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Commissioners target game rooms



Wayne Lewis of Mauriceville said crime has been on the increase in his community since the opening of numerous game rooms nearby. He asked Orange County Commissioners to create regulations aimed at driving the businesses from the county.

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DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

In a public workshop allowing taxpayers to speak for or against the presence of game rooms in unincorporated areas of Orange County, the "nays" had it all to themselves Tuesday.

The "ayes" were no-shows.

The 45-minute discussion drew a full-house crowd of about 50 to the County Commissioners courtroom and ended with County Judge John Gothia pledging the county will put forth its first gameroom regulations within a month.

Ten residents who took their turn at the podium and all five commissioners spoke for either strict regulation or the outright elimination of gamerooms, a form of legal gambling allowed by the state if winners of the slot machine-like "8-liner" games are awarded only carnival-

style prizes, like stuffed animal prizes or small toys.

Critics say gamerooms not only pay out cash, but that gameroom operators, their associates and players boost crime in their neighborhoods.

"These cesspools of filth are known for everything from moving drugs in our county to instances of prostitution," said Matt Ortego of Vidor, the Precinct 4 Constable.

Ortego prefaced his remarks by referring to gamerooms as the "scourge of Orange County law enforcement."

Chris Sowell, president of the Mauriceville Heritage Association, said eight gamerooms operate on Texas 12 within a two-mile stretch near the intersection of Highway 62. Some were so close to his home, he said he

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Abbott tabs Lee, Faske for TSUS board

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The Texas State University System, the one that includes Lamar State College Orange and the others in Beaumont and Orange, is getting an injection of Southeast Texas.

Orange native Stephen Lee and former Orange County Republican Party Chairperson Sheila Faske have been appointed to six-year terms on the nine-person board that oversees operations of seven universities and colleges.

"I'm super excited to start a new chapter in my life," Faske said.

"This is a great honor," said Lee, President and CEO of First Financial Bank-Southeast Texas.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the appointments July 7.

The TSU System consists of Sam Houston State, Texas State, Sul Ross State, Lamar University, LSCO, Lamar State College Port Arthur and Lamar Institute of Technology.

Board members meet four times a year.

Lee graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont.



Lee

"But I have been active not only with Lamar University, but also Lamar State College Orange, Lamar State College Port Arthur and Lamar Institute of Technology forever," he said.

"I recognize their importance to our region, their importance to our economy."

Faske, Mayor Pro-Tem of Rose City and owner of American Office Liquidators in Beaumont, is a graduate of LIT. She is a member of the Beaumont Founders Lions Club and the Orange, Beaumont and Port Arthur Chambers of Commerce.

Lee serves as a director for the Baptist Hospital System Foundation Board, and Lamar State College Orange Foundation Board and the 100 Club of Southeast Texas Board. He's a former president of the Kiwanis Club of Orange.

David Montagne, general manager for the Sabine River Authority, came off the TSUS board this year after serving multiple terms.

Bridge City student lands Mahi Mahi



Makenna Knight of Bridge City took advantage of calm seas and caught a beautiful Mahi Mahi on a recent offshore trip. How did she do it? According to The Record's Captain Chuck Uzzle, "This summer there will come a time when you just can't get those fish to commit to a topwater and you know there are some big fish in the area. This is a perfect time to pull the old stick bait out of retirement and go 'old school' on the fish."

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Orange County native excited about return to space

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

Sunday was an exciting day for space enthusiast and Orange County native Nathan Price. The 8 a.m. launch of Richard Branson in his Virgin Galactic Unity 22 spacecraft was another step forward in the new space age and the beginning of space tourism.

"It's about time," said Price about the Virgin Galactic flight. "The Virgin Galactic system is the evolution of the system that Burt Rutan won the X Prize for back in 2004. They thought was they would be flying that in just a few years...so this is in some ways, a decade plus overdue, but it's good to finally see it happen. He had a company called Scaled Composites."

Price said Rutan was the man responsible for building the Voyager, the first plane to travel around the world without stopping or refueling, in 1986.

Price also looks forward with anticipation to Jeff Bezos launch in his space shuttle, New Shepard, July 20.



Nathan Price caught a glimpse of Elon Musk's rocket when stopping by the SpaceX Boca Chica facility, near Brownsville. A lifelong space enthusiast, Price was raised in Orange County and graduated from OHS in 1994. He is the founder of North Houston Space Society and creator of the "Countdown to the Moon" project.

Price said Bezos and Elon Musk have plans to build infrastructure for future space exploration and development, whereas Branson seems more interested in just doing short flights and doesn't seem to aspire beyond that.

"However [Branson] has brought a lever of presentation, class and attention to it, that he's been known for. Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos don't operate on that same dimension as he does. It will

be interesting to see what long term impact he has." Price suggests that even though Branson may not be working on infrastructure, he may give a ride to some-

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LSCO partners with Optimus Steel on expansion

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For The Record

Lamar State College Orange partnered with the Orange County Economic Development Corporation in enticing Optimus Steel to expand in Orange County.

Now the college in downtown Orange is announcing it's ready to partner with the company to help it staff up.

"We are thrilled that Optimus Steel has chosen to expand its footprint in Orange County," LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson said.

"LSCO is committed to

providing an educated and skilled workforce in the community for companies like Optimus Steel. We are eager to continue discussions on how to partner, not only to ensure a skilled workforce for Optimus Steel, but also to ensure that its employees and their families feel connected to the community."

Earlier this month, Gov. Greg Abbott announced a \$40 million expansion decision by Optimus Steel, which bought the old Cargill Steel mill located on the Orange County side of the Neches River from Gerda SA in 2018.

A \$485,000 grant from the Texas Enterprise Fund, on top of a six-year tax abatement agreement with Orange County, will help bring a new rebar line and coil handling facility.

The new facility will also bring 55 new jobs to the area.

For about a year, LSCO and OCEDC worked closely with Optimus Steel to discuss expansion of educational program opportunities to ensure a workforce should the company decide to expand in Orange County.

"The EDC's partnership with LSCO to provide value to companies looking for

economic growth and investment in Orange County is a winning combination," said Jessica Hill, executive director of the OCEDC.

"We're excited to work with Optimus Steel to assist their expansion in the county."

LSCO's Johnson relishes the opportunity for more such efforts.

"The future in Orange is bright with these kinds of educational partnerships in our region," he said. "We congratulate Optimus Steel and look forward to continuing to work together."

Normalcy for children in foster care helps heal trauma

**PENNT LELEUX
FOR THE RECORD**

Swimming, attending camp, and participating in sports are something that many youngsters in the foster system miss. Many do not get the chance to experience these sorts of summertime activities.

Being removed from their home and placed in the child welfare system because their family is in crisis, these children are already facing trauma that no child should experience — yet on top of all of that, their participation in normal childhood activities with their peers often becomes an afterthought.

“Kids in foster care can feel disconnected from other kids their age because of what they’re going through, so it’s important to help them experience as much normalcy as possible,” said Codie Vasquez, Executive Director of CASA of the Sabine Neches Region. “Getting the chance to participate in normal childhood activities — and just be a kid — can be essential to a child’s well-being.”

Alayna George has been a foster mother several times over the last four years. She and her husband, Kenneth, adopted their son, Elijah, after he was in their home for almost two years as a foster child. She can attest to the importance of creating normalcy in these children’s lives.

“It can be really, really fun...we have the opportunity to present the world to them because most of the time, the kid has not had any type of extracurricular activities in their life so far. You get the opportunity to introduce them to a brand-new world,” said George. “For Elijah specifically, he had never been to the lake, he had never gone on vacations. We’ve gotten to introduce him to fun things for a 5-year-old



Playing pool basketball with “Dad” is one type of normalcy that really helps build bounds for foster kids. Eli is pictured with his once foster, now adoptive dad, Kenneth George.

that he would never have had. It’s fun to watch his face light up and get so excited over the simplest things, even just swimming in the pond or playing outside with a brand-new scooter or teaching him how to ride a bike without training wheels.”

“The flip side to that is there are some restrictions, because if you want to take them out of the state, you have to get prior approval by the judge. That could take some time, so you do have to have organization in your planning and plan ahead,” said George. She continued, “The parents do have a say if they don’t want their kid to participate in certain things.

You do have to follow what they prefer.”

“Friendship and socialization are imperative for children to maintain good health and psychological well-being. While things like visitation, appointments and therapy are essential for the children we serve, we don’t want them to come in the way of everyday activities that are also important to their development, such as school or extracurricular activities,” said Vasquez.

“These children have been through enough. The last thing they need is to be excluded from fun social activities with their peers,” said Vasquez. “This summer, CASA of the Sabine Neches



Playing pool basketball with “Dad” is one type of normalcy that really helps build bounds for foster kids. Eli is pictured with his once foster, now adoptive dad, Kenneth George.

Region aims to help local children in foster care have the opportunity to partake in normal, age-appropriate experiences.”

CASA volunteers are specially trained and appointed by judges to speak up for a child and advocate for their unique needs in court, at school and in other settings. They also get to know the other adults in the child’s life, including their parents, family, foster parents, caseworkers, counselors and more, and work with them to ensure the best interests of the child come first.

Ultimately, true normalcy is achieved when children are no longer in the system and have the resources and support, they need to thrive—preferably back home with their family whenever safe and possible. Until then, they need a voice to speak up for them, to ensure they can participate in hobbies and activities that will help them grow and heal.

CASA of the Sabine Neches Region is always seeking volunteers. Those interested

more information at casasnr.org or call 409-886-2272.

George would “absolutely” recommend anyone contemplating foster parenthood to do it. “All these kids want is unconditional love.”

“I would definitely say it is not easy,” said George. “I’m not one to give false information saying it’s all peaches and rainbows, it’s not. But, in the end, when you see how far Elijah has come, any kid in a foster home...you can see the physical changes in their body and their smile. You see how good they feel and how happy they are.

“My Mimi has always said, ‘A singing kid is a happy kid.’ Elijah whistles and sings all the time. When you see the complete transformation in the kid and in your home you can’t but know and feel and be certain that all the hardship is totally worth it. You are truly making a difference in the child.”

can attend CASA’s next virtual training session starting August 10. You can find

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Game rooms viewed by county From Page 1

feared for the safety of loved ones.

He was one of several who cited a growing presence of strangers walking through their neighborhoods late at night and burglaries that coincided with the establishment of the gamerooms.

"I've been told that a gameroom can make as much as \$30,000 a week," Sowell said. "That's about \$250,000 per week [for the eight gamerooms he referenced]. That money all leaves the community. No way that money is helping the community at

all." Wayne and Karen Lewis have lived in Mauriceville for 45 years. "Up until a few years ago, we could walk out of our house and not lock it," Wayne Lewis said. "You can't do that any more. No way.

"People just walk the streets, looking for something to steal. We didn't have that before the game rooms."

The state of Texas created what's called the "Fuzzy Animal" loophole in its no-gambling stance in 1995. The state collects a business license fee from game room operators plus \$60 per 8-liner machine.

"The state of Texas is OK with this," Lewis said. "We see these things going on around the game rooms. A lot of people are reporting the same thing I see. It looks like child sex trafficking or child sex prostitution."

"So the state of Texas has their stamp of approval on this. I think the money that goes into the state of Texas is a drop in the bucket for what they get for prostitution, drugs, sex trafficking."

Chris Eppler said when he came to Orange County 14 years ago to work for Mauriceville Church he lived for a bit in Orange before moving to Mauriceville.

"If I'd have known Mauriceville was going to become a red-light district, I'd have just stayed in Orange," he said.

The 2019 Texas Legislature authorized counties to regulate game rooms. Gothia said Orange County Commissioners had been working with Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion to adapt Jefferson County's game room regulations.

Precinct 2 Constable Jeremiah Gunter, a former Jefferson County lawman, said when Jefferson County began to implement restrictions on game rooms in unincorporated areas, the number of businesses dropped from 23 to 8.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator, former mayor of Vidor, said the city cracked down on game rooms while he was there — which pushed some of the operators into unincorporated areas of Orange County.

He said Vidor began re-



Mauriceville resident Chris Sowell presents Orange County Commissioners with a request for regulation of game rooms in his community during a workshop meeting Tuesday morning. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

quiring operators to close at 10 p.m. weekdays, midnight on Friday and Saturday; to put in windows; allow immediate inspection by law enforcement officials; and pay a \$910 licensing fee per machine while limiting the entire city to just 200 machine

Commissioners indicated they would, if they could.

"I think these regulations are pretty much going to take care of these kinds of businesses," Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte said.

"This is something I've

"I'm more than willing to do whatever the law allows us to do."

licenses.

Gremillion said the first drafts of the Orange County ordinance prohibits requiring memberships, the number and location of doors and transparent windows so law enforcement in the parking lot can see what's going on inside. Also, hours of operation, with closing time probably the same as Viator cited about Vidor, a requirement all employees wear name tags and immediate entry to any and all law enforcement members.

"I sort of disagree with you wanting to make rules, see if you can make these people do a little bit better," Lewis, the 45-year Mauriceville resident, told the court.

"That's not going to work. We need to make rules so stiff we'll make them miserable for being in Orange County."

worked on since I took office [in 2017]," Precinct 3 Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp said. "It ruins the neighborhood. Not just that, a community."

"The day I saw a young girl, about 17, walking down Highway 12 in a pair of pajamas pulling a suitcase and going into one of those game rooms, that was it."

"I'm more than willing to do whatever the law allows us to do," Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan said.

Gothia said "Amen" to the choir.

"Yeah, we want to make sure we do the regulations as far as the law will let us go," he said, "but not so far we get ourselves in a bind later. We don't want to leave ourselves open to a lawsuit we're going to lose."

Count down to the Moon From Page 1

one that becomes inspired to great things.

Price admits both Virgin Galactic and Bezos trip are basically 'advanced amusement park rides. "Give them a taste and they'll want more," he said.

Price has been interested in space travel since a young boy at Orangefield. That interest was revived when NASA announced a few years ago it planned to go back to the moon in 2024.

He embarked on a mission over 570 days ago to interview one person a day about what they think of NASA going back to the moon.

"Some people wonder why we stopped," said Price. "Others want to know why we are going back. What do we hope to get out of it? Some wonder what is the benefit of it? Why spend billions of dollars when we have so many issues on Earth?"

He said some people expect there to be technological developments that we wouldn't have otherwise.

"Countdown to the Moon" started in December 2019. At first, he would go to the mall and other locations and pick out a random stranger to interview. COVID-19 changed things when the world shut down. It forced Price to take a different route to collect his interviews, starting with recording the interviews through video calls on his phone, then settling on Zoom calls. The bonus that has come out of that dilemma is that now he is getting interviews from all over the world.

"I was talking to someone in the Philippines this morning," he said. "I'm on such a long streak, it would be depressing to miss one at this point."

If he has opening, he posts online, and friends help him find someone to fill in for that day.

All the interviews can be viewed on his website: <http://CountdownToTheMoon.org>. Price encourages anyone interested in being part of the project to sign up for a day and time on the website.



Nathan Price encourages everyone to visit the Houston Space Center and not to miss the Apollo Mission Control Center. The Mission Control tour is included in admission price.

Some of the early interviews will land on the moon itself. Price has booked a spot for a flash drive of interviews to be included in a rocket that will be sent to the moon with all kinds of memorabilia; a moon time capsule if you will.

Price founded the North Houston Space Society in January 2018. The group meets monthly to discuss the current updates in the space race. The group was also forced to Zoom because of the pandemic. Price said when they go back to in person meetings, they will likely be hybrid, because Zoom allows people from all over the world to attend. All past meetings can be viewed online at <http://NorthHoustonSpace.org>.

In March, Price started volunteering at Space Center Houston, located at 1601 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX, 77058. Currently he is a greeter and helps with overnight campouts. He hopes to one day move up to a tour guide but needs to undergo additional training first.

For those interested, Price said the center opens requests for volunteers twice a year. Volunteers must pass a background check and are required to work a minimum of five hours a month.

Price said if you go, be sure to visit the original Apollo 11 Mission Control tour tram. It just reopened and is included in the price of admission.

"It's really amazing. The have an intro video, then the screen comes alive, I mean the entire room comes alive. It was the day Buss Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were actually landing on the moon. All the screens on all the consoles are displaying the same information the were displaying at the time. Everything is as authentic as they could make it. It's really an amazing experience."

FYI: He says you must climb 80 steps to get to mission control.

Admission is \$29.95 for adults, \$24.95 for ages 4-11. Ages 0-3 are free. You can check out Virgin Galactic at <https://www.virgingalactic.com/>

Target date for the start of regular trips on Virgin Galactic are set for 2022. Around 600 reservations have already been made at an average cost of \$250,000.

If that is a little too rich for your blood, here are a few other opportunities:

Enter for a chance to win a seat on a Virgin Galactic Flight: <https://www.omaze.com/products/virgin-galactic-2021>

Space For Humanity will be sending someone to the edge of space: <https://spaceforhumanity.org/>

The Discovery Channel will be sending someone to space through a program called "Who Wants to be an Astronaut": <https://www.discovery.com/shows/who-wants-to-be-an-astronaut>.

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FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

Billionaire **Richard Branson** has hurled the world into a new orbit. Aboard his own winged rocket ship Sunday, he brought **Astro-Tourism** a step closer to commercial space travel. He beat out richer rival **Jeff Bezos**. **Branson**, age 71, and five crew members from his **Virgin Galactic** space tourism company, reached an altitude of 53.5 miles over the **New Mexico** desert, experiencing four minutes of weightlessness, witnessed the curvature of the earth, then glided to a runway landing. That short flight was really history making, it is the first of many commercial flights to come from paying customers next year. **Bezos**, the richest man on the planet, sent **Branson** his congratulations, “**Can’t wait to join the club.**” **Bezos** plans to ride his own rocket into space from West Texas on July 20, the 52nd anniversary of the **Apollo II** moon landing. **Bezos’ Blue Origin** Company intends to send tourist past the **Karman Line**, 62 miles above earth. **Branson’s Virgin** already has 600 reservations, initially costing \$250,000 apiece. The future of space is now. It’s no longer science fiction. In time the cost will come way down, like flying from Houston to Boston. Many of our offspring will be aboard. In reality, they will become **astronauts**, something we grandparents believed to be impossible, just science fiction. Would you believe making trips to the moon? *****I must move on. You would do me proud if you came along; **I promise it won’t do you no harm.**

DEMOCRATS EXIT TEXAS PREVENTING QUARUM

Most of the **67 House Democrats** flew to Washington and plan to remain there through the **Texas Special Session**. **Texas House Democrats** stand united to break a quorum to prevent trampling on **Texans** freedom to vote by placing new barriers on the ability to cast a vote. A dozen or more **Republican** controlled states passed laws restricting voting by changing election rules. Some laws make it easier to replace local election officials with partisans, all in response to **President Trump’s** false claims that voter fraud cost him the election. Nowhere in the country has fraud been found by the **FBI** or other intelligence agencies. **Then why are they doing it?** As far back as I can remember government has asked the news media to promote voting turnout. I remember during **President Reagan’s** time signs were seen of **Uncle Sam** holding a placard that said **VOTE**. **Clinton, Geo. W.** and even **Trump** harped on how it was important to vote. “**Every vote counts,**” they said. **Why change now?** **Republicans** are facing unfavorable demographic tides. The **Democratic Party** is growing, while the **GOP** is at a standstill so their future is linked to limiting **Democratic** turnout. Any way, you look at it, that’s cheating. Let me give you one small example of voter suppression. As an **elderly person** who has been voting nearly 70 years, I now receive an **absentee ballot** for every election, drainage district, port, city, school, etc. I fill it out and send it back in. So do other **senior citizens** that requested absentee ballots long ago or even last year. Now what the rule change would consist of is that all of us, even those in nursing homes, would have to request a ballot for each election, then receive a questionnaire, mail it back, then receive a ballot, all stamped at voters expense. In the proposal it would be a **felony** to help someone vote, even if they are **handicapped**, blind, no use of the hands, etc. Senior citizens won’t have secretaries to fill out a request for every election. It is estimated that under the new rule, 1.5 million fewer senior citizens will vote in Texas. Why prevent old people from voting, my grandson asked. That’s simple, a majority of citizens over 70 years of age, vote **Democratic**. **Trump** won **Texas** by only 5.7 percent. **Republicans** see the gap closing so they must suppress the votes of minority and elderly. My take is the audacity of **Republican** voting restrictions, to gain an advantage, will ignite a **backlash** that will power a grassroots voting movement inspired by independents that will increase **Democratic** turnout in the mid-term.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

I have been a baseball fan since back in the 1940’s when I listened to the **St. Louis Cardinals** on a crystal radio set. Later, I listened to the great **Yankee, Dodger** and **Giant** rivalry. I was fortunate to see many of the greats after the **Astrodome** opened. I played the game, coached the game and even today I’d walk a mile to see baseball game. I’m a real sports fan who likes competition, boxing to football and everything in between. All that is said to bring me to **Yankee** shortstop, **Derek Jeter**, who last week, July 9, 2011, became the first **Yankee** ever to break the 3,000 hit barrier. Think about it, **Babe, Joltin Joe, Mickey, Yogi** and all the rest didn’t reach that goal. That leaves **Jeter** in a **Yankee** class of his own. On that day, he went 5 for 5 at the plate, scored the winning run, had a stolen base and hit a homerun to record his 3,000th hit. **Jeter** became only the 28th major leaguer ever to record this feat. Only two players have ever reached 4,000 hits. One is **Pete Rose**, who I believe should be in the **Hall of Fame** for his accomplishments on the field. He hit 4,256, while a guy **Rose** is often compared to, **Ty Cobb**, hit 4,191. My favorite, **Hank Aaron**, got 3,771 hits. **Stan ‘The Man’ Musial** was next with 3,630 hits. The last player to reach 3,000 hits is everyone’s

favorite, **Astro Craig Biggio**, who ended up with 3,060. The great **Roberto Clemente** hit an even 3,000, while ‘**Hey-Hey**’ **Willie Mays** logged 3,283 hits. So you see, it’s no small accomplishment. **Baseball**, a game born and played on the sandlots and fields all over our country, from Little League to the big leagues, is as American as all of us., **Baseball heroes are part of the red, white and blue.*******Sorry to hear **Mayor Kirk Roccaforte** experienced some health problems last week. He’s a tough Italian/Cajun and I bet he’ll be fine.*****Speaking of tough old birds, our 93-year-old buddy **King Dunn**, ended up with a short stay in the hospital due to low blood pressure and dizziness. I’m sure he was dehydrated also.*******First Lady Betty Ford**, age 93, died July 8. She was one of my favorite first ladies. She fought her demons and won, leading the way for others.*****Special folks celebrating their special day this week. One of my favorite people **Virginia (Ms. Ginny) Cox** celebrates her birthday July 13. **Ginny** is truly a remarkable lady. She and **Millard** are salt-of-the-earth folks I’m proud to call my special friends. (Editor’s note: Both have passed away in the last few years.)***** Everyone’s friend, ‘**Mr. Shangri La**’ **Mike Hoke** celebrates July 19.*******Facebook** friends celebrating birthdays this week. On July 14, **Karyn Trantham**; July 15, **Devin Melton**; July 16, **Cathy Ware**; July 18, **Robbie Fontenot, Darla Foster, Glen Granger, Sr., Wayne Potter** and **Sandra Navarro**; July 19, **Denise Simmon** and **Robin Thibodeaux**.*****We’re still in a terrible drought with no end in sight. The sun and lack of rain is not paying any attention to fire bands, everything is burning up.

22 Years Ago-1999

Ed Barton becomes the new **Orange County Democratic Party** chairman.*******Alan Sanders, Jerry Pennington, Karla Rogers, Rodney Price** and **Dennis Powell** are lined up to run for the **163rd District Court** judgeship. (Editor’s note: Has that already been 22 years?) **Dennis** won in a runoff against **Alan. Judge Powell** is now retired.)*******Charlotte Anderson** left on a three-day trip but forgot her luggage at home. She attended the ‘**Smoke Meat**’ **Festival** in Ville Platte without a change of clothes.*******Doug Harrington** is back in the ranching business. Now he’s raising registered goats. The only problem is wife **Regina** is allergic to them.*****Bridge City school superintendent **Sam Lucia** had gall bladder surgery.*****Over 400 people attended the wedding of **Selena Hebert** and **T.J. Knight** last Saturday. The wedding had bagpipes, 50 gallons of gumbo and a lot of fun for all.*****Orange’s **Jay Canizaro’s** knee was injured by a sliding base runner while turning a double play with **Class AAA Fresno**. He will be out of action five to seven weeks. He was due to return to the majors.*******Bruce Aven** goes out of the game due to a tightened hamstring. He is batting .326 at the all-star break for the **Marlins**.*******Rusty Nicks** and **Jessie Brown**, two fine ladies, celebrate birthdays.

42 Years Ago-1979

Tony Griffin is laid to rest. His death brought sadness to all who knew him. He was owner of **Griffin’s Menswear**.*******Steve Worster**, Bridge City and UT football star, is the proud father of a new baby girl born back on June 8. The family also has a three-year-old son, **Scott**. They live in San Antonio. **Steve** was in town visiting his parents, **R.B.** and **Louise Worster**.

47 Years Ago-1974

Houston Baker, Leland Morrow, Roy Dunn, Mike Pasternak, Jerry Pesson, Richard Corder, Joe Kazmar and **Ed Lovelace** attended the **Texan** and **Chicago Fire** game in the **Astrodome**. The trip was made by bus with **Lovelace** driving. The group visited with **Fire** coach **Jim Crossland** and **Garland Boyette** and **Pat Gibbs**, of the **Texans**, who had a good game but lost to the **Fire**.*****For many years barber **Joe Blanda** has walked from home to his shop at the **Holland Hotel** and later the **Jack Tar**. Last week, for the first time, he was knocked down and his money sack was taken.

62 Years Ago-1949

Orange paperweight fighters trained by **Ellis Landry** are part of the card to benefit **Boy’s Haven**. Some fighters on the card are **Rod Tolar, Richard Stanfield, Logan Harris** and **Sharon Bearden**. (Editor’s note: Did I read that right, **Bearden** a paperweight.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

We were proud to hear that our homeboy **Chad Dallas**, star pitcher, 11-2, for the University of Tennessee, was drafted in the fourth round, **121**, by the **Toronto Blue Jays**. He is eligible to receive a \$473,700 bonus. He reports to Florida in a couple of weeks to start minor league training.*******Judge Thibodeaux** and **Micha** went on vacation last week. Carl’s idea of a vacation is to visit the **Mother Land**. He makes all the back roads in **Cajun Country**. This time however, they visited **St. Francisville** and toured the plantation homes. They also visited **Roy’s** hometown of **Abbeville**, took advantage of the good food and also attended mass at **St. Mary Magdalen Church** where **Roy** attended as a youngster and was Baptized.*****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the coming days. **July 14: Mayor David’s** big brother **Calvin Rutledge** celebrates, also **Brenda Ellender** and **Ella Stuebinger**. On this day in 1881, **Billy the Kid** was killed by **Pat Garrett**.*******July 15: Our buddy Tommy Harmon** celebrates today, as does Orange mayor **Larry Spears, Jr.** and **Mark Grazzaffi**. Two beautiful ladies, **Peggy Stringer Claybar** and **Melissa Eschbach** celebrate.*******July 16: Our friend Preston Fuller** is a year older today. We haven’t seen him in over 18 months. **Carlis Reed Roy** celebrates also. We have known her long before she married **Brad. Coach Jimmy Johnson** is 78 years old today.*******July 17: Happy Birthday** to our long-time friend **Eddie Pratt**. We hope she is doing well. Also celebrating is **Daniel Eaves**.*******July 18: Former city manager, Don Fields**, celebrates, also **Sandra Navarro, Cheryl Richard** and **Cynthia Chataignier**.*******July 19: One** of our bestest friends, **Pam Sales Honeycutt**, has a birthday today, as does pretty **Robin Thibodeaux** and **Paige Williams**. **Kurt Moerbe** and **Preston Wayne Sullivan** also celebrate. It’s attorney **Richard Turkel’s** birthday.*******July 20: Happy Birthday** to **Carrie Hunt, Kenyettia Foster, Megan Stephon** and **Rebecca Toal**. Today marks the first moon landing in 1969.*****Also a belated Happy Birthday to **Robert Stevens** who turned 55 on **July 13**.*****Our friend **Phillip Welch** and family vacationed in the **Smokie Mountains** and visited all the great place, including **Dollywood**. They had a great time but **Philip** said the area has

really gotten commercialized.*****Me and my bride had an enjoyable evening watching the Home Run Derby. **Mets** slugger **Pete Alonso** defended his **Derby** title after batting a record 35 homers in the first round. **Alonso**, with his blue and orange bat, went 6 for 6 in the last 29 second stretch to beat **Mancini** by one run. We were looking forward to Tuesday night’s All Star game to see what **Angel** pitcher and hitter, (the new **Babe Ruth**), would do. **Shohei Ohtani** started as leading pitcher and lead off batter. By now you know the results of that.*****The hot dog eating champion ate 75 hot dogs in 10 minutes. If ever there is a boudain ball eating contest I want to sponsor **Dr. Tom Johnson**, raised in Port Arthur on **Nick’s** and **Judice’s** boudain balls. He can really put down the balls; he eats a dozen for an appetizer before his meal. If you doubt me, ask **Commissioner Roccaforte**. **Doc** loves **Robert’s** boudain balls best. He’s a champ in the making.*****Having **Mayor David Rutledge** chosen president-elect of the **Texas Municipal League** is not only a big honor for him but also for his city. It is also a big deal. He was chosen from 1,600 eligible mayors. The selectors loved the job he’s doing as mayor of a small Southeast Texas town, “**The Jewel of the Gulf Coast**.”*****There is no reason for anyone to die of **COVID-19**, yet more will. **Orange County** is on the low end on vaccinations at only 28 percent. The state of **Texas** is only 50 percent vaccinated. I fear what we might be into come late September, October, when most likely there will be a spike in **COVID** cases due to football games etc. Our elected officials need to do more to promote vaccinations. People are still getting sick but no reported record. *****Former **President Donald Trump** spoke for an hour and a half at the **CPAC** convention in Dallas. **FOX News** carried every minute of the nonsense, no substance. The **CPAC** didn’t offer any new program or platform for the future of the **GOP**, which has been **hijacked** by one person’s ego. Meanwhile, on the conspiracy network, **Sean Hannity** called the **Biden** family the most corrupt family in the country. He forgot who’s family business is under 15 indictments and facing more. The guy can’t stand that **Biden’s** approval rating is a 62, with 36% approval of **Biden’s** programs by **Republicans**. **No, Joe isn’t weak, frail or senile**. The **FOX** star, **Tucker Carlson** calls a military general “**A Pig,**” and accused the **FBI** of being responsible for the mob insurrection of the **U.S. Capital**. I can’t imagine why some people believe that stuff. By the way, the economy is the best ever in any president’s first five months, more jobs added than ever and the stock market is setting new records. **That’s just the facts**. *****We were sorry to hear about the death of **Gov. Edwin Washington Edwards**. The three time governor of Louisiana passed away at age 93. He died of respiratory problems. My relatives had a farm that joined the **Edward’s** farm in Crowley. He was all Cajun, filled with wit and charm. If you ever met him, like **W.T. Oliver**, you would not forget him.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Some friends celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Amanda Stephon, Preston Wayne Sullivan, Jared Ganze, Joe Rion Melani Woodruff, Lance George, Ledia Miller, Melissa Darbonne, Mitchell heil, B.J. Graham, Cassey Polk, Marlin McKinney, Phil Dickman, Mary Dorsey, Don Hightower, Harold Lonadier, Harry Barclay, Marion Whittle, Matthew McKinney.**

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Every Saturday afternoon, tree old friends, since dey retire dem, wen dey finish taking dere nap, dey meet at **Tee-Boy’s Bar** and **Grill** for a couple of beers. Dey talk bout wat happen since las week or bout **LSU** or da **Saints**, da grandkids and bout de old times wen dey was young mens.

One afternoon, da conversation turned to do hereafter. One of dem axe, “Wen you in da casket and you family, friends and church members are mourning over you, wat would yem like dem to say hanh?”

Premeaux, who owned da drugstore, answer, “Me, I would like dem to say I was a good husband, family man and I helped a lot of people dat was sick.”

Preacher Comeaux answer, “I would like dem to say I was a fine, spiritual leader, a servant of God who made a huge difference in people’s lives.”

Chief Dartez, da longtime peace officer say, “Well, I’ll tell you me, wat I want dem to say is, “Look, look, come see, **Chief**, he’s moving him.”

C’EST TOUT

Mayor Randy Branch and City of West Orange

I had met new West Orange Mayor **Randy Branch**, but never visited with him until last week at the **Lunch Bunch** gathering. **Randy** was raised in Little Cypress during the **Coach Jim Crossland** days. **Jim** was one of my very best friends so I have a lot of **Crossland** stories. He was very intelligent and organized. For several years he wrote a column for our paper. A lot of folks remember the coach from Oklahoma by one of his eyes that went south. Both **Jim** and **Diane** are dead now. **Mayor Branch** is a personable type guy, very mellow but astute. He stepped into some big shoes following 21-year mayor **Roy McDonald**. West Orange is a **Home Rule** type of government, so they have no city manager. The daily chore of governing the city falls on the mayor, council and a reliable staff. I’m told **Randy** is a hands on mayor, at the office daily and interested in all functions of the city. He is fortunate to have a good, experienced, staff starting with city secretary **Theresa Van Meter**, chief of police **Michael “Mike” Stelly**, fire chief **David Roberts** and **Simmie Gibson** his assistant. Judge **Carl Thibodeaux** is municipal court judge and **Shirley Bonnin** is alternate judge. City attorney is **Christopher Leavins**. I’m not familiar with him. He replaces **Rex Peve-to**, who was elected district judge. **Theresa** serves as court clerk, assisted by **Dana James**. Five members of the council, along with **Mayor Branch**, run the business of the city. They are **Shirley Bonnin, Dale Dardeau, Brent Dearing, Meritta Kennedy** and **Mike Shugart**. Having said all of that, in a home run city with no manager, one of the most important positions is public works director. That takes in several responsibilities. **Jon Sherwin** is that guy. **Mayor Branch** and council have a lot of confidence in **Jon** and their city employees. I am really impressed with **Randy**. The City of West Orange is well served by this new mayor and council. I’m glad the **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** brought us together. Every week, **The Lunch Bunch** brings something interesting, some new knowledge or new friends. Everyone is invited to attend. **The Bunch** gathers each **Wednesday, 12 Noon** at **Robert’s Restaurant**. Ya’ll come.*****Thanks for your time, mine is up. Till next time, **take care, stay safe and God bless.**

My 5-Cents

By State Senator Robert Nichols



On July 4, 1845 the Convention of 1845 was called to meet in Austin to consider the joint resolution of the US Congress proposing to annex the Republic of Texas. By a vote of 55 to 1, the delegates formally accepted the annexation offer from the US Congress. Texas was formally admitted to the United States later that year on December 29.

Here are five things happening around your state:

• **Agenda for special session called by Governor Abbott released**

This week, Governor Abbott released eleven agenda items for the Legislature to cover when we reconvene for our first called special session. Those topics include: bail reform, election integrity, border security, social media censorship, Article X funding, family violence prevention, protecting youth sports, regulating abortion-inducing drugs, delivering a thirteenth check to our retired teachers, curbing critical race theory in public schools, and appropriating additional available general revenue for property tax relief, improving the foster care system, and shoring up cybersecurity efforts for the state. We have a lot to do in the coming weeks, but we are prepared to finish this important work. I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues and our House counterparts to pass this important legislation.

• **Limitations of special session**

Now that the Governor has called us back to the Capitol for a special session, it's important to outline what the rules are for a special session. Importantly, a special session is not like a regular session. The Governor may call a special session at any time and for any reason, but he must state his reasons in a proclamation. There is no limit on the number of

topics the can include in a but the Leg-can only legislation subjects included in the proclamation. So, we can only consider legislation on those eleven agenda items mentioned earlier in this article. Special sessions only last a maximum of 30 days, but there is no minimum for how long they last. For example, the first called session of the 38th Legislature met for only an hour before they adjourned. The Governor can call as many specials as he would like and can call them at any time, even back-to-back if he wishes.

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• **Comptroller releases revised revenue estimate**

Comptroller Glenn Hager released his revenue estimate for the first called session this week. In his estimate, he projected that the state has an ending balance of approximately \$7.85 billion for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. He said this estimate is based on increased revenue collections, savings from state agency budget reductions, and replacing eligible general revenue funds with federal relief funds. This update indicates the state is doing remarkably well recovering from the economic downturn from the pandemic. During special session, the Legislature may appropriate some of those funds, but just because we have it doesn't mean we have to spend it. I look forward to working on how this money is allocated with the Senate Finance Committee and our Chair Senator Jane Nelson.

• **Texas' plan for American Rescue Plan funds approved**

The US Department of Education announced this week that Texas is one of seven

states that will receive the last round of federal stimulus money after the state's plan for spending those funds was approved. The funding includes another \$4.1 billion to address post-pandemic needs of public school students. The Texas Education Agency's plan put an emphasis on mitigating learning loss experienced during the pandemic. Other priorities include meeting student and staff mental health needs, expanding tutoring opportunities, enhancing high-quality instructional materials, and job-embedded learning. School districts and charter schools now have until July 27 to submit their own individual plans to TEA.

released the results of the STAAR test conducted in spring of 2021. The results indicated a significant increase from the 2019 test in students not meeting grade level across all subject areas and grade levels. STAAR testing was not conducted in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The largest decreases in proficiency were in math across all grades. Statewide, students not meeting grade level in reading increased 4 percent and students not meeting grade level in math increased 16 percent.

TEA said that districts with a higher percentage of students learning virtually experienced larger learning declines in all grades and subjects. Its apparent from these statistics that virtual learning is not the best option for most of our students and getting children back in the classroom is the best option for recovering from the pandemic.

• **STAAR test results reveal weaknesses of virtual learning**

Last month, the Texas Education Agency



The William Diamond Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Orange, Texas recently installed the following officers for the upcoming year 2021-2022. Members recently installed include Katy Latiolais, Historian; Janelle Ramsey, Librarian; Brenda Herman, Treasurer; Sue Wilks, Corresponding Secretary; Jackie Huckabay, Registrar and Elberta "Bertie" Herman, Regent. Not shown: Ann Rothering, Recording Secretary, Lois Ferrell, Chaplain

Deaths & Memorials

Mary Beth McClure, 67, Bridge City

Mary Beth McClure, 67, of Bridge City, passed away on July 11, 2021, at her home.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 17, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Mark Bunch. Burial will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery in Jasper.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Orange, Texas, on June 30, 1954, Mary Beth was the daughter of Grady Rawls and Elizabeth (Glover) Rawls. Mary Beth was a faithful lifetime member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She was a dedicated follower of Christ and was a pure example of selflessness and love. Mary Beth was a lifelong resident of Bridge City and worked as a special education teacher at Hatton for the majority of her 30+ year career.

Mary Beth's sweet and patient nature made her an incredible teacher that changed the lives of many students over the years. Mary Beth loved dogs and dogs loved her. She grew up with horses and won ribbons barrel racing. Mary Beth was an incredible Southern cook and made the best gumbo, French toast, & chocolate chip cookies. Mary Beth lived her life based on her love of family. Mary Beth and Larry were married 38 years, wel-



Mary Beth McClure

coming 3 beloved children. She was the best Mom, always there, by our side to encourage with her unconditional love. While Mary Beth loved being a mom, her favorite role was being a "Granny". She was the best Granny in the world and had a special knack for rocking babies to sleep in her rocking chair. The most important thing to Mary Beth is family. She loved her family deeply. She truly lived her life taking care of

those she loved and making them feel special & cherished. Mary Beth left a positive mark on the lives of so many. She will be deeply missed by her family & all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 38 years, Larry McClure; parents, Grady and Elizabeth "Betty" Rawls; and step-mother, Mary Rawls.

She is survived by her children, Miranda Miller and husband David of Lewisville, Texas, Andrew McClure and wife Savannah of Orange, Sarah Greaux and husband Justin of Orangefield; grandchildren, Katie Miller, Livy Miller, Juliana Greaux, Jaida Greaux, and Ella Mae McClure; siblings, James Rawls and wife Sandy of Little Cypress and Nancy Dupuis and husband Kenny of Bridge City; as well as her nieces and nephews, David Dupuis, Adam Dupuis, Elizabeth Carter, Brian Rawls, and Janet Rawls.

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2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Our forefathers came to this land fleeing religious persecution and the lack of freedom of speech. That explains the First Amendment of the Constitution which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." It was first the liberty to worship the Almighty Sovereign God and Savior Jesus Christ that was sought after. This would entail the further content of the First Amendment to help secure that freedom.

From that time forward Christianity flourished, but not without its enemies. It has never been without its enemies trying to thwart its existence, or at least, seeking to stifle it, keeping it at a minimum. That has never ultimately worked and when the Constitution was written our the writers saw to it that it would be the first order of business. Hence, the First Amendment. The freedom of religion. May I say at this point that I don't line up with every religion, nor every denomination in Christianity, but I have a high respect for

their right to worship in their respective places, and I respect their right as much as mine to share their faith with others. Two men of another faith that I do not agree with came riding their bikes through our parking lot the other day and I said, "Hold it, hold it. Naming their denomination, I told them you can't be riding through a Baptist parking lot!" They looked a bit dumb founded and immediately I laughed and they laughed and I told them, of course, I was kidding. We then exchanged a sweet conversation between us and I told them they can cut through here anytime they want and can get in out of the rain when ever they need to. We parted ways as friends and laughter. We must demonstrate the spirit of Christ toward one another and at least in the name of religious freedom be kind to each other. That is Christianity. Besides, if you call those of other faiths your enemy as a Christian, you must obey Christ and pray for your enemies. Also, not treat them in an ugly way.

The very faith, the faith of Christ that this country was sought out to expand and have the freedom to openly go to church every Sunday and worship, or what ever day you deem the right day, Sunday for Bible believing Christians, then you have that freedom in America.

Christianity became the spiritual backbone of America, the religion that everything about America was built upon and has remained in tact upon. Our foundation is God and His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord and worshipping Him faithfully every Sunday and living for Him every day. The Bible commands that in Hebrews 10:25. It is a command that Christianity always fought to keep and worship in their own Bible faith, but they were persecuted in Great Britain and came here, establishing that right for every Christian, and every religion. Then time has come and gone and hundreds of churches are closing every year because professing Christians have deserted their responsibility to the Bible and the God of the Bible to worship God in the Assembly (the local church).

They ignore or excuse themselves from the direct command of God to give Him His day at His house of worship. They no longer stop

their lives to do this. They get up all over this country and go elsewhere weekend after weekend, or just not go to God's house and worship. This has altered their morals, families, communities and governments so dramatically we now live in an America that is morally and spiritually corrupt, calling good evil and evil good. We are not the Christianity America used to be. Christianity and therein, God's church, has been shelved in most households.

That has brought extreme moral and spiritual disaster. The nightly or 24 hour news belches out hours and hours of murder and mayhem. Our drug abuse, destruction of children from inside the womb to other avenues of destruction abound. Our streets are filled with riots and robbery in the name of freedom. Insane. We have lost control of ourselves and our communities and states and countries. We blame politicians and you name it, and therein not taking per-

sonal responsibility.

Our land is sick and dying all around us and we know it, but won't do what is necessary to save it. We too have been corrupt with compromise of morals and character. You can't hardly tell the difference between the Christian and the world. What will heal our land? What will save America?

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I

hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

When our churches start filling back up with God's people on Sundays, their hearts will change and their lives will reflect Christian healing...lives that once again put God first in their lives, using this country God gave them to do just that. Otherwise He will take it away, if it's not too late.

**Charles Empey is the
Pastor of Cove Baptist
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The pandemic interrupted one of the longest running saltwater tournaments in the state of Texas last year, but it is "game on" again starting at 5:00 p.m. on the 16th and concluding at 2:00 p.m. on the 18th. The S.A.L.T. Club will renew its annual event this weekend and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's tournament not only caters to the entire family, but also features several new categories and \$18,000 in cash and prizes as well. Some lucky youngster in the Junior Division will earn not only a shot at prize money and a trophy, but a drawing for a lifetime fishing license sponsored by High Tides as well.

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Did Astros really boycott last night's All-Star game?

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Last month the big news about last night's All-Star Game was that the Houston Astros had seven players nominated, which led the major league teams.

After the ballots were compiled a couple of weeks ago, four Astros players were selected for the American League All-Star roster—the entire Astros' infield with Alex Bregman at third, Jose Altuve at second, Yuli Gurriel at first and Carlos Correa at shortstop.

Then the players voted for the game's eight starting position players and NOT ONE member of the Astros was chosen as a starter for last night's classic, not even five-time All-Star outfielder Michael Brantley who was leading the major leagues in hitting at the time.

Brantley, Altuve, Correa and relief pitcher Ryan Pressly were all voted on the team as All-Star reserves. Altuve is leading the Astros with 20 home runs, Correa is rated as one of the best—if not the best—shortstops in the major leagues and Pressley has saved 16 games for Houston out of 17 save situations.

A week ago, Altuve announced he would not be playing in the All-Star Game and wants to rest his left leg, which was injured last month.

However, with the Astros playing 20 games in 20 days recently, Altuve insisted on playing through the injury. It must not have hurt him too badly Sunday when he walloped a walk-off three-run home run that helped turn a 7-2 ninth-inning deficit to an exciting 8-7 come-from behind victory over the mighty New York Yankees.

On the same day, Correa announced that he needed the All-Star break to be with his wife Daniella, pregnant with their first child, to stock a nursery and



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the break will give him his first extended chance to bond.

Altuve and Correa jointly decided that there is no reason to play in an exhibition game and be booed heavily by the fans at Coors Field in Denver who will never forget the Garbage Can Lid Scandal of 2017.

On Saturday, Brantley and Pressly also pulled out of the All-Star Game, leaving the classic with no Houston representation in this year's classic. Major League Baseball could add an Astros' representative to the American League team, but none of the 10 replacement players announced Saturday play in Houston.

Brantley has been nursing a sore right side and withdrew from the game stating, "It's the right decision for me and my family and this organization." He missed two games in the recent Cleveland series but was not on the American League's Injured List.

Pressly will skip the All-Star Game to be with his wife, Katherine, who is expecting the couple's first child later this month. According to the major league's Collective Bargaining Agreement, players who would justify placement on the paternity list are not mandated to participate in the All-

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Game Warden Field Notes . . .

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

Cue the Mutombo Finger Wag

Two Jefferson County game wardens were patrolling Taylor's Bayou when they saw a man in a shallow-drive mud boat quickly approaching them in the narrow bayou. The wardens motioned for the subject to slow down and he shook his finger at them. The wardens were able to position their patrol boat beside the subject and get his full attention, forcing him to come to a stop. The subject claimed he didn't understand they asked him to stop. After checking his safety equipment, the wardens initiated an investigation after noticing signs of intoxication. The warden placed the subject under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and booked him into the Jefferson County Jail. The subject consented to a voluntary blood draw. Case is pending.

Kids Say the Darndest Things

A Polk County game warden received a call from county dispatch regarding a father and his 9-year-old son who had gotten stuck in their buggy deep in a deer lease. They attempted to walk back to their camp and got lost in the process. County dispatch was able to ping their location within a three-mile radius. Once in the area, the warden was able to follow the tracks to the father and son. Dad commented to the son, "Yeah, might be bad luck being the second time we've been stuck together," as the son responds, "but each time, dad, you were driving." The warden responded, "you're a smart kid," and presented him with a Texas Game Warden badge.

Seedy Situation

Cargo was being inspected at a Dallas-Fort Worth Airport by Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialists and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Inspectors when they came across packages containing what they claimed to be steel nippers. The package didn't have the expected weight and was opened for inspection. Inside the box was numerous bags of vegetable seeds and dried shrimp. A package contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds (water spinach), which is a harmful aquatic species in Texas. A second package claimed to be shirts. Wrapped inside the clothing was a bag that also contained Ipomoea Aquatica seeds. It is illegal to import or possess seeds in Texas. The cases were referred to a Tarrant County game warden and the packages were seized as evidence. The individuals who imported the products were issued citations. The cases are pending.

Swift Water Rescue

A Terrell County game warden responded to a call from the sheriff's office when a local rancher was caught in a flash flood. His truck had died and was starting to move downstream from the rising water reaching the hood of his truck. It was dark and there were no lights to light his way to safety, so he called 911 for help. The warden responded along with a deputy and volunteers. Armed with swift water personal floatation devices (PFD), a throw bag, and rope they were able to make their way to the truck and extract the rancher to safety while being mindful of fencing downstream that could trap anyone who may lose their footing in the rushing water. Everyone went home safely that night.

Early Bird Gets the Ticket

Galveston County Game Wardens were patrolling Galveston Bay and East Bay and saw several shrimp boats maneuvering in a manner consistent with shrimping. One vessel had nets and doors in the water. When asked to retrieve the net, it revealed cod. Several vessels were cited for shrimping before legal hours. Cases are pending.

Four-Wheeler of Misfortune

While patrolling Twin Buttes Public Lands in Tom Green County, a local game warden made contact with several individuals riding all-terrain vehicles. Some of the individuals were unable to produce a limited public use permit, as required to access the public lands. The warden decided to check if some of the ATVs were stolen and discovered one individual was in possession of a stolen four-wheeler from a nearby city. The case was turned over to the originating jurisdiction for investigation.

Don't I Know You?

A Montgomery County game warden received a call from a local deer camp lessee who said he was texted photos of a truck entering the property without consent. While responding to the location, the warden provided sheriff's deputies with the location of the lease and the layout of the property. The deputies walked into the property, due to heavy rains and the lack of 4X4 vehicles. They apprehended a suspect, who entered the camp illegally and was filling bags with hunting equipment. The warden arrived and aided in getting the suspect, the suspect's vehicle, and the officers out of the property. The warden had previously arrested the suspect for theft of property and stealing an ATV and other property from a nearby deer lease in 2017. The suspect was charged with burglary of a habitation and had a parole violation warrant for the earlier charge.

Gulf Coast Fishing Report . . .

This week's Gulf Coast fishing report is 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. 86 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. 86 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. 86 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. 83 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 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. 85 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.



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Audubon Texas Starts Comprehensive Gulf Coast Restoration Plan

Staff Report
For The Record

HOUSTON – The challenges are huge, but we have an enormous opportunity to save much of the Gulf Coast for both birds and people. We can't afford to blow this," said David Yarnold, President and CEO of National Audubon Society (@david_yarnold) after the release of an extensive report, Audubon's Vision: Restoring the Gulf of Mexico for Birds and People.



Reddish Egret. Photo: Andy Morffew, Texas Audubon Society

The report highlights projects and programs critical to help the region and its wildlife recover from devastating hurricanes, oil spills and other environmental and man-made disasters. At the center of the largest ecosystem restoration effort ever attempted, Audubon recommends an investment of more than \$1.7 billion in restoration and conservation efforts.

Audubon Texas, the state office of the National Audubon Society, identified critical priorities in the Lone Star State to confront challenges facing birds and their habitats. The Texas coast is home to the world's largest Roseate Spoonbill and Reddish Egret colonies. Audubon Texas is proposing four projects to

manage, restore and even completely build the nearly two hundred coastal islands in the Gulf.

According to Suzanne Langley, executive director of Audubon Texas, "Audubon has been protecting the birds of the Texas coast for almost one hundred years, and we want to make certain the birds and the places they need are still around in another hundred. This is a great opportunity not only for the birds but the coastal communities that depend on healthy and productive ecosystems."

The BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill of 2010, which resulted in a global settlement of \$20.8 billion in

claims and cleanup efforts, has left a devastating mark on the Gulf Coast. Audubon recommends 30 state-based, 10 region-wide and four open ocean projects, which together total more than 136,000 acres of restored or protected habitat for bird and human communities from south Texas to the Florida Keys. Audubon Texas and partners in the state and along the Gulf Coast hope to restore, conserve and create nesting and foraging habitat which continues to serve as important refugia away from areas heavily impacted by oil.

"Never before has this amount of funding been dedicated to ecosystem res-

toration, therefore, we have an unprecedented opportunity to help the Gulf recover," said Director of Gulf Coast Restoration at National Audubon Society, Kara Lankford. "Wildlife and people living along the coast are dependent on millions of acres of habitat that is at extreme risk unless we act boldly."

Audubon's Vision: Restoring the Gulf of Mexico for Birds and People identifies 8.1 million acres of highly suitable habitat across the Gulf for Audubon's flagship species. The report highlights 29 projects that will collectively address the recovery and population health of these birds as Audubon continues to determine how sea level rise will affect the Gulf and identify ways to better support these species.

With deep roots and a sustained presence on the Gulf, Audubon is committed to working to secure a brighter future for the bird and human communities of this vital region. Implementing priority projects and programs focusing on restoration, conservation, research and stewardship, the National Audubon Society addresses the recovery and population health of the 11 flagship species.

Game Wardens Wrap up Busy July 4th Weekend Boating Safety Efforts

Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN – Thousands of Texans and out-of-state visitors headed to Texas lakes, rivers and coastal bays to celebrate the Independence Day weekend. Texas Game Wardens were out in force to ensure everyone stayed safe on the water.

"Texas Game Wardens conducted safety checks on more than 12,220 vessels statewide between Friday and Sunday over the Fourth of July weekend," said Cody Jones, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement. "Our game wardens were present across Texas waterways doing their absolute best to help holiday waterway visitors have a responsible weekend, enabling many safe returns home and enjoyable holiday memories."

In addition to issuing 1,474 citations and 1,797 warnings for various boating safety law violations, wardens arrested 42 individuals for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and filed eight other charges for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Additionally, another 33 people were arrested for various other charges.

Texas Game Wardens also conducted multiple search and rescues over the holiday weekend. They also assisted with 18 reportable boating accidents at several Texas lakes and rivers including: Nasworthy, Bob Sandlin, Grapevine, Richland Chambers, Canyon Lake, Possum Kingdom, McQueeney Granbury, Corpus Christi, Lewisville, Ray Roberts, Lake Fork Ray Hubbard, Neches River, Lake Austin, Lake Travis (2) and Lake Belton.

Game wardens were involved statewide with numerous waterway assists or other incidents.

In one incident on Falcon Lake off the Rio Grande River, Game Wardens attempted to conduct a safety inspection on a white skeeter vessel. The vessel was taken to a boat ramp on suspicion of BWI after a brief pursuit. An inspection of the vessel revealed more than 200 pounds of illegal narcotics in the vessel's storage compartments.

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Any youngster that simply weighs in a redbird, trout, flounder, sheepshead, black drum, croaker, pinfish or crab will be eligible for the drawing for the license.

The Offshore division is open again along with the Inshore Division and there is a ladies' division for the heaviest red, speck and trout. Added to the usual suspects in both the inshore and offshore divisions is cash for the red with the most spots, 21-inch Black jack red, heaviest live flounder and the heaviest Texas Slam.

The heaviest snapper, ling and king mackerel will each earn an angler a \$750 check. The bottom line is that darn near anything that swims in the Gulf or Sabine Lake is worth prize money. For the first time ever, the club will also add a bass division. The total weight for three bass will net an angler \$750.

Plan on staying for the final weigh-in as anyone that paid an entry will have a shot in the drawing for the Stan Armstrong Memorial \$1000 grand prize sponsored by Chenier. You must be in attendance to win.

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internet at saltclub.net.

While this is going to be a big weekend on the island, the S.A.L.T. Club members celebrated a significant accomplishment last Tuesday night. Through auctions and fundraisers the club donated local game wardens a whopping \$105,000. Part of the impressive total was \$17,500 used to purchase a new drone that will aid them in everything from rescues to enforcing game laws.

The Club welcomes new members and meets at their clubhouse on Pleasure Island the first Tuesday of every month. The club house is a very nice facility and a good meal and guest speaker are part of every meeting!

At least one local bass fisherman has got it figured out and is not complaining about the high water on Rayburn or Toledo Bend. Melvin Dunn duped his personal best last weekend and in spite of the heat, he wasn't dragging a Carolina rig around in 25 feet of water.

"I really thought it was just a solid bass hung up in a bush until my son, Miko, got her by the lip and started pulling her out of the water," said Dunn, "More and more of that bass just kept clearing the surface and we instantly

knew we had something special."

That something special proved to be Dunn's new personal best. "When we saw the scales light up at 10.83-pounds it took the better part of an hour for us to settle down. I've been looking for that fish for a long time!"

His secret is not really a secret at all. It is simply a matter of his not ignoring what was going on around him and then doing a better job of exploiting it than other anglers. "I caught this bass on Rayburn, but it could just as easily happened on Toledo Bend as the same pattern is working for us on both lakes," said Dunn.

Without divulging his choice of lures, depths or techniques, he says it has been a case of simply not abandoning flooded timber just because its summer time

and the water is hot. "We noticed that the bream never moved out following the spawn so we figured that there was no reason for the bass to leave either," stated Dunn.

His approach is obviously

more sophisticated than simply tying on a worm and plowing through flooded brush, but believing those bass are there and not currently in a hurry to move out is the difference maker. "I hate to see the water go down

as long as this pattern holds up," stated

Dunn, "but either way, I finally got the fish I have been looking for since the day I got serious about bass fishing!"




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Fascinating facts about Texas wasps and hornets

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Paper wasps tending to their nest.

Murder hornets may make the headlines because of their frightening name, but they are not in Texas. So, let's talk about wasps and hornets and precautions you can take to avoid stings.

All wasps and hornets are beneficial, said Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist, Austin. Homeowners can appreciate that they protect gardens and landscapes from pests like caterpillars, spiders and aphids and pollinate blooming plants, but a sudden sting can erase that goodwill quickly.

Brown said wasps and hornets are focused on building nests and rearing young in any naturally occurring location or man-made structure that provides protection from the elements like eaves of buildings, bushes and trees.

Wasps and hornets are typically not aggressive when they are out foraging around flowers or a trash can,

Brown said, so it is best to remain calm and avoid making aggressive movements toward them. However, certain species are very protective of their nests.

"If nests are in an area that won't be disturbed, they typically are not going to be an issue," she said. "They become a problem when they are protecting their nests and babies, so a nest by the front door or on your

kids' playset would be a concern."

Brown said other locations like doghouses and mailboxes are a few locations homeowners should monitor for nests. If hornets or wasps are flying around a specific spot regularly, there is a possibility a nest could be present or in the making.

All sorts of shapes, sizes, nests and aggression levels

Yellow jackets are small with black

and yellow banded markings. They are often misidentified because other species, like certain paper wasps, have similar reddish-brown bodies with yellow stripes. A large ground-dwelling species known as cicada killer wasps also have yellow and black banded markings but can reach up to 2 inches in length.

The cicada killer wasps' size has caused it to be misidentified as the murder hornet, or giant Asian hornet, which has not been officially sighted outside of Washington state so far.

Wasp and hornet species display a range of aggression when it comes to encroachment, Brown said. Yellow jackets are very protective of their colony and may attack when their nest is threatened, including vibrations from mowing. Mud daubers, on the other hand, are very docile and typically only sting when handled roughly.

Only female wasps and hornets sting, Brown said. The stinger is a modified egg-laying structure called the ovipositor. But males of some

species like the cicada killer wasp will display more territorial aggression to an intruder than females, despite its inability to sting.

Brown said paper wasps are probably the most common wasps people encounter across Texas. They build open-faced paper nests typically in aerial locations and can be aggressive when their home is disturbed. Nests are a single layer and hang from a single stalk.

"If you see an open-faced nest made out of papery material on the eave of your home or along the ceiling of your porch, there's a good chance they are paper wasps," she said.

The type of nest structure and its location can be helpful hints as to what species is present.

Yellow jackets, for instance, build paper nests made of chewed wood fiber like paper wasps but build single-entry colonies and are most commonly found in cavities or underground spaces like abandoned rodent

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Star Game.

The CBA requires certification from a club physician and medical records to verify the circumstances of why the selected players will miss the game.

"I support my players," Astros' manager Dusty Baker told the Houston Chronicle reporter Saturday. "They're not jiving as to the reason why they are not going. It's been a tough road here where none of these guys are injured—they're hurt but still able to play—but they're not 100 percent."

Now that it no longer determines home-field advantage in the World Series, the All-Star Game affords almost no incentive for attendance.

"The Midsummer Classic isn't what it used to be. The sports world doesn't come to a halt for the All-Star Game like it once did," Friday's Houston Chronicle stated. "Inter-league play has erased much of the mystery between the American and National leagues. And, perhaps more importantly, star baseball players aren't the big stars they used to be."

When Dusty Baker made the All-

Star Game in 1982, ABC drew a 25 share and more than 34 million viewers. The 2019 game posted a 5.0 share with just 8 million viewers in less than 6 million households.

I really believe the Astros players named to the 2021 All-Star Game are retaliating against the American League players who voted them as reserves and are letting them see if they can win last night's game without major league's highest batting average and fewest strikeouts on the roster.

KWICKIES...

Former West Orange-Stark and Alabama standout Deionte Thompson is listed on the Arizona Cardinals 2021 projected depth chart as the back-up free safety. With the addition of former Houston Texans J.J. Watt and DeAndre Hopkins, the Cardinals could very well have a Super Bowl contender this season.

Saturday's 1-0 New York Yankees victory over our Astros was nothing more than one bad pitch by Zack Greinke to Aaron Judge, who provided the only scoring on a home



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run and a masterful mound job by former Astros' ace Gerrit Cole, who allowed only three harmless hits.

Golfer Phil Mickelson has vowed to never play in another Rocket Mortgage Classic tournament after a story in The Detroit News revealed he was cheated out of half-a-million

dollars by a bookie according to a racketeering trial transcript that occurred back in 2007. The trial transcript didn't appear in court files until 2018.

A few familiar names popped up in Sunday night's Round one of the 2021 MLB draft. The closest to Southeast Texas was Sam Houston outfielder Colton Cowser, who was the fifth player chosen. The Southland Conference standout was taken No. 5 by the Baltimore Orioles. Also taken were right-handed Vanderbilt pitchers Jack Leiter (No. 2 by the Texas Rangers) and Kumer Rocker (No. 10 by the New York Mets).

Miami Marlins right-hander Pablo Lopez set a major league record Sunday by striking out the first nine batters to start a game. The 25-year-old Lopez broke the mark of eight straight strikeouts to begin a game set by Houston Astros left-hander Jim DeShaies in 1986.

PGA Tour golfer Lucas Glover ended a 10-year drought by winning the John Deere Classic Sunday when he birdied five of the last seven holes. His most recent win was in 2011.

Team USA, favored by a whopping 27 ½ points, was upset by Nigeria

90-87 Sunday in the basketball exhibition opener. With a plethora of NBA standouts on its roster, Team USA will hopefully do better when the Olympics begin later this month in Japan.

JUST BETWEEN US...

You wouldn't know the Houston Astros were the best hitting team in the major leagues if you just saw their last four games before the All-Star break. Thursday, they lost to Oakland 3-1 and mustered six hits, were blanked 4-0 by the Yankees Friday with four hits, were shut out by former Astros' ace Gerrit Cole 1-0 Saturday with three hits and were in the same boat on Sunday—losing 7-2 going into the bottom of the ninth inning with just three hits. But then they remembered that they were MLB's best hitting team and started the inning with a squibbler that nobody fielded, two doubles, a pinch-hit single by Jason Castro a fielder's choice and with the score 7-5, "injured" Jose Altuve slammed a walk-off, three-run home run giving Houston an exciting 8-7 comeback victory to take into the four-day All-Star break.

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Local baseball ace Chad Dallas accepts 4th Round MLB offer

The Record's Joe Kazmar reports that Number 121 hit the jackpot in the 4th round of the MLB Draft Monday afternoon as former West Orange Stark and University of Tennessee mound ace Chad Dallas was selected by the Toronto Blue Jays. Whether the husky right-hander signs a contract or returns to Vols for his senior year remains unknown at this writing.

Stick baits and suspending plugs are summer favorites



Makenna Knight took advantage of calm seas and caught a beautiful Mahi Mahi on a recent offshore trip.

Outdoors Captain Chuck Uzzle For The Record

The slick surface of the lake was disrupted by skipping shrimp and the familiar sound of trout crashing the helpless crustaceans. Each cast with a soft plastic was met the familiar thump of an aggressive fish that thought they were much larger than they really were. One small trout after another continued to hammer the jigs and also continued to be too small. The next logical thought for catching bigger fish was to go to a topwater plug, which usually works well under these circumstances. Again the topwater plugs were struck repeatedly by the small fish and occasionally by what appeared to be much better fish. The problem with the topwater plug was the better fish would not come all the up to the surface and completely take the offering, instead they would just blow up on the plug leaving each angler waiting in suspense to see if the fish would actually come back and finish the job.

One blow up after another without a hook up on a better fish was more than anyone could stand, there had to be another lure that would produce more hook ups and better fish. At long last an old favorite was brought back out of retirement; the stick bait was now the lure of choice. This particular bait was a Bill Lewis model called a "Slapstick", there are others like "Long A's" and "Rogues" that work just as well. Stick baits can be worked in variety of different ways from just under the surface to as deep as a couple of feet. These plugs have a lip on the front of them that causes the bait to dart under the surface and have a side to side wobble that drives fish crazy. Under these conditions when the fish wouldn't take the

surface offering the stick bait works like magic.

For many years anglers down south have been weighting their topwater plugs so they would sit down in the water with just the top of the plug above the surface when the plug was not being retrieved. This was done so fish that would not commit to coming all the way to the top of the water would still have an opportunity to strike. Instead of going through the hassle of weighting the

plugs and re-engineering the bait many anglers just went back to old saltwater favorites and some other freshwater options. For many years anglers caught a ton of fish on chrome and blue or chrome and black broken back minnows from Rapala. Freshwater anglers have long known the fish catching abilities of the Rogue and the Long A so it was a natural progression to many anglers to use these style of baits.

As the popularity of these plugs grew many more saltwater manufacturers began to make their own variations of these plugs, now there are always some really big trout that are caught each year on the stick baits and for whatever reason most of those fish are caught during the summer. Truth be known these plugs can be used anytime during the year and produce results. I am not sure why these plugs are not used more during the winter and early spring, they do well getting sluggish fish to give a reaction strike. I guess with the popularity of the baits like the Corky, Catch 2000, Catch 5 and others makes the versatile stick bait a second stringer.

This summer there will come a time when you just can't get those fish to commit to a topwater and you know there are some big fish in the area. This is a perfect time to pull the old stick bait out of retirement and go "old school" on the fish. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at the results.

Texas wasps and hornets From Page 4B

burrows. Mud daubers, on the other hand, collect moist soil and build a structure that they provision with food and lay their eggs. They can build these nests relatively anywhere protected from the rain. Once they've filled the structure with eggs and food like spiders, they seal the nest and leave.

Cicada killer wasps burrow into the ground to nest. They are typically solitary nesters but will share a single entry in the ground that leads to several egg-laying nurseries.

"Wasps and hornets are fascinating animals," Brown said. "It's easy to take the good they do around our homes for granted because we are afraid of being stung. But by learning what they do and how the different species act, it removes a lot of the fear and helps you appreciate seeing them around."

Wasps and hornets come in a variety of shapes and sizes. AgriLife Extension and the Texas Apiary Inspection Service have great resources to help identify specific species

by sight and behavior. Also, a recent Bugs by the Yard podcast featuring Brown and fellow AgriLife Extension entomologist covers wasps you might encounter around the state.

Controlling wasps around the house

Controlling where wasps and hornets locate around your home is relatively straightforward – kill the wasps and remove the nest. But the species and nest size present will dictate whether you can do it yourself or should call professionals.

"A mud dauber nest that is an eyesore on your home could be scraped off and washed," she said. "The same goes for paper wasp nests, but you will need to spray the wasps from a safe distance beforehand. Spray them early in the morning or just before dark so you catch most of the wasps. Clean the space thoroughly after removing the nest to remove any pheromones that might attract

other wasps to that location." Brown recommends using a spray pesticide that can shoot a concentrated stream 8-10 feet when removing stinging species like paper wasps.

Yellow jackets and hornets, especially those in established colonies, should be handled by professionals, Brown said.

"Earlier in the season, when the nests are smaller, removal might be something the DIY person could do, but when they are really active, removal could turn into a dangerous situation without protective clothing and specialized equipment."

Brown said because yellow-jackets and hornets can be very aggressive in protecting their nests and can sting multiple times, seeking shelter in a protected, closed area is the only way to avoid stings. Common swarm scenarios are a homeowner mowing their lawn and unwittingly alarming the colony through vibration or a farmer cutting hay and running over an underground colony.

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Gilbert John Mazzola
 c/o: Andrew Culpepper
 Culpepper Turley Law, PLLC
 P.O. Box 729
 Cedar Park, TX 78630

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.

Dated the **8th** day of **June, 2021**.

Culpepper Turley Law, PLLC
 Andrew Culpepper
 Attorney for:
 Gilbert John Mazzola,
 Independent Executor of
 the Estate of Irona Bridget
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of **LENARD DEE LEBERT**, Deceased, were issued on **July 9, 2021**, in Cause No. **P19039**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Tammy Dene LeBert**.

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.

Tammy Dene LeBert
 c/o: **Stephen C. Howard**
Attorney at Law
 903 W. Green Avenue
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DATED the 9th day of July, 2021.

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Frank C. Rios
 c/o: **Stephen C. Howard**
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DATED the 7th day of July, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **NORA DAVIS**, Deceased, were issued on the **July 8, 2021**, in Cause No. **P19095**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Charlene Wiggins**.

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**
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Dated the 12th day of July, 2021.

Jerry V. Pennington
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 Charlene Wiggins
 Texas Bar No.:
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ALETA BOYLE**, Deceased, were issued on **June 21, 2021**, in Cause No. **P19062**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **DANNY GRANT**.

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

Dated the 22nd day of June, 2021.

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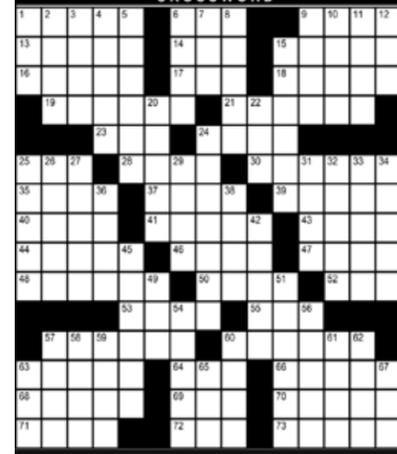
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 28. Like a mattress?
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 39. Emotional punishment
 40. At the summit of
 41. Young hooter
 43. Shakespeare's hometown river
 44. Increase rpms (2 words)
 46. *Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
 47. Retired, shortened
 48. Soft palate vibrations
 50. Bob of the boxing world
 52. Bovine hangout
 53. Give the cold shoulder
 55. Unagi on sushi menu
 57. *Place called Sesame
 60. *Place for Pong and Pac-Man
 63. Semolina source
 64. It would
 66. Mourning fabric
 68. Arterial blood vessel
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1. German river
2. Large edible mushroom, pl.
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6. *One in a pocketful
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9. It's knee high by the Fourth of July?
10. Strong desire
11. Channel marker
12. Eastern Standard Time
15. What bullies do
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27. Utah city
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31. Burn to a crisp
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33. Be theatrical
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36. Horse prod
38. Letter opener
42. More true
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51. Place that attracts visitors, pl.
54. Ancient city in Africa
56. Cooler climate conifer
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58. Four years in the White House, e.g.
59. *_____ of NIMH"
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