

Crucial dates for 2020 voters

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This year is a major election year and voters should be aware of the relevant dates and times below in order to ensure they register, obtain ballots by mail and vote on time. For additional information on voting accessibility and timelines, voters may visit the Texas Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.state.tx.us.

- ALL ELECTIONS**
First day to apply for a ballot by mail: Jan. 1
- MARCH 3 PRIMARY ELECTION**
• **Last day to register to vote:** Feb. 3
• **First day of early voting:** Feb. 18
• **Last day to apply for a ballot by mail:** Feb. 21 (received, not postmarked)
• **Last day of early voting:** Feb. 28
- MAY 2 UNIFORM ELECTION**
• **Last day to register to vote:** April 2
• **First day of early voting by personal appearance:** April 20
• **Last day to apply for ballot by mail:** April 20 (received, not postmarked)
Note: Ballots by mail must be received by May 2 at 7 p.m. if not postmarked and by May 4 at 5 p.m. if postmarked by 7 p.m. at the location of the election on election day.

- MAY 26 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**
• **Last day to register to vote:** April 27
• **First day of early voting:** May 18
• **Last day to apply for ballot by mail:** May 15 (received, not postmarked)
• **Last day of early voting:** May 22
Note: Ballots by mail must be received by May 26 at 7 p.m. if not postmarked or May 27 at 5 p.m. if postmarked by 7 p.m. at the location of the election on election day.

- NOV. 23 ELECTION DAY**
• **Last day to register to vote:** Oct. 5
• **First day of early voting by personal appearance:** Oct. 19
• **Last day to apply for a ballot by mail:** Oct. 23 (received, not postmarked)
• **Last day of early voting:** Oct. 30
• **Last day to receive ballot by mail:** Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. if not postmarked or Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. if postmarked by 7 p.m. at the location of the election on election day.
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BALANCING ACT

Council working to balance cellular needs with small town feel; pushes tower decision to Feb. 10

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After just over an hour of discussion with representatives from Katy ISD, T-Mobile, an engineer and an attorney advocating for a proposed 180-foot-tall cellular tower near Katy Junior High School, Katy City Council asked those representatives to come back to them Feb. 10 with a revised plan that included a smaller tower. The proposal follows a lease agreement with KISD for \$2,000 per month to host the tower on the district’s property.

“I’m not comfortable that they really did a thorough search of appropriate areas to put that pole – the tower,” said Councilmember Janet Corte.

According to documents provided by the city, approval of a special use permit to construct the tower and install the telecom equipment is required per the city’s zoning ordinance. That ordinance requires any tower within 1,500 feet of a residential district or the Old Katy District to have a variance approved by City Council.

Bebb Francis III, and attorney coordinating the project said the tower would help to fill a large gap in T-Mobile’s coverage within the city. He was joined in the presentation to the council and attending community members by KISD’s Executive Director for Maintenance and Operations Mark Tiedt, T-Mobile Radio Frequency Manager Craig Donaldson and real estate agent Dave Petrakov who also helped coordinate the project.

T-Mobile customers are having trouble with getting consistent data and voice reception in the region the pro-

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— COUNCILMEMBER JANET CORTE

posed tower would serve, Donaldson said. Because of this, calls can be dropped and internet connections can lag. Additional concerns included service for calls to 911 possibly dropping in the areas that receive poor signal, he added.

“The more people that utilize our towers, the slower input rates are,” Donaldson said.

While the presentation included hundreds of 911 calls per month, Corte said she wanted time to verify that the data was accurate because it seemed to her that the reported number seemed high. She was also concerned that the information provided at the meeting seemed to leave many of her questions unanswered or at least partially answered, she said.

“I’d like to verify their count of 911 calls against what dispatch has actually received to make sure that those

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Katy’s cellular towers like the one pictured above near Katy Fort Bend Road are spread about 1.5 to 2 miles apart and no tower serves downtown near Katy Junior High. A proposed tower near the school’s campus might change that — if it can get approval by Katy City Council.



FBCSO arrests man on sexual abuse charges

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The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office arrested Mohamed Omar Ali, 59, a resident of Houston in the Fort Bend portion of the city Jan. 3. Ali has since been charged with three counts of Indecency with a Child and one count of Sexual Assault of a Child.

"[Ali] was taken into custody Friday without incident, transported to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and booked on those four charges," said Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls.

The charges stem from incidents in 2013 when four victims say Ali assaulted them. All four were



MOHAMED OMAR ALI

minors at the time of the incidents in question. FBCSO suspects Ali's case may turn up additional victims at te local and national level, the press release said. Ali is a native of Somalia who presents at the local, state and national levels.

Ali is currently being held at the Fort Bend County Jail with a \$125,000 bond.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office asks that if you are a victim or have information regarding possible victims, please call Sgt. Jonathan Howell at 281-341-4797.

"This is sickening and an abuse of power," Nehls said in a press release. "If your children have had contact with this man, please talk to them. Victims' identities will be protected."

Man arrested in connection with death of stolen horse

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Treveon Marqués Hillsman was arrested in Austin County Jan. 7 after the Brookshire Police Department issued four warrants related to animal cruelty. Witnesses say he was seen bludgeoning a horse near its face and mouth with his fists and a lead rope at about 7:14 p.m. that day according to a Brookshire PD press release.

Marqués Hillsman fled on foot after officers arrived in response to a witness calling in the report. The horse was observed to be sweating profusely and fell soon after officers arrived. The animal later stopped breathing. He was later

located in Austin County and arrested. It was later determined that the horse had been stolen.

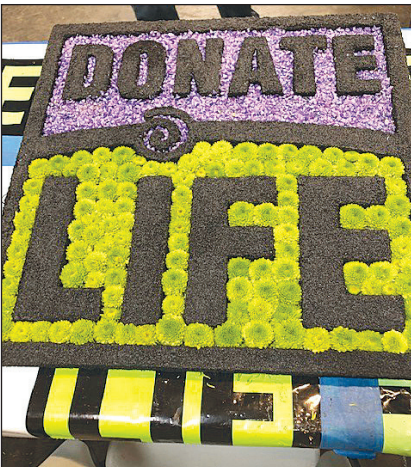
Marqués Hillsman is facing four charges which include Cruelty to Livestock, Theft of Livestock, Burglary of a Building and Evading Arrest. The first three charges are all felonies while the charge of Evading Arrest is a class A misdemeanor.

Anyone with information relating to the event should contact Brookshire PD at 281-375-5000.



TREVEON MARQUÉS HILLSMAN

Smilin' Rylen honored on float



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Rylen Quinn Cowan, a toddler who passed away in 2017 from Bacterial Meningitis and the person the Smilin' Rylen Run – an annual event coming up April 25 - was named for, was honored with a florograph display on Donate Life's Rose Parade float. Donate Life is the only official organ, eye and tissue donor registry in the state of Texas and has sister agencies nationwide. Rylen's parents, Travis Cowan and Kristen Cowan chose to have their son's organs donated and five lives were saved as a result, according to the Smilin' Rylen Foundation's website.

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Allegiant Gaming brings E-sports venue to Katy

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Competitive gaming is growing in popularity around the globe and locals, Noah and Brittany Godin are hoping their new store, Allegiant Gaming, which opened in October 2019, will help bring together Katy's E-sports community.

"Growing the community is very important to us," Brittany said. "We're sponsoring a couple of local players. Noah would really like to have our own E-sports team."

The store is a mixed bag of services and merchandise that wrap together into a package that serves the videogaming community, said Mike Jiang, the company's social media consultant.

The store offers a wide variety of hardware and gaming accessories including custom gaming PCs, mice, chairs, cameras, green screens – used to create custom backgrounds when streaming gameplay online – and audio equipment, Noah said. Shirts, GFuel energy drinks and other gaming paraphernalia are also included in the store's product line.

There is also a lot of focus on providing services to the videogaming community, Noah said. Those services are focused on helping gamers enjoy their hobby and get better at it while having an opportunity to socialize, he said.

Noah and the team provide consultations to gamers to help set up their gaming rig – the computer, software and other accessories needed to game competitively, Jiang said.

"The services are customizable," Brittany said. "[We] build custom built PCs. [Gamers] can bring the parts and we'll build it for them, or they can tell us what they're doing and we'll order it all and build it for them."

The store also lets players try out different equipment they have in stock, Noah said. A selection of gaming chairs, computers, mice and other accessories are available to try out. A full streaming setup is also available for customers to explore.

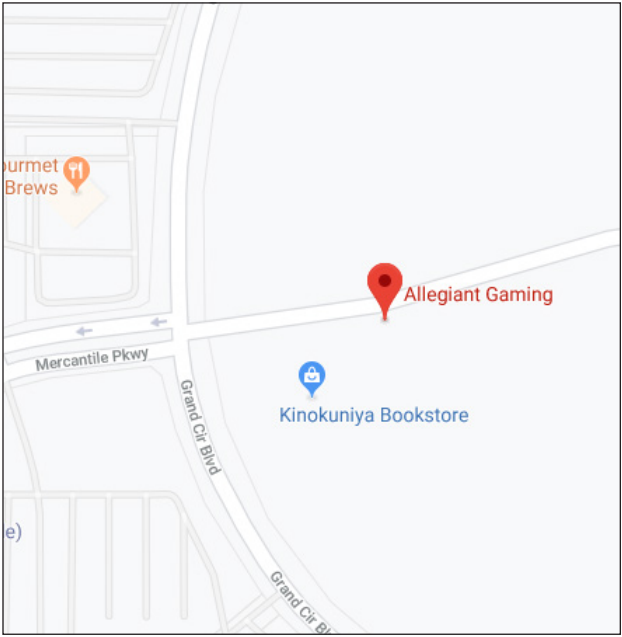
Alternately – customers can also just come in and pay \$5 an hour to rent time on one of the store's gaming computers, Noah said.

The idea for the store came about last year when Noah was looking through a catalog of audio-video equipment Brittany – a photographer by trade – had received, Noah said. He was looking at the catalog and realized there wasn't a store that was geared toward his favorite hobby and developing E-sports – which uses



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Noah and Brittany Godin opened Allegiant Gaming last fall in an effort to make a living building the videogaming community in the Katy area.



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equipment like that found in the catalog – in the area.

"Where is the place I can sit down in a chair and try it out? Where can I try streaming equipment? Getting everybody under one roof – I just thought it was a fantastic Idea and that's kind of how we ended up with this," Noah said.

Brittany said the idea took quite a bit of effort to develop. The couple had to set up a business plan, find a location, figure out what products and services would be offered and how to promote themselves. Starting a new business was somewhat daunting, she said, especially given the challenges that new businesses face.

"My biggest hesitation was – all these retail stores are going out of business and you want to open up a retail store," Brittany said.

In the end though, Noah was able to network with his connections in the gaming community and bring in brands the couple could trust to help provide momentum, Brittany said. GFuel, Vertigear, DXRACER and others were on board and excited to promote what they saw as a unique

opportunity for the gaming community, she said.

After a lot of work though, the couple feels the store is coming together. A Jan. 11 gaming tournament had the shop full of about 40 regulars and newcomers, Noah said. The tournament offered opportunities for competitors to play a variety of fighting games like "Dragon Ball FighterZ," "Tekken 7," and "Street Fighter 5," Noah said. A "League of Legends" tournament and cosplay event is coming up Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., he added.

Having events that serve the community is important, Noah and Brittany said. It builds a place where gamers like Jiang – who streams under the name lamchunklolss – to come together and interact with one another, they said.

"People have this feeling that gamers just hide behind a computer all day and never come out of their room," Brittany said. "But, humans are social beings and we can find friends that enjoy the same things that we do – that's what everybody's looking for."



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T-Mobile said it had considered putting cellular equipment on the water tower near the Katy Police Department, but the tower was not high enough and would not be as centered as necessary in the coverage gap its network has.

TOWER

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counts are accurate. That's a comparison that I'd like to see," Corte said.

Corte was also concerned that the location for the tower was not the only option and asked several questions about why the tower could not be located at Legacy Stadium, nearby.

Councilmember Durran Dowdle agreed with Corte's concerns about the presentation being broad enough.

"Some of the data that was put forth was skewed in my opinion because it only represents T-Mobile. Others may not have the issues that T-Mobile has," Dowdle said.

Donaldson said the location was the most optimal because the stadium was too off-center from where the hole in T-Mobile's coverage was located and that T-Mobile needed to try to keep its towers relatively equidistant from one another. Placing a tower at the Brookshire Brothers store located at the intersection of Franz Road and Katyland Drive would have been an option, he said, but the company was aware that placing a cell tower that close to a residential community would create what some would consider an eyesore, which he said T-Mobile was sensitive about.

Council members were also concerned about the safety of such a large, apparently fragile structure going in at the school.

"Towers are designed so that the tower would bend rather than falling over like a tree," Francis said.

He added that the bend would allow the entire structure to fall within the

tower's 30 foot by 60 foot enclosure, thus ensuring safety for nearby students.

Dowdle said he agreed with some of Corte's concerns about the tower. Both he and Corte said the proposed location – given a half-mile to three-quarter-mile range provided by Donaldson – would serve mostly open spaces, including Legacy Stadium, Rhodes Stadium, the Katy Branch Library, Katy Police Station, Mary Jo Peckham and Katy City parks, but would only serve a small portion of the East Terrace and North Katy Estates subdivisions.

"In going through the presentation, it became apparent that what I asked – the range of the tower – He said a half mile to a mile and that doesn't cover a whole lot of residents," Corte said.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris asked if it would be possible to lower the tower to 140 feet in height, rather than the 180-foot height originally proposed. Additionally, he asked if it was possible for other avenues to provide signal to the area could be shown in a presentation that compared the different options available to T-Mobile and other carriers that might come into the city.

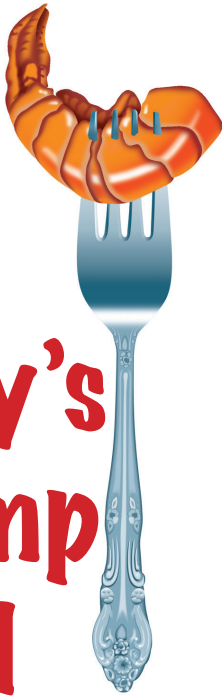
Donaldson and Francis agreed to look into such options and Harris moved to continue the public hearing and presentation during the upcoming Feb. 10 Katy City Council meeting.

Corte said she would also like to speak to Katy ISD during the next meeting to find out what their process had been to approve a lease agreement with T-Mobile, so the council could understand what the district's vetting process had been.

"I'd like to think that the school board was not aware of requiring three variances and a special use permit in order to put this tower there," Corte said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Katy is a growing city and with growth, new challenges occur

The first challenge is protecting our residential areas while still growing our tax base. There is a limited amount of undeveloped land within the city limits and our residents are concerned about commercial “creep” into their neighborhoods. At the same time, due to the recently passed Senate Bill 2, we need to protect our tax base by bringing in smart commercial development in appropriately designated zones. Without these commercial areas, the tax burden would fall on our residents. When a project is presented for approval, council considers the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan, surrounding developments, wishes of the residents and the impact that project will have on the city 5, 10 and even 20 years from now.

The second challenge is drainage and infrastructure. Although several drainage projects have recently been completed, there is still more to be done. There are several older neighborhoods that are affected by flooding or outdated infrastructure and we need to ensure these older neighborhoods are not adversely affected by new developments. To assist in achieving this goal, in this year’s budget city council approved the addition of a Construction Project Manager who will perform Quality Control for city projects and assist the Public Works Department in their efforts to improve drainage and infrastructure. Recently council approved the engineering for a new detention pond on city property northeast of our existing Pitts Road detention pond, and we continue to look for opportunities to further increase our detention capabilities.

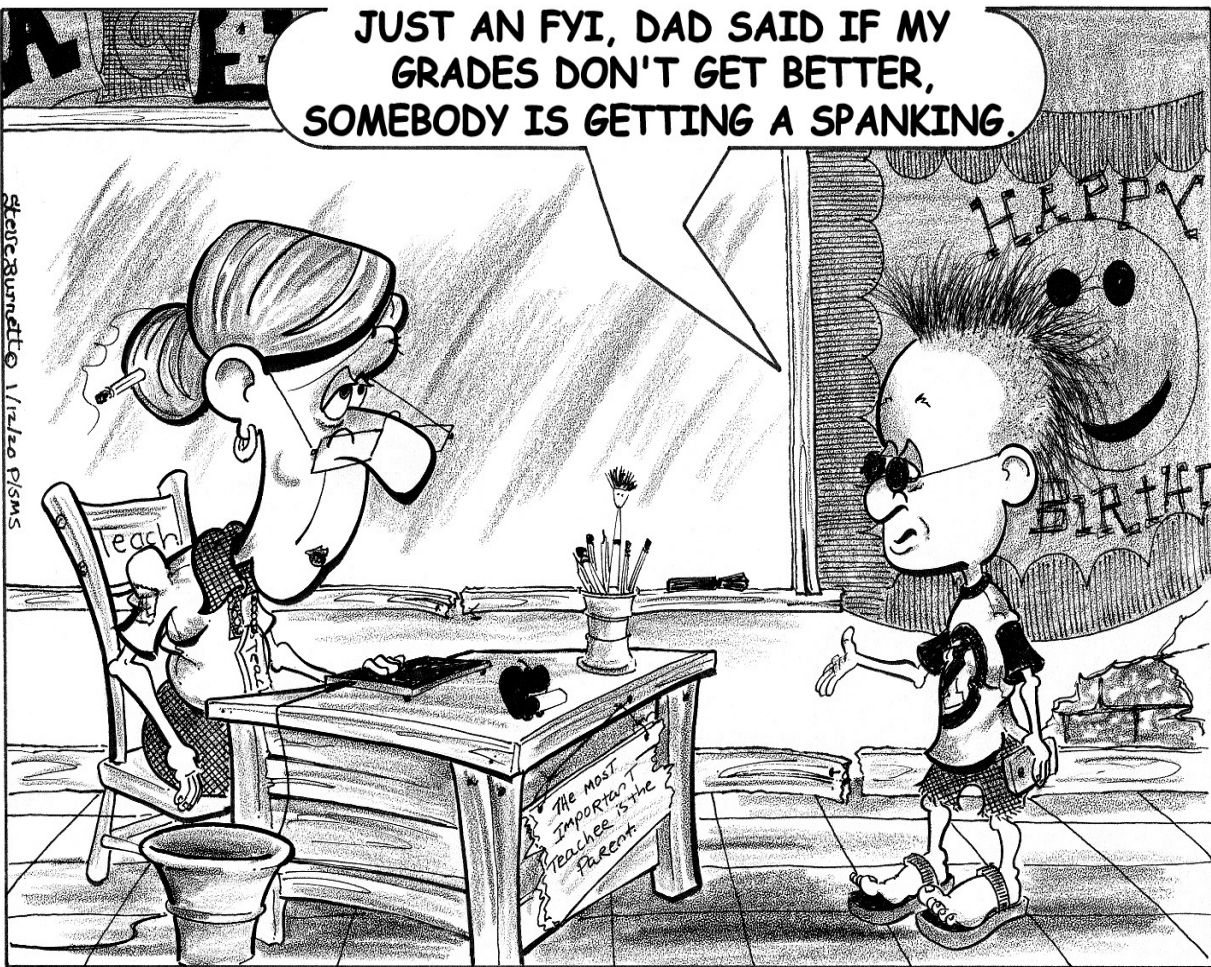
Growth also brings with it a need to provide quality public safety for both our residents and businesses. In the last year, we have added a new, fully staffed police substation at Katy Mills Mall, added 9 police officers, a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer and an explosives search dog. In addition, our Fire Department opened Station 2, added 8 new positions including a Fire Inspector/Investigator, obtained the ISO Class 1 status which lowers our residents’ home insurance rate and purchased a new aerial truck with a 107-foot ladder and a 2,000 GPM pump. Although most of these items were in the city budget, sometimes out of budget, emergency items occur. When this happens, council works with the Mayor, City Administrator and Finance Director to determine the best financial approach.

Protecting our greenspace from growth is another challenge. Greenspace continues to be important to our residents for both drainage concerns as well as public enjoyment. While the City can’t prevent landowners from selling their property, we can try to protect what we do have, including our 8 parks, the Town Park detention pond with a walking path and Katy Boardwalk’s 90-acre lake with a 2-mile walking path. Our Parks Department does a great job maintaining and improving our parks on a relatively small budget. One of the projects I’m most proud of supporting is Katy Pathways, which went into our Strategic Plan for 2019/2020 with unanimous support of the Mayor and my fellow councilmembers. Next, a partnership needs to be formed with the Brookshire Katy Drainage District. With their support, the first phase of Katy Pathways would extend the First Street sidewalk as a 10-foot wide pathway into Thomas Park. Council also recently purchased an acre of land next to Thomas Park. In addition to being additional greenspace, it also complements the revitalization of our Old Katy District.

Central to this revitalization is the Downtown Plaza. The City Planning and Zoning Board recently updated the codes for the Old Katy District to align with our goal of protecting and restoring its “small town charm.” Phase 1 is complete, and the next phase is in planning. Local shop owners are excited and making future plans, while local festivals such as Katy Market Days and Katy Rice Festival continue to expand with record setting numbers. The Old Katy District with its quaint appeal will have a different vibe from the Katy Boardwalk with its upscale 4-star hotel, conference center, urban style lofts, office space, shops and entertainment areas.

These are just a few of the challenges the City is working through currently, and while this is an exciting time for Katy, great ideas and plans always come with a price; that’s where the difficult decisions, along with budgeting, come into play. As a City Council, it’s our job to work with the Mayor, City Administrator and department heads to decide which projects are essential, required by new laws and regulations, evaluate new departmental positions, and pay city employees all within a balanced budget. Our decisions aren’t always unanimous or popular, but are always made with great care, research and abundant thought for a brighter future for the City of Katy and its residents.

— Submitted by Janet Corte, Councilperson, City of Katy



Using a trendy word the wrong way

Have you ever seen a picture of yourself from an unusual angle? You look at the photo and realize, “Who is that person? Oh, that’s me. I do not like what I see.” You hardly ever see the back of your head and, when you do, you vow to wear hats from that point forward. Or maybe you realize your favorite jacket is doing you zero favors when it comes to the looks department. In fact, this jacket makes you look like a hippopotamus in a stupid jacket.

Using the wrong word is kind of like that, even when it’s the trendy thing to do. Sometimes we unknowingly use a popular buzzword regardless of whether or not we understand its meaning. I’d like to discuss a trend I’ve noticed when it comes to the use of the word “reticent.” People are starting to use reticent when they should be using “reluctant.” Let’s get it straight, shall we?

Reluctant is an adjective that means unwilling to act. We get this English word from the Latin “re” (against) and “luctari” (to struggle or wrestle). So reluctant literally means to struggle or wrestle against something. It has to do with action. Here’s an example: Because Steve always took good care of his things, he was reluctant



to spring for the AppleCare plan on his new iPhone.

Reticent is an adjective that means disinclined to speak. Breaking it down into the original Latin, we get “re” (in this case, “re” means “once more” or “again”) and “tacere” (be silent). Reticent, therefore, means “to be silent again.” We get the word “tacit” from this Latin word. Here’s an example: Since Sheila’s such a humble person, she’s reticent to comment on her recent promotion.

Lately, people have begun using “reticent” when they mean to say “reluctant.” For example, I’ve heard someone say something to the effect of “I’m reticent to RSVP for Glen’s birthday party this year, especially if he’s going to do his idiotic magic act again.” In this case, “reticent” is not the right word to use. Instead, stick with “reluctant.” Also, go to Glen’s party; you’re one of his only friends.

Just like wearing a trendy jacket could actu-

ally backfire on your high fashion status, using a trendy word in the wrong way is a bad idea. The next time you’re in the dressing room at your local clothier, don’t be reluctant to take a picture of yourself in the mirror from a crazy angle—

you don’t want to end up on the worst-dressed list in your local newspaper.

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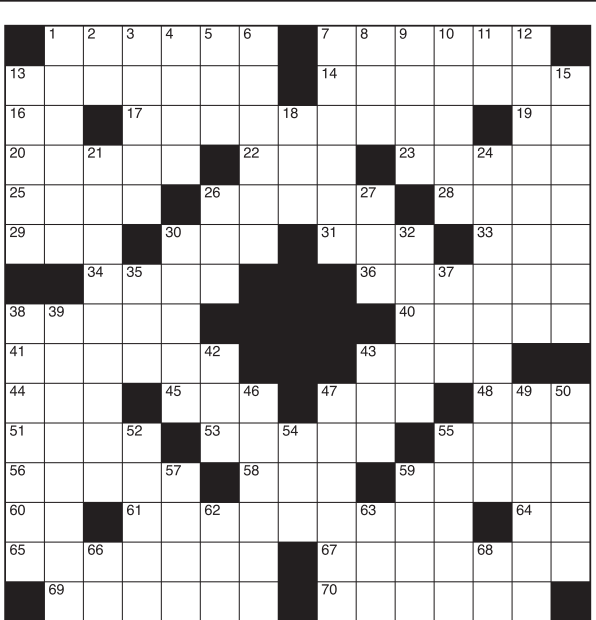
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- Throws out
- Iberian Peninsula microstate
- Gossip
- Atomic #20
- Ivy League institution
- Of I
- “He Is ___”; Scripture excerpt
- Musical genre
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Ancient Olympic Site
- Satisfies
- Popular flower
- Shared services center
- Drain
- A way to attack
- Urban Transit Authority
- Spiritual leader
- Postponed
- N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
- Gazes unpleasantly
- Gets up
- Capital of Ukraine
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Golf score
- Superhigh frequency
- Swiss river
- Felons
- Succulent plants
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Deliberately setting fire to
- Infamous singer Zadora
- Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- Influential sports mag
- Aromatic Mediterranean plant
- Sixth note of a major scale
- Unit of explosive power
- Large watertight chamber
- Popular street
- A way of watering

CLUES DOWN

- Mollusks

- ___, denotes past
- Anchor ropes
- Large Middle Eastern country
- To make a mistake
- Ancient governor
- Extents
- Chinese surname
- NYC subway “residents”
- Essential oil used as perfume
- A way to treat injuries (abbr.)
- Session
- Units of land areas
- Goes over once more
- Where wrestlers work
- Italian islanders
- Avenue
- ___ Adams, U.S. President
- Rest with legs bent
- Type of flour
- The Golden State (abbr.)
- More (Spanish)
- Stinging, winged insect
- The use of irony to mock
- Arsenals
- Pouch
- 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Violent seizure of property
- Restrict
- Something comparable to another
- Punishment device made from stems
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Glenys Rowena Mary Parry Price (Rowena) was born on March 4, 1949 in Brynford, North Wales, UK, to William Henry Parry and Glenis Ann Totty Parry.

Rowena married Norman Douglas Price on December 12, 1970 in Brynford, North Wales, United Kingdom. Rowena has been a Katy resident since 1973 and became a United States citizen in 1992. She worked as a Payroll Manager. She very dearly loved her grandchildren, Dylan and Ian Price; enjoyed puzzles; and loved taking her dogs, Kate & Pippa, to Katy Dog Park. She was a wonderful baker & cook, was good with a sewing machine and a Houston Astros fanatic. She loved to collect carousel horses and watched Wheel of Fortune every day. She loved to travel and spend quality time with her husband Norman and the rest of the family.

Glenys Rowena Mary Parry Price passed away on December 2, 2019 in Houston, Texas at the age of 70 years.

She is survived by her son, Gareth Price and his wife Cindy; grandsons, Dylan and Ian Price of Fulshear; brother, Mervyn Parry and his wife Barbara of Brynford,

North Wales UK; nephew, Michael Parry; niece, Susan and her husband Glenn Carrington; great nieces, Marissa and Lauren Carrington; great nephews, Oscar and Harvey Carrington; her beloved dogs, Kate and Pippa; and numerous other loving family members and many friends.

Rowena was preceded in death by her loving husband, Norman Douglas Price; her father, William Henry Parry; and by her mother, Glenis Ann Totty Parry.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, with Chaplain Daryl Ervin officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles McFarland, Clint Price, Chato Longoria, Mark Williams, Jorge Peraza and Bryan Blood.

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**GLENYS ROWENA
MARY PARRY PRICE**
1949-2019

Dr. Eugenio Eleuterio Milian was born on September 6, 1924 in Vuelatas, Cuba to Teofilo Milian and Cecilia Naples Milian. On June 17, 1956, he married Celina Basilia Vazquez in San Antonio De Las Vuelatas, Cuba.

While in Cuba, he achieved his doctorate in education which opened the doors for him to start a private school. Due to the political unrest and in order to give his family a better opportunity, he sacrificed what he had and worked in a concentration camp for several years, while waiting for permission to immigrate to the United States. His family received permission in 1968 to immigrate to the United States with one suitcase and the clothes on their back. From that day forward, Eugenio worked tirelessly to learn a new language, become a Spanish teacher, and provide the best for his family.

For the past 25 years, he has lived in the Katy area, where he was a member of Kingsland Baptist Church. He enjoyed gardening and had a passion for baseball, although he loved watching his grandsons play all of their different sports. He was an amazing high school Spanish teacher and taught in Bay City High School for over 20 years. He was very vibrant and active and had tremendous love for his family. Needless to say, he was always willing to help everyone in whatever way possible.

Dr. Eugenio Eleuterio Milian passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2020 in Katy, Texas at the age of 95 years after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife of over 63 years, Celina Milian of Katy; his daughter, Dr. Maria Milian Sobarzo and her husband Dr. Arturo Sobarzo

of Katy; grandchildren, Arturo Sobarzo and his children, Chaz, Allyssa, and Lynzi Sobarzo, Jaime Sobarzo, Gabriel Sobarzo and his fiancée Raina

Harrelson, Daniel Sobarzo and his fiancée Lindsey Dekowski, Miguel Sobarzo and Samuel Sobarzo; brother, Dr. Teofilo Milian and his wife Laura of Sweeny, Texas, nephews, Richard Milian and his wife Vicki Milian and their four children and Dr. Alex Milian and his wife, Jennifer Milian and their six children; sisters, Juanita Infante of Gainesville, Texas and her children, Drs. Olga, Eduardo and Cecilia Infante and their children, and Iris Milian of Miami, Florida; and numerous other loving family members and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Teofilo and Cecilia Milian; by sisters, Rita Perez, Herminia Brito, Valeria Sotolongo and Nancy Milian; and by his brothers, Epifanio Milian and Candido Milian.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Kingsland Baptist Church, in Katy, with Pastor Ryan Rush officiating. Interment will be private.

Pallbearers will be Arturo Sobarzo, Jaime Sobarzo, Gabriel Sobarzo, Daniel Sobarzo, Miguel Sobarzo and Samuel Sobarzo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to Kingsland Baptist Church Missions, 20555 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450, www.kingsland.org.

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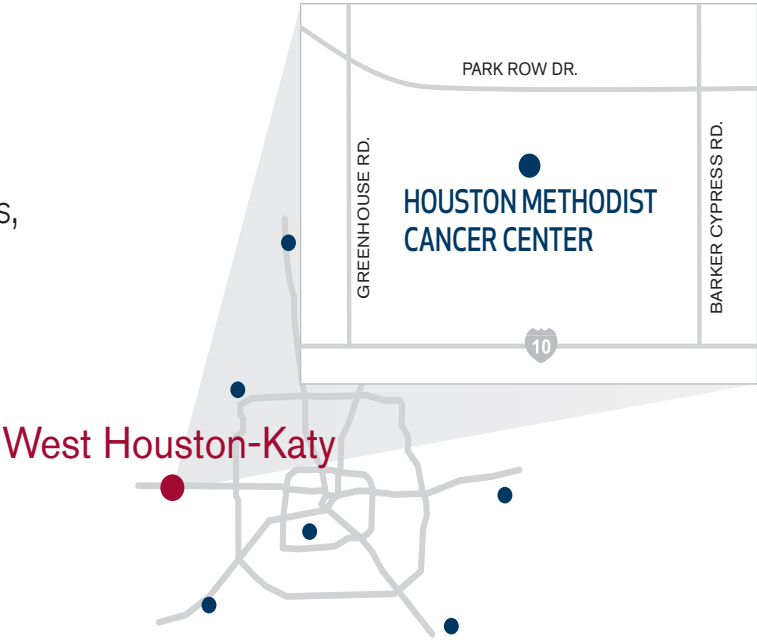
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins 63, Taylor 37
- Katy 53, Cinco Ranch 33
- Seven Lakes 54, Mayde Creek 21
- Paetow at Waller, N/A

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins 68, Taylor 57
- Katy 51, Cinco Ranch 47
- Mayde Creek 60, Seven Lakes 59 (OT)
- Paetow 70, Waller 50

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

BOYS SOCCER

- Katy vs. College Station, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.
- Taylor vs. Klein Cain, at Legacy Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Alief Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 3 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Aldine Nimitz, at Mayde Creek High, 6 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. CE King, at Legacy Stadium, 7 p.m.
- Aldine Davis at Cinco Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Houston Heights at Paetow, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- North Shore at Taylor, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins at Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Taylor, 7 p.m.
- A&M Consolidated at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Katy at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at A&M Consolidated, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

- Taylor vs. Alief Taylor, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Houston Heights, at Legacy Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Katy vs. Fulshear, at Legacy Stadium, 3 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Friendswood, at Legacy Stadium, 5 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Nimitz, at Legacy Stadium, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. CE King, at Mayde Creek High, 7 p.m.
- Ridge Point at Paetow, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- Bellaire at Taylor, 2 p.m.
- Klein Oak at Seven Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Klein Collins, 6 p.m.
- Paetow at Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

BOYS SOCCER

- Tompkins vs. Aldine Nimitz, at Legacy Stadium, 9:30 a.m.
- Katy vs. Clear Springs, at Legacy Stadium, 11:30 a.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Ridge Point, at Legacy Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Alief Taylor, at Mayde Creek High, 1:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. College Station, at Legacy Stadium, 3:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Klein Cain, at Legacy Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
- Friendswood at Paetow, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- Taylor vs. Pearland Dawson, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

BOYS SOCCER

- Splendor at Paetow, 7 p.m.

Katy ISD hires Rabe for Jordan

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD has hired Mayde Creek head football coach/athletic coordinator Mike Rabe for the same role at Jordan High School, the district's ninth high school that opens in August.

Katy ISD athletic director Debbie Decker confirmed the hiring early Monday afternoon.

Monday was Rabe's last day at Mayde Creek. He started at Jordan High on Tuesday. The Jordan position had more than 60 applicants.

The district will officially announce Rabe's hiring at Jordan High during the monthly board meeting on Monday, Jan. 20. Since January 2017, Katy ISD has filled openings for head coach in seven of its nine football programs. Only twice has it gone outside the district in making its hire. Mayde Creek is officially open.

Rabe just finished his fifth season at the helm of Mayde Creek, where he had a 16-35 overall record. But he led Mayde Creek to a memorably historic season in 2019, when the Rams went 9-3 and made it to the area round of the playoffs. The Rams enjoyed their best season since 1997, winning their first playoff game since that year and making the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

Rabe, who was named the District 19-6A Coach of the Year for the 2019 season, implemented a no-nonsense culture at Mayde Creek that helped spear a remarkable turnaround for the program. He is a creative offensive mind, but, more importantly, has always sustained a positive, strong relationship with his players.

Jordan High is Rabe's fourth stop. The Cuero native has also coached at Ganado and Waco Connally. Rabe has an overall record of 66-86-0.

Jordan High School submitted an initial enrollment number of 1,586.69 in late October.

Because Jordan High is opening on an even year (2020) and beginning with ninth and 10th grades, Jordan's individual sports will go varsity right away but team sports will wait until the fall of 2021, when the school has ninth, 10th and 11th graders. The only sport that is not able to be placed in realignment on the "middle" year, or halfway between the two-year realignment, is football.

Football for Jordan High won't be realigned by the UIL until 2022, which will be Jordan's first varsity football season. Until then, the district will try to mix and match schedules for Jordan to play football, just not under the UIL umbrella.



MARK GOODMAN

Mayde Creek head football coach/athletic coordinator Mike Rabe has accepted the same position at Jordan High School, Katy ISD's ninth high school that opens in August.

LEARNING FROM DEFEAT

Falcons stronger, bigger after tough state title loss

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins made it to the Class 6A girls soccer state tournament championship for the second time in three years last season. That was good.

The bad, however, was the Falcons had to live all offseason with the stinging taste from another bitter defeat in the campaign's penultimate game. Last season's loss, a 5-0 setback to a physically intimidating Southlake Carroll team, was particularly harsh.

So, during the summer and offseason, coach Jarrett Shipman stressed "intrinsic motivation" to his players. He made known its importance.

Shipman incorporated more weight-room work into training. He provided a workout plan. He and assistant coach Austin Bridger helped perfect players' form lifting weights.

Other than that, it was up to the players how much time and effort they put in.

See **FALCONS**, page B3



MARK GOODMAN

Tompkins senior Skylar Parker dribbles the ball against McAllen High during the Falcon bracket championship game of the I-10 Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Legacy Stadium.

Tigers turn up in 4th quarter for big win

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Like a thief in the night, Katy boys basketball coach Danny Russell told his Tigers, they would have to steal a road game at Tompkins.

And the Tigers did just that, heeding Russell's advice and turning a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter into a 16-point advantage, courtesy of a 15-0 run through the first 2-minutes, 22-seconds of the final period, before settling for a 67-55 win on Friday, Jan. 10, at Tompkins High.

Sophomore guard Dayvaughn Froe (22 points, five rebounds) and senior guard Bryce Purchase (11 points) combined for 10 of those 15 points to start up the fourth as Katy got the initial upper hand between two playoff contenders.

The win put Katy at 2-1 in District 19-6A. The Tigers are 3-1 after Tuesday's win over Cinco Ranch. Tompkins fell to 1-2 in district with the Katy loss, but rebounded to 2-2 with an impressive 11-point win over Taylor on Tuesday.

"Coach told us we had to stay focused and get the job done," said Froe, who had 10 points in the fourth quarter. "We have to steal games

on the road; we're not just going to come and take it. Coach said like a thief in the night, we have to come steal it from them at their house."

If there's one team that understands how important one possession is—let alone one game—it's Katy. The Tigers missed out on the playoffs by one game last season, when three of their defeats in district play came by seven points or less.

"Our mindset is to keep pushing and keep the foot on the gas," said Purchase, who had eight points in the fourth quarter. "We know we have to go to another level when things get hard. We can't just mope and hang our heads. We have to keep working."

Defense was key. The Tigers held the Falcons without a point during the first three minutes of the fourth quarter by keeping them away from the rim. Tompkins made just 1 of 9 3-pointers in the period, and just 2 of 23 3s overall.

The effort in the final quarter was highlighted by an impressive chasedown block by Katy's Ryon Johnson of Tompkins' Johnny Nash.

"We were able to get multiple stops in a row," Purchase said. "That really sparked us

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Katy High's Ryon Johnson (3) runs down a block on Tompkins' Johnny Nash during their district game Friday, Jan. 10, at Tompkins High.

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Frontcourt defense anchoring surging Falcons



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Senior Mia Hill is a significant contributor with her defense and rebounding for Tompkins, which is 5-0 in district play.

By STEPHEN GREENWELL
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

The backcourt for the Tompkins' girls basketball team has been putting up gaudy numbers this season, but strong defensive pressure, anchored by a frontcourt the guards can trust, has been a huge factor that doesn't necessarily show up in the box score.

The Falcons remained undefeated in district play with a 63-37 win against Taylor at home on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Freshman Loghan Johnson and junior guard Crystal Smith again led the team with 21 and 13 points, respectively, as Tompkins improved to 26-3, 5-0 in District 19-6A.

Taylor fell to 2-3 in district play. Like past games, many of the Falcons' baskets were fueled by turnovers on defense, and rebounding and outlet passes from frontcourt players like seniors Mia Hill and Sovereign Mack, junior Mackenzie Durnford and freshman Fiyin Adeleye.

Hill and Durnford said the competitive nature of practices and the chemistry of the team leads to defensive trust in one another, with Tompkins coach Tamatha Ray noting

that the two communicate as well as any players she's ever coached.

"We've learned that if we're going to do this and if we want to go far, we need to do this as a team and we have to be all-in, no matter what," Hill said. "Coach Ray is good at reminding us, 'You guys say you want to go far, show it in practice.' We get together and work really hard, because we know what we want as a team."

Despite having two freshmen in the starting lineup now, Durnford said they have a cohesive roster and goals.

"This is a different team, but we want to go further than we have the past two years," she said. "In practice, we work really hard and we work as a team. Our team chemistry is something that's really helped us this year, and I think that's really translated on to the court."

The Falcons jumped out to a 12-3 lead against Taylor. Durnford, Hill and Adeleye all had first quarter blocks, helping when aggressive defense from Tompkins' guards didn't immediately result in a turnover.

"When it happens, us three try to talk and communicate with Crystal

and Loghan to say we have their back, and we have their help, and we help trap," Durnford said, referring to the forwards and center. "We try to not let them get into the paint, and box out and help when we can."

Hill added: "Our biggest thing is communication. Even before it gets broken down, we try to communicate to them that we have their help, and once it gets broken down it's just us three and we try to communicate as much as we can."

Ray stressed that the defense revolves around that communication and trust.

"Even though they're on the backline there, they're the key to the defense because they're so vocal," she said. "We definitely want to get tips, deflections, steals off of halfcourt, fullcourt ... whatever defense we're in. We have the speed and the ball skills to get down the floor. That's definitely part of our offense."

Going forward, Hill said the team was pushing itself to excel.

"We're hoping to stay undefeated throughout district," she said. "It's never happened for us. We're on our way right now."

DISTRICT 19-6A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

AS OF THURSDAY, JAN. 16

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

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Tompkins	5	0
Seven Lakes	4	2
Cinco Ranch	3	2
Katy	3	2
Taylor	2	3
Mayde Creek	1	4

DISTRICT 19-5A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

AS OF THURSDAY, JAN. 16

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

	DISTRICT	
	W	L
Paetow	1	6

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on the offensive side. Getting multiple stops is pretty big for us."

It didn't help Tompkins that star sophomore sharpshooter B.B. Knight, one of the top recruits in the class of 2022, left the game with 54.8 seconds remaining in the first quarter after suffering a dislocated left kneecap.

Knight, who departed with two points and his team trailing 18-8, was to be evaluated this week.

"When a caliber of player like he is goes out, you always want to play people at their best and beat people at their best, if you're a competitor," Russell said. "I think this world lacks competitors. But as far as altering our own game plan, absolutely (Knight's absence made a difference). You have different players on the floor, and that's going to change the game. Briefly, it worked against us; our guys had a little letdown on defense and Tompkins had players step up. But over the course of the game, we adjusted on the fly. Maybe it took us a little while; I don't know. We secured some possessions, we battled."

Through the first three games in district play—against Mayde Creek, Seven Lakes and Tompkins—Katy is allowing a stingy 49 points per game.

"Really, the difference-maker is us on the defensive end," Russell said. "Our kids are doing a great job, and we're able to translate that into offense. Our kids appreciate when we give good effort on the defensive end and we can complement on the other side of the floor. We're playing better defensively, and it shows."

Russell commended the intensity and rebounding of his undersized bigs, Connor Champion and Casper Belaiter. The pair combined for 13 rebounds against a taller, more athletic Tompkins frontcourt.

While Tompkins only had senior Hank Sanders (17 points) and Nash (15) finish in double-figure scoring, Katy had four players reach the mark in Froe, Chermane Sims (12), Purchase (11) and Belaiter (11). Johnson added eight.

"We were one game short of making the playoffs last year, so we know how much one game, one possession can change our entire season," Froe said. "We all were hungry for this win."

Pelzer powers Rams to OT win

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

With 12.5 seconds left in overtime, and Mayde Creek inbound from underneath its own basket while trailing Seven Lakes by a point, Rams junior guard Josh Vanegas took the inbounds pass and threw it right back to senior guard David Chavez.

Chavez took it up the right side of the floor, past halfcourt, and a behind-the-back dribble briefly created separation between him and Seven Lakes defender Johnny Miller.

Chavez drove to the middle of the floor as Rams star guard Rommell Williams, face-guarded by Spartans senior wing Declan Kelly, served as a sort of brush screen at the top of the key, allowing Chavez some freedom toward the basket.

"When he set the screen, everything opened up and it was a 2-on-1 with me and (junior forward Anthony Pelzer)," Chavez said. "Coach had told Ant all day that he was going to have a big role to win the game, and we trusted him."

Chavez dribbled around Williams' screen and, right before the weakside defender who had attended to Pelzer approached to help, threw a perfect pass to a wide-open Pelzer.

"We didn't want to force anything," Pelzer said. "We had the clock to our advantage and just tried to get that last shot and make it. And we did."

Pelzer's 15-foot wing shot cradled through the net, time expired, and just like that Mayde Creek earned a 60-59 home win over the Spartans on Tuesday, Jan. 14, going to 2-1 in an intensely-competitive District 19-6A and sending Seven Lakes to 0-4 in district play.

The Spartans' last two losses, against 3-1 Katy and 2-1 Mayde Creek, have come by a combined four points.

"This district is tough," Mayde Creek coach Anthony Fobb said. "Seven Lakes is one of the best teams in our district; people just don't know it. Night in and night out, those guys come to play for the love of the game. They're not playing for scholarships. They give it all for their school, and it means something to them to play for Seven Lakes. That's the culture I'm trying to build here."

"We've got to play night in and night out, because we're the hunted



MARK GOODMAN

Mayde Creek junior Anthony Pelzer (30) and senior teammate David Chavez (10, standing to Pelzer's right) look on in celebration after Pelzer's shot off Chavez's pass gave the Rams a 60-59 overtime win over Seven Lakes on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Mayde Creek High.

now. We're no longer the walkover game. Guys are coming out here trying to beat us, so if we don't show up, we're going to get beat."

The Rams (15-11 overall) did show up, and they didn't get beat.

After a dominant 19-point first half, Williams—a Midwestern State signee—was held to just two points in the second half and overtime as the Spartans went to Kelly face-guarding him the entire rest of the way.

That produced some good for both teams.

For Mayde Creek, other players, like Vanegas and junior guard Jermon Washington, stepped up. Vanegas calmly drilled a couple of big 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to keep the Rams steady.

But the defensive tactic, engineered by the tenacity of Kelly, also allowed Seven Lakes back into the game after it trailed by as many as 11 points in the third quarter. Sophomore guard Tahaad Davis took over in the second half by scoring 13 of his 16 points during that span. It was Davis' runner in the waning seconds of regulation that forced overtime, 56-56.

Miller was also crucial, finishing with a game-high 25 points and a slew of key rebounds.

But after Kelly hit a huge 3 to put the Spartans up 59-56 in overtime, one last hero emerged for the Rams. Pelzer,

who entered the game averaging 4.2 points, scored four of his nine points in the extra period: a tough rebound putback and the game-winner, the latter of which was a no-doubter in his mind.

"That's morning workouts," Pelzer said. "That's work with the (shooting) gun. We'll be up here, in the gym in the mornings, shooting those shots. That's my shot. I knew it was going in."

Chavez, whom Fobb said he is tougher on than any other Ram and looks to him to keep the team right, made the smart play.

"I had confidence he would make the shot," Chavez said. "I could've been selfish; I could've shot the floater. But Ant had a better shot."

For Fobb, it was a bit of redemption following the previous game, a 63-48 loss at Taylor.

"I missed him in the Taylor game," Fobb said of Pelzer, who also had eight rebounds against Seven Lakes. "As a coach, I'm brutally honest with myself, and I let emotions and calls get to me and it fed on to the kids and I missed Anthony. He's a major part of what we do, and he didn't play much at all at Taylor and I felt bad about that after watching the film."

"I told him and told our guys, for what we need to do to beat Seven Lakes, he's going to be a major part of it. I just kept giving him that confidence."

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SPORTS

Late bloomer Ghafari shines for Spartans

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes senior forward Arianna Ghafari considers herself a “late bloomer.” Her rise as one of the top players in the Houston area did not really begin until her sophomore year of high school.

It’s an interesting notion, considering the Baylor signee has already accomplished so much in such a short amount of time.

“My effort is everything to me,” said Ghafari, last season’s District 19-6A Most Valuable Player. “When I was younger, I had no skills. I kept working my way up. I played club soccer all my life, but I wasn’t with the top players from the beginning. It took me a while to get there. But my effort, my speed and now gaining the skills, it’s made me the player I am today.”

It was during Ghafari’s freshman season when Seven Lakes coach Kaitlyn Eidson moved her up to varsity and her club coach moved her up to the elite ranks. That’s when epiphany struck for Ghafari.

“That’s when I started believing in myself, like, ‘I’ve got this. I know what I want to do,’” Ghafari said.

Ghafari has scored five goals for the 4-0-2 Spartans, an impressive, though not atypical, start to the season after she tore the lateral collateral ligament in her knee in April.

Ghafari chose to bypass surgery and spent all of last summer in physical therapy. She missed the first couple weeks of school, but said she is now better than ever.

“If anything, I feel stronger,” Ghafari said. “I go harder into tackles. It made me 1,000 times better as a player, because the way I tore it, I went weak into a tackle. I was scared and tore my knee. Now I go into everything as hard as I can. I’m not scared.



MARK GOODMAN

Seven Lakes senior forward Arianna Ghafari (in blue, 10) controls possession during the I-10 Shootout Spartan bracket championship game against George Ranch on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Legacy Stadium.

“It’s increased my confidence a bunch.”

Which is ideal, because Ghafari’s whole plan is to make the absolute most of her senior year.

“I have to give it all I’ve got,” Ghafari said.

“I just want to win as many games as I can with my team. I’m a captain, I want to be a leader. I want us to keep our heads up and show we can be a dominant team in Katy ISD.”

Ghafari and Eidson are excited about an experienced Spartans team that has great chemistry. It’s a senior-laden club led by the likes of Ghafari, Peyton Guidry, Rachel Oberman and Macie Nguyen, among others.

“This team just puts in so much effort in everything we do,” Ghafari said. “This is the most team chemistry I’ve seen in a while. We all love each other and we’re all so proud of each other. We work hard for each other, and

when you have that, then you know this can be your season.”

Ghafari is doing her part. She could not care less about stats or accolades. Her purpose is the inclusion of others.

“I don’t want to be a selfish player,” she said. “This isn’t just my last season, it’s a lot of these girls’ last season. I want to do what’s best. It’s about winning for the team.

“If I’m two-on-one versus the goalie, and she’s in the middle, I’m not taking that (shot) myself. I’m passing. I have trust in my team that they’re as capable as I am.”

Which is pretty capable. Eidson said Ghafari is a natural leader, a “great example of success being earned.” Eidson promoted Ghafari to the varsity as a freshman because of her commitment and drive more than anything physical or skill-wise.

“What makes her special is her work ethic,” Eidson said. “She needed growth in some soccer areas, but the intangibles that she had are things you can’t coach. It’s really what will make her a fantastic player at the next level. The work ethic, her communication she has with her teammates. She will run through a brick wall for her teammates.”

Ghafari’s confidence has never been higher. Before, she would take the ball outside the flanks of the field before sending a cross pass to a teammate. Dribble, cross. Dribble, cross. Now her focus has been finishing those attacks, driving down the flanks and scoring that goal herself.

It’s a perfect example of Eidson’s claim that her star player is more confident in the ways she can take over a game.

“I want to be confident in myself taking on players, getting closer to the goal and scoring those,” Ghafari said. “I want to be my best. And I want my team to be its best.”

KATY ISD DOMINATES I-10 SHOOTOUT

Katy ISD was well-represented at the 15th I-10 Shootout bracket championship games on Saturday, Jan. 11. Sixty-four varsity teams, from each of the UIL’s four regions, competed in the prestigious three-day tournament, and Katy ISD had seven teams make it to the finals, with three coming away as champions.



Falcon Bracket champion: Tompkins 1, McAllen High 0

Ram Bracket champion: Mayde Creek 5, Cypress Lakes 3 (PKs)

Tiger Bracket champion: Katy 2, Houston Heights 0

Maverick Bracket champion: Tomball def. Morton Ranch

Mustang Bracket champion: North Shore 3, Taylor 2

Spartan Bracket champion: George Ranch 3, Seven Lakes 1 (PKs)

Cougar Bracket champion: St. Agnes 2, Cinco Ranch 1

Panther Bracket champion: Kingwood def. Spring Woods

FALCONS

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“After last year, we knew the weight room would be a key asset to our success, so we gave the girls ownership and responsibility over that aspect,” Shipman said. “They decided to work hard, and they embraced the challenge to improve.”

It’s showed. The Falcons may not have all the firepower they had last season—former star striker Barbara Olivieri would have been a senior this season, but she graduated early to get a head start competing for Texas A&M—but they still boast a wealth of talent.

More importantly, they are physically stronger and bigger. It was obvious during Tompkins’ 1-0 Falcon bracket championship game win over McAllen High in the I-10 Shootout on Jan. 11. The Falcons were quicker to balls and stronger with possession, boxing out opponents aggressively around the net and showing a distinct edge in physicality against a perennial Region IV power.

“We’ve worked so hard in the weight room, like we never have before, after getting beat down 5-0 in the state final,” Shipman said. “Those girls were monsters. We busted our butt in the weight room, and I’m so proud of them.

“Every time we’ve come away with defeat, we’ve learned something from it. These seniors know what it takes, and we know how special it is to get to state and we’re not taking it for granted. So, right now, they’re focused on doing the little things. We’re doing those things that we need to be successful as a team, and hopefully it all comes together.”

Three of those seniors—Skylar Parker, Lauryn Wild and Terin Graham—were freshmen on varsity when the Falcons went to state for the first time in 2017. Since then, they’ve been significant contributors in a program that has made it to the regional finals each of the last three seasons.

Without Olivieri, who departed as the Falcons’ all-time leader in points, the Falcons are more diverse going about their attack. Through the first six games of the season, seven different players had scored. Tompkins had assisted on 13 of its 15 goals.



MARK GOODMAN

Tompkins junior Felicia Hernandez controls possession against McAllen High during the Falcon bracket championship game of the I-10 Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Legacy Stadium.

Parker leads the team with 13 points (six goals, one assist). Junior Felicia Hernandez and Graham each have five, and Wild and senior Sofia Wolf each have four.

Parker is the Falcons’ all-time leader in goals with 60. She is one of many Falcons who arrived this season in great shape. Parker worked hard during the offseason on ball control and lost weight from, in her own words, “a rough year.”

She said she had a better mindset and mentality coming into this season.

“I want to go to state, I want to win, I want that first-place trophy,” Parker said. “I want to be able to say that Tompkins is the best team in the state, and possibly the best in the nation. That’s my goal. Win as a team, have fun and play as a family.”

Parker said she does not like to look at herself as the Falcons’ go-to player. She credits teammates for her success. Still, there is no debating she will be marked heavily by opposing defenses.

“Skylar’s in phenomenal shape,” Shipman said. “She’s got some wheels and she’s worked hard all summer. She realizes she’s a goal-scorer too,

and she’s going to have to score. We had the conversation in the offseason, ‘Sky, we’re not trying to put all the pressure on you, but you’re kind of the scorer on this team now, and we’re going to have to play through you.’ She’s doing a phenomenal job.”

Shipman knows Parker will be there. It’s up to others to step up. So far, players like senior Jules Haro, Hernandez and Wolf, alongside stalwarts Wild and Graham, have.

Graham said the team’s passes are better. Players are making harder, better runs because they know the ball will find them.

“Last year was a lot of ‘Do it yourself and see what you can take on,’” Graham said. “This year, it’s about who’s open, who we can find with the ball.”

“We know it has to be more of a team effort instead of an individual doing all the work,” Graham added. “We’ve put a lot of emphasis on teamwork, chemistry and working together. We’ve been together so long, and we’re a really tight unit in school, out of school, on the field, off the field. We’ve put a lot into our relationships and that’s really helped on the field.”

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The Owner is the City Of Katy, Texas

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NOTICE OF RUNOFF ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Texas House District 28 in the County of Fort Bend, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Distrito 28 de la Casa de Texas en el Condado de Fort Bend, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2020 for voting in a runoff election to be held in Texas House District 28 for the purpose of electing a State Representative for House District 28 to serve the remainder of the term that began on January 2020.

(Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el martes 28 de enero de 2020 para votar en una elección segunda vuelta electoral que se celebrara en el Distrito 28 de la Casa de Texas con el Representante del Estado para el Distrito 28 de la Casa para cumplir el resto del periodo que comenzó en enero de 2020.)

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Four Corners Community Center	“Sprint Room”	15700 Old Richmond Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Gallery Furniture	Atrium	7227 W. Grand Pkwy S	RICHMOND	77407
Garcia Middle School	Gym Area	18550 Old Richmond Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
George Bush High School	Gym Foyer	6707 FM 1464	RICHMOND	77407
Irene Stern Community Center	Community Center	6920 Katy-Fulshear Road	FULSHEAR	77441
Living Word Lutheran Church	Life Center	3700 S. Mason Rd	KATY	77450
Mission Bend Branch Library	Meeting Room	8421 Addicks Clodine Rd	HOUSTON	77083
Orchard City Hall	Room # 7	9714 Kibler	ORCHARD	77464
Seven Lakes High School	Main Room	9251 S Fry Rd	KATY	77494
Simonton City Hall	Meeting Room	35011 FM 1093	SIMONTON	77476
Tamarron Clubhouse	Main Room	28707 Tamarron Pkwy	KATY	77449
Tompkins High School PAC	Main Room	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd	KATY	77494

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(VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA)

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(La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se llevará a cabo el martes 21 de enero durante las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. en los siguientes lugares:)

Bowie Middle School	700 Plantation Dr	Richmond, TX 77406
Cinco Ranch Branch Library	2620 Commercial Center Blvd	Katy, TX 77494
Four Corners Community Center	15700 Old Richmond Rd	Sugar Land, TX 77498
Irene Stern Community Center	6920 Katy-Fulshear Rd	Fulshear, TX 77441
Tompkins High School	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd	Katy, TX 77498

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(BOLETAS POR CORREO)

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John Oldham
Fort Bend County Elections Administrator
301 Jackson
Richmond, Texas 77469
Phone 281-341-8670

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Issued this the 7th day of January, 2020.
(Emitada este día 7th de enero 2020.)

John Oldham, Elections Administrator
Administrador de Elecciones

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Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 213

SPORTS

Texans fall in AFC divisional round

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

As spectacularly as it started, it finished just as miserably. The 2019 Texans made their mark on Houston sports history, producing one of the more memorable letdowns and allowing a 24-point lead to disappear in a matter of 11 minutes in their 51-31 AFC divisional playoff loss to the Chiefs in Kansas City on Sunday, Jan. 12.

Though not quite as embarrassing, the harrowing setback for Texans fans brought back to mind flashbacks of the 1992 Houston Oilers' wild card playoff loss to the Buffalo Bills, when the Oilers blew a 35-3 third-quarter lead.

"This is a tough loss," coach Bill O'Brien said. "We just didn't get it done. There's not much to say. We'll go back and regroup and have a good offseason. Show up next year and battle again. Every year is different. We did some good things this year and it wasn't enough."

The Texans finished 11-7, won the AFC South for the fourth time in five years, and won their first playoff game since 2016.

Before the game was five minutes old against the Chiefs, the Texans had scored twice. They led 21-0 after the first quarter, a rare productive start to a game this season. Hosting the AFC championship game this week against AFC South rival Tennessee seemed all but a sure bet.

Until, a Houston football team Houston'd.

"It all fell apart," defensive end J.J. Watt said.

The Texans led 24-0 with 10:58 left in the second quarter. They trailed 28-24 at halftime, and 34-24 with 11:24 left in the third quarter.

The Chiefs relentlessly stormed back into the game, specifically taking advantage of their big, quick tight end Travis Kelce against rookie defensive back Lonnie Johnson Jr. Kelce caught eight passes on 10 targets for 83 yards and three touchdowns in the first half, most of that production—and all of his scores—coming in the second quarter.



Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce spikes the ball after scoring his first touchdown of the second quarter against the Houston Texans on Sunday, Jan. 12, at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

"They do a good job, created a lot of good plays for him this time, creating pick routes to get him open," Johnson said. "Other than that, I held up on my end, but overall, we didn't do what we wanted to do."

O'Brien said they tried to mix coverages, with man coverage, double teams and some zone, against Kelce, who finished with 10 catches for 134 yards and three touchdowns on 12 targets.

"It was a tough night," O'Brien said.

Kelce's three touchdowns in a quarter tied an NFL playoff record. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes' four touchdown passes in the second quarter tied a playoff record.

Mahomes finished by complet-

ing 23 of 35 passes for 321 yards and five touchdowns to go with 53 rushing yards. He was not sacked.

"We didn't do anything to stop him," O'Brien said. "I don't think any lead is safe against these guys."

Kansas City (13-4) was given help, however.

O'Brien called for a fake punt on 4th-and-4, up 24-7, early in the second quarter from the Houston 31-yard line, that was well short. Kansas City answered with a quick Kelce touchdown to make it 24-14. Texans returner DeAndre Carter fumbled the ensuing kick return that led to Kelce's second touchdown and a 24-21 Chiefs deficit.

"We felt like we weren't going to be able to punt it too many times today. We felt like we had to manufacture some points, man-

ufacture some yards. It just didn't work out," O'Brien said of the fake punt. "We had a look and it didn't work. When you go against a team that explosive on offense, you've got to keep scoring. We weren't able to do that."

It made for a puzzling decision after O'Brien elected to kick a field goal on 4th-and-1 in the Chiefs' red zone earlier in the second quarter. His reasoning was the Texans "didn't have a great play there for that point and time, so I decided to kick the three (points)."

Between the second and third quarters, the Chiefs scored touchdowns on seven consecutive drives. By the time Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson scored on a 5-yard run to his left with 24 seconds left in the third quarter,

the Chiefs had scored 41 unanswered points.

"As a defense, we've got to get a stop," Watt said. "Somebody's got to make a play, especially when momentum swings. We didn't do that."

O'Brien said the loss was on him.

"We definitely have to coach better," he said. "We didn't do enough to put our guys in good enough position to make plays. We have to do a better job of coaching."

Heading into his seventh year at the helm of the Texans, O'Brien is adamant the team is going in the right direction.

"I think we did a lot of good things this year," he said. "I feel good about where we're headed."

Watson was vocal in his support for the only NFL coach he's had.

"You might have doubt, but there's no doubt," said Watson, who completed 31 of 52 passes for 388 yards and two touchdowns to go with 37 rushing yards and a score. "I love that man, I'm gonna play hard for that man. As long as I'm at quarterback, he's cool with me."

The Texans outgained the Chiefs 442-434 in total yards, but were outgained 388-323 after the first quarter. Houston controlled the ball almost 10 minutes longer than Kansas City, with a time-of-possession advantage of 34:35 to 25:25.

Kansas City totaled 29 first downs, averaged 7.6 yards per play and was 7-for-8 in the red zone. Houston was 2-for-4 in the red zone.

"It wasn't fun," Watt said. "Sports are all about highs and lows. People come to the game and people play the game to experience those highs and lows. We experienced an extreme high early and we experienced a hell of a lot of lows as the game went on. It sucked, but that's what happens. Now you have to live with that."

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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.

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