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## Easter 2021 not 'back to normal' but almost

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

The masks have come off – some have in some places – and there will be no Easter services in parking lots in Orange County this year.

But expect a big celebration outside First Baptist Church of Orange. Members there have stuffed 12,000 plastic Easter eggs with candy, reports Josh Fults, the new pastor.

"We're having our first ever Saturday evening service at 5 p.m. with an Easter egg hunt after," he said. "Sunday, we're doing the same thing for two services, at 9:45

a.m. and 11 a.m."

Special children's services will be held at the same time as the adult services," Fults said.

"Last year, because of COVID, most churches didn't get to have Easter celebrations. We're excited to kind of resume some normalcy, get people together and celebrate in person."

Easter, the most sacred of the Christian holidays, went mostly without group celebrations last year, just days after the declaration of a coronavirus.

First Baptist Church of Bridge City had a drive-in

Easter service in its parking lot.

But the mask mandate has been lifted in Texas and active cases have decreased. Vaccines are available to everyone who wants one.

Most area churches have

been holding in-person services for months, with members slowly coming back.

"We've found the more people get vaccinated, the more are coming," said Ryan Chandler, pastor at Trinity Baptist in Orange. "Even

those who choose not to get vaccinated are feeling more comfortable about coming.

"We were down about 70 percent in attendance most of the summer [of 2020]. Now, counting people who watch us live online, we're

probably up to 60 percent of where we were before the pandemic."

Cowboy Church of Orange County will host an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.

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## BC makes new super official

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Bridge City Independent School District officially hired a new superintendent Tuesday, March 30, and Mike Kelly can't wait to move into the new job.

Kelly, a native of Houston who has spent the past 20 years as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in the Waco area, is definitely impressed with Bridge City.

"The people in that community are just phenomenal -- the way they have welcomed me and my family," he said. "The way they can make you feel special in just 15 minutes."

Kelly will be replacing Todd Lintzen, BC superintendent since 2016, who announced last fall his intent to retire at the end of this school year. The school board conducted five interviews with finalists selected by an executive search firm and chose Kelly on March 9, according to school board president Michael C. Johnson.

State law requires districts name a "lone finalist" 21 days before finalizing the hiring of a superintendent, the top employee in a school district.

"He's a younger man in his 40s with three kids who will go to school here," Johnson said. "A little district like ours, you generally catch them when they're up and coming, one of those things where they work hard and



Houston native Mike Kelly was offered a contract as Bridge City's new superintendent Tuesday night. Kelly, surrounded in photo by children Camden, Grace and Ann, and wife Jennifer, has been superintendent at Valley Mills since 2018.

get noticed."

Bridge City is Orange County's third-largest school district with 3,000-plus students.

Kelly comes to Bridge City after three and a half years as superintendent of the Valley Mills school district, a district with fewer than 700 students. That's about the same size district in northeast Texas – Blue Ridge – from which Lintzen was hired.

"From July of 2011 until December of 2017, I was a principal in the China Spring ISD, a district of 3,000 students. It was very

similar to Bridge City," Kelly said.

"If you picked up China Spring and put it on the coast, or picked up Bridge City and put it in Central Texas, they'd mirror each other."

Kelly graduated from Cy-Fair High School in Houston and went to college at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, west of Waco. He played basketball there as did his soon-to-be wife, Jessica.

The couple has three children, son Camden, a ninth-grader; and daughters Anna and Grace, who are finish-

ing seventh and sixth-grade, respectively.

Jessica is currently a science teacher at Valley Mills, following a five-year term as an academic adviser at Baylor University. She does not plan to work in the classroom at Bridge City.

From college, Kelly's first year was in the Granbury district, then he was a teacher and coach at Gatesville ISD for four years, followed by five years in Jonesboro, Texas, a district of 300 students that included a six-man football team.

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## Cole out to continue aiding BC schools

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Everyone's heard of substitute teachers. Bridge City's Judy Cole used to be substitute lunch lady.

She found out there's no substitute for being around eager learners.

That's why she's a six-year member of the Board of Directors for the Bridge City Independent School District – and is seeking a third, three-year term in the May 1 election.

"I worked as a substitute cafeteria worker back when my son, Cody, was in kindergarten. I enjoyed being around the kids," says Cole, co-owner of Cole Plumbing with husband Micheal Cole.

"I've always loved volunteering and I'm very fortunate that I'm able to."

Cody graduated Bridge City High School in 2005. Daughter Candice Jenkins graduated in 2000 and now teaches at Bridge City High School.

Besides her work with schools, Judy Cole is very involved in volunteering at her church, St. Henry Catholic

Church, as well.

Children's education is at the top of any list of a community's greatest responsibilities and a sense of that responsibility caused her to run for the school board the first time.

"I felt called to run for election," she said.

As part of the seven-member board, Cole has watched the district grow steadily in enrollment.

"We have 3,211 students in this district as of March," she said. "From January to March, we've gained 54 students."

A Bridge City native, Cole attended Hatton Elementary and Bridge City Junior High and Bridge City High School before the latter two campuses traded places at the foot of the Cow Bayou bridge at the end of Texas Avenue.

She was a graduate of the Bridge City High Class of 1980 along with current board president Mike Johnson.

The coronavirus pandemic has created many challenges

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## Texas lawmakers eye Ike Dike taxes

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Bills under consideration in both houses of the Texas Legislature this year would create a taxing district to pay for upkeep on the "Ike Dike."

The five-county Gulf Coast Protection District includes Orange County and the price tag for operating and maintaining the coastal barrier is estimated to exceed \$100 million per year.

County Judge John Gothia says taxpayers should take a breath. And definitely not panic.

That cost would be shared by Galveston, Harris, Cham-

bers, Jefferson and Orange counties, according to an aide to State Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, who submitted Senate Bill 1160.

A companion bill, HB 3029, was filed in the State House of Representatives by Rep. Dennis Paul, R-Houston.

Harris County, the largest in Texas, is home to 83 percent of the five-county population and it is expected any taxing would be on a per-capita basis.

Further, any maintenance and operation costs would presumably not be collected until the \$26 billion project

that will extend from South Padre Island to the Louisiana state line is completed, which is not expected before 2026.

But the enacting legislation of the Gulf Coast Protection District, which could be created in Austin this year, would include authority to tax and issue bonds as well as exercise eminent domain power to seize property or land "for the exercise of the district's functions," according to the bill's text.

"On the tax side of it, it calls for a nickel per hundred dollar valuation," Orange County Judge John Gothia

said.

"But people have to vote to approve that. There are several things we have concern with the way the bills are working through the process."

"Right now, it's a taxing entity. But if the voters don't give approval, then the federal government has the option to pay it. It's liable to change eight or 10 times going through the Legislature."

Already, the Texas General Land Office has agreed to pay Orange County's share -- \$74 million -- for the first stage of the project, design and engineering.



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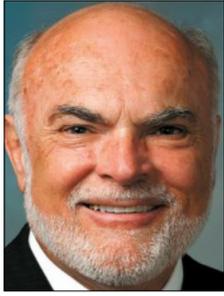
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# My 5-Cents...

## By State Senator Robert Nichols

This week marks the halfway point in the 87th Legislative Session. We've spent the first 70 days

filing bills, attending hearings, and working on the budget. Now that we're halfway through session, things will really start to pick up. We've already started voting on bills in committee and on the floor of the Senate. There's a lot going on down here in Austin and more to come!



Sen. Robert Nichols

Opening up eligibility comes as new coronavirus cases and hospitalization rates are at lows not seen since last fall and death rates have fallen. This is all welcome news as the state begins to reopen more fully and the vaccine becomes more available.

dren's safety and if they're being screened appropriately to see if any of them are victims of human trafficking. In the letter, Governor Abbott urges the Biden Administration to find human traffickers and prosecute them to prevent other children from being trafficked. The Governor has also expanded the scope of Texas & Operation Lone Star to include investigating and stopping any human trafficking that may be occurring along and over our southern border.

Here are five things happening around your state:

### 1. Senate passes Senate Bill 25

I was proud to joint author Senate Bill 25 with 28 of my colleagues led by Senator Kolkhorst. This bill would give nursing home and long-term care residents the right to designate an essential caregiver. An essential caregiver is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual selected by the resident for in-person visits. This bill would allow that essential caregiver in-person visitation rights that a facility could not deny. Our seniors and long-term care residents suffered from isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though well-intended, shutting down in-person visits to these vulnerable populations left many feeling isolated, alone, and helpless. This bill and the accompanying Senate Joint Resolution would guarantee that our seniors and their loved ones can maintain connection and community despite outside circumstances.

### 2. All adults eligible for vaccine starting March 29

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced that all Texans 16 and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine starting on March 29. Providers are being asked to prioritize

appointments for people 80 and older. According to DSHS, Texas has administered almost 10 million doses and they expect the vaccine supply to increase. More than 3 million people have already been fully vaccinated and 6 million have received their first dose.

### 3. HHSC expanding visitation at nursing homes, long-term care facilities

After a year of isolation, fully vaccinated residents in nursing homes and long-term care facilities

will be able to receive visitors and have physical contact with loved ones as long as the facility permits it. The state announced this week that all assisted living centers, long-term care facilities, and nursing homes fall under the new rules. The Health and Human Services Commission stated

the importance of visiting with friends and family and the impact it will have on residents mental health and well-being. Before this new rule, only designated essential caregivers could visit for limited amounts of time, maintaining social distancing, and after receiving training and screening. Now, residents are free to visit with their loved ones for an unlimited amount of time, physically touch them, and facilities are not required to limit indoor visitation to designated areas.

### 4. Governor sends letter to President Biden for answers on border crisis

This week the Governor sent a letter to President Biden asking if his administration is investigating the circumstances under which a wave of migrants, including thousands of unaccompanied minors, are arriving at the border. So far this year, more than 11,000 minors have been apprehended crossing the border into Texas. From January to February, the number of apprehensions went up 60 percent. The Governor asks a number of questions of the administration, some centered around the chil-

### 5. East Texas bull riders dominate at Professional Bull Riding event

Houston County native Boudreaux Campbell, 22, won his second career victory at a Professional

Bull Riding event in Kansas City this week. The East Texas bull rider hit the high-marked ride of the season and top bull score for the 2021 PBR campaign. He's also the reigning Rookie of the Year. Another East Texan, Cooper Davis, 27, of Jasper County finished second in last weekend's contest. Davis is currently ranked number one in the world standings. East Texas is proud to support these two accomplished young bull riders and we wish them luck!

### Tickets for the BCHS Strutters Spring Revue April 1 performance

The Strutters Spring Revue is an exhibition of the Fine Arts programs at Bridge City High School. It will be held at the Julie Rogers Theatre in Beaumont, Texas, on April 1st and the show begins promptly at 6:30 with the Strutters opening number. Tickets may be purchased beginning March 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. from ticketmaster.com for \$10.00 + a service fee or at the Julie Rogers Theatre Box Office for \$10 and no service fee. All online tickets are for reserved seats. Performances include Jazz Band, Cardinal Singers, Theatre Arts, Cheer, and Strutters as well as many guest performances from students and faculty.

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## BC's new superintendent From Page 1

Besides a final semester as superintendent, Kelly was principal at Jonesboro. And so much more.

"I was boys basketball coach, girls basketball coach, bus driver and superintendent," he said. "In a small district like that, you have to wear a lot of hats."

Along the way, Kelly picked up a doctorate of education.

What impressed the Bridge City board members the most was the turnaround that occurred after Kelly moved from China Spring to Valley Mills.

The Texas Education Agency named Valley Mills Elementary one of 13 schools nominated for September's 2021 Blue Ribbon Schools awards from the U.S. Department of Education for closing achievement gaps among students.

"When I got to Valley Mills in 2018, our elementary school received an 'F' rating.

The very next year, the elementary school received an 'A' rating," Kelly said. "We turned the school around from a 69 to a 90 in one year.

"It required some curriculum changes, some expectation changes, a change of culture. There's not a magic potion. It was a lot of hard work: knowing where you're trying to get and getting everybody on the same page.

"It was definitely a team effort. And to be nominated, it was a rarity that we were absolutely thrilled for the campus, the district and the community."

Kelly said his first day on the job will be April 14.

Until then, Gina Mannino will serve as interim superintendent, taking Lintzen's place.

Kelly's first chore at BCISD will be hiring a new athletic director. Allen DeShazo was let go recently after his football teams compiled a three-

year 6-21 record.

"We'll find out real fast how popular I am," Kelly joked.

But, over the telephone, as he worked one of his final days in Central Texas, he revealed he was tasked with hiring a new athletic director for Valley Mills, too.

His mind was already in Bridge City, though.

"I have a lot of superintendent friends from that region and they all tell me, 'You're not going to believe how nice the people are,'" he said.

"You take fantastic schools and the opportunities students have academically and in extracurricular activities. You take that plus a community of people that has been incredible, and Bridge City sounds like an ideal place to raise a family, watch your kids grow up and walk across that stage."



West Orange-Stark Commercial Photography student Nia Hodge has won BH-Photo's Depth of Field Photography Contest in the "Headshot" category. Nia competed against both amateur and professional photographers—and even her photography teacher—and had her portrait titled "Incandescent Beauty" (which featured her mom) chosen out of hundreds of entries. Nia's prize includes a brand new Panasonic

Lumix mirrorless camera and lens valued at \$3400, plus editing software valued at roughly \$200. Nia is an Adobe Photoshop Certified Associate and a third-year photography student who does senior and wedding photography.

She is also a third-year member of the SkillsUSA Photography club, where she has also won several blue ribbons for her work. Her photography teacher is Lacey Hale.

## Easter From Page 1

Sunday, outside "At The Crosses," and a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Childrens Church, with Cowboy gospel music live by the Cowboy Cross Band.

The church's ad says "Boots and Hats Welcome, but never required."

Masks are requested at a number of area churches, but few require them.

"We've been indoors since the end of May," said Karen Bodin, church secretary at St. Henry Catholic in Bridge City. "The only thing is social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing."

"Everything else is getting back to normal with 6-foot distance. We have less than the attendance we used to have, but a lot of our parishion-

ers still aren't coming back.

"We have a lot of older, more vulnerable parishioners."

Palm Sunday was a big celebration last week at North Orange Baptist Church.

"A large number came and it was a special day for family and children," said the church secretary.

Like most area churches,

NOBC streams its services online. Because of damages from Hurricane Laura, the in-person services are being held in the Christian Life Center, not in the Worship Center.

"We're not limiting attendance," the woman said. "There's some distancing and it's people's choice if they wear masks."

Pastor Keith Royal, who hosted the drive-in service at First Baptist Bridge City last

year, said, "It's just going to be a normal Easter" with a 10:30 a.m. service. "People are really starting to come back as the vaccine has rolled out. It'll be special in that regard."

Asked about the unusual circumstance of last year, when members remained in their autos and listened to music and scripture projected out to them from the church's bus barn, Royal said, "That was weird, but it was kind of

special. I'm glad we did it."

Chandler, the Trinity Baptist pastor, pointed out the pandemic had pushed the church to innovate.

"COVID is bad, but it's an opportunity. We updated technology, figured out on-line services," he said.

"It also challenged our people to look around and ask, 'What is church?' It's not a building but wherever people gather to worship."

## Cole From Page 1

for the world in the past 15 months and schools across the country have had to adapt to fast-changing rules and health requirements.

Cole is proud of the job done by BCISD. After in-person schooling was not allowed last spring, Bridge City schools have been open for classroom learning all this school year.

"We've been very lucky at

the district level," she said. "Our staff and our teachers have worked very hard keeping everything disinfected and clean. And our students and their parents have followed all the protocols."

"I don't think those kids liked being at home learning. They missed their friends and they missed their teachers. Kids learn better at school. If we can just get

through May; I want our seniors to be able to graduate in May."

A school board member's job is to ensure the taxpayers get schools they can be proud of. "The most important thing is to listen to what people have to say, their concerns, their needs. Just be there, be present," she said.

Cole said out of all the changes brought by COVID

protocols, the board members' monthly visits to the district's campuses are among the things she misses most.

"We haven't been able to visit the campuses since last March," she said. "We would monthly go to a different campus, eat lunch and visit with students. We'd go to classes and see what innovative thing they're learning."

Last fall, the school district awarded more than \$32,000 in "mini-grants" to a dozen classroom teachers

who turned in the best proposals for new and innovative learning ideas.

"I'd like to make sure that we still allow teachers to create mini-grants for their classroom," Cole said. "I want to make sure we keep the Chromebook [laptop computer] devices for each student. I love seeing all the new things kids are doing nowadays."

Career and technical education (CTE) at BCISD, which includes health sciences, cosmetology, manu-

facturing, mechanics and engineering, is another facet of the district's offerings Cole appreciates.

"The CTE programs at the high school are amazing," she said. "The students who come out of these programs with certificates can go to work immediately. I hope that program is able to grow."

Cole is being opposed in this year's election by Caleb Hayes, church council president at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Early voting begins April 19.



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## From The Creaux's Nest

### MARK CALENDAR FOR APRIL 14

On this day **The Record Newspapers** will celebrate its 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. For the 20<sup>th</sup> time, **The Record** will announce its choice for “**Person of the Year.**” The ceremony and presenting of the awards will take place at the **Lunch Bunch** gathering, **Robert’s Restaurant**, 12 noon, April 14. Everyone is welcome. The **Bunch** hasn’t met for a year and the gang is looking forward to gathering and dining after a year under **COVID-19.** **The Record** is inviting some special guest to the award luncheon. Like always the recipient will be well deserving for their public service. Don’t forget to mark your calendar. Hope to see you there. \*\*\*\*\*I have to move on. **Please come along, I promise it won’t do you no harm.**

### BIDEN PROPOSES HUGE ENERGY WIND FARM

The **Biden** administration is moving to sharply increase offshore wind energy along the East Coast, it is taking initial steps toward approving a huge wind farm off the New Jersey coast as part of an effort to generate electricity for more than 10 million homes nationwide by 2030. The target could mean jobs for more than 44,000 workers and for 33,000 others in related employment. **President Joe Biden** “believes we have an enormous opportunity in front of us to not only address the threats of climate change, but use it as a chance to create millions of good-paying, union jobs that will fuel America’s economic recovery.” **Biden** has vowed to double offshore wind production by 2030 as part of his effort to slow climate change. Wind developers are poised to create tens of thousands of jobs and generate more than \$100 billion in new investment by 2030.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

**Karen Jo Vance** and retired county treasurer **Vergie Moreland** had lunch at Lucy’s last week. They sat and talked so long **Vergie forgot to pick up her grandchild.** They rushed out of the restaurant, **forgetting to pay their bill.** The waitress ran them down waving the bill and asking if they forgot something. Returning inside they found everyone smiling. Of course **Karen Jo blamed Vergie** for being a bad influence. \*\*\*\*\*Speaking of beautiful ladies, one of the world’s most beautiful women, when I was a young man in the early and mid-50’s was **Elizabeth Taylor.** **Liz** died March 23, at age 79. She was a violet-eyed beauty from England. A child star in “**Lassie Come Home,**” 1943 and “**National Velvet,** 1944. She became a woman in 1958 with “**Father of the Bride.**” She was voluptuous and hot as **Maggie** in “**Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,**” in 1958. Sixth years ago, April 1, 1961, **Elizabeth** finally won an **Oscar** for “**Butterfield 8**” after being nominated four years in a row. **She outlived seven husbands, a brain tumor, an appendectomy, a fall from a house, tuberculosis and skin cancer and once was pronounced dead from double pneumonia.** We will never see her likes again. \*\*\*\*\*We lost another pioneering woman last week. **Geraldine Ferraro,** the first lady and first Italian to run for national office as the **vice-presidential candidate** with **Walter Mondale** in 1984. She died March 26 at age 75. \*\*\*\*\*Friends and special folks celebrating birthdays. **Garrett Clay Gros** turned 26 on Monday, March 28.\*\*\***Burl LaSalle** celebrates April 4\*\*\***Al Deroche,** our ace ad executive, will celebrate April 5. **Al** celebrates age 83. \*\*\*Other birthdays celebrated, **Laverne Ridley, Terry Stuebing, Mack McDonald, Lannie Claybar, and Joe Peery.** Best wishes to all. \*\*\***FaceBook** friends celebrating this week are **Rhonda Fenton,** March 30, **Danny Carter** and **Sandra Jones,** March 31, **Cindy Mitchell,** April 3, **April McGe,** April 4 and on April 5, **Carl Himel** turns a year older. \*\*\*\*\*One year ago on March 30th our friend **Red Garrett** died at age 79. I still can’t believe “**Booger Red**” is gone.\*\*\*\*\* **LSC-PA** honor students making the **President’s List** from **Bridge City** are **Aaron Barton** and **Dana Withers.** Qualifying for the **Dean’s List** are **Sheena Carpenter, Derek Winstead** and **Marla Mitchell, Bridge City; Dwayne Gordon, Orange; Montana Marshall, Orangefield.**\*\*\*\*\*An influential doctor’s group warns of **FaceBook** risks. It may cause teen depression. Referring to troubled teens that are obsessed over the online site. **FaceBook** can make it a particularly tough social landscape to navigate for kids already dealing with poor self-esteem. Photos of happy looking people, having great times, can make some kids feel even worse if they think they don’t measure up. **FaceBook** depression, cyber bullying, sexting and others online are a real risk. Benefits of kids using social media sites shouldn’t be overlooked. **FaceBook is the teen corner store.**\*\*\*\*\***Rob Johnson,** who managed **Gov. Perry’s 2010 re-election campaign** and is **senior adviser** to **Perry,** is headed to Virginia next week for **Newt Gingrich’s exploratory campaign for president.** He will be **Newt’s** campaign manager. It’s a good opportunity for **Johnson,** 36, to see politics at a new level but I don’t believe **Gingrich** can make the first lap. \*\*\*\*\*I made a trip down to **PawPaw’s** on Hwy. 1448 at Hwy. 105, for some **fresh made cracklins and peanuts fried in peanut oil.** I swear you can’t beat either, especially them cracklins. I got enough to whip up a **cracklin corn bread.** I mash some and leave a few whole, just like grandma use to make. \*\*\*\*\*I see where **State Rep. Mike Hamilton** is pushing gambling in Texas. The down

side is that it will hurt our little part of Texas. The big cities will end up with the jobs. **Hamilton** knows a statewide vote would pass because the cities would outvote us and **Mike’s** out would be that the people of Texas voted for it. It’s obvious the gaming lobby has his ear.\*\*\*\*\*Thirty years after **President Reagan** was shot, **James Brady** will appear at a congressional hearing for “sensible gun control.” **President Reagan** is the only president that was shot and survived. **Brady’s** wife will testify at the hearing Wednesday. \*\*\*\*\*Who will be the **new athletic director and head football coach at West Orange-Stark?** So far **Toby Foreman** has expressed that he will apply. **Coach Cornell Thompson** is also expected to seek the job. I think it’s a good thing that multiple applications will come from within. It increases the odds that someone on the present staff will be hired. Many outside applications can be expected also. \*\*\*\*\*April 1 is the target date that **Judge Pat Clark** will step down as **128th Dist. Court Judge.** Who will replace him? I don’t believe it’s a done deal yet,

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

**Wyva Jean Bass,** 75, of Orange passed away Thursday, March 24. Funeral Services were held on Saturday March 26. She served as an aide for O.C.A.R.C. and later for West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. **Wyva** is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, **Richard Bass;** daughters, **Diane Huff** and **Deborah Castle;** six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.\*\*\*\*\***Armando Segura,** 62, of Orange passed away Wednesday, March 23. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 26. **Armando** was native of Orange since 1973. He was a landscaper and welder. He is survived by his wife, **Rosalinda Segura;** mother, **Dionisa Segura;** daughter, **SanJuanita Segura Gutierrez;** five grandchildren and one great grand daughter.\*\*\*\*\* **Ronnie Alleman,** 49, of Orange, died Monday, March 21. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 26. He was a Veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force and the Texas Air National Guard and a member of Community Church. **Ronnie** is survived by his wife, **Ellen Bergeron Alleman;** mother, **Laverne Alleman;** sons **Jeremy Alleman** and **Kristofer Alleman;** step-children, **Erica O’Quinn, Andrea Duhon, Bryan Schrupf** and **Bradley Bergeron** and three grandchildren.

### 22 Years Ago-1999

**UConn** upsets **Duke 77-74.** **Connecticut** spoiled the **Duke** invitation. The **Huskies** beat top ranked **Duke,** the team no one thought could be beaten in this **NCAA** tournament, to win the **national championship** in their first final four appearances. The win ended **Duke’s** 32 game winning streak and their third championship in the 1990’s. \*\*\*\*\*Notables having birthdays. **Vice-president Al Gore** will be 51 on March 31. **Dick Manuel** and **Charlie Wickersham** both celebrate on April 3. Other stars besides **Dick and Wick** celebrating are **Leon Russell,** 58 and **Emmy Lou Harris,** 52 celebrate April 2. **Marlon Brando** will be 75 on April 3. \*\*\*\*\*Congrats to photographer **Chris Gunn,** who had three of his prints put on view at the **International Photography Show in Las Vegas.**\*\*\*\*\***Ten West Orange-Stark** middle school students will travel to San Antonio in April to compete in the **Elite State Math/Science competition.** They are **Chris Clark, Corey Faulk, Bobby Seals, J.J. Hamilton, Daniel Marshall, Chris Washburn, Brandon Cezar, Candice Davis, Angela McCauley** and **Katy Snell.** **Richard Stout** is their sponsor. \*\*\*\*\***Joseph Piazza,** city of Bridge City water meter reader, died Sunday, March 28. Service for the 19-year-old city employee will be held March 31.

### 42 Years Ago-1979

**Carroll Rosenbloom,** 71, drowned while on an outing. He was the owner of the **Los Angeles Rams.** \*\*\*\*\*On April 6, **Edna V. (Mrs. Felix) DeMary** will be 85. She makes her home with daughter **Anabel** and son-in-law **Arthur Anderson** at 904 Cherry St. (Editor’s note: Since then **Edna, Arthur** and **Anabel** have died.)\*\*\*\*\***Craig Corder, Richard and Ruth’s** youngest turns 9 years old in a few days. \*\*\*\*\***Tina Bendy** turns 14. \*\*\*\*\*Selected senior class favorites at Bridge City were **Traci Taylor** and **Kenny Ronsonette.** Best all around were **Alice Martinez** and **Kirk Harmon.** Most likely to succeed, **Holli Day** and **David Dutshman.** Friendliest were **Nina Scales** and **Kenny Ronsonette.** Most beautiful was **Sherri VanBreeman;** **Brian Murphy** was selected most handsome. \*\*\*\*\***Mary Behnke** and **Joe Ben Welch** are running as a team for the **WO** school board. \*\*\*\*\***Jimmy Singletary** is running for mayor against longtime incumbent **Glenn Seale** at West Orange.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

I recall in the early 1950’s when retail in Orange ruled. It was wall-to-wall retail businesses. Banks and movie theaters were crammed downtown as well as several restaurants. The **Bengal Café** and **Mary Ann’s Restaurant** were around the corner, on Green Ave. **ABC Grocery** and **Market** was also on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Several meat markets were scattered around town. **Green’s Department** store and **Belle’s Men’s Wear** were on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. **Judge Sid Callivet** had a store on Front Street. There also was **Conn’s Furniture** and other retailers on Front. Saturday was the big day when country folks came to town. I miss those old days and hair cuts at the old **Holland Hotel** and a banana split from the **Sugar and Spice.**\*\*\*\*\*I don’t fish or hunt anymore but like many of you I read **Capt. Dickie Colburn’s** and **Capt. Chuck Uzzle’s** columns every week. Of course, I’ve been reading **Kaz** for over 40 years. All three do great work and **The Record** is proud to publish them.\*\*\*\*\*Speaking of **Capt. Chuck Uzzle,** he brought by some **sausage and fish** last week, it sure was **delicious** in my **breakfast, gumbo** and **red beans** the last week.\*\*\*\*\*Just a few folks I know who will be celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **March 31,** is a special day for a special young lady. **Coree Guerra,** who I’ve known since she was 7-years-old. **Christy Koury’s** little angel is now a 17-year-old young lady. Time travels fast. I bet **Christy** is thinking that in just a few years a childhood has come and gone as **Coree** moves on.\*\*\*\*\*A special lady with a green thumb, **Ms. Arlene Dodge,** celebrates on **April 3.**\*\*\*\*\***April 4, Easter Sunday,** marks the day **Martin Luther King** was killed in 1968 at the hands of **James Earl Ray.**\*\*\*\*\***April 5,** finds three good guys celebrating. Former State Representative, lawyer and rancher **Wayne Peveto** celebrates.\*\*\*Also, **Earl Duhon,** owner of **Dupuis Tire** and **Service** and longtime friend **Al DeRoche,** who turns 93.\*\*\***Race Dearborne,** one of the late **Doug Harrington’s** grandsons, celebrates.\*\*\* Happy birthday today also to **Nancy McWhorter.** Where ever she

is we know she is reading **The Record** online. It would be nice to hear from her.\*\*\*\*\***April 6** finds one of the good guys, **Judge Chad Jenkins,** celebrating. The former educator has several tasks, one is an auctioneer and is also a great dad to three boys.\*\*\*On this day one of **Buster Scales’** pretty daughters, **Vance’s** wife, **Cyndie Chauvin,** celebrates.\*\*\*\*\*On this historical day in 1917 the **United States** enter **WWI,** the war that cost more **American** lives than all other wars combines.\*\*\*\*\***Wedding bells:** I was so glad to hear that two good people I know are going to tie the knot. Well, it’s more than that, it’s two wonderful people who at this stage in life needed someone special they could live out the rest of life with. Commissioner **Kirk Roccaforte** and County Treasurer **Christy Kourey,** after dating for awhile, realized how much they cared for each other. They are now engaged but no wedding date has been set yet. I’m happy for them and believe they are a perfect match. Congrats and best wishes.\*\*\*\*\*I had a phone visit with our friend **Judge Rodney Price.** He is really looking forward to attending the **Lunch Bunch** gathering on April 14.\*\*\*\*\***Marlene** and **Keith Merritt** have just returned from a weeks vacation touring North Texas in their travel trailer. They even made the **Fort Worth’s** stock yard. **Marlene** and **Keith** enjoyed traveling and caravanning with her two sisters. They had lots of fun where ever they stopped to camp. The **Sheriff** is enjoying being away from the pressure.\*\*\*\*\*I’m blured eyed from watching so much **March Madness.** What I never expected was that **Houston** and **Baylor** would both be in the final four. Many players have been very entertaining but I really liked watching **Michigan’s** pint-size guard **Mike Smith.** He puts on a clinic. This is **Houston’s** first **Final Four** since the ‘**PhiS-lama Jama**’ days 37 years ago. What a **pleasant surprise** that **Houston** and **Baylor** are in the **Final Four.**

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Natives celebrating their big day in the next few days. **Terry Seal, Dana Myers, Danny Carter, Hunter Wilson, Rececca Hunter, Race Dearborne, Carolyn Whittaker, Pam Savoy, Steve Adams, Angie Sellers, Vickie Foreman, Jason Vincent, Kellie Fontenot, Michael McAllister, Mikayla Kohn, Arline Dodge, Desirea Wilson, Deana Blackmon, Aliceson Haynes, Geoff Rendall, Jason Ballard, Jeremy Simmons, Sandra McRight, Niki Viola, Libby Harrison, Lisa Coffey, Cyndie Chauvin, David Blanton.**

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

**March 31:** Actors **Christopher Walken,** 78; **Rhea Perlman,** 73; Politician **Al Gore,** 73.\*\*\*\*\***April 1:** Pop Singer **Susan Boyle,** 55; Country Singer **Hillary Scott,** 35; Wrestler **Randy Orton,** 41.\*\*\*\*\***April 2:** Radio Host **Bobby Bones,** 41; Actors **Christopher Meloni,** 60; **Cara Santana,** 37; **Adam Rodriguez,** 46.\*\*\*\*\***April 3:** Model **Paris Jackson,** 23; Actors **Eddie Murphy,** 60 and **Alec Baldwin,** 63.\*\*\*\*\***April 4:** Actors **Robert Downey, Jr.,** 56; **Jamie Lynn Spears,** 30; **David Cross,** 56. **R&B Singer Jill Scott,** 49.\*\*\*\*\***April 5:** Pop Singer **Pharrell Williams,** 48; Actor **Sterling K. Brown,** 45; Wrestler **Charlotte Flair,** 35.\*\*\*\*\***April 6:** Actors **Candance Cameron-Bure,** 45; **Todd Chrisley,** 54; **Paul Rudd,** 52; **Billy Dee Williams,** 84.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Clovis Comeaux** him, made a good crop of rice last year so he plan to take his wife **Agnes** on a vacation to **Australia.** While on da trip **Clovis** met a nice chap, an **Aussie farmer.** **Dey** got to talking about farming dem. **Da Aussie** him, showed **Clovis** his rice field wat cover a few acres.

**Clovis** him laugh and say, “**Mai, we have rice fields in Sou’h Loosianna dat are four or tree times dat size us.**”

**Dey** walk around da place and da **Aussie** show him his fish pond. **Clovis** say, “**We got crawfish bigger dan dem little fish us.**”

**Den** da **Aussie** him show him his canary birds dat he’s raising.

**Clovis** say, “**Mai us, we got mosquitoes as big as you little birds.**”

**Den** **Clovis** him see a herd of **Kangaroo** hopping in da field. “**Kee Yaw**” **Clovis** say, “**Mai, wat da hell is dem tings, hanh?**”

**Da Aussie** farmer him, look **Clovis** rat in da eye and he axed, “**Wat’s wrong mate, don’t you guys have grasshoppers in Louisiana?**”

### C’EST TOUT

#### Holy Week Heads to Easter

I was raised in a **Cajun,** very **Catholic** family. My grandmother, who lived to be 92-years-old, recited her **Rosary** every day, sometimes more often if she had need of extra prayer for personal or a country crisis. **Holy Week** started with **Palm Sunday.** **Good Friday** was a meatless day, even though most **Catholics** didn’t eat meat on any Friday. I don’t recall if **Catholics** worked on that day, however, I remember you were not permitted to dig in the ground on that day. I recall my **Grandmother,** who spoke only **French,** telling me if I dug in the dirt I would see the blood of **Christ.** All of my life I wondered what the translation or explanation was for her comment. I don’t believe she literally meant I would see blood but it meant something I never understood. She and I made many trips to the big church, walking the two miles. **Easter Sunday Mass** was always a must. She wore her **Easter bonnet;** all the ladies at that service wore their special **Easter hats.** Women wearing something on their head was a must when entering a church. On **Easter** we all wore our **Sunday best.** Most women had made their own special dress or had one made by a relative who could sew. **There were few store-bought dresses by country folks.** It was a very special service to this **Catholic** boy. I also enjoyed making the **Stations of the Cross,** referred to as the “**Way of the Cross**” during **Lent.** **Easter** day was celebrated with a big special meal, maybe chicken and sausage gumbo, sometimes a big pork roast with **Grandma’s** special potato balls, filled with seasoning, rolled in flour and fried. I remember **Gar Balls** made that way also. Remembering **Grandma’s** cooking has moments, like time trips, with me. It was said she could make a meal, even with a shoe sole. Her **Catfish Sauce Picante,** over a bed of rice, was one of my favorites. **Grandma** never cooked a bad meal. Regardless if it was tripe, cow tongue, rabbit, etc. Well, this is my contribution to the **2021 Easter season.** My recollections of being brought up in a religious family. That good lady’s teaching often had me right my course if I went astray. She ruled in two ways, religion and a leather strap. **Happy Easter** to

## LSCO nursing student wins national award



LSCO nursing student Danielle Sullivan with LSCO President Dr. Thomas Johnson.

### Staff Report For The Record

Lamar State College Orange nursing student, Danielle Sullivan, has been selected as one of ten National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX\*) Hurst Scholars. Not only is she one of ten selected in the nation, she is the only scholar selected from Texas.

"We couldn't be prouder of Danielle for her achievement. Our LSCO Nursing Program is home to so many dedicated and driven students, and Danielle's selection as the only Texas student and one of only ten in the nation to receive this award makes it clear that her drive and determination is exceptional. We are so proud that Danielle has chosen LSCO as her home to advance her career in nursing, and as is evidenced by her award, we know the sky is the limit for this Gator in her career," LSCO President Dr. Thomas Johnson said.

The scholarship, funded by national nurs-

ing exam prep company Hurst Review Services, is exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society nursing majors who plan to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX\*). Along with the national recognition, as a Hurst Review NCLEX\* Scholar, Sullivan will receive free use of Hurst Review study materials – a \$300 value – and a \$250 scholarship award to pay for the NCLEX\* exam fees. The NCLEX\* is a standardized exam given by each state's board of nursing to determine if RN or LPN/LVN candidates are competent for entry-level nursing practice.

Phi Theta Kappa, of which Sullivan is a member, is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.



The Chen Family seen following the 5K Color Run in 2019.

## LCM Education Foundation to host 2nd Annual 5K Color Run

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Education Foundation, Inc., invites the community to its Second Annual Legacy 5k Color Run/Walk, on May 1. Entry is \$30 and children under 12, \$20. This is a fun, family event to raise money to support grants provided by the Foundation for its "Grants-to-Educators" program.

The grants provide funds for enrichment experiences and materials to enhance the education of students throughout the LCM District.

This year, the Foundation awarded 21 grants totaling over \$36,000. The total given since the Foundation began awarding grants is over \$299,000. It is called the Legacy 5K because it will start and finish in Legacy Park, the wooded area surrounding the big bear next to the LCM Administration Office, 6586 FM 1130, in Orange.

The first 5K event had over 220 partici-

pants of all ages. The race is chip-timed, and medals will be given for ages 11-15, 16-19, 20-29, etc. Those registering by April 9 are assured of a T-shirt and swag bag. Sponsorships for the event, color, and water stations and more are available. Health-related vendors may reserve a spot for \$25 and the donation of a promotional item for the swag bags. Registration for all of these and for the race is available at [https://www.lcmcisid.org/324862\\_4](https://www.lcmcisid.org/324862_4).

Registration can be done online or by downloading a form and returning to the LCM Administration Building at 6586 FM 1130, Orange, Texas 77632. For more information, contact the Foundation at [education-foundation@lcmcisid.org](mailto:education-foundation@lcmcisid.org), or call 409-883-2232 extension 3. You can also sign up online through the Foundation's Facebook page, or on the LCM website, under the Community tab.

## LCM One Act Play Headed To Regionals



LCM One Act Play All-District team members above are: (L-R) Hayden Gilley, Jessica Ridout, Rylie Dollar, and John Paul Sulak

Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School One Act Play was busy on both ends of Spring Break. The weekend before, the troupe earned Second in District Competition, which let them advance to Bi-District the next weekend. At Bi-District, they took First Place, earning the right to compete in Region on April 15, at Atascocita High School in Humble. Individual recognition was also earned by cast and crew members at both events. District Award Winners include Outstanding Technician - Hayden Gilley and Outstanding Tech Crew Overall. Acting

Awards went to Rylie Dollar and John Paul Sulak for Honorable Mentions and All-Star Cast - Jessica Ridout. At Bi-District competition, award winners were Kayla McCarver for Outstanding Technician and Layden Webb and Cole Watson for Honorable Mentions, Rylie Dollar was All Star Cast, and Jessica Ridout was named Best Performer. The Theater Department will stage a home performance of Blue Stockings on April 9 and 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the LCM auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

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# Pope Francis: Lift your eyes to the cross in Holy Week

From Staff Reports  
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis urged Catholics to focus on the cross during Holy Week as he celebrated Mass on Palm Sunday.

Offering Mass at the Altar of the Chair March 28, the pope said that Holy Week was an opportunity to rediscover "amazement" at Christ's saving Passion.

"During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement," he said.

In his homily, the pope reflected on Christ's triumphal entry in Jerusalem, when Jesus was greeted by crowds bearing palms.

"His people give him a solemn welcome, yet he enters Jerusalem on a lowly colt. His people expect a powerful liberator at Passover, yet he



Pope Francis

comes to bring the Passover to fulfillment by sacrificing himself. His people are hoping to triumph over the Romans by the sword, but Jesus comes to celebrate God's triumph through the cross," he said.

"What happened to those people who in a few days' time went from shouting 'Hosanna' to crying out 'Crucify him'? What happened? They

were following an idea of the Messiah rather than the Messiah. They admired Jesus, but they did not let themselves be amazed by him."

The pope said that today many people also admire Jesus for his life and teaching, but that "to admire Jesus is not enough."

"What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover?" he asked. "It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus -- as St. Paul tells us -- 'emptied himself... he humbled himself' (Philippians 2:7-8)."

"This is the amazing thing: to see the Almighty reduced to nothing. To see the Word who knows all things teach

us in silence from the height of the cross. To see the King of Kings enthroned on a gibbet. Seeing the God of the universe stripped of everything and crowned with thorns instead of glory. To see the One who is goodness personified, insulted and beaten."

He continued: "Why all this humiliation? Why, Lord, did you wish to endure all this? Jesus did it for us, to plumb the depths of our human experience, our entire existence, all our evil. To draw near to us and not abandon us in our suffering and our death. To redeem us, to save us. Jesus was lifted high on the cross in order to descend to the abyss of our suffering."

After the Passion, human beings are never alone, the pope explained.

"God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word. God triumphs, but the palm of victory passes through the wood of the cross. For the palm and the cross are inseparable," he said.

"Let us ask for the grace to be amazed. A Christian life without amazement becomes dreary."

"What about us? Can we still be moved by God's love? Have we lost the ability to be amazed by him? Maybe our faith has grown dull from habit. Maybe we remain trapped in our regrets and allow ourselves to be crippled by our disappointments. Maybe we have lost all our trust or even feel worthless," he said.

"But behind all these 'maybes' lies the fact that we are

not open to the gift of the Spirit who gives us the grace of amazement."

The pope urged people facing this struggle to "start over from amazement"

"Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: 'Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!' Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and asserting oneself, but in realizing that we are loved."

Concluding his Palm Sunday homily, Pope Francis said: "Today God continues to fill our minds and hearts with amazement. Let us be filled with that amazement as we gaze upon the crucified Lord. May we too say: 'You are truly the Son of God. You are my God.'"

## ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Sin and Satan's Greatest defeat

Pastor Charles Empey  
For The Record



Pastor Charles Empey

Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

On the day they crucified Jesus there was hopes by the religionist and others of that day that they would be finished with Jesus. Satan especially was seeking the end of Jesus, the Son of God. He knows that Jesus is on track to put him in hell someday, but he could only hope that this would resolve that for him. The Book of Acts says that if the princes of the land knew, they would not have made such a decision, but God the Father wrought a plan of salvation and destruction of Satan and his

realm. Jesus would die for our sins. He would literally take the place of every believer in their judgment for sin. So, Satan's plan to eliminate Jesus failed miserably. Jesus said that three days and nights later He would rise again, and that that is exactly what happened. Not one historian in all their efforts to prove it didn't happen, have failed time and again. Jesus

rose from death and the grave in His sovereign power.

For we believers and all who will come unto Him, there sin debt is completely paid. All of their sins have been paid for at the shedding blood of Jesus, and His resurrection from the death sealed the legitimacy of His sacrifice for sin. He washed our sins away under His shed blood. He is alive from the dead doing that work for whoever will believe, receiving Him as their personal Lord and Savior. Romans 5:8-10 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

Jesus came to destroy Satan and sin and bring saving grace to all of us who believe and all others who will come unto Him. His resurrection confirmed who He is and that He did exactly what He came to do.

Now, we have the finished work of Jesus in our behalf at calvary and sealing it with His resurrection. So, do we just embrace it as a fact, or do we make it personal and receive Him in faith to be our Savior from sin? This thing by faith must be internalized, believed with clear reception of Jesus to now be the Lord and Savior of our soul and life. Will exercise godly faith, yea the faith of Jesus Christ and be saved? It is not something to happen

in passing. You must accept that you are a sinner for whom Jesus came and died and rose again for and turn from the old life unto Him who will, as your Lord (Master), save you and seal you by His Holy Spirit as His and His child. You then have an awesome Father in heaven ready to meet you daily needs physically and spiritually.

This is as pure and holy as

love can get. God sending His only begotten Son, thrice holy as He is, to lay His life down as the sacrifice for sinners is amazing.

May God bless you today with rejoicing in His saving grace in your life through Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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# Slight change in tactics help

FISHING  
CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN  
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

I don't think that we are quite there, but it is evident that the spawn is at the very least in the final stages on both Rayburn and Toledo Bend. Smaller males and females can be seen running the banks in the back end of virtually every major creek and while that final rush to propagate affords the easiest bite of the year, it serves up very few trophy fish.

Even if you have the patience and determination to target deeper water, you will still be hard-pressed to earn a swing at a life time best. What you can do, however, is greatly enhance your chances of catching a higher percentage of three to five pound fish. If your bass fishing is strictly a catch and release deal anyway, why not target those stockier fish. If you are a tournament fisherman, they are just what the Doctor ordered!

Ernie Sensat has been fishing that program for the past two weeks and the wind is the only thing that has slowed him down. I pulled a trailer to the lake for him last week and earned four hours of better than average catching while fishing the south end of Toledo Bend.

I don't know how many fish we caught, but Ernie managed to unexpectedly fool two fish in the seven pound class. "Those are the first fish I have caught over five pounds exploiting this deeper pattern," said Sensat, "but at the same time I have caught very few fish under three pounds."

Eight to twelve feet of water, whether it be on the far end of a main lake point or a break on a major flat, has absolutely been the most productive depth. We fished several spots before finishing off his only pack of plum colored Brush Hogs and I don't think we caught a single bass under three pounds.

We fished a Carolina Rig with a half-ounce weight exclusively, but fished it on an 18 to 24-inch leader. I seldom fish anything shorter than three feet, but Ernie is convinced that the extra foot does you no good when there is no grass present. His boat....his program...it worked.

As a rule, the larger post-spawn bass will return to these staging areas to recoup, but Ernie says that he thinks that happened much quicker than usual due to the freeze. "Because the fish I am catching at that depth are so healthy, I believe there is plenty of food, but the big females just aren't there.

Tuesday, I talked with Eddie Hudson who is currently en-

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# Vols' Chad Dallas among top pitchers

KAZ'S KORNER  
Joe Kazmar  
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

It was a couple of days after Christmas in 2018 when my grandson Logan Smith and his family were visiting Orange for the holidays.

Logan was home in Lufkin from West Point on the Christmas break, but was a pitcher for the Army baseball team and had various daily pitching routines he had to do to prepare for the upcoming season and wanted me to work out with him.

I told him my days of seeing 90 mile an hour fast balls were long gone. So, his mother Karen remembered that her college sorority sister Nancy Dallas had two boys—Jack and Chad—that were college pitchers and may want to work out with Logan.

Jack was at Lamar in Beaumont while Chad was pitching for Panola College in Carthage where his father Tony also played.

We met Chad at the West Orange-Stark baseball field and the two went through their assigned preliminary routines before throwing to each other while I safely watched. After about an hour, the two young hurlers went their separate ways and never saw each other again.

Logan kept up with Chad's career from West Point at Panola and then the University of Tennessee the last two years.

Logan was one of the nation's strikeouts-to-walks leaders in 2020 until the season was curtailed in late March due to the pandemic. He called Major League Baseball and asked to have his name removed from the upcoming draft and became a Second Lieutenant and got assigned to Fort Benning in Georgia.



University of Tennessee, and Orange County native, Chad Dallas pitched Friday night against LSU in a Southeastern Conference game, hurling seven innings and allowing only one run, five hits and a walk, while striking out 11 in No. 9 Tennessee's 3-1 victory over No. 14 LSU.

We talked on the phone Sunday and he advised me to mention the great start of the season Chad was having at Tennessee. "He's their Friday starter which means he is the ace of the Vols' pitching staff," Logan said. And he should know because he was the Friday starter at Army last spring.

Chad pitched Friday night against LSU in a Southeastern Conference game, hurling seven innings and allowing only one run, five hits and a walk, while striking out 11 in No. 9 Tennessee's 3-1 victory over No. 14 LSU.

The Vols went on to sweep LSU in the three-game weekend series, improving to 21-4 for the season and 5-1 in the SEC. The last time Tennessee beat LSU was in 2014.

The win upped Chad's record to 4-0 after posting a similar victory over No. 7 Georgia in the SEC opener the

week before. He also recorded mound victories over Georgia Southern and UNC Greensboro and is in the nation's top 10 in strikeouts-to-walks ratio. He has pitched 37 innings, given up 31 hits and logged 54 strikeouts.

When I checked the Internet on Chad's overall career, I discovered that the 5-11, 206-pound junior right-hander from Orange is 4-0 so far this season, was 3-0 with a 2.53 ERA in four starts in the COVID-19-shortened 2020 season and was 5-0 at Panola with a 1.15 ERA and averaged 16.38 strikeouts per nine innings as a freshman.

Besides not ever suffering a loss during his 2½-year college baseball career, Chad was on the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll.

While at West Orange-Stark High

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# TPWD approves changes to freshwater fishing regulations for 2021-22

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted multiple changes to the freshwater fishing regulations for the upcoming 2021-2022 season at the meeting held virtually March 25. Changes to length and bag limits for blue and channel catfish statewide and at specific locations highlight this year's list of freshwater fishing regulation changes. The changes also include minor modifications to passive gear float dimensions.

The changes that were enacted for the 2021-22 license year and take effect September 1, 2021, are listed below. In addition, the details of these new regulations will be incorporated into the 2021-22 edition of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Annual.

The current statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish consist of a 12-inch minimum length limit and a 25-fish daily bag limit that combines both species. The changes remove the minimum length limit (fish of any length could be harvested) and retain the 25-fish daily bag. However, of the 25 blue or channel catfish that could be harvested per day, anglers will be limited to harvesting no more than 10 fish that measure 20 inches or longer.

Two new exceptions to the statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish were adopted. The first category follows the no minimum length limit and 25-fish daily bag limit for blue and channel catfish from the approved statewide regulations but further limits the number of fish 20 inches or larger that could be harvested per day to five and further limits the number of fish 30 inches or larger that could be harvested to one. A total of 12 locations were approved for this category. Following are the locations and their current regulations.

Six locations that are currently under statewide regulations: Lakes Belton (Bell and Coryell counties), Bob Sandlin (Camp, Franklin, and Titus counties), Conroe (Montgomery and Walker counties), Hubbard Creek (Stephens County), Lavon (Collin County), and Ray Hubbard (Collin, Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties).

Three locations currently under a 30- to 45-inch slot length limit: Lewisville (Denton County), Richland-Chambers (Freestone and Navarro counties), and Waco (McClennan County).

Two locations currently under no minimum length limit and a 50-fish daily bag limit but with harvest limits of five fish that measure 20 inches or longer: Kirby (Taylor

County) and Palestine (Cherokee, Anderson, Henderson, and Smith counties).

Lake Tawakoni (Hunt, Rains, and Van Zandt counties) currently is under similar regulations: no minimum but with harvest limits of seven over 20 inches and two over 30 inches.

The final new exemption category is a 14-inch minimum length limit and a 15-fish combined daily bag for blue and channel catfish. Locations for this category, which are currently under statewide regulations, are:

Lakes Braunig (Bexar County), Calaveras (Bexar County), Choke Canyon (Live Oak and McMullen counties), Fayette County (Fayette County), and Proctor (Comanche County).

Additionally, two reservoirs will be added to an existing blue and channel catfish regulation category: no minimum length limit and a 50-fish bag limit with the additional restriction that no more than five fish of 30 inches or larger could be harvested per day. Those reservoirs are Lake Livingston (Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties), which has a 12-inch minimum length limit and 50-fish daily bag limit, and Lake Sam Rayburn (Jasper County), which is currently under statewide regulations.

These two reservoirs, Lake Livingston and Lake Sam Rayburn and these reservoirs, Lakes Caddo (Harrison and Marion counties) and Toledo Bend (Newton Sabine, and Shelby counties), and the Sabine River (Newton and Orange counties), which are currently in the above regulation category, will also be added to the regulations for commercial harvest.

Current statewide length and bag limits for commercial harvest will remain at 14 inches and 25 fish [both species combined], and a five-fish bag limit will apply on all community fishing lakes and lying totally within a state park.

Changes were also adopted to standardize the descriptions for float dimensions for some passive gears as length and width rather than height and diameter. Also, inadvertently, the width of the float for minnow traps was listed as 6 inches, and it should be 3 inches.

The changes to the 2021-22 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing regulations take effect on September 1, 2021. All fishing regulations can be found in the Outdoor Annual on the TPWD website.

The online version of the TPWD Outdoor Annual will not reflect any new changes until mid-August. More information regarding these amendments for the 2021-22 season can be viewed on the TPWD website.

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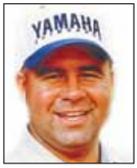
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# Many sportsmen oppose perceived infringements

## Outdoors Captain Chuck Uzzle For The Record

In a little less than 3 months the average every day citizen has been overwhelmed by an avalanche of executive orders from the new president Joe Biden. Many of those orders like cancelling the Keystone Pipeline and the disastrous new border policy have been chronicled at length by media outlets so I won't even go in that direction even though they should be pointed out at every opportunity.

Instead I'll just share some news that came from another one the dozens of executive orders this one should concern fishermen. Under the



heading of "tackling the climate crisis" the new administration has signed an order that has become known as the "30 by 30". The new order which was signed in late January is a radical and aggressive push forwarded by environmental and climate change activists to put 30 percent of the land and water in the United States under permanent protection by 2030.

To reach the 30 by 30 target will require conserving an additional area twice the size of Texas, more than 440 million acres, within the next 10 years. The White House has yet to specify who will oversee the initiative at the federal level and which lands and waterways might be prioritized in protected areas.

Now on the surface that may not sound bad, that is until you read the fine print. Just like the massive trillion dollar stimulus package there are

hidden agendas that will sneak up on many unsuspecting Americans. Inside the order there is a provision that will make the protected waters off limits to commercial fishing such as trawlers and long liners, the same folks who support the seafood industry. The big kicker here is that sport fishermen will be lumped into that group as well so the charters that take folks out to fish will also be prevented from using that water as well. According to SeafoodSource.com this new plan, when first unveiled in the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act, drew a letter from over 800 members of the seafood industry – organized by the At-sea Processors Association, National Fisheries Institute, Saving Seafood, and the Seafood Harvesters of America – who oppose a blanket ban of all fishing activity in 30 percent of oceans owned by the U.S.

Along with the seafood industry the sport fishing industry brings in over a billion dollars per year and much of that goes back into research and conservation efforts to help maintain and sustain the renewable resources from the oceans. At this time there are ongoing meetings from all sorts of marine representatives to lobby for an opportunity to help decide what lands and waters will be affected. This is a subject that needs to be monitored because under normal circumstances when things get taken away by the government they are rarely given back.

On a brighter note the National Rifle Association has won several court cases recently in Washington state and Arkansas. There has also been a surge in states that have voted to allow "Constitutional Carry" as a law. In the United States, the

term constitutional carry, also called permitless carry, unrestricted carry, or Vermont carry, refers to the legal carrying of a handgun, either openly or concealed, without a license or permit. Currently there are 13 states that allow for constitutional carry while other states still require a permit. The new administration has recently floated an idea that they will use another executive order to impose their gun control laws but that has yet to materialize. Any and all gun owners need to stay up to date on pending legislation and be sure to contact their state officials to voice their opinions on the subjects.

If you stand back and look at things as an outdoorsman the future is much more uncertain than when President Trump was in office and that's just a simple fact. President Trump was very Pro

2nd Amendment and enacted legislation such as the Great American Outdoors Act that provided funds to help state and federal parks so they could be more accessible to all Americans.

Many in the media misconstrued Trump's agenda as well as his words. Just last week I read a misquote of the former president which said he told the Proud Boys to "stand up and stand by" when in fact the actual quote was "stand back and stand by".

Hopefully that gets retracted with the same emphasis as it was printed the first time. The biggest point to be made from all of this is that all outdoorsmen need to get involved and stay informed in order to preserve the rights we currently take for granted because they are slipping away right before our own eyes.

# TPWD approves hunting regulations changes for 2021-22

## Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN — Hunting regulations for the 2021-22 season were approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its public meeting held online March 25. Hunters will see some changes this fall, including the elimination of the experimental pronghorn season in the northern Panhandle and extension of the general pronghorn season from 9 to 16 days statewide, and the addition of two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Days within the South Dove Zone.

The following modifications and clarifications to the 2021-22 Statewide Hunting Proclamation have been adopted by the TPW Commission:

- Add crossbow to the definition of lawful archery equipment



Among the new hunting regulations approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife is adding two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Days within the South Dove Zone.

- Remove the prohibition on trailing wounded deer with dogs in Angelina, Hardin, Nacogdoches, Orange, Shelby, and Tyler counties; In addition, allow the trailing of wounded deer to no more than two dogs on a leash in Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine counties

- Eliminate the experimental pronghorn season in the northern Panhandle

- Extend the general pronghorn season from 9 days to 16 days statewide

- Close Panola County to hunting Eastern turkey sea-

son during the spring in 2022

- Implement mandatory reporting for spring turkey hunting (April 1 – 30) in the "Western 1 Gobbler" counties in southcentral Texas in 2022

- Add two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Days within the South Dove Zone

- Establish season dates and daily bag limits for all migratory game bird hunting seasons

- Modify the muzzleloader definition to clarify only the bullet or projectile and powder must be loaded through

the muzzle

- Modify opening day for chachalacas to be concurrent with quail season

- Align spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons with consistent North and South Zone boundaries along Highway 90 starting in the fall of 2021

- Allow squirrel hunting statewide by opening the remaining closed counties to a year-round hunting season. Traditional East Texas squirrel season, May 1-31 and Oct. 1-last Sunday in Feb. remains unchanged

Hunters hitting the field in

the upcoming season should make note of these changes and follow all regulations set for species, tagging, bag limits, counties, season dates and means and methods. Hunters can check the online version of the Outdoor Annual for complete and updated regulations. Information currently in the online version of the Outdoor Annual reflects last season's information. The 2021-22 season information will not be online until mid-August per usual practice.

More information regarding these amendments and hunting season dates for the 2021-22 seasons can be viewed on the TPWD website.

## TPWD emergency action for spotted seatrout

### Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN- On March 24, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission took emergency action to change the bag and size limits on spotted seatrout in the Upper and Lower Laguna Madre due to the coastal freeze and subsequent fish kill in Feb. 2021. The new regulations for spotted seatrout in the bays and beachfronts of the Laguna Madre include:

- a three fish bag limit,
- a minimum size length of 17 inches
- a maximum size length of 23 inches and;
- no fish over 23 inches may be retained.

These changes will take effect on April 1 and are valid for up to 120 days, but may be extended another 60 days if warranted. The Laguna Madre encompasses two bay systems, Upper and Lower Laguna Madre. It ranges from south of the JFK causeway near Corpus Christi (including the adjacent beachfronts from Packery Channel) to the Rio Grande river in south Texas. The emergency action will be reevaluated once additional data is gathered by Coastal Fisheries biologists during the spring sampling season. This information will provide a better indication of the freeze impact to fish populations.

"I am confident that our

spring sampling will help us get a better picture of the impacts to fish populations since the February fish kill event. In the meantime, the Commission took the action to help conserve the fish we have now and accelerate recovery," said Coastal Fisheries Division Director Robin Riechers.

Biologists expect this type of management action to result in an increase in population numbers since more mature fish are left in the water to spawn during the spring through summer spawning season. This coupled with spotted seatrout production at TPWD coastal fish hatcheries will accelerate recovery.

In observance of Good Friday, our offices will be closed on April 2. We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Easter.

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## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

School, Chad earned Texas Sports Writers Association All-State second team honors in 2017, was a three-time All-District selection for the Mustangs and was named Orange County's Most Valuable Player as a senior in 2018, allowing just four earned runs for the entire season while also batting .410 at the plate.

Chad also was an all-district high school football player, helping lead the Mustangs to consecutive Class 4A state championship games, including a state title in 2016.

Dallas in hoping Good Friday is a good Friday for Tennessee as he is scheduled to pitch against the Alabama Crimson Tide to open the weekend series.

After playing the Florida Gators the next weekend, Chad will start the series against Vanderbilt, the nation's No. 1 team on April 16. Orange area college base-

ball fans will have an opportunity to watch Chad Dallas in action April 23 when the Vols travel to College Station to meet the feisty Texas A&M Aggies for a weekend series.

### KWICKIES...

Billie Horschel defeated Scottie Scheffler 2-1 (up two holes with one hole to play) Sunday after to win the PGA WCS Match Play event at the Austin Country Club. Horschel defeated three former WCS champions and two ranked in the World's Top 10.

I still like undefeated Gonzaga to win the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, provided they got by last night's Elite Eight match-up against USC.

The 2021 Major League baseball season opens for out Houston Astros tomorrow with Zack Greinke set to pitch against the A's at Oak-

land. He should be followed on the mound by Cristian Javier, Lance McCullers, Jr. and then Jose Urquidy. Manager Dusty Baker hasn't decided who the No. 5 starter will be. The Astros home opener will be April 8 against Oakland at Minute Maid Park.

The No. 6 Texas Lady Longhorns upset No. 2-ranked Maryland 64-61 to advance in the NCAA Women's College Tournament.

In the National Invitational Tournament (NIT), Memphis defeated Mississippi State in the finals while Louisiana Tech downed Colorado State 76-74 for consolation honors.

Last week I referred to Texas Longhorns head basketball coach Shaka Smart as Shaka Dumb, but he wisely resigned to take over the program at Marquette, where basketball is the school's No. 1 sport. Perhaps Smart can get back to the winning ways

he had before his six-year stay at Austin.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

Although I've never really cared for Sergio Garcia as a PGA golfer because he seemed so cocky, he said he's an "Adopted Son of Texas" where he claims there are only two seasons in Texas—football season and spring football season. He's grown fond of football because his wife Angela is the daughter of former Texas Longhorns quarterback Marty Akins, who played under the legendary Darrell K. Royal. Angela's cousin is married to recently retired New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees. Sergio was in playing at the Austin Country Club in the PGA WCS Match Play event against Lee Westwood Saturday and the two golfers finished the 18-hole match tied. So, in Sudden Death, Sergio made a hole-in-one to

advance in what was called "a walk-off ace." He was eliminated in the next round, but leads the PGA golfers by playing in his 51st match.



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## Colburn From Page 1B

joying working from his lake house due to the pandemic and he agrees with Sensat's findings. "I can catch smaller bass back in the creeks, but the bite I have most enjoyed is taking place on the deeper breaks."

While technique and choice of lures are basically the same, he is spending most of his time probing the deeper drains on the outside edge of flats. "My wife and I are not filling the boat, but the fish we are catching are all quality bass." He is obviously as pleased with her new-found addiction to waiting out the next bite as the bite itself!

I promised not to share their secret color, but I spoke

with a couple of local anglers Monday evening that were convinced that they had bought every Lil John in that color from Lake Charles to Beaumont. What was most surprising was they had been unable to make local bass eat any other color in that bait.

That little non-descript four inch tail was designed to catch saltwater fish and it does, but the bass apparently like it as well. "We have fished the Neches, the Sabine and every bayou in between," stated the more talkative of the two, "and it's the same color everywhere.

It may well be the color as there was certainly nothing magic about the way they were fishing it. They were

rigging it with the hook exposed on an eighth-ounce head with a 2/0 hook. They were either swimming it just outside floating vegetation or bouncing it off the bottom in the drains.

They both said the only day they failed to catch bass last week was the day they were running the road looking for more Lil Johns. They wouldn't elaborate on the size of the bass they were catching, but did say that a lot of them were still carrying eggs.

That has to be encouraging news for the Bassmaster Elite pros headed this way next week!

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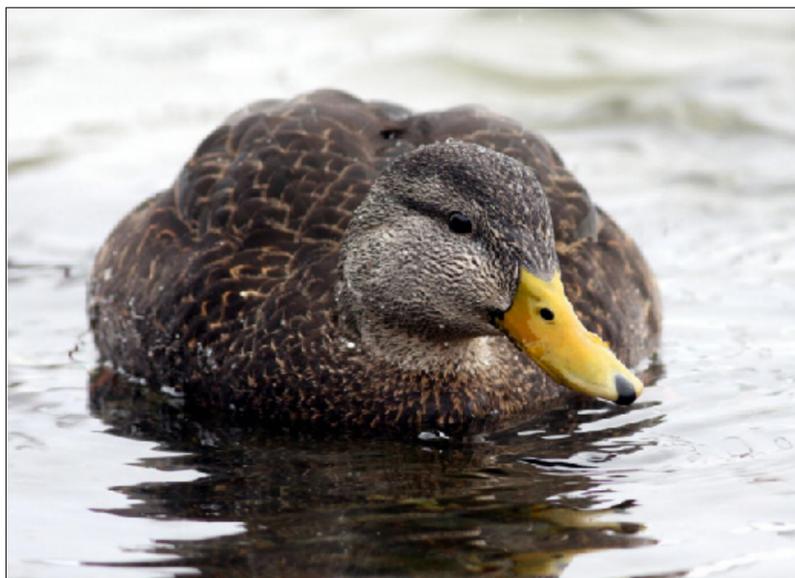
# Ducks in the Southern U.S. Have Shifted Northward Due to Temperature Changes Attributed to Climate Change

Robyn Shepherd  
Audubon Society

A study of 16 common duck species that winter in the Southeastern U.S. that was conducted by the National Audubon Society and Clemson University's James C. Kennedy Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation Center shows that populations have shifted northward over the past 50 years due to temperature changes attributed to climate warming.

The study, published in the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, is based on data collected during Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) from 1969-2019. The CBC includes both amateur birders and scientists reporting on local bird populations each December and January.

"We've suspected that warming temperatures are changing the types of waterfowl that we're seeing in different regions, and these data confirm that," said Dr. Tim Meehan, quantitative ecologist at the National Audubon Society and the lead author of the publication. "The weather has stopped becoming severe enough in the winter to prompt the birds to fly south. They're staying farther north, and they're telling us that something fundamental has changed in their environment."



American Black Duck. Photo: Fyn Kynd/Flickr (CC BY 2.0)

The data show that while there wasn't a major change in populations overall, there were noticeable changes in abundances in locations that corresponded with warming temperatures. For example, the American Black Duck – a species similar to the Mallard with darker coloring and a distinctive flare of purple on its wing -- showed a stable level of abundance overall, but a marked increase in presence in traditionally colder northern locations, and a reduction in traditionally warmer regions.

The findings have repercussions for both ducks and people.

"With increased numbers of dabbling and diving ducks wintering more northerly now, scientists and conservation partners should determine if winter food availability at more northern latitudes is adequate to support increased numbers of wintering ducks with climate warming" said Dr. Richard Kaminski, director of the Kennedy Center at Clemson University. "Local economies in traditional southern win-

tering areas for ducks may be impacted by decreased numbers of visiting hunters and birders, as these conservationists go elsewhere to hunt or birdwatch."

The decrease of certain waterfowl and other waterbird species is a major issue for communities that depend on birdwatching and waterfowl hunting, activities that generate billions of dollars annually nationwide. Southern duck hunters have already observed notable changes in the numbers of certain birds that they see.

Underlying the findings of this study is the role of community science in documenting the effects of a changing climate. The Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running community science bird project worldwide. Started on Christmas Day 1900, the count engages volunteer observers to count birds in their area, and report back to Audubon. The findings inform Audubon's science for the rest of the year, and far beyond. This study referenced 50 years' worth of CBC data, starting in 1969.

"It's a testament to the power that anyone can make a real difference in scientific observation," said Dr. Brooke Bateman, director of climate science at the National Audubon Society. "People may not have known what climate change was in 1969 when they went out on Christmas Day to record the birds they saw, but their reports are helping us unravel one of the most pressing global issues of the 21st Century."

The findings also underscore the research conducted by Audubon in its 2019 climate science report *Survival By Degrees*, which found that increasing global temperatures at current rates will place two-thirds of North American bird species

at risk of extinction.

"Time and again science is showing that there are consequences to ignoring climate change," said David Yarnold, CEO of the National Audubon Society. "Sometimes it's the sentimental loss of no longer seeing the birds you know in your own backyard, sometimes it's harm to an industry like tourism or outdoor recreation, and sometimes it's a larger cause for concern about the places that both ducks and people need to survive. Birds are telling us that the changes are already here. The question is are we prepared to react and resolve."

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**Wayne Gordon**  
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#### SCIENCE 101

##### ACROSS

- Type of tide
- Sin over tan
- Schooner pole
- Part of temple floor plan
- Made a basket
- "Main artery in the body"
- "...-carotene"
- Swear, not curse
- Reputation-damaging gossip
- "Physicist of theory of relativity fame"
- Salty drop
- Turn upside down
- Mark on Pinterest

##### DOWN

- Pick up a perpetrator
- Dueling weapon in "The Three Musketeers"
- Spumante
- Treat for Dumbo
- Witches' get-together
- Egg-shaped
- Made with stitches
- Product of mass and velocity of an object
- "Equals length times width"
- "Alpha Centauri A., e.g."
- Toni Morrison's "..." Baby"
- Like rheumy eyes

##### 14. On the move

- Four-eyes' gear
- Short for "politician"
- Tiny European republic
- Type of flu
- Moderato, e.g.
- Toupee spot
- "Scientist Newton"
- "Wrist bones"
- More than occasional
- Department store department
- "Pow!"
- Mendeleev's "..." table
- Bake, as in eggs
- Make bigger
- Persnickety
- "Ar, inert gas"
- Bad blood
- Use a shoe polish
- "Smallest units of life"
- Jason's ship
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