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## County sees first Delta variant

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Although the number of COVID-19 infections in Orange County are a long way from their January peak, cases are once again on the rise in Orange County.

This week's report of new cases includes the first confirmed case of the Delta variant of the virus in the county. Joel Ardoin, Orange County Emergency Management Coordinator, offered that report to The Record Newspapers Monday.

A Vidor resident tested positive for the Delta variant of COVID-19, Sharon Whitley, the Hardin County Health Director whose office acts as a clearinghouse for health stats in both Hardin and Orange counties, confirmed on Tuesday.

No other identifying information (name, age or gender) was provided.

"What we've been told is that the Delta variant is very contagious," Whitley said. "And they do expect us to see more cases."

According to statistics posted on the Texas Department of State Health Services website, Orange County had

reported 8,698 cases and 155 deaths from COVID-19 since its emergence in March of 2020.

At its peak locally, in mid-May 2020 and mid-January 2021, the seven-day average of new cases confirmed in Orange County was about 55 cases per day.

Currently, the county is reporting a seven-day average rate of 10 new cases per day.

"We've had 98 new cases confirmed in the last 14 days," Ardoin said.

The DSHS website shows 67 new cases in the county since July 4.

"This is an uptick from what it has been, but that's from all the gatherings from the July Fourth weekend," Ardoin said. "We kind of expected that."

The DSHS website showed the seven-day average going into July 4 was down to 2 new confirmed cases a day for Orange County.

The Center for Disease Control says Americans age 12 and older should get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Orange County is one of the least vaccinated counties in one of the United States'

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Pictured in photo (L-R): Dr. Lonnie Howard (President, Lamar Institute of Technology), Dr. Betty Reynard (President, Lamar State College Port Arthur), Hon. Dade Phelan (Speaker, Texas House of Representatives), Dr. Tom Johnson (President, Lamar State College Orange), Dr. Brian McCall (Chancellor, Texas State University System).

## Legislature cuts Lamar College tuition again

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For The Record

Lamar State College Orange, Lamar Institute of Technology and Lamar State College Port Arthur, known collectively as the Lamar State Colleges, will further reduce tuition this fall thanks to an additional \$17 million in funding in the recently approved state budget.

This new funding allows the three public, two-year institutions serving Southeast

Texas to reduce tuition and mandatory fees to \$1,770 per semester (based on 15 semester credit hours).

Combined with the first round of tuition cuts approved two years ago, total tuition and fees at the Lamar State Colleges have been reduced by an average of 47 percent, now on par with community colleges throughout the state.

The reduced tuition, approved by the Texas State

University System Board of Regents last month, will remain in effect for at least three years.

"This is a seismic moment for higher education in Southeast Texas," said TSUS Chancellor Brian McCall. "As chancellor of a university system that serves a large number of low-income, at-risk and first-generation students, I can't overstate the significance of this investment in our students."

Dr. Tom Johnson, president of Lamar State College Orange, echoed the chancellor's thoughts.

"With this significant decrease in tuition, we will be able to reach more students and change the trajectory of their lives and their families' lives," he said.

He pointed out the Legislature also approved a funding request that would allow La-

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"Cirque Dreams Holiday" will be at the Lutch Theater, Sunday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m. It is a whimsical, Broadway-style musical infused with contemporary circus artistry into the ultimate holiday gift for the entire family.

## Broadway returns to Lutch Theater

PENNY LELEUX  
For The Record

The Lutch Theater for the Performing Arts 2021-2022 season ticket sales are ongoing. They announced spotlight packages of four or more shows are on sale now.

"We're very excited reopening," said Leah Guillotte-Stark, the Lutch Theater marketing manager. "It's been almost two years since we've had shows."

The pandemic forced them to cancel the second half of the season in 2020 and the entire 2020-2021 season.

The new season kicks off in October with Asleep at the Wheel.

"It's part of their 50th anniversary tour," said Guillotte-Stark. It is a little later launch this year, October 16th.

"Performance art is coming back thankfully, but it's

coming back slowly. Broadway is moving towards a massive undertaking. Once everything shuts down it takes a minute to bring it back," said Guillotte-Stark.

"Texas is getting back to normal," she said. "But that's not the same with each state. We think Orange is amazing, but it can't support an entire tour." It takes time to re-schedule entire tours after being shut down for over a year.

Referring to the big touring companies, "We're fortunate they are back on the road and touring again." She said to the art of scheduling a season is "a ballet of sorts" that theater director Lynae Sanford is adept at dancing.

Normally they travel to New York to view some of the potential shows, but the last time was in January 2020 for

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## OCARC fishing tournament sign-up

PENNY LELEUX  
For The Record

It's almost time for the 33rd OCARC fishing tournament. Registration is underway now. The tournament will kick off at Aug. 6 at 5 p.m., with weigh-in scheduled for 5 p.m. the following day. Certification for eligible winning fish will start at 3:00 p.m.

This is the only fundraiser for the organization to fund needs for their special needs clients. Last year's tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19, so a great turnout is critical for this year.

"It's one of the largest tournaments held here in Orange County," said Sandy McCormack, spokesman for OCARC. "We've been doing this for 33 years now."

"We're big into getting children into fishing, so it is encouraged for families-husbands, wives, children, grandmothers, grandfathers, grandkids. We're really, really into the children part of it. We do special giveaways for our children. The last few years we've been able to give away a fully loaded kayak."

She said their hope is to help produce future 'fishers-persons'.

There are 12 categories of fish, 10 of the categories pay 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, but the "Don Hubbard" mudcat



Youngsters are a big part of the OCARC fishing tournament. They fish for free when accompanied by a registered parent/adult. Pictured are winners of the under 16 categories from the last tournament held in 2019.

just pays 1st place of \$50 and the "Gopher" Appaloosa Red pays \$250 for the redfish with the most spots.

"It doesn't have to be the biggest, as long as it has the most spots," said McCormack. "It's definitely different. We have some real enthusiasm over that one."

Categories include both salt water and freshwater fish.

Other 1st place categories and sponsors are: Largest bass-\$750 Dominion, Inc.

Largest speck-\$750 Dow Largest flounder-\$300 Largest redfish-\$300 "Sarge's" catfish, white

perch, sunfish, croaker, black drum and the "Janae Borel" grinnel-\$100 each.

About the two special named categories:

"Allen Sargent was one of our biggest fishermen as far as catfish goes... He evidently brought in very large sized catfish," said McCormack. "When he passed away very suddenly, very unexpectedly, we nicknamed our catfish after him. We did a special T-shirt the year he died."

"Janae Borel started fishing our tournament when she was a little bitty girl. I wouldn't be afraid to say she was still in diapers and her daddy took her with him

when he fished," said McCormack. "Grinnel is what she liked to catch and unfortunately she was killed in a very unfortunate accident on the river and we just couldn't help but name it the 'Janae Borel' grinnel, because that is what she loved to fish for."

"Then we have the Stan Armstrong redfish," said McCormack. Stan Armstrong was a member of the S.A.L.T. team that certifies the fish brought in by the fishermen, "to make sure they haven't been tampered with, make sure they're edible...they haven't been made

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# Broadway returns to Lutch Theater From Page 1

the Arts conference just before the world shut down. Guillotte-Stark said they previewed one of the new shows this season, "An Officer and a Gentleman."

When Broadway shut down, the cast quarantined together to keep things going and stay in practice, so they were one of the shows ready to hit the ground running when things opened back up.

"They rehearsed, they perfected their show and now... they are ready to go on tour, which is kind of amazing and brilliant that they did that."

The production is based on the movie of the same name starring Richard Gere but has been made into a musical.

"They have some great iconic 80s music."

Several other Broadway musicals are also slated for this year including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hairspray" and "South Pacific."

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is one we're really excited about. It's a great family show," she said. "It's got great colors and movement and some great songs from the movie."

A Ladies Night Out show will be in May with "Waitress." "It's an all-female creative team, which is unique to the show."

The last show of the season will be "Beautiful-The Carol King Musical"

"If you came up in the 60s you recognize Carol King and all of her iconic music," said Guillotte-Stark. "She



"Fiddler on the Roof" returns to the Lutch Theater Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Experience the Broadway classics "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "To Life."

wrote the music of a generation."

Guillotte-Stark said "Beautiful", and "Fiddler on the Roof" were part of the cancelled season last year and luckily, they were able to get them scheduled for this year. She expects them to be extremely popular and tickets sales to be brisk. She also expects the family shows to see a filled auditorium.

Titles of Lutcher Incredible Kids events will be released in August. They usually have four daytime shows for elementary and middle school field trips. "Macbeth" will be presented for High School students this year.

"There are so many fantastic shows in this season's lineup, buy now and get the benefits of being a season ticket holder, before tickets go on sale to the public," she

encouraged.

Visit [lutcher.org](http://lutcher.org) to purchase Spotlight Packages or call the Lutcher Theater Box Office at 409-886-5535. Single tickets for all shows go on sale Monday, Aug. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Tickets vary by show, seat location, when you buy, etc. but on average, they range from \$35 in the balcony for some music shows up to \$85 in the Orchestra for some Broadway shows.

"There is not a bad seat in the Lutcher," she said.

Here is the line-up, dates and times for the 2021-2022 season:

**Asleep at the Wheel**  
Saturday, October 16,  
7:30 p.m.

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**Cirque Dreams Holiday**  
Sunday, November 21,  
7:00 p.m.

Cirque Dreams Holiday lights up the stage in a whimsical, Broadway-style musical infused with contemporary circus artistry into the ultimate holiday gift for the entire family.

**Hairspray**  
Thursday, December 9,  
7:30 p.m.

"Hairspray," Broadway's Tony® Award-winning musical comedy phenomenon that inspired the blockbuster film and live television event, is back on tour.

**CeCe Winans**  
Saturday, January 22,  
2022, 7:30 p.m.

With a staggering 12 Grammy® Awards, 20 Dove Awards, and 7 Stellar Awards, CeCe Winans is one of the most accomplished and celebrated female gospel artists of all time.

**Fiddler on the Roof**  
Sunday, March 6,  
2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Tony®-winning director Bartlett Sher brings his fresh take on a beloved masterpiece to life as Fiddler on the Roof begins a North

American tour direct from Broadway. Featuring the Broadway classics "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "To Life," Fiddler on the Roof will introduce a new generation to this uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy! To love! To life!

**An Officer and a Gentleman**  
Sunday, March 27,  
2022 - 7:00 p.m.

This new musical is a sweeping romance based on the Oscar®-winning film starring Richard Gere. \*Show contains adult language and adult content.

**South Pacific**  
Sunday, April 10,  
2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Love transcends the harsh realities of war and prejudice in this sweeping Pulitzer Prize-winning tale centered around two unlikely love affairs

**Charlie and the**

**Chocolate Factory**  
Monday, April 18,  
2022 - 7:30 p.m.

It's the perfect recipe for a delectable treat: songs from the original film, including "Pure Imagination," "The Candy Man," and "I've Got a Golden Ticket," alongside a toe-tapping and ear-tickling new score from the songwriters of Hairspray.

**Waitress**  
Thursday, May 5,  
2022 - 7:30 p.m.

Waitress tells the story of Jenna, an expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town, an uplifting celebration of friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie.

\*Show contains adult language and adult content.

**Beautiful - The Carole King Musical**  
Tuesday, May 31,  
2022 - 7:30 p.m.

The Tony® and Grammy® Award-winning inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom.

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# OCARC Fishing Tournament From Page 1

to weigh more than they should..." McCormack said they honored Armstrong after he died suddenly from a stroke.

Total payout in all categories is \$4,000. An angler can only win one check per category but can win more than one category.

Entry fee is \$30. Children under the age of 16 fish for

free but must fill out a registration form and must be accompanied by a parent or adult entered in the tournament.

The weigh-in will take place at the new Riverside Pavilion located adjacent to the Orange public boat ramp.

For more information or entry forms, visit OCARC at 8th and Park Streets in Or-

ange or give them a call at 409-886-1363.

The money goes towards training, art and craft supplies, party supplies and other things needed for the clients throughout the year.

"We do all kinds of neat, fun, things for them. We have watermelon parties, Christmas parties, Halloween parties, Easter parties, if

it's a holiday, we have a party," said McCormack.

The money from this tournament is also what keeps the doors open for this vital organization that gives purpose and education to those that might not otherwise have access to similar facilities.



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## Orange Lions install new officers

Orange Lions Club held the new officer installation this week. The new incoming President is Terrie Salter, 1st Vice President is Grover Roberts III, 2nd Vice President Jared Wilson, and 3rd Vice President Brittney Johnson. Our Rookie of the Year is Bubba Tipton. Our Lion of the Year is Chris Horner. Congratulations to all our new officers and those continuing in their positions.

PHOTO: Kacey Burnitt, Brittney Johnson, Jared Wilson, Terrie Salter and Grover Roberts III

## Lamar College gets tuition cuts From Page 1



Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Dade Phelan, left, joined Lamar State College Orange President Dr. Tom Johnson in Austin Tuesday afternoon to announce a second round of tuition cuts for Lamar State Colleges made possible by \$17 million of equity funding from the Texas Legislature. Phelan is also Orange's elected state representative.

Lamar State College Orange to offer dual credit classes for a further reduced amount.

Dade Phelan, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, led the effort to increase state funding for the Lamar State Colleges, which -- unlike Texas community colleges -- receive no local tax revenue. In the past, the state colleges made up the difference by charging higher tuition and fees.

Phelan and McCall joined Johnson, Lamar State College President Dr. Betty Reynard and Lonnie Howard, President of Lamar Institute of Technology in Austin Tuesday, for the announcement.

"The Lamar State Colleges have long been underfunded compared to their peer institutions in the state, creating an unnecessary cost barrier for students seeking a two-year degree," Phelan said. "I'm pleased that we were able to close this gap and make college more affordable for students in Southeast Texas."

In addition to reducing tuition and fees, the Lamar State Colleges are providing a \$10 per credit hour instructional materials scholarship to help students reduce the cost of textbooks and other learning materials. Combined with the tuition cut, these benefits will allow

many students to register for more classes, complete their degree and certificate programs faster, and enter the workforce ahead of schedule.

Thanks to the efforts of Speaker Dade Phelan and previous Speaker Dennis Bonnen, state funding for the Lamar State Colleges has increased by \$47 million since 2019, resulting in a 17% increase in headcount enrollment, a 55% increase in dual credit enrollment, and a 124% increase in online credit hours.

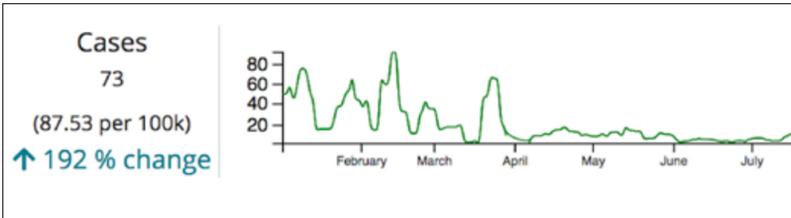
"This extraordinary action by Governor Abbott, Speaker Phelan, Senator Nichols, and the Texas State University System Board of Regents will allow students in the Orange area to achieve an education at a much lower cost. We couldn't be more appreciative to this group of outstanding leaders for their foresight to continue making a bright Orange -- and less expensive -- future for our students," Johnson said.

Governor Abbott also signed legislation granting the funds for Lamar State College Orange to purchase an industrial-size generator to power portions of the campus in the unfortunately common event of a hurricane.

Students who wish to learn more about how this tuition reduction affects them can visit the Lamar State College Orange at [lsc.edu](http://lsc.edu).

To take advantage of this reduced tuition opportunity, and LSCO's current Buy One Class, Get One FREE offer (up to two free classes for Fall), apply now at [lsc.edu](http://lsc.edu).

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This chart, courtesy the CDC, tracks the seven-day average for COVID-19 cases reported by Orange County, Texas, for 2021, through July 16. The numbers on the left reflect the week from July 10-16.

least vaccinated states, on a percentage basis.

Texas ranks 37th of 50 states when it comes to all citizens fully vaccinated (42.8 percent) and Orange County ranks 241st of the 254 Texas counties for percentage of fully vaccinated residents.

The DSHS website shows that only 28.5 percent of Orange County residents 12 and up have been fully vaccinated while 33.2 percent have received at least one dose of vaccine.

Statewide, 51.5 percent of

Texans over 12 have been fully vaccinated, DSHS says.

"We have seen a decline in vaccinations," said Whitley, speaking both for the Hardin County Health Department in Kountze and the Orange County Expo Center in Orange.

"We were doing them in the 100s [per day]. Now we're not. We were in three digits. Now it's two."

The Orange and Hardin county health officials are hardly the only places giving vaccines, as most commercial pharmacies also admin-

ister the COVID-19 vaccinations.

As far as new cases go, Whitley says it is the younger age brackets that have the most infections.

The government didn't offer vaccines to school-age young adults until all other age groups were offered the shots.

"We have seen the age groups shift, like they have across the nation," Whitley said. "We're seeing younger people, much younger people, testing positive for COVID-19 now."

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*From The Creaux's Nest*

**FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED FOR INSURRECTION**

A Florida man became the first felon sentenced Monday for his role in the **Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol**, receiving eight months in prison. **Paul Allard Hodgkins**, 38, of Tampa faced sentencing guidelines of 15 to 21 months in prison after pleading guilty to obstruction of an official proceeding for interrupting Congress; counting of **Electoral College** votes. District Judge **Randolph Moss** called literally waving the flag for **Trump** an unmistakable sign of loyalty to a single person rather than the country and democracy. "Although **Mr. Hodgkins** was only one member of a larger mob, he actively and intentionally participated in an event that threatened not only the security of the **Capitol** and democracy itself," **Moss** said. "That is chilling, for many reasons." "I can say without a shadow of a doubt that I am truly remorseful and regretful for my actions in **Washington**," **Hodgkins** told the court. "This was a foolish decision on my part that I take full responsibility for." He also said, "**Joseph R. Biden** is the duly elected president of the **United States**." At least 535 people were charged in the first six months after the attack, with 165 accused of assaulting, resisting or impeding officers, according to the **Justice Department**. More than 50 people are charged with using a deadly or dangerous weapon or causing serious bodily injury to an officer, the department said. About 140 police officers were injured.\*\*\*\*I must move on. Please come along, **I promise it won't do you no harm.**

**BEZOS BLAST OFF AT VAN HORN**

**Van Horn** is a stop along **Interstate 10**, about 740 miles from **Orange**, where the sun rises on **Texas**, and a 124 mile drive to **El Paso**, where the speed limit is **80 mph** on **IH- 10**. Most of us who have traveled the highway have stopped for a stretch in the small West Texas town of 2,200 citizens. Monday, **Jeff Bezos**, 57, who was a billionaire at age 35, and is the world's richest man, along with three passengers, blasted off for space. This instantly made **Van Horn, Texas** a famous place around the globe, that the new Sheppard, named for astronaut **Alan Shepard**, viewed from outer space. After the 11 minute flight, **Bezos** thanked the home folks for welcoming his **Blue Origin** space company to **Van Horn** 16 years ago. **Bezos**, his brother, an 18-year-old male from the Netherlands and an 82-year-old female aerospace pioneer, were on the maiden flight that will soon advance to commercial flights, creating thousands of astronauts. Along with last week's successful flight by **Richard Branson**, a third party, **Elon Musk**, will also launch a space craft. What amazed me more than anything is how the rocket, after climbing 47 miles and launching the capsule, returned to its platform with rocket powdered vertical landing. We had never seen that before on any space mission. Tuesday's flight was on the 52nd anniversary of the first moon landing, July 20, 1969. No doubt **Texas** will soon be a player in the emerging space tourism market, with **Bezos** on one end and **Branson** on the other. **Bezos**, a household name through **Amazon.com**, which started as an online book store and grew into the world's provider of all necessities. The arrival of **Blue Origin** is changing the demographics of **Van Horn**. It has brought money into the town with workers eating at local restaurants and buying houses, etc. People are excited to see what comes next when **Van Horn** becomes a major launch site for space travelers. The space facility is nestled among the mountains 25-miles north of Van Horn. It's not far from another **Bezos'** projects, a clock being designed to keep accurate time for 10,000 years.

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

**Four astronauts** said goodbye to the international space station, undocking the space shuttle **Atlantis** for the final time. They also said farewell to their six space station crew. The return home landing is scheduled for Thursday morning at **Kennedy Space Center** where **Atlantis** will be displayed. One of the many experiments is filters designed to convert sweat and urine into drinking water, adding to the space station's plumbing. So ends a chapter in space travel. A successor to the space shuttle is anticipated after 2015. Flights will someday be available to everyone who can afford them. (Editor's note: Ten years ago we predicted it. Last week it happened with **Branson** and Tuesday with the **Bazos** flight.)\*\*\*\* We were sorry to hear about the death of **Bobby Joe "Willie" Williamson**, 61, of Bridge City. He passed away July 17. Services held Wednesday, July 20, 2 p.m. at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. He was a city employee for many years.\*\*\*\* Congrats to **Clint Hartsfield**, Bridge City grad, on becoming **Athletic Director** and **head football coach** at **Kelly**. He will replace **coach Long** who resigned. **Clint** still has to fill the head baseball coaching position. Another Bridge City boy, **Billy Bryant** has applied for the job. **Hartsfield** is the son of recently retired Orange County tax employee, **Mary Alice Hartsfield**, who is pinch-hitting for the time being at the V.A. office. **Clint** is the grandson of **Don and Alice Cole**. \*\*\*\***Coleman Peveto** and **Ray Cotton** are excited about their **Ultimate Bull Riding Challenge** Saturday,

July 23. They will also present a unique **Longhorn cattle drive**. Some from our staff will attend. It's the only show of its kind in the south, featuring only bull riding with great cowboys.\*\*\*\*Our new congressional district will include counties of **Orange, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Hardin, Polk, Liberty, Chambers** and a few **Republican boxes in Harris County**. The powers in Austin chose not to put Jefferson and Orange in the same voting block. It would have been simpler to add only Newton and Jasper. **Kevin Brady** will no longer represent our district.\*\*\*\*For the first time in quite a long time, **all of the Dunn's gathered in Bridge City** at the home of **Roy and Phyllis Dunn**. **The Dunn's have three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren** and it was quite a feat getting them all in Texas at the same time. (Editor's note: Since then five more great-grandchildren have been born.)

**22 Years Ago-1999**

**John Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bassette Kennedy and her sister, Lauren Bassette**, met their tragic death while headed to the wedding of **Robert Kennedy's daughter Rory**. A piper 32 **Saratoga**, piloted by **JFK Jr.**, disappeared on its way up the eastern seaboard Friday, July 16, all aboard died. It is only the latest tragedy in a string of unimaginable bad luck that has befallen the **Kennedy's**. Their plane crashed off the coast of **Martha's Vineyard**. **John Jr.** was 38-years-old. He was born just 17 days after his father's election as **United States president**. He made the halls of the **White House** his private play space until an assassin's bullet in Dallas felled the President. On Jr.'s third birthday, in 1963, the nation watched as **he saluted the flag-draped coffin** holding his father's body. His mother **Jacqueline** moved the family to Manhattan after the assassination. **Young Kennedy came of age in the Big Apple**. **John Jr.** had launched "**George**" magazine, which became the most widely circulated political magazine in the nation. When his sister **Caroline married Edwin Schlossberg** he served as best man. Today **Caroline is the only family survivor**. \*\*\*\***The Sheriff's Posse Rodeo** will be dedicated to the memory of **Albert "Cowboy" Adams**. "Cowboy" born Nov. 17, 1920 passed away Aug. 29, 1998 after a long battle with cancer. He was a **charter member of the posse**. Never had so many pickup trucks and big hats attended a funeral at Claybar Funeral Home. His saddle was used as a casket piece. (Editor's note: I was fortunate enough to had known this remarkable man and his wonderful family. His wife, **Ms. Marcelle**, is a former Orange County commissioner. "Cowboy" knew everyone in the county. Hundreds of stories can be told about this unique guy. One I recall was when **Homer Will** was robbed near the railroad tracks and the robber jumped on the stopped train. "**Cowboy**" took out his shotgun and wouldn't let the engineer leave until they caught the robber. This colorful guy lives in the memory of everyone who knew him. **Ms. Adams** still lives here and her daughter, **Theresa Beauchamp**, is on the Orange city council. In 2021 she is serving as a county commissioner.\*\*\*\***Mark Dunn** is bringing **Bridge City, Texas around the world**; articles he has written on the Irish conflict have been printed twice in **USA Today** and also in some of the nation's largest newspapers and newspapers in **England**, as well as **Ireland**. The stories published always carried the name of his hometown. (Editor's note: **Mark**, a very talented writer, has in the last few years concentrated mainly on photography and **The Record** publications.)\*\*\*\***Toby Smith, son of Willie Ray Smith and Bubba Smith's brother**, died July 17 of a heart attack. He and **Bubba** played in the NFL.\*\*\*\***Nolan Ryan** is voted into the **Baseball Hall of Fame**.\*\*\*\*Strange as it sounds, **Kenneth Starr and Janet Reno** share the same birthday, July 21. In 1999 he turns 53 and she is 61. (Editor's note: Many may not know who the above are but **President Bill Clinton** does. **Starr** spent \$50 million trying to destroy him and **Reno** was his Attorney General.)

**42 Years Ago-1979**

Orange mayor **Major Inman** completed his first year in office. **David Claybar** is on the city council.\*\*\*\***Judge Pat Clark and Johnny McHugh** are named "**Outstanding Young Men of America**." **Clark** is County Court at Law judge. **McHugh** received his doctorate at U.T. Medical Branch in Galveston. (Editor's note: I don't know what became of **Johnny** but **Pat** hasn't traveled very far.

**47 Years Ago-1974**

Longtime friend and cohort **Jake Johnson** turned on indicted **Gov. John Connally**. Both worked for **LBJ**. **Jake** flipped **Connally** to gain immunity.\*\*\*\***Dr. John Greco** runs as Republican against **Grover Halliburton** for county judge.\*\*\*\*The first article of impeachment is issued against **President Richard Nixon**. Everyone is watching the House Judiciary hearings on television.\*\*\*\*Spotted partying in **New Orleans French Quarters** were the **Buddie Hahns', H.D. Pate's, Roy Dunn's and V.J. Zeto's**.\*\*\*\***Cecil Ray Brown** is killed in an auto accident, July 23, on **Jack Island Road**.\*\*\*\***Louvenia Hryhrochuk** is County Tax Collector.\*\*\*\***James "Stick" Stringer** is Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1.\*\*\*\***Kay and Joe Dan Harris** are the new parents of their third boy in a row, born July 20, 1974. (Editor's note: **Kay** is the daughter of the late **Inez and Joe Runnels**. Her little brother is **Judge Pete** and big sister is **Barbara Maddox**.)

**A FEW HAPPENINGS**

Some ask how I got to meet **Judge Chad Jenkins**? Well, it was an unusual event. Several years ago, **Johnny Montagne** would cook exotic foods he learned to cook from **Grandma Bailey**, a native of Mexico City, and invite friends to come partake of his latest creation. He would cook anything the marsh produced, plus a lot more, cow tongue, tripe, turtle, seafood, etc. On this particular day **Johnny** invited me and the Ag teacher at Orangefield, **Chad Jenkins**. **Johnny** had prepared a big pot of kidney stew. **Chad** and I knocked out a couple of big bowls full, on a bed of rice. I took the rest of the stew home, which, by the way, no one would touch. I spent a week eating that stew. So that's how **Chad** and I bonded for life, over a pot of kidney stew. Since then I've learned a lot about **Chad** and his wife **Windee** from **Judge Derry Dunn**, who **Chad** replaced as Justice of the Peace, and who was their principal at **LCM**. Since then three youngsters have come along. Special thanks to **Windee** for the peaches. Hope she can score some more. \*\*\*\*I was sorry to hear our friend **Allen Romero** was hospitalized Friday. We hope he's out. I believe it had something to do with stints. He's done that before.\*\*\*\*I received 40 more pounds of pecans from **Coach Les Johnson** and **Wanda**. Now I will have to get to

shelling. Hard to get ahead when you eat every other one.\*\*\*\***The Nickums, Bill and Ellen**, hosted their entire family, children, grandchildren and the two great-grandchildren on a Florida vacation. (Spending their inheritance.) I bet that was wild. The **Nickums'** are one of the greatest couples I know. I met them when they had been married all of two days, back in 1965, when they arrived in Bridge City. By coincidence, I had known of **Ellen's** background as a teenager in Rye, Texas, where she lived across Highway 105 from the corner store I stopped at twice a week, from 1957 to 1960. She was raised a lot like I was. Real salt of the earth people.\*\*\*\*A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **July 21: Todd Hurst, Sandra Bickam and Danika Dubose** celebrate today.\*\*\*\***July 22: Longtime friend Jeff Anderson** has a birthday today as does **Linda Granger Crawford** and **Lori Federick Brown and Linda Claybar** celebrate their anniversary. On this day in 2015 **Daryl King** passed away.\*\*\*\***July 23: Happy Birthday to Travis Estes, Daniel Peet and Jim Reves**. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to **Lyndia and T.W. Permenter**. \*\*\*\***July 24: Our buddy Margie Stephens** celebrates today as does **Mary Ann Cruse, Chassadi Decker, Lee Harris and Karen McKinney**.\*\*\*\***July 25: Pretty Julia Morris** celebrates today, also **Misty Cappel, Mutt Eason and Ryan Kimbrough**.\*\*\*\***July 26: Sherry Collins and Laura Berman** celebrate today.\*\*\*\***July 27: Matt Chandler, Ty Manual, Lisa Simmons and Bruce Perkins** celebrate birthdays today. Comedian **Bob Hope** died on this day in 2003.\*\*\*\***Mark Dunn** has been in Guatemala since the first of the month having a great time with wife **Ethel** and celebrating their wedding anniversary. He is enjoying the beautiful sky-blue lake, the mountains and culture. **Mark** says the avocados and fresh fruit are so plentiful the people don't bother to pick them all. Being away from the city, up in the mountains, is a far cry from what you see on television. By the way, he says a vaccination card is a valuable tool at the airport. You don't get checked if you show the card or in some cases don't have to stand in line waiting for a fever check or Q-tip nose job. If you refuse their check they refuse passage. **Mark** says get the vaccine, it makes life easier and safer to travel.\*\*\*\*I really enjoy the **Summer Olympics** so I'll be spending a lot of time doing that after I make a stop at **Baptist Hospital** for outpatient care Thursday and Friday. They call it non-invasive surgery, with laser, etc. However, I hear now the **Olympics** may be canceled.\*\*\*\*I got a great call Tuesday from longtime friend **Jeanne Moore, Buddy's** widow. She still works for the Kountze School District where **Phillip Welch** is employed, or I should say, has a grave train position. Talking to **Jeanne** brought back many memories on the road **Buddy** and I traveled.\*\*\*\***The Lunch Bunch** meets at **Robert's Restaurant, 12 noon, each Wednesday. Y'all come.**

**BREAUX BIRTHDAYS**

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are **Amiel leleux, Joel Bourdier, Patricia Tamplim, Rocky DeCuir, Paige Dohmann, Albert Bates, Ralph rucker, Nenee Newson, James Rucker, Judy Batchelor Madge Fontenot, Marie Burns, Marsha Brown, Ryan Kimbrough, Bobby Batchelor, Evelyn Toney, Laura Berman, Marie Slaton, Doug Richter, Helen Philen, Joseph Whitehead.**

**CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK**

**Vernon Gaspard** and his friend **Wallace Comeaux** were drinking a couple of **Buds** at **Tee-Boy's Bar** when **Gaspard** says to **Comeaux**, "You know **Wallace**, I'm tired of going thru life me witout an education. Tomorrow I'm going to bring myself to dat community college an sign up for some courses." **Comeaux** say, "Mais **Vernon**, dat's a good idea." **Da next day da Dean** signs **Gaspard** up for **matt, English, history and logic**. **Gaspard** axe, "Logic? Wats dat hanh?" **Da Dean** say, "I'll give you an example. Do you own a weedeater?" **Gaspard** say, "I sho do." **Den logically speaking, you own a Weedeater, I tink you have a yard.** **"Dat's right, I got a yard," Gaspard** answer. **The Dean** say, "I tink logically that you have a house and a family." **"Mais. Dats right, I got a family," Gaspard** answers. **Da Dean** say, "I'm not done yet, if you have a family, you must have a wife, because you have a wife, you must be heterosexual," **Gaspard** say, "Dats amazing, you find all dat out just because I got a weekeater." **He rushes to do bar to tell Comeaux. "I sign up for four classes me, matt, English, history and logic."** **Comeaux** say, "Logic, mais wat's dat?" **Gaspard** say, "Well **Wallace**, I'll give you an example. Do you got a weedeater?" **Comeaux** say, "I don't got a weedeater me." **Gaspard** scratch his head and say, "Den you a homosexual."

**C'EST TOUT  
McCarthy Picks Committee Republicans**

House Republican leader **Kevin McCarthy** has picked five **Republicans** to sit on the new select committee to investigate the **Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol**. **McCarthy** said Monday that he has selected **Indiana Rep. Jim Banks**, who recently visited with former **President Donald Trump** on trips to the **U.S.-Mexico** border and at **Trump's** New Jersey golf club, to be the top **Republican** on the panel. The **Republican** leader also tapped **Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, Illinois Rep. Rodney Davis, North Dakota Rep. Kelly Armstrong** and **Texas Rep. Troy Nehls** to serve on the committee. With **Jordan** on the panel it could turn into a circus. He still claims **Trump** won the election. **Nehls**, a former police officer, was fired from the **Richmond, Texas** police department after being accused of 20 violations not becoming a police office. All five members voted against the impeachment of **Trump**, who had told his supporters gathered in **Washington** on **Jan. 6** to "fight like hell" to overturn his election defeat.\*\*\*\*The life you save might be your own. **Please get your shot**. Thanks for your time, mine is up. **Take care and God bless.**



# My 5-Cents

By State Senator Robert Nichols



Even though many House members and some State Senators are still in Washington, D.C. to break quorum, special session continues in Austin. The State Senate has enough members at the Capitol to continue working on important legislation we've been called to address. Though these measures cannot be finally passed until the House has a quorum, the Senate's work continues.

Here are five things happening around your state:

• **Elections bill passes the Senate**

The Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 1 this week, which seeks to prevent fraud and ensure that our elections are secure. Importantly, this bill is about making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. The bill expands eligibility for assistance for those who are disabled. It creates uniform voting hours and expands voting hours in over 60 counties. It ensures that if you're in line to vote when polls close during early voting, you'll be able to vote that day. Currently, that is only offered on election day. It also makes it easier for registrars across the state to coordinate when a voter moves to another county.

The bill makes it harder to cheat by requiring voter ID for mail-in ballots. The bill also prohibits drive-thru voting except in specific circumstances and 24-hour voting. It requires video and livestream capabilities inside vote counting centers in large counties. The bill also prohibits vote harvesting. In all, this bill maintains the integrity of our elections while making it easier for Texans to vote.

• **Senate Bill 6 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 pass the Senate**

This week, the Senate passed SB 6 and SJR 3 by Senator Huffman. These two bills seek

to reform the bail system in the state. Currently, and violent offenders have repeatedly been released on felony bonds. Some of those offenders go on to commit violent crimes while out on bond. This bill would enhance public safety by preventing the release of those accused of violent crimes or sex crimes by instructing judicial officers to more thoroughly evaluate background information. It modifies the rules for fixing bail amounts for those accused of more significant community harm.

• **Senate passes bill to grant 13th check to retired teachers**

The Senate passed Senate Bill 7 by Senator Huffman this week which would give a 13th check to our retired educators and school administrators. The bill directs the Teacher Retirement System to distribute a one-time payment of up to \$2,400 by January 2022. The bill was unanimously passed by the Senate Finance committee and on the floor of the Senate. We are committed to helping our retired teachers and administrators who have given so much to the children of this state. The ability to give retired educators bonus checks in back-to-back sessions is indicative of the financial strength of the state and our commitment to taking care of them.

• **Property tax relief bills pass the Senate**

This week, two property tax relief bills and one senate joint resolution passed the Senate. Senate Bill 8 seeks to allow a homeowner the benefit of the homestead exemption the year they acquire the property. Currently, when a Texan purchases a home, they have to wait

until January of the following year to receive the benefit of their homestead exemption. This bill would allow homeowners to start claiming their homestead exemption the year they acquire the property.

Senate Bill 12 and its enabling language in Senate Joint Resolution 4 propose a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide school maintenance and operation (M&O) tax rate compression for Texans who are over 65 or are disabled. When the school finance reform bill passed in 2019, the state provided additional funds to school districts in return for lower local school tax rates. However, the elderly and disabled did not receive that reduction. This bill and the accompanying SJR would provide that relief.

• **Social media censorship bill passes Senate**

The Senate passed Senate Bill 5 this week which imposes disclosure requirements for social media companies and requirements to provide certain user complaint procedures. While social media companies have a duty to censor content on their website that is violent or sexual in nature, they should not censor users based on their viewpoints. Under this bill, large social media platforms would be prohibited from censoring a person or the content they post based on that person's views.

If the site does block or restrict a user, they can file suit against the site or the Attorney General's office can bring suit on behalf of a user or group of users.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Francis Tucker, 84, of Orange

Francis Tucker, 84, of Orange, passed away on July 17, 2021, in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be David Logan of Word of Life Church in Groves. Burial will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Loreauville, Louisiana, on January 16, 1937, he was the son of Holse "H.D." Dever Tucker and Mary Emily (Dugas) Tucker. Francis served his country bravely with the Marine Corps. He worked as a Millwright for Local 2484. Francis raised cows and enjoyed every moment of his farm life. He loved watching football, often cheering on his favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. Francis was "Pepaw" to his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and loved them dearly. He was a devoted husband and father, and always put his family first. Francis will be deeply missed by all those who came to know and love him.



Francis Tucker

He was preceded in death by his parents, H.D. and Mary Tucker; loving wife of 58 years, Billie Tucker; daughter, Darlene McPherson; son-in-law, Kenneth McPherson; great-granddaughter, Remi McPherson; sisters, Lois Girouard, Betty Hoosier, Dottie Yust, Mittie Lemmond, Genelle Tucker and Peggy Lundy; and brothers, Bobby Tucker and H.D. Tucker, Jr.

He is survived by his children, Tammy Lynn Tomplait and husband Todd of Orange and Troy Dean Tucker and wife Kim of Bridge City; grandchildren, Owen Tucker, Weldon Tucker, Doug Sartin, III, Brandon Tomplait, Derrick Tomplait, and Tara McPherson; great-grandchild, Macy Myers; and great-great-grandchild, Remington Page; along with numerous nieces and nephews and close friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Tomplait, Derrick Tomplait, Bryant Dummire, Caden Thompson, Stephen Tucker, Devin Gunter and Owen Tucker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association and www.alz.org.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Martha Beard, 94, Bridge City

Martha Beard, 94, of Bridge City, passed away on July 13, 2021, in Beaumont. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 17, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 16, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Born in Arnaudville, Louisiana, on July 18, 1926, she was the daughter of Pierre Robin and Virginia (Domes) Robin. Martha was a devoted member of St. Henry Catholic Church. She loved the Lord and always made time to read her Bible everyday. She retired from Bridge City



Martha Beard

I.S.D. after many loyal years. Martha loved listening to cajun music, playing Bingo, and cooking for her children when they were growing up. She was an amazing person and will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eldridge Leo Beard; brother, Walter Robin; sisters, Anna Lou Higgonbotham and Jane Racca; and her children, Jimmy Cooper, Ann Myners, and Richard Cooper. She is survived by her sons, Wayne Beard, and Brian Keith Beard and wife Renée; brother, Wallace Robin and wife Ollie; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

### BC Edward Jones Offices holding School Supplies Drive

Karen Collier and Taylor Perkins, Edward Jones financial advisors in Bridge City, are supporting Bridge City Schools by using their offices as drop-off locations for a school supplies drive. Local residents and businesses may help by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch offices during regular business hours from June 23, 2021 to August 4, 2021.

The branch addresses are: 675 W. Round Bunch Rd or 715 Texas Ave in Bridge City. Please note that monetary donations cannot be accepted.

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The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

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# 'Maybe Tomorrow' How to Overcome Procrastination

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For those prone to procrastinate, tomorrow can sound like the magic word.

With a simple wave of tomorrow, dirty dishes seem to vanish, hard conversations disappear, emails hide, and house projects stand by patiently. How wonderful it can feel to send today's undesirables into the fog of tomorrow — and how ready tomorrow is to receive them! Yes, we could take care of such responsibilities today, but why when there's always tomorrow?

Then, of course, tomorrow comes, and the magic vanishes under the weight of undone tasks. And we again realize, in the frustratingly wise words of Alexander MacLaren,

"No unwelcome tasks become any the less unwelcome by putting them off till tomorrow. It is only when they are behind us and done, that we begin to find that there is a sweetness to be tasted afterwards, and that the remembrance of unwelcome duties unhesitatingly done is welcome and pleasant." (The Conquering Christ and Other Sermons, 143)

If an unwelcome task is a thorn, tomorrow will not change it into a rose. The thorn will still be there, unwelcome as ever. And whether today or tomorrow, we will still need to grab it.

**Today and Tomorrow**

Today and tomorrow. Many problems arise from the failure to rightly divide these two days.

Take worry, for example. "Do not be anxious about tomorrow," Jesus once told a crowd of worriers, "for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34). God calls us to live within this 24-hour boundary called today, but worriers try to reach across the fence and drag over some of tomorrow's trouble. Jesus's response? Pull back your hand

from tomorrow; today has enough trouble of its own.

Procrastinators, of course, do just the opposite. Rather than dragging tomorrow's trouble into today, they push today's trouble into tomorrow, perhaps hoping it will disappear over the fence. To which Jesus might respond with similar common-sense counsel: "Tomorrow will have enough trouble without your adding more. Handle today's trouble today; handle tomorrow's trouble tomorrow."

Sounds fairly sensible, doesn't it? Indeed it does. Unfortunately, our inner procrastinator proves surprisingly impervious to sense (Proverbs 24:30). He knows by well-worn experience that "no unwelcome tasks become any the less unwelcome by putting them off till tomorrow," yet he still finds a way to try and try again.

So, along with common sense, our Lord gives more grace. When we look at today's trouble and feel tempted to say, "Tomorrow, tomorrow," he speaks a twofold promise: strength for today, and a harvest tomorrow.

**Today's Strength**

Why do some of us wave the wand of tomorrow so frequently? Often, because we feel like we just don't have what it takes today. We don't have energy to clean the bathroom today. We don't feel motivated to write the report today. We don't sense an inner spark for creative work today. Perhaps we pray for strength; perhaps not. Either way, we eventually turn

aside with a shrug of "Tomorrow."

In such moments, when we stare at some unwelcome task and feel no strength to do it, we can forget that God often gives strength only as we start doing. The Jordan River stopped only as the priests stepped in (Joshua 3:13). The widow's oil flowed only as she poured (2 Kings 4:1-6). The ten lepers were cleansed only as they walked away from Jesus (Luke 17:11-14). And often, God works his strength within us only as (and not before) we start working (Philippians 2:12-13).

Hardworking Christians, J.I. Packer once observed, expect help from God in each day's trouble, strength from God for obedience in each day's tasks. . . . They find that the very strength of their expectations of being helped is used by the Spirit to give them energy to "keep on keeping on" in the humdrum routines of every day. (Keep in Step with the Spirit, 108-9)

Some wait to work until they feel strong; others get to work expecting to be strengthened. The latter know that energy to accomplish unwelcome tasks comes to the expectant — to those who respond to "not feeling

like it" with hearty prayer and lifted head. Today's grace will be sufficient for today's trouble, even if that grace has not arrived yet. So, when we face some unwelcome duty and feel our inward weakness, the wise learn to say, "Not tomorrow — today," trusting that help is on the way.

**Tomorrow's Harvest**

The book of Proverbs casts procrastination in the context of the harvest: "The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4). Our inner procrastinator loves tomorrow, but only because he does not see tomorrow clearly. If he did, he would notice the coming harvest and know that today's nap might be tomorrow's barren field. In other words, we reap tomorrow what we sow today.

What happens when a young man, for example, procrastinates not here and there, but everywhere? When procrastination is the seed he always sows? Soon, family and friends will learn to no longer rely upon him; his promises for today always slip into tomorrow. His colleagues will come to expect disappointing work — labor that always bears the marks of eleventh-hour haste. In time, others will stop asking much from him: better to do it yourself or find someone else. Eventually, his life and relationships will be filled with the thorns he refused to pluck (Proverbs 15:19).

And on the other hand, what will happen if the same young man keeps his eyes on the harvest? Slowly, he will grow in stature: A man who lets his "today" be today and his "tomorrow" tomorrow

(James 5:12). A man who attacks the thorns in his field with the strength that God gives. A man whose faithfulness in the smallest unwelcome tasks spreads out to the largest (Luke 16:10). A man whose diligence becomes a tree of life for family and friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Such a man knows that even the best parts of life include a hundred unwelcome tasks. Only by embracing the unwelcome are homes established, relationships restored, friendships maintained, vows kept, children disciplined and nurtured, churches planted and grown, and vocations fulfilled. And so, with every suggestion of tomorrow, he looks to the harvest.

Common sense calls us to, for "no unwelcome task becomes any the less unwelcome by putting it off till tomorrow." And even more, God's promises call us to, for daily trouble comes with daily strength, and on some coming tomorrow, seeds planted today will rise in a glorious harvest.

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For now, we live in a thorn-covered land, where unwell-

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## Rain not slowing catching

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CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN  
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

It is OCARC tournament time again! John Thomas and his special needs clients are set to host their annual fishing event August 6th and 7th. Just as in past years, the tournament will start at 5:00 p.m. on the sixth with weigh-in set for 5:00 p.m. the following afternoon. Certification for eligible winning fish will start at 3:00 p.m.

You will have to excuse Thomas and his hard working group of clients if they seem a tad giddy about this year's event. For the first time in the history of the tournament they will be working under a covered weigh-in site and that is no small thing this time of the year. The weigh-in will take place in the shade of the new Riverside Pavillion located immediately adjacent to the Orange public boat ramp.

Twelve categories will pay out a total of \$4000. Thanks to the support of Dominion, Inc. the largest bass will earn some lucky angler a \$750 check. Dow is also donating the same amount of money for the biggest speck. Both the largest flounder and redfish are worth \$300.

The remaining six categories which include "Sarge's" catfish, white perch, sunfish, croaker, black drum and the "Janae Borel" grinnel are worth a \$100 payday. The "Don Hubbard" mudcat will earn a lucky entrant \$50 while the "Gopher" Apaloosa red is valued at a tidy \$250.

The ten categories pay out a total of thirty places, but an angler can only win one check in each category. The thirty dollar entry fees benefit the Center and it's special needs clients. All children under the age of sixteen fish for free, but must be accompanied by a parent or another adult entered in the tournament.

For more information or an entry fee drop by the Center located on 8th and Park in Orange or give them a call at 886-1363.

"We only had one ling weighed in and were a little short in the bass category, but we still saw some great fish," reported weigh master, Steve Simmons. Steve is a S.A.L.T. club member as well, but he also weighs in darn near every fish in every local tournament as well.

His glowing report was not only in regards to the fish, but to a turnout that produced a standing room crowd for the awards ceremony. "Every chair and even the kitchen was full," said Simmons.

The forty-sixth annual S.A.L.T. Club Summer Classic hosted 185 anglers this past weekend and even the weather was fisherman-friendly. "I really weighed some solid fish," said Simmons. "We had a pile of nice snapper caught in the off shore division and the winning trout almost made the five pound mark."

Easily the two biggest winners, however, were David Sartin

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## MLB Commish Mansfield still trying to change the game

KAZ'S KORNER  
Joe Kazmar  
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Last week's All-Star Game, which was won by the American League 5-2 without any help from the four missing Houston Astros players, created a lull in the regular season for most major league players.

But the baseball writers corralled MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred and grilled him on future plans or changes he anticipates trying to help speed up the games and produce more offense than during the first half of the 2021 season.

Manfred's major gripe is the defensive shifts that most teams use—and that the Houston Astros percentage of its use leads the MLB—which are doing exactly what they are designed for—eliminating base hits and reducing high-scoring offensive innings.

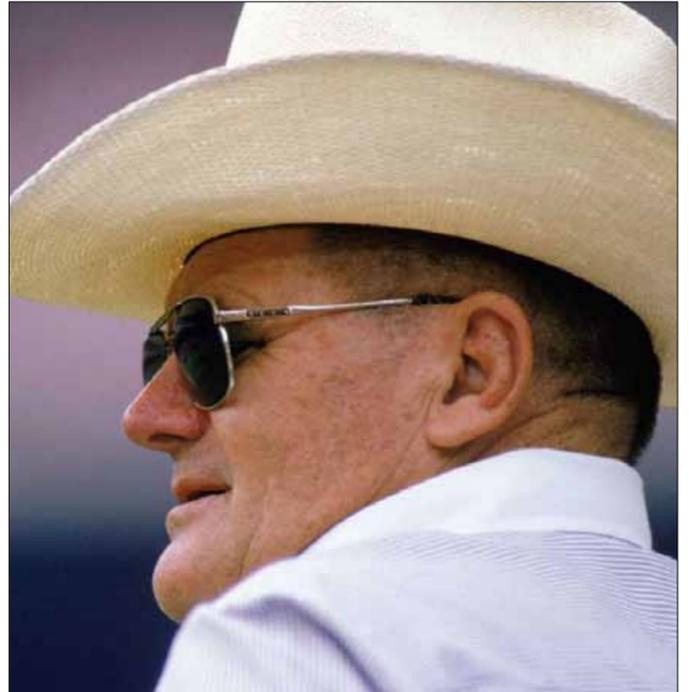
When I began playing organized baseball 70 years ago, we always had two infielders to the right of second base and two to the left of the bag. Perhaps no managers or coaches were imaginative enough to move the infielders around like they do today in the majors—and even in college and high school.

It was that way for me throughout Little League, Babe Ruth League, Connie Mack League, high school, college and even as a pro back in the 1960's.

There were no aluminum bats or designated hitters and we were taught to break up double play attempts that today can be ruled as baserunner interference. And in college, if we didn't knock a batter down on an 0-2 pitch, we would be running laps the next day.

Manfred is trying to get the game of baseball back to the way it was "before offense was suffocated by analytics" according to an Associated Press article that ran last week.

He added that the crack-down on the use of foreign substances on base-



It's about time those folks in Tennessee realized that former Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips was pretty darned good and announced that he will be inducted into the Titans/Oilers Ring of Honor Sept 26. The Orange native transposed a team that hadn't been to the playoffs in eight years into a "Luv Ya Blue" team that just couldn't get past that Steel Curtain of Pittsburgh, but had two AFC Championship appearances.

balls has been a success since umpires started checking pitchers on June 21 and "is a step along the road to a return to a more entertaining form of baseball."

The commissioner told the Baseball Writers Association of America during the All-Star break that seven-inning doubleheaders and starting extra-innings with a runner on second base likely would be dropped after this season.

These were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to speed up the games and to make up games canceled by the pandemic-shortened 2020 season when there were no fans attending

the games. However, this season, some fans felt short-changed when they paid full-price for tickets for split-doubleheaders of seven innings each.

Manfred said that extending the designated hitter to the National League could be possible but not definite. "I think it would be a non-radical change, but I'm not going to speculate on whether we're going to propose it or get it," he told the baseball writers.

He also hinted that MLB was considering having umpires explain video review decisions to fans at ballparks over the public address system, simi-

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# Gulf Coast Fishing Report . . .

This week's Gulf Coast fishing report was compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

## • Sabine Lake

Overall conditions: GOOD. 85 degrees. The ship channel or the Neches River is a great spot for speckled trout. Fish the shelf in 2-4 feet of water with minnow. Fish the river on points and drops to 20ft of water keying on shad.

## • Bolivar

GOOD. 85 Degrees. Speckled trout have been fair near the north jetty as well along the shoreline on live shrimp. Redfish have been good along the shoreline and are best caught on shrimp, soft plastics or topwaters early. Black drum are good around vegetation or structure on crab or shrimp. Flounder are fair around the jetty on shrimp.

## • Trinity Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Look for the birds, the fish will typically be under them. Fishing the flats remains to be the best method to fish for both redfish and speckled trout. The northwestern and eastern sides of the bay are still solid. Flounder are fair around rocks using mullet or minnow.

## • East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and speckled trout are still along the shorelines and near the jetties. You can also find them in the deep water around structures like reefs. Soft plastics or shrimp are great. Sheepshead are good and will be found primarily around rocks on minnow.

## • West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Fishing deep water and structures will be the key element to success. The reefs and other structures located around the ship channel will be good areas to find speckled trout and redfish. Fishing the many gaswells and reefs extending from the lower ship channel all the way up to lower Trinity Bay is going to be a good pattern for the speckled trout. Use soft plastics like Bass Assassins, Norton Sand Eels or topwaters for that midday bite.

## • Texas City

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and speckled trout are best along the shoreline on live bait or soft plastics. Flounder are good on live bait around the jetties and wherever there are rocks or structures. Black drum are good on shrimp around vegetation or structure. Sheepshead are fair around the dike on mullet or minnows.

## • Freeport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and speckled trout will be



Capt. Ryan Battistoni with an upper slot redfish he found lurking along the north shoreline of West Galveston Bay. (Photo by Capt. Nate Skinner, Coast Magazine)

found in the back bay around shell and marsh and are good on shrimp. Sheepshead will be found around the oyster reefs and rocks and are good on live bait. Flounder are good around the rocks on mullet. Black drum are fair on blue crab, slow bouncing off the bottom over grass.

## • East Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and flounder are good at the Oyster Farm and at Three Mile Reef bass assassins or live bait. The shallow shoreline south of the reef can be good for giggering flounder. Look for speckled trout and redfish where the reef drops off into deeper water. Look for bait activity as a clue as to where the fish will be.

## • West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Wading remains to be the best method to beat the heat. Sand and grassy shorelines along this side of the bay have held scattered catches of speckled trout on topwaters and soft plastics or shrimp. Black drum are fair on blue crab above grass. Redfish are good on live bait and will be around reefs. Flounder are good on shrimp around the rocks.

## • Port O'Connor

GOOD. 85 degrees. Speckled trout are over mid-bay structure and also along the shorelines. The fishing pier is great for redfish, speckled trout, and flounder on shrimp. Back Lakes have been solid for Redfish using shrimp.

## • Rockport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish are good using topwaters in

black or white/red color in the bay. Speckled Trout are good on shrimp under a popping cork and are being found along the shoreline or around structure. Flounder have been good on minnow around the piers. Black drum are fair above the grass on crab.

## • Port Aransas

GOOD. 84 degrees. The jetty and pier have been great spots all around. Redfish are good on shrimp under a popping cork which will stimulate fish activity or soft plastics. Speckled Trout are good on shrimp, KWigglers ball tail, and top waters. Black drum are fair on shrimp or crab and will most likely be in the deep water transitions.

## • Corpus Christi

GOOD. 84 degrees. Speckled trout is plentiful in the surf or the flats and best on shrimp. Bob Hall Pier is a great spot for redfish, trout, black drum, and flounder. If the surf is green, try live shrimp under a float. In stained water use shrimp for black drum and redfish.

## • Baffin Bay

VERY GOOD. 88 degrees. North of the causeway has been busy with trout using croaker. Redfish have been great on cut mullet. White Bluff is a tride and true spot. The northern end of Mother Lagoon in the shallow water is a great spot. The darker colors will perform best when the water is dirty. Flounder are good on live bait or artificials around the rocks.

## • Port Mansfield

GOOD. 86 degrees. Trout are showing on the flats with grass in the deeper water throwing kwiggler ball tail, and top water. Reds are shallow and are hitting gold spoons, kwiggler paddle tail and top water. Red snapper good when you can get out.

## • South Padre

GOOD. 80 degrees. Speckled trout are plentiful near the surf on spoons, MirrOlures, topwater plugs and soft-plastic tails work best in the clear/green water. Holly Beach and the jetties are great locations to fish for redfish or black drum using live shrimp.

## • Port Isabel

GOOD. 82 degrees. Long bar is a great area for wade fishing. Speckled trout are located in the lower Laguna Madre. They can also be found in the shallow water over grass and are best on live baits. Redfish will be found along the shorelines. Sheepshead are good on mullet around rocks. Flounder are good on mullet. Black drum are fair on blue crab in the deep water transitions.

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# Helping Texas' unique snakes through research

The Natural Resources Institute restores habitat, tracks, studies Texas' threatened snakes



A Louisiana pinesnake. (Texas A&M National Resources Institute photo by Toby Hibbitts, Ph.D.)



A western massasauga. (National Resources Institute photo by Toby Hibbitts, Ph.D.)

**Kerry Halladay**  
Texas A&M AgriLife

The Texas A&M University Natural Resources Institute, NRI, a unit of Texas A&M AgriLife, has been researching three threatened snakes unique to Texas: the Louisiana pinesnake, the eastern indigo and the massasauga rattlesnake.

"Snakes are vilified, but they are an important part of the ecosystem," explained Danielle Walkup, NRI research scientist.

"Snakes tend to be in the

middle of a food web," she continued. "They eat smaller things like rodents, so they can help with rodent control and can also be food for bigger things, so they are an important part of the food web. They are unique creatures."

Most of NRI's work with the trio of threatened snakes deals with habitat restoration and assessment, partnering on early-stage reintroduction efforts, and pursuing general knowledge about the species.

"For a lot of these species of conservation concern,

there's not a lot of information known about them," Walkup said. "Our job is to go in and figure out things like how widespread they are, their habitat, genetics, how to catch them, and so on."

A unique snake and its unique home

The Louisiana pinesnake is a non-venomous burrowing snake that eats small rodents, especially the Baird's pocket gopher. They are part of the same family that includes other harmless Texas snakes like corn snakes, rat snakes, gopher or bull snakes, king snakes and milk snakes.

Despite their name, Louisiana pinesnakes' historic range includes Texas, where a few small populations still exist. The species is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act wherever found.

This unusual snake depends on the uniquely American ecosystem of the longleaf pine forests. They are one of the most ecodeiverse habitats in the world after the rainforests, supporting thousands of different species, many of which are not found anywhere else.

These forests used to be the dominant type in the U.S. southeast and stretched for over 90 million acres. Today, there are only an estimated 3 million acres. NRI has several projects focused on restoring this once widespread landscape.

"In Texas, we've lost a lot of that longleaf pine habitat, and a lot of it gets overgrown," Walkup said. "It's not as open as it used to be. That loss of habitat is one of the major reasons for the loss

of the Louisiana pinesnake."

NRI has been working with partners in the U.S. Forest Service in preparation for Louisiana pine snake reintroduction and translocation. One habitat modeling project led by NRI researchers found that individual Louisiana pinesnakes need roughly 82 square acres of mature longleaf pine stand. The territory needs to have good understory cover for their preferred prey of Baird's pocket gopher, and sandy well-drained soil.

Testing new ways to find

and track shy snakes

Despite popular opinion, snakes are shy, reclusive and good at keeping out of sight. This is a problem for those trying to study them.

Herpetologists — scientists who study reptiles and amphibians — rely on box traps to survey snake populations. These work like wasp traps; a funnel allows snakes to get into the box, an attractive hiding spot, but they cannot easily get back out.

While straightforward, box traps must be checked daily or every other day to

record and release trapped snakes. This is labor-intensive and time-consuming. Additionally, many shy snakes like those NRI works with live in places that are hard for researchers to access. This makes checking traps even more difficult.

NRI and researchers from the U.S. Forest Service and other institutions are working to see if camera traps work as well as box traps to find and track Louisiana pinesnakes and eastern indi-

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## Colburn: Fishing From Page 1B

and Bryson Edwards. Sartin won the grand prize drawing of \$1000 and Edwards won the drawing for the lifetime fishing license in the Kids Division. Anyone care to guess what that youngster's win will be worth over the course of the next fifty to sixty years?

The Club has some special events planned for the near future and would love to have you join in the fun. It is very much a family oriented organization that meets the first Tuesday of every month.

Louis Moore called earlier this week with a reminder, "Don't forget about us!" The "us" he was referring to was the Orange CCA Chapter. The group will host their 13th annual Banquet and Auction at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center located on Hwy. 1442 on August 12th. Everything kicks off about 6:00 p.m.

Lou added that while tick-

et sales have been out the roof that as of Monday evening they still had one or two tables available. The table packages are a great deal for larger groups.

Apparently the non-stop rain events have not slowed the bass catching down in local bayous to date. Lighting is an entirely different matter, but the water is still in good shape and producing everything from good numbers to good size.

Larry Prosperie said he caught marsh bass virtually non-stop for the better part of an hour on a Wacky Worm recently and Darrel Aucoin released a 4.8, 5.0 and 5.9 lb. bass Monday morning. Aucoin said he didn't catch many fish, but the ones he caught were the largest he had caught all year. He was pitching a green pumpkin craw worm in the thicker grass.

Those three bass would

certainly work in a Tuesday afternoon Sabine River Shootout!

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## Texas' threatened snakes From Page 3B

gos for research. Early results are promising.

"Some of our early testing was done in the Sabine National Forest," Walkup said. "That was mostly putting out cameras in areas where they have box traps to make sure it is a viable process and determine the cost per effort."

Researchers found camera traps had three times the snake sightings of box traps. They were additionally more cost-effective for long-term surveying because they only had to be checked once every three weeks.

This technique has proven successful with Louisiana pinesnakes. In a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service in Louisiana, camera traps have been set up in areas where Louisiana pinesnakes have been relocated.

"We have been going through the data to verify that — in this area that we know there are Louisiana pinesnakes — can we capture Louisiana pinesnakes on camera? And yes, we can,"

Walkup said.

The rarely seen lord of the forest

The first part of the eastern indigo snake's scientific name — *Drymarchon couperi* — roughly means "lord of the forest" in Greek. It earned this name for its impressive size and appearance. Adults are generally 5-6 feet long, heavy-bodied and covered in semi-iridescent black scales with a dark red chin and throat. Like kingsnakes, eastern indigo snakes are nonvenomous and eat other snakes, including venomous snakes like copperheads, rattlesnakes and cottonmouths.

Despite its regal name, the eastern indigo snake isn't seen much in the wild. Its historic range used to extend from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and into South Carolina. Now it is thought to exist in the wild in only a few counties in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. It was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 1978.

Part of the snake's decline is tied to the decline of another species, the gopher tortoise.

"Gopher tortoises are known as keystone species," Walkup said. "Those are basically species that play an important role in an ecosystem out of proportion to their density or how many individuals are in an ecosystem."

Gopher tortoises got their name for their habit of digging burrows in sandy soil. These burrows provide housing to hundreds of other species, including the eastern indigo snake.

"We're in the very early stages of working with the eastern indigo snake," Walk-

up said. She explained that

NRI has been working with Eglin Air Force Base in Florida on habitat restoration and gopher tortoise translocation in preparation for eventual eastern indigo release efforts. NRI works closely with the Department of Defense on managing military land to preserve habitat like longleaf pine and improve habitat for keystone species like gopher tortoises.

Little snake, big genomics project

Another area of NRI's snake-related work dealt with profiling the genetics of a little rattlesnake, the massasauga.

Massasaugas are venomous, thick-bodied rattlesnakes that prey on small rodents. They are smaller than most rattlesnakes, with adults rarely exceeding three

feet in length.

In the U.S., there are two massasauga species; the western massasauga found mostly in the southwest, Texas and central plains, and the eastern massasauga, which extends from the Great Lake states up into Canada. Eastern massasaugas are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

When the western massasauga was petitioned for listing under the Endangered Species Act, petitioners thought it was two subspecies. There are many visual differences in western massasaugas found primarily in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, and those found more widely in New Mexico, Texas and the central plains.

Walkup explained that NRI conducted a genomics

project to get a better understanding of the western massasaugas. They found that, despite distinct visual differences of snakes from different areas, they are likely one species. The listing petition for the western massasauga was withdrawn as a result of this finding.

While this might not seem like conservation in the usual sense, Walkup said it was important to conservation overall.

"Research like that influences the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decisions, and our work had a direct impact on conservation," she said. "Being able to focus that protection for species that really need it helps conserve resources. I think that is one important aspect of our research."

## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

lar to the procedure in the NFL,

Regulating the shift by requiring two infielders on each side of second base will make the game look like it did when I was in Little League, "It's not a change, it's kind of a restoration," Manfred pointed out.

"That's why people are in favor of it. And they do believe, I think front offices in general believe it would have a positive effect on the play of the game," Manfred concluded.

MLB is trying an experiment this year in Class AA requiring infielders to keep both feet within the outer boundary of the infield dirt at the start of every play, but not preventing three or more defenders to either side of second base, the Associated Press article pointed out.

Hopefully, the commissioner will be able to satisfy the fans who complain that today's game of baseball is too slow, too boring and outdated, old-fashioned and behind the modern times.

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couldn't get past that Steel Curtain of Pittsburgh, but had two AFC Championship appearances.

JUST BETWEEN US...

For a team that is supposed to be the best in batting average and runs scored, our Houston Astros certainly started poorly after the All-Star break. After whipping the White Sox 7-1 at Chicago Friday, they managed only three hits while getting walloped 10-1 Saturday and then were held to only Jose Toro's single in Sunday's 4-0 blanking. The Astros returned to Minute Maid Park Monday and began a three-game series with the Cleveland Indians followed by three with the cellar-dwelling Texas Rangers. The good news is that Houston still leads the AL West Division by 3½ games over the Oakland A's through Sunday's action and that Jose Altuve became the fourth Astro to get 1,700 hits. He follows Craig Biggio (3,060), Jeff Bagwell (2,314) and Jose Cruz (1937).

Collin Morikawa fired a bogey-free 66 Sunday to win the British Open by two strokes over Texan Jordan Spieth. The 24-year-old Californian is the first man to win a major tournament on his first try. He won the PGA in 2020. The major victory was worth \$2.070 million.

Houston Astros first baseman Yuli Gurriel, who is having his best season ever as a major leaguer, has matched his career-high with 37 walks in 87 games. His 37 walks in 2019 came in 144 games.

St. Louis Cardinals relief ace Alex Reyes has set a major league record by saving 24 games in 24 tries. He has a miniscule 1.46 ERA.

For the second time in franchise history the New York Mets defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-6 after trailing by six runs after in the first inning.

After losing their first two games to the Suns in Phoenix, the Milwaukee Bucks came roaring back to win the next three in the NBA Finals. The Bucks could wrap up the World Championship with a win last night in Milwaukee.

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# Gulf Coast: Options galore for summer redfish

## Outdoors Captain Chuck Uzzle For The Record

It's a familiar scene that is played out all along the gulf coast from Texas to Florida, anglers armed with light tackle weapons probe the shallow shorelines for the



bullies of the marsh. The whole encounter is a sensory overload from the get go, it is always visually stimulating to see cruising redfish roam the banks and wreak havoc like only they can. Your ears are often treated to the sounds of vicious strikes as these heavyweights flex their muscles on mullet or crabs with equal zest. Yes, it is a moment like no other as the gap between angler and fish is narrowed in

an effort to escalate one of fishing's best confrontations. The whole event can take place in a matter of seconds or it may take several minutes to gain the proper advantage needed to make a well placed cast. The still days that are so prevalent during the summer months offer up some of the best opportunities for Sabine lake fishermen to sight fish for redfish. Sight fishing refers to the art of actually seeing the fish before a cast is made

instead of just fan casting or blind casting in hopes that a fish will find you instead.

The off colored water that we are so used to here on Sabine lake usually clears up in the summer months enough to actually practice this method of fishing. When water clarity is an issue anglers usually target the familiar "V" shaped wakes associated with cruising reds, by casting just ahead of these wakes an angler can put themselves in position for one of the best shows on the water as their lure of choice is demolished in a flash of red.

Anglers can take redfish in a variety of ways with many different lures, spoons or topwaters are high on the list for conventional anglers while other folks like to offer up a shad or finger mullet on a split shot rig. Perhaps the most exciting way to tangle

with these broad shouldered fish is to cast a popping fly or crab imitation and hang on. Flyfishing for redfish is an adrenaline producing rush like you may have never experienced, more often than not once a redfish is hooked most anglers don't know who has who as their line keeps leaving off the reel at breakneck speed. The sheer power of the fish can really be appreciated with fly gear, the whole experience is magnified to the point where it becomes an addiction of sorts.

Now contrary to what you may think about fly tackle, you are not totally handicapped by using the long rod. The fly tackle does limit you in some areas but it also allows you an advantage in some areas as well.

When stalking these redfish you may make an errant cast with a conventional baitcaster which means you

must reel all the line back and try again while the fish keeps moving or just plain drops out of sight. The same errant cast with a flyrod can be picked up and cast again in a fraction of the time it takes to do the same with a baitcaster or spinning reel, translation is more shots at the same fish which puts the odds in your favor from time to time.

Chasing these fish with either style of gear has become a summer pattern that plenty of anglers including myself look forward to with great anticipation. Either near the banks looking for one red at a time or out on the smooth open water of the lake looking for a school of 50 or so.

Keep your eyes open and listen carefully because in the coming weeks anglers on Sabine lake will be in store for great fishing courtesy of the marvelous redfish.



Texas A&M Forest Service heads west to aid with wildfires (Texas A&M Forest Service photo by Matt Ford)

## Texas A&M Forest Service heads west to fight wildfires

Leighton Chachere  
Texas A&M AgriLife  
Correspondent

More than 70 Texas A&M Forest Service personnel are currently deployed to wildfire incidents across multiple western states, including Arizona, California, Idaho and Montana.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, 70 large fires are burning across the United States, with more than 17,700 wildland firefighters and overhead personnel committed to these incidents.

In early July, Texas A&M Forest Service deployed the Lone Star State Type II Initial Attack Hand Crew to Northern California. This 20-person crew is supporting the Modoc National Forest as an initial attack resource. Most recently, the crew assisted on the 1,011-acre Juniper Fire, which is now fully contained according to the USDA Forest Service.

"With continued hot and dry conditions out west,

wildfire activity and the need for fire resources is increasing," said Les Rogers, Texas A&M Forest Service Chief of Fire Operations and Incident Response department head. "We are proud to send skilled personnel to help fight these wildfires."

In addition to the hand crew, a 10-person suppression module, six engine crews, two dozer crews and multiple overhead personnel are currently deployed out of state. All resources will complete an assignment lasting 14-21 days before returning to Texas.

Preparedness levels Due to significant fire activity occurring in multiple geographic areas across the country and heavy commitment of shared resources to large fires nationally, the National Multi Agency Coordinating Group has raised the National Preparedness Level to Level 5.

Preparedness levels are dictated by fuel and weather conditions, fire activity and fire suppression resource availability throughout the

country. Level 5 is the highest level of wildland fire activity and indicates heavy resource commitment to fires nationally.

The state of Texas is currently at Level 1. The pattern of increased moisture from late June is continuing into July and wildfire activity continues to trend below normal. Wildfire potential across the state remains low at this time.

Texas A&M Forest Service remains dedicated to protecting Texas' citizens and natural resources from wildfire and all-hazard incidents, even as national activity increases. The agency is continuing to monitor conditions and assess needs locally.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, visit the Texas Fire Potential Outlook <https://bit.ly/3kemhbG>.

For additional information on the Texas A&M Forest Service Lone Star State Type II Initial Attack Hand Crew, visit <https://bit.ly/LSSHand-Crew>.

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* Posting reflects only the designated elected officials that will receive longevity pay and elected officials that have a State or Federally mandated increase.						
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		BASE SALARY	LONGEVITY	CELL PHONE	AUTO ALLOWANCE	TOTAL COMPENSATION
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	to:	\$18,000.00	\$496.00			\$18,496.00
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	to:	\$185,000.00	\$1,608.00			\$186,608.00
County District Attorney	from:	\$18,000.00	\$2,744.00			\$20,744.00
	to:	\$18,000.00	\$2,828.00			\$20,828.00
Sheriff	from:	\$106,080.00	\$700.00	county phone	county vehicle	\$106,780.00
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District Clerk	from:	\$79,560.00	\$2,716.00			\$82,276.00
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County Treasurer	from:	\$79,560.00	\$1,110.00			\$80,670.00
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MILTON JERDON HUBBARD**, Deceased, were issued on the July 7, 2021, in Cause No. P19094, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **NANETTE LYNN HUBBARD aka NANETTE L. TREVINO**.

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: **Jerry V. Pennington Attorney at Law 108 N. Seventh Street Orange, TX 77630 (409)886-0575 Email: pennlawoffice74@gmail.com**

Dated the 14th day of July, 2021.

*Jerry V. Pennington*  
Jerry V. Pennington Attorney for: **Nanette L. Trevino** Texas Bar No.: 15759000

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GERTIE MAE EWING** Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2021, in Cause No. P19111, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **DEBORAH L. HUGHES**

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

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

Dated the 12th day of July, 2021.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION / ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RFP-2021-06-FEMA-BRIC

The Orange County Drainage District seeks to contract with one, or more, grant application and administration service providers ("Respondents") to provide grant application and administration services for application and administration of a contract, if awarded, from the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities ("BRIC") funding opportunity administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). Interested Respondents may find copies of RFP-2021-06-FEMA-BRIC ("RFP") on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and at <http://civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). Each Respondent shall submit five (5) physical copies of its proposal to Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, at the Orange County Drainage District located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 ("District Office"). To be eligible for consideration, the District must receive proposals no later than Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 12:00 pm (Noon) at the District Office. The District will publicly open the submitted proposals on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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