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## County thaws out from deep freezes

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Not long after lunchtime Monday, Orange City Councilman Brad Childs was called to comment on the damage done by back-to-back freezing storms last week.

But the owner of Childs Ace Hardware and Building Supplies didn't have time to speak on the phone with a reporter because he was too busy dealing with his customers' plumbing emergencies.

"We have been swamped," said the employee who tried to forward the call.

Severe Winter Weather Events Uri and Viola were not kind to Texas, subjecting the state to several days of freezing temperatures, which led to power and water system outages.

But a survey of Orange County this week finds the area's hardy residents came through it better than might be expected.



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"I really want to thank the citizens of Orange for being so caring for the city of Orange and not just the city of Orange with all these gripes and complaints, like they did in other places," Orange city councilman Patrick Pullen said at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The members of the First Baptist Church of Bridge City had to deal with burst pipes in the ceiling of their Sunday School building.

"This was upstairs. We didn't have a chance," pastor Keith Royal said of Thursday's building flood. "It's a big repair, but right now we've got a remediation crew in there getting it dried out."

Sherry Combs, community relations coordinator for Little Cypress-Mauriceville's school district, said her district had burst pipes in most all of its buildings, but the

district's maintenance department worked quickly to make repairs.

She said the total damage was estimated at \$50,000.

But LCM, like all Orange County districts, welcomed its students back to class as scheduled this week after a

chilly week of "snow days."

Shaun McAlpin, Orange-field superintendent, said the most expensive item in his district's \$20,000 of damages was a large canopy that collapsed under the weight of snow and ice.

In Pinehurst, public works

director Harry Vine bragged his city never had to issue a "boil water notice."

"We seemed to have dodged a bullet."

But Vine knows that not all of his citizens escaped harm and he warned residents to be wary of fly-by-

night scammers.

"Don't ever pay somebody before the work is done," he said.

Vine, whose job also involves code enforcement, reminded citizens that they are

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## Gauthier seeks new ways to give back to the community

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For The Record

As a lifer here, she definitely knows her way around town.

But in her three terms as a City Council member in Bridge City, Terri Gauthier is reaching out to help her hometown by working with other government bodies throughout Orange County and the greater Southeast Texas.

She wants to continue serving her community, so she's signed up to seek another two-year term in the May 1 election.

Kenneth Prosperie is running against Gauthier. Early voting for the election begins April 19.

"In representing the city and sitting on different boards," she said. "I'm learning how our whole region works together. We really have some great leaders in our county, our region that spend a lot of time working together."

Gauthier has been on the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors since 2014 -- as President in 2018 -- and represents Bridge City on the Orange County Economic Development Corporation Executive Board.

She is also the Second Vice-President of the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, a federally created Council of Government that oversees dis-



Terri Gauthier

tribution of federal government funding in our area.

"Having the opportunity to serve these organizations, I have come to know and understand the importance of our entire region working together to develop plans for mitigation and improvement of issues that are a great concern to our citizens."

Gauthier is also serving as Mayor Pro-Tem in Bridge City, a position that rotates among council members, and fills in for Mayor David Rutledge when he's unable to attend meetings or other functions.

"I am very dedicated and loyal to serving our city," she said. "I believe it is extremely important for our council and city manager to work together to provide the best for our citizens."

"As I continue to research and study the dynamics of city growth and development, I am a firm believer in

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## OC citizens given Meritorious Service Awards



Higinio Gonzales-, lead mechanic, Manuel Vera, transportation director, Dr. Rickie R. Harris, superintendent West Orange-Cove CISD, and Orange County Sheriff Jimmy Mooney with SWAT Team members.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office implemented and awarded the Citizen Meritorious Service Award.

During Hurricane Laura the West Orange-Cove ISD was crucial in the evacuation and transportation of the inmates from the Orange County Jail to other facilities in Texas. Superintendent Harris and his staff worked with the Sheriff's Office and never complained when things were asked of them. The cooperation and backing of the Sheriff's Office

is appreciated more than words can say. Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney, Chief Keith Reneau, and Capt. David Lampman were there to present the awards. The following individuals were recognized and presented with the award. These individuals were also given a challenge coin from the Sheriff and the SWAT Team Commander.

This was the first time the award has been issued from the Orange County Sheriff's Office to any citizen.

## Orange paves way for medical center

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Orange City Council Tuesday took two more steps the city hopes will pave the way for a new medical center and hospital beds for the area.

A public hearing was held regarding the creation of the Eagle Point Reinvestment Zone and, hearing no objections, council members voted unanimously to a first reading of an ordinance that would make the zone a reality.

"We're focusing on a 20-acre location at Eagle Point that will potentially be attractive for the medical center that's in the works," said Jay Trahan, the city's assistant city manager and Director of Economic Development for the city.

A second and final reading of the ordinance and following vote will take place at the next council meeting, March 9, Trahan said.



The Gisela Houseman Medical Center, seen here in a 2019 drawing, would include surgical suites, an emergency room and up to 20 beds, according to original plans. The City of Orange is finalizing a Reinvestment Zone aimed at attracting a physician management group to make the long-needed hospital a reality.

Creating a Reinvestment Zone is a requirement by the state of Texas for a taxing entity to issue tax abatement incentives to new businesses.

In June of 2019, local businesswoman Gisela Houseman donated and designated the 20-acre site at Eagle Point, a large property at the southwest intersection of Interstate 10 and US Route 62, as the site for offices and sur-

gical suites for up to 20 doctors and a small hospital with up to 20 beds.

Local physician Dr. Marty Rutledge announced he had recruited health care pros to bring specialized medicine to Eagle Point, helping to plug a gaping need in Orange County.

The largest county in Texas without its own hospital, Orange County saw Baptist

Hospital Orange close its inpatient care in 2015 and shut down its emergency room two years later.

A county-wide election to create a hospital district failed in December 2017.

And Eagle Point plans were sent to the backburner in 2019 by Tropical Storm Imelda, and delayed by later

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# My 5-Cents...

## By State Senator Robert Nichols

A weekly column from Sen. Robert Nichols by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3

This week has been historic in terms of the severity of the weather across the state. I am praying for the safety of our community and our state.

Here are five things happening around your state:

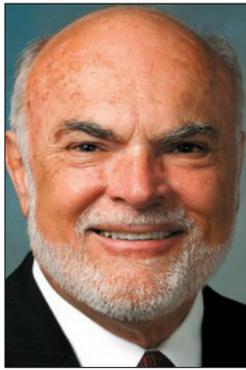
### 1. Winter weather cripples Texas

A large winter system blew through Texas this week dropping 6-8 inches of snow and ice in parts of the state and leaving millions without power for days at a time. Freezing temperatures coupled with water and snow on the roads lead to iced out conditions, impassable roads, and multiple, lasting road closures. These conditions led to a shutdown of most businesses, including the state legislature which cancelled all of the scheduled hearings this week. Those hearings will be rescheduled at a later date. Local officials and power suppliers have been working hard to get Texans' power back online.

The governor announced at a press conference this week that he ordered natural gas producers not to export any natural gas outside of the state until after this crisis is over to allow power generators to continue working. Additionally, he encouraged Texans to start reaching out to plumbers to plan repairs if pipes burst in your home. He encouraged the Board of Plumbing Examiners to grant provisional licenses to out-of-state plumbers and those who have let their license lapse in the past two years.

### 2. ERCOT and why Texas has its own electric grid

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) runs Texas' electric grid. ERCOT was formed in 1970 and was tasked with managing grid reliability in accordance with national standards. Importantly, ERCOT is an entity that is unique to Texas as our electric grid is entirely within our borders, so it is not regulated by the federal govern-



Sen. Robert Nichols

ment. Most of Texas is covered by ERCOT, except for El Paso, northern parts of the panhandle, and parts of Southeast Texas - including the majority of Senate District 3. The ERCOT grid remains beyond federal regulation because it is not under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction as FERC can only regulate interstate electric transmission. Though Texas' grid remains independent, it does have ties to other grids including Mexico's power grid and a few connections to the Eastern Interconnection through Oklahoma. Texas' grid has its roots in the way electric utilities developed in the early 20th century. Small plants sprouted up throughout Texas as a way to supply power to the cities. They began linking to each other and furthered these connections during WWII to move power from dams along rivers to power factories that were helping with the war effort. These combined efforts formed the Texas Interconnected System, which eventually became ERCOT.

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### 3. Texas ranked #1 exporter for 19th year

Texas ranked #1 exporter for 19th year in a row. Texas was ranked the number one exporter of all goods and products in the United States for the 19th year in a row. Texas ended 2020 with \$279 billion in export trade, which is more exports than the next three highest ranked states combined, including California, New York, and Louisiana. Texas also ranked number one in exporting technology products for the eighth year in a row. Those exports totaled \$44.8 billion. This is just another reason Texas is the number one state for business.

### 4. Senate Business and Commerce Committee to host hearing on ERCOT, power outages

Due to the failures of the ERCOT system and power outages across the state, Business and Commerce committee chair Senator Kelly Hancock has called a hearing of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee to investigate extreme weather preparedness and circumstances that led to the widespread power outages as directed by ERCOT. The committee will also examine generator preparedness and performance, natural gas supply, the reliability of renewables during this crisis, and overall ERCOT resilience. The committee will meet on February 25th at 9am in the Capitol building. To tune into this hearing, please visit <https://senate.texas.gov/events.php>.

### 5. Best practices during winter storm

During this extreme weather event, it's important to keep in mind some best practices to ensure the health and safety of you and your community. Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower if possible to conserve energy. Draw your curtains to preserve heat. Try and reduce your electric

footprint by unplugging devices not in use. If you lose power, do not bring in any grills or outdoor cooking devices to heat your home or run your car in your garage. That can cause carbon monoxide poisoning which is a silent killer. Wear loose layers of clothing. Go to a warming shelter if possible. Find those at <https://tdem.texas.gov/warm/>.

### OC Master Gardeners upcoming seminar

Join the Orange County Master Gardeners, Sunday, Feb 27, for "An Overview of Traditional Native Plants and Herbs for Health and Medicinal Benefits". 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 required. Please email your registration to [ocmg1990@gmail.com](mailto:ocmg1990@gmail.com) providing which session you would like, your name and telephone number.

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new ideas and possible changes to encourage growth and enhance quality of life for our citizens.”

Gauthier and husband David have been married for 42 years. Their two children, Aaron and Victoria, both graduated from Bridge City High School.

In 1997, the family developed Grace Plaza Retail Center on Texas Avenue. Gauthier’s Total Impressions Salon has been a Bridge City feature for more than 30 years.

The business is now known as Total Impressions Beauty and Wellness Cryotherapy Center.

In 2001, Gauthier organized an annual community Christmas program, Project GLOW (Go Light Our World) that has raised funds for the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance.

After Hurricane Harvey in 2017, when “I was so inspired by the strength and determination of our citizens to help one another,” she brought to the Chamber of Commerce board a project that hung banners throughout Bridge City that said “Growing Stronger Together.”

“I have always had an intense passion for community involvement and public service,” she said. “I know the importance of using your gifts and talents to help meet the needs of others.”

Friday, Feb. 12, was the final day for people to register as candidates for the city and school board elections May

1. Bridge City will have three council seats and two school board seats up for grabs, with incumbents drawing a challenge for each position.

While Gauthier and Prosperie are on the Place 5 ballot, John Nickum is challenging incumbent Tammi Fissette for Place 3 and Aaron Roccaforte is taking on incumbent Carl Harbert for Place 1.

A couple of challengers signed up to take on Bridge City Independent School District incumbents. Paul Zoch is running in Place 1 against incumbent Patty Collins and Caleb Hayes registered to oppose incumbent Judy Cole in Place 2.

In Bridge City, both city council and school board members are elected on an at-large basis, although they register for “Places.” Every registered voter casts a vote for one candidate in each ballot place and each elected person represents the entire city or school district, not just one subdivision of the city or district.

Here is the list of candidates for local city and school elections:

• **City of Bridge City**

Place 1: Carl Harbert (I), Aaron Roccaforte

Place 3: Tammi Fissette (I), John Nickum

Place 5: Terri Gauthier (I), Kenneth Prosperie, Sr.

• **City of Orange**

Mayor: Larry Spears Jr. (I), Charles Thomas

District 1: Pat Pullen (I), David C. Bailey

• **City of Pinehurst:**

Mayor (one year term): T.W. Permenter (I)

Alderman (one year term): Greg Willis (I), Kerri Donnaud Arrington

Alderman (3 seats up for two-year term, top 3 vote-getters elected): Joey Vance (I), Sarah McClendon (I), J. Michael Shahan (I), Johnny Asevedo, Troy Pierce

• **City of West Orange**

Mayor: Jim Whittington, Randy Branch

Alderman (2 seats open, top 2 vote-getters elected): Brent Dearing (I), Jay Odom, Meritta Kennedy

• **Bridge City ISD:**

Place 1: Patty Collins (I), Paul Zoch

Place 2: Judy Cole (I), Caleb Hayes

• **Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD**

Place 4: Tammy Rountree (I)

Place 5: Aubrey Milstead (I)

• **WestOrange-Cove CISD**

At-Large (2 seats) Roderick Robertson (I), Tricia Stroud

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supposed to pull a permit from the city if the home their working on is their homestead.

“You’re required to have a licensed plumbing contractor,” he said. “I know there are a number of people doing it themselves, but I recommend that you use a licensed plumber.”

Permits are free when it comes to storms, Vine said.

Orange County is asking its residents to go to its website or the “Orange County Emergency Management” page on Facebook to self-report storm damage. Doing so will help the county press the case for federal and state reimbursement if enough damages are not covered by in-

urance. And those who need extra help can find links to Orange County Disaster Rebuild and other resources.

“So far we’ve had only 36 people register their damage,” Joel Ardoin, emergency management coordinator for the county, said at Tuesday’s Commissioners Court meeting.

“I don’t think the damage was widespread like the 1997 ice storm. I think the biggest losses we’ll have is from the water utilities being down a while.”

The county had to cancel COVID-19 vaccination clinics because of frozen roadways last week but has resumed its evening clinics,

aiming to give 1,500-plus doses this week.

For the third week in a row, thanks to teaming with four other Southeast Texas counties to form a hub, Orange County is receiving 1500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

“We survived another disaster,” County Judge John Gothia said Tuesday during a county meeting that included updates on the ongoing federal reimbursements and local rebuilding from Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Hurricane Laura in August, the COVID-19 pandemic that began a year ago. “I hope everybody did OK.”

“We are the masters of disasters,” Commissioner Johnny Trahan said.

## Medical Center From Page 1

storms and the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns in March of 2020.

The Houseman Companies own the land at Eagle Point, which was to be bisected by a four-lane boulevard, Eagle Point Parkway.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Jim Wolf, Orange’s public works

director, announced plans for the development’s major thoroughfare need to be redone.

Low bids on the project are more than the city budget can afford.

“Three of the bids were for about \$3 million each, and the fourth bid was close to \$5

million,” Wolf said. “We felt like the first three bids were representative of what we wanted to do, but we can’t afford to do that at this time.”

Council members voted to reject all bids and authorized the city to spend another \$12,500 to amend the original plans.

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## Rover’s Giant Parachute Carried Secret Message

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.— The huge parachute used by NASA’s Perseverance rover to land on Mars contained a secret message, thanks to a puzzle lover on the spacecraft team.

Systems engineer Ian Clark used a binary code to spell out “Dare Mighty

Things” in the orange and white strips of the 70-foot (21-meter) parachute. He also included the GPS coordinates for the mission’s headquarters at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Clark, a crossword hobbyist, came up with the idea

two years ago.

Engineers wanted an unusual pattern in the nylon fabric to know how the parachute was oriented during descent. Turning it into a secret message was “super fun,” he said Tuesday.

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## From The Creaux's Nest

### A WEEK FROZEN IN TIME

This past week the state of Texas was hit with a winter storm that froze the state from the Sabine River to the Rio Grande River, from the Red River to the Gulf of Mexico. The state's hard freeze also exposed a fallacy in our power grid which unlike other states is controlled entirely by the leaders of the state. In Texas, every state wide office is dominated by one political party, the Republican Party. They alone are responsible for all that went wrong with our electric power. Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas leadership can't run or hide from this responsibility. For years the state has been warned that the electric grid needed to be weatherized. Politics plays a big part into why Texas will not join the national Entergy program controlling electricity. That's a whole other story. Last week there was never a window that would allow us to put out a newspaper. Tuesday we lost all power, Wednesday our press was out of power for 24 hours. Thursday, the highways in East Texas, where the press is located, were frozen and travel was stopped. For us, in a way, it was worse than a hurricane. Despite that Orange County fared better than other areas. In Bridge City our water supply remained strong with no boil notices. We personally only had 10 hours of power outage. State-wide, however, there has been a lot of suffering and death. President Joe Biden has declared most of Texas a disaster area, allowing citizens to receive some future help. Something will have to be done also to stop the utility company's future gutting citizens by hitting them with high surge cost which is strictly unfathomable to most citizens. There are many horror stories about cost escalation, to as much as 100 times more than normal. The Texas Republican Party owns this debacle; now let's see what they do to assure it never happens again. I have to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

### ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY 500,000 U.S. DEATHS

The United States has suffered over 500,000 deaths from COVID-19, more deaths than Americans killed in WWI, WWII and the Vietnam wars. America has hit another dark milestone; we now have more than twice as many deaths as Brazil, a distant second in COVID deaths. The U.S. is four percent of the world's population. We own 20 percent of the world's pandemic cases and deaths. The problem goes to the former U.S. president, who from the beginning was in denial that COVID was any worse than the regular, annual flu season. In February, Donald Trump said, "Today there are 15 cases, in a couple of days it will be zero." Also during that month, Trump said, "It will be over by Easter." Then, later in February, he added that it was not his responsibility and turned the problem over to the states, leaving the states bidding against each other for COVID supplies. This left the country with no national leadership. Trump owns the situation we find ourselves in today and will own the failed leadership throughout history. Due to Trump's lack of acting soon enough the pandemic has overrun us. Two major changes have occurred since Trump was soundly defeated by over 7 million votes. Joe Biden was elected and after a slow and troubled start to vaccination programs, the United States has picked up the pace and inoculated almost 43 million people. President Biden promised 100 million shots in his first 100 days. He is well ahead of that target. Nearly a year into a life altering pandemic, many Americans are fed up with wearing a mask, desperate for a return to normalcy. Today however, President Biden's leadership and his determination to defeat COVID-19 in the United States and return to normal life, gives us hope that better days are coming. With President Biden, who has a genuine interest in the virus problems, at the wheel, we at least know that we have a national pandemic program. The Biden Administration is working overtime to win the war against this health crisis that has overrun our country because of neglect and bad leadership.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 YEARS AGO-2011

Operation Desert Storm started 20 years ago this week, Feb. 24, 1991 and ended four days later, on Feb. 28. Hard to believe those were so long ago and so short a war. Texas Gateway to the West; Texas has 38 public universities with 500,000 students and the state is preparing to give students and professors the right to strap on a gun and carry it on campus. University of Texas president, William Powers, opposes the measure, "The mix of students, guns and campus parties is too volatile. I worry about some kid being too quick to draw his gun when an argument breaks out." Oh well, they have total control and will rubber-stamp it. It will be good for gun sales, gun shows etc. We were sorry to hear about the death of J.L. Mathews, age 88. He passed away Feb. 18. Services were held Feb. 21 at Claybar Funeral Home. He was a good man from the Greatest Generation. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Della, two sons, Jay and Stan and their families. We were also sorry to hear about the death of Bill Orr, 83, who died Feb. 16. We had known him many years through his work of 29 years in advertisement

for Market Basket. GOP battles unions in state capitals in many states. The governments are accused of attempting union busting. Collective Bargaining is at the forefront to weaken union power. Teachers, prison guards, office workers etc. are some affected. Among union workers a sense of crisis is growing. Many recall when President Reagan dealt unions a blow, starting with the traffic controllers. Republican led states fighting unions are Wisconsin, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Missouri, New Hampshire, Maine and Pennsylvania. It won't be pretty; chaos in the state houses. This is an absolute assault on the working class while cutting taxes for big business. Special folks having birthdays this week. Chris Menard celebrated on Feb. 21. Longtime friend Moe Litton celebrates on Feb. 26. Pretty Regina Harrington celebrated another one Feb. 24. David Claybar, who we haven't visited with in a lot of moons and miss him, celebrates this week. Best wishes. Gretta Brinson, Ginger Romero and our buddy Logan Dubose all celebrate this week. Lovely Tara Townes, Ted's little girl now full grown, is a year older this week. Even Brad Frye and Tyler Staggs have birthdays this week. Some Facebook friends with birthdays are Doris Steele, Feb. 23, Larry Callahan and Randy Ragsdale, Feb. 25, Lee Ann Nicholson Fuselier, Feb. 26, and Dee Aven, Feb. 28. Donald Rhodes, Jr., and Jennifer O'Neal DeRouen, celebrate March 1. April Peveto Carter, March 2. Happy birthday to all. Preston Fuller is equipped to do all of your lawn service. Spring is coming and Preston's ready to spring into action. Call him at 988-5563 for a complete yard makeover. The Wednesday Lunch Bunch dined at Robert's last week. Every week brings out a few different people. Last week Marlene and Sheriff Keith Merritt, Roy Dunn, King Dunn, Judge Claude Wimberly, Rev. Leo Anderson, Park's Director Donna Scales, Constable Mark and Babbitt Philpott, County Treasurer Christy Khoury, Brandy Slaughter, Shirley Zimmerman, Judge Janice Menard, Don "Cochise" Shockley, Judge David Peck, Corky Harmon, Sprad Spradlin, Robert Ewart, Joel Steirman, Jerry Wimberly and Constable Chris Humble attended. (Editor's note: Ten years later eight of the above members have died.)

### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

Richard James Billiot, 63, of Orange, died Tuesday, Feb. 15. A Military Graveside Service was held on Saturday, Feb. 19. He served in the U.S. Army where he was deployed twice during the Vietnam War and retired as a pipefitter. Richard is survived by his mother and step-father, Dora and Floyd Teal; father, Cleveland Billiot and children, Rachel Billiot, Angela Billiot and Richard Parks. Robert D. "Pete" Becker, 71, of Orange, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, Feb. 19. Pete was a retired Funeral Director and Embalmer, he worked at several area establishments including Clayton Thompson and Claybar among several other in different areas of the state. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Elliott; his son, James Becker; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

William "Bill" T. Nugent, 58, of Orangefield, died Thursday, Feb. 17. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 21. He worked for DuPont for 35 years, was a lifelong member of the NRA. Bill is survived by his wife of 36 years, Gayla Dunn Nugent; daughters, Sara Nugent Welch Amy L. Nugent; one granddaughter and brothers, Victor Nugent and Richard Nugent

### 22 Years Ago-1999

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 16 at St. Paul Methodist Church for Bridge City pioneer Roy Melvin Hatton. Born April 23, 1919, in a house where Entergy Sabine Station is now located, he was an operator for Texaco 46 years. He served on the Bridge City School Board for 13 years. Hatton Elementary School was named for his father. Mr. Hatton was best known for his knife making. A Hatton Knife is a sculptured handwork, molded with skill. He created over 500 knives. They were famous because of the Scrimshaw art, an ancient art form, on the handles. In World War II, Hatton made 38 survival knives at the request of the United States Navy. He was a real artist and made most of the furniture in his home. Bridge City athlete Trey Latiolais was named to the Texas High School Coaches All-State Academic 4-A Football Team. He was nominated by Coach Les Johnson who said, "There is no finer young man for this recognition." Bridge City Chamber picks Miranda Gilbert of Orangefield High and Elizabeth Dupuis, Bridge City High, as "Students of the Month." Coach Les Johnson, athletic director and head football coach at Bridge City resigned. Johnson and wife, Wanda, will be a big loss to the community. Three times more students participate in sports now at Bridge City than when he arrived. He has built a winning tradition in tough Class 4-A. More athletes have received scholarships than at any time in the school's history. It was a concerted effort by a small group of men to get rid of Johnson because he did not play favoritism. He beat them to it by resigning. (Editor's note: Les retired this year but because of his love of teaching football would still take a coaching job. Many of his former Bridge City players stay in touch with him. He and Wanda live in Bastrop and visit Bridge City several times a year.) Pretty Betty Bivens Williams is a brand new grandmother. We knew her as a young lady and checker at her dad, Dick's Texas Ave. Grocery. Capt. Chuck Uzle drops off some flounders and Roy promised to cook them for the newspaper crew. Our longtime friend Ruby Wimberly retires this week from Orange Savings Bank. This very smart lady went to work for the Stark interest, climbed the ladder to become the county's first lady bank president.

### 42 Years Ago-1979

Several Orange countians journey to Houston to help with the Bob Hope Telethon at Channel 2. Local folks helping with the statewide telethon are W.T. and Ann Oliver, Roy and Phyllis Dunn, Bill and Martha Hughes, Earl and June Bishop, Weldon and Jane Leger and Charlie and Pat Johnson. Some of the stars appearing on the show are Andy Williams, Mac Davis, Kenny Rogers, Jimmy Dean, Johnny Desmond, George "Goober" Lindsey, Bobby Ames, Vic Damon, Bobby Vinton, Gordon McKay, Fred Travalena, Kathy Crosby, Lynn Anderson and Doug Kershaw. Beatrice "Bea" Barrett dies after battling cancer for five months at M.D. Anderson. She is survived by her children Billy, Lester, Thomas, Vera and Kenny. (Editor's note: Do you remember this colorful family?)

### 47 Year Ago-1974

Orange native, Coach Bum Phillips, will be leaving Oklahoma State to join the Houston Oilers. Sid Gillian is head coach. Moe Litton will sponsor Bridge City High School's Bass Club. Buddy Moore, formerly of West Orange, has purchased the Kountz News. (Editor's note: Buddy died several years ago.) Pitcher Doug Patterson will be leaving training camp in Florida next week. Gary Savoy has another birthday coming up next week. (Editor's note: what has become of Gary anyway?) Little Cypress-Mauriceville coach Jim Crossland left for a new job as defensive co-coordinator with the Chicago Fire football team, in the new World Football League. (Editor's note: Has that really been 47 years? Crossland died a few years ago.) Donald Lowellyn is robbed and killed. The Scarborough's, a family singing group from Little Cypress, entertains at a benefit for Laure Fish, a leukemia patient. Band members are Randy, Ricky and Robert Scarborough, Matt Carlin, Guy and Scott Gann.

### FEW HAPPENINGS

February 23, marks 25 years since one of the most beautiful, courageous person we have ever known passed away. Annalee Knight, after a long battle with cancer, lost the fight. She left behind a husband and five boys. (Editor's note: Had she lived she would have several offspring that she would be extremely proud of. Like many of you who knew her I will never forget her.) Roy's column on Johnny Preston brought a lot of response. We heard his wife Sharon, who now live in Nederland, really enjoyed it. We heard from people as far away as London. A very interesting letter came from right here in Bridge City from Daniel Placette, whose grandparents, Ben and Beatrice Placette's home was where Johnny and his band practiced. Daniel said his grandmother played a mean accordion and she and Johnny often had jam sessions at their 17th Street home in Port Arthur. A few belated birthdays that we were unable to publish last week. Amie Smith, Trey's better half, celebrated Feb. 17. Our friend Norman Barry turned 81 on Feb. 18. Ryan Brack celebrated Feb. 20. Paulette Stevens, that we knew as a teenager, turned 60 on Feb. 21, also on this day John Niccum celebrated. Chris Menard and John Hughes celebrated on Feb. 23. Folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Feb. 24: Our friend Regina Harrington. Feb. 25: Our friends Constable Brad Frye also Nathan Fleetwood and Sara Gibson. Feb. 26: Charlotte Perritt. Feb. 27: Our childhood friend Anna Belle Rost turns 86, also longtime friends Ellen Nickum, Gretta Brinson, David Claybar and Butch Choate, along with Pamela Burchfield all celebrate. Feb. 28: Krish Smith Moore and the First Lady of West Orange, LaVerne McDonald celebrates. Feb. 29: Our little friend, now grown, Logan Dubose celebrates. March 1: Jill Culp gets a year older. March 2: Craig Nugent and Tammy Andrus celebrate. Happy birthday to all. Senate hearings begin this week on the January 6 insurrection on the Capital. In the end, the majority of the American people will never forgive Trump for turning that mob loose on the Capital and the attack on our Democracy. Thanks to Van Choate who dropped off dinner last week. It was nice to have a change in meals. Good news, we understand Lois Justice no longer needs around the clock care. Everywhere we look we see ugly. The freeze played havoc with landscaping. The best bet is to call Pete at Coastal Landscaping to clean up and set out new plants. No one does a better job for less money. Pete and his gang are miracle workers. They will get you ready for spring and a beautiful yard.

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 24: Boxer Floyd Mayweather, Jr., turns 44; Actors Billy Zane, 55; Kristin Davis, 56; O'Shea Jackson, Jr., 30. Feb. 25: Wrestler Ric Flair, 72; Comedians Carrot Top, 56 and Chelsea Handler, 46. Feb. 26: Rock singer Michael Bolton, 67; Actors Carlos Esparza, 30 and Teresa Palmer, 34. Feb. 27: Singer Josh Groban, 39; Actors Timothy Spall, 63 and Kate Mara, 37. Feb. 28: Country singer Jason Aldean, 44; Chef Aimsley Harriott, 63; Rock singer Patrick Monahan, 51. Feb. 29: Motivational speaker Tony Robbins, 61; Actor Ken Foree, 73. March 1: Singers Justin Bieber, 26 and Kesha, 33; Director Ron Howard, 86. March 2: Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi, 58; Actress Rebel Wilson, 40. March 3: Actors Julie Bowen, 50; Christian Oliver, 48 and Nathalie Kelley, 35.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

GoSleaux Comeaux was standing on da street corner in Mamou, wen a Yankee talking man came up to him and say, "Excuse me sir, but can you tell me the quickest way to get to Ville Platte?"

GoSleaux him scratched his head and axe, "Mais, do you be walking or driving."

"I'm driving sir," replied the stranger.

"Dat's da quickest way." Said GoSleaux

### C'EST TOUT

### United States Lands Dune Buggy on Red Planet

It took over six months, traveling 300 million miles at 12,000 miles per hour to land a satellite on Mars. Just a few years ago the hope of landing Perseverance seemed impossible in our lifetime. Unfortunately, today Texas can't even keep the lights on. The Supreme Court has ruled that Trump's tax returns and business dealings can be released to Manhattan District Attorney for review by a Grand Jury. My take is when D.A. Cy Vance completes the Trump investigation it won't be pretty and will highlight Trump as a New York shyster. Donald Trump will be the headline speaker at CPAC. Speakers will continue to promote the "Big Lie" that the election was stolen and will claim the Supreme Court ruling is a "Witch Hunt." Meanwhile, Judge Merrick Garland will be confirmed as Attorney General by 80 votes. I bet Trump will never run for president. He will use that to milk the "Cash Cow" and raise needed lawyer money for a criminal trial. Papers will be late, the press just getting electricity back from outages and storm last week. Times up. Take care, stay safe and may God bless you all.

# Snow extends Clay's life, remembering my dad an Irishman

**DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY**  
**ROY DUNN**  
**For The Record**

On February 19, 1959, 62 years ago last Friday, my father Clay Jackson Dunn died on the operating table. He had a gallstone lodged in an unusual duct and had turned jaundice.

The doctors at the big Dallas hospital said surgery to remove the stone was the only options, even though his cardiologist advised against it. He had suffered a major heart attack earlier and his doctor said his heart would never stand major surgery.

The operation was set for 9:00 A.M. In order to get there in plenty of time to visit with him I left the Brazos Valley around 3:00 A.M. for the three hour drive.

Just a few miles out I started seeing snowflakes that kept falling harder and harder. By the time I got to Waco, visibility was almost impossible. I had never driven in snow before. It was a very strange feeling. I thought I saw items that weren't there, lines in the road



Roy Dunn



Clay Dunn

were gone and it was impossible to see off ramps. In some areas my top speed was 10 miles an hour the closer I got to Dallas.

I arrived at the hospital at 11:00 A.M., eight hours after I left home. Clay wouldn't let them operate until I arrived. I extended his life by two hours. He had used up his nine lives. Today the procedure to remove the gallstone would be a simple laser operation.

Clay had beaten the odds time and again. His body bore the scars of World War I, where he was a foot soldier in hand to hand battle, marching plum through France. Later, as the owner of Port Arthur's first taxi cab operation and a whiskey importer, he was tarred and feathered by the KKK and left to die at the foot of a burning cross. A young couple found him and saved his life. It took several months for him to recover.

Till the day he died, he no longer could grow hair on his body. I find it strange today

thinking of the colorful events he lived through in such a short life. He was only 65 years old.

Today, I have a son that age. He would be proud to know that several of his offspring bare the name of Clay, Allen Clay, Garrett Clay, Leland Clay and Luke Clay. He's buried in the Dunn family plot at Sipe Springs cemetery, at Rising Star, with his parents and siblings. The town is between Comanche and Abilene.

Thank you for allowing me to recall a day a long time ago that is still as fresh in my memory as if it happened yesterday. Last week's sight of snow and the cold weather reminded me of the day we buried dad on February 22, 1959.

His grave marker bares the wrong date of death. It reads March 17 instead of Feb. 19. I didn't order the marker and have no idea how the mistake happened but Clay wouldn't mind, he was that much of an Irishman.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Barbarine "Barbara" Daigle, 79, Bridge City

Barbara Rena Daigle, 79, of Bridge City, passed away on February 6, 2021 in Port Arthur.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 18, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, on September 5, 1941, she was the daughter of Reno Huth and Blandina (Bensch) Huth. Barbara was a longtime secretary for Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City where she later retired after years of hard work. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary at the Bridge City Fire Department as well as a past President of East Texas Fire Department Auxiliary. Barbara also known as "Granny" to her granddaughter adored her family more than anything. She was "mom" to all, but to me she was everything. She was a one-of-a-kind woman who was loved by many and never met a stranger. She left an impact on everyone who knew her and will be dearly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

Reno and Blandina Huth; and son, Jeff Daigle.

She is survived by her son, Steve Daigle and wife Kelle of Humble, Texas; granddaughter, Allison Faulk; brother, Harold Huth and wife Jeannette of Cypress; and numerous other loving friends.

Thank you for being my friend, Thank you for believing in me, when I found it difficult to believe in myself, for saying what I need-

ed to hear, instead of what I wanted to hear; for siding with me, and for giving me another side to consider. Thank you for keeping me from taking myself or problems too seriously, and for not laughing at me when I was too sensitive to laugh at myself. Thank you for opening up yourself to me, for trusting me with your thoughts, disappointments, and dreams; for knowing you can depend on me and asking my help when you needed it. Thank you for putting so much thought and care into our relationship; for sharing so many nice times and making so many special memories with me. Thank you for always being honest with me, being kind to me, being there for me. Thank you for being a friend to me in so many truly meaningful ways.

Love, Barbara



### Harbor Freight opens here March 6

**Special Release**  
**For The Record**

Harbor Freight Tools will grand open its new store in West Orange on Saturday, March 6 at 8 a.m. The West Orange store, located at 3109 Edgar Brown Drive, is the 96th Harbor Freight Tools store in Texas.

The new store brings approximately 25-30 new jobs to the community. As a designated essential service, the store will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. It will resume its regular hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday after the COVID-19 crisis has passed. Store photos and logo available upon request.

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During the COVID-19 crisis, all Harbor Freight stores have implemented more frequent cleaning and are following the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, including social distancing to protect the health and safety of our customers and associates. Any individual who has any COVID-19 symptoms is asked to shop on our website, [www.harborfreight.com](http://www.harborfreight.com) rather than in our stores.

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# Spring training opens with stronger protocols in place

KAZ'S KORNER - JOE KAZMAR  
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

The unusual blast of wintry weather prevented our newspaper from hitting the streets last week, although my column got to those I e-mail and the others appearing on our website.

However, I've been writing this column for more than a half century, and last Monday was the first time in my career that I did it with several inches of snow on the ground, icicles hanging from the window awnings, the daytime temperature hovering around 20 degrees and the wind chill hitting single digits.

I can just imagine the Global Warming crowd hightailed it back to their closets until this cold wave ended last weekend.

Ironically, major league baseball's spring training began last week for all 30 teams either at Florida (Grapefruit League) or Arizona (Cactus League) with the idea of training for six weeks and playing a normal 162-game schedule for 2021.

Last year's shortened 60-game schedule used some new ideas to quicken games and enhance the post-season playoffs, with some being used in 2021 while others were rejected by the player's association.

In another change, MLB has slightly deadened its baseballs amid a years-long surge in home runs. MLB has cited an independent lab that found the new balls will fly 1 to 2 feet shorter when hit over 375 feet.

A record 6,776 homers were hit during the regular 2019 season and the rate fell only slightly during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season—from 6.6 percent of plate appearances resulting in homers in 2019 to 6.5 percent last year.

And several of the health protocols put in place last season will be monitored much more stringently with violators being hit where it hurts most—their pocketbooks.

Major League Baseball and the Players Association met recently and approved health and safety protocols for the 2021 MLB season, according to an article appearing in the Houston Chronicle last week.

Highlight of the meeting was a new league-wide code of conduct that prohibits many high-risk activities outside the ball park.

Failure to abide by the code of conduct could result in suspension or forfeiture of salary, according to a league an-

KAZ'S KORNER Page 3B

# Bass tourney better later than never

FISHING  
Dickie Colburn  
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

Thankfully, there are those occasions when not finding what you are looking for is a good thing. Partly because it was comfortably warm enough for the first time in over a week and partly because we hoped to not find what we were looking for, Johnny and I made a quick round through the north end of the lake and several bayous.

What we were hoping to not find was dead fish floating against the shoreline. With the exception of a few shad and small sand trout, the mortality rate usually associated with an extended freeze looks as though it was minimal.

We first checked the back end of two bayous because Brad found dead redfish in those areas following the last major freeze. Those fish had gone unreported following the last major freeze and we felt reasonably certain that it would be more of the same, but the fish obviously moved into deeper water in time!

We idled as much of the Louisiana shoreline as time allowed as far south as Johnson's Bayou and found only a handful of small dead fish floating in the flooded grass. We also talked with two other fishermen that said they had seen nothing as far south as the Dredge Hole.

Invariably, dead speckled trout will show up a little later as they tend to sink before floating back to the surface. Hopefully, they found deeper water in time as well. I talked with Chuck earlier this week and he said a Louisiana biologist told him that they had found nothing alarming as well.

We already know that some of the more popular venues on the lower coast weren't as fortunate, but in their



Fish killed by Winter Storm Uri are beginning to wash up on Texas shores.

case access to deeper water requires a significant swim.

One of the fishermen we talked with said that they had already been catching a few fish since Sunday morning. They were catching Louisiana legal reds, catfish and bass. They had two bass in the three pound class when we talked with them.

While on the subject of local bass fishing, the much anticipated Bassmaster Elite event scheduled for April has been rescheduled for August due to Covid precautions. The previous tournaments based out of the Public

Boat Launch guaranteed social distancing would be a problem as they drew massive crowds.

Orange County Judge, John Gothia, said that the regional Covid mandates currently in place would have reduced crowds that totaled nearly 100,000 spectators for the past three events. He added that B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to ensuring competitor and fan safety in regards to Covid over the past year and Orange County was more than happy to work with them in

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# Public Help Sought to Report Fish and Wildlife Impacted by Winter Storm Uri

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN – Recent snowfall and freezing temperatures affected many fish and wildlife species throughout the state and now Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is asking for the public's help in reporting any animal mortality events they observe on their property, ranches, or in their neighborhoods through this project on the iNaturalist website. Citizens are encouraged to report observations so that biologists can better understand the impacts of Winter Storm Uri to natural resources.

The prolonged period of subfreezing temperatures, coupled with a limited avail-

ability of food resources due to snow and ice has had some impact on wildlife resources; however, given the secretive nature of most wildlife species, the full extent of the impact cannot yet be determined. Some of the wildlife species impacted by the storm include exotic, non-native ungulates like axis deer, black-buck and nilgai antelope that originate in temperate climates, various bat species and multiple bird species.

While TPWD has no regulatory authority regarding the management of exotic species, the cold weather did have a significant impact on these species. Native species like white-tailed and mule deer are much more tolerant to these extreme cold weather events

than the exotics.

TPWD does not foresee any significant losses of white-tailed or mule deer. Noticeable white-tailed deer mortalities, except for a few older deer, are not being reported. Some mortality of very old white-tailed deer, or those in poor body condition, is to be expected.

Despite the potential significant loss of axis and black-buck, this mortality event may lower free-ranging exotic populations in areas of the Texas Hill Country where they were overpopulated, ultimately helping native habitats that benefit white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

At this time, the more pressing concern is possible impacts the cold weather had on

the native deer habitat in some regions. In South Texas, some brush species still had green leaves prior to the freeze and snowfall. Now, however, TPWD staff are noticing many shrubs shedding leaves and turning brown. Additionally, the winter herbaceous vegetation, which are critical for deer this time of year and into the early spring, were impacted and burned by the freezing temperatures. TPWD is hopeful that, despite the cold temperatures, the moisture from the snow and ice was able to be absorbed by the soil and as temperatures warm up, the usual spring green-up will take place statewide.

Across the state, citizens, biologists, and park employees are reporting dead bats under

bridges, along with finding live bats that were downed due to the freeze because of dehydration, starvation, and cold body temperatures. Currently, wildlife rehabilitators and other organizations are being inundated with the bats that survived the storm and doing everything they can to help.

Should citizens find dead or live bats, it's extremely important that people do not handle bats. The best course of action is to record the observation via iNaturalist and then, if the downed bat is still alive, contact a rehabilitator. A list of wildlife rehabilitators can be found on the TPWD website.



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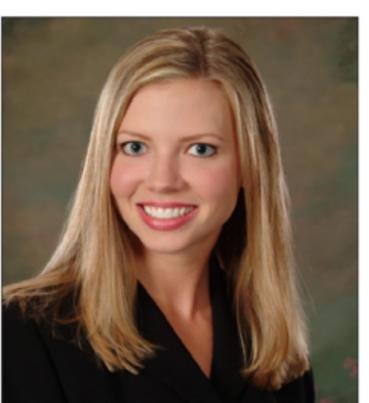
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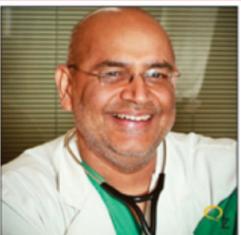


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## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

nouncement.

During spring training, the code of conduct forbids players and on-field staff from dining indoors at restaurants, frequenting gyms, casinos or bars and attending any gathering of 10 or more people.

Players must serve a five-day quarantine at their homes before reporting to Florida or Arizona for their six-week stay in spring training and that's why many players are still missing from their training sites.

In-take testing, which includes a temperature check, PCR test and a rapid antibody test began last week.

Teams had until last Friday to submit a list of up to 75 players who were invited to spring training. Players can be added throughout camp, but the roster can never exceed 75.

During the regular season, players are allowed to leave their team hotel on the road only if given permission by a club compliance officer. They are allowed to step outside for "low-risk outdoor activities," exercise or outdoor dining if it is approved by the team.

Most on-field rules, adjustments and restrictions were carried over from the 60-game season in 2020, including seven-inning doubleheaders and starting extra innings with a runner on second base.

The universal designated

hitter will not be implemented, and the post-season is scheduled to contain 10 teams—reverting back to the pre-pandemic structure. Teams can have a 26-man opening-day roster that can expand to 28 in September.

"They can still carry a five-man taxi squad on road trips in case of a COVID-19 emergency," the article continued.

MLB and the Players Association said they would revisit the rules periodically "to consider whether enhancements or relaxations of certain protocols are appropriate based on experience or changes in circumstances."

Masks are required at all times in club facilities or in the dugout except for players who are warming up or in the game.

All players and staff will wear Kinexon contact tracing devices—a new wrinkle in 2021 that could better identify close contacts. The NFL and NBA have used similar devices during their seasons.

Players who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 10 days. Close contacts to a positive case face a mandatory seven-day quarantine. Players and other on-field staff will be tested "at least every other day" throughout spring training and the regular season. Houston Astros 71-year-old manager

Dusty Baker received his final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine more than two weeks ago and says that "nothing changes" in regard to Major League Baseball's rigorous health and safety protocols during spring training, according to Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

"I'm still pretending like I didn't get my shots," Baker said Sunday. "I have my mask on and social distancing. 'You just can't let your guard down, because there's still so much about it that we don't know.'"

The Centers for Disease Control still recommends mask-wearing, social distancing and hand washing for those who've received two doses of the vaccine.

**KWICKIES...**LeBron James can do just about anything very well on a basketball court, including faking a foul. However, he has been warned by the NBA for violating the "Anti-Flopping Rule" and should take his acting prowess to Hollywood.

Daniel Berger rallied to regain his early lead and won the PGA Tour Pebble Beach Pro-Am two weeks ago. Strangely, there were no amateurs or fans for this year's event due to COVID-19.

And last weekend Max Homa almost disappointed his hometown of Los Angeles

where the PGA Tour Genesis Invitational was held. Homa had the tourney wrapped up until he missed a three-foot putt on the 72nd hole and forced a playoff with Tony Finau. But Homa won on the second playoff hole when Finau failed to make a par. It was the eighth time Finau finished a tournament as the runner-up in the last five seasons. He has finished in the Top Ten 37 times—more than double over any other player without a win over that span.

And while on the subject of golf, Tiger Woods has been noncommittal about playing in the upcoming Masters in April, depending on how his

back heals. Tiger had his fifth back procedure since 2014. He is rehabbing now and will have an MRI before he is cleared to do more.

Deion Sanders won his college coaching debut at Jackson State last weekend, but the happiness didn't last very long after he had some items stolen while coaching. The school promised that the security protocol will be reviewed.

The Philadelphia Eagles finally got rid of high-dollar quarterback Carson Wentz by trading him to the Indianapolis Colts for third round and conditional second round picks.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**Ac-

cording to ESPN's Ed Werder recently, there are at least 12 teams who have expressed an interest in J.J. Watt after he was released by mutual consent by the Houston Texans. The top choice is the Pittsburgh Steelers where J.J. can join his two brothers, but J.J. wants a Super Bowl ring and Ben Roethlisberger cannot produce a Super Bowl season like Tom Brady did for Tampa Bay. In fact, First Take host Stephen A. Smith said recently that Tampa Bay is exactly where J.J. should turn to win that coveted ring in 2021. Money is not nearly as important as a Super Bowl ring as far as J.J. is concerned.

## Colburn From Page 1B

moving this tournament to August.

From a fishing standpoint, I can assure you that the later date will make it much more challenging for the anglers. The barometer for how good or bad the catching on the Sabine River is requires only checking the results of the weekly Sabine River Shootouts and they were impressive this past year.

As it got warmer, the catching got tougher for the growing group of local group of bass fishermen that can compete with anyone on the Sabine and Neches. Add to

that minor problem the fact that the Bassmaster Elite pros will not be allowed to fish the marshes on the Louisiana side of the river and the playing field shrinks drastically.

There is absolutely no doubt that not only the numbers, but the size of the bass has improved and that will be a game changer that will make both weigh-ins and potential "come-backs" even more exciting for the spectators. A number of the local anglers are convinced that the past elite events have played a role in this improve-

ment.

Not only are the tournaments catch and release events, but it is a virtual restocking in the areas where the fish are released. August temperatures in southeast Texas can make live release even more difficult, but the visiting pros take very good care of their money makers!

The bottom line is that while the heat will be an unwelcomed factor, Judge Gothia, Orange County and the Bassmaster Elite organization were still able to bring another tournament back to Orange in 2021.

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**First Baptist Church Christmas performance . . .**



First Baptist Church in Bridge City will hold their annual Christmas presentation this Sunday, February 26 at 6 PM. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the church was not able to hold its annual Christmas performance in December. Rather than giving up and losing all the practice time, FBC Music Director, Debbie Anderson, rescheduled it for now. The public is welcome to come enjoy the beautiful celebration of Christmas. In the photo above are Christmas choir members Addison Landry, Scarlett Peddy, Elizabeth Quist, Katherine Quist, Bernie Dumesnil, Emma Landry and Trey Landry.

**Deaths & Memorials**

**Steven Lee Bisson, 65, of Bridge City**

Steven Lee Bisson, 65, of Bridge City, passed away on February 18, 2021 at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas on November 30, 1955, he was the son of Leo Bob Bisson and Shirley (Hubbard) Bisson. Steven was a truck driver for Transit Mix and Davis Sand for many years. He had the best sense of humor and always kept friends and family laughing. Steven was an outdoorsman who loved to fish in his spare time. He adored his family most of all and will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

He is survived in death by his parents, Leo and Shirley Bisson; and brother, Bobby Bisson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 21



years, Debrah Bisson; children, Robert Bisson and wife Jenny of Orangefield, Roger Hollier and wife Karen, Larissa Higera and husband Mike, Sarah Skiles and husband Justin all of Vidor, Candice Whitewood and husband Justin of Port Neches, Mark Anthony of Bridge City, Patricia Ogea and husband Cory also of Bridge City, Stormy Hightower and husband Jason of Huntsville; and Roxysand Anthony of Michigan; 19 grandchildren; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Patronella, J.R. Rose, Cory Ogea, Roger Hollier, Justin Skiles, and Chris Janice. Honorary pallbearer will be Julian Gomez.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Steven Lee Bisson please visit our Sympathy Store.

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**Pastor Charles Empey**  
Columnist  
For The Record

In the times we are living, this devotional by Charles H. Spurgeon from his Morning & Evening Devotional, Page 158, is extremely profitable to every Christian.

*“Strong in faith”*  
—Romans 4:20

Christian, take good care of your faith; for regathering faith is the only way whereby you can obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God’s throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the



**Pastor Charles Empey**

soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven — on which God’s messages of love fly so fast, that before we call He answers, and while we are yet speaking He hears us. But if the telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble? — I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten about by the enemy? — my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away — in vain I call to God. There is no road between my soul and heaven. In the deepest wintertime faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel — yes, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King? Faith lines me with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jehovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defense. It helps me to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that waverers — who is like a wave of the Sea — expect that he will receive anything of God! O, then, Christian, watch well your faith; for with it you can win all things, however poor you are, but without it you can obtain nothing. “If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes.”

Everything you can see or hear with our physical eyes and ears and touch are daily fading away and will be gone. We cannot trust them. Unless there is someone beyond what we can see, touch and hear on earth, we are bound to the destiny of it all. It all comes to an end at one point or another and usually quicker than we planned. So, we

must have something beyond this world that is not affected by change on earth. Malachi 3:6 says “I am the Lord, I do not change.”

If our faith in times like this is not in Him, relying on Him for the perfect outcome for me, for you, than we will fear and our physical, emotional and mental condition will grow worse. Fear is a liar. We have a bigger God,

our Savior, than fear and Covid-19.

Read Spurgeon’s devotional a couple more times and if you are a Christian, you will experience a peace that passes all understanding. Read: Phil. 4:6,7,13.

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

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# Texas' COVID-19 vaccinations rebound after winter storm



Mark Dunn of Bridge City gets his second Covid-19 vaccination at the Orange County Expo Center on Tuesday. RECORD PHOTO: Ethel Dunn

## Karen Brooks Harper For The Record

Austin retiree Doug Zabel was relieved to get the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in January and eager for the second round of his two-dose regimen last week.

Then the winter storm knocked out not only his electricity, but also his appointment. The storm, which overwhelmed the state's electric grid and left millions without power for days, also dealt a significant, if temporary, setback to the state's vaccination efforts — which had been building momentum.

Nationwide, some 6 million vaccine doses were unable to reach their destinations due to delayed shipments, treacherous roads and utility outages created by the winter storm. Among them were 450,000 doses earmarked for Texas — where the vaccine rate plummeted last week due to the storm.

On Monday, Zabel — along with thousands of others whose vaccinations were delayed last week — finally got his injection as Texas' vaccination effort began to rebound.

"I'm done, I'm good, I'm ready to party," said Zabel, 74, who spent two days eating cheese and crackers in the dark and cold during the storm last week, stranded at his house in a frozen hilltop neighborhood in Austin.

This week, the state expects to see about 1.5 million doses arrive, which include last week's undelivered doses, this week's allocation of more than 1 million doses, and more than 84,000 additional doses for new federal vaccination hubs opening in three cities this week, said Chris Van Deusen, spokesperson for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

About 90% of those doses had arrived Monday or were expected Tuesday, state health officials said, with the remainder expected to be delivered Wednesday. Next week's allocation of vaccines should arrive on schedule, state and local officials said.

After a halting start to the state's vaccination efforts in December and January, the vaccine supply and distribution had both improved significantly: In the seven days before the storm, more than 900,000 Texans received injections, state health officials said.

Then the storm struck, dropping temperatures into the single digits and knocking out power to large swaths of the state. Water pipes froze, roads iced over and vaccine providers began scrambling.

In a week in which officials hoped to reach 1 million doses administered, providers were only able to administer just under 152,000, according to DSHS reports. The lowest point, according to reports, was last Monday, the first day after the storm, when only 10,495 were administered.

Texas saw an 85% drop in average daily doses administered from the week of Feb. 7 — when the state reached a peak in administered doses — to the week ending Sunday, according to state health data.

Reporting for last week's doses may lag due to reporting problems providers had while dealing with the effects of the storm on equipment, staff and overall operations.

As of Tuesday, DSHS officials said the agency had received reports of about 1,000 doses wasted or destroyed in the storm, most of them in hard-hit rural areas.

"It is possible that more will be reported this week as wasted due to power outages," said DSHS spokesperson Lara Anton. "However, a lot of the vaccine for [last week] was not shipped prior to the storm. We also encouraged providers who weren't able to store vaccine due to power outages to transfer it elsewhere or administer it, and most seemed to be able to do that."

### Catching up after the storm

Rescheduled vaccinations began Friday in parts of the

state after the weather began to warm up and roads cleared, with more than 58,000 doses administered between Friday and Sunday, according to DSHS numbers.

At UTRGV, about 3,000 rescheduled doses were administered over extended hours throughout the weekend to make up for delays during the storm, Krouse said.

"We're back to full operation," he said.

FEMA will help the state operate hubs in Dallas, Arlington and Houston, with plans to administer first doses to 9,000 people per day, seven days a week, for the next three weeks. The second doses will be administered in the following weeks.

"There's been trauma after trauma, and people deserve

some good news, some hope, and that's what we're delivering today," Hidalgo said during a press conference at the new hub at NRG Stadium in Houston. "The hope of getting back to normalcy is something we all cling to as the months drag on with COVID. And at the heart of that possibility of normalcy is one thing, and

that is vaccines. This site marks the biggest effort to date to get our community vaccinated."

As of Monday, 3.1 million Texans had received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, both of which require two shots up to six weeks apart, and 1.4 million Texans had been fully inocu-

lated.

Given the delays and the high demand for vaccines, Vince Leibowitz, chief of staff for state Rep. Terry Meza, D-Irving, was surprised to get the notification from a vaccination hub in Central Texas that he could make his first appointment for Tuesday.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **BILLY WAYNE JONES, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **February 2, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18918**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Eva Susanne Jones**. 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 9th day of **February, 2021.**  
**Tommy Gunn**  
 Attorney for:  
 Eva Susanne Jones  
 State Bar No.: 08623700  
 202 S. Border Street  
 Orange, TX 77630  
 Phone: (409)882-9990  
 Fax: (409)882-0613  
 Email:tommygunn@att.net

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **PIERCE DEARL STOTTS**, Deceased, were issued on the **April 27, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18595**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Clara Jane Stotts**. 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: Clara Jane Stotts**  
 1795 Carpenter Street  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 27th day of **April 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Clara Jane Stotts  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
 P.O. Box 310  
 Vidor, TX 77670  
 Phone: (409)769-6325  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **DARLENE J. CURTICE**, Deceased, were issued on the **August 11, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18689**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Mark Cheatham**. 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: Mark Cheatham**  
 1790 Carpenter  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 11th day of **August 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Mark Cheatham  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
 P.O. Box 310  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **CLYDE GORDON SELF**, Deceased, were issued on the **August 12, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18808**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Janice Martin Williams**. 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: Janice Martin Williams**  
 395 Mulberry Street  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 12th day of **August, 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Janice Martin Williams  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
 P.O. Box 310  
 Vidor, TX 77670  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **WILLIAM A. GEORGE, JR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **July 17, 2018**, in Cause No. **P18188**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Bobby Wayne George**. 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: Bobby Wayne George**  
 1146 West Village Road  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 11th day of **November, 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Bobby Wayne George  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
 P.O. Box 310  
 Vidor, TX 77670  
 Phone: (409)769-6325  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **PATRICIA EILEEN POTEET**, Deceased, were issued on the **December 8, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18841**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Jami Eileen Poteet**. 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: Jami Eileen Poteet**  
 4483 FM 1136  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 8th day of **December, 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Jami Eileen Poteet  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **MICHAEL ALLAN HENSLEY**, Deceased, were issued on the **December 8, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18889**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Brandie Hope Hensley**. 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: Brandie Hope Hensley**  
 1725 South Timberlane  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 8th day of **December, 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Brandie Hope Hensley  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **VERA MAY JOHNSON**, Deceased, were issued on the **June 2, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18646**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Suzy Cain and Etta Marie Sowell**. 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: Etta Marie Sowell**  
 3450 Front Street  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 2nd day of **June 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Suzy Cain & Etta Marie Sowell  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
 P.O. Box 310  
 Vidor, TX 77670  
 Phone: (409)769-6325  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **PHILLIP DON MCFARLAND, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **November 23, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18710**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Carol Ann McFarland**. 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: Carol Ann McFarland**  
 895 Elton Street  
 Vidor, Texas 77662

Dated the 23rd day of **November, 2020.**  
**Rodney Price**  
 Rodney Price  
 Attorney for:  
 Carol Ann McFarland  
 State Bar No.: 16316000  
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#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
 To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons interested in the Estate of

**DE'ADRIAN WOOD, Deceased**  
 Cause No. **P18865**  
 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on OCTOBER 14, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of De'Adrian Wood, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by **filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on October 14, 2020.

**BRANDY ROBERTSON,**  
 County Clerk, Orange County, Texas  
 By: Samantha McInnis, Deputy  
 Samantha McInnis

### NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

The Orange County Drainage District is seeking applicants for the position of **Assistant Manager of Special Projects**.

**Position Summary:**  
 The Assistant Manager of Special Projects shall assist the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager in the management of special projects, as directed by the General Manager or Assistant General Manager.

The essential job functions and required education, experience, knowledge, skills, abilities, and other job requirements are set forth in the Notice of Job Opening posted on the Drainage District website found at [www.ocddbc.com](http://www.ocddbc.com).

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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An application, along with a resume that sets forth the qualifications and experience of the applicant, must be submitted to the Drainage District. An application may be obtained at the Drainage District office or on the District website: [www.ocddbc.com](http://www.ocddbc.com).

Applications and resumes will be received at the Drainage District office, located at 8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange, Texas through **5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2021, or until the position is filled.**

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