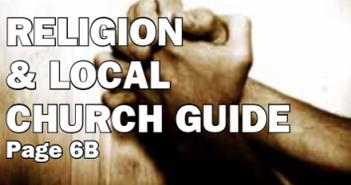




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All eyes on Gulf for Hurricane Season

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

If anybody in Orange County can be forgiven for constantly watching the weather radar, it has to be Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator.

But as Tropical Storm Cristobal bounced around the Bay of Campeche in the southern end of the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday afternoon, Ardoin didn't seem rattled.

"They say it won't be any worse than a tropical storm or a low Category 1 hurricane," he said. "We'll continue to monitor the storm, but normally a Category 1 hurricane is not something we'd issue an evacuation order about."

If and where it makes landfall in the United States is a big guess.

"This morning, they had the center of the storm coming right up Sabine Lake. By lunch time, they had the center more toward New Or-



Ardoin

leans," Ardoin said.

"Who knows?"

Orange County folks, hit by two powerful hurricanes in the

last 15 years – Rita in 2005, Ike in 2008 – and by record-breaking "rain events" in Tropical Storms Harvey (2017) and Imelda (2019), are extremely aware that the official Hurricane Season begins June 1 each year.

That passed Monday.

Ardoin said he had placed orders for sand and sand bags with the state's Department of Emergency Management, but the county had some sand on hand Tuesday afternoon at the Precinct 1, 3 and 4 barns and the Precinct 2 commissioner's office in Mauriceville.

He reminded citizens to, "be prepared and continue to monitor local media stations."

In addition to notifying local news outlets of any important developments affecting Orange County, he reminded that any such announcements would be posted on the county's Office of Emergency Management's

Facebook page as well as the county's website, co.orange.tx.us.

Ironically, it seems, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, head of the General Land Office, held a webinar for elected government offi-

cial Monday, June 1, about hurricane preparedness.

Bush reminded listeners of the work the GLO is doing to help communities prepare for future storms, recover from previous disaster events and mitigate against

future damage.

Dr. Gerry Bell, forecaster with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center, talked with the offi-

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OC Dem leader backs mail-in voting

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Republicans have resisted and attacked calls to expand the use of voting by mail for people who say they fear crowds because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said, "this is a scam," adding it's laughable for people under 65 to fear voting in person.

The Texas Supreme Court backed them up, ruling last week that a lack of immunity to the new coronavirus is not by itself a disability and does not meet the state's qualifications for voting by mail.

The Orange County Democratic Party chairman disagrees.

"There's nothing wrong with any of it," John Cash "Jack" Smith said Monday night.

"It increases the turnout."

Texas will hold a runoff for both parties July 14, with Democrats picking candidates for U.S. Senator and Railroad Commission and local Republicans picking a candidate for an appellate judgeship.

Turnout is expected to be light overall.

Complaints against mail-in voting were first raised by President Donald Trump, who claimed the 2016 election was rigged before it happened and is now making similar claims about 2020.

Republicans have claimed widespread voter fraud for years and have been, in turn, accused of voter suppression.

But, according to the Heritage Foundation, a "trusted

conservative leader" according to its advertising, Texas has convicted only seven people for voter fraud since 2016.

Only two people were sentenced to time behind bars and only two cases involved mail-in ballots, a total of seven.

Sentences for the seven totaled nine years, with eight of those going to non-citizen Rosa Maria Ortega, who illegally voted in 2014 and 2012. Convicted in 2017, she faces deportation after serving her sentence.

Like Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Attorney General William Barr, Texas' top three Republicans, Gov. Greg Abbott, Patrick and Attorney General Ken Paxton have all voted by mail-in ballot in the past.

Smith, a longtime Orange attorney, points out that Texas is already the biggest mail-in ballot state in the U.S., with every citizen 65 years of age and older able to vote by mail just by filling out a request form available on line or in person and returning it to the County Elections Office.

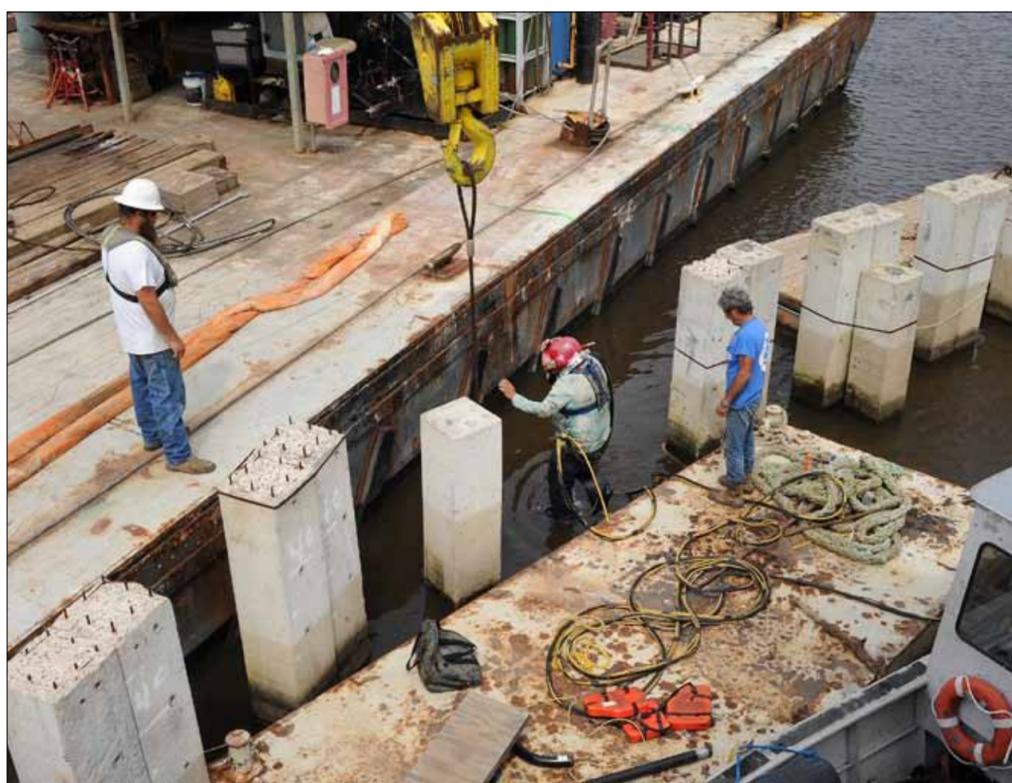
"There's never been a question in Texas over the efficacy and honesty of mail-in ballots," Smith said.

The local party chair points out that another lawsuit filed by the Democrats with the Federal Fifth District Court of Appeals has not yet been heard.

"It's not over by a long shot," Smith said.

Additionally, a reading of

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Construction progresses on East Roundbunch Swing Bridge ...

Construction continues on the East Roundbunch Swing Bridge in Bridge City. On Monday afternoon a diver steps from a barge dropping down in to the brackish waters of Cow Bayou as crew members work to retrieve wrecked concrete pilings from the bottom. The bridge has been closed since state inspectors ruled it unsafe in March 2017. A spokesperson for Texas Department of Transportation said the bridge and the road, a well-used shortcut from Bridge City to Chemical Row, should be open in July.

RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

Drainage District works to clean county's clogs

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The coronavirus and the disease it carries, Covid-19, haven't slowed down efforts to improve drainage in Orange County.

"Drainage is way better than it was a few years ago and they're continuing to work on that," said Joel Ardoin, emergency management coordinator for Orange County.

On May 14, a slow-moving thunderstorm dumped nearly 10 inches of wet stuff in a three-hour period on some neighborhoods in Orange County.

A handful of homes took on water.

"I'm not sure how many houses got water inside but a lot of citizens told me the same," County Judge John Gothia said. "They said they could see lots of improvement in how fast the water got off of them."

"They said, 'The water came up fast, but it went down fast.'"

The county's top elected



The Orange County Drainage District has spent more than six months cleaning out and enlarging the Terry Gully to better drain the west side of Vidor, near Maplewood Baptist Church.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

official said this week that he meets several times a week with the county's mayors, the Orange County Drainage District and TxDOT.

"We're looking at it from all areas," Gothia said. "We don't want to pull water off one part of the county just to flood someone else."

The Drainage District has projects under way or set to go pending grants from the

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Abbott says Texas does not need military for protests

Patrick Svitek
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday that Texas does not need the U.S. military's help in containing protests over the death of George Floyd, a day after President Donald Trump threatened to dispatch the military to states that cannot quell the unrest.

"We will not be asking the United States military to come into the state of Texas because we know that Texans can take care of Texans," Abbott said during a news conference in Dallas. "We have tremendous police forces



in Dallas, in Fort Worth, in the surrounding suburbs, across the entire state. We have an abundance of resources that are being pro-

vided by the Texas Department of Public Safety."

DPS has already dispatched nearly 3,000 troopers across the state, Abbott added, and the Texas National Guard is "adding people by the day" to ensure peaceful protest.

Dallas and other major Texas cities have now seen several days of protests over Floyd's death. The black Minnesota man died last week after a white police officer was filmed kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

Abbott has called Floyd's death a "horrific act of police

brutality" and said it provides an opportunity for Texas to further the strides it has been in criminal justice reform in recent years. While Abbott highlighted a few bills he has signed, he did not prescribe specific policies going forward, saying he was talking with state lawmakers and the current discussion is only the "beginning of this process."

"We're open to putting everything on the table and working toward positive solutions that will improve Texas," Abbott said.

Abbott's news conference followed a briefing with

North Texas elected and law enforcement officials. It also came a day after Trump said he would resort to military force if a "city or state refuses to take the actions necessary to defend the life and property of their residents."

To respond to protests in Washington, D.C., the federal government has reached out to some states to see if they can lend their National Guard troops. Abbott said Texas has not received such a request and does not anticipate it.

"Texas National Guard are here for Texans," Abbott said, "and that's exactly what

they will be used for."

Democrats said Abbott needed to follow through on his rhetoric around criminal justice reform.

"Empty words from Texas Republicans like Abbott do nothing to stop the unjustified killing of Black people by police forces," the state Democratic Party's deputy executive director, Cliff Walker, said in a statement. "Words must give way to action, and Governor Abbott has done nothing to stop racially-motivated police violence across our state and across our country."

Texas sales tax revenue dips 13.2% in May, largest decline in decade

Cassandra Pollock
The Texas Tribune

Texas collected about \$2.6 billion in state sales tax revenue in May, leading to the steepest year-over-year decline in over a decade, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Monday.

The amount is 13.2% less than the roughly \$3 billion the state collected in the same month last year.

A majority of the revenue collected last month was from purchases made in April and reflect the state's first full-month look at how the novel coronavirus impacted businesses. That is when Texans lived under a statewide stay-at-home order and Gov. Greg Abbott, like leaders across the globe, ordered businesses across several sectors to close to combat the spread of the virus.

"Significant declines in sales tax receipts were evident in all major economic sectors, with the exception of telecommunications services," Hegar said in a news release. "The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining, as energy companies cut well drilling and completion spending following the crash in oil prices."

Monday's announcement

is the latest reminder of the economic devastation facing the state — and how recovering from it could last months if not years even as businesses begin reopening their operations, which feed into the sales tax revenue. As social distancing guidelines continue to loosen, Hegar said, the sectors most impacted by the pandemic "should begin to slowly recover," but "operations resuming at reduced capacity will result in continued reductions in employment, income and activity subject to sales tax for months to come."

Monday's numbers are also reflective of the lag in data as revenues are collected and then reported by the state. Last month, for example, Hegar announced that the sales tax revenue collections for purchases in March dropped roughly 9% — which at the time was the steepest decline since January 2010.

Other major tax collections were also down in May, Hegar said Monday. Motor fuel taxes, for example, were down 30% from May 2019, marking the steepest drop since 1989. And the hotel occupancy tax was down 86% from May 2019, marking the steepest drop on record in data since 1982.

State leaders are already beginning to offset some of the state's losses, which will all but certainly be at the forefront of the next regular legislative session in 2021.

Abbott, along with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and retiring House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, instructed certain state agencies and higher education institutions last month to reduce their budgets by 5%. A number of agencies and programs were exempted from the directive, including the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Workforce Commission and funding for school districts.

The agencies and programs excluded from the directive make up a majority of the state's general revenue funding, according to the Legislative Budget Board, though the three GOP officials made clear that additional budget cuts could become necessary as the fiscal picture continues to come into focus.

Agencies subject to the 5% reductions have until June 15 to submit their plans for cuts to the governor's office and the Legislative Budget Board.

Some Republicans have pushed for double-digit budget reductions, arguing the economic fallout merits such

an action. After Hegar's last announcement on sales tax revenue in May, the hardline conservative House Freedom Caucus issued a statement calling on state agencies "to immediately identify a minimum of ten percent of non-essential expenditures to eliminate," saying that "the need for strict fiscal responsibility going into the next legislative session" is clear.

At least one state agency has so far exceeded the 5% directive, with Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announcing last week he had ordered the Texas Department of Agriculture to cut its budget by 10%.

"This is going to be a tough year for Texas families, and state government needs to tighten its belt along with everyone else," Miller said in a news release. "While Texas might just be reopening, we will feel the economic impact of this pandemic for a long while."

It's unclear how much the initial 5% cuts will offset what's expected to be a massive shortfall. State Rep. Donna Howard, an Austin Democrat on the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, said in a statement after the budget cut announcement that while she recognizes the eco-

nomie fallout, it's important the Legislature review all available options to address it "with careful and intentional consideration."

"Texas state agencies were directed to institute similar spending reductions in 2010 to address a \$27 billion revenue gap and achieved \$1.2 billion in savings for their ef-

orts," Howard said. "Instructions at that time discouraged non-specific across-the-board reductions and required analyses of reductions' potential impacts. More specific guidance from current leadership, similar to 2010 instructions, would serve this exercise well."

Father and son accused of selling body parts infected with HIV

A father and son have been charged for allegedly selling body parts on the black market they knew were contaminated with infectious diseases.

Donald Greene Sr was charged with wire fraud in relation to a years-long operation that involved selling diseased cadavers to unwitting researchers, the Associated Press reports.

His son, Donald Greene II, was charged with intentionally concealing a crime.

The family duo was associ-

ated with the Biological Resource Center of Rosemont, in Illinois, which provided human remains donated to science to medical professionals for a fee.

Although it is not illegal to dismember and sell body parts, it is against the law to knowingly sell human remains that test positive for infectious diseases, CBS Chicago reports.

In May 2018, Arthur Rathburn, a Michigan man who was associated with the scheme, was sentenced to

nine years in prison.

Although Rathburn was accused of exposing people

to infectious diseases, including HIV, hepatitis and sepsis, no illnesses have yet been reported in relation to the scheme.

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federal government on both the north and south ends of the county, east and west, too.

"We have several big projects we're working on," said Don Carona, general manager of the OCDD. "We've been doing massive work on the Terry Gully project south of I-10."

"That project is making a difference right now, and it will continue to improve."

The Terry Gully project has been ongoing for nearly a year and has resulted in a vastly deeper and wider channel for storm waters to flow south.

Digging will commence soon north of I-10 to enlarge the ditch that runs behind the Maplecrest Baptist Church, site of some of the worst flooding from Imelda.

Northwest Orange County, north of I-10, was hit hard by Harvey. The Drainage District is working on projects that drain into Tiger Creek and Cole Creek.



Corona

The area that runs down the center of Orange County not only drains Cow Bayou and Adams Bayou, but

those waterways, in turn, catch much of the runoff from Jasper and Newton Counties to the north, Carona says.

That's why his agency is teaming up with the Sabine River Authority on a grant request to extend a relief ditch running from north of Adams Bayou across to the Sabine River.

The relief ditch already diverts water from up north to the Sabine River," Carona said. "If not for that ditch, there would be some areas of Orange County that wouldn't be habitable."

"We're seeking to extend the ditch under Highway 62 to the Cow Bayou watershed. We get a tremendous amount

of water from Jasper and Newton Counties. All of their water comes to us."

Other projects in the works involve reconnecting south county drainage to the Bessie Heights Marsh, which would flow into Sabine Lake.

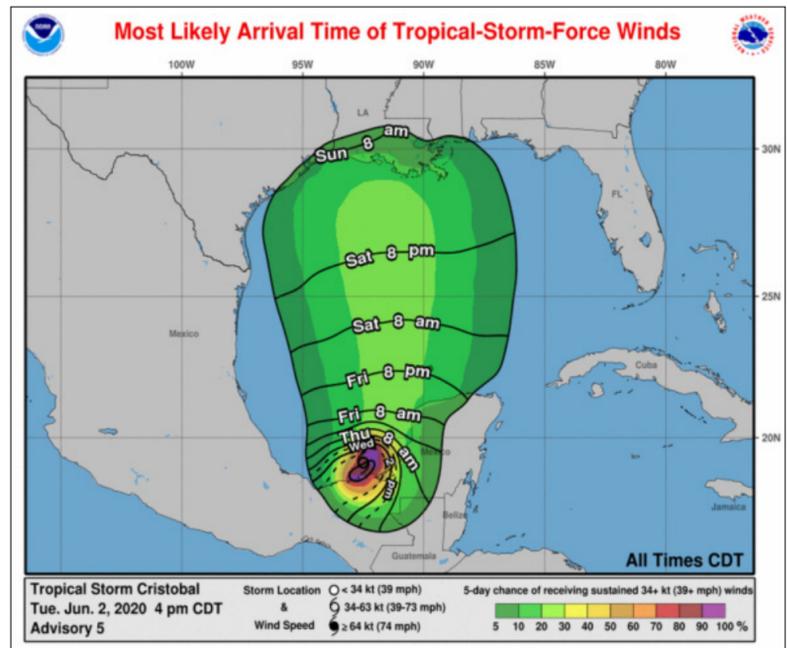
The project seeks to work around a recent one by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the Texas Parks & Wildlife which added 1.6 million cubic yards of silt in a marsh restoration. It left the outfall ditches not reaching their intended destination.

And, for an entity that is already responsible for more than 600 miles of ditch upkeep, a ton of paperwork.

"We've got engineers working on the design of the [SRA relief ditch] project and we're working on grant requests to the Texas Water Development Board and to the federal government for CDBG-Mitigation funds.

"We've always got about four projects going on at once."

All eyes on Gulf From Page 1



A NOAA weather advisory map shows path of Tropical Storm Christobal as it moves across the Gulf of Mexico.

Worked with Jefferson County on TPC [last November's Port Neches plant explosion], and now with Covid [coronavirus], I don't want to know what else I need to learn, I really don't."

Asked about Cristobal's danger, Gothia was brutally honest during a radio interview.

"We're going to pray. A lot," he said. "I hate to put it on somebody else, but there's definitely a lot of areas where that thing can go where there's not nearly as much damage on personal property and people's lives within our immediate area."

"Our hope now and our prayer now," Gothia said, "is it will just go somewhere else."

Hurricane Season in Texas is six months long, running through the end of November.

While Cristobal may not turn out to be a major hurricane worthy of an evacuation order, citizens should always

be prepared. Maintain adequate renter or flood insurance, even if you do not live in a flood plain.

Safeguard important personal documents such as birth certificates, deeds or insurance policies.

Keep emergency supplies like bottled water and canned food on hand. Have a plan that everyone in the family knows, and have a "go bag" ready to go with supplies needed if you find yourself on your own for a period of time.

"Make sure you have plans in place for your household," Ardoin said.

There was some hopeful news to come out of Monday's webinar, the Orange County EMC said.

"They said usually these things [major storms] run in 25- to 40-year cycles," Ardoin said.

"We started this cycle in 1995 [25 years ago]. Hopefully, we're on the downside."

Mail-in ballots From Page 1

the Texas Supreme Court opinion by some points out that it says fear of the killer disease is "without more, not a 'disability' as defined by the Election Code."

In his argument, Paxton contended a disability means a voter can't physically get to a polling location. However, Texas Election Code says a sickness falls under the umbrella of disability.

It defines disability as a "sickness or physical condition" that prevents a voter from appearing in person without the risk of "injuring the voter's health."

In Austin, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir reported her office has received 17,000 requests for

mail-in ballots for the July runoff election, approximately 16,000 more than a typical runoff election.

She said the demand for mail-in ballots tells her voters are concerned about the potential health impacts of voting in-person during the coronavirus pandemic.

"It is now up to the voter," DeBeauvoir said, "and if they tell us on this application form that they have a disability that's going to potentially injure their health they are absolutely eligible to vote ballot by mail."

The Supreme Court also clarified that it is not the responsibility of county clerks to investigate a disability claim on a mail-in ballot re-

quest form.

When voters cite disability to request a mail-in ballot, they're not required to say what the disability is. The voters simply check a box on the application form, and, if their application is properly filled out, local officials are supposed to send a ballot.

Deadline for applying for a mail-in ballot for the July 14 primary is July 2.

Smith says he will be watching the Texas Democratic Virtual Convention online this week. And after the runoff, he'll work to get out the Democrat vote in Orange County for November's Presidential Election, a vote that has run 80-20 Republican in recent elections.



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From The Creaux's Nest

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

I got over-full on news shows Saturday. I really needed a break so at noon I turned the radio on and tuned in on **Cajun Cuisine**, with **Janet**. It was just what the doctor ordered. **Cajun** music from my youth brought back many memories of a calmer time. The **Swamp Pop** tunes reminded me of the 50's and 60's and the boys I knew who played this music. Several were friends, some even classmates. **Janet** is easy to listen to. For several years she has been one of my favorite radio personalities. She's natural and doesn't try to impress, like a good neighbor she's down to earth. She played **Jalopena Lena** that brought a smile. I believe I had an encounter with her once. I enjoyed the two hours then tuned into the **SpaceX** launch with a different attitude. I had known a few **Chauvin** families when I was a boy in Louisiana. I wondered if **Derek Chauvin** was kin to them. He has become the most despised man in America. The image of him kneeling on **George Floyd's** neck and choking the life out of him is seared in my mind as well as millions of other people. What could **Derek** have been thinking? I don't believe he set out to kill **Floyd**. **NBC** reports that the **Minneapolis** police had used the same choke hold 44 times in the last five years and no one had died. It just rendered the victims unconscious. Maybe through ignorance, **Chauvin** played that deadly game way too long, while **Floyd** begged that he couldn't breathe. In his last breath he called out to his mother. The outcome, intentional or not, is that he was murdered and all three of the other officers let it happen. They too must pay a price. That one policeman's violence has once again opened a sore of prejudice, like **Rodney King** and others that followed. This has brought our country to a place we have seen far too often. "I can't breathe, Sir," will be a cry that haunts this great country into the future. ****I have to move on. **Come along, It won't do you no harm.**

THE HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY

President Donald Trump walked through **Lafayette Square** with his lap dogs trailing ten yards behind. He stood in front of **St. John Church** for a photo-op, using the **Bible** as a prop. He took a few pictures with the **Bible** upside-down before he was advised about it. In quoting the **Bible**, **Trump** once said, "Two Corinthians" instead of "Second Corinthians." **Howard Stern**, his friend of many years, says, "Donald doesn't have a religious bone in his body." **Trump's** first wife says, "In 20 years, he never set foot in a house of worship." Two weeks ago, he ordered that all churches should be open on Sunday and then he went golfing. In over three years, during his presidency, I know of no time that he attended a religious service. Besides his Jewish daughter and her children, no one else in the family are church goers. During the **Civil War**, **President Abe Lincoln** walked alone to **St. John Church** every evening to pray. Row 11 has become the **Lincoln row** because that's where he always sat to pray. **Trump** has made a mockery of religion. Good Christian people have been conned into believing **Trump** is a great religious leader. **He's a fraud..**

SPACE X LAUNCHED ASTRONAUTS MAY 30

A new era of human space flight began Saturday, May 30. A billionaire's black and white rocket, with a capsule on top, propelled **NASA** astronauts into orbit for the first time in nine years. The **SpaceX** was founded by **Elon Musk** in 2002. This was the company's first time launching humans. Astronauts **Doug Hurley** and **Bob Behakon** were on board. The **SpaceX Falcon's** crew, **Dragon**, blasted off at 2:22 p.m. CDT and arrived at the space station 19 hours later. There is no doubt times are changing. This historic launch is only the first that will some day, in the not too distant future, see citizens hop a ride into space. At first space travel won't be cheap. I'm glad I was able to witness this takeoff and now it's on to **Mars**. It may happen in my life time. It will definitely happen in most people's life-time.

RUSH ON TO COMPLETE SOME OF TRUMP'S WALL

The rush is on to get as much of **Trump's** border wall built before the November presidential election. **Trump's** son-in-law **Jared Kushner** has stepped in to oversee the efforts. The administration has acquired just 10 of the 213 miles needed from **Laredo to the Rio Grande Valley**. The increased litigation against the land owners is evidence of **Trump's** sense of urgency to deliver on his monument for the wall. Many of the property owners are still enlisting lawyers to negotiate, hoping to delay the process beyond the election, when construction of the wall may not be as much of a priority. **Trump's** goal is to build 450 miles of wall. Less than 200 miles of that has been built. Most is repaired or replaced fencing. The **Trump Administration** has brought 78 lawsuits against land owners to survey, seize and begin construction. Some in the **Rio Grande Valley** believe the border wall race is on because the administration fears **Trump** may not be re-elected and they want his name on the wall they call "The Great Southern Border Wall."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

We were sorry to hear about the death of **Adolph Hryhorchuk**, 83, who passed away Wednesday, June 2. Servic-

es were held Sunday. **Coach Hryhorchuk** was one of the great guys that we went back with 40-plus years. What most people will not recall, and his obituary didn't cover, was that he served as athletic director at both **Stark High** and **West Orange High** at the same time. For several years after the West Orange and Stark school districts merged, the two schools continued to operate independently. **Neal Morgan** was head coach at **Stark** and when controversy broke out involving black athletes he left. **Hryhorchuk** convinced **Dexter Bassinger** to take the head coaching job at **Stark**. **Bassinger** stayed six years. **Neal** had hired **Wade Phillips**, who stayed with **Bassinger** one season before joining his father **Bum** at **Oklahoma State**. When **Hryhorchuk** left during those turbulent times, longtime coach **Ted Jefferis** was brought back as **AD** at **Stark**. **Lonnie Tryler**, principle at **West Orange**, also served as **AD**. **Coach Green** was head coach but for the only time in history **Hryhorchuk** was **AD** at both schools. I recall way back when **Adolph** was a young basketball coach at **Orangefield**. After a few years he went into administration and spent his last working years as a school superintendent. The **Hryhorchuks** from **Deweyville** were some of the finest people I've known. **** We all had hoped **Orangefield** would make it all the way. It just wasn't meant to be. **Jasper** ended their climb in two games. I still believe, in the long run, both the **Bobcats** and the **Bridge City Cardinals** were better teams. **Jasper** created their breaks and took advantage of them. **Orangefield** wasn't the same team on those two losses that I had watched play in three games before. However, they gave their fans a great ride. It won't surprise me if **Jacob Felts** is a starter at **Texas** as a freshman. The major leagues could be in his future. **Jace Statum** will make his mark at **Texas A&M**. Some say as a centerfielder. His speed will take care of him. Congrats to **Coach Bennett** and his tribe of fighters. **Statum** was named **MVP** by District 21-3A coaches. **Felts** offensive **MVP** and **Matt Menard**, of **Bridge City**, joined them as defensive **MVP**.****We were sorry to learn about the death of **Harry Land**, 66, who lost his life whole riding his Harley on **Texas Avenue** in **Bridge City** Sunday, June 6. The bike/car accident happened near **Walmart**. **Harry** was a likable guy and talented taxidermist. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 10, at **Winfree Baptist Church**, 10 a.m. Our deepest sympathies to his mom **Mary**, daughter **Cristal** and husband **Beaver Dubois**, siblings **Rickey**, **Dorothy**, **Candy** and **Becky** and grandchildren **Camden** and **Caleb DuBois**. **** **Ford** pulls the plug on **Mercury** after 72 years of production. It's really been dying for a long time but for the last few years it's been on life support. One of the many cars I've owned was an older model **1946 Mercury Coupe**. It was a great car. I recall **Harry Waddell** had a 1951 model, a sharp car with lowering blocks. The back bumper would touch the pavement when loaded with youngsters. **James Dean** drove a modified two-door in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause." I'm sure many of you have a **Mercury** car story from out of your past. ****Our friend **Judy Hidalgo** is still in **Houston** battling lung cancer. She has been awfully sick at times and still has many treatments to go. (Editor's note: **Judy** passed away in 2011.)****Our buddy **Daniel Jacobs** is undergoing experimental therapy for **Leukemia** in **Houston**. As of Sunday he was holding his own and not going backwards which was good news. He's a tough guy who just plays the hand dealt to him.**** **Rene Hanks**, mayor of **Starks** and his brothers **Ernest** and **Dwight**, **Cajun** boys and members of the "Backyard Band" have been entertaining at nursing homes lately.****The **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** dined at **Robert's** where **Roy** was surprised with a birthday party. His family joined over 30 friends. ****SUMMER FOOTBALL: Saturday, June 12, the "Southeast Texas Classic" will be played at **Port Neches-Groves** stadium. Coaches **Dan Hooks** and **Curtis Barbay** will coach opposing teams. The first "Classic" should be a good one. It's sponsored by the **Ford** dealers.****Congrats to **Little Cypress-Mauriceville** weight-lifter **Megan Fontenot**, who appears in this month's issue of **Sports Illustrated**.****A speedy recovery to two great friends: **J.B. Arrington** fell Sunday and hit his head requiring surgery at **St. Elizabeth** to relieve pressure on his brain. Also lovely **Margie Stephens** was at **Baptist in Beaumont** Tuesday undergoing treatment for kidney stones. Best wishes to both. ******Margaret Toal** wrote a "Preparing for Hurricane Season" story and the **Enterprise** ran **Don "Cochise" Shockley's** picture on the front page. He'll be hard to get along with now; he thinks he's a star. (Editor's note: **Don** died a few years ago.) Also featured was **Tammy** and **Shaun Davis's** lovely daughter, **Carly Thibodeaux**, who spends her days in **Mauriceville** with **Commissioner Owen Burton** and deputies. **** **Automart** is celebrating 30 years in business. 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TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 40 Years Ago-1980

Eight **Orange County** teams participated in the inaugural **Bum Phillips Celebrity Golf Tournament**. Members of each team are as follows: **Gulf Chemicals**, **Bob Walker**, **Bob Rowatt**, **Bud Ewy** and **Dr. George Eastman**. **Owens Illinois**, **Harmon Beauchamp**, **Jim Turpen**, **Eual Norwood** and **Bill Falcone**. No name team, **Homer Stark**, **Earl Nugent**, **John LaCroix** and **Joe Griffies**. **Dupont**, **Frank Riddick**, **Don Garrett**, **Don Vigaut** and **Howard Slatter**. **Smith Lee Olds-Cadillac**, **Carmon Davis**, **John Smith**, **Benis Lee** and **Pat Foster/Larry Kennon**. **Dal Sasso Enterprise**, **Ron MacDonald**, **Jeff MacDonald**, **Bob Swan** and **Tony DalSasso**. **Norstock Steel**, **Dexter Bassinger**, **Larry Moerbe**, **Les Patin** and **Ronny Logan**. **Orange Bank**, **Johnny Smith**, **Brooks Hill** and **Danny Zoch**. **Celebrities attending, **Terry Bradshaw**, **Ken Stabler**, **Mike Barber**, **Danny White**, **Billy Joe Dupree**, **Tony Dorsett**, **Willie Alexander**, **Carl Mauck**, **Dave Elmen-dorf**, **Robert Newhouse**, **Robert Brazile**, **Little Joe Washington**, **Greg Pruitt**, **Jim Zorn**, **Dan Pastorini**, **Earl Campbell**, **Gifford Nielsen**, **Benny Barnes**, **Durie L. Harris**, **Dick Nolan**, **King Hill**, **Ed Biles**, **Joe Wolley**, **Andy Bourgeois** and many others. (Editor's note: The tournament was the creation of **W.T. Oliver**. It and the **Bob Hope Birthday Bash** benefited **Hughen School**. Two guys I found nice and congenial were singers **Johnny Nash** and **Johnny Desmond**, who was chauffeured by **Martha Hughes**. I bet **Martha** remembers that day. **County Judge Pete Rannels** presented a plaque to **Coach Phillips** in recognition of his birthplace. **Sandi Moble** was seen cuddling up to **Oiler Mike Barber**. It's hard to believe 40 years have gone by since that first celebration.)****In 1980, **Doris' Crazy Kitchen**, prepared fresh **Sabine** catfish, seafood, short orders and homemade pies. **The Kitchen** was located in **Mauriceville** on **Hwy. 12**. ******Jerry Vale**

headlines a **Las Vegas-style** evening of song and dance at the **Frances Ann Lutzer Theater** June 11. A headliner in **Vegas** for many years, **Vale** was a frustrated baseball player. The **New York Yankees** and other parks in the **Major League** use his version of "The Star Spangled Banner." (Editor's note: Do you remember **Jerry Vale** and were you at that great show? Do you remember him on **Johnny Carson**, **Mike Douglas**, **Merv Griffin** or "Password?") That was only 40 years ago. A big hit I remember is "Time Alone Will Tell."

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I was glad to hear that our friend **Gerald Leleux** is doing well after major heart surgery. **Lisa** has been subbing for him, delivering the **Penny Record** to a special route **Gerald** created. The folks love him and he's looking forward to visiting with them weekly before long. ****"Neighbor" **Cox** is still in rehab after breaking his neck. Outside of the collar being uncomfortable, and his wanting to go home, they treat him good at **Oak Grove Nursing Home** in **Groves**. We miss him and look forward to when we can visit again. **** A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Harold Trantham** and **Herman Dupuis** mark a birthday on June 3. ****Pete Sterling**, **Sandra Hoke** and **Donna Rogers** celebrate June 4. **A bunch of folks celebrate on June 5, which is considered the perfect Gemini day. **Tim Hughes**, **Joyce Dowdle**, **Roy Dunn**, **Britt Godwin**, **Gena Guyote**, **Brenda Howard** and **Chris Andes** all celebrate today. **Roy** is the oldest at 86, followed by **Tim** at 85. **June 7, finds longtime friend, the lovely **Shirley Zimmerman** celebrating. She is joined by **Logan Smith** and **Ashley LaRose**. **June 8, **Walter Riedel** celebrates on this day. For over 30 years we have been wishing him a happy birthday. We haven't heard much about him since he resigned as head of the **Stark Foundation**. **Celebrating on June 9 is **Kirli Choate**, **Paige Olive** and **Debbie Vidrine**. Happy Birthday to all. Please see complete list. ******Jane Dunn** finally had her shoulder surgery. In a few weeks she will be able to throw a left hook. ****I've been impressed with **Keisha Lance-Bottoms**, mayor of **Atlanta**. She will rise on the national scene, wait and see. ****A new **ABC Washington Post** poll has vice president **Biden** leading **Trump** 53 percent to 43 percent with registered voters. **Biden** leads with **Independents** 56 to 39. With women **Biden** holds a 28-point advantage. **Black** voters 89 percent; 69 percent with **Hispanic** voters. **Trump's** approval rate is 44 percent, disapproval, 53 percent. Times like these require exceptional leadership. It's not coming from the **White House**. **President Trump's** repulsive statements on **Twitter** pour gasoline on the nation's fire. He has totally failed in his leadership with **Coronavirus**. **America** stands at a perilous moment; it is exactly five months before the nation's presidential election. Hopefully the four year chaos will all end.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

June 3: **David Lopez** and **Matthew Jagoe** celebrate.****June 4: **Brittany Yu**, **Brittany Chalmers**, **Glenn Fisher**, **Paige Ousley**, **Jade Ousley**, **Brooklyn Goldsmith**, **Aaron McNeil** and **Donna Benefield**.****June 5: **Hunter Puckett**, **Patricia Mires**, **Nancy Ramsey**, **Aaron Bland**, **Jessica Freeman**, **Kevin Doss**, **Mary Jennings**.****June 6: **Ryan Gunstream**, **Lorrie LeBlanc**, **Ed Worthy Jr.**, **John Bertrand**, **Sherilyn Brister**, **Lynn Fields**, **Gail Griffith**, **Kelsey Miller**, **Linda Sims**, **Sarah Williams**.****June 7: **Richard Granger**, **Billy Frank Bradberry**, **Billy Killman**, and **Penny Robards**.****June 8: **Shon Jones**, **Tana Hightower**, **Walter Riedel**, **Aubrey Reynolds**, **Crystal Wells**, **Billie Wood** and **Carolyn Sexton**.****June 9: **Elizabeth Barfield**, **Gavin Birmingham**, **Deane Moran**, **Alston Reynolds**, **Dixie Armstrong**, **Charlie Blalack**, **Jessica Hilliard**, and **Paige Olive**.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

June 3: **Anderson Cooper**, 53, TV Host; **Anne Winters**, 26, Actress; **Sean Berdy**, 27, Actor; **Rafael Nadal**, 34, Tennis Player.****June 4: **Angelina Jolie**, 44, Actress; **Russell Brand**, 45, Actor; **Josh McDermitt**, 42, Comedian; **Joyce Meyer**, 77, Novelist. June 5: **Mark Wahlberg**, 49, Actor; **Kenny G**, 64, Saxophonist; **Brian McKnight**, 51, R&B Singer.****June 6: **Robert England**, 73, Actor; **DeAndre Hopkins**, 28, Football Player; **Jason Isaacs**, 57, Actor.****June 7: **Liam Neeson**, 68, Actor; **Tom Jones**, 80, Pop Singer; **Mike Pence**, 61, Politician.****June 8: **Kanye West**, 43, Rapper; **Bonnie Tyler**, 69, Pop singer; **Julianna Margulie**, 54, Actress; **Nancy Sinatra**, 80, Singer.****June 9: **Johnny Depp**, 57, Actor; **Michael J. Fox**, 59, Actor; **Natalie Portman**, 39, Actress; **TD Jakes**, 63, Religious Leader.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Da TV, it say dat da government was bringing one of dem new nuclear power ship to help wit da oil spill in da Gulf. **LuLu LaBouf** him, say to his wife **Clotile**, "Babe, git da chiluns, we gone to **New Orleans** us, to look at dat big nutria power ship wat is tied up at da **Poydras Street** warf. **Wen LaBouf** got to **New Orleans** he bought hisself to a dead stop by a policeman and he say, "Ma Frien, Mr. Policeman, can you tole me where I can find dat nutria power ship? Me, I'm from **Church Point** and jus got to see how dem lil rat animals can run dat dere big boat all by deyself."

C'EST TOUT

The combination of an ongoing pandemic and what has been forecasted to be a busy hurricane season is a catastrophic scenario. As many as 19 named storms will form, 10 will be hurricanes. The more active the season, the more likely we will have one hit the **Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana**. The nation's ability to keep people safe is going to be severely tested. With a fall spike in **Coronavirus**, flooding, wild fires, stress over the economy, the pandemic and everyday living, will take its toll. So far, two storms have already formed. A tropical storm entering the **Gulf** near southern **Mexico** could be in our future by next weekend. The scramble will then begin to find shelter and make sure the old folks are taken care of. Let's all pray we will dodge an early storm. If you have to shelter don't be conned into believing the virus is not still circulating. ****My time is up. Thanks for yours. Be safe and continue to wash your hands and wear mask. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Mr. Tommy Joe Mann Sr., 72, Vidor

Mr. Tommy Joe Mann Sr., 72, of Vidor, passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Tommy was born August 13, 1947 in Yuma, Arizona and lovingly raised by his parents Eva Jo (Ward) Shelander and Leisel "Lee" Truman Shelander. Tommy spent most of his life here in Texas, moving here from Arizona at the young age of 5. Despite being an only child, Tommy knew the value of family more than most. Tommy was the proud father of 3 sons, and a father figure, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and dog-dad to so many more. There was little Tommy could not fix in his life and his career as a Pipefitter certainly demonstrated his proficiency at working with his hands. He loved working on cars and tinkering with anything that needed fixing. When not fixing things, he enjoyed fishing and caring for his beloved dogs Bonnie and Lil' Red. Tommy was an honest, caring, and loving man and will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish Tommy's memory are his sons: Tommy Joe Mann Jr. of Vidor, Gary Lee Mann and wife Jennifer of Vidor, and Grego-



ry Randall Mann and wife Lisa Stanley of Vidor; his grandchildren: Ashley Mann and partner Tyler Lawson of Orange, Damian Mann of Virginia Beach, VA, Jaime Mann of Vidor, Lauryn Livermore and husband Nick of Nederland, Texie Freeman of Vidor, Sophia Hodges of Dewy, AZ, Lyric Barnes and husband Richard of Little Rock, AR, Sarah Mann of Vidor, Seath Barber of Vidor, and Natalie Mann of Vidor; his 4 great-grandchildren, a host of friends, bonus grandchildren, numerous loved ones, and of course his beloved dogs Bonnie and Lil' Red.

Preceding Tommy in death are his parents, Eva Jo (Ward) Shelander and Leisel "Lee" Truman Shelander.

To honor Tommy's life, the family will have a time of visitation on Friday, June 5, 2020 at Lumberton Family Funeral Home, 766 S. Main Lumberton, TX 77657, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Final Military Honors taking place at 7:00 PM. Tommy will be laid to rest at Houston National Cemetery honoring his service to our country at a private family ceremony.

Wayne Miller Iles, 85, Orange

Wayne Miller Iles was called to his heavenly home June 1, 2020, after a long-fought battle with multiple myeloma. His faith became sight and he has become whole in His presence.

Wayne loved life and enjoyed sharing many happy times with his wife of 51 years, Joye Barron Iles, and his 4 beloved children, Michael Wayne Iles of Orange, Pamela Ann Cox and husband Dr. David Cox of College Station, Jonathan Mark Iles and wife Teresa of Orange, and Brad Barron Iles and wife Angie Beth of Dallas. He leaves behind his 8 precious grandchildren who loved and adored him: Lawson and Lauren Cox, Daniel and Julia Iles, and Olivia, Henry, Audrey, and Allie Iles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Dempsey Iles, mother, Lydia Miller Iles, and brother, Clyde Byron Iles, along with first wife, Gwendolyn Hebert Iles.

Wayne was very proud of his Miller and Iles "roots" and enjoyed talking about his ancestry to anyone who would listen. Many family stories were told over and over, bringing many laughs and groans, all at the same time.

Wayne retired from DuPont after 38 years of service. Following that he worked with Anderson Consulting for three years and Accenture for one year, finally retiring for good in 2001. He proudly served in the U.S. Army which included a station at Redstone Arsenal during the time the United States launched the first satellite into space.

His love for the game of basketball continued throughout his life and he passed that enjoyment down to each of his children. Playing basketball in the driveway was an everyday occurrence, which brought many whoops and hollers, to be heard blocks away.

Wayne liked to travel and each summer brought a well-planned trip to an exciting destination. His absolute favorite place to



visit was always Estes Park. He was well content sitting by the side of Fall River listening to the water rushing by and watching as deer and elk would sometimes amble by. He shared this spot with not only his immediate family but also extended family and friends.

Wayne loved the Lord and shared many times how the Lord led him through some very hard times in his life. He was thrilled when each of his children accepted Jesus as their Savior. Wayne was a member of North Orange Baptist Church, where he served faithfully in various capacities for over 50 years. He lived his faith and was always willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus every day of his life. Wayne saw value in every individual and, in humility, he gave generously to anyone in need.

We count it an honor to have shared life with him and to celebrate his legacy in the days ahead. Thank you for your prayers. They have truly carried us. We have felt surrounded by God on every side.

The family wishes to express our dearest appreciation to Velma Hopkins, Veronica Guillory, Southeast Texas Hospice, and the staff at Montebello Home Care for their compassion and care for Wayne over these last few months.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2020, at North Orange Baptist Church in Orange, Texas. A graveside service and burial will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Spearsville Cemetery in Spearsville, Louisiana. Social distancing practices will be observed.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be the Adult 6 Men's Life Group Class from North Orange Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the North Orange Baptist Church Benevolent Fund at 4755 N. 16th St., Orange, Texas 77632.

Four get \$1,000 scholarships from Bridge City Historical Society



The Bridge City Historical Society announces four recipients of our scholarship awards for 2020. They are left to right; Carly Garrett, Meagan Brugman, Maddison Juneau, And Brianna Taylor. These four students will each receive \$1000 to further their education.

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never got a scratch, but others died.

This coronavirus mess has revealed to me the debauchery of human leadership and the thirst for power over us, the common citizen. I've never seen nor heard more confusion

In Acts 14:22 Paul was "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith..."

I quit looking to this world and the human race to fulfill my peace and livelihood along time ago. Being 74 years old has given me, along with others of long life, an understanding of what to believe in and it's not anything we can see. We've learned that anything you can see and touch can't be depended upon. It either gets old and dies or rusts and rots away. Even our bodies cannot be relied upon. We're healthy one day and the next our health can be gone. As for the human race, we are so unreliable. You can't trust me...Yes, me. I have made promise after promise in my day, but only to not be able to fulfill the promise. No one knows what tomorrow is going to bring, and when you promise something tomorrow...Well, you know what I mean. That's why God's Word in the Book of James says to speak of the future only in the terms, "the Lord willing." How many have learned that you can't trust your government for everything? Our leaders make promises going in that they never fulfill because it turned out to not be possible and there is not one President, Governor, Senator, Representative that has kept all their promises. They are human, not God. The best of intentions are thwarted by time or other limitations.

Listen to me. You and I are alive right now no matter what condition we are in because the Almighty God has kept us alive. You, like me, probably can look back and remember a time or two or more that we should have died but lived, and we know it was because of God keeping us alive. Now the young "whipper snappers" don't get it yet. Their day of looking back hopefully will come. But it was in the providence of the power of God working in our life. One other example...During WWII my uncle said that he ran many times through hails of machine gun bullets and

as to how to handle a disease and any other detail about it you want to talk about. Then those in leadership in both parties, House, Senate, Presidential, former, current, potential Presidents and leadership from the President down, through state, county and city have created more confusion and harm than any good that I am sure they were wanting to accomplish instead of the confusion. I'm winded and still confused just writing it.

We who have lived and will live through it know, therefore, to Whom to give the glory. "Continue in the faith," Paul wrote...Not in anything that man engineers, but in God whom we probably grieve while at times make to laugh in all of our lame efforts of establishing and continuing life on earth, because it is He who is the reason we survive such "Keystone Cop" handling of the order and stability of society in crisis. "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith..."

Let's get back to our respective churches and give thanks to the One and only One who deserves the recognition and glory for our daily survival. Amen? Do not trust the devices of man. Trust God and worship Him. We're open at Cove Baptist Church at 10:30 AM every Sunday.

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What Does It Really Mean to Be #Blessed?



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Feeling blessed is in vogue. A quick look at Facebook and Twitter shows how many people today feel #blessed. In our social-media world, saying you're blessed can be a way of boasting while trying to sound humble.

*College scholarship? #Blessed.
Unexpected raise? #Blessed.
Wonderful family? #Blessed.*

As Christians we use that term too, of course. We pray God will bless our family. We attribute our undeserved gifts to "God's blessings." We talk about ministries being blessed. But what does it really mean? How should we understand the blessing of God?

The Good Life

For believers, is the blessed life synonymous with the successful life? Is it the Christian version of the good life? A loving marriage, obedient children, a vibrant ministry, a healthy body, a successful career, trusted friends, financial abundance — if these are the characteristics of a blessed life, then having all of them should translate into

an extraordinarily blessed life. But does it? If someone had all those things, would they be extraordinarily blessed?

Rather than turning to God, they might feel self-sufficient and proud. Perhaps a bit smug and self-righteous. After all, their hard work would be yielding good fruit.

Moreover, they wouldn't need to cry out to God for deliverance; everything would already be perfect. They wouldn't need to trust God; they could trust in themselves. They wouldn't need God to fill them; they would al-

promises.

Earthly blessings are temporary; they can all be taken away. Job's blessings all disappeared in one fateful day. I, too, had a comfortable life that was stripped away within a span of weeks. My marriage dissolved. My children rebelled. My health spiraled downward. My family fell apart. My dreams were shattered.

And yet, in the midst of those painful events, I experienced God's richest blessings. A stronger faith than I had experienced before. A deeper love than I had

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ready be satisfied.

God's Richest Blessings

My desire for God is greatly fueled by my need. And it is in the areas of loss where I feel my need most intensely. Unmet desires keep me on my knees. Deepen my prayer life. Make me ransack the Bible for God's

ever known. A more intimate walk than I could explain. My trials grounded my faith in ways that prosperity and abundance never could.

While my trials were not blessings in themselves, they were channels for them. As Laura Story asks in her song "Blessings," "What if your blessings come through rain drops? What

if trials of this life — the rain, the storms, the hardest nights — are your mercies in disguise?" This revolutionary idea of blessing is also firmly established in Scripture.

The Common Thread

One translation of the New Testament (ESV) has 112 references with the words bless, blessing, or blessed, none of which connects blessing to material prosperity. Consider these passages:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit. . . . Blessed are those who mourn. . . . Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. . . . Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you." (Matthew 5:3-4, 10-11)

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28)

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven. (Romans 4:7; quoting Psalm 32:1)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial. (James 1:12)

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. . . . Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Revelation 14:13, 19:9)

There is no hint of material prosperity or perfect circumstances in any New Testament reference. On the contrary, blessing is typically connected with either poverty and trial or the spiritual benefits of being joined by faith to Jesus.

According to the Key-Word Study Bible, "The Greek word translated blessed in these passages is makarioi which means to be fully satisfied. It refers to those receiving God's favor, regardless of the circumstances" (emphasis added).

What is blessing, then? Scripture shows that blessing is anything God gives that makes us fully satisfied in him. Anything that draws us closer to Jesus. Anything that helps us relinquish the temporal and hold on

more tightly to the eternal. And often it is the struggles and trials, the aching disappointments and the unfulfilled longings that best enable us to do that.

Truly Blessed

Pain and loss transform us. While they sometimes unravel us, they can also push us to a deeper life with God than we ever thought possible. They make us rest in God alone. Not what we can do or achieve for him. And not what he can do or achieve for us.

In pain and loss, we long for Presence. We long to know that God is for us and with us and in us. Great families, financial wealth, and good health are all wonderful gifts we can thank

God for, but they are not his greatest blessings. They may make us delight, not in God, but in his gifts.

God's greatest blessing always rests in God himself. When we have that, we are truly #blessed.

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Gear Up for Free Fishing Day, June 6

LARRY JOHNSON
For The Record

AUSTIN – The first Saturday in June each year is designated as Free Fishing Day in the state of Texas. Texans can fish on any public waterbody in the state without a fishing license on June 6, 2020.

“Free Fishing Day is a wonderful opportunity for anglers to share their knowledge, skills, equipment, and love for fishing with a new participant, yet it’s also more than that,” said Craig Bonds, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries director. “We hope those trying fishing on this special day will also learn that purchasing a license is an act of conservation. A fishing license purchase is one of the simplest and most effective way people can support fisheries science and management.”

To help celebrate Free Fishing Day, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) offers multiple resources to provide fun, high quality fishing opportunities to anglers of all skill levels and all ages.

1. Fishing 101 - Learn the basics of fishing with tips and a variety of videos. Resources for how to get started, safety, supplies and gear, casting and baiting, and cleaning and storing fish can be found on the TPWD Learn to Fish webpage.

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Redfish earn their respect



Redfish on top water plugs will put a smile on your face, just ask Camp Bailey.

CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE
OUTDOORS
For The Record

It’s no secret that Texas fishermen worship the speckled trout, anglers will go from one end of Texas to the other looking for that one magic 30” fish could define their angling career. The amount of print that is dedicated to the trout every year in magazines and



Chuck Uzzle

newspapers is easily greater than that allotted to the redfish and I have no clue why that is, of all the people I have had the privilege to fish with I have never had an angler get mad because they caught a redfish. As a mat-

ter of fact most people get really fired up when a redfish strikes, especially on a top water plug because that is chaos in action.

To give you an idea about how much popularity the redfish has gained all you need to do is take a look at the tournament circuits devoted to catching redfish, speckled trout never came close to gathering this much attention or for that matter

this much money. The redfish is easily the best candidate for tournaments, the red is much tougher than speckled trout so releasing fish after a weigh in is much easier and that makes anti tournament crowd happy. Speaking of tournaments and crowds, check out the leader board of the some of the redfish events and see

UZZLE Page 3B



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So, you think you want to be a pro baseball player?



Joe Kazmar
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For The Record

The current uncertainty about the future of the COVID-19 debacle and of the start of the 2020 major league baseball season has been dominating the sports pages and airwaves for the last three months as we enter June with some progress to this situation.

With the 2020 MLB draft set for next week many high school and college prospects are having second thoughts of wanting to be in this draft.

High school phenoms are agreeing to attend the college that's been hot on their tails for the past year or so, while college underclassmen are agreeing to stay and play for their school another year. Many collegiate players who have graduated are having second thoughts about being drafted, mainly because there will only be five rounds instead of around the normal 40 rounds.

My grandson, Lt. Logan Smith, decided last month to pursue his military career immediately rather than wait until his professional baseball career is over.

Logan, who received his officer's commission from

West Point last month, wrote a nice letter to MLB requesting to have his name taken off of the list of college baseball prospects expected to be drafted next week.

He put in his four years on the Army baseball team, playing in Abner Doubleday Stadium--the home field named after the game's inventor and West Point alumnus-- starting his career as a walk-on Plebe and finishing it prematurely in March being voted the team's Most Valuable Player.

Logan gave the matter of the draft plenty of consideration, even getting in touch with Chris Rowley (West Point Class of 2012), one of the only two West Point graduates to ever play in the major leagues.

Rowley is a right-handed pitcher in his ninth season with the Minnesota Twins and as many pro baseball players over age 30 find out, he was offered a minor league contract for 2020 with the assumption he would be elevated to the Twins' major league team sometime during the season.

Rowley recently sent an email to Major League Baseball which went viral foreshadowing to young prospects what it is really like being a professional baseball player. You want to be a baseball player? Here's the hard truth:

"It is becoming increasingly evident that Major League Baseball will do anything they can to pad their pockets, and it's typically at the expense of the players--no-



Lt. Logan Smith

tably minor leaguers. The pandemic is no different.

"The effects of COVID-19 have been devastating and hardships people across the world are facing are very real. But this is different. Baseball players have been expected to continue training and preparing to face the world's best when play resumes. Would you continue to perform the physical labors of your job if your pay was cut?"

"When play was stopped due to COVID-19, MLB agreed to compensate most players between 50% and 145% of their salaries as players are expected to fully continue training. However, many veteran players who signed minor league contracts are being paid on average, less than 10% of their salaries yet are expected to be 100% ready to play.

"On April 6, I submitted a proposal to MLB on behalf of many who worked hard to find a solution in an effort to compensate all players fairly. It was heard, acknowledged and ultimately denied in a

manner than cannot be characterized as professional. MLB displayed an acute understanding of the dire financial circumstances it was placing its players in and chose not to act. This cannot be written off as an oversight.

"The proposal would have added only \$4.8 million to the \$170 million already allotted from a league that netted \$11 billion in revenue last year on the backs of many of those same players.

"It would have added 2.8% of what was already being paid and would have helped approximately 500 veteran players stay afloat during play stoppage. The failure to answer that call rests squarely on MLB's shoulders.

"I get wanting to make money. I want to make money. Most people do. But most people don't marginalize thousands of people across the entire industry to do so.

"Major League Baseball and its Clubs' obsession with the bottom line at the expense of the players--specifically the minor leaguers--has long been present in the game, and it's past time to hold people accountable for it."

Rowley's email struck a nerve to some organizations, especially the Houston Astros who announced last weekend they will continue paying their minor league players a \$400 per week stipend and extended the benefits through Aug. 31.

Others like the Minnesota Twins, Seattle Mariners, Kansas City Royals and San

Diego Padres have promised payments through August when the minor league season traditionally would end. The Texas Rangers and Los Angeles Dodgers are among a large group that committed salaries through June.

But the Oakland A's ceased all payments to their prospects after May 31 drawing considerable criticism throughout the industry, according to Saturday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

KWICKIES...

The state of Iowa restarted its high school sports programs Monday, according to the ESPN. The baseball and softball teams returned to resume their seasons and prepare for the state playoffs.

The NHL players are to be tested for the COVID-19 virus daily if the season is to continue. The cost is \$125 per player per day which is expected to run into the millions.

The NBA will decide this week on the format to be used to restart the league. ESPN reported that 16 of the 30 general managers said they want the league to come back with just the typical 16 playoff teams, with seedings based on the standings when the season was suspended March 12.

The pandemic has caused minor league umpires to suffer a double-whammy in a lost year--no income and no real way to improve their

craft. Class AAA umpires are sure to work if and when major league baseball begins play. Vacations, injuries and last-minute emergencies create opportunities for fill-in umpers. But for Class AA and below, it's looking like a shut-out. And for some of the 236 minor league umpires, a lost year will mean the end of a career.

If major league baseball begins on June 30 as proposed, it will be without each team's furriest and funniest fans--the mascots--who have been forbidden by MLB from entering the ball park.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Major League Baseball Players Association last weekend proposed a 114-game regular season, gave players the right to opt out of the 2020 season entirely, and prorated salaries the two sides agreed upon in March. Players would receive a \$100 million advance upon reporting to a second spring training for three weeks and an expanded 14-game playoff format in 2020 and 2021. The proposed regular season would begin June 30 and end Oct. 31. Players have offered to wear microphones on the field to enhance the experience of playing with no fans. On Monday, MLB threw a monkey wrench into the scenario by considering a severely-shortened 50-game regular season.

Buechele graces the cover of the 61st edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football

Larry Johnson
For The Record

Dave Campbell's Texas Football revealed the cover of its 2020 summer edition on Monday -- the 61st annual "Bible of Texas Football" -- featuring SMU quarterback Shane Buechele. The headline says it all: "PONY UP: Shane Buechele Leads SMU's Revolution on the Hilltop." Buechele is the first Mustangs player to grace the cover of the magazine since Lance McIlhenny in 1983.

"The cover of Dave Campbell's Texas Football is our most important decision of the year, and our toughest, because it matters to so many Texans and football fans," managing editor Greg Tepper said. "We always want to capture one of the most compelling stories in the state. What's going on at SMU definitely fits the bill -- here's a quarterback in Shane Buechele and a program in SMU that reinvented each other, leading to heights they haven't seen in more than three decades. That's truly remarkable, and certainly worthy of being on the cover of Texas Football."

For the fifth year, the magazine will feature a second "gatefold" cover, and this one is an important nod to history: an illustration documenting and celebrating 100 years of UIL Texas high school football, embodied by players past and present. The cover -- expertly designed by Peyton Afill -- features images spanning the decades: Bob Estes from the 1922 Abilene Eagles; Charlie Haas from the 1935 Corpus Christi Buccaneers; the 1949 2A state champion Littlefield Wildcats; Ed Bernet from the 1950 Highland Park Scots; Warren McVea from the 1963 San Antonio Brackenridge Eagles; Billy Sims of the 1973 Hooks Hornets; Todd Dodge of the 1980 Port Arthur Jefferson Yellow Jack-



ets; Jerod Douglas of the 1993 Converse Judson Rockets; Graham Harrell of the 2003 Ennis Lions; and Caleb Lantelme of the 2019 West Texas Comanches.

"How do we celebrate something as big as 100 years of UIL football?" Tepper said. "It was a challenge we faced, but in collaborating with a tremendous designer like Peyton Afill, I feel like we captured the message we were looking for -- there's nothing quite like Texas high school football, past, present and future."

The 400-page all-color annual magazine covers football in Texas -- from high

school to recruiting to college to the pros -- as nobody else can. Inside the magazine, readers will find:

- An remarkable in-depth look at how Shane Buechele and SMU re-invented one another, written by Texas Football's Shehan Jeyarajah
- A sensational secondary feature on why, after 100 years, Texas high school football remains a touchstone for so many Texans, written by Jay Plotkin
- The second annual 40 Under 40, spotlighting the best young coaches in Texas
- In-depth analysis of every Texas college football team -- all 47 of them -- from five-page spreads for each FBS program to insightful previews of each junior college squad, and everything inbetween
- Deep-dive conference previews, including Texas A&M's chance to crash the SEC Championship party, a wild and thrilling Big 12, the most competitive AAC in history, an analysis of how Texas teams will fare in Conference USA, Texas State's sleeper status in the Sun

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Texas Outdoor Annual to go All-Digital for hunting, fishing season

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN— In the latest change driven by the current public health situation, the Texas Outdoor Annual Hunting, Fishing and Boating Regulations will be going all-digital for the upcoming hunting and fishing license season, starting when licenses go on sale on Aug. 15. Due to the economic impacts of the virus, the Outdoor Annual booklets will not be printed, but the 2020-2021 season regulations will be available online through OutdoorAnnual.com and the free Outdoor Annual mobile app.

“We are well aware that this change may be disappointing to some of our long-time outdoorsmen and women that have become accustomed to bringing the Outdoor Annual booklets on their hunting and fishing trips. Be assured, it is not going away and will still be accessible via the web and our special Outdoor Annual Mobile app,” said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. “We are doing everything we can to ensure hunters, anglers and boaters are aware of this change and uti-

lize the benefits of the digital Outdoor Annual during the upcoming seasons.”

Texas Monthly, long-time publisher of the Texas Outdoor Annual, made it possible for TPWD to provide regulations booklets and a mobile app. In recent years, an increasing number of hunters and anglers have turned to the website and mobile app to get the most up-to-date information about regulations, including any changes in chronic wasting disease zones. Last year alone, more than 2.8 million users visited the Outdoor Annual website to access current regulations, significantly more than the 2.3 million printed copies distributed during the same time.

“Texas Monthly has enjoyed a decades-long public-private partnership with TPWD which made it possible for the Texas Outdoor Annual print and digital versions to be produced using revenue from sponsors and advertisers,” said Scott Brown, president of Texas Monthly. “2020 has presented our partnership and the world with a host of new challenges connected to COVID-19. Our shared goal is that hunters, anglers and boaters will find the Outdoor Annual website and the significantly enhanced mobile app to be

user-friendly ways to get the most up-to-date information and, on the mobile app, to access the regulations without needing internet connectivity.”

The Outdoor Annual mobile app provides interactive features not found in print, including the ability to view regulations offline and in remote locations, and to carry a digital copy of one’s license. Additional app features include location-based functionality such as “Seasons and Regulations by Current Location,” “Where to Fish,” “Game and Fish Identification,” “Finding a Nearby License Retailer” and push notifications with useful information.

Hunters and anglers also have the ability to print copies of relevant portions of the Out-

door Annual before heading to the field. All hunting, fishing and boating regulations can be found in the online version of the Outdoor Annual.

The Outdoor Annual website and mobile app currently show the 2019-2020 regulations in effect through Aug. 31, 2020. The mobile app is available for download at www.outdoorannual.com/app and will be automatically updated Aug. 15 with the new 2020-2021 regulations that go into effect on Sept. 1, 2020. The 2020-2021 hunting season dates can now be found on the Outdoor Annual website for hunters ready to start planning next season’s hunting trips.

Texas Hunting and Fishing License, Boat Registration Offices Open for Appointments Only

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN— On June 1, all Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement offices statewide and the license and registration office at the Austin headquarters have reopened to customers with appointments. Social distancing, face coverings and other public health measures will be mandatory for all customers.

Appointments will be scheduled in 15-minute increments with the first appointment beginning at 8:15 a.m. and the last appointment at 4:30 p.m. Missed appointments must be rescheduled for another time. Customers can schedule an appointment by calling the law enforcement office or license and registration office directly.

New business practices will be in effect for all offices including:

- Only one customer is allowed in the office, unless a caregiver is needed
 - Cash, checks and money orders are acceptable methods of payment. Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted at this time.
 - Customers must complete all necessary forms before arriving for their appointment
 - No walk-ins will be allowed at this time
- Available services at these offices include original titles and registration, registration renewal, transfer of existing titles and registration, replacement certificates for number cards, decals and titles, pre-paid party boat inspections, party boat operators license, addition or release of a lien, commercial licenses and permits, and game warden inspections.

Additional services, only being processed by mail at the Austin headquarters, are bonded titles and abandoned bonded titles.

Uzzle: Redfish From Page 1

how many die hard speckled trout anglers now have a new favorite fish.

For most of this summer the reports on Sabine have centered on the speckled trout and their resurgence in the lake. Everybody now is waiting on the bigger shad to gather up because the redfish will not be far behind. I have seen anglers leave birds working over speckled trout to chase redfish blowing holes in schools of shad, I can’t blame them either. To see a herd of center consoles leave a school of trout in hot pursuit of a bunch of surfacing redfish makes you wonder about all that love these anglers profess to have for speckled trout.

Right now is one of the best times of the year to catch these copper colored bruisers, they can be found almost anywhere in our bay system and way up the rivers in fresh water as well. Redfish can be targeted on the flats, in the marsh, in deep water near the channels, or out in the open water of the lake. Redfish make themselves available to all anglers because they are not picky about what they eat and that plays into every angler’s hands. A favorite method of local fishermen is to throw live shad around the drop offs in the river on a Carolina rig, this technique works good especially if the wind is up and the lake gets to be off limits. To catch redfish like this you need some tide flow and some sort of structure, a point or flat adjacent to the deeper water is textbook. Another way to catch these hard fighting fish is to sight cast to them as they hunt for food in the shallows. Areas like Keith Lake and Bessie Heights are excellent places to spot and stalk tailing redfish, the opportunity to see the fish before

you catch it is a double shot of excitement that has to be one of the biggest thrills in fishing.

Now as written earlier most anglers are waiting for the redfish to really start schooling in the open lake, when this happens all you basically need to do is be in the right place and be able to hit the water with your cast because the redfish will do the rest. Top water, soft plastic, or the Orange phone book, it does not matter what you throw when these fish are really eating because they will flat out destroy your offering. One word of advice, when you come upon this situation go to a lure that has a single hook because it’s much easier to unhook a fish and get back into the action. It’s also easier to unhook your fishing buddy if the chaos gets too great, and believe me the chaos will be great.

From now until the winter you could possibly encounter a big school of redfish in the lake so be on the lookout, birds sitting on the water, big slicks, or just really nervous water could be your key to some non stop action. Also remember that just because the fish aren’t on the surface they could still be around. Many times the fish will school on the surface for a while and then they will lose the bait, the shad or shrimp will bust up and the school breaks up as well. At this point many anglers will leave the area; this is a mistake because these fish will come back up on top if you just be patient. Hopefully the activity will get cranked up soon and turn into a daily pattern, I know plenty of speckled trout lovers who are anxiously awaiting the return of the redfish.

Free Fishing June 6 From Page 1

2. Find a Place to Fish close to Home – Texas offers numerous lakes and rivers that the public can access to fish throughout the state. Check out the May issue of Fish Texas to learn more about how you can find the perfect spot nearby! Included in this issue is the Lake Finder where anglers can Search by region or alphabetically if you have a specific lake already in mind. Access to information and fishing tips on more than 150 lakes are available. Also, check out community fishing lakes which can be great options as well.

3. Saltwater Fishing from a Pier – There are numerous fishing piers that are wheelchair accessible and available for public use up and down the coast. Piers are a great place for the entire family to try saltwater fishing without the need for a boat. Public access sites can be found in every bay system.

4. Help the Conservation Effort with your License Purchase – Did you know that

100% of your fishing license fees go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for on-the-ground conservation efforts such as fish stocking, that help make Texas one of the best places in the country to fish? For more information on licensing, visit the TPWD licenses page.

A great value is the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package for Texas residents, which allows anglers to fish in fresh and salt water. It’s valid from the date of purchase through the end of the purchase month of the next license year. (Example: License purchased on March 13, 2020 expires March 31, 2021)

Learn more about Free Fishing Day at TakeMeFishing.org.

If you plan on fishing in federal waters, keep in mind that a license is needed for the private recreational angler red snapper season opening June 1.

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Analysis: For a state in pain, a little empathy is only a start

ROSS RAMSEY
The Texas Tribune

Without a discouraging word about the president, the governor of Texas is nevertheless creating a sharp distinction between the Texas response and the Donald Trump response to nationwide demonstrations against police brutality.

Appearing with local leaders and law enforcement and National Guard officials in Dallas, Gov. Greg Abbott deplored the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody, expressed respect for protesters who've reacted with marches and demonstrations in the state's towns and cities, and promised — with a phalanx of people in law enforcement and National Guard uniforms standing behind him — that the state will crack down on those who commit violence or vandalism.

It was an uncharacteristically crisp show of leadership from a governor who has dithered through the pandemic, initially deferring to local leaders and later over-riding them, setting a standard for when it would be safe to begin loosening restrictions and then jumping the gun, dropping many of his own plans to phase out restrictions on businesses and people and then — in the face of protests — diluting enforcement of his executive orders and rushing what he had said would be a slow re-opening of the state's business and cultural institutions.

Now, with people marching nightly in protest of yet another killing of a black man by police, Abbott is responding with both a show



President Donald Trump speaks with Gov. Greg Abbott in the Oval Office on May 7, 2020. PHOTO: TOM BRENNER/POOL VIA REUTERS

of force and words of empathy.

Abbott's words were similar to those used by Trump a day earlier. Trump, too, called himself "an ally of all peaceful protesters." But the president's emphasis was on cracking down on "professional anarchists, violent mobs, arsonists, looters, criminals, rioters, antifa and others," and on sending the military into American cities to "dominate the streets."

He was talking war, not peace. Trump didn't call for martial law, though he described it pretty well: "Today, I have strongly recommended to every governor to deploy the National Guard in sufficient numbers that we dominate the streets. Mayors and governors must establish an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled. If a city or a state refuses to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and

property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."

Abbott, though he used a

lot of the same words and touched some of the same points as the president, was talking peace, not war.

"People are rightfully an-

gry," he said. Unlike Trump, Abbott distinguished the protesters — nearly counting himself among them — while deploring violence and vandalism. "Restoring calm in our communities does not complete our task," he said, promising that the state government will "use this moment to bridge our divide."

Abbott was asked about Trump's Monday telephone conversation with mayors and with the president's talk of sending soldiers. "We will not be asking the United States military to come into the state of Texas because we know Texans can take care of Texas," he said. Abbott had already activated the Texas National Guard over the weekend in response to the demonstrations.

Abbott, like Trump, is officially focused on violence and vandalism — the subject of his news conference and, he said, of the conversations

he's having with police and elected officials right now.

Unlike the president who leads his political party, a governor who has resorted frequently to post-trauma roundtables of concerned residents and groups said he's open to criminal justice reforms in response to Floyd's death.

He's got plenty of examples, even without crossing state lines to look at recent cases in Minnesota, Kentucky or any other state: Botham Jean in Dallas, Michael Ramos in Austin, Atatiana Jefferson in Fort Worth and so on.

A little empathy is great. Action is better. What's left is for Abbott and other leaders to actually do something when the demonstrations and the news conferences subside.

That would really set Texas apart.

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After five years, the records are no longer useful to the District, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request the records in writing or in person at the following address:

LCMCISD Special Education Office
6586 FM 1130
Orange, TX 77632 Phone: 409-883-6970
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KOCB recognizes Northway Center

Keep Orange County Beautiful hopes that in recent weeks everyone has been able to turn to our natural world for a bit of calm and comfort. In challenging times like this, nature's gifts can feel even more precious. During quarantine the City of Orange abided by the CDC guidelines for parks by closing playgrounds and bathrooms. Northway Park's nature trail however remained open. We are grateful to the City of Orange especially the city's parks department employees who care for this jewel in the middle of our city.

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DOCKET NO. 50790 - JOINT REPORT AND APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AND EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR REGULATORY APPROVALS RELATED TO TRANSFERS OF THE HARDIN COUNTY PEAKING FACILITY AND A PARTIAL INTEREST IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POWER STATION

On April 28, 2020, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "the Company") and East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") filed a Joint Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") requesting to amend ETI's certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") in connection with ETI's acquisition of the Hardin County Peaking Facility ("Hardin Facility") from ETEC pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") §§ 37.056 and 39.452(j), including associated assets and common facilities, and authorization to further amend ETI's CCN to reflect a sale of a partial interest (75 megawatts ("MW")) in the Montgomery County Power Station ("MCPS") to ETEC (together, "the Transactions") pursuant to PURA § 37.154. The Joint Application also seeks a Commission determination that the purchase of the Hardin Facility from ETEC is consistent with the public interest pursuant to PURA § 14.101, as well as a determination that the full acquisition cost, including transaction costs, of the Hardin Facility is recoverable invested capital for ratemaking purposes pursuant to PURA § 37.058(c). However, ETI is not seeking a change in rates as part of this proceeding.

The Transactions are interdependent in that one may not occur without the other. The Transactions are expected to close in mid-2021. The Transactions will provide a number of benefits to ETI, ETEC, and their customers, including generation resource portfolio diversification and the addition of peaking and reserve generation capacity for ETI and base load and core-load following capacity for ETEC. The agreed purchase price for the Hardin Facility is the net book value of that asset at the time of closing, which is currently estimated to be \$36.0 million. In addition, ETI expects to incur transaction costs of \$2.7 million and has allocated a \$5.3 million contingency for unidentified costs. The agreed sale price for the partial interest in MCPS is currently estimated to be \$71.1 million.

If the PUCT adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Joint Application, the deadline to intervene will be June 12, 2020, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUCT, at its address provided below, by that date. A prehearing conference is expected to be held in Austin, Texas in the near future. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUCT's Office of Consumer Protection at 512-936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT at 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2988. All communications should refer to Docket No. 50790, and any request to intervene in that proceeding should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. Persons with questions or who want more information about this Joint Application may contact ETI at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (409) 981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Joint Application is available upon request. A copy of the Joint Application may also be viewed on the Commission's webpage at www.puc.state.tx.us. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Interchange Filing Search" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 50790.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **HENRY L. REESE**, Deceased, were issued on the **APRIL 29, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18712**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **LINDA SIMON**. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Tommy Gunn Attorney at Law**
202 S. Border Street
Orange, TX 77630

Dated the 29th day of April, 2020.

Tommy Gunn

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MILDRED PURIFOY**, Deceased, were issued on the **27th day of MAY, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18733**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **Darrell A. Segura**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Darrell A. Segura
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Bridge City, TX 77611

DATED the 2nd day of June, 2020.

Misty Segura

Misty Segura
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DONELL RAY YOCHAM**, Deceased, were issued on the **1ST day of JUNE, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18740**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **JENNIFER RAE BUCKNER**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Jennifer Rae Buckner
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DATED the 22nd day of May, 2020.

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- 4-6 pork cutlets
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- 6 Tbsp butter, divided
- 1/2 c honey
- 1/2 C chopped pecans
- Salt and pepper to taste

Season cutlets with salt and pepper. Place half the butter in a heavy skillet. Dredge meat in flour, shaking off excess. Add cutlets to skillet and brown on both sides, 6 to 7 minutes. Stir together remaining butter, honey and pecans. Pour over cutlets, stirring gently. Cover and simmer until meat is cooked about 8-9 minutes. Remove cutlets to serving platter and pour sauce over.

Corn Flake Cookies

- 1 c light Karol syrup
- 1 c sugar
- 5 c corn flakes
- 12 oz. Peanut butter

Bring syrup and sugar to a boil. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and add peanut butter. Stir till smooth. Add corn flakes and fold over until cereal is coated. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARY ELOISE THOMPSON**, Deceased, were issued on **MAY 12, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18662**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **HELEN JUSTINE HUSELTON**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **George B. Barron**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 279
Orange, TX
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Dated the **29th day of May, 2020**.

George B. Barron
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Dependant Administration for the Estate of **SHEILA JUNE HIDALGO**, Deceased, were issued on **APRIL 27, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18624**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **RONALD P. HIDALGO, JR.**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **George B. Barron**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 279
Orange, TX
77631-0279

Dated the **29th day of May, 2020**.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **LOLA JOAN DODSON A/K/A JAN SCALES DODSON**, Deceased, were issued on the **JUNE 1, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18734**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **DANIEL DEWEY DODSON**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Tommy Gunn**
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Dated the **1st day of June, 2020**.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **RICHARD DONALD WADDELL**, Deceased, were issued on **MAY 26, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18683**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **LINDA BARNES WADDELL**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Linda Barnes Waddell
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Dated the **27th day of MAY, 2020**

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DONNA PITTS**, Deceased, were issued on **MAY 26, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18701**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JEREMY MICHAEL PITTS**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the **27th day of MAY, 2020**

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