not making shots, I hear other people say to stop shooting, but I don't really get into all that. I just do my job."

By now, Mavericks coach Khris Turner is used to the show. But even against Seven Lakes, Turner was forced to raise an eyebrow or two every now and then.

"It's rare that he amazes me," Turner said. "Not that he's not a good player, but because I get the privilege of watching this night in and night out. That's business as usual for him."

The fourth quarter was Cryer's personal highlight reel as he scored 19 points. He hit all three of his 3-point attempts and delivered a couple of assists, including a behind-the-back beauty to senior forward Adrian Caldwell.

"It's a beautiful thing. He works so hard," Caldwell said of his point guard. "We all do, but he really does. There's a reason he's going to Baylor."

At this point of his illustrious career, Cryer has seen any and every defense. Teams hedge ball screens hard. Yawn. They play aggressive help defense. Shrug. They'll send double teams and traps time and time again. What else is new?

Still, Cryer gets his. There is an efficiency to his scoring prowess that belies his years. Never too fast, never too slow. And right when teams think they've got him solved? He drops 14 points in a third quarter to break open a three-point game.

"It feels good when you can't miss," Cryer said of his second half against the Spartans, when he



Morton Ranch senior guard L.J. Cryer drives to the basket during a game against Seven Lakes on Friday, Jan. 3, at Seven Lakes High.

outscored a tough Seven Lakes team, 33-30. "I had the hot hand and my teammates kept finding me. It was fun."

With Lampkin out, and to relieve some of the offensive burden off Cryer, Turner has asked others to do more. He has awarded them more responsibility, and they've capitalized.

Senior guard Westley Sellers' averages this season are unreal: 10.1 points, 6.3 assists, 5.3 rebounds, 3.5 steals. Caldwell has emerged as a formidable threat in the paint, catching lobbs by the handful and rebounding on both ends of the floor.

Guard Ethan Shiflett, asked to play more of a post role, has been a strong rebounder and scorer off hustle plays.

But there is no question Cryer is what makes Morton Ranch tick. What's worse

for Mavericks opponents is Cryer said he can be even better, particularly when it comes to making shots through fatigue, making pullup jumpers and finishing through contact.

"Just pushing through," Cryer said. "I can always get better."

Asked if he feels empathy for his sideline counterparts, Turner laughed and said no. The sport is cyclical. Cryer is the talk of Katy—Houston?—now. Just like the likes of Jay Jay Chandler and others before him, and just as there will be after him.

For now, Turner is content to enjoy the ride.

"I'm sure another school will have another star and do to us what we're doing to teams," Turner said. "But it'll be hard to have another L.J. Cryer. I don't empathize with anybody. I'm just glad I'm on the right side of the sideline with him."

DISTRICT 19-6A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Morton Ranch	2	0
Taylor	1	0
Tompkins	1	1
Mayde Creek	1	1
Katy	1	1
Cinco Ranch	0	1
Seven Lakes	0	2
x-clinched playoff berth		
y-clinched district title		

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Tompkins	3	0
Katy	2	1
Cinco Ranch	2	1
Taylor	2	1
Seven Lakes	2	2
Mayde Creek	1	3
Morton Ranch	0	4
x-clinched playoff berth		
y-clinched district title		

DISTRICT 19-5A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Paetow	2	0
A&M Consol.	2	0
Magnolia	2	0
Brenham	1	1
Waller	1	1
Magnolia West	0	2
Bryan Rudder	0	2
College Station	0	2
x-clinched playoff berth		
y-clinched district title		

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Bryan Rudder	3	1
Magnolia West	3	1
Waller	2	1
Paetow	1	3
Brenham	0	4
A&M Consol.	N/A	N/A
Magnolia	N/A	N/A
College Station	N/A	N/A
x-clinched playoff berth		
y-clinched district title		

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buckets to a 21-21 halftime score, and heading into the fourth quarter, Seven Lakes only led 31-30. However, the depth of the Spartans led to their eventual victory.

The Tigers took a 33-31 lead with 7:40 left, after a 3-pointer by junior guard Sasha Fernandez, and held a 37-35 lead with 3:55 left after a layup by senior wing Allana Thompson.

From there though, Seven Lakes took over. Sophomore guard Cailyn "KK" Tucker used a quick head fake, followed by a strong drive to the hoop, for three layups in the fourth quarter—one play drew a foul as well—and she finished with seven points, all in the final quarter.

"Going into the game, we knew they were going to want to jump all over and grab the ball and go, fast-paced," Tucker said. "We knew pass fakes and shot fakes would get them off the ground, and we could just attack."

Her second layup tied the score, 37-37, with 3:01 left. The Spartans took the lead for good on an interior jumper by junior Ib Afolabi after she caught an errant pass in the lane. Afolabi finished with a team-high 12 points, scored mostly with good positioning in the lane

after the Spartans broke the press or on rolls toward the basket.

"We definitely train and practice, and work on drills and our transition game to get me up and down the floor," she said.

Tucker's third layup stretched the lead to 41-37 with 2:05 left. Katy's Joy Jegede answered with a score in the paint with 1:40 left, but the Tigers struggled to score down the stretch. Afolabi had two blocks in the fourth quarter, and while Thompson had a game-high 17 points, she finished 2-for-6 from the free throw line, and Fernandez fouled out with 1:05 remaining.

With Katy forced to foul in the final minute, Afolabi stretched the lead with a pair of free throws.

Illustrating the depth of the Spartans, seven different players scored at least three points: Afolabi, Tucker, juniors Daniela Alzate (6 points), Lily Baumgardner (6) and Ximena Diez (6), senior Bailey Bulawa (5), and sophomore Summer Halphen (3).

Tucker said her teammates feed off of each other.

"I think we all just had to go in, ready to attack and keep building on everyone's points and building off each other," she said. "Our energy is fantastic, and we just have so much fun on and off the court that we're able to have great communication."

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Arnold emerges as Taylor's elite scorer

By DENNIS SILVA II
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Going from limited role player, stuck behind three seniors who all went on to play college basketball, to one of the top players in the city of Houston is no surprise to Taylor junior guard Jake Arnold.

"I've worked hard all offseason," Arnold said. "But I would also credit (Taylor coach Matthew) Brayton and the coaching staff and my AAU coaches for believing in me and pushing me to be the best I can be."

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound Arnold has been a revelation in the Houston high school basketball scene. Averaging 25.5 points per game, Arnold ranks sixth in Houston in scoring.

Brayton asks Arnold to "do everything" for the Mustangs. Arnold is the team's tallest and strongest player, and its best shooter, rebounder and passer.

And still, Arnold has exceeded expectations.

"Total surprise," Brayton said. "The jump he has made from the end of last season to the end of the summer was crazy. He got on a really good AAU team, which is really important, and he's stronger, taller and just more confident. He's put the work in."

"We were expecting big things from Jake, but not the way he's started the year."

In the season-opening win over Brenham, Arnold scored 30 points to go with 18 rebounds. That was just the beginning. There was a 40-point outing versus Tomball Memorial. A 38-point game. Two 37-point games.

"Going from a role player to becoming the main guy, that's the biggest adjustment," Arnold said. "But what I did in AAU, also, helped propel me forward and prepare me for this."

Arnold played for Texas Takeover Elite last summer. It was a guard-oriented system ideal for his strengths. Under Coach Jakobe Kemp, Arnold improved creating space for his shot, worked tirelessly on his ballhandling, and developed his left hand to finish stronger at the rim.

With Taylor, Arnold brings the ball up the floor often, defends opposing post players, and operates anywhere on the floor offensively. He is regarded as one of the better shooters in the city, but he is just as tough driving to the rim to score or create for teammates.

The last few games, opponents have run box-and-one defenses to get the ball strictly out of Arnold's hands. It's a game-plan he is likely to see more of, not less.

"I've had that thrown at me before, but not every game, and that's a big adjustment, getting that much attention and working to get open," Arnold said. "It's a big difference."

Perhaps more telling is that Arnold does not affect a game just by scoring. Against Elsie on Dec. 31, for instance, Arnold scored 16 points, but missed nine of 10 3-point attempts and five of 10 free throws. A rare off game, shooting-wise.

But he still had an impact, totaling eight rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Brayton said Arnold's teammates are still learning how to not solely rely on Arnold for playmaking. In a recent win against Dulles, with Arnold playing less than half of the game due to foul trouble, senior guard Dazhon Lewis took over, scoring 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead a dramatic rally from a 13-point halftime deficit.

Lewis, who has emerged over the last month as a reliable scoring threat alongside Arnold, said he and others can afford to be more aggressive.

"When Jake's getting all that attention, it gives the rest of us opportunities to hit open shots," Lewis said. "Put someone in the middle, kick the ball out, open shot. If me and my teammates attack a little more, it can open up so much more."

Brayton said Arnold is one of the most competitive players he's seen in 18 years of coaching. When in foul trouble, Arnold will sit in Brayton's seat on the bench, hoping to get put back into the game sooner than expected. During practices, Arnold won't come out of a competitive drill unless his team is ahead.

"There's not many like Jake," Brayton said. "He absolutely hates to lose."

Arnold credits his parents and older brother Austin, a former Mustang now playing at the University of St. Thomas, for his competitive instincts.

"My brother, specifically, always challenges me and encourages me," Arnold said.

As the start of district play got underway Tuesday, Taylor is an intriguing team. Aside from Arnold and Lewis, there's senior shooter Boston Graves, junior point guard Luke St. Julien and impressive freshman Angel Sonnier. But depth is limited, and top-tier talent for the team is not what it was like last season, when the Mustangs made the playoffs to snap a three-year drought.

Still, the Mustangs have Arnold, which will make them a compelling matchup any given night.

"Our district is pretty strong overall, but I think we can hang with anyone," Arnold said. "We've got to come out of the gate fast every game and play how we know we can play. My mentality going into every game is that there is a way to win as long as we execute."



JAKE
ARNOLD

Falcons stay undefeated in 19-6A

By STEPHEN GREENWELL
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

The Tompkins girls' basketball team survived its first true test of its District 19-6A schedule on Friday, Jan. 3, holding on for a 48-45 win over Cinco Ranch.

Junior guard Crystal Smith led the Falcons with 14 points, followed by freshman guard Loghan Johnson with 11. However, both were pressed and double-teamed throughout the night, which led to buckets in the paint for freshman Fiyin Adeleye (10 points), senior Sovereign Mack (six) and junior Kenzie Durnford (five).

"When I'm getting challenged like that, I'm focused on the idea that since there's two on me, someone must be open," Smith said of the pressure. "I look a lot for my teammates flashing to the block, which leads to layups, keeping my eyes up."

Smith also noted that because she and Johnson both have strong ballhandling skills, they can play off each other and stretch the defense out.

"They really have to choose one of us," she said. "So whatever one is being taken out, the other one has the opportunity to use their teammates."

The Falcons handed the Cougars their first loss in district play while improving to 2-0. Tompkins is 3-0 after beating Morton Ranch on Tuesday. Tompkins is the



MARK GOODMAN

Tompkins freshman Fiyin Adeleye dribbles toward the basket during the Falcons' District 19-6A game against Cinco Ranch at Cinco Ranch High on Friday, Jan. 3.

lonely undefeated team left in district play.

It was a physical game, though the whistles were kept silent for much of it. Cinco Ranch (16-7, 2-1 District 19-6A) jumped out to an 8-0 lead, but Tompkins cut the lead to 14-13 by the end of the first quarter. The Falcons (23-3, 2-0) led by four at the half and by 10 with 3:32 remaining, but the Cougars refused to go away quietly.

The late Cinco Ranch rally actually came after a scary play and the loss of its star player. Senior forward Cat Hursh contested a fast-break layup attempt by Smith, colliding with her in the process and landing hard on the floor. Hursh did not return to the game, and afterward, Smith had a long floor burn on her arm.

Despite missing Hursh,

the Cougars battled back with a bucket and two free throws from senior Victoria Huggins, a layup by sophomore Peniel Otto and a 3-pointer from junior Abby Bala.

With 1:01 left, a layup by Adeleye put Tompkins up 48-41. However, Huggins hit a short jumper in the paint, and at the other end, Johnson missed the front end of a 1-and-1 free-throw situation with 23.2 seconds remaining.

Taking the ball quickly upcourt, Bala found senior Taylor Rowland in the paint for another layup with about 14 seconds left, cutting the Tompkins lead to 48-45.

Without any timeouts, Cinco Ranch couldn't stop the clock but defended the inbound pass well, with sophomore Madison Mascorro coming up with the ball in a crowd. However, the

Cougars missed a layup and Tompkins controlled the rebound, with Adeleye tossing the ball upcourt to run out the clock.

Huggins led the Cougars with 10 points. Bala also filled the stat sheet with eight points and six steals. Mascorro had seven points in the first half, but struggled to find open looks in the second, with Smith and Johnson usually covering her.

Tompkins coach Tamatha Ray praised the composure of Adeleye, noting that she's recently returned to the starting lineup after a tough start to the season. Against Cinco Ranch, Adeleye had three offensive fouls and zero points in the first half before playing impressively in the second half.

At halftime, Ray said she told Adeleye to "keep her head in the game, because we need her. Obviously, she's a huge difference-maker and she has a really good nose for the basketball and she's a good finisher. I knew that she was going to get another opportunity because she's a good basketball player."

In the game's final three minutes, Tompkins also chose to take open midrange shots, rather than working the ball around for better looks. Ray laughed when she was asked about it, noting that she did have to take a timeout.

"I got them settled down," she said. "They understood. It was district game No. 2, and they'll learn."

Sargent, Panthers hungry for 19-5A title

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

As if motivation from missing the playoffs by one game last season wasn't enough, Paetow's boys basketball team was picked by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches to win District 19-5A this season.

It was quite a statement on paper. And in the Panthers' district-opening 76-50 win over Bryan Rudder on Jan. 3, senior guard Davion Sargent made sure to make a statement on the floor, too.

The 6-foot-1, 161-pounder scored a game-high 24 points, showcasing a variety of rim-snapping dunks to go with 5-of-6 marksmanship from 3-point range.

"We wanted to show everybody that we're the team to beat," Sargent said. "I just wanted to come out and make a statement. It's very important. I want to set the standard for us. We wanted to send a message."

Sargent added four rebounds, three steals and three assists, seemingly finding his groove at the perfect point of the season.

"He's playing a lot more consistent," said first-year Paetow coach Michael Niemi, who was the head coach at Kempner the previous two seasons. "Earlier on, it was kind of a rollercoaster, because he was trying to do too much, but now he's shooting the ball well, attacking in transition, defending and rebounding. He's playing really well."

The Panthers finished 6-8 in district play during their inaugural year of varsity basketball last season. Niemi admitted

it came as a surprise when TABC picked them to win the whole thing this year.

"I appreciate the ranking," Niemi said, "but I think they got ahead of themselves a little bit as far as picking us to win district."

But ... "We'll take it. I like it," Niemi said. "It puts that needed pressure to perform every game and perform every single practice with the mindset of being picked to win district. Well, what does that look like? These guys have no clue. Being the favorite is really good, but we're going to experience some trials and tribulations because of those expectations, and I'd rather it be that way than not."

Perhaps TABC knew something when it made its rankings three months ago that maybe the Panthers had not quite figured out yet. They certainly do now.


They're a team complete with athleticism, shooting, size and quality depth, including an ideal mix of senior leadership and young up-and-coming talent.

"We all feed off each other," Sargent said. "We're all our own players and we all can create."

Aside from the electric Sargent, there's a smooth floor leader in senior David Bradley, a sharpshooter in junior Brian McKnight, diverse playmaking in junior Jayden McCullough, and a versatile scorer in sophomore Trevor Frank.

"We were a first-year varsity team last year, and we were still so close to making the playoffs," said Bradley, who had 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists against Rudder. "That kept us motivated the whole way, during the offseason and into now."

It starts with Sargent, one of the top scorers in the city of Katy. Over the summer, Sargent worked hard on shooting. He now can score prolifically at all three levels: at the rim, mid-range pullups and from 3.



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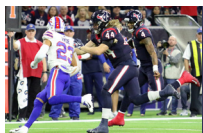


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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins 48, Cinco Ranch 45
- Seven Lakes def. Morton Ranch
- Katy 72, Mayde Creek 23
- Bryan Rudder 66, Paetow 42

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Morton Ranch 90, Seven Lakes 56
- Tompkins 63, Cinco Ranch 50
- Mayde Creek 48, Katy 47
- Paetow 76, Bryan Rudder 50

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins 47, Morton Ranch 25
- Seven Lakes 45, Katy 39
- Taylor def. Mayde Creek
- Paetow 65, Brenham 34

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Katy 54, Seven Lakes 44
- Morton Ranch 74, Tompkins 53
- Taylor 63, Mayde Creek 48
- Paetow 64, Brenham 45

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

BOYS SOCCER

- Tompkins vs. Round Rock Stony Point, at Lake Travis High, 11 a.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Lake Travis, at Lake Travis High, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER: I-10 SHOOTOUT

- Katy vs. Elkins, at Katy High, 4 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Clear Springs, at Tompkins High, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Magnolia at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Katy at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

- Katy at Fort Bend Austin, 7:30 p.m.
- Paetow at George Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Laredo LBJ, at Lake Travis High, 1 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. La Joya Juarez-Lincoln, at Lake Travis High, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

GIRLS SOCCER

I-10 SHOOTOUT BRACKET CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AT RHODES STADIUM

- 9 a.m.: Maverick Bracket
- 11 a.m.: Mustang Bracket
- 1 p.m.: Ram Bracket
- 3 p.m.: Panther Bracket

AT LEGACY STADIUM

- 10 a.m.: Tiger Bracket
- Noon: Cougar Bracket
- 2 p.m.: Spartan Bracket
- 4 p.m.: Falcon Bracket

BOYS SOCCER

- Tompkins vs. Arlington Sam Houston, at Lake Travis High, Noon
- Morton Ranch vs. Keller, at Lake Travis High, 10 a.m.

Spartans hand Tigers 1st loss

By STEPHEN GREENWELL
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

It's a new calendar year for Seven Lakes, and for coach Angela Spurlock, the hard work of early season practices and growing pains of losses are starting to show results when it matters.

The Spartans looked like a different team Tuesday than the one that suffered a 20-point loss to Tompkins in their district opener three games ago. Seven Lakes used crisp interior passing and ball-fakes to counterattack game-long pressure from Katy for a 45-39 win on Jan. 7.

The win improved the Spartans to 2-2 in District 19-6A and handed the Tigers (2-1) their first loss in district play. It also snapped Katy's 21-game district winning streak.

"The New Year's resolution, there aren't any," Spurlock said. "The New Year's blessing is that I get to coach this team."

"I'm excited about the New Year, I'm excited about what the future holds, I'm excited about this basketball team."

It was an exciting back-and-forth game as the matchup represented a clash of styles. Katy opened the game with a full-court press, but took it off after it led to four easy first quarter buckets by the Spartans.

Spurlock said during practices, there was an emphasis on preparing for a variety of pressure defenses.

"You know when you play Katy, you're going to get everything," she said. "You're going to get intense defense, fullcourt pressure, halfcourt pressure. You're going to get an extended zone, you're going to get strong man-to-man. We worked really hard on making sure that we're un-pressable."

Seven Lakes led 12-6 after a quarter, but Katy went on an 8-0 run after switching to a halfcourt 1-2-2 press. The teams traded



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Seven Lakes' Daniela Alzate (23) drives to the basket during a district game against Katy High on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Seven Lakes High.

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FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

With Mavs star center Lampkin out, Cryer scoring any, all ways

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Morton Ranch senior center and TCU signee Eddie Lampkin is sidelined the next six weeks or so. Having not played since Dec. 10 in a win against Eisenhower, Lampkin, averaging 10.5 points and 10.4 rebounds this season, is dealing with a knee issue.

That's not great news for the Mavericks, who have aspirations of defending their district championship and making a deep playoff run to the state tournament. But it's even worse news for Morton Ranch's opponents, because all Lampkin's absence has done is light more of a fire under senior star guard and Baylor signee L.J. Cryer.

Over the last six games, Cryer is averaging 35.8 points per game, including a 43-point wowzer in the Mavericks' 90-56 district-opening win against Seven Lakes on Jan. 3.

Cryer has scored 40 or more points in a game seven times this season. He's scored less than 30 points just five times in 20 games. In Morton Ranch's win over Tompkins on Tuesday, which put the Mavs 14-8 overall and 2-0 in district play, Cryer scored 32 to surpass the 3,000-point career mark.

Even when it looks like he's having an off game, Cryer can turn things around in a heartbeat. Against Seven Lakes, he had 10 points at the half as the Mavericks led 29-26. But Cryer scored 33 in the second half, hitting 5 of 7 3s, and the Mavericks cruised from the start of the third quarter, when Cryer scored seven points in the period's first 90 seconds.

"I know I have to step up even more, take a couple more shots," Cryer said. "I've got to will my team to wins. That's it."

For the season, Cryer is averaging 33.9 points per game on 54 percent shooting. He is hitting 44 percent of his 3-pointers on 10.2 attempts per game.

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Premier I-10 Shootout starts up 15th year



DENNIS SILVA II

Tompkins girls soccer coach Jarrett Shipman, right, places a medal around then-junior forward Felicia Hernandez after the Falcons' championship win in the Falcon Bracket of the I-10 Shootout at Legacy Stadium last year.

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The biggest high school girls soccer tournament in Texas gets under way this week as the I-10 Shootout kicks off its 15th year.

This year, the premier tournament has expanded to eight varsity brackets, hosting 64 varsity teams and 48 junior varsity teams representing all four UIL regions. Participants consist of all eight Katy ISD teams, including state titans Tompkins, Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch, along with perennial powers Kingwood, Deer Park, Houston Memorial, Ridge Point, Clear Springs, Brazoswood and San Antonio Johnson, among others.

The tournament begins Thursday, Jan. 9, at Katy ISD's eight high school



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campuses and Rhodes Stadium. Championship games for each of the eight brackets are Saturday, Jan. 11, at Legacy and Rhodes stadiums.

Last year, the association awarded a tournament-best 36 \$950 scholarships to senior student-athletes.

"We're excited about this year," said Robert Vasel, president of the I-10 Shootout association. "The growth in Katy ISD ... adding Paetow this year, next year we'll add Jordan High School. We'll see where we go from that aspect."

This is the last year Vasel will be

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A \$10,000 reward is being offered by Crime Stoppers for any Information which leads to the apprehension and filing of charges on the suspects involved.

Nehls said the FBCSO is taking the matter seriously and will work to

"It's a sad day in Fort Bend County that we have individuals that are throwing Molotov cocktails at homes of some of our employees and what took place here last Monday, the 23rd is one of our employees was awoken to the front of his house that was on fire," Nehls said.

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The project began in 2018 just after Hurricane Harvey dropped a deluge of rain on Greater Houston that caused severe flooding throughout the area, Edmondson said. Soon after, planes were flown across the county using imaging equipment to provide a terrain model of the region and its 22 watersheds. The aircraft used a system known as LiDAR, a surveying method that uses lasers to measure depth and distances.

"This data is the most granular LiDAR project that this region has ever had," Edmondson said.

The new data will allow information to be more thorough, Edmondson said. Data on how bridges and other structures will be included in FIRM development for the first time in Harris County. This is also the first major evaluation of the terrain since 2001, he said.

"This gives us access to data we've never really had before," said Interim Communications Officer David Byford of HCFCD.

The project is important to the region for multiple reasons, Edmondson said. MAAPnext will provide FEMA with better data to create flood insurance rate maps for the area. FIRMs are used to determine the risk of flooding that particular properties face, he said. Additionally, the information gathered by MAAPnext will be used to create models that show how water flows through the region's watersheds during storms and help HCFCD and its partners evaluate flood control needs more accurately, he said.

"Because this overall project is such a huge assessment - it's a huge opportunity," Edmondson said. "The last time we did a project like this, it was called TSARP back in 2001 - the Tropical Storm Alison Recovery Project - since then, there's been a whole lot of technological advances. In the software that was used to model and map, there's been a lot of changes in the terrain that we were able to capture."

New models and maps will be created in a much more detailed and advanced manner than ever before because of those technological improvements, Edmondson said.

"One of the big things that is being incorporated is changes in expected rainfalls for our standard events," Edmondson said. "For the 100-year, we took



The Modeling Assessment and Awareness Project divided Harris County's 22 watersheds into two phases. Mapping of Phase I (in purple on the left) has already been mapped with LiDAR and the project is now working on the watersheds in Phase II (in green on the right).

that data from the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] - they released a study called Atlas 14 and in that we saw increases in the amount of rainfall included in the 100-year and 500-year events, therefore we would expect to see increases [in elevations] in those floodplains due to that at the end of our study."

MAAPnext was split into two phases, Edmondson said. The first evaluated 11 watersheds, including those in the Katy area. Phase II will evaluate the remaining watersheds and contracts are currently being pursued to find firms that can assist with the remaining project, he said.

Once the data from the LiDAR and other surveys is collected, it takes a long time for it to be compiled into a product that can be useful to residents and government agencies, Edmondson said.

Edmondson said the next step is to calculate the hydrology of the watersheds once they are completed to determine how water flows through the watersheds in the county. Once those simulations are done, the information will be handed over to FEMA so that FIRMs can be updated and flood insurance rates set according to the new floodplain maps.

Edmondson said FIRMs are being updated outside of the MAAPnext program as physical changes are apparent that affect current maps, but this new method will increase the accuracy of the maps provided given newer and better terrain and rainfall data.

FEMA will host open houses in 2022 to explain

the results and associated maps to residents, Byford said. This will be followed by the FIRMs and associated flood insurance rates becoming effective in 2023.

The new technology will help HCFCD and the municipalities within the county better plan for flooding, Edmondson said. Knowing the condition of the watersheds and how water flows through them will identify areas of concern and focus efforts on the most effective mitigation improvements. "It'll definitely result in an updated understanding of our flood risks in Harris County," Edmondson said.

For more information, visit www.maapnext.org.

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Senior class recognized for achievement in 2020



COURTESY LAURA THOMPSON

National Charity League, Inc., Azalea Chapter has announced that the 2020 Senior Class of Azalea Chapter volunteered more than 1400 hours in the community. The young women began their NCL journey as sixth graders. Throughout their years at NCL they have volunteered 1470.5 hours with philanthropies such as Kidz Club, Katy Christian Ministries and Texas Children's Hospital. Left to Right (Front): Hayden Carmichael, Brenna Champagne, Karlye Little, Elyssabeth Pratt, Caitlyn Chitwood, Abbey Masek, Kara Grassau, Kendra McKaskle, Cayden Conrad, Brooke Wrzyszczyński, Libby Carroll. Left to Right (Back standing): Grace Cunningham, Margaret Gee, Nicole Cox, Kayla Carroll, Camryn Wagner, Madison Skinner, Elizabeth Carr, Emily Robicheaux, Arianna Rosario, Katja Ayala, Morgan Blevins, Ellie Pitcock, Jayda Jones. Not Pictured: Gabriella Ghafari and Arianna Ghafari

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anomaly, Driver said. He added that it was fortunate that the fire had occurred early in the morning because it ensured nobody was in the business.

The Houston Fire Department and Harris County Emergency Services District 48 also responded to the fire to assist their sister agency.

Employees at neighboring businesses were waiting outside with doors open at 4 p.m. while power was out in the building to facilitate a handyman for the shopping center repaired electrical lines.

The blaze delayed traffic for the first regular workday of the new year as traffic was rerouted to keep nearby residents away from the blaze.

"[Firefighters] actually shut down Fry Road right there," Driver said.



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An electrical fire started in the storage area of the Dollar General store located in the facility, fire officials said.

"So, residents had to go down Franz [Road] and go through Westgreen or go down Younglake Boulevard.

Katy Times reached out to Dollar General for comment but did not receive a response in time for publication.

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Author of new book is a Chemistry graduate (B.S. 1971/M.S. 1978) of Texas A&M (A&I) in Kingsville, TX. He also attended S.A.C. in San Antonio. He has additional hours at SWTSU, Texas Tech U., Boston College, Westinghouse PWR. He has worked at Texas Uranium Operations as Chief Chemist, at South Texas Nuclear Project as Nuclear Chemist during pre-startup, and retired from City of Houston where he was in charge of Technical Services Section of Bureau of Air Quality Control. Owner of BAKER'S BOOKS is also the author of God's Amazing Answer To Prayer, in 2012.

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Annual Report Public Hearing Scheduled January 20, 2020

The Katy Independent School District will conduct a public hearing for the 2018-2019 Annual Report on January 20, 2020. The hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Katy ISD Board of Trustees at 5:30 p.m. in the Katy ISD Administration Building at 6301 South Stadium Lane.

Texas Education Code B39.053 requires each school district's board of trustees to publish an annual report that includes the TAPR report: campus performance objectives; a report of violent or criminal incidents; and information received under the Texas Education Code B51.403(e) from the Texas High Education Coordinating Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Summons In the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix LPP Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a LPP Mortgage, Ltd., Plaintiff, v. Patsy Raveneau a/k/a Patsy Revineau, and Lenore Raveneau, Defendants. Case No: SX-18-CV-73 Action for Debt and Foreclosure of Real Property Mortgage The Government of the Virgin Islands: To: Patsy Raveneau a/k/a Patsy Revineau, Defendant Address: 3735 E. Piper Grove Drive, Katy, TX 77449. Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the complaint for debt and foreclosure of real property mortgage. Witness my hand this 4th day of March, 2019 Estrella H. George, Clerk of the Court Matthew R. Reinhardt, Esq., Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., 1000 Blackbeard's Hill, Suite 10, St. Thomas, VI 00802 Mailing Address: 255 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 900, Orlando, FL 32801 Tel: (855) 2870240 matthew.reinhardt@qpwblaw.com Note: The defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer of other defense with the Clerk of the Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of the service. The defendant, if served by publication, or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer, or other defense, with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for **WATER WELL NO. 10** will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2020.**

The Owner is the City Of Katy, Texas

The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check payable, without recourse, to the Owner or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds in forms provided as outlined in the Contract Documents. Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Maintenance Bond, in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.

For public projects, not less than the minimum wage rates as prescribed in the General Conditions must be paid.

The Contract for this project will be awarded by the City based on the lowest and best bid received

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids.

Bonded general contractor may obtain one set of bid documents for each project at the office of the Engineer, **Clay & Leyendecker, Inc., 1350 Avenue D, Katy, Texas 77493, (281) 391-0173**, upon deposit of a check or cash only in the amount of \$40.00/set, payable to Clay & Leyendecker, Inc. *Bidder must telephone before coming to pick up plans.* Said amount will be refunded if the bid documents are returned in good condition within one (1) week of the date of bid. Otherwise, no refunds will be made. Additional sets may be purchased for \$40.00. Subcontractors and Suppliers may purchase sets for \$40.00 which will not be refunded.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 2935 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER 9, 2019:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 "Traffic And Vehicles" Of The City Of Katy Code Of Ordinances And Amending Article 12.05 "Parking Restrictions On Specific Streets" By Amending Section 12.05.041 "No Parking Zones" To Prohibit Parking On The South Side Of Poplar Creek Ln West Of Woodcreek Bend Ln To The Intersection Of Morgan Creek Ln; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability; And Providing For A Penalty Not To Exceed \$200 For A Violation Of The Ordinance.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District
Owner's Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450
Project (the Work): Replacement of equipment in M.C.C.C. pump room (after plane crash), as further described in the Contract Documents
Project location: 20201 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX.

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owners Office by **January 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM**, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on civcastusa.com. A pre-bid conference is set for January 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Project Location. /s /James "Trey" Hamblet, Project Officer.

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Sparkles

I glanced up as the bells rang to her—old new customers walking into the used clothing store. I was looking for a pair of warm dress pants. Visiting my parents in Minnesota, I had forgotten entirely about the possibility of extreme cold and the idea of going out that night in tights and a skirt seemed preposterous.

Luckily, I found a like-new pair of black jeans with just a little sparkle on the pocket for a good price. I was wandering around the store with these jeans in my hand—just in case I saw something else that I might need—while I waited for the line at the check-out counter to get a little shorter. Maybe I could find a silver jacket, I thought, that would look nice on a cold winter night.

A woman and man had parked their pick-up outside and come into the store. The woman marched in a determined fashion to a rack in the middle of the store. She was a heavyset woman and it looked as if she had located this rack on a previous visit. She approached with a grim determination.

She and the man she was with were standing in front of the rack of dark colored clothing as I slipped by with my sparkly jeans in hand. The woman was holding out an article of clothing for the man's inspection.

"They'll all be wearing sparkly clothes," she said, sounding dejected. "This is just black... not sparkly."

I almost said, "Sparkles are fun!" because they are—and because she sounded so sad that I wanted to say something to cheer her up. But I realized this was probably not the right thing to say so I stood silent, my back to the couple reviewing the unseen, unsparkled outfit that I suspected was going to be worn very soon.

"I think it will look good," the man said—rather unconvincingly, I thought.

The woman stood silent, holding the black garment, visualizing (I am quite sure) a room full of happy women in sparkly dresses.

She sighed. "Okay. Let's go." She took the black garment to the front counter without trying it on and moments later they were gone. They whole transaction took less than ten minutes and seemed completely void of holiday cheer.

I went home with my sparkly jeans and wore them out that night with an old friend. We stayed up late, laughing at the crazy things we had done together over the years and sharing crazy plans for the new year. But, after he was gone, for some reason I thought again of the unhappy woman I'd seen earlier in the day.

I wondered where she had gone, where this room of sparkly women had been and if the black garment had pleased her once she had finally tried it on. I suddenly felt unreasonably sad and wished that she had found something with sparkles on it—something silver or red or gold or green—something that would have made her happy and excited to greet the New Year.

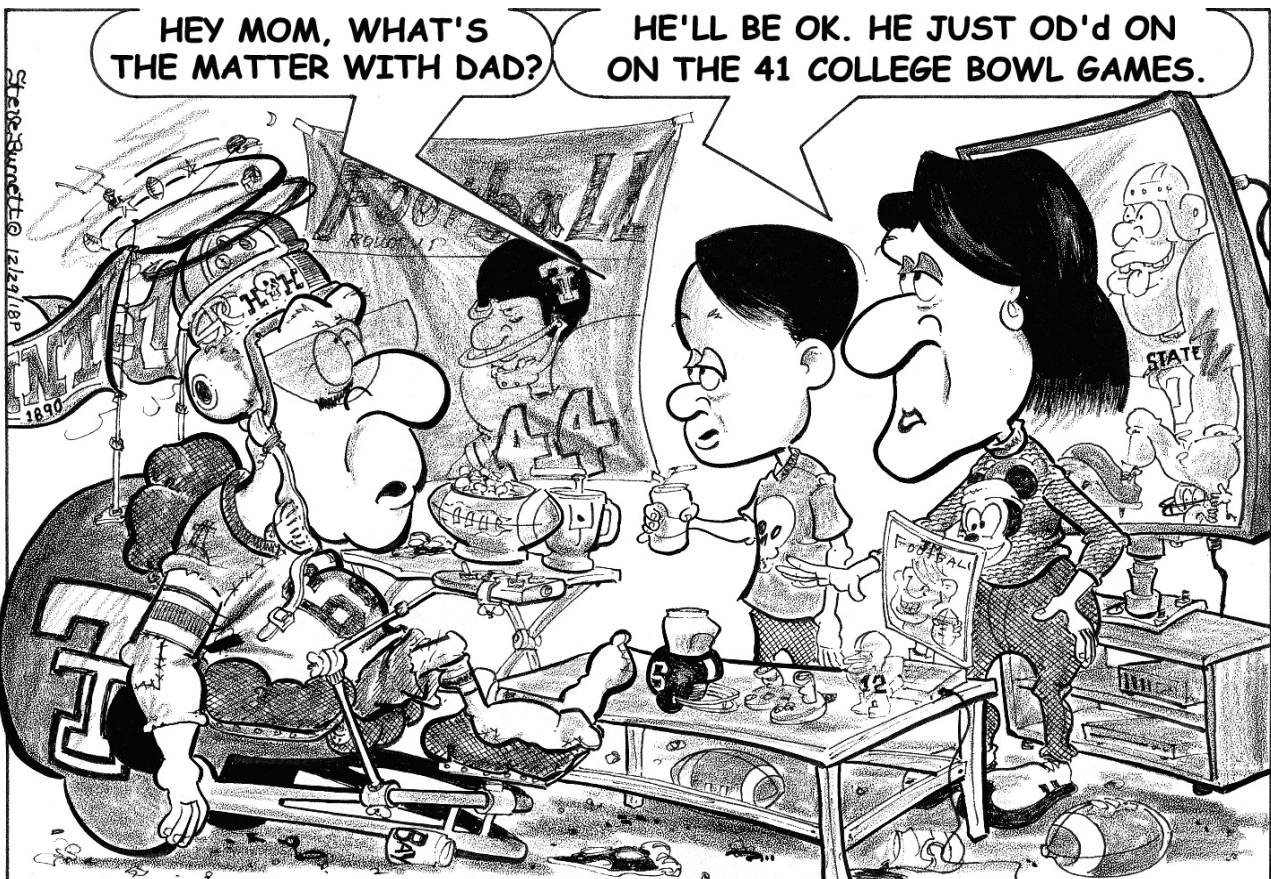
There are so many expectations at this time of year. Sometimes it's too much. Sometimes it is just too hard.

I watched the snow begin to fall and was filled with terrible feeling of tenderness and gratitude and a desire to try—to try a bit harder this year. I am going to try to be kinder. I'm going to try to slow down. I'm going to try to feel all of it in this new year—even the parts that hurt. Maybe those in particular.

**Till next time,
Carrie**

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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How to achieve a higher level of consciousness

Are you wound up? Worked up? Burnt out? Are you tired of being tired? Do you have outrage fatigue from whatever political scandal is dominating today's headlines? Believe it or not, we weren't born with smartphones and social media connected to our wrists 24/7. We are growing increasingly anxious as a culture. It's time to disconnect from our unsustainable, frenzied existences for a minute to calm our overwrought brains.

Can I make a suggestion? Try a simple breathing exercise for five minutes. Get alone, close your eyes and take some deep breaths. Put your phone away. Pay attention to your breath and watch your anxiety meter drop down a few notches.

Only when we make an intentional effort to slow down can we achieve higher levels of consciousness—or is it conscience? Unconscious? Let's clear up the differences between these confusing words.

Conscience is a noun that refers to someone's internal sense of right and wrong. When you steal paperclips from the office to make chainmail for your fashion-forward upcycled clothing line, your conscience is the thing that



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makes you feel a little guilty for pilfering \$27 worth of office products. The adjective version of conscience is "conscientious," which means that someone is guided by her sense of right and wrong, careful not to make mistakes.

Conscious is an adjective that means to be aware, alert, intentional or awake. Before your alarm goes off in the morning, you're unconscious (most people call this "sleeping"). If you make a "conscious effort" to make eye contact and be present with people, that means you're taking intentional steps to change your behavior for the better. If someone is self-conscious, that means he is more aware of how he perceives others view him.

Being self-conscious can mean being "self-aware"; in negative connotations, however, being self-conscious can make someone hyper-aware of how others view himself to the point of

paranoia. Be self-conscious in a good way.

The term "consciousness" is a noun that has to do with the state of being conscious. It is a deep level of thoughtfulness that helps people become more aware of themselves and others.

I'll offer one cautionary note before you begin your intentional breathing exercises: if your surroundings

are too dark, you're likely to slip into unconsciousness before you can gain a sense of higher consciousness. On the other hand, you look like you could use a nap, so make sure to set the alarm on your smartphone.

Curtis Honeycutt is an award-winning syndicated humor columnist. Connect with him on Twitter (@curtishoneycutt) or at curtishoneycutt.com.

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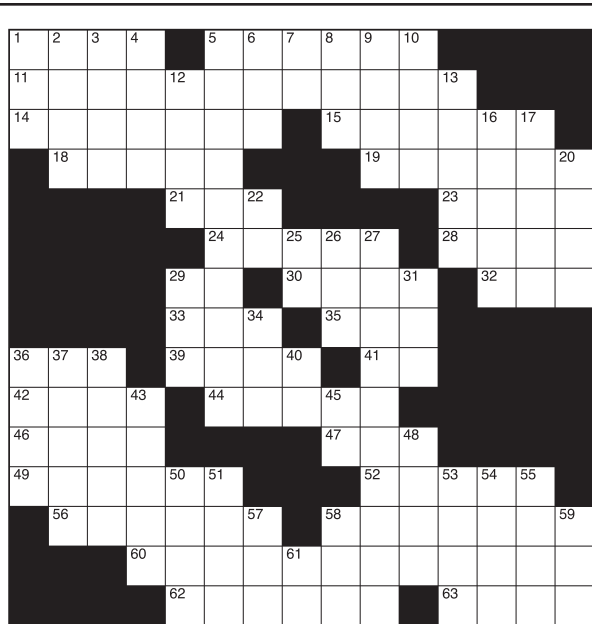
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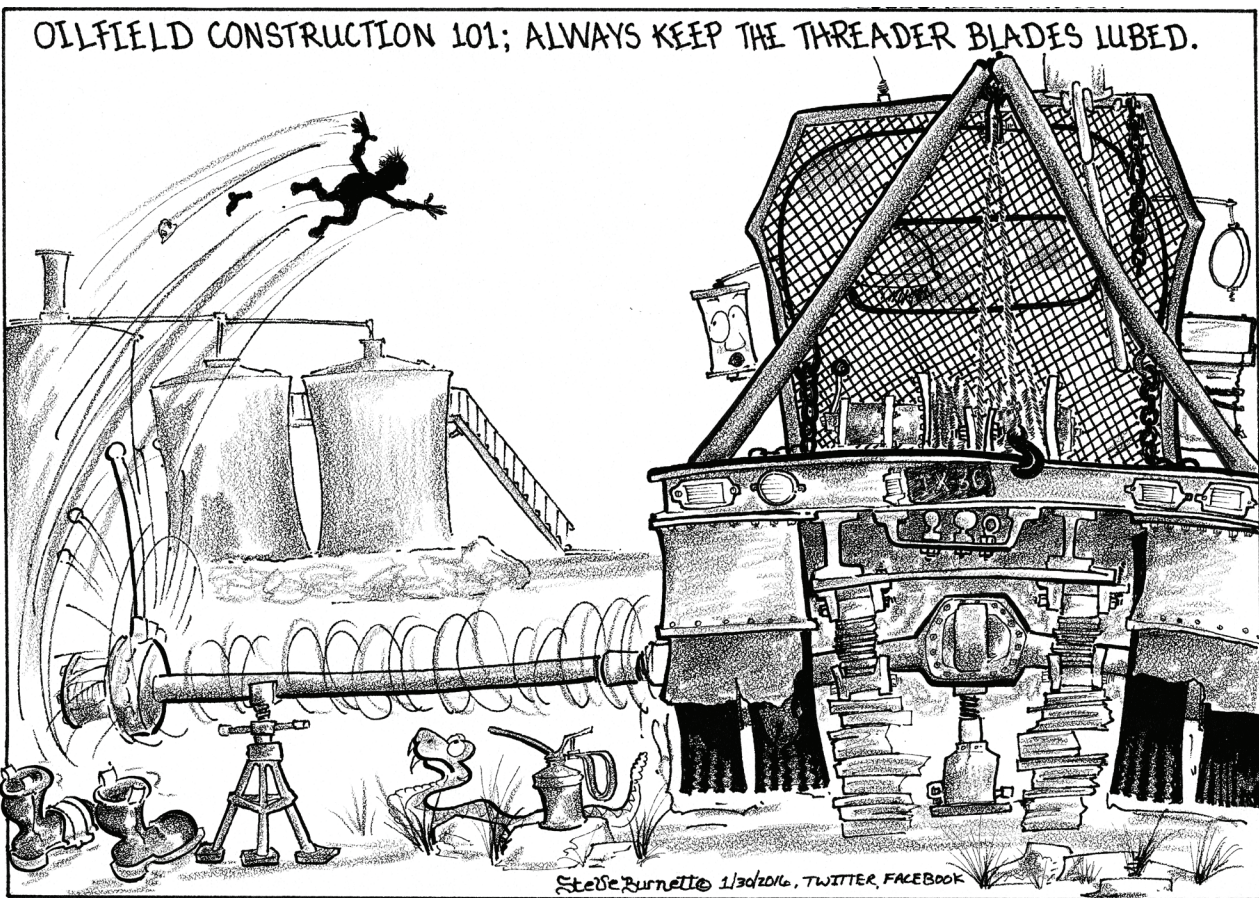


CLUES ACROSS

- Beer ingredient
- Popular FOX TV show
- Recurring from time to time
- Criticized severely
- Musician
- German urban center
- Quenched
- Human gene
- Indian music
- Accumulate
- One who graduated
- Atomic #109
- Semitic fertility god
- Sportscaster Patrick
- Child's dining accessory
- Payment (abbr.)
- Guitarist's tool
- Dabbling ducks
- Commercial
- Style someone's hair
- Biu-Mandara language
- Actress Spelling
- Large hole in the ground
- One-masted sailboats
- Tropical Asian plant
- Concurs
- Latin term for charity
- The number below the line in a fraction
- Reddish browns
- This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

- In the course of
- Helps injured people (abbr.)
- OJ trial judge
- Resist authority (slang)
- Formerly alkenols
- "Cheers" actress Perlman
- Jewelled headdress
- Viking Age poet
- Vanuatu island
- Wish harm upon
- Unit of length
- Blood type
- Drain
- Do-gooders
- Advanced degree
- Business designation
- Chinese-American actress Ling
- Performs on stage
- Slang for money
- Large Russian pie
- The Mount Rushmore State
- Narrow inlet
- News organization (abbr.)
- Scarlett's home
- Micturates
- Monetary unit
- Any customary observance or practice
- Sons of Poseidon
- Facilitates grocery shopping
- Standard operating procedure
- Former OSS
- Midway between south and southeast
- The Wolverine State



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Attorney General lauds 5th Circuit ruling against Affordable Care Act

By ED STERLING
CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN — After the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit declared the individual mandate in “Obamacare” unconstitutional on Dec. 18, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed his agreement. “The Fifth Circuit’s holding is clear: the federal government cannot order private citizens to purchase subpar insurance products that they don’t want,” Paxton said. “The individual mandate is the centerpiece of Obamacare and I am glad the Fifth Circuit recognized that it is unlawful.”

Paxton said he looks forward to demonstrating in federal district court that the rest of the law cannot stand without the individual mandate, and added:

“Yesterday’s decision is a win for the rule of law,” he said. “Finally being rid of this law will be a victory for all Americans.”

The lawsuit against the federal government was filed in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas by Paxton and a list of other state attorneys general. Paxton said it would be up to the lower court to determine whether any part of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, referred to as “Obamacare,” can remain, in light of the mandate’s unconstitutionality.

In Texas and 38 other states where the federal government administers health exchanges, health insurance premiums rose an average of 105 percent from 2013 to 2017, Paxton said.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, but a majority of the justices agreed that the law’s individual mandate was constitutional only because its accompanying tax penalty could justify forcing individuals to purchase health insurance under Congress’ taxing power. Devoid of that penalty, Obamacare’s individual mandate cannot be preserved as a tax, rendering Obamacare entirely unlawful, Paxton said.

Meanwhile, according to U.S. Census data, an estimated five

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— TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON

million Texas residents, or nearly 18 percent of the state’s population, do not have health insurance.

TPWD promotes hikes

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Dec. 20 encouraged Texans “to kick off the next decade of adventures at a Texas State Park by participating in a First Day Hike.”

To foster the effort, the agency scheduled a variety of events on New Year’s Day. First Day Hikes aim to help visitors commit to their New Year’s resolutions to get healthy, the agency said.

First Day Hikes events include strolls on scenic trails, midnight walks, polar plunges, bike rides and short treks with four-legged family members and more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Last year, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife, 77 state parks hosted First Day Hike events in which an estimated 4,000 participants walked, paddled and biked.

A list of events is posted online at tpwd.texas.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 20 announced that the Lone Star State’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4% in November.

The rate marks the sixth consecutive month of record low unemployment in the state. Also, 3.4% is

the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976, according to an agency news release.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded November’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1%, followed by the Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock MSAs each with an adjusted rate of 2.5%. The College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third lowest rate at 2.6%.

Reps vote on impeachment

The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 18 voted to approve two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

The vote on Article I, Abuse of Power, was 230 for, 197 against and 1 present/not voting. The vote on Article II, Obstruction of Congress, was 229 for, 198 against and 1 present/not voting.

For Texas’ 36-member House delegation, the vote was partisan. All 23 Republicans voted not to approve both articles and all 13 Democrats voted to approve both articles.

As of the deadline for this column, the articles of impeachment had not been forwarded to the U.S. Senate, where the president would be tried in accordance with Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution, with the Honorable John Roberts, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, presiding.



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