North Shore Mustangs eliminate Katy Tigers from playoffs 53-35

By Adam Jamail

Houston, TX – NRG Stadium, Friday, November 22, 2019 the North Shore Mustangs upset the Katy Tigers state championship run with consecutive scores, putting them 06 – 35.

North Shore’s defensive line was the key to the win, it shut down Katy’s running and passing game. The Tigers met a resistance and were stuck a task from Coach Kay’s dominating player. They gave up only 79 rushing yards and 136 passing yards, and ending the game with 154 passing yards for 4 touchdowns (TDs).

With the help of the offensive line Dominique Davis the junior quarterback back for the Mustangs had a career high 481 rushing yards and 134 passing yards for 1 TD. He accomplished Coach Kay and said “This time Kay’s team deserves lots of credit for the Mustangs had back for the Mustangs had the better game.”

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GP/JC Rotary Club installs new members

Last Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 Galena Park Jacinto City Rotary Club installed two new members. See above photo from left to right. Lenora Galbreath, Director for warehouse operations at Galena Park ISD, with him in the photo, Lisa B. Ryan Clements, Pastor Ramos, the club president and Kenneth Bush.

Woodland Acres Elementary Receives Generous Donation

By Adam Jamail

Houston, TX – Friday, November 29, 2019 the Galena Park ISD Woodland Acres Elementary School received a $22,850 donation from WATCO, a local company located on Federal Road near the school. According to Sandra Rodenbier, the school principal, WATCO has been making a donation for the past five years. She said, “In the past, we have used the donated funds to build a second computer lab and purchase additional technology equipment.”

The company name alone finds its way into an annual golf tournament and silent auction.

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Thanksgiving for the area

The David H. McNerney American Legion Post 658 in Crosby was the scene of a Thanksgiving day feast for all that wished to attend with restaurateur Charlie Dahu of Hungry Jocks not only chief but donator and server. 5

GCCISD teams up with Faith Family Church for Toys for Tots

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman
Goose Creek CISD recently teamed up with Family Faith Church for the Toys for Tots annual toy drive. Faith Family Church’s goal is to collect $50,000 in toys. Last year, Toys for Tots served more than 3,000 children. Pictured are (front, from left) Stella Gonzalez, Eloy Chapa, Araceli Delacruz, (back left) Matt Bolinger, Susan Passmore, and Kim Barnes, all from Goose Creek CISD, and (back right) Pastor Tony Penca, Leah Ferguson and Becky VanWagnen from Faith Family Church.
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Ask Rusty – Can I Increase My Benefit by Withdrawing from Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I'm 67 and have been collecting Social Security for a couple of years now but I want to be able to go more on my monthly benefit. Will you please explain what form SSA-521 is for? Would it be used by someone who has been unemployed and need Social Security benefits? The Social Security Administration presents the opinions of programs/social- security-advisory) or accredited by the Social Security Administration. The information presented is for general purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It is presented for the benefit of the employees of the AMC Foundation and to others who may be interested in an agency National Social Security Association (NSSA) and the AMC Foundation and not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other government entity. To submit a question, visit our website (www.nssa.org) or call us at 1-800-634-7372.

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

O P I N I O N  P A G E

Hegar transfers excess revenue into rainy day, highway funds

Hegar, the Astronaut and STEM Educator, has announced that she will move $27 million from the state's rainy day fund to pay for state highway projects. Hegar has been a vocal advocate for infrastructure investment in Texas, and her decision to transfer this excess revenue comes as the state is facing significant infrastructure challenges.

The move follows a proposal by Hegar's office to allocate $27 million from the state's rainy day fund to pay for state highway projects. The funds, which are intended to address critical infrastructure needs, will be used to pay for state highway projects and road improvements.

Hegar, who is also a former astronaut, has been a strong advocate for STEM education and has been involved in a number of initiatives aimed at improving STEM education in Texas. Her decision to allocate this excess revenue to state highway projects comes as she seeks to continue her work in promoting STEM education and infrastructure investment in the state.

The move is likely to be welcomed by many in the state, who have been calling for additional investments in infrastructure. The state has faced significant challenges in recent years, with a number of major infrastructure projects stalled due to a lack of funding.

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Northside Baptist Church Christmas Program

Northside Baptist Church of Highlands will have their annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Led by Gaye Lighthall, music will include "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night," and "O Holy Night.

As we approach the end of the year, let us remember the true reason for the season:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, mighty God, Everlasting Father, Counsellor." - Isaiah 9:6


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May Community Center December Events

- Celebrating of Christmas Open House: Friday, December 13, 2019 from 5-8 p.m.
- Entertainment by Calvin Tillman, Chords Gage from the Liberty Opry, refreshments, children’s holiday crafts, play in the snow, and make a Christmas craft. A $5 per person suggested donation is requested. Please call the May Community Center for reservations, 713-274-6254.
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It is beginning to feel like the holidays are quickly approaching. Everything you look at, see decorations, signs for sales and unfortunately, the news.

On Tuesday night, I was still not used to the sound and when I woke up several hours later, I had text messages, voicemails and emails of concern. Apparently there had been a robbery at the Walgreens located at the intersection of Uvalde and Wafcoat.

Perhaps the worst part about the robbery was the number of people who were quick to be upset about the lack of security at local stores as well as the length of time that it takes for law enforcement to determine 911 phone calls. Suddenly, the same community that was there to support the downtown businesses at First Responders events in September was on the one hand upset that there is a lack of response time when they have a crisis.

To begin to understand the need to do our part in being vigilant, we need to understand that there is a lack of funding for applicants to fill the vacancies that come up within the various agencies. This is a problem that every agency seems to have no respect for a profession that is so heavily relied on when we are in need. We need to demand that the Mayor and the City Council do something about the inordinately long response times.

Time is of the essence and we need to demand that the elected officials in the community do something.

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Screenings to Identify Disabilities

CSBD Special Education department provides screenings for children with suspected disabilities in an effort to identify every student with a disability who lives within the district’s boundaries. CSBD is committed to providing excellence in education to all students, and the screenings are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district’s special education programs. Eligible students with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 can be provided with services to meet their individual educational needs. Additional information and application may be obtained online at www.csbd.org/special-ed. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Speech and Language and Behavioral Supports may be provided through Sections 508 of the Rehabilitation Act through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act. Special education services are also available starting in birth for eligible children who have a visual or auditory impairment.

If you know a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Crosby ISD Special Education office at 281-328-9200. The counselor will be happy to contact the child’s school and ensure their successful participation in school. These services and supports are critical to a student’s successful learning.

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Coffeyville, Kansas. He secured a contract to repair rail cars of the coal trains traveling from the Wyoming coal fields to the southern power plants. The company now has increased its assets in most all of the states in the nation, and in the southeast region of Saskatchewan, Canada and in Western Australia.

Their Texas terminals specialize in handling of steel (coils, plate, pipe, structural, semi-finished and finished steel products) and other bulk and break bulk products.

“We’re thankful for WATCO’s generous donation and their continuous commitment to Woodland Acres Elementary,” Principal Rodriguez said.

Harris County Transit and METRO have partnered together to provide Services in Channelview, Cloverleaf & Sheldon!

¡El servicio nuevo en su área comenzará el 2 de diciembre de 2019! ¡Se proporcionarán viajes de cortesía hasta el 31 de enero de 2020!