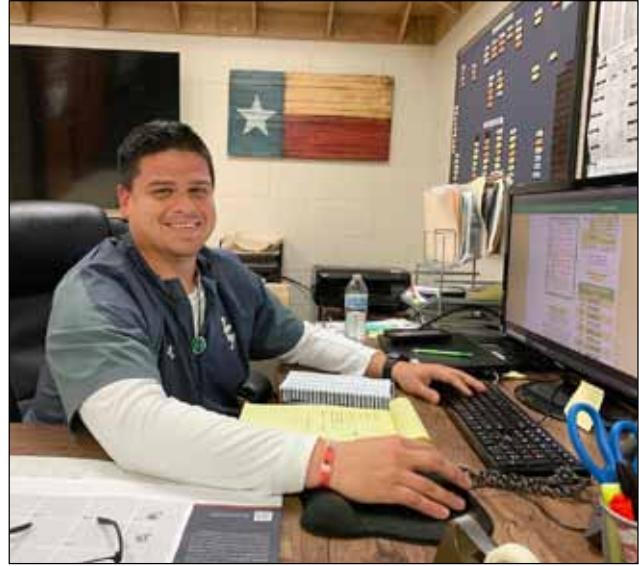


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LCM's new coach Eric Peevey has the 11-2 Battlin' Bears in this week's Class 4A-I Region 3 finals while crosstown rival West Orange-Stark plays in the 4A-II Region 3 finals.

OC schools seek regional grid crowns

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Little Cypress-Mauriceville's football team is sitting pretty as it enters District 10-4A Division I play this week.

After slogging past Jasper 13-0 last week, Coach Eric Peevey has his first Battlin' Bears squad off to a 4-1 start.

That's three wins more than LC-M garnered last year in a season affected by storms and the coronavirus pandemic.

"The thing about sports is you can have an incredible preseason, but it can go down fast," Peevey said.

"[Undefeated district foes] Vidor is having a great year, Huffman's having a great year, and Lumberton [3-2] is playing well," Peevey said.

The six 10-4A-I teams went a combined 29-5 against predistrict opponents this season.

"Our whole district is off

to a great start, so it's going to be a battle each week," the coach said.

A road trip to take on defending district champion Huffman Hargraves is first on the 10-4A-I menu for the Bears.

"They've got a good team and a lot of people back," Peevey said.

But the Bears have been no slackers.

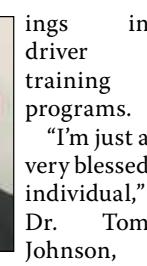
"The kids are really working hard right now, having some good practices," Peevey said. "We felt we had a really good preseason, finished 4-1."

"That's definitely in a spot a lot of people wouldn't have picked us."

The Bears have outscored opponents 140-71 for the season, with the majority of points allowed coming in a second-week 39-20 road loss to West Orange-Stark.

Quarterback Ashton Landry, running back

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Dr. Tom Johnson

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power outages caused by the storm resulted from natural gas producers losing power and being unable to send fuel to power plants.

The Railroad Commission has yet to address how to prepare the state's natural gas infrastructure for another deep freeze. A committee created by lawmakers in the spring has until September

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Orange's Cloeren donates \$500K for LSCO program

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange just keeps making it rain.

The school announced this week it has landed a \$500,000 donation from Orange's Cloeren Inc. to build a mechatronics program.

This comes on the heels of the state granting the school \$37.4 million to build a new Academics Building on the former site of the downtown Capital One Bank at the end of October.

In early November, the Texas Higher Education Board granted LSCO nearly \$1 million in grants, including \$495,000 to purchase equipment to launch a mechanical, manufacturing and maintenance program, and \$300,000 to increase offer-

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Deaths & Memorials

Alice Odelia King Cole, 91, Bridge City

Alice Odelia King Cole, 91, of Bridge City, passed away on November 23, 2021, in Bridge City.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 29, 2021, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Father Ernie Carpio. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation was held with a rosary Sunday, November 28 at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, on January 16, 1930, she was the daughter of Oscar King and Bernice (Webb) King. She graduated from St. Martin in Ocean Springs, Mississippi where she played on the basketball team. Alice was a longtime member of St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City where she served as a member of the Altar Society. She was an incredible matriarch for her family, and set the precedent for everything a wife, mother, and grandmother should be. Alice enjoyed going to garage sales, shopping and going to casinos with her loved ones. Her favorite time was getting her hair done and pampering herself, something she so deserved. She will be deeply missed during her journey to eternal heaven, though her family



Alice Cole

knows she is being so graciously welcomed into Jesus' loving arms.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Bernice King; loving husband, Donald E. Cole; and son, Donald Wayne Cole.

She is survived by her children, Alice Hartsfield of Bridge City, Angela Hebert of Bridge City, and Michael Cole and wife Judy of Bridge City; daughter-in-law, Diana Cole; grandchildren, Clint Hartsfield and wife Tracy, Melissa Lambert and husband James, Candice Jenkins and husband Nate, Cody Hollis and wife Crystal, Kristi Bourque and husband Chad, Lori Runnels and husband Jason, and Jon Cole and wife Kristi Moore; great-grandchildren, Cole Hartsfield, Kaylee Lambert, Natalye Allen, Brayden Lambert, Brynlee Harvey, Michael Jenkins, Jonah Jenkins, Easton Hollis, Scarlett Hollis, Kyndal Runnels, Tyler Runnels, Emma Bourque, and Olivia Bourque; and two brothers, Roger King and Benny King; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Southeast Texas Hospice at 912 W. Cherry Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

Bernice May Baker Snell, 83, Orange

Bernice May Baker Snell, 83, of Orange, Texas, passed away peacefully with family by her side on November 26, 2021, at the Medical Center of Southeast Texas. Visitation will be at Claybar Funeral Home located at 800 Highland Dr., Bridge City, Texas 77611 on December 5, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Officiating the service will be her grandson, Larry Spears, Jr.

Bernice Snell was born on January 26, 1938 in Amity, New York. In 1956 she married the love of her life, Sheldon Snell and later moved to Bridge City, Texas in 1979, where Bernice worked for the Bridge City Independent School District.



Bernice Snell

Preceded in death is her loving husband of 57 years, Sheldon Lee Snell; parents, Lawrence T. Baker and Helen Ford; sisters, Lucille Cornish, Sally Baker, Mary Springfield, Alma Shout, and Glenna Baker; brothers, Lawrence Baker, Ralph Baker and David Baker.

She is survived by her sister, Esther Canute; brother, William Springfield; her five children, Sheldon and Julia Snell, Darlene Darby, Stacy and Heather Snell, Ginny and Ron Denham, Steven Snell; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She will be deeply missed by those that knew her.

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OC football squads From Page 1

Da'Marion Morris, defensive lineman Amier Washington and safety Dwight Davis, have been standout leaders.

Landry has 1,035 total pass (610) and run (425) yards and has run or passed for 11 of the team's 21 touchdowns so far.

Morris has rushed for 597 yards and eight scores and is the team's leading receiver with 11 catches for 181 yards and three TDs. Last week, receiver Dean Reynolds scored both touchdowns on pass receptions.

Peevey, an Orangefield High grad who coached West Brook to the state title game in 2018, brought a lot of the Bruins' playbook to LCM.

"My offensive coordinator, Jeff Breaux, came with me from West Brook, and calls the plays," Peevey said.

"We installed the same system. We feel like Ashton fits the system. Each week, we add new things and Ashton's learning each week."

"What you see on film from us might not be what you get from us, because we're still not through installing our offense."

Peevey admits he's been spoiled by having the depth of a Class 6A program at West Brook.

"The big difference is numbers," he said. "I'm used to dealing with about 250, 260 players on five teams at

West Brook, playing complete two-platoon and having multiple backups.

"Here, some players have to play both ways, so we have to adjust practice time, so they can be on both sides of the ball. But every week, we learn our kids more and fewer players are having to go both ways."

The players have had to adjust, too.

"Every day we spend 30-45 minutes watching film and installing our game plan. We also lift every day, so that's about an hour we have to take aside before or after school," the coach said.

"So our days are a little longer but kids have bought in and understand you have to do those things to be great."



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OFHS students earn more BIM Certificates



Twelve more OHS Business Information 1 students passed the Microsoft Office Word Associate Exam. The students are taught by Mrs. Bellard and Mrs. Taylor.

The students are: Back row: Rylie Kethan, Colin Dorman, Kyle Michael, Kadyn Rucker, Colton Myers
Front row: Kimber Carpenter, Brenna Satterfield, Zack Bourque, Kane Smith, Wyatt Warner
Not pictured: Kalvin Calhoun and Ian Trumble

Winter outages

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2022 to identify and map the state's natural gas infrastructure and identify what needs to be weatherized to withstand extreme weather.

As a result, natural gas companies likely won't be required to weatherize their equipment until 2023. And it's unclear what those weatherization standards will be.

"Still have a long way to go

until the natural gas supply chain isn't vulnerable during a weather emergency," said Virginia Palacios, executive director for Commission Shift, a group that researches the Railroad Commission's ties to the oil and gas industry.

But Commissioner Jim Wright said power companies should have purchased gas ahead of the storm and

stored it at their facilities, especially since gas is typically purchased before the day it's supposed to actually arrive at power plants. "If you want to eat a Chick-fil-A sandwich on Sunday, you're going to need to buy it in advance," Wright said of the fast food chain that's closed on Sundays. "The same is true for natural gas."

Not all gas-fired power

plants in Texas have fuel storage on site.

Luke Warford, a Democratic candidate running for a seat on the Railroad Commission next year, said Wright's "comparison is wild."

"If Chick-Fil-A is closed, Texans can go to Whataburger," Warford said on Twitter. "When natural gas shut down, Texans died."

Technical Studies; for chasing the government grants.
"They're rock stars," the LSCO president said.

Cloeren donates to LSCO

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students in April 2022 for a Fall 2022 start. An information session about the new program will be held on campus on March 22, 2022. For more information on the

program or to learn about enrolling, contact LSCO's Advising Team via email advising@lSCO.edu, phone at 409-882-3340, or by visiting their office on the third floor

of the Ron Lewis Building. Johnson gives credit to Kristin Walker, Dean of Health, Workforce and Technical Studies; and Dr. Keith Jones, Associate Dean of

Holiday festivities

From Page 1A

and live music during the course of the evening," said Gauthier. "We'll have Christmas music, of course, playing the entire time."

There are plenty of other area Christmas festivities this weekend.

Saturday, the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce 12th annual lighted Christmas Parade will take place at 6:00 p.m. traveling down Roundbunch Road from First Baptist Church Bridge City to the lighted intersection between Common Ground Church and St. Paul's Methodist Church.

BC Chamber of Commerce director Mandy Lyda said, "It's not too late," to participate in the parade. Entry forms can be found on the chamber website or picked up at the office at 150 W Roundbunch Rd.

"Turn in your application ASAP," she said.

Entry fee for the parade is one unwrapped toy for each person in the vehicle or on the float.

The annual Christmas

Tree Auction is also underway.

"It's going on now at businesses around town and ends Dec. 10," said Lyda. Proceeds from the auction fund scholarships for both Orangefield and Bridge City High Schools.

There are 17 Christmas trees and five or six wreaths available this year, decorated by various businesses, organizations and individuals. This year, the trees are on display at City of Bridge City, Leslie's Place, Total Impressions, Grangers Chevrolet, BC Bank, Wellspring Credit Union, Sabine Credit Union, Scot Shaffer's Farmers Insurance and MCT Credit Union.

There are also several festivities planned in Orange this weekend, starting with the Service League of Orange's 65th annual Toy Coffee scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Thursday, at the home of Paul and Raul Burch, 703 8th St. This is the first time there has been an evening viewing of the coffee.

Entrance to the home is

an unwrapped toy or cash donation that will benefit the Salvation Army.

The 72nd annual Christmas Parade in Orange is Friday. This year's theme is a Texas Christmas.

Detailed Parade Route
• Staging will occur on Front St east of Plaza
• Parade will start at 5:50
• Parade will head West from Plaza and Front St to 10th St
• Parade will head North to Green Ave
• Parade will head East to 1st St
• Parade will head South to Front St
• Parade will conclude at Plaza

Saturday the Kiwanis Club is hosting Breakfast with Santa 7:30-10 a.m. at

Spanky's on 16th Street. Tickets for Breakfast are \$12 and can be purchased online at facebook.com/orangetxkiwanis.

Also on Saturday, a Beary Merry Christmas Market is scheduled 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School.

Sunday is Christmas at the Depot Mingle & Jingle event. Tickets are \$25 and feature Coffee, Mimosas and festive treats. Centerpieces are provided by Trendz and fashion show by Sweet Bee Clothing Company. Christmas carols will be provided by Orange Community Players, Inc., plus there will be lots of door prizes. Call Rose Simar at 409-330-1576 for ticket information.

Texas Comptroller announces transfer of \$2.9 billion

Staff Report
For The Record

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he recently completed the transfer of more than \$2.91 billion into the State Highway Fund (SHF) and the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF; commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund"). Each fund received nearly \$1.46 billion, or 50 percent of the total transfer.

"The Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund are key components of Texas' long-term economic success and help provide the foundation needed for our future growth," Hegar said. "Texas is experiencing a strong economic recovery, and our population continues to boom as more and more people and businesses seek out the jobs and opportunities created here in Texas. It is critical that we continue to invest in the infrastructure needed to maintain our fiscal health and keep our economy growing while at the same time acknowledging the uncertainty that remains and setting aside dollars to ensure we are able to weather future downturns."

The transfer amounts are based on crude oil and natural gas production tax revenues in excess of 1987 collections. If either tax generates more revenue than the 1987 threshold, an amount equal to 75 percent of the excess is transferred.

In November 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allocating at least half of these severance taxes to the ESF, with the remainder going to the SHF for use on non-toll highway construction, maintenance and right-of-way acquisition.

According to the Texas Constitution, the ESF transfer must occur within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year. When fiscal 2021 ended on Aug. 31, the ESF balance was \$10.3 billion.

With this most recent transfer, the new balance will be about \$11.4 billion, not accounting for currently outstanding spending authority of approximately \$1.43 billion. The balance in the ESF will change as agencies spend down this remaining appropriation authority and investment earnings are realized.

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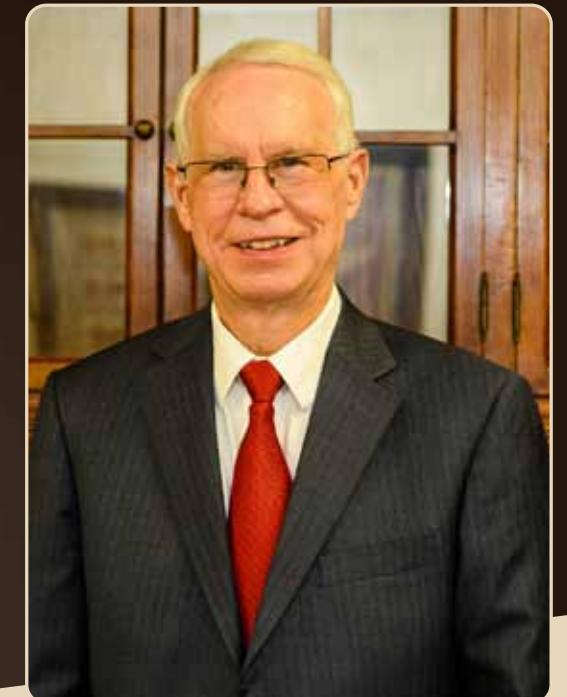
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From The Creaux's Nest

THANKSGIVING WAS A TIME TO REFLECT

Here's hoping you had a good **Thanksgiving**. It's hard to believe winter begins Dec. 21 and **Christmas** is less than 25 days away. A new year will arrive in just four weeks. The year 2021 has flown by. My years are slipping away much too quickly. I was just reading our **50 Years Ago** in this column and so much of it is still fresh in my mind. Where did the 50 years go? This **Thanksgiving** my mind was in a different place. It drifted off to remembering the path I've traveled. I'm fast approaching the middle of the fourth quarter. I ran through my mind so many of the great people I have known who are now gone. So many unique people from different walks of life, some laws and some outlaws, but all had a story. So **many were just true friends**, people I respected, just good, down to earth folks. I've been blessed more than most to have been at the right place at the right time. So many times I've met and spent time with some of the country's biggest stars and political figures. In my early days I met and got to know famous Texas Rangers and on the other hand I knew **Jack Ruby**. I have a great **LBJ** story but my head is full of great stories. There is one I've never told that I hope I can get someone else to write. It's that unbelievable. **Thanksgiving** gave me time to reflect on my present friends. There's not as many as there once were, so I treasure each one. I'm thankful I was surrounded by a loving family. It was great to see so many young, beautiful faces, three generations of loving souls. You bet I'm thankful.****I must move on. Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

SOMETHING FOR ORANGE PORT TO CONSIDER

I was reading an interesting editorial view on the Opinion page of the Nov. 25 **Baumont Enterprise**. I found it interesting because it had to do with ports and I have been pushing that. Right now a window might be open to dredge the **Orange waterway** to a depth that will afford large ships to come into the **Port of Orange**, bringing in billions of dollars to **Orange County** over the years. If not now, probably never. Here's a small portion of the long editorial. Other entities in the county should take notes.

Local ports have right idea about infrastructure funds

The ports of Port Arthur and Sabine Pass are doing something that almost every taxing entity in Southeast Texas should be doing, thinking about ways they might qualify for some of the money from the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that President Biden signed into law recently. This is the biggest boost to federal funding for ports, airports, highways, bridges, etc. in years, and some of those needs undoubtedly exist right here in our region. But cities, counties and ports won't get any of that funding unless they apply for it, so they need to get moving now if they believe they qualify. The ports of Port Arthur and Sabine Pass are already getting started.

ALICE COLE REMEMBERED

Alice Cole, age 91, passed away November 23, 2021. Funeral services were held Monday, November 29. We had known this good lady for about 60 years. Her husband Don, who died five years ago, had served as a Bridge City councilman and County commissioner but the Cole's were best known for their plumbing business. Don, a master plumber, had been in almost every home in the area and knew everyone. The Cole's, over the years, contributed so much to the betterment of the community. They raised their family in Bridge City where all their children attended Bridge City schools. Don and Alice Cole will long be remembered. They came, they served and we're better off today because of it. Alice had been in failing health but her wish was to return to Mississippi to visit her brothers, Roger and Benny King and her nieces and nephews. About five weeks ago the family granted Alice her wish and drove her back to her homeland where she got to visit everyone and renew memories of her childhood home. After returning from that special trip the family noticed a change in their mother. It seemed like that is when she started drifting away. I've heard of that happening many times. Sometimes a dying person hangs on until they satisfy their mind, sometimes it's seeing a person for the last time. Alice Odilia King Cole lived a good, long life where she was loved and adored by all of her and Don's offspring. Our condolences to Alice Hartsfield, Angela Hebert, Michael Cole and the entire family. She's home now. May she rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Congrats to the **West Orange-Stark Mustangs**. Coach **Thompson**, his coaching staff and a great bunch of players deserve our congratulations on a great season. The future looks good for the **Stangs** even though they fell to **Cold Spring** 35-13 in the state quarter-finals.****Congratulations also to **Bridge City** native, coach **Clint Hartsfield**, who in his first year as head coach brought his **Kelly Bulldogs** all the way to the **TAPPS** state championship game. They lost to **Fort Worth Nolan**, 27-10 but had a great season.****

Over the last week I ate pretty good thanks to some local friends and some products not off the grocery shelf. **Capt. Chuck Uzzle** provided us with fresh killed ducks that after cleaning we put to good use. **Neighbor Cox** furnished us some of his saddle blanket mustard greens and a mess of eggplant that turned into great eggplant dressing. **Judge Derry Dunn**, again this year, provided one of my favorite foods, peanut butter. Not your common kind of peanut butter. He helped put up this homemade peanut butter for **Family Canning Welfare Services of Salt Lake City, Utah**. It's the best I've ever eaten and I'm a connoisseur of peanut butter.****A great gift also came from **John Heard** who brought a mess of locally grown **Navel oranges** and **Ruby Red grapefruit**. There is none better than Orange County grown citrus.****A few special folks we know who are having birthdays. Some of you may not know him as **Thomas Austin Gunn**, born to **Marilou** and **Donald Gunn**, on **Pearl Harbor Day**, Dec. 7. Most folks know him as attorney **Tommy Gunn**, a good lawyer, good guy and good friend. Happy birthday **Tommy**.****Our buddy, **Jim Keith**, who moved away from Bridge City, marks another birthday on Dec. 7.

GOODBYE HERMAN OUT OF THE PAST 2011

The presidential campaign of **Herman Cain** came to an end Saturday. He had been accused of sexually harassing several women and having a 13-year affair with another. He denied the allegations. By not quitting and just suspending his candidacy, he can keep raising money and donating the money to any candidate he wants to. The word is that he will endorse **Newt Gingrich**. It's only fitting that he would since **Newt** was guilty of some of the things **Cain** is accused of. Twice divorced, he was having an affair with a young office staffer while voting to impeach **President Clinton** for the **Monica** affair. He later married his debutante but it was expensive. Recently he paid off a half million dollar jewelry bill at **Tiffany's**. **Newt** was charged with 87 ethics infractions and shamed out of office. Then he went and made **\$100 million** by not registering as a lobbyist but going through the back door and being paid by **Freddie Mac** to influence legislation. By the way, **Newt** was in New York Monday meeting with the kingpin, **Donald Trump**, who has set up a debate and he will be the moderator. **Trump** has called **Republican Ron Paul** and **Gov. John Huntsman** "joke candidates" because they won't participate. **Huntsman** responded to this remark by saying, "I'm not going to kiss **Trump's** ring and any other part of his anatomy." **Paul** said about **Trump**, "I didn't know he had the ability to lay on hands and anoint people." **Karl Rove** said, "What the heck are **Republican** candidates doing showing up at a debate thrown by this guy, who says if he doesn't like what he hears he'll run as an **Independent**. **Republicans** strategist, **Mike Murphy** said, "**GOP** candidates would be foolish to show up at **Trump's** clown circus debate." **Chris Mathews** had the quote of the week. "**Trump** is the ring master of a political clown show." So far **Mitt Romney**, **Rick Perry** and **Michele Bachman** haven't committed. I think **Trump** is just trying to get back on the "birther" issue. I wonder which network will carry the debate and who will show up at **Trump Tower**.

50 YEARS AGO-1971

On Sunday, December 5, 1971, **Bohn Hilliard** will be inducted into the **Texas High School Football Hall of Fame**. The presentation will be held at Breckenridge. **Hilliard** is one of the great athletes in the history of Orange. He has become a legend and countless stories of his exploits have been told. He played at **Orange High School** in 1927-28-29 and played college ball at **Kilgore Junior College** for 2 years. He then went on to play four years at the **University of Texas**. Even though **Bohn** didn't weigh but 165 pounds and was only 5 feet, 9 inches tall he could do it all, pass, kick, run over and around defenders. He was considered greatest open field runner in **Southwest Conference** history. He was also outstanding in baseball where he played every position. **Bohn** is the brother of **J.P. Hillard**, who operates the **Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.** started by their father in Orange in 1919.******State Representative Clyde Haynes** has decided to seek re-election. That muddies the water for some other possible candidates. **Haynes** had planned to run for the 2nd Congressional District seat. Two Orangeites, former County Judge **James Stringer** and attorney **Wayne Peveto**, will run against **Haynes**. All are **Democrats**. (Editor's note: I don't recall for sure but I believe **Stringer** pulled out of the race and supported **Peveto**. I do know for a fact that **Peveto** won. A conservative, he upset liberal incumbent **Haynes**.****The **Orange Boxing Club** will host three team matches on December 6, with **Orange, Lake Charles and Port Arthur**. Boxers include **Norris Leger, Ken Shivley, Joseph LaFleur, Kebble Free, Rickey Hargrove, Randy Caruthers, Marc Hodgen, Ray Hodgen, Ernie Morris, Roy Helm, Chris Leger, Tommy Miller, Jody Bailey, Joe Ray, Jimmy Ellis, Roray Delano, Dale Delano, James Wimberly, David Millien, Lee Plunkett and Charles Muldoon**.******J.B. Bearden** coached the Stark freshmen football team to a championship this year with an 8-2 record. **Coach Ballenger** is expecting great things from **J.B.'s** ninth grade talent for next year's varsity team. **J.B.** is a natural and should prove to be a tremendous asset to the coaching staff for years to come.******Lamar Cardinals** defeated **Arkansas State** 24-13 to grab share of conference championship in Southland. **Orange's George Toal** replaced **Glen Hill** as quarterback in game's first quarter. Cornerback **Pat Gibbs**, of **Orange**, broke a **Lamar** record with three interceptions. **Toal** and **Gibbs** were voted outstanding offensive and defensive players.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

LC-M-WO-S, Orange area teams in 4th playoff round. How unusual is it to have two teams in the fourth round of the state football playoffs from one community. Orange is the major contributor of talent to both **LC-M** and **WO-S**. What is also odd is that both teams are in **Class 4-A**. The **LC-M Bears**, coached by **Eric Peevey**, are traveling as **Division I** representatives, while **Coach Cornell Thompson's Mustangs** are taking on all comers in **Division II**. The **Bears** are 11-2 under **Peevey's** first season, coming off a 1-7 overall last season. In the playoffs, the **Bears** have beaten **Palestine, Columbia** and **El Campo**. **Peevey's** bunch have been underdogs in every contest. **LC-M** will play **Chapel Hill**, who beat **Vidor** in the regular season and the **Bears** will again be underdogs. The **Mustangs** don't need anything more to fire them up. I'm told over the weekend they had fire in their eyes. **WO-S** is out to get revenge against **Cold Springs** 13-0, who knocked the Mus-

tangs out of the playoffs last season. Both Orange teams play Friday night. Football is back at **LC-M** and **WO-S** has hopes for another state title and beating **China Springs** would be a great start.****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays. **Dec. 1:** Our buddy, one of the good guys **Gene Edgerly** celebrates today, also **Kelsey Dardeau, Bill Hare** and **Ashley Mott**. Also on this day, celebrating their 43rd Wedding Anniversary is **Janelle and George Sehon**, they share this special day with daughter and son-in-law, **Stephanie and Alex Hurst**, celebrating their 3rd Anniversary. Happy Anniversary to both couples.******Dec. 2:** Happy Birthday **Lisa Walker, Cheryl Formois, Beverly Blalack** and **Jake Glazner**.******Dec. 3:** Celebrating birthdays today are **Susan MacCammond, Glenn Perritt, Carolyn Andrus, Wayne Scales, Todd Wilson, Chris DeCuir, Amber Franklin** and **Sandra Huthison**. A special Happy Birthday to **Ms. Phyl's** sister **Jo Ann Huard**, who turns 88.******Dec. 4:** Celebrating today are **Dana Simmons** and **Stephanie Kreger**.******Dec. 5:** Happy Birthday to **Leslie Dishon, Gwen Tallent, Belinda Force, Mary Bridges, Shea Bolton** and **Rory Piccone**.******Dec. 6:** On this day **Rosalyn Potter, Richard Briggs, Debbie Bishop** and **Cheryl Jones** celebrate.******Dec. 7:** Pearl Harbor Day. Happy Birthday to **Jim Keith, Buddy Sheppard, Randy Philpott, Lisa Durso and Jon Sherwin**.******Omicron Variant**, a new fear for the health of the nation and a risk to our economy. **President Biden** says the United States is on high alert. Over the last year the **Biden** administration has been fighting 24-7 to defeat **COVID-19** and **Delta** viruses and now this comes along. We can be thankful that we have a president who believes in science as the way to fight these dangerous diseases. It's the only way the world can beat it.****The **U.S. Supreme Court** will hear the biggest abortion case in years. The **Mississippi** case could overturn **Roe**. Regardless of the outcome of the Dec. 1 ruling, half the nation will be unhappy.****Actor **Matthew McConaughey** will not be a candidate for governor of Texas. A centrist, his poll numbers showed him leading **Gov. Abbott** by 9 percent. **Beto O'Rourke**, a democratic, is tied with **Abbott** 44 to 43. Many believe **Abbott**, over the last year, has veered too far to the right.****It appears **Tucker Carlson** and **FOX News** is attempting to make **Kyle Rittenhouse** the poster boy for **AR-15** military weapons. He killed two unarmed men, maybe justified, but he could have just as well killed them with a hand gun.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe and Ethel Badeaux was invited to a swanky Halloween party dem. Ethel get a terrible headache and told Joe to go to da party alone. She said she would take some aspirin her, and go to bed. So Joe, even though he didn't want to go along, took his costume and went.

After sleeping soundly for one hour Ethel woke up wit no pain. She decided to go to da party. Joe didn't know wat her costume looked like so she decided she would have some fun by watching Joe and seeing how he acted when she was not around her. She soon spotted Joe's costume on da dance floor. He was dancing wit every nice chick he could. So Ethel sided up to him and being a seductive babe herself he left his partner and devoted his time to da new stuff.

Ethel let him go as far as he wished since he was her husband. Soon, off dey went to da car and had a little fling.

Jus before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away, went home and crawled in bed. She was sitting up reading wen Joe came home him.

"Did you have a good time Honey?" she axe.

"You know I never have a good time, me, wen you're not dere Babe," he answer.

"Did you dance much Joe?" she axe.

Joe replied, "I'll tell you Babe, I never dance even one dance. Wen I got dere, I met **Pete Comeaux, Joe Desormeaux, Clarence Hardy** and some utta guys and we went into da den and played poker all evening. But I'll tell you, **Oris Boudreault**, da guy I loaned my costume to, sure had a real good time him, plus he made out in da backseat of my car wit a real hot gal."

C'EST TOUT Pearl Harbor United Nation

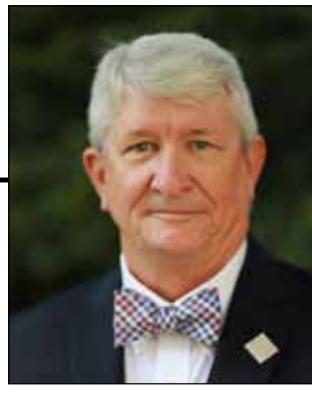
On this day, **Dec. 7, 1941**, 80 years ago, just before 8 a.m. our time, the Japanese attacked **Pearl Harbor**. Nearly 2,200 were killed and over 1,700 others wounded. This is the one event that mostly stands out in my lifetime. That's also true for most people who were around when the attack occurred. The other surprise events were the unexpected assassination of **President John Kennedy in Dallas**, the **9-11 terrorist attack** on the New York Twin Towers and Pentagon and the **Jan. 6 mob invasion** of the United States Capital. Everyone who lived through **WWII**, ignited by **Pearl Harbor**, have their own memories of the war. Think about it, over 16 million men and women served, over 400,000 died and many thousands of others were wounded. Compare that to less than 5,000 Americans killed in Iraq. One life would have been too many but it shows the magnitude of hand-to-hand combat. Just 23 years earlier we were involved in **WWI**, which took thousands of lives on the battlefield, and many more died from influenza. In between the two wars, the **Great Depression** hit us. Thanks to **President FDR** and his **CC camps and WPA**, he put people back to work. **WWII** added 20 million to the workforce but over five million were women. At the time of the **Pearl Harbor** attack the **U.S.** had less than 135 million citizens. We still have some of our great veterans from that war with us but over many are dying daily. To me they are the favorite heroes of my day and I honor every one of them who are still with us. A few of these veterans are **100-year-old Ray Forenet, J.B. Arrington, Lindy Badeaux, J.D. Dixon, Maurice Fournet, 100-year-old Ed Hyatt, Robert Rothrock and my friend, 100-year-old Cedric Stout, Pearl Harbor survivor**. America entering that war after **Pearl Harbor** made us a nation united. We had a sense of urgency and purpose. Unfortunately this great country has changed drastically. We have gotten away from the values that were forced on us at **Pearl Harbor** that made our country one, with everyone in the same boat. If one of those dead soldiers returned today, he would be shocked at our nation's failings, hate and selfishness.****Thanks for your loyalty and please shop our advertisers. Take care and God bless.



Bridge City all set for Christmas festivities, parade

From the Mayor's desk

Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge



It's here! Let the festivities begin!

Come out this Friday evening, December 3rd beginning at 5:00 pm for our first annual "Christmas in the Park" and Christmas tree lighting.

The fun will begin at 5:00 pm. We'll have school choir

children singing Christmas carols at the pavilion. There will be vendor booths in the Community Center and Library parking lots with all kinds of arts and crafts, food and drinks, and other entertainment.

Santa Claus will be there for pictures and visiting with

the children. Santa would like for every child to share in the spirit of Christmas if they can by bringing an unwrapped toy to give to another child that may need one. And Santa's lap is the perfect place to take a holiday photo to send to friends and family.

other child that may need one. And Santa's lap is the perfect place to take a holiday photo to send to friends and family.

Around 6:30 pm we will light a beautiful 23 feet tall Christmas tree near the pavilion. This event is being run by volunteers who answered the call to bring this to our citizens. If you'd like to help, please contact City Hall at 409-735-6801.

We ask that you park at the Little League Ball Park parking lots and not along the sides of Parkside Street. If we need more parking, we

will open additional parking areas. If you'd like to help shuttle people from the parking lots to the Community Center and back again, we could use a few more golf carts with drivers. Please call City Hall at the number above for more details and to sign up.

Coming again this year the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Christmas Parade on the evening of Saturday December 4th. This year's theme is broad and simple: "Texas Christmas". I encourage individuals, businesses, and civic organiza-

tions to enter a float in the parade, especially one that is theme-based. There is also the "Mayor's Trophy" and a \$200 prize that goes to the entry judged to be "Best in Theme". Contact the Chamber for an application and other information.

So, come on out and have a wonderful time with your family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone involved in these events is really excited to bring them to our City. We hope they are a great kick-off for a wonderful holiday season. See you at the Park on Friday evening!

Deaths & Memorials

Joan Lilley (Shepherd) Cummings, 91

Formerly of Bridge City



Joan Cummings

Joan Lilley (Shepherd) Cummings, 91, of Austin and a long-time resident of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on November 25, 2021.

Joan was born in Lacarne, Ohio on June 28, 1930, and graduated from Port Clinton High School. She was born to Wayne Johnson Shepherd and Merville Kleinhans Shepherd. Joan was a majorette in the Port Clinton High School Band and was a twirling instructor for a group of young girls at the Erie Ordnance Army Depot, where she met her eventual husband, Bob.

Joan was a wonderful Mother that kept us in line and often blew her whistle to call us home during the summer months. She was an encourager, an excellent cook, and we share many of her recipes. We still ask does anyone have Mom's Mexican Cornbread recipe? She was also an accomplished designer and seamstress and sewed many hours into the night especially for her daughters.

In her later 30's, Joan was employed by Orange Savings and Loan where she made many life-long friends, and then continued on to work in Accounting at the Stark Foundation, where she was known for her rice pudding until retiring at age 72. During these years Bob shrimped in his spare time, and she was often pressed into duty at the workday's end to get on the phone and sell the day's load of shrimp.

Joan and Bob spent their lifetime loving to dance. They were regulars at the Pompano Club in Port Arthur and later at Donn's Depot in Austin. They danced often well into their 80's, and they made many friends along the way.

Joan had a giving heart, a flair for decorating her home, enjoyed hosting family and friends, and she was known as "Nannie" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always planned ahead with extras, and as young married couples we often "shopped" in her pantry and cabinets. She always had special treats and gifts for her grandchildren

when they or she came to visit.

A private celebration of Joan's life will be held at 10 a.m. on December 4, 2021, at Beck Funeral Home in Cedar Park, Texas. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Joan is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 72 years, Robert (Bob) Cummings of Austin, Texas, daughter, Barbara Boynton and husband, Charlie of Orange, Texas; son, Robert Cummings and wife, Michelle of Austin, Texas; daughter, Leigh DuBose and husband, Ben of Austin, Texas; and son, Chris Cummings and wife, Michele, of Golden, Colorado; loving sister, Marilyn Schafer and husband, Chet, of Chandler, AZ; sister-in-law, Synnie Cummings of Ft. Meyer, FL, and sister-in-law, Mary Lou Carlson of Billings, Montana.

Grandchildren are Ryan Skinner and wife, Chelsea of Orange, TX, Cody Trahan and Patrick Wirt, of Gloucester City, NJ, Alex DuBose of Austin, TX, Andrew DuBose of Austin, TX, Jason Cummings of Golden, CO, Kara DuBose of Austin, TX, Kelly DuBose of Austin, TX, Hannah Cummings of Austin, TX, Austin Cummings of Austin, TX, Ashley Cummings of Golden, CO, Justin Boynton and wife, Jessica of Bridge City, TX.

Jared Boynton and wife, Brittany of Manvel, TX, and Jordan Boynton and wife, Tiffany of Manvel, TX.

Great Grandchildren are Cace Skinner, Halle Skinner, Reece Skinner, Hudson Boynton, Logan Boynton, Leo Boynton, Addison Boynton, and Ellia Boynton.

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Johnson Shepherd, mother, Merville Kleinhans Shepherd, brother Bill St. Clair (all from Port Clinton, Ohio), son-in-law, William Leroy Trahan and granddaughter-in-law, Brandi Nicole Skinner.

Pallbearers are Joan's grandsons Ryan Skinner, Cody Trahan, Alex DuBose, Andrew DuBose, Jason Cummings and Austin Cummings.

Betty Jean Russell Conway, 88, Little Cypress



Betty Conway

Betty Jean Russell Conway, 88, of Little Cypress, passed away on November 24, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be her nephew T-Ray Vincent. Burial will follow at Parish Cemetery. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 30 at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Swartz, Louisiana, on June 2, 1933, she was the daughter of John Russell and Ethel Shell. She graduated from Little Cypress and enjoyed playing basketball during her time at school. Betty worked for 38 years as a secretary for various principals at Little Cypress Elementary.

She enjoyed sewing and often crafted dance costumes and custom clothing for her daughter. Betty was an ever present force in her families' lives, always showing up to cheer her grandchildren on at all of their sports and recitals. She was a member of Little Cypress Baptist Church but spent many years at North Orange Baptist Church, forming many valuable friendships that she would keep for a lifetime at both churches. Betty loved bowling, cooking, and crocheting blankets for her and

the family.

She was an incredible mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and will be deeply missed and remembered by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 43 years, Thomas "Welba" Conway; brothers, Chuck Russell, Doug Russell, Kent Russell, Ronnie Russell, Gary Russell, and Babe Russell; and sisters, Lillian Loper, and Gwen Vincent.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Brown and Jody Kelley of Little Cypress; grandchildren, Philip Brown and wife Melissa, Aleena Rambo and husband Cory, Skylar Brown and wife Nichole; great-grandchildren, Bryce Rambo, Parker Brown, Logan Brown, Braxton Rambo, Ava Rambo, Maeyah Brown and Cole Brown; sister, Gloria "Sissy" Granger and husband Charles of Orangefield, Bill Russell and wife Mary of Orange; and sister-in-law, Rose Russell of Little Cypress. Serving as pallbearers will be Philip Brown, Skylar Brown, Cory Rambo, Bryce Rambo, Parker Brown, Braxton Rambo and Logan Brown.

A special thanks to Heartfelt Embrace Assisted Living for the excellent care they showed to Betty and the way they treated her like family.

Orange Public Library hosting Gingerbread House Fun

The Friends of the Orange Public Library will be hosting Gingerbread House Fun on Sunday, December 4th from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Registration is a \$20 donation to cover the cost of materials. Each group may have a maximum of 4 members. Participants must be 5 years of age and under 14 years of age, with 1 an adult present.

Each group will receive all materials to make "one" approx. 6" square gingerbread house. Reservations are limited to 12 groups, first come first serve. Gingerbread houses will remain at the Library for judging by patrons through December 11th.

Prizes will be awarded for most creative, most festive and overall favorite.

For more information call the Orange Public Library at 409-883-1086.

Kerry Gene Hogg, 83, Orange



Kerry Gene Hogg, 83, of Orange, died Thursday, November 25, 2021, in Orange.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in West Orange with Reverend Tommy Anthony, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Kerry Hogg

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Born in Orange on May 5, 1938, Gene was a son of Anna Belle (Strother) and Alonzo C. Hogg.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a long-time member of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church where he was ordained a Deacon. He retired from Firestone in Orange and enjoyed wood working.

Gene is survived by his wife of 64 years, Johnnie Beth Hogg; children, Kerry R. Hogg

and his wife, Stacey, Rhonda Hogg and Kyle E. Hogg; brother, Gayle A. Hogg and his wife, Carol; grandchildren, Jesse Ferguson and her husband, J.D., Bethany Perez and her husband, Kelby, Alec Mann and his fiancé, Jacqueline Jones, and Jax Wickersham; and great grandchildren, McCoy and Wyat Ferguson and Annalise Mann.

Pallbearers will be Kerry R. Hogg, Kyle E. Hogg, Alec Mann, Jax Wickersham, Jim Hogg, Jon Mark Hogg, Kelby Perez and J.D. Ferguson.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Heard, Charlie Caples, Roy McDonald, R.W. Carter and Mike Garrett.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to McDonald Memorial Baptist Church, 2015 Sims St., Orange, Texas 77630.

The family wishes to acknowledge Misty Moore and the staff of Heart of Texas Hospice and Golden Years Assisted Living for the compassionate care provided to Gene.

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Advent Will Change You

The Habit of Waiting for Christmas

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Advent is finally here. Over the years, in the days following Thanksgiving, I have reached instinctively for two prized possessions. One is a Beach Boys Christmas compact disc I came into sometime in the late 90s, a tradition which now has slowly but sweetly faded away. The other item, which has served my soul much better, and continues to do so to this day, is Donald Macleod's book *The Person of Christ*. I've taken Advent as an annual reminder to take up reading on christology. I try to branch out some each year, but it always includes at least a little rereading of Macleod.

The opportunity of Advent, to remember the real reason for Christmas, is perhaps all the more poignant in our increasingly secular society. With every passing year, we have to be more vigilant, even aggressive and relentless, to remind ourselves, and our children, and our churches, what really is the heart and inspiration of Christmas.

Habits for the Holidays

We are, by nature, creatures of habit. Such is not the product of the fall, but of God's good design. Good habits help us flourish by enlisting our subconscious to carry out repeated functions so that we can direct our limited bit of attentiveness



and conscious intentionality elsewhere.

Of course, sin plays havoc with our habits too, but an important part of practical redemption and holiness, by the power of the gospel and God's Spirit, is the creation, over time, of new habits — habits of holiness and fellowship, daily habits of hearing God's voice in his word and having his ear in prayer, and weekly habits of belonging to, and gathering with, his body in worship.

Habits, however, are not just daily and weekly but annual as well. God made seasons (Genesis 1:14). He made us to feel something deep down in those first days of spring, in the hottest days of summer, in the coziness of fall, and in the first snow-fall of winter. And for Christians, we have long linked the month of December with the birth of our Savior, and anticipated one of our two highest feast days with essentially a month of liturgical anticipation called "Advent."

Season of Waiting

One vital aspect and offering of this season is often missed today: Advent is a season of waiting. Whereas Lent, as a season, encourages a kind of whole-life consecration in anticipating the marking of Jesus's final week — and especially his sacrificial death for us on Good Friday, and his victorious resurrection for us on Easter Sunday — Advent's particular note is one of patient waiting.

Each year, in our month of waiting to mark the arrival of God himself in human flesh, we remember the people of God who waited centuries — centuries! — for the coming of the promised Messiah to rescue them. They had God's promises: a "seed of the woman" who would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:20), a prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22; 7:37), a priest who would surpass the first-cove-

nant order (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:4–6; 7:11–17), a son of king David and heir to his throne (Isaiah 9:7; Matthew 1:1; 22:42) who would be greater than David, as his Lord (Psalm 110:1). For centuries, God's people waited.

They "did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us" (Hebrews 11:39–40). We now live in the era of the Messiah. Christ has come as the climax of history and shown us the Father and his purposes. It is good for us, though, to rehearse the patient waiting and anticipation of God's ancient people to renew and deepen our appreciation of what we now have in him.

For this reason, Advent is a season of minor chords, captured so well in "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." As we wait, we replay the centuries of longing and yearning that preceded the coming of Christ, and in doing so, our joy in and gratitude for what we have in Christ deepens and enriches and sweetens.

And we too live with longing and yearning — for Jesus's second coming — even as our waiting now takes on a fundamentally new shape, and rises to previously unforeseen levels of hope and anticipation, and joy in the waiting, because of his first coming.

Then, on Christmas Day, those minor chords break into the bright, festive major chords of "Joy to the World," resolving the tension of ages past, even as they point us to the second coming for which we hope.

Advent Will Change You

God's good and powerful gift of habit teaches us an important truth for the Advent season: Holidays and feasts not only fill our mouths with laughter, and bellies with food, but shape our souls, for good or ill.

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Advent will confront you, and make you more like Scrooge or more like the shepherds, who glorified and praised God (Luke 2:20). Come December 25, you will be different, to some degree, whether more like Herod or more like

the magi, who "rejoiced exceedingly with great joy" (Matthew 2:10).

This Advent will change you. You will not be the same afterwards. You will be the better for it, or the worse. Every Advent matters. Will you be closer to Christ come December 25 or further away? Will you be softer to him or more callous? Will more fog lie between your eyes and his face, or will you see him with greater clarity and savor him with greater fervor? Will you know and enjoy Jesus more?

Come, Let Us Adore Him

Let's not go through the motions this Advent. Let's approach the season by faith (Romans 14:23), as God's people, for Christ's honor and our joy in him. Join us this Advent in admiring the diverse excellencies of Christ: he is God and man, holy and virgin-born, upholding the universe by the power of his words and lying swaddled in a manger.

Would you make a particular effort with us to see and savor the person of Christ this Advent? He is worthy of our best daily, weekly, and annual habits.

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Two Orange teams in regional finals

KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

I've been banging on a typewriter or computer for over half-a-century and can't remember a time when the city of Orange sent two football teams to the regional finals in the state tournament.

Some of you gray-bearded old-timers running around town may remember something before I arrived on the scene in 1966, but I surely don't recall a phenomenon like this.

What I'm trying to point out is that both the West Orange-Stark Mustangs and the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears—two rival school less than 10 miles apart who should be rooting for each other Friday night—each fought their way through the Texas High School State Playoffs to the regional finals and hope to be ready to go to the state semifinals next week.

The Mustangs of Head Coach Cornel Thompson blitzed La Marque, Jasper and undefeated Bellville to earn a shot at revenging last year's 35-22 loss to the China Spring Cougars—who just happen to also be unbeaten this season—Friday night at Tomball ISD Stadium in Tomball. China Spring defeated defending state champion Carthage 27-17 Friday.

After the 'Stangs' vaunted defense blanked the Brahmans in

KAZ'S KORNER Page 3B

★ HOMETOWN FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



The WO-S offensive line blocks as Mustang Elijah Gales hits the holes. Gales had a superb outing against the Bellville Brahmans, 24 carries for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns. The Mustangs defeated Bellville 38-17 to advance to the regional round.
(SEE ARTICLE AND PHOTOS NEXT PAGE)

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF GAMES THIS WEEK

★ WOS MUSTANGS (11-1) over China Spring (13-0)

Lafayette over Appalachian State (Upset Special), Cincinnati over Houston (AAC), Jackson State over Prairie View (SWAC), Georgia over Alabama (SEC), Wake Forest over Pittsburgh (ACC), Michigan over Iowa (Big 10), San Diego State over Utah State, USC over California (Pac-12 South) (All Saturday).

Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Second Round)—Sam Houston State over Incarnate Word, South Dakota State over Sacramento State, Southeastern Louisiana over James Madison, ETSU over Kennesaw State, North Dakota State over Southern Illinois, Montana State over

Tennessee-Martin, Villanova over Holy Cross, Montana over Eastern Washington (All Saturday).

★ PRO PICKS

Dallas over New Orleans (Thursday Night); Indianapolis
KAZ'S FORECAST Page 3B

Game Time: 7 p.m. Friday at Tomball ISD Stadium in Tomball—The Mustangs were defeated by the Cougars 35-22 at this time last year, but the Mustangs had several starting players sidelined after testing positive for COVID-19. This time the Mustangs are at full strength and in a revengeful mood and will pull off the big upset Friday night in Tomball.

★ LCM BEARS (11-2) over Tyler Chapel Hill (10-3)

Game Time: 7:30p.m. Friday at Cy-Fair FCU Stadium in Cypress —The Battlin' Bears seem to play better when they are the underdogs, so let's say Chapel Hill is favored (but I don't believe it) even though they defeated Kilgore 41-35 in overtime last weekend in the regional semis. LC-M just needs to continue what it's been doing the last three state playoff games.

★ HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF GAMES OF INTEREST TO SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Texarkana (12-0) over Crosby (11-2), Austin LBJ (13-0) over Fredericksburg (9-4), Cuero (12-1) over Geronimo Navarro (10-2), Lorena (11-2) over Diboll (10-3), Timpson (11-0) over Centerville (12-1), Galena Park North Shore (12-1) over Atascocita (11-2), Refugio (13-0) over Shiner (13-0), Franklin (13-0) over Poth (11-1), Waskom (12-1) over Daingerfield (11-2), Gilmer (12-1) over Texarkana Pleasant Grove (8-5), Stephenville (13-0) over Melissa (11-2), Austin Westlake (13-0) over Austin Vandegrift (12-1), Katy (13-0) over Summer Creek (10-3), Lake Travis (11-2) over San Antonio Brennan (13-0), Southlake Carroll (13-0) over Allen (11-2).



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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★

Bears, Mustangs moving on to regional finals

Tommy Mann Jr.
For The Record

It was a black Friday indeed for several teams in the high school football playoffs around the state of Texas as six defending state champions lost games. Better still is the fact that the last two teams standing representing Southeast Texas are both from Orange County.

The No. 4 state-ranked West Orange-Stark Mustangs (11-1) did what the team always does and that is play a solid game of football and defeated what was considered by some to be a better Bellville football team, 36-17. The Mustangs defense held the previously undefeated and No. 6 state ranked Brahmas (12-1) to its lowest offensive point-output of the season and kept Bellville from scoring any points in the second-half. The WO-S defense held the Brahmas high-octane offense to under 250 total yards for the game and added a 14-yard interception return for a touchdown. Meanwhile, the Mustangs offense had what could be considered its best showing of the season as running back Elijah Gales had 190 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and quarterback Elijah Robinson completed six passes for over 70 yards and had a rushing touchdown as well. Now the Mustangs will face the No.5 state ranked China Spring Cougars in the Class 4A Div. II Regional Finals. China Spring (13-0) defeated two-time defending state champs Carthage 27-17 and snapped its 41-game winning streak in the process this past Friday night. The Cougars are responsible for upending the Mustangs in the second round of the playoffs in 2020 by the score of 35-22. China Spring's offense is directed by quarterback Major Bowden, who passed for 100 yards and a touchdown and rushed for another 70 yards against Carthage. China Spring is the champion of District 9-4A. The Cougars, on offense, averaged 49 points per game in the regular season and are averaging 41 per game in the post season. Defensively the Cougars allowed 10.8 points per game on average during the regular season and are allowing 10.3 points on average this post-season. In the playoffs, China Spring has defeated Madisonville, 50-7; Sealy, 48-7; and No. 1 state ranked Carthage, 27-17.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears (11-2) have proved they are peaking at the right time as the Bears beat the No. 3 state ranked El Campo Ricebirds, 24-21. The Bears, winners of six straight games, held the



Mustang quarterback Keyshawn Robinson hands off to Jaien Brown. Brown, who plays both offense and defense, had 7 carries for 56 yards, caught 3 passes for 32 yards and scored six for WO-S.



Mustang Jadon Jones stops Bellville's Richard Reese. The Mustangs held Reese to 87 yards on 24 carries in the 36-17 win.

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Mustang Elijah Gales makes his way around the Brahma defense on his way to the end-zone.

RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

feated Livingston, 35-15, in week 2, and then held on to beat Vidor, 25-20 in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Chapel Hill defeated Brazosport, 51-27, in the area round, and beat its District 9-4A rival and champion, No. 6 state ranked Kilgore, 41-35, in a double overtime thriller this past Friday. The Bulldogs are also peaking at just the right time and are riding a five-game win streak behind the leadership of freshman quarterback Demetrius Brisbon, who had 88 yards passing and 76 yards rushing and two touchdowns against Kilgore. Freshman running back Rickey Stewart had over 190 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the game as well.



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Leading the defense, Mustang Carmello Jones slows down Bellville as the rest of the defense swarms him.

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In the second quarter, WO-S Dakarion Judge takes the kick-off to the middle of the field to set up a Mustang touchdown.

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Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

the second half--much like they have in all 12 of their games this season--and posted their 36-17 victory Friday night, Thompson commented, "We beat a good team, but we're heading to the fourth round again, and in the state of Texas, that's no small accomplishment."

And the LC-M Bears, who were groomed by Randy Crouch before he retired and turned the head coaching duties over to Eric Peevey, finished second in their district and then rumbled past Palestine, West Columbia and El Campo to earn a shot at Tyler Chapel Hill (10-3), who upset district champion Vidor in the bi-district round and ruined their undefeated season.

This is the first time the Battlin' Bears have reached the regional finals since 1997 and are eagerly looking forward to their Friday night meeting with Chapel Hill.

LC-M's defense has improved with each outing and came up with the big plays when it counted most Friday in their 24-21 squeaker past the El Campo Ricebirds. The Bears have come a long way in a short time as the players all bought into all of the new formations and terminology that comes with a coaching

change.

You can expect to see the names of many Battlin' Bears and Mustangs players at the collegiate level in the next year or two because when a team gets to the regional finals level, there is much more exposure to the college scouts who attend these important contests.

College recruiters are looking for talent, but most important, high school football players who know how to win.

And the football players from West Orange-Stark and Little Cypress-Mauriceville certainly have proven they can do that!!!

KWICKIES...

Jersey No. 92 can never be worn by another New York Giants player because it was the number Michael Strahan wore during his brilliant career as a defensive lineman.

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the ring he had always dreamed to having.

This week's Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll really got jumbled with Georgia retaining its No. 1 status. Michigan moved up from sixth to No. 2, Cincinnati moved up one place to No. 3, Alabama dropped one to No. 4, Oklahoma State rose two notches to No. 5, Notre Dame dropped one to No. 6, Ohio State (who I've always thought was over-rated) nose-dived from second to

No. 7, Ole Miss moved up one to No. 8, Baylor remained at No. 9 and Oregon jumped up one to No. 10. The University of Houston came up three places to No. 16, while Texas A&M plummeted from No. 14 to No. 24.

Golfer Lee Elder died at age 87 last weekend. He was the first black man to play in the Masters—in 1975.

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The college coaching world received a surprise jolt last weekend when Oklahoma head coach Lincoln Riley said good-bye to the Sooners



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and took over the reins at Southern Cal. Bob Stoops is returning as Oklahoma's interim coach to lead the Sooners in their upcoming bowl game.

It was just a matter of time before Billy Napier would get the call from a major school and leave Louisiana-Lafayette and all that delicious Cajun food. Napier was hired Sunday by Florida and will become a Gator after Don Mullen was fired for losing nine of his last 11 games.

The 42-year-old Napier will remain with the Ragin' Cajuns (11-1) this week as they prepare to host Appalachian State (10-2) in the Sun Belt Conference championship game Saturday. His record with the Ragin' Cajuns is 39-12 in four seasons.

Quarterback Cam Newton was benched Sunday after completing only 5-of-21 passes for 52 yards and two interceptions. His quarterback rating was a skimpy 23.8 which is the lowest of

any former NFL Most Valuable Player. Miami out-classed Carolina 33-10 for its fourth straight victory.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Thanksgiving weekend certainly was not a happy one for the two Texas National Football League franchises as the Dallas Cowboys were defeated 36-33 on a Las Vegas Raiders' field goal in overtime while the Houston Texans blew a 14-3 lead and ended up losing 21-14 to the weak New York Jets. The Texans' plight can best be described by the nursery rhyme "when they were good, they were very, very good, but when they were bad, they were horrid." Houston jumped back into the race for the No. 1 draft pick if the winless Detroit Lions can muster up a couple of December wins. Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle graded the Texans' overall performance with an F-minus, the same grade the coaching staff received.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

olis over Houston, Arizona over Chicago, Cincinnati over LA Chargers, Minnesota over Detroit, Miami over NY Giants, Philadelphia over NY Jets, Washington over

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Texas duck season closes for first split

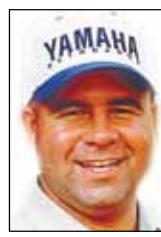
OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

The first half of duck season came to an abrupt end for most local Texas

Hunters this past weekend and on Sunday it closes for Louisiana hunters as well. Reports from all along the coast were almost mirror images of one another, plenty of water meant plenty of food and areas for birds to get comfortable.

The biggest key to success for most hunters was plenty of scouting and being able to adapt to changes in flight patterns that seemed to happen daily. Despite the excess water the season so far has been a bit below average to down right slow from the rice fields all the way to the coast. Public hunters have been living a feast or famine nightmare in a few units so out of respect I'll not name names, those guys don't take real well to that unwanted publicity. A simple call to the check stations will help you out if you are interested in some of those areas.

Well now that we won't be able to shoot ducks until the split reopens many hunters



Chuck Uzzle

will either try to fish or go chase deer for a few days. The rest of the waterfowl world will set their sights on geese and they should be able to find some as daily it seems more birds come into the area. The numbers of geese already in our part of the state are somewhat up from last year at this time, the coastal prairie is prime right now and it looks like it may only get better.

A little boost from the weatherman is all you need to help get these wary birds down from ultra high altitudes and closer to decoying in your spread. There are some really big concentrations of geese starting to build up locally, as well as farther south down the coast. Hunters wanting to take advantage of the numbers of birds around those areas really need to scout and find the flyway these birds are using, you just can't pick a spot and hope to decoy these birds into range because that just isn't going to happen.

Contrary to popular belief geese are smart; you need to do your homework to have any chance at all. Big goose spreads with some sort of motion like flags or kites will help with getting wary birds into range. Full camo or white suits while laying in a spread is a must, just like gloves, facial camo or a mask should be. If the birds are coming to your decoys don't call too much and let them work



Chasing geese during the split will keep many waterfowlers busy.

RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle
their way in, if they try to leave give them a call and many times they may circle back and

try again. The use of a flag is really helpful especially on young geese or Ross geese; they seem to really like the motion and sometimes will just dive into a spread.

If you have never hunted geese before don't get discouraged if your results aren't what you think they should be, geese are tough to say the least. One day they will have you pulling your hair out wondering why you did all this work only to be frustrated as wave after wave just flies too high over your spread or just simply refuses to decoy. But on those days when it all works right it can be the best feeling in the world seeing those big birds come in with their feet down and wings cupped ready to light.

One word of advice for those folks hunting around big concentrations of geese and other hunters, do yourself a favor and hold the "skybusting" to a minimum. Hunters who take ill advised shots at high flying birds don't help anybody out, especially other hunters. Snow geese are already tough enough to hunt without educating them even more with "mile high" shots that make even the youngest and dumbest geese seem like old veterans. Work a little harder on the decoy placement, scouting, and calling if you want to up your odds of success.

Pay close attention to the weather and remember that fog, low skies, and wind are the goose hunters best friend. Good luck and enjoy your time in the field.

Bring Texas State Parks Home for the Holidays with an Ornament, Souvenirs from the new

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN—Find the perfect holiday gift for the outdoorsy person in your life at the new Texas State Park Online Store. The store, which is found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's reservation website, features the official 2021 Texas State Park ornament, plus ornaments from previous years, magnets, hiking stick medallions, stickers and much more.

For 20 years, the annual park Christmas ornament has featured some of the most rec-

ognizable Texas State Parks landscapes. The metal ornament features photo-quality artwork in stunning color with rich, laser-etched textures and detail. This year, the ornament features a longhorn from the official state longhorn herd at Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site.

The annual Christmas ornament can be purchased exclusively online for \$19.95 each, with free shipping. Purchase by Thursday, Dec. 10 for likely arrival before Christmas. Taxes will be applied at check out.

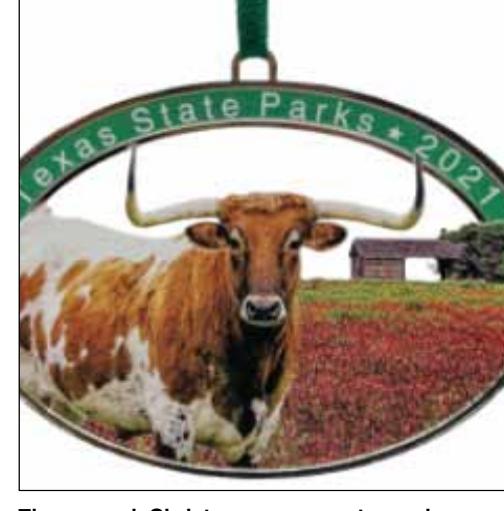
Other items available for purchase on the new Texas State Park Online Store include

the Texas State Parks Pass, which allows a carload of visitors into the park for free for a calendar year, a Bluebonnet metal bookmark, a wooden Texas State Park magnet and sticker, state park zipper pulls and key rings, hiking stick medallions and ornaments from previous years.

Stay tuned to the online store throughout the year for new items available for purchase.

Anyone visiting the Texas State Capitol during the month of December can see the Capitol Christmas Tree delivered by Eisenhower State Park staff and the 2021 Texas State Park ornament. Texas State Parks has provided Christmas trees to the Texas State Capitol for more than 40 years.

The 20-foot tree will be delivered Monday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. to the House of Representatives. Mamie III, named after former First



The annual Christmas ornament can be purchased exclusively online for \$19.95 each.

Lady Mamie Geneva Eisenhower, is a Virginia Pine grown and harvested from a tree farm near Eisenhower State Park. Texas State Park Police will be escorting the tree to the Capitol when it enters Austin.

Senator Nichols files for re-election

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN, TX - Last week, State Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) filed for re-election for Texas Senate District 3. The newly redrawn district covers much of the existing district including the majority of East Texas. Major changes include picking up the greater part of Jefferson County and losing San Jacinto County and Montgomery County.

"Serving the people of Senate District 3 is a tremendous honor and I humbly ask for their support to continue our important work at the capitol and remain a strong voice for rural Texas," said Nichols.

Since being elected in 2007, Nichols has displayed a strong conservative record and authored legislation focused on protecting landowners rights, expanding rural broadband access, reforming transportation policy, and promoting free-market principles.

"My work in the Legislature has always reflected the interests and concerns of the



constituents I represent," said Nichols. "Every day their needs are my focus. It is my duty to represent their priorities in the Legislature."

Nichols has served as Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee since 2013. He is currently the vice-chair of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee and also serves on the Senate Finance, Criminal Justice, Local Government, and Redistricting Committees.

Nichols has consistently been acknowledged as one of the most effective and hardest-working legislators. This year he was recognized for conservative achievement from the American Conservative Union and previously has been designated as a Champion for Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business, a Courageous Conservative by the Texas Conservative Coalition.

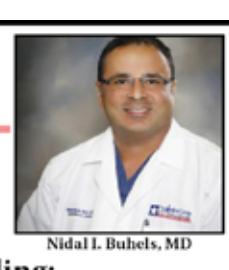
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Nichols is a businessman from Jacksonville, Texas. In his hometown, he served as a member of the city council, was elected mayor, built four successful manufacturing plants, earned 32 US patents and 128 foreign patents, and created 900 jobs.

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Entertainment Guide: Concert venues for holiday season and beyond



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FOR THE RECORD

The holiday season is almost upon us, and along with the tasty food and family visits, there is always great live music events to be found. And this year is no exception as there is a variety of great Christmas musical events and non-holiday oriented live music events. Take a peek at the list and find something to enjoy.

- Dec. 4 Whiskey Myers, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Dec. 4 For King and Country's "A Drummer Boy Christmas", Toyota Center, Houston
- Dec. 5 August Burns Red, House of Blues, Houston
- Dec. 7 Jinjer, Suicide Silence, All Hail The Yeti, House of Blues, Houston
- Dec. 8 Sammy Hagar and The Circle, House of Blues, Houston
- Dec. 9 A Beatles vs
- Stones Christmas, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Dec. 11 Neal McCoy, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor
- Dec. 11 Chicago, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Dec. 11 D.R.I., Scout Bar, Houston
- Dec. 12 Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Toyota Center, Houston
- Dec. 16 George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Dec. 16 Robert Earl Keen, House of Blues, Houston
- Dec. 17 Little River Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 7, 2022 Maddie and Tae, House of Blues, Houston
- Jan. 14, 2022 Dean Dillon, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

- Jan. 15, 2022 Keith Sweat, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 The Oak Ridge Boys, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 22, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 28, 2022 Michael Bolton, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 29, 2022 JoJo Siwa, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 4, 2022 Tool, Blonde Redhead, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 8, 2022 Steve Vai, House of Blues, Houston
- Feb. 10, 2022 Travis Tritt: Solo Acoustic, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Kansas, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 17, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 25, 2022 Ghost, Volbeat, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- March 12, 2022 Casey Donahew Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 25, 2022 Johnny Rivers, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 26, 2022 Tracy Lawrence, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 27, 2022 Tyler the Creator, Toyota Center, Houston
- ter, Houston
- April 16, 2022 Dustin Lynch, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.
- April 23, 2022 John Mayer, Toyota Center, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Jerry Cantrell, House of Blues, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Morgan Wallen, Hardy, Larry Fleet, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.
- April 29, 2022 Justin Bieber, Toyota Center, Houston

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1. Pilgrim's destination
6. Make a scene
9. Rubik's puzzle
13. Hawaii environs
14. Toothy fish
15. Cone-shaped dwelling
16. White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
17. ___-Wan Kenobi
18. *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
19. *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
21. *___ Day, or second day of Christmastide
23. Land parcel
24. Strauss of denim fame
25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
28. Clarified butter
30. Acute one and obtuse one
35. Southeastern Asian country
37. Jouster's breast-plate
39. Shrewdness
40. Caspian basin river
41. *Pasadena's Tournament of ___
43. Tel ___, Israel
44. Native American emblem
46. "Why not?"
47. Hitchhiker's quest

48. Omits when speaking
50. Hard to find
52. Bear's winter quarters
53. Hoodwink
55. Scepter's partner
57. *Number of days in Christmastide
60. *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
64. Prepare a letter
65. "Bingo!"
67. Hunger for
68. Pass-the-baton race
69. *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
70. Same as tori
71. Raise the roof
72. German river
73. Stall sound

DOWN

1. Whiny and miserable
2. Shade of beige
3. Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
4. Marlboro alternative
5. Not digital
6. Bug-eyed
7. Not Uber
8. Social group
9. Ghana monetary unit
10. Second word of many fairytales
11. Cause of Titanic's demise
12. Poetic "even"
15. Burdensome

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