North Shore crushes Baytown Sterling 82 - 32

By Allen Laval

January 14, 2020 – at the Galena Park ISD Mustang basketball court located at 333 S. Constellation Road, Houston, TX. Head Coach Sam Barfield and his Mustang basketball team crushed the Baytown Sterling Rangers 82 - 32. Mustang sources: Raw Right (30) leading scorer with 17 points, Devon Turner (14) 9 points, Ryan Cooper (3) had 11 points, Javier Jefferson (6) 5 points, Trevon Ross (6) 10 points, Andy Wardlaw (6) 9 points, Kevin Anderson (5) 5 points, Collin Price (5) 4 points, Joseph Richard (6) 4 points, Jordan Marshall 2 points. The Mustangs and Beaumont United are tied for first place and they face off January 25th which will be reported in the next issue of the North Channel Star.

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Congressman Babin reviews conservative accomplishments

By Gilbert Hofsmith

HARRIS COUNTY – Blue Ribbon, Congressman B. J. "Beto" Babin, reported that he was in Highland's Houston as a nominator in the Republican Rotary Club.

He tapped on his native population in which he is involved. He sits on the Committee on Science, Space and Technology in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which includes the Port of Houston and the Ship Channel. Locally, Babin was instrumental, along with Congressman Gene Green, in getting the Water Pits in the San Jacinto River designated as a National Superfund List location. Babin has a great number of transportation facilities that are important to the economic strength of the nation. He spoke on the Houston Port, the Bayport Container Terminal, and Interstates 1-10. He said the crossing of times on the bridge is unacceptable, and would like to see political action. He said that TDOT is working on a plan that would replace the highway and bridges at the crossing.

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Babin supported the recent trade agreement known as USMCA, saying it would create jobs and save jobs. He said “it is a time to get together and celebrate the State Championship North Shore Mustangs on Saturday, February 1. The Community Pep Rally will be held at 3 p.m. at the Galena Park ISD Football Stadium and the event is open to everyone. This will be a celebration to recognize the hard work and dedication of all who worked together to bring home Bi-District State Championships. See the announcement on page 8

Community Pep Rally

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Community Pep Rally at the Galena Park ISD Football Stadium. The event was well-attended and everyone had a great time.

North Channel Chamber Luncheon

On Friday, February 7, 2020, 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College North, 5800 University Drive, Houston, TX 77022, the Galena Park, Sheldon, and North Channel area professionals met for the monthly Luncheon. The featured speaker was Coach Jon Kay, whose team recently won the state championship. Coach Kay spoke about the challenges and successes of the team, and how they developed their leadership skills and teamwork.

NORTH SHORE – Coach Jon Kay gave a talk at the North Shore Rotary club last week, sharing insights into why his team won the state championship over the last few years. Kay said he and his coaching staff have worked hard to create a winning environment that is as much an educational experience as it is a basketball experience. The team has already shown this year, Kay said, by playing five playoff games. They’ve also managed to stay focused on their performance, he said, by maintaining a strong team culture.

Kay reviewed some of the games that were challenging and how the team overcame them, such as the game against Shurr High School in the state championship. He also discussed his approach to coaching, which he described as a “team-first” philosophy. He said that the coaches and players always focus on the team, rather than individual accomplishments. This approach has helped the team stay focused on their goals and work together to achieve success.

Kay’s message to his players is that they must learn to deal with adversity and that they must be ready to adapt to different situations. He emphasized the importance of mental preparation and said that the players must be able to handle pressure and perform under pressure.

Kay’s message to the audience was one of encouragement and inspiration. He reminded the audience that success is not easy and that perseverance and dedication are key to achieving it. He encouraged the audience to support their local teams and to continue to believe in the power of teamwork.

In conclusion, Kay said that the team’s success can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff. He also thanked the audience for their support and encouragement, and encouraged them to continue to believe in the power of teamwork and to support their local teams.
Two new high school options added for eighth graders

Two new academies have been added to the options for Goose Creek CISD eighth graders when considering their high school plans, and the deadline to make their selections is February 2, 2020. Students now have the option of choosing one of nine career academies; a dual credit cosmetology program; and IMPACT Academy, located at Robert E. Lee High School, or STEM Early College High School.

A help session for English and Spanish for students and parents needing assistance in completing the application, which is available online on the district’s website, will be held January 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. when completing the application, but it must be submitted online by February 2, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Six programs are defined for any program online before being accepted February 2, 2020.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

San Jacinto Pilot Club & Anchor Club of North Shore visit seniors at East View

Members of the San Jacinto Pilot Club and the Anchor Club of North Shore recently hosted an event at the East View HealthCare & Rehabilitation Center to spend time with seniors. The event was part of the club's efforts to support local youth programs and organizations.

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Coach Kay receives a check for $5000 for support of the football program at North Shore HS and the Pep Rally Feb. 1.

Rotary supports local youth programs and organizations

The San Jacinto Pilot Club hosted a game of Brain-O (Pilot International's signature bingo-type game revamped to give advice to keep your brain healthy) at East View HealthCare & Rehabilitation Center in Houston, TX. The club also put on a BrainMindersTM for Seniors skit (Pilot International's signature puppet show geared to help seniors stay safe from slips and falls and keep their brains healthy and active). Additionally, the Anchor Club presented gifts that they had collected to the residents.

The San Jacinto Pilot Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon at the Amegy Bank building on I-10 (near Federal Rd.). Membership is open to men and women in the community.

“Pilot International is a 501(c)3 organization which is a community-based volunteer service organization founded in 1921 in Macon, GA on the principles of “Friendship and Service.” The name “Pilot” was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and guidance. Pilot Clubs are found across the U.S., the Bahamas, Japan, Lakeland and South Africa. Pilots carry out their mission in “The More, Earn More and Be More” by providing financial and leadership support to students and local initiatives in keeping with its causes of youth development & leadership, brain safety & fitness, and caring for families in times of need. In addition, there are over 7,000 school-level Anchor Club members worldwide including the Anchor Club of North Shore, through which Pilot encourages and provides opportunities for youth development and leadership. Pilot International remains headquartered in Macon, where its staff serves its international constituency. For more information visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com and www.PilotInternational.org.

Coach Kay, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for all teams, from NFL to high schools. The stadium has recorded the most penalties in the NFL due to its overpowering design and opportunities not to concentrate on the game. Kay spoke about the logistics and costs of being on these final playoff games in Arlington, and players in the group that went to the final game in Dallas, and that meant several buses and a large quantity of hotel rooms and food that had to be paid for. He thanked the Galena Park Athletic Club for their support.

Kay spoke briefly about how he teaches “accountability” as well as football, highlighted by an incident before the final game where a starting player would not cooperate with the rules, and gave up his cell phone. Kay and the district had to enforce discipline, and the student did not get to play. He said that teaching what’s right/what’s wrong is an everyday event that is part of his approach. He also talked of his ambition to coach in college or NFL, but he said he is happy with his job here.

Are you interested in partnering with Galena Park I.S.D. Full Day Pre-K?

Galena Park I.S.D. is now accepting proposals from preschool providers seeking to participate in G.P.I.S.D.’s Public Pre-K Partnerships for eligible Pre-K students. Participating families will receive high-quality, full-day prekindergarten education services and comprehensive, wrap-around supports to be provided by Childcare Partnership preschools that submit successful proposals and are chosen to participate by G.P.I.S.D. Childcare Partnership preschools will be reimbursed at a contracted rate for providing care to classrooms of children in the G.P.I.S.D. program. The current proposal for partnership is open to preschool providers that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Texas Rising Star Program Provider with a Three-Star Certification or Higher;
- Nationally Accredited;
- Texas School Ready Participant;
- Head Start Program Provider; or
- Meet the Requirements Under TEC SEC 29.1532

Proposals for partnership must be received by Friday, January 31, 2020 at 12:00 noon. To receive an application, interested childcare entities should contact:

Dr. Michelle Epps
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
832-386-1033
megps@galenaparkisd.com
RFP 19-008 Prekindergarten Partnerships
Dear Survivor:

Dear Survivor: You have my sympathy for the loss of your husband at age 70 retirement benefit. It presents the opinions and views of the author of this article. As a newspaper, we encourage lively, thoughtful debate, but do not publish articles that are libelous, illegal, vulgar or racist. We reserve the right to edit and shorten letters for purposes of space and clarity.

Your letter, which you have also been sent along with this letter, asks a question about the beneficiary's Social Security. Social Security offers a range of benefits to individuals who have earned certain amounts of wages throughout their working lives. These benefits can include retirement income, disability benefits, and survivors benefits. Survivors benefits are paid to an individual who is the spouse or dependent child of a deceased Social Security worker. They can also be paid to parents if certain requirements are met.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines whether a person is eligible for survivors benefits based on a number of factors. These factors include the deceased worker's earnings, the deceased worker's work history, and the survivor's work history. Survivors benefits are calculated based on the deceased worker's average indexed monthly earnings (AIME) and the survivor's age at the time the benefits begin.

Survivors benefits can be claimed as early as 59 1/2 years old, or as late as age 60. Waiting until age 60 to claim benefits is generally the most advantageous, as it results in an increase in the benefit amount. The increase is 8% for each year the benefits are delayed until age 62, up to a maximum of 32%. It's important to note that there is a limit on the amount of earnings you can have per year while receiving survivors benefits. Any earnings above this limit can reduce your benefit amount. The limit for 2020 is $18,240.

In conclusion, if you are the survivor of a deceased Social Security worker, you may be eligible for survivors benefits. To determine your eligibility and the amount of your benefit, you should contact the SSA. They will provide you with the necessary information and help you understand your options.

If you have questions about your Social Security, you can contact the SSA at 1-800-772-1213. They can provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision about claiming your survivors benefits.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[Your Contact Information]
Robert William (Bob) Morisak

Robert William (Bob) Morisak, 77, passed away on January 17, 2020, in Baytown, Texas. He was born on July 24, 1942, in Houston, Texas, to William and Ada (Pruett) Morisak. He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his wife, Betty (Dowell) Morisak, whom he married on September 3, 1942.

Morisak attended Galena Park High School and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Science degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin University in 1960. He taught at Crosby High School in Crosby, Texas, and was the head football coach there for 27 years, 1960-1987. He later coached football and track, and served as a principal at Marshall Jr. High and was properly named “Coach” after being involved in coaching track, football and basketball for 15 years at Beaumont. Morisak, from 1960 and until his death, was an avid sports fan, going to see all his teams. He enjoyed coaching and being involved in coaching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Morisak was a member of the American Legion Post 288, and was active in community service. He was a member of the Rotary Club, and served as a Rotarian for many years. He was also a member of the Galena Park School District.
Diamond Jim: “I’m ready to propose to my girlfriend. What are the “Rules of Engagement”?

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**RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT**

*Where have you been?*

A jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about buying a diamond engagement ring and will make the time to help educate both you and your partner.

**TIME OF DAY**

The history of the diamond engagement ring is as long as the history of the diamond itself. Diamond engagement rings have been around for centuries. If you want to purchase a diamond engagement ring, you’ve still deciding on a diamond engagement ring. Consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner’s best friend and family to get a feel for their taste.

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**BE CREATIVE**

This is your chance to shine. A good jeweler should have several ideas that will help you plan for the big day. Perhaps you can use modern technology for your proposal. You could also use a Twitter proposal. No matter what you do, just go for it. You and your partner will be happy with the result.

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Propose via video or in person from an extremely romantic setting – a mountain, while skydiving, or on the shores of a romantic and exotic beach.

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**ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS**

Before you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner’s parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it’s a simple way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

**THE PERFECT PROPOSAL**

You’ve found the right person. You’ve found the right ring. Now you’ve found the right moment to pop the question. So how do you make your proposal turn out flawless? We have plenty of tips to help you, but overall, it’s all about the surprise.

Putting in real effort, thought and love into your proposal makes all the difference in the world. It will help you along the way:

1. **Make it personalized.**
2. **Be creative.**
3. **Location, location, location.**
4. **Read and discuss.**
5. **Ask permission, not forgiveness.**
6. **Tell them why you’re doing it.**
7. **Have others who have already proposed to you.**
8. **Put your heart into it. Here are a few ideas to get your started.**

**UNFORGETTABLE FIRST AND SECOND IMPRESSION**

Many of us have heard that the first impression will last most likely for the sake of keeping your partner is on the lookout. But there are a few things to keep in mind:

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Starting a Home Remodeling Project
7 tips for choosing a qualified contractor

(On the cover page)

(Family Features) Outside of the home itself, remodeling your home is one of the largest investments you can make as a homeowner. While some projects can be tempting to tackle on your own, many large-scale projects may require hiring a qualified professional.

Because remodeling your home is a big undertaking, it's important to take steps to ensure the professionals you hire perform the work to qualify standards of quality and integrity.

Consider these tips from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry to help you make an informed decision when hiring a remodeling contractor.

1. Ask for Licenses and Insurance
   Many states, but not all, require remodeling contracts to carry workman's compensation, property damage and personal liability insurance for their employees. Contact your state consumer affairs office or the Better Business Bureau to ensure there are no complaints on record for the contractor you’re considering, which may help narrow your list.

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Northshore Basketball Game, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Colton Price, the 6’8” tall Mustang junior center makes a reverse layup shot.

#1 Mustang Kevin Anderson makes a 2 point jump shot.

#4 Mustang’s Devoan Taylor lays up a 2 point basket.

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