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Sabine River Ford Pro Rodeo this weekend

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

World champion bull rider Cody Teel from Kountze is one of several National Finals Rodeo qualifying cowboys chasing the prize money at the 3rd annual Sabine River Ford Pro Rodeo Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, at T-2 Arena in Orange.

"Man, I don't know where all these cowboys are coming from," Chad Havens, event host, said. "We've probably got 30% more contestants entered than we ever have."

The rodeo, held at T-2 Arena, 3810 Old Peveto Road, runs from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. both nights.

Pre-sale tickets are \$10 at Sabine River Ford, 1601 Green Ave. Tickets will also be available at the gate the nights of the event.

T-2 is a nickname for what is also known as the Tin-Top Arena, because it is covered by a roof. But the structure is open-air, with no walls.

Amie Smith, public relations and marketing manager for Sabine River Ford, says the dealership partnered with T-2 Arena for "this outstanding rodeo event."

"We like to partner with the community to create some fun things for the com-

munity to do. We want to be a part of helping our community have fun," Smith said.

The dealership is no stranger to sponsoring activities in Orange County.

"We support Ducks Unlimited, all the baseball and softball Little Leagues and every school," she said. "Also, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross, United Way and Salvation Army."

"Every vehicle you buy from us, we put money back into Orange County. We want you to be able to live here, shop here and have activities to do here."

The Sabine River Ford Pro Rodeo is sanctioned by the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association, the Cowboy Professional Rodeo Association of Texas and the United Pro Rodeo Association of Dallas.

Youth activities include mutton-busting for children up to 5 years of age and a calf scramble for those under 12. Children should come about 6 p.m. each night to register.

The rodeo program includes barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping

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A cowboy rides a bucking horse bareback during the 2018 Sabine River Ford Pro Rodeo and Livestock Show held at T2 Arena. Grasping the rigging with one hand, riders are judged on control, spurring technique and the horse's performance.

RECORD FILE PHOTO: Lawrence Trimm

Beauchamp calls for county health department

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For The Record

As Orange County explores avenues to get more COVID-19 vaccinations into the arms of its citizens, two things keep getting in the way.

The county does not have a hospital, an issue for about five years. And it doesn't have a health department.

As it is, Orange County has fallen underneath the coverage of the Hardin County Health Department. Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp wants a health department.

"And yet, everybody wants to have a health department. When we go over the budget for next year, that we consider having again our own health department."

John Gothia, Orange County Judge, said the county dissolved its prior health department more than 25 years ago.

"We [current commissioners] had nothing to do with getting rid of the prior health department," she said. "I know it's expensive, but this has made me have a wakeup call."

"Our people in Orange

County have to use Hardin County as their health department. We need one, even if people's taxes have to go up and I know that's something no one wants to hear.

"But right now, we're doing the best we can with what we have."

According to rough stats published on a state website, Hardin County has been allocated 3,600 vaccine doses while Orange County has gotten only 1,000.

Joel Ardo, emergency management coordinator, explained this week that vaccinations listed as being allocated to the Hardin County Health Department are actually being divided 50-50 by Hardin and Orange Counties.

Both counties are also getting allocations specific-

ally for local pharmacies. A review of eight weeks of allocation listings on the Texas State Department of Health Services website shows that Orange County pharmacies have received 1,000 doses of vaccines since Dec. 14.

Hardin County pharmacies have received 1,700 doses, according to the lists and Hardin County's Health Department has been allocated 1,900 doses.

If you have those 1,900 doses between the two counties, that means Orange County government has received 950 vaccinations for its citizens and Hardin County Health Department 950.

So that's 1,950 total doses for Orange County citizens either through a county site or private pharmacy.

Fisette following dad's example in BC

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record



grads, and they have two children, Candi Cannon and Keith Fisette.

Candidates for elected city offices and most area school board elections have until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 to register for a spot on their respective ballots.

Early voting begins April 19.

Insurance man John Nickum has filed to oppose Fisette for the Place 3 seat.

"If I'm blessed enough to get that again, it'll be my fourth term," said Fisette, a leader of the adult Sunday School class at Bridge City's St. Paul's Methodist Church.

As council member, Fisette said she helps neighbors get a fix for their problems.

"I'll get phone calls from citizens and they'll say they have a good concern, say a drainage problem," she said.

"I'll meet them at their house to see what it is and then I get in touch with Mike Lund [public works director], Jerry Jones [city manager] or the Drainage District and say, 'What can we do to help?'

"That's probably my favor-

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Abbott open to reforming his emergency powers

PATRICK SIVEC
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday he is open to reconsidering his executive powers during state emergencies, a point of contention among some fellow Republicans during the coronavirus pandemic, and that his office is "offering up some legislation ourselves on ways to address this going forward."

"What we are working on — and we've already begun working with legislators — is approaches to make sure we can pre-plan how a response would be done, but it has to

be done in a way that leaves flexibility to move swiftly," Abbott said in an interview with The Texas Tribune.

Abbott spoke with The Tribune the day after his State of the State speech in which he laid out his agenda for the 2021 legislative session, which started last month. As the pandemic has dragged on, some GOP lawmakers have grown uneasy with how aggressively Abbott has used his executive

authority, particularly when it comes to business shutdowns and mask mandates. In the speech, Abbott promised to "continue working with the Legislature to find ways to navigate a pandemic while also allowing businesses to remain open."

Abbott said in the interview that he still wants the governor to have the ability to do things like cut regulations in the time of a disaster, saying there is an "absolute need for speed" in such instances that the legislative process cannot provide. That is especially true, he added, "during a pandemic, when

sometimes it's hours that matter, especially sometimes in responding to demands that are coming from the White House where you basically have a 24-hour time period to respond to it."

"We need to create a structure that will work that accommodates the need for a 24-hour turnaround," Abbott said.

Abbott issued a month-long shutdown of nonessential businesses last spring as the virus was bearing down on Texas. He has since relaxed restrictions and now

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My 5-Cents ...

By State Senator Robert Nichols

The third week of session is coming to a close. The Redistricting Committee has been meeting every day this week to hear testimony from the public and Senate Finance will start meeting next month.

Here are five things happening around the state this week:

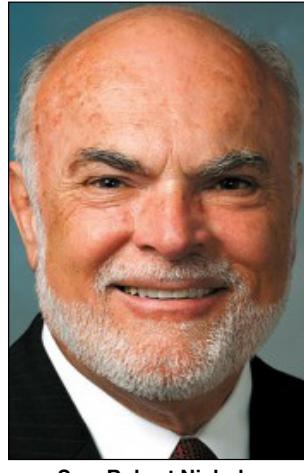
- **Texas Gun and Ammo Sales Rise**

Gun and ammo sales are skyrocketing in Texas again this year. Some retailers said their sales doubled in 2020 when compared to 2019 and they're struggling to keep inventory on the shelves. According to a National Shooting Sports Foundation report, there were about 5 million new gun owners in 2020 nationwide. Manufacturers are saying they have enough orders to fill the next three years of production. One man who has been in the gun industry for six years said, "People can buy ammo and shoot ammo faster than they can make it."

- **Southeast Texas Regional Operations Center Vaccine Website**

The Southeast Texas Regional Operations Center (SETROC) has created a new website to allow residents in a five-county region to sign up to be notified when there are COVID-19 vaccines available. The regional operations center serves Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Jasper, and Newton Counties.

There is a four-step process involved for citizens who want to get vaccinated. First, complete the sign-up form on the SETROC website. That web address is <https://vaccine.beaumonttx-as.gov/>. After signing up, you will receive a confirmation email. Importantly, just signing up does not mean you have an appointment. The next communication you receive from SETROC will inform you that you are eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment. This will come as an email and an automated phone call. You can return to the above web address to schedule your appointment and com-



Sen. Robert Nichols

plete necessary paperwork. After you receive the first dose of the vaccine, you will receive a card indicating an approximate time when your next dose is due. A few days prior to that date, you'll receive another email and automated phone call to schedule your second appointment.

We are working to stand up additional vaccine hubs throughout East Texas as quickly as providers are able to source more vaccines.

- **Driver's License Expiration Waiver Ends in April**

The Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding Texans that the waiver that allowed people to put off renewing their expired driver's licenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic is set to expire April 14. If you are driving with an expired license make an appointment to renew your license or renew your license online. Many Texans can use the online renewal process, an easy and safe option that doesn't require you to ever set foot in an office. Currently, driver's license offices are operating on an appointment only basis, so DPS is encouraging Texans to make an appointment as soon as possible to avoid fines or other penalties. You can make an appointment online at <https://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense>.

- **Cleveland Hospital Selected as COVID-19 Vaccine Hub**

Texas Emergency Hospital in Cleveland has been selected as a vaccination hub by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The first shipment of vaccines were set to arrive at the hospital last week. Vaccines are still being prioritized for Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the roll out. Phase 1A includes front-line healthcare workers, residents at long-term care facilities, home health

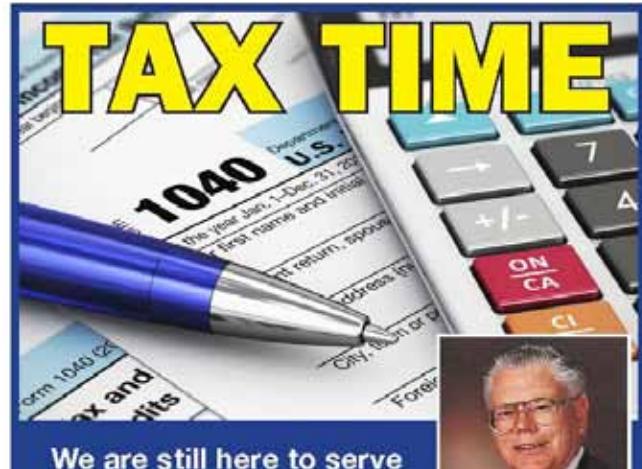
workers, and first responders. Phase 1B includes persons 65 and older, or 16 and older with chronic medical conditions. The vaccine is being provided free of cost. To schedule an appointment please call 281-806-7370 or 281-806-7380.

- **Senate Budget Proposal Highlights**

Last week, Senate Finance Chairwoman Jane Nelson filed SB 1, the Senate's base budget. This is the first step in the legislative process for developing the state's budget for the next two years. As filed, the bill appropriates \$251.2 billion in All Funds and \$119.7 billion in General Revenue. The bill funds public education and the changes made to the school finance formulas last session including \$3.1 billion to fund enrollment growth and \$1 billion in state aid related to property tax compression. There is also \$8 billion allocated for mental health funding across 24 state agencies, including \$19.5 million to maintain operations for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium. The Texas Department of Transportation would receive \$30.4 billion to address the state's transportation needs, including \$26.4 billion dedicated for highway planning, design, construction and maintenance. This is a great starting point for the budget process and I look forward to working on the budget as a member of the Senate Finance Committee this session.

Daughters of the American Revolution meetings

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. Any woman who can establish a direct family line to a patriot in the American Revolution can join. The Daughters of the American Revolution promotes Patriotism, Education and Historical Preservation. If you need any questions answered you can call Jackie Hucakbay, Regent @ 409-719-6478 or Registrar, Katy Latiolais @ 409-720-9834.



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Orange County Covid-19 Update

(source: Texas State Dept. of Health Services, 2/1/2021)	
Active Cases:	995, est.
TTL Deaths:	93
TTL Recoveries:	5,433, est.
TTL Confirmed:	3,537
TTL Probable:	2,984

Vaccination Allocations

(source: Texas State Dept. of Health Services, 1/31/2021)		
County	This Wk	8 Wk TTL
Orange ¹	300	1,950
Hardin ¹	300	2,650
Jasp-Nwt ²	2,000	5,000
Jefferson	4,550	15,575
Chambers	1,700	6,100

(1-Hardin, Orange Counties share Health Dept.;
2-Jasper, Newton Counties share Health Dept.)

Covid-19 in Schools

(source: Texas DSHS, Texas Education Agency, 1/31/2021)		
District	1/24/2021 Positives	TTL 20-21 Students/Adults
BCISD	N/A	33/10
LCMCISD	0/1	76/24
OFISD	0/0	50/36
WOCCISD	0/1	27/35
VISD	10/12	89/78

Local elections From Page 1

ite part, receiving those calls and going out and meeting those persons.

"A lot of time, they're easy fixes. And then I go follow up. The communication and the follow up are the best part of this job."

City council members in Bridge City must file for one of six Places, but the members serve the entire city at-large instead of geographical districts.

She did that earlier, too, as a member of the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Department, serving with her husband, who served the FD 31 years before retiring as the city's last unpaid fire chief a few years ago.

Tammi went to Lamar-Orange to be certified as an emergency medical tech and worked as an EMT for Bridge City.

"I loved that," she said.

"I loved running med calls. It was another way of me giving to my community and meeting people, being able to be by their side at some of their worst moments."

Fisette spent 35 years working at the Bridge City Walmart before moving two years ago to the Orange County Tax Office in downtown Orange.

"I'm loving this [county] job," she said. "It's more opportunity to meet people and it's really helped me with my city council work. I've made lots of good contacts."

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LOCAL CITY ELECTIONS

- **City of Bridge City**
Place 1: Carl Harbert (I),
Aaron Roccaforte
- Place 3: Tammi Fisette (I),
John Nickum
- Place 5: Terri Gauthier (I)

- **City of Orange**
Mayor: Larry Spears Jr.
(I)

- District 1: David C. Bailey

- **City of Pinehurst:**
Mayor (one year term):
T.W. Permenter (I)

- Alderman (one year term): Greg Willis (I)
- Alderman (3 at-large seats with two-year terms): Johnny Asevedo, Sarah McClendon (I), Michael Shahan (I), Joey Vance (I)

- **City of West Orange**
Mayor: Jim Whittington,
Randy Branch
- Alderman: (2 at-large seats with two-year terms)

Asevedo announces candidacy for Pinehurst council



sponse. Economic development is at the top of my list. As a successful entrepreneur, I understand the value that

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Bareback riding competition at T2 Arena in Orange.

Pro rodeo From Page 1

and team roping.

Havens, owner of several local businesses and T-2 Arena, has been a rodeo competitor and fan all his life. He was worried about the sport the past few years.

But not anymore.

"I've been thinking for sev-

eral years rodeo was dying out," he said. "Now it looks like it's making a big comeback.

"It's nice to have a sport you can come to where everybody stands for the National Anthem and bows their head for the prayer."

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business operations are based on the proportion of a region's hospital patients being treated for COVID-19. Along the way, some in his party have argued the Legislature should have had more of a say in decisions that affect so many Texans. Some Republicans blasted him for going too far with his executive orders, while many Democrats and local officials criticized him for not going far enough to curb infections.

In the interview, Abbott also addressed the high-powered push to bring casinos to Texas this session. The late GOP megadonor Sheldon Adelson's gambling empire, Las Vegas Sands, has hired nearly 60 lobbyists for the session, hoping to pass legislation that would put the question to voters. In 2015, Abbott said he "wholeheartedly" supported the current restrictions of gambling in Texas, but in the interview Tuesday, Abbott said he wants "to hear where the members are on this."

"One thing I want to do is, when the members get to town, I want to have the opportunity to visit with the members, get a feel for where they are, and importantly they'll have extremely good input from their constituents," Abbott said.

On another potential new revenue source, marijuana legalization, Abbott was more bearish. He said his office is looking at "additional small steps" that can be taken with regard to the drug, "but I don't see any sweeping change [taking] place."

As part of his State of the State speech, Abbott designated five emergency items, or items that lawmakers can vote on within the first 60 days of session. One of them is "election integrity," though Abbott did not provide any details in his address. He elaborated in the interview, saying a "starting point" would be wide-ranging legislation from last session that would have made over two dozen changes to election practices, including making

it a felony for Texans to vote when they're ineligible or provide false information on a voter application, even if they do those things unknowingly.

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2018 Ford F-150 XL SuperCrew Cab
2.7L 6 Cyl., Automatic Trans., Exterior Color: Magma Red Metallic, Interior Color: Black, Mileage: 45746, Stock #: P2266
\$30,594

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5.6L 8 Cyl. Engine, Automatic Trans., Exterior Color: Gun Metallic, Interior Color: Charcoal, Mileage: 47712, Stock #: 8068A
\$26,590

2016 GMC Yukon Denali SUV
6.2L 8 Cyl., Automatic Trans., Exterior Color: Sparkling Silver Metallic, Interior Color: Cocoa Dark Atmosphere, Mileage: 79944, Stock #: 8008B
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2017 Honda Accord Hybrid Sedan
2.0L 4 Cyl., Variable Trans., Exterior Color: White, Interior Color: Black, Mileage: 21541, Stock #: P2296
\$20,010

2018 Toyota Highlander XLE SUV
3.5L 6 Cyl., Automatic Trans., Exterior Color: Silver, Interior Color: Black, Mileage: 47475 Stock #: P2295
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From The Creaux's Nest

SABINE RIVER FORD SPONSORS RODEO

Come watch the cowboys in action. Two big days, Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6, at **Tin Top Arena**, 3810 Old Peveto Rd., Orange. The rodeo starts at 7:00 P.M. Pre-event tickets on sale at **Sabine River Ford**, \$10.00 each or at gate \$15.00 each. **Trey and Amie Smith** are the top management team for **Sabine River Ford**. Trey is the son of **Ross Smith** and is an Orange native. **Sabine River Ford** is locally owned and operated. The **Smith's** are lifelong residents of Orange County.****I've got to get going. Come along I promise it won't do you no harm.

MITCH McCONNELL CONDEMNS MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE

Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** went to bat for **GOP Conference Chair Representative Liz Cheney** while condemning remarks from freshman **Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene**. **McConnell** issued a statement condemning the extremist views of **Greene**, whose support for **QAnon** and other conspiracy theories has drawn scorn from **Democrats** and some **Republican Party**. **McConnell** said the **Georgia congresswoman's** embrace of conspiracy theories and "loony lies" is a "cancer for the Republican Party." "Somebody who's suggested that perhaps no airplane hit the **Pentagon** on 9/11, that horrifying school shootings were pre-staged, and that the **Clintons** crashed **JFK Jr.'s** airplane is not living in reality," **McConnell** said. "This has nothing to do with the challenges facing American families or the robust debates on substance that can strengthen our party."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Arctic Express comes roaring in and will stay the rest of the work-week. Nighttime temperatures plummet into the 20's and a deep, windy chill will be felt throughout the day. Despite this unusual cold, that could bring some snow, it is still considered mild in comparison to the inch of ice in the mid-section, including west and northeast Texas. A low of 26 degrees is expected all the way to the **Rio Grande** where citrus crops are in jeopardy. Trees will survive at 26 degrees and above. The 1983-84-89 freeze in the **Valley** destroyed most fruit trees at 24 degrees. (Editor's note: This put **Roy** out of the citrus business.)**** **Dr. Jamey Harrison**, named "Citizen of the Year" by **Bridge City Chamber of Commerce**. A lot of deserving citizens were nominated but none more deserving than **Superintendent Harrison**.****We are indeed honored that the **Bridge City Chamber** named the **Penny Record 'Business of the Year'**. For over 50 years, we have been the local community newspaper and it's great to be recognized by such a fine group of folks who care about our community.****Thursday, Feb. 3, ushers in another **Lunar New Year**. The year 2011 will be represented by the **Rabbit**. The past 12 months were under the **Tiger**. The year of the **Rabbit** comes around every 12 years, **1951-1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011**. It is said that life slows in **Rabbit** years.****At 8 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2003, eight years ago, a big bang was heard in **Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana**, as a large flame was spotted in the sky. A 1:05 p.m. **President George W. Bush** declared, "**Columbia** is lost, there are no survivors." **Hemphill** and **East Texas** was covered with debris. This week **Hemphill** opened the **Patricia Huffman Smith Museum** to remember the shuttle tragedy. Seven astronauts lost their lives. **Kalpana Chawia, Laurel Clark, Ilan Roman, Rick Husband, William "Willy" McCool, Michael Anderson and David Brown**. Also included in the museum are **Charles Krenek** and "Buzz" **Mier**, who died in a helicopter crash during the search. I understand it's a nice museum to visit and remember those who died.****Our longtime friend **Randy Becker** has been manager of **Market Basket** in **Mauriceville** for 21 years will now be manager of the "Mother Store" **Bruce's** in **Groves**. **Randy** will continue to make **Bridge City** home.**** Our buddy **Don Kachtik** celebrates this week.**Also pole-vaulting champion **Eric Eshbach** is a year older on Feb. 4. **Dot Eshbach** is his proud grandmother.***Next week, on Feb. 9, **Karen Fuslier** and her friend **Jivin' Gene Bourgeois** celebrate their birthdays.**** Happy anniversary to **Johnnie** and **Millie Spears**, who celebrated 62 years together. I've known these special people over 50 years.**** Our thoughts and prayers go out to our longtime friend **Johnny Preston "Running Bear" Courville**. **Johnny** has been in ICU at Beaumont Baptist since before Christmas. He is in **ICU 218** and is in critical but stable condition. Only his immediate family can see him. He had heart surgery back in December and his wife **Sharon and son Scott** remain by his bedside. **Johnny** had been touring throughout **Europe**. He has one of the greatest voices to come out of this area. In his early career he toured with the **Beatles**. He and this writer caught the last **Elvis** show in the **Houston Astrodome** together. (Editor's note: **Johnny** died March 4, 2011.)

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

Hershel Stagner Sr., age 76, died Saturday, Jan. 29. Services were held Thursday, Feb. 3. He was a supervisor for Gulf States Utilities where he worked for 40 years. He is survived by son **Hershel L. Stagner, Jr.**; daughters, **Donna Stagner** and **Belinda Stagner Wilkinson**; three grandsons.******Charles Busby**, 46, of Orange, died Monday, January 31. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 4. Military honors followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens near Bridge City. Charles retired from the United States Army following 22 years of service. He was honored to serve his country during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award) and the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star. He also received the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), KU-LTB-MDL (Saudi Arabia), Combat Action Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge and Basic Marksman Qualification Badge. He is survived by his wife, **Nicole Busby**; father, **Cecil Busby Sr.**; children, **Jeff Busby**, **Charleen Busby**, **Cory Busby** and **Casey Busby**; two grandchildren.**** **Melissa Louise Taylor**, 46, of Orange, died Sunday, Jan. 30. Melissa is survived by her husband, **Earl Russell Taylor**; father, **Earl Glaizer**; son **Russell Taylor** and daughter **Christina Barras** and four grandchildren.

22 Years Ago-1999

The 580-foot ship **Cannes**, seized by the **Coast Guard** with five tons of cocaine on board, is docked at **CBH Services** in **Orange**. The street value of the cocaine is \$375 million and was the biggest bust in **Texas**.******Beverly Vincent** was named **BP&W's "Woman of the Year**. She and Gabe also celebrated 31 years together Feb. 3.******Terry Lyons** is celebrating 20 years in radio. He was hired in Jan. 1979 by radio station **KOGT**. What sets him apart from regular disk jockeys is that **Terry** sells advertising and produces radio spots yet **Arthur E. "Terry" Lyons** is blind and has been almost from birth. (Editor's note: **Terry** died a few years ago. I believe it was from a heart attack.)****County commissioner **James Stringer** broke his foot. I hear he broke it exercising. It's called soldier's break. That's when boys are too heavy on their feet.****Congrats to **Joe and Mary Majors** on their new grandson, **Joe Charles IV**, born Jan. 13.******Vickie Parfait** will host **Jan's Cajun Cuisine** show Saturday afternoon while **Jan** takes a well-deserved rest. **Vickie** will be live from 12 to 12. A **12-hour show**.****Several **Bridge City** football players sign letters of intent. All stater **Jeremy Stolfa** will sign an a few days. Other signers are kicker **Raun Bryant**, **Dalthan Juneau**, **Eric Bramblett**, **Bryan Wiggins**, **Daniel Kibodeaux**, **Jeremy Buckley** and **Dustin Denham**. Quarterback **Brad Miller**, **Charles Higginbotham** and **Shane Peveto** still have paper work and test to complete before they can sign.******Denver** beats **Atlanta** 34-19 in **Super Bowl**. No one laid a hand on **Denver** quarterback **Elway** all day, not even pro-bowler **Shane Dronett**, who was double and tripled teamed throughout the game.******Clay Dugas** took his dad **Louis** to the game along with brother **Reagan**.

SIDE NOTES

Falcon safety Eugene Robinson was arrested for soliciting oral sex from a female undercover agent just two hours after receiving the **Bart Starr award, an NFL "Best Morals" honor**.****We understand **Butch Campbell** served great gumbo in **Austin** for **Orange County Day**.

42 Years Ago-1997

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Gauthier celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They are the parents of **Millie Lemoine**, **Janice Menard** and **Charles Gauthier**. (Editor's note: They would have been married 82 years today.)******Slimnastics** class, held at **Hatton Gym**, drew 500 women. **Judy Wyatt** is instructor, assisted by **Judy Shockley, Sandra Broussard** and **Elaine Baker**.******Attorneys James Morris** and **Jerry Pennington** have established their law firm at 110 North 7th St., formerly the **Jerry Zunker** office.****Spotted attending **Orange County Day** in Austin were mayor **Major Inman**, **Jim Stelly**, **Don Burgess**, **Bob Montague**, **W.T. Oliver**, **Bob Walker**, **Bobbie Burgess**, state representative **Wayne Peveto**, senator **Carl Parker** and **Sleepy Smith**, who didn't sleep a wink. (Editor's note: Several of them are no longer with us. Do you know which ones?)******Bridge City** boxing club, coached by former **Golden Gloves** champion **Roy Bendy**, is formed. Top fighters are **E.T. Laughlin**, **Pat Pippy**, **Chris Leger**, **David Bennett**, **Shannon Long**, **Keith Reed**, **Chad Hebert**, **Shayne Steve Cornwell**, **Jimmy Brooks**, **Jamie Brooks**, **Bruce Mays**, **Joey Long**, **Ed Granger**, **John Gaspard**, **Joe Pippy**, **Walt Roy**, **Keith Downey** and **Robert Tankersly**.******Butch Thurman** has back surgery and will be on his back for three months.******Bobby Carroll Schlicher** and **Eresley Ray Melton** lost their lives in an accident

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I heard from a few folks this past week. **Barry Burton** tells me his dad **Tommy**, who celebrated a birthday last week, is spending most of his time at the lake. He did plant a winter garden. **Barry** also mentioned that his uncle **Owen** had a procedure in Houston hospital last week. I don't know any of the details but I'll check with the former commissioner this week.****The **Lions Club** had a meeting last week and they are shooting for a June carnival but I think that's being optimistic.****Congratulations to **Cassie and Jim Sharon Bearden** on the birth of their new baby girl, **Krewe Katherine**, born Jan. 26.******Van Choate** is still doing his plant catering, not much more, just trying to stay out of trouble.****A few folks we know who are celebrating this week. **Attorney Nolan LeBlanc** is a year older Feb. 3. That doesn't stop him, however, from continuing to celebrate like a teenager.**Also celebrating today is **Bridge City police officer Jesse Byrd**.****On Feb. 4, is state pole vault champion **Erich Eshbach**'s birthday. I lost track of his age but was ringside at the state meet when the 17-year-old won the championship.****Feb. 6, a special lady **Karen Cox Duplician**, daughter of our late friends,

Ms. Ginny and **Neighbor Cox**, celebrates today. I haven't heard from **Karen** lately. I sure miss **Cox**.****Feb. 9, I've known **Gene Bourgeois** since he was around 9 years old. He and our friend **Karen Fuselier** celebrate today. Since **Gene** has been 17 he has been known as **Jivin' Gene**. He and I have a lot of stories about the 50's and 60's. What great times.****It's hard to believe that Friday, Feb. 5, will mark 16 years since **Mary Fontenot** died in 2005. I always think of **Anna Hargrave** and **Margie Stephens** who were such good friends of **Mary's**.****The late **David Cagle's** wife **Kathy**, is now employed by Buna School district. She and her son are doing well but really miss **David**. It was nice to hear from **Dean Crooks**. Nothing changes much in **Dean's** life, he just rolls on.****I also had a nice visit with **Kirk** but he's not spilling the beans on much. I keep waiting. I may have to go to the other source.****I understand **Eli Peveto, Lamar** distance runner, is having a good year and aiming for higher goals. I need to find out more but it sounds good.****It's always great to hear from **Judge Rodney Price**. He's such a nice guy. While in the service, he served much of his time in the **United States Capital**, the one he saw insurgents invade on Jan. 6.****If we were back in the old **Opportunity Valley News** days, the **"Office Hound"** could have a field day with all the gossip going around. **Breaux** and **Creaux** don't do the **he'ing and she'ing** expose' but it was good for many cakes in its day.****We are still waiting on the call to get our **COVID-19** vaccination. Until now they would not have given it to me anyway. I go back to the doctor this week and maybe after that I'll get my call. I sure want that vaccine.****If you are suffering hearing loss, don't mess around with it. Get down to **Brown's Hearing Center** and see one of the specialists about getting tested and fitted. They fixed me up three years ago and I've had excellent service. I hear about others who didn't go to **Brown's** being very disappointed with their hearing aids. You can't beat **Brown's** one day service. My brother-in-law had to send his off for three weeks. He's so disgusted with his hearing aids that now they are in his dresser drawer, not being used. My aids from **Brown** have made a world of difference in my life. They are so small; most folks don't know I wear them. I strongly recommend the folks right here at home since 1962.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Michael Hilliard**, **Stephanie Broussard**, **Alssa Allensworth**, **Lisa Ludwig**, **Brad Freeman**, **Lindsey Hollingsworth**, **Mary Bull**, **Mel Moreau**, **Jack Jones**, **Grant Jones**, **Lindsey Day**, **David Gryder**, **Cindy Lessard**, **Charles Smith**, **Luke Lyons**, **Kaitlyn Ezell**, **Dolores McQueen**, **Addison Geldard**, **Barbara Fix**, **Lisa Woods**, **Sandy Sanford**, **Cynthia Fisher**.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

February 3: Actress **Morgan Fairchild**, 71, **Nathan Lane**, 65, **Isla Fisher**, 45.****February 4: Rock Singer **Alice Cooper**, 73; Boxer **Oscar de la Hoya**, 48; Pop singer **Gavin DeGraw**, 44.****February 5: R&B singer **Bobby Brown**, 52; Country singer **Sara Evans**, 50; Actor **Michael Sheen**, 51.****February 6: Singers **Ali Rose**, 60; **Rick Astley**, 56, Actress **Kathy Najimy**, 65.****February 7: Comedian **Chris Rock**, 56; Country singer **Garth Brooks**, 59; Actor **James Spader**, 61.****February 8: Actors **Seth Green**, 47; **Cecily Strong**, 37, Composer **John Williams**, 89.****February 9: Country singer **Travis Tritt**, 58; Actors **Joe Pesci**, 78; **Rose Leslie**, 34.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

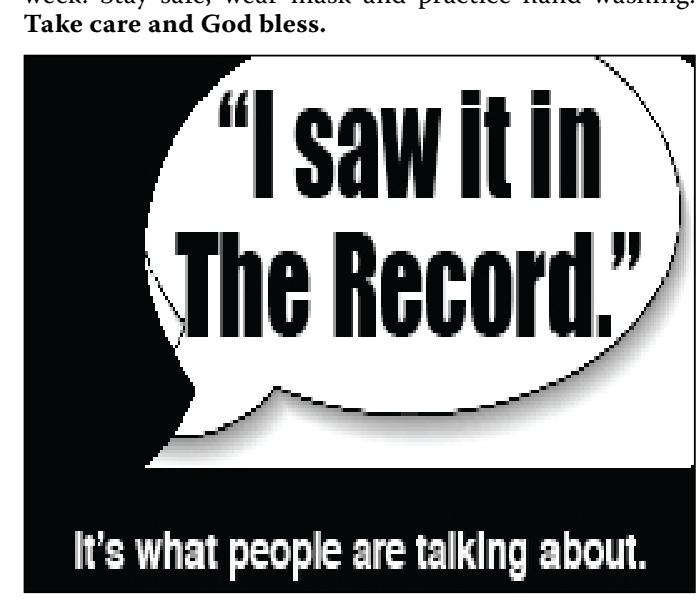
Otis Leger and **Tommy Broussard** were in **Tee-Boy's Bar** and **Grill** when **Peanut Abshire** came in. Dem two, as usual, started raggin **Peanut** him, about not having no hair on his head.

Otis say, "Peanut, don't you wish you had hair like dis, wat me and **Tommy** got hanh?"

"Well," **Peanut** answer, "You tink you look sexy you but all dat hair get sweaty and dirty. I'm going to tole you two hairy birds something rat now." "All us mens got da same testosterone and if you want to waste it on growin hair den you go right ahead."

C'est Tout Groundhog Day: Punxsutawney Phil sees his Shadow

Not even the **COVID-19** pandemic, or snow, could keep **Punxsutawney Phil** from getting his job done Tuesday, **Groundhog Day**. The great weather-predicting groundhog could not be stopped, forecasting six more weeks of winter after seeing his shadow during the annual spectacle at **Gobbler's Knob**, in **Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania**. Over the 135 year-tradition, it is the 106th time **Phil** has seen his shadow. While the event usually draws thousands to the borough in **Jefferson County** northeast of **Pittsburgh**, this year's festivities were all virtual. The exception: About a dozen members of **Phil's "Inner Circle,"** a group of men in top hats who organize the event each year. Some cardboard cutouts of some previous attendees were placed around the tiny hill just outside **Punxsutawney**. Note: At 11:08 A.M., at **Dunn's Bluff**, on **Cow Bayou, Hoover, the Armadillo**, also saw his shadow. Six more weeks of **Orange County** winter.****That's it for me this week. Stay safe, wear mask and practice hand washing. Take care and God bless.



It's what people are talking about.

Cornyn supports fix for “Dreamers”

PATRICK SVITEK
The Texas Tribune

With the support of U.S. Sen. John Cornyn — and the arrival of a Democratic president — a new Texas business coalition is launching to advocate for a permanent legislative solution for young people whose parents brought them illegally to the United States as children.



Sen. John Cornyn

“Dreamers in Texas — they’ve certainly, the last four years, have just been provided a lot of instability and uncertainty, and so we’re taking the position from an employers’ perspective,” Yancy said. “There’s the same uncertainty, instability, for a critical part of our workforce.”

The coalition includes the chambers of commerce in some of the state’s biggest cities — like Austin, El Paso and Fort Worth — as well as several universities, such as the University of North Texas and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Cornyn has long voiced support for providing a more stable future for the group of young immigrants and voted for it on some occasions. Cornyn said in a Dallas TV interview Sunday he was ready to work with the Biden administration on immigration and that he has “made it pretty clear ... that I think we ought to start with the DACA issue because that’s where I think the greatest consensus lies.”

“I’m ready to act on that and come up with a stable future for these young people who’ve done nothing — they came as children — and I think that’s a good place to start,” Cornyn told KXAS-TV’s “Lone Star Politics.”

Cornyn is coming off a 2020 reelection bid during which he campaigned on his support for Dreamers, including in one Spanish-language TV ad that said he “strongly supports the legalization of Dreamers.” Democrats and immigration reform advocates say he has a trail of votes that call into question how sincerely he supports legalization. Cornyn has said his thinking on how to approach that group has evolved and he now supports dealing with it on a stand-alone basis.

Opinion on the issue is somewhat divided in the Republican Party, with some DACA opponents arguing that programs to allow the group to stay in the country incentivize illegal immigration. Those opponents include the state’s other U.S. senator, Ted Cruz, who has denounced legislative efforts to help DACA recipients as “amnesty.”

The Senate on Tuesday is set to confirm Biden’s nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, despite a push by Cornyn and several other GOP senators to slow down the process by holding an additional hearing with him.

In addition to the state’s senior senator, the Texas Opportunity Coalition includes nearly three dozen chambers of commerce, other economic development groups and institutions of higher learning. They believe the moment is ripe in Washington, D.C., to end the yearslong uncertainty — prompted by executive action — and pass a federal “DREAM Act” that would give permanent legal status to those known as “Dreamers.”

“Clearly the tone has changed, and as you know, President Biden laid out a comprehensive immigration reform [agenda] on day one,” said Woody Hunt, an El Paso developer and major Republican donor who is part of the coalition. “But I think the more practical implication is that you know that you’re gonna get a vote in the Senate, which might’ve not been the case previously.”

The coalition is being anchored by the Texas Business Leadership Council and the Texas Business Immigration Coalition.

The coalition has a key congressional ally in Cornyn, who has been focused on finding a solution for the narrower group of young immigrants who benefitted from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. That initiative, which former President Barack Obama announced in 2012, gave certain Dreamers renewable, two-year work permits and protected them from deportation. Obama’s successor, Donald Trump, announced in 2017 that he was phasing out DACA, but the U.S. Supreme Court stepped in last year to save the program.

About 106,000 DACA recipients lived in Texas as of March 2020, and another 86,000 were possibly eligible to apply, according to the Migration Policy Institute.

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Deaths & Memorials

Milton Ted Matkin, 87, West Orange



Milton Ted Matkin was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on April 11, 1933. He passed away as a result of advanced dementia in Allen, Texas on January 23, 2021 just three months before his 88th birthday. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly fifty years, Mary Allie Matkin (Hilson), his parents, Milton Matkin and Lucille Davis, his sister Bobbie Lou Callaway, brother Jerry Davis, and his son-in-law Randy Kolar. Ted served in the United States Air Force for four years before marrying Mary in La Porte, Texas in 1959. Ted and Mary moved to West Orange later that same year and lived there until 1992 when they moved to Vinton, Louisiana. They raised three children in West Orange, Neil Matkin, and twins Lauree Kolar and Lisa White. Ted worked for Equitable Bag Company in Orange, Texas for forty-two years, most of those as Chief Chemist. He loved the papermill business and was an expert at matching colors and knowing what quantities of dyes to add to get the exact shades required. He worked a number of side jobs at various times including selling real estate, managing rental properties, and maintaining the facilities of a water company. After retiring from Equitable Bag at age 68, he sold dyes to papermills throughout Texas and Louisiana. In his younger years, Ted was an avid fisherman and hunter, and despite efforts by many to get him to play golf, he had no use for “pasture pool” as he called it. He loved working crosswords and playing cards although he hated losing. He especially enjoyed watching the Astros on TV and regardless of the number of channels available, the only ones that mattered were those that played reruns of the Andy Griffith Show, Gunsmoke, and the Western Channel. And, if The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly was on at any time of the day, he would stop what he was doing and watch it as it was after all,

in his words, “the best movie ever made.” Until very late in life, Ted enjoyed mowing and spending time outdoors. He was a connoisseur of chicken fried steak, iced tea, and Blue Bell ice cream. He claimed there was no need for any flavor ice cream other than vanilla, but he did favor cherry vanilla when available. He finally admitted that he liked most any ice cream as long as it was cold. Ted is survived by his son, Neil Matkin; daughter-in-law, Janyth Clemons Matkin of Farmersville, Texas; and their three sons and families: Nathaniel and Autumn Matkin and great-grandchildren Ava and Artie, Aaron Matkin, and Benjamin and Caroline Matkin (expecting Esther Yvonne in April, 2021); his daughter Lauree Kolar of Orangefield, Texas and her two daughters and son and families: Ashley Kolar and fiancé Will Gross, Stephanie (Kolar) and husband Michael Hoffpaur and great-grandchildren Allie and Oliver, and Alex Kolar and fiancée Flavia Vancia; and his daughter Lisa and son-in-law Tony White of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and their children: Joshua White and Kara (White) and her husband Dalton Franklin. Ted is also survived by his remaining siblings Max Davis and Judy Weaver. At the age of 84, Ted Matkin was baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ in Center, Texas. In the latter part of his life, he gave generously to many charities but favored St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and the Alzheimer’s Association. Ted’s children have asked that donations be made to these charities or a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers to honor his life. A service honoring Ted will be held on February 7, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Irving Street in West Orange, Texas with interment to follow. Family and friends are encouraged to share their memories of Ted during the service.

Bryan “Pee Wee” Allen, 41, Bridge City



Bryan Thomas “Pee Wee” Allen, 41, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on January 29, 2021, at his home. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 5, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Beaumont, Texas, on September 19, 1979, he was the son of Michael La-Marr Allen, Sr. and Mary Nell (Daniels) Allen. Bryan was an intelligent man and devoted nurse. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing and worked for the Medical Center of Southeast Texas for many years. Recently Bryan

worked as a COVID traveling nurse for Crucial Staffing as well as Angel Staffing. He enjoyed the finer things in life and loved spending time with his children and his friends. He will be missed dearly by his loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael Allen, Sr. and Mary Allen. He is survived by his children, Mackenzie Allen of Orangefield, Claire Allen of Bridge City, Caleb Allen of Bridge City, and Quinn Allen of Bridge City; and his siblings, Mike Allen and wife Jessica of Bridge City, Eddie Laughlin of Bridge City; sister-in-law, Cheryl Laughlin also of Bridge City; and Michelle LaCombe and husband Kyle of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Joseph Lee Sonnier, 87, Bridge City



Joseph Lee Sonnier, 87, of LaPorte, Texas and formerly of Bridge City passed away at Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena, Texas.

Joseph was born on January 2, 1934, in Lacassine, Louisiana to Alie and Norma Sonnier. He was a former member of St. Helen’s Catholic and was a retired mason in construction and landscaping. He had lived in Port Arthur from 1965 to 1979; Bridge City from 1979 to 2009 and in Mauriceville from 2009 until 2017 before he was moved to LaPorte.

Joseph loved to go fishing and camping and was a member of the Bridge City Knights of Columbus #3406. He especially loved his family and friends and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Survivors include his children, Avia “Jo Ann”

Armstrong and her husband Timothy Ray of LaPorte, Texas; Pamela Marie McClelland and her husband Larry of Beaumont and Jeffrey Allen Sonnier of Mauriceville, Texas; brother, Virgil Ray Sonnier and his wife Sherry Ann of Bridge City; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Alie and Norma Sonnier; son, James Joseph Sonnier and the love of his life, Pauline Granger Sonnier.

A Visitation took place from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur with a Chapel Service that followed on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial took place at Benoit Family Cemetery in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Jimmie Edgar Linscomb, 83, Orange



Jimmie Edgar Linscomb, 83, of Orange, Texas, passed away on January 29, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Brother John Sims of Bethel Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Orange, Texas, on November 15, 1937, he was the son of Vernon Edgar Linscomb and Sallie Maud (Peveto) Linscomb. Jimmie proudly served his country in the United States National Guard. He went on to work as a firefighter and retired from the City of Orange Fire Department as a

Captain after 34 years of loyal service. Jimmie enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, playing cards, and cooking. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Sallie Linscomb; his wife, Glenda Ann Linscomb; and his sisters, June Rose Goats and Janice Jackson. He is survived by his sons, Allan Linscomb and Brian Linscomb, both of Orange; his grandchildren, Adam Linscomb and Ruston Linscomb; his brother, Bobby Linscomb; and his companion, Jerry Dougett. Serving as pallbearers will be Allan Linscomb, Brian Linscomb, Adam Linscomb, Ruston Linscomb, Dusty Carpenter, Lyndsey Sonnier, and Jesse Collins.

Orange County Master Gardeners seminar Feb. 27

Join the Orange County Master Gardeners, Sunday, Feb 27 for “An Overview of Traditional Native Plants and Herbs for Health and Medicinal Benefits”. This will be the first in a series on Native plants and Herbs which will focus on different topics such as herb teas, decoction and other uses in everyday life. The seminars are FREE and are limited to 12 people in each of the two sessions. Sessions will be (1) 9:00AM - 10:30AM and (2) 11:00AM - 12:30PM. Each participant will be given their own Native plant or Herb to take home. Current COVID-19 precautions will be taken with everyone being re-

quired to wear a mask which covers both the mouth and nose. Social distancing will be observed along with hand sanitizer and other PPE being available if needed. All participants must pre-register choosing which session they would like. It will be on a first come first serve basis. Please email your registration to ocmg1990@gmail.com providing which session you would like, your name and telephone number. Those not making either session will be put on a reserve list incase of cancellations. For more information check our website <https://txmg.org/orange-Events-Programs-&Projects>.

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The Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grand Re-Opening of Mallory Ramirez Agency - Allstate. The office is located at 2496 Suite D MLK King Jr. Drive in Orange. While this agency is 8 months young there are 22 years total experience between the staff. You can call them and get quotes and answers for all your insurance needs. The hours of operation are from Monday-Friday 8a-5p.

How to Help the Millions of Americans Facing Hunger

(StatePoint) Millions of people nationwide face hunger. And the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust even more Americans into this vulnerable position.

Before the COVID-19 crisis began, one in nine people, including 10 million children, already lived in a food insecure household. Communities of color are disproportionately affected by both poverty and hunger. For example, one in four Native American and Alaska Natives experience food insecurity. One in five Blacks and one in six Latinos experience food insecurity. As a result of the pandemic, unemployment has soared and the need for food assistance has increased.

More families are accessing food banks than ever before, and many of them for the very first time, which is why it's really important for everyone to come together to help fight

hunger," says Casey Marsh, chief development officer for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

Fortunately, efforts are being made to meet the sharp rise in food insecurity. As part of its "Many Hearts, One Community" campaign, Wells Fargo fulfilled its commitment to help provide 82 million meals to families in need through the Feeding America network of 200 food banks during the holidays. This was a continuation of a decade-long relationship with the Feeding America network which, since the start of the pandemic, has included efforts such as turning Wells Fargo corporate properties and branch locations into mobile food distribution centers. Additionally, the company made grants over the holiday season to food banks operating in

Wells Fargo's global footprint.

"It was life-changing," says Andrea Thomas, a single mother who received food assistance in Mesa, Ariz. "I didn't have to figure out if I was going to pay for groceries or pay for rent to keep my household afloat."

So how can you get involved? There are 200 Feeding America member food banks across the country, many of which need volunteers to help pack food boxes, distribute food at drivethrough pantries and more. Feeding America food banks have adjusted their practices to ensure social distancing to keep everyone safe. Contact your local food bank to see how you can help families in need. You can also join the fight to end hunger by making a donation. For more information, visit feedingamerica.org.

ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY VICTORY IN JESUS

Pastor Charles Empey
Columnist
For The Record

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

There are some comforting thoughts to be drawn from this awesome passage.

First of all, I want you to think about what is happening in this fallen world. We are seeing apocalyptic events all over the world. Nations are coming apart spiritually and morally. The consequences of such reality are devastating to the security and health of every nation. We still are dealing with the Corona Virus, and our politicians and the medical world attached to them predict more of the same. We see wars and rumors of wars.



Pastor Charles Empey

many things. The world deals us questions without answers. It is extremely inconsistent. Each day brings new problems, etc.

Now, that is a world view that brings us little to no hope. We ask, "Where will it end, and how will it end?"

I have actually described to you the crux of spiritual warfare. The fallen world at large operates under the spiritual leadership of Satan and his spirit world. Without Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, Satan and his spirit world has clear access to us and our world view. With Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior we are set apart in Him and the Holy Spirit of God dwells in us, the only buffer between us and Satan and the demands of a fallen world with its problems.

In our Text, John 16:33 Jesus is talking not to the world, but to His disciples... those who had believed on

Him as their Lord and Savior. The "Lord" part is that part of His work in us and our daily life, overcoming, mastering everything that goes wrong in the world and in our personal world. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me might have peace." In Him is to be found peace, not focusing on the world problems and personal problems. In that we find peace. Leave all to Him and move on in the right things. Focus on the wondrous salvation you have in Him. Therein in Him is found that "peace that passes all understanding."

He doesn't just blow off the fact that we will have troubles in the world and our personal lives..."In the world ye shall have tribulation..." He did while here. Afterall, the world crucified Him. He is well acquainted with living on earth. "But be of good cheer," He says. Do not ever

forget, when you were born again in Christ, you were established by the sealing of His Holy Spirit in Him. IN HIM. We thus inherit all that He has (I Peter 1:3-4). Here in our text He says to us, His disciples, born again believers of Himself, "I have overcome the world." Now where are we who have truly believed, been born again? In Him. Acts 17:28 "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..." Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not;

Charles Empey is the Pastor of Cove Baptist Church, Orange, TX.

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Super Bowl quarterbacks feature old goat, young kid

KAZ'S KORNER - JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Sunday's Super Bowl LV at Tampa Bay will feature several historic firsts when the hosting Buccaneers meet the defending world champion Kansas City Chiefs in a game that kicks off a 5:30 p.m. on CBS.

Super Bowl LV will be the first to pit the quarterbacks who won the game in the two preceding seasons, according to this week's issue of USA Today Sports Weekly.

The quarterback match-up between Tampa Bay's Tom Brady, the 43-year-old GOAT, and the Chiefs' 25-year-old Patrick Mahomes, the kid and reigning Super Bowl MVP and surely the next face of the NFL, ought to be epic.

Mahomes was starting kindergarten whenever Brady was starting in his first of an NFL record 10 Super Bowls. The two have split four career meetings, though Brady prevailed in their only post-season match-up when New England won the AFC championship game in 2018, according to the article.

There is much controversy in the media as to which quarterback is the more important to his respective team. Brady has the most seasoning while Mahomes is the most versatile. Brady doesn't have nearly as much raw talent with which to work while Mahomes is surrounded by stars on offense.

Brady will become the first quarterback to participate in the Super Bowl in three different decades and the fourth to start for multiple teams. He joins Craig Morton (Dallas and Denver), Kurt Warner (Rams and Cardinals) and Peyton Manning (Colts and Denver). Only Manning led different franchises to Super Bowl wins.

Brady has started in a record 14 championship games, twice as many as the next man on the list—Joe Montana—and has won 10, according to the article.

In seven post-season starts, Mahomes has thrown 17 touchdown passes (three in the AFC championship game) with only two interceptions.

Tampa Bay's Bruce Arians and the Chiefs' Andy Reid are the oldest combined head coaching match-up in Super Bowl history.

Tight end Travis Kelce and speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill KAZ'S KORNER Page 4B



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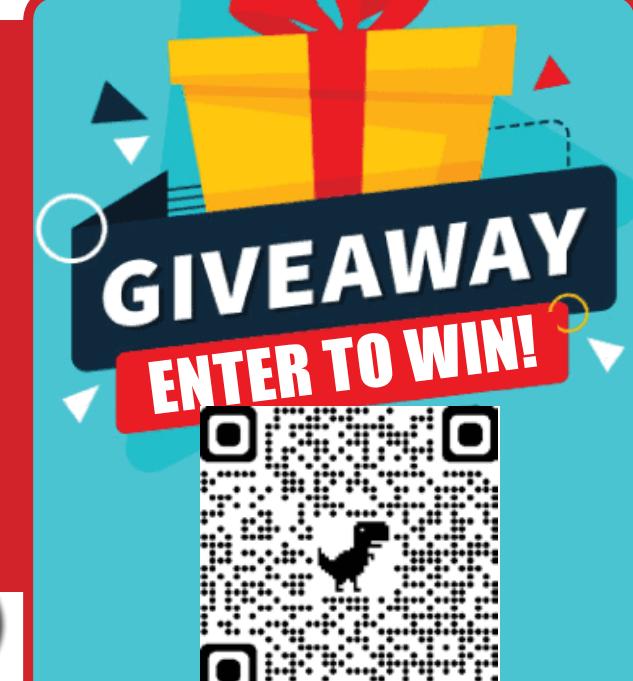
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Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Dates Set for 2021

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN — Each February for 19 years, countless volunteers spend 10 days on the water along the Texas coastline searching the bays for abandoned crab traps left to foul shrimpers' nets, snag anglers' lines, "ghost fish," and create unsightly views. To date, they've hauled off more than 38,000 of these derelict traps.

From February 19th through the 28th, Texas coastal waters will be closed to crabbing with wire mesh crab traps to facilitate the annual volunteer crab trap cleanup. Any traps left in bays — including traps tied to docks — will be assumed abandoned and considered "litter" under state law. This allows volunteers to legally remove any crab traps they find.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the coast-wide effort to remove the numerous traps that have been lost or abandoned since last year's cleanup. Volunteers are urged to wear masks and keep socially distance from



those not in your household when appropriate. In an effort to facilitate volunteer efforts, several sites along the coast will have clean-up events on February 20 from 8am until noon. These sites are denoted as "facilitated" in the list below. Registration with partner organizations may be required. Additionally, at all sites, dumpsters or collection areas marked with banners will be available to receive traps for the duration

of the closure. Volunteers may focus their efforts on Feb. 20 or work at their own pace anytime during the closure, but traps cannot be removed prior to Feb. 19 or after Feb. 28.

The Coastal Conservation Association Texas, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Galveston Bay Foundation, San Antonio Bay Partnership, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are providing continued support

to the crab trap removal program. Numerous other organizations and companies also are volunteering their services.

To participate, volunteers may pick up free tarps, gloves, face coverings, and additional information at their local TPWD Coastal Fisheries field stations. TPWD requests that volunteers who remove traps record and submit information about the number of traps

they collect as well as documenting any sightings of diamondback terrapins.

All other legal means of crabbing will not be affected during the closure period for wire crab traps. For more information, contact your local TPWD Coastal Fisheries office or Holly Grand at (361) 825-3993 or crabtrap@tpwd.texas.gov.

Learn more about the Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program's history on our website or watch a YouTube video produced by TPWD.

2021 CRAB TRAP DROP-OFF SITES

SABINE LAKE — Local TPWD coordinator Carey Gelpi (409) 983-1104 (ext. 222)

Pleasure Island Marina Boat Ramp — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site

GALVESTON BAY — Local TPWD coordinator Christine Jensen (281) 534-0100

Jones Lake State Ramp (Fat

Boys) — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site

Dickinson Bayou SH 146 Bridge Public Boat Ramp — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site

Fort Anahuac County Park Boat Ramp — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site, Sponsored by Galveston Bay Foundation and Chambers County

Chocolate Bayou State Boat Ramp FM 2004 — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site

TPWD Dickinson Marine Lab — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site during business hours (M-F, 8am-5pm)

Stingaree Restaurant and Marina (Bolivar) — Non-facilitated trap drop-off site, Sponsored by Galveston Bay Foundation

Christmas Bay boat ramp — Facilitated by the Christmas Bay Foundation. Please visit Christmas Bay Foundation's site for more information about volunteering at this location.

Wildlife experts ask for public help in reporting bat mortality events



WNS, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, was inadvertently introduced to North America from Europe sometime in the mid-2000s.

STAFF REPORT FOR THE RECORD

AUSTIN — Last winter, White-nose Syndrome (WNS) was detected in bats in 18 counties in central Texas and the disease has continued to spread. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is monitoring its progression through the state and is asking for the public's help to understand how WNS is affecting vul-

nerable bat populations.

"Last year, we received reports of bats dying or acting strange from around the state" said Nathan Fuller, a TPWD bat biologist. "Unfortunately, we expect the same thing to happen this winter and we are asking Texans to be on the lookout for distressed bats. Texas is a big state and we can monitor bats much more effectively with more eyes out there looking for bats."

WNS is a fungal disease that affects hibernating bats during the winter. As the name suggests, WNS presents as a white, fungal growth on the ears, nose and wings of hibernating bats. Researchers believe that the fungus that causes WNS, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, was inadvertently introduced to North America from Europe sometime in the mid-2000s.

Fuller says that winter is a dangerous time for bats as, after hibernating for a few months, bats with WNS start to run out of fat in January or February.

"Once this happens, bats often leave their roosts in search of food or as an attempt to escape the disease and unfortunately, the animals usually don't survive," said Fuller. "However, if we know where bats are in the most trouble, we can enact measures to protect the survivors and give them a chance to recover."

The pathogen that causes WNS is thought to be spread by bats through contact with other bats or contact with

contaminated surfaces. The fungus grows optimally in low temperatures and as a result, remains in bat hibernation sites long after they have left their roosts in the spring.

Since the first observation of WNS in upstate New York in 2006, the disease has spread throughout North America. Wildlife experts believe that millions of bats have succumbed to the disease. The actual number is unknown because of the difficulties associated with monitoring bat populations. The disease is not a risk to humans.

Bats are a critical part of the Texas ecosystem, with more than 30 species of bats calling the state home.

"Bats provide billions of dollars in pest control services by eating insects that damage crops," Fuller said. "Without bats, food costs could increase. They are also sensitive to environmental contaminants and other damage and so they can act as indicators of ecosystem health and function."

TPWD is asking the public

sible, a photograph. Biologists say that people should not handle live bats or bat carcasses with bare hands.

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Outdoors Weekly
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

How many times have you had it happen to you? After hours of fishing, struggling, changing baits, and changing tactics it finally happens, the fish finally decide to cooperate and all is right with the world again. That brief period of euphoria wipes away all the memories of cold boring hours spent probing empty acres of water; it's the opportunity we all search for yet only few find on a consistent basis. Those few fishermen who routinely find these brief periods where fish go on rambages that the average guy can only dream of rapidly reach mythic status in the fishing community. The "underground" of the fishing world buzzes with the stories of these fishermen, exploits surrounding sessions when every cast was met with a bone jarring strike circulate



Big trout in the winter are not caught by accident, take advantage of the conditions when they get right.

at the boat shows and each time the story is told the stringer always gets bigger. Every coastal angler dreams of fishing trips like these but most don't understand what it takes to achieve these results. If you ever get a chance to talk to the really good fishermen along the Texas coast you will find that most of them are very detail oriented and they keep some sort of

records. The records consist of all the obvious things like tides, temps, weather along with bottom structure, available bait, and a few others. The records offer up valuable history that can help anglers find a consistent fish catching pattern. During the winter months those fish catching patterns don't last very long during the day, all the factors tend to align themselves for a brief period

of time and that's when memories are made. These small windows of opportunity are the key to being successful during the tough stretches in January and February because these windows are the smallest of the year. Many anglers fish all day in hopes of finding fish while others make shorter trips based on the patterns from past years. 9 times out of 10 the guy with the known

pattern on his side will catch more and bigger fish.

On Sabine and Calcasieu the patterns hold the same much like they do farther down the coast, warmer water on incoming tides late in the day are a favorite of many. The combination of these factors can be extraordinary, especially when you know you can count on the bite being consistent. The afternoon incoming pattern works well and is probably the favorite but what happens when you don't have these conditions? The outgoing tide can also provide some warm water onto productive flats provided you have some marsh areas nearby. Water from the back lakes and marshes heats up during the day and is usually protected so it holds heat for long periods of time. On the outgoing tide this warmer water rushes out onto the flats and bars carrying with it bait fish and other food that speckled trout, redfish, and flounder thrive on.

These sudden temperature changes coupled with tidal movement will often kick start the fish into feeding mode and if you happen to

be there at that time you may just be the subject of the next great fish story.

I have been on the fortunate end of career days using both the incoming and outgoing tides during the winter and these trips help erase the thoughts of the bad days which we all inevitably suffer through. All you can do as a fisherman is to put the most odds in your favor and put your time in on the water. As unpredictable as the winter can be it's awful nice to know that there is the possibility of predicting when and where the fish will bite.

Looking at February the first thing that comes to mind is run off from the lakes to the north and what kind of effect it will have on Sabine and Calcasieu. As it stands right now all the water levels on the lakes are well below normal and that means stable conditions and saltier water for the spring. Any type of consistent pattern will be a welcome blessing for anglers testing Sabine or Calcasieu this spring, who knows what kind of great fishing awaits.

Southeast Texas Track and Field Notes ...

Tom Halliburton
For The Record

Our last high school track and field newsletter was sent from a completely different world than this one. We were starting to prepare for spring breaks and district meets. Then the Covid19 life began – a life unlike any previous existence.

There went the abrupt halt of track season and it never returned. Now we hopefully begin with new one. Plenty of dreams – team and individual – were shattered and or delayed to this year.

So we have a different world and it's going to require the assistance of many sources for us to be able to accurately present results and area leaders on any sporadic basis. That's why I list my e-mail address in bold letters at the top of this cover page.

My life has changed even more than due to the Covid. My wife Donna receives kidney dialysis treatments each week. Those commitments to help are extensive because her vision also is real limited. It's going to prevent my attendance at some 2021 meets

was suspended

DISCUS — Girls: Kailynn Williams, Bmt United (senior), 116-6; Boys: Terrance Jackson, Bmt United (senior), 158-3.

SHOT PUT — Girls: Kailynn Williams, Bmt United (senior), 39-7; Boys: Tre'Vantae Caines, PA Memorial (junior), 52-9.5.

HIGH JUMP — Girls: Caryss Carpenter, Bridge City (sophomore), 5-6; Boys: Trent Guidry, East Chambers (senior), 6-4.

LONG JUMP — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (sophomore), 17-0.5; Boys: James Ward, PA Memorial (junior),

22-8.5.

TRIPLE JUMP — Girls: Kristin Williams, Port Arthur Memorial, 37-7; Boys: Kyndon Fuselier, Nederland (sophomore), 42-4.5.

POLE VAULT — Girls: Morgan Luke, Nederland (senior), 9-6; Boys: Michael Vargas, Bmt West Brook (senior), 13-6.

100 METERS — Girls: Alexia Lewis, PA Memorial (sophomore), 12.61; Boys: Nolton Shelvin, East Chambers (senior), 10.7.

200 METERS — Girls: Ke'Asia Hall, Nederland (sophomore), 25.81; Boys:

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Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

Hill have both exceeded 100 receiving yards in each of the Chiefs playoff games this season.

Hill, reportedly the fastest NFL player with 4.27 speed in the 40, burned Tampa Bay cornerback Carlton Davis III for more than 269 yards and multiple touchdowns, doing most of the damage before the first quarter was over when the two teams met in Week 12 and the Chiefs won 27-24 at Tampa Bay. That was the last time the Buccaneers lost a game.

The Buccaneers' outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett (three) and Jason Pierre-Paul (two) combined for all five of Tampa Bays five sacks at Green Bay in the NFC championship game.

Tampa Bay's pass rush could also loom as a primary key to Sunday's game, especially since Chiefs' left tackle Eric Fisher suffered an Achilles injury that will probably keep him out of the Super Bowl.

Bucs' cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting had only one interception in the regular season but has snatched an enemy's aerial in each of his first three playoff appearances—the first player to do so since Hall of Famer Ed Reed whose streak spanned three separate post-seasons.

Luke Easterling, of the Bucs Wire, wrote, "Brady continues to prove that betting against him is risky business, though Mahomes and Company will certainly give him the toughest of tests."

"Still, he's been in this situation more often than any other quarterback in league history, and the Bucs are talented enough to learn from their mistakes in Week 12 and get some revenge for the second time this post-season." He picks Tampa Bay 30-27.

Finally, the Chiefs will roll into Super Sunday on a five-game playoff winning streak. The last quarterback to beat

them in the post-season—You guessed it—Tom Brady.

However, with wife Susan and her large clan of McGraws all being from Missouri, I'd be foolish not to predict a 38-31 Kansas City victory Sunday in Super Bowl 55 even though they are favored by only a field goal!!!

KWICKIES...Major
League Baseball last weekend proposed to the players union a 154-game regular season with a one-month delay to spring training. The league's proposal, first reported by Yahoo Sports, includes a full 162-game pay for players, an expanded 14-team post-season and universal use of the designated hitter. MLB would also keep last season's experimental rules for seven-inning doubleheaders and beginning extra innings with a runner on second base.

Patrick Reed of the Woodlands ran away with last weekend's PGA Tour Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines by five strokes. It was the burly golfer's ninth PGA Tour win.

The fact that longtime

NFL assistant coach David Culley was named last week as the new head coach of the Houston Texans, didn't make controversial quarterback Deshaun Watson change his mind about wanting to be traded to either the New York Jets or the Miami Dolphins.

JUST BETWEEN US...On Monday morning's First Take show on ESPN, Adam Schefter predicted that there

will be at least 18 NFL teams changing quarterbacks for the 2021 season. Houston fans are hoping the Texans aren't one of them based on the growing controversy between the front office and starting quarterback Deshaun Watson, who says he wants to be traded. And speaking of trades, a blockbuster occurred last weekend when the Detroit Lions traded longtime starting

33-year-old quarterback Matthew Stafford to the Los Angeles Rams for their starting quarterback, 25-year-old Jared Goff, the first-round pick in both the 2022 and 2023 drafts and a third-round pick in April's 2021 draft. The Rams believe Stafford will lead them to a Super Bowl victory next season, while the Lions have some great material with which to build a championship team.

Colburn From Page 1B

Boy.

I haven't been back since, but I have no doubt that same program is still working. I never saw any bait on the surface and the fact that they were holding over no particular structure makes locating them a challenge. You just have to believe the fish are there and keep covering water. Ignore the clarity as it will do little for your confidence.

Rusty Frederick and his daughters, Madelyn and Olivia recently took advantage of one of our warmer afternoons and really did a number on some very nice redfish. "I had them drifting with a cork and they both won multiple tug of wars with some very nice fish," bragged their deservedly pumped Dad.

Rusty added that the reds were feeding in the same place he had been catching trout. "The trout may have been there as well, said Rusty, "but I quickly became the net boy and head cheerleader."

I knew Rusty and his Dad could fish with anybody, but it now looks like the females

in the family have a gift for catching fish as well. Those are the kind of days your never forget.

I don't think that even this cold front will move the big bass on Toledo Bend. There are a lot of sows that have already moved into eight to twelve feet of water and I don't see the lake level falling enough to move them.

We got in less than six hours of fishing one day last week and still got some swings at some very nice fish. I caught nothing over six pounds, but my host got a "sure enough" double digit fish to the surface and managed to boat another in the eight pound class.

He had been catching all of his fish on a three eighths-ounce black, blue and brown jig, but we caught every fish on a half-ounce single spin spinnerbait. Because there was no grass on his favorite spots, the slower fall seemed to help.

Hope I can give it another try in the very near future!

Friends of the Orange Depot meeting Feb. 11

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot will be held at the Depot on Thursday, February 11, 5:30 PM. A casual BBQ dinner will be served before the meeting begins. All safety protocols will be upheld: masks, unless eating, social distancing in the large room.

Members and guests will be able to view the brand new scrim shades covering the windows in the reception room. This is the product of Phase One of our museum projects. The public will be able to see them at a later date, when the depot will be open for tours. The scrims are printed with historic pictures of Orange and all have a story to tell.

We are encouraging interested volunteers to attend the meeting to help with our future events and projects. If attending, please let Rose Simar know at 409-330-1576 so we will have the correct head count.

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Bridge City Cardinal Slade Foreman signs with Angelina

Bridge City Cardinal senior baseball player Slade Foreman signed with Angelina College this week. Slade and his teammates gathered together for the signing. It was a great start for the Cardinals as the 2021 Texas high school baseball season gets underway.

Lady Bears Golf Wins Opener For First Place

The Lady Bears Golf team teed it up in their first tournament of the year at the Anahuac Athletics Booster Club Tournament. Montana Dileo tore up the Chambers County golf course with a one under par 72 to win the tournament by ten shots over Bridge City's Cadence Underwood. Neely Wozniak also had a solid round as she fired an 89 to finish 4th overall. The team finished with a total score of 393 to win the tournament. Scores were as follows: Dileo - 72, Wozniak - 89, Jaycie Benton - 107, Alysa Weizenegger - 125, and Trinity Williams - 126. Johnnie Harrel is the team's head coach and Bart Williams the assistant coach.

PHOTO (L-R): Williams, Weizenegger, Wozniak, Dileo, and Benton.

Track and Field From Page 3B

Nolton Shelvin, East Chambers (senior), 21.76.

400 METERS — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PNG (sophomore), 59.57; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (junior), 49.95.

800 METERS — Girls: Natane Randall, Bmt West Brook (senior), 2:29.25; Boys: Lamont Freeman, PAM (senior), 1:57.81.

1,600 METERS — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, 5:51.63; Boys: Beau Waldrop, Lumberton (freshman), 4:47.31.

3,200 METERS — Girls: Maria Burgos, East Chambers (sophomore), 12:51.27; Boys: Blake Montera, Nederland (senior), 10:25.96.

100-METER HURDLES — Girls: Whitleigh Moreau (junior), and Caryss Carpenter (sophomore) both from Bridge City, 16.55.

110-METER HURDLES — Boys: Harold Mosley, PAM (senior), 14.36.

300-METER HURDLES — Girls: Ashlyn Lane, Bmt West Brook 49.64; Boys: Jessie Cornell, PA Memorial (junior), 38.25.

400-METER RELAY — Girls: Beaumont United (Fanta Grant, Daja Maxey, Aaliyah Staves-White, Brianna Howard) 49.86; Boys: PA Memorial (James Ward, Jessie Cornell, Irene Brown, Jatavian Neal), 41.56.

800-METER RELAY — Girls: PA Memorial (Amaria Joubert, Coreyanna Gorrer, Alexia Lewis, A'Nyriah Scott) 1:47.46; Boys: PAM (James Ward, Jessie Cornell, Irene Brown, Tyrone Augusta), 1:26.95.

1,600-METER RELAY — Girls: PA Memorial (Antoineia Bohanon, Erial Fontenot, Amaria Joubert, A'Nyriah Scott) 4:19.61; Boys: PA Memorial (Lamont Freeman, Jr., Jessie Cornell, Jaylon Guilbeau, Jatavian Neal) 3:18.72.



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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**
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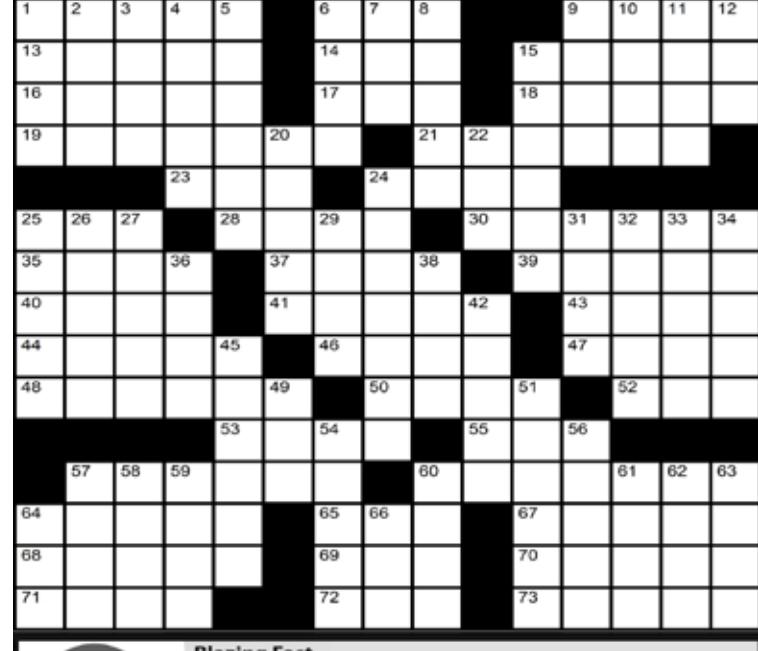
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U.S. PRESIDENTS

- 73. Slightly drunk
- ACROSS
 - 1. Newton's first name
 - 6. Part of smog
 - 9. Hissy fit
 - 13. Human trunk
 - 14. Form of "to be"
 - 15. Illegal booze
 - 16. Editorial changes
 - 17. Crematorium jar
 - 18. #56 Down, alt. sp.
 - 19. One of six Presidents named James
 - 21. "First President previously divorced
 - 23. Civil War's Johnny
 - 24. Manage without help
 - 25. Military procedures
 - 28. Cone-shaped quarters
 - 30. MLB bench
 - 35. Cowboy's necktie
 - 37. A whole lot
 - 39. "Whig, e.g.
 - 40. Resembling wings
 - 41. Nightly necessity
 - 43. Experience emotion
 - 44. Large ray
 - 46. Glacier's deposit
 - 47. "Watch out!" on a golf course
 - 48. Traditional sock pattern
 - 50. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
 - 52. Knight's title
 - 53. Bypass
 - 55. Foot digit
 - 57. "President Chester _____"
 - 60. "He signed legislation to create Medicare
 - 64. Fauna, Merryweather and _____, fairy godmothers
 - 65. Expert
 - 67. Convex molding
 - 68. Bumpkins
 - 69. Caf alternative
 - 70. Car ways
 - 71. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
 - 72. Piercing part
- DOWN
 - 1. Any thing
 - 2. *Trump had button on desk to order his favorite one
 - 3. Desertlike
 - 4. Up and about
 - 5. Coddle
 - 6. Half-man, half-goat
 - 7. Legendary NHLer
 - 8. Tragedy, or comedy, or satire
 - 9. Cheap form of payment?
 - 10. Before Scotia
 - 11. Clickable picture
 - 12. Olden day "your"
 - 15. Be in charge, two words
 - 20. Newspaper notices
 - 22. What all of #70 Across do
 - 24. Painting or poetry
 - 25. "He beat McCain and Romney
 - 26. Kind of cap
 - 27. Colloquialisms
 - 29. "First "dark horse"
 - 31. Gamecock's spur
 - 32. Dessert sandwiches
 - 33. Wombs
 - 34. #29 Down predecessor
 - 36. Creative
 - 38. 18-wheeler
 - 42. Green pasta sauce
 - 45. Big Island greetings
 - 49. Australian flightless bird
 - 51. Group of people, often in research
 - 54. Extremely angry
 - 56. Concluding stanza in poetry
 - 57. G. W. Bush to Yale, e.g.
 - 58. Schneider and Lowe, e.g.
 - 59. Major bike maker
 - 60. Audience's rejection
 - 61. Sold in bars
 - 62. Auto pioneer
 - 63. Like a busbody
 - 64. Back, to a pendulum
 - 66. Latin dance three-step move, once

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ing days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Bridge City / Orangefield Ministerial Alliance has moved to their temporary location at Fellowship Baptist in Bridge City located at 1965 Miller Dr. (Off 408) in BC. For info, please call us at 409-735-8296.

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