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Christus joins NexCore for Houseman Med Center

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

A late-January groundbreaking is set on the Gisela Houseman Medical Campus in Orange, with grand opening expected in the spring of 2023.

So said a joint New Year's Eve announcement by Christus Southeast Texas Health System and NexCore, a national healthcare real estate

Marty Rutledge of Orange Medical Surgical Associates, the driving force behind the project.

Jay Trahan, the City of Orange's Economic Development Director, said planning for the health center began in 2015, after Baptist Hospital Orange shuttered its inpatient facility on Strickland Drive.

"There have been many community leaders that have



Fire Chief David Frenzel, the longest serving employee in the City of Orange history, is retiring this spring after 25 years as chief and 53 in the Fire Department.
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Orange Fire Chief Frenzel set to retire this spring

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"Leather Lungs" used to be a point of pride among firefighters.

Those were the ones who, through years of fighting fires, had hardened their lungs to the point of withstanding exposure to nasty smoke.

But on-the-job training, deaths while trying to ride to fires and wooden buildings that burned up in the blink of an eye also used to be the norm for those in the fire services.

Orange Fire Chief David Frenzel remembers those days, but he'll take new safe-

ty equipment and safety codes and standards any day.

"Safety issues have changed, and they make all the difference in the world in injuries," he said.

His point of pride now is the rating of 2 – "as low as you can go" from the Insurance Service Office (ISO) that Orange has obtained since he was named chief in 1997.

"We work hard to keep insurance rates down," Frenzel said. ISO ratings affect every home or business owner's fire insurance rate.

"When I made chief, our ISO rating was 5. We got it down to 3, and this last year,

a 2. So I feel like we've accomplished a lot in the last 20 years."

Frenzel began his career in 1969. His first run was to a car fire at 4th and Cypress St.

"Why you remember something like that I don't know," he said.

Frenzel, who grew up at 1013 13th St. with brother Dolan and his parents Edward and Sophie, seemed destined to follow the fireman's path.

His father, a lineman for Gulf States Utilities deemed too essential by GSU to be drafted during World War II, was president of Orange's volunteer fire department.

In the 1960s, the VFD was replaced by full-time firefighters. Orange was – and remains – the only Orange County "career" fire department.

Frenzel met his wife, Hildy, in 1975 when she was working part-time at the fire station and he married her in 1978. The couple has two sons, Dave and Adam, who are married, and five grandchildren.

The chief advanced to lieutenant in 1977, battalion chief in 1989, deputy chief in 1991 and he's been in his present job since 1997.

Orange Fire Department

CHIEF FRENZEL Page 3A



Christus Southeast Texas Health System is joining NexCore in developing Phase 1 of Orange's Gisela Houseman Medical Campus.



Groundbreaking for the Gisela Houseman Medical Campus is expected later this month, with opening in 2023.

developer headquartered in Denver.

"It's taken us a while to get all the pieces put together on it, but I'm pretty excited it's finally happening," Houseman, the Orange real estate investor who donated the land for the project, told The Record Newspapers Tuesday morning.

Phase I of the development located on Eagle Point Parkway near the intersection of Interstate 10 and Highway 62 calls for a two-story, 55,000 square-foot medical office building that will occupy five of 20 acres Houseman donated in 2019.

A majority of the first floor is leased to Christus Southeast Texas Health System for a 24/7 emergency hospital and key outpatient and diagnostic services.

The remaining space will be leased to independent physicians, including Dr.

worked on the project," he said.

Business leader Ross Smith headed a group that pushed to create a hospital district for the county, but Smith's group lost in a 2017 county-wide election over fears of higher taxation.

"Dr. Rutledge has been on the front lines since we first started looking at what we were going to do," Houseman said. "He was instrumental in saying we needed a new hospital. And he was the one who had access to doctors."

"I was able to donate a 20-acre property in the very center of the county, and then five acres more for the roadway. Once they had the land to put it on that they didn't have to pay for, that really helped."

The City of Orange EDC has contributed \$1.5 million

HOUSEMAN Page 3A

Voting boss Barrow elects retirement

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For The Record

In an average year, Orange County puts on only three or four elections.

But Tina Barrow and her three-person Elections Administration Office have no problem staying busy the other 250-odd workdays.

That's because they have 54,000 local bosses – the registered voters – and a few hundred more in Austin.

The Texas Legislature is always fine-tuning its voting rules and regulations.

"We work year-round," Barrow said. "It takes like three months to prepare for an election, maybe longer."

"You have to hire election judges and clerks, secure your voting locations, get your voting machines in order, prepare and order ballots and supplies."

"You have to keep up with all the candidates' paperwork and filings. And you have to keep up with the

election laws.

"Here lately, we have a lot of new laws to keep up with."

Barrow is the only Elections Administrator Orange County has had since the position was created in 2005 via the Help America Vote Act.

She has run all the county, state, national, school district and city elections in Orange County – except for the City of West Orange – for the past two decades.

But that will change next month.

Barrow is retiring from the county Feb. 4 so "I can spend more time with my children and grandchildren and ride my horses," she said.

The Beaumont native has been in Orange County since 1980. She has five children, Latouia DuBois, Jamie Barber, Brittany Elmore, Tiffany Greer and Craig Leverett. Her husband is Jarvis Barrow.

Barrow hired on part-time



Tina Barrow, Orange County's first Elections Administrator, is retiring as of Feb. 4. Donna Alford, Barrow's assistant since 2005, is taking over.
RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

with the county first in 1997, but has worked full-time on elections since 1999, when she went to work for former County Clerk Karen Jo Vance.

Donna Alford was pro-

moted Tuesday by Commissioners Court to move from Assistant Administrator to the office's top job in February.

BARROELECTSPage 2A

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Bridge City sets new pace with 2022 projects

From the Mayor's desk Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge



I don't know about you, but I'm ready for 2022 to get here and 2021 to finally leave. To paraphrase Yogi Berra, '21 was like déjà vu all over again from 2020. Covid-19 didn't seem to let go of us like we thought it would. However, it looks like we're starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel, if only these variants would just go away.

With that in mind, I think I'd rather look at what's ahead of us this year rather than looking back at where we've been. In the City, we're all getting excited about what is coming our way in '22. There are projects that will benefit and enhance our city, and there will be a few

new faces around City Hall in the coming year.

For projects coming, a really large and impactful one is on FM 1442 from FM 408 to FM 105 that is slated to begin this spring. TxDOT has awarded a contract to widen that stretch of highway and add a center turn lane the full length of it. Once completed, it should help with the traffic flow and more importantly, driving safety for residents and travelers along that route. It will be a little inconvenient for a while, but we'll all appreciate it when finished.

We're also continuing with projects to bring additional water well capacity to our

current City water system. We've been able to get some grant funding secured to make these necessary projects move ahead. Not all of these projects will be completed in the coming year, but they should be well underway and moving us forward. These and other projects that are either "on the books" or starting this year will have us poised for making 2022 a positive year for Bridge City.

One new face you'll be see-

ing around town and at City Hall will be the new City Manager that we hope to hire within the next month or so. City Council is in the middle of the process to select that person now. We'll introduce that person as soon as the hiring process is complete.

As most of you know by now, our current City Manager, Jerry Jones, is retiring on Friday, January 14th after working for the City for 20+ years. He has helped guide us through Hurricanes Rita, Ike, Harvey, Laura, and every one in between. When not working on rebuilding after a disaster, he has led us through everything from our daily operations to long-range planning. His expertise in public works, flood plain management, community development, project management, personnel management, budgeting and finance, emergency manage-

ment, and economic development have been an invaluable asset to the City and our citizens.

Everyone at City Hall and on the Council wish Jerry nothing but the best for him in retirement. I will personally miss visiting with him around "the office" from time to time. He has a depth of knowledge about Bridge City, how a city works, the personnel and facilities of the city, the people who work here, and those who call this city home. His understanding of what the city needs, how to address current issues and long-range solutions, and all those other things that go into making an outstanding City Manager will be missed by everyone.

When Jerry announced his

retirement, I joked that I was glad because now we would have more time to go golfing, fishing and hunting together. In truth, it was bitter-sweet. Yes, we can now go golfing, fishing and hunting together more, that part is true.

What I didn't say is that I will miss having him around every day to keep me in line, bounce ideas off him, ask him too many questions, and solicit his opinion on just about any subject. Now that I think about it, it could be he's really leaving because he's tired of riding herd on me. Whatever the reason, I just want to say congratulations, my friend, on a well-deserved retirement.

Here's to a new year, new prospects, and new faces for Bridge City in 2022.

Barrow elects retirement From Page 1

Cheryl Broussard, the third 17-year employee in the Elections Administration department, is staying on.

"I've worked with Donna and Cheryl since 2005," Barrow says. "I did elections in the past in the County Clerk's office. Donna did voter registration in the Tax Office. Cheryl was one of our election judges, and I brought them all together in this office."

Voter registration is a full-time job, the women agree.

"Cards come in daily. Anybody that goes to the DMV now, their card comes to us. We have to check them on our lists every year against the deceased lists, felon notices and change of address cards," Barrow said.

Barrow is staying on until Feb. 4 to help Alford and Broussard prepare for the

March 1 party primary elections.

Ever the customer servant, she wants to be sure all mail-in voters are aware that they must send in a new application to vote by mail for 2022 and then for each year after.

Only those who are 65 and older, disabled, or plan to be out of town for both early voting and election day, may vote by mail.

Applications are on the county's website under the Elections Administration department page at <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>. Telephoning 409-882-7973 or dropping by the office at 206 Border Street during weekdays are other options.

Barrow said the first election her office worked was in 2005, days after Hurricane

Rita. Only the four early voting sites were able to be used for election day.

In 2008, after Hurricane Ike, "it was people you couldn't find," Barrow said. "We couldn't find our election judges."

"Every storm that's come through hits at the end of August, or in September, right when we're preparing for elections. Each disaster we've had caused problems because people were displaced."

Of course, the county had only paper ballots back when Barrow started. And it hasn't been able to completely abandon them yet, because all the storms have tied up the money intended to buy more voting machines.

As it is, Barrow's budget has purchased about three dozen DS200 digital scan-

ning voting machines, enough so that each voting precinct has one available to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements of the HAVA law.

"This office was created because the HAVA law required you to have one ADA compliant machine at each voting site," Barrow recalled. "All the schools and cities came together. They wanted this office."

The county bills the school districts and cities for the work of Barrow and her staff.

There have been some long nights, even some tense recounts. But Barrow says she will miss those days.

"We've come a long way, but I've loved this job," she said. "I'm very thankful to Karen Vance, the county clerk who rallied for me to get it."

"I'm blessed that God has given me this job to help support my children."

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Chief Frenzel retiring From Page 1

has 38 employees and three fire stations, same number it had when Frenzel came to the department 50 years ago.

But the head count is about the only thing that's the same.

The "outer" fire stations at 10th and Burton and at Lions City Park have been replaced by new ones at Allie Payne and MLK.

"When I came it was all on-the-job training," the chief recalls. "Now we can't even take an application if you're not certified by the state as a structural firefighter and as an emergency medical technician [EMT]."

"That's a minimum of two semesters in college."

There are safer trucks.

"Everybody's inside a cab, behind a door and in a seat-belt," Frenzel said. "That makes all the difference in the world."

"And when I came here, they told you how to breathe in a fire. Now everybody has a self-contained breathing apparatus."

For old time's sake, here's how Frenzel said you "breathe in a fire."

"We learned how to take a deep breath before you went in and then breathe very slowly. You put the [fire hose] nozzle close to your face and that would pull fresh air past you."

"It was crazy," Frenzel said. "Like riding on the back of a [fire] truck. No one would even consider that today."

One of the only two "line of duty" deaths for the OFD occurred when a firefighting Jeep rolled over en route to a call. The other was a heart attack. Both preceded Frenzel's days.

The biggest local fire the chief says he's worked involved the three-story American Bridge administration building at the Port of Orange in 1980.

"We've responded outside the city to some refinery fires in Port Arthur," he said, "but building codes have really made a big change over the last 50 years to decrease the numbers of structure fires."

"Building materials have changed as well as building techniques."

Frenzel says "we almost put ourselves out of business" with an in-school campaign to teach youngsters fire prevention.

And smoke detectors "have made a big difference," he said.

"Because of that every fire department has diversified to things like emergency medical services and search and rescue. A lot of fire departments have changed their names to "Fire and Rescue," Frenzel said.

The department began a "First Responder" program in 1995.

"We respond ahead of the ambulances," the chief said. "We made like 2,600 medical calls last year, out of 3,500

total calls."

Each of Orange's fire stations has one \$25,000 medical truck and one \$600,000 fire engine. The Central Station downtown keeps the extra equipment, an aerial truck, a boat, a light rescue unit and a heavy rescue unit.

Since last year, the inventory has included military surplus high-water trucks and boats.

"We've had too much experience with hurricanes," Frenzel said. "If I don't have another, it'll be too soon."

"In 2005, Hurricane Rita came through and was devastating to the city but we got through it. We had Ike in 2008 and all the storm surge that came with it. If I have to choose wind event or water event, I'll take wind every time."

"Then Hurricane Harvey flooded everything in 2017. At least you can traverse the city with a wind event, cut trees and get around. But with water, it's tough. Water just destroys everything."

But not Frenzel's devotion to his job.

"A lot of people work 50 years, but most people don't stay on one job 50 years," he said.

"I still have a few things I'd like to do in the department before I leave. I'm just not ready to go. If I retired today, I'd be looking for a new job tomorrow."

Diplomas go out to LSCO grads



Dr. Johnson spent Tuesday individually signing diplomas for each of Lamar State College-Orange Fall 2021 Graduates. The diplomas will be mailed to students on January 6th to the address on file in the Admissions Office.

Houseman medical campus From Page 1

to build Eagle Point Parkway and a 10-year decreasing tax abatement on a project now estimated as a \$50 million investment by the private partners.

"NexCore and Christus, of course, they were the big pieces," Houseman said. "It's going to be wonderful for Orange County."

NexCore says the mini-medical complex will fill the community need for healthcare following the closure of Baptist Hospital Orange.

For the past five years, Orange has been the largest county in Texas without hospital-based emergency healthcare services.

Orange County is surrounded by water on three sides and access to hospitals in nearby Beaumont and Lake Charles, Louisiana, has been cut off by floodwaters several times.

"NexCore is excited to provide quality and convenience to the citizens of Orange and surrounding communities through this criti-

cal healthcare development," Todd Varney, NexCore's Chief Development Officer, said.

Planned services and amenities at GHMC include an emergency department/emergency hospital, imaging and diagnostic services, lab, primary care and specialty care clinics, a news release said.

The service area of more than 98,000 patients has a need for more than 95 full-time providers, it added.

"The Gisela Houseman

Medical Campus will become the epicenter of healthcare in Orange and provide an essential and convenient mini-campus venue for physicians to practice medicine and minimize the need for patients to travel 30 minutes or more for care."

At an Orange City Council meeting in June of 2019, Rutledge joined real estate investor Houseman to announce the project, to be built on 20 acres of land donated by Houseman.

"This development is the result of a large group effort

to give back to Orange and the surrounding communities and has been enabled through many avenues of generosity, including the city, county and private citizens," Varney said.

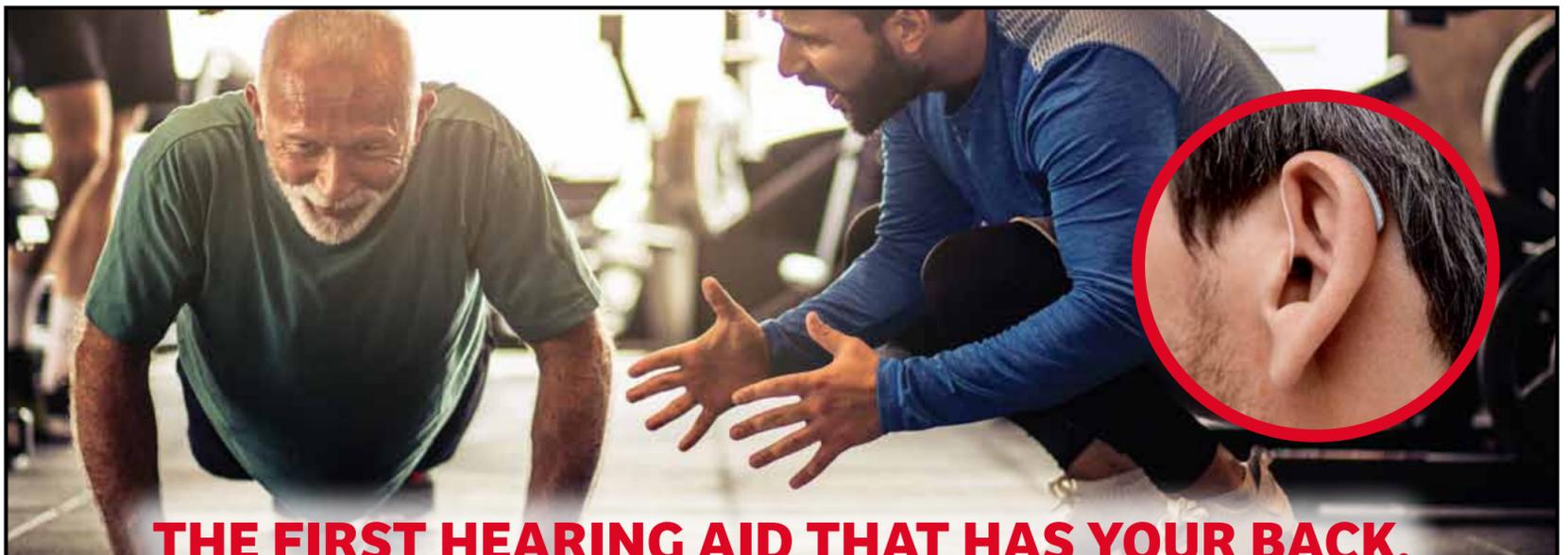
"Together, NexCore, Christus Southeast Texas Health System, Ms. Houseman, Dr. Rutledge and the city and county of Orange are able to gift access to much needed healthcare services to the community."

"Oh, man, we are on Cloud 9," said Rutledge. "The big thing was getting Christus lined up. We've been talking

to them for about a year to work out all the details."

Christus Southeast Texas Health System is a Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare system that has been serving the needs of Southeast Texas communities for more than 120 years.

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From The Creaux's Nest

THE LEGACY OF K.O.G.T. RADIO

It was somewhat sad to see the radio station shut down. It is a legend in these-here parts. I go back to 1949 with K.O.G.T., when the studio was in the **Molley** building on Green Ave., across from the depot. I believe it is a vacant lot now. Then **Ed Lovelace** talked some Jewish folks into buying it so he could manage it. The station then was moved to a two story building on Fifth St. and Main Ave. **Ed** had worked with **Baxter** and **Richard Corder** in Port Arthur and he later hired **Richard**. When **Baxter** and **Les Ledet** lost the lawsuit with **Dr. Sam Monroe's** parents to buy K.O.L.E., **Baxter** was out of a job. He came to K.O.G.T. and did his morning show from the show room at **Holly Moter Company** on **MacArthur Circle**. **Ted Wilkerson** was CEO, **Roy Dunn** sales manager along with salesmen **Joe Runnels**, **Mr. Reed**, **Cooper** and **Henry Prejan**. **Bax** didn't do well. K.O.G.T. couldn't reach his audience in Jefferson County. His sponsors couldn't hear the station. **Lovelace** was a first class promoter. He once brought nine N.F.L. football players to Orange. The station had an orange van that almost everyday did a remote broadcast somewhere. Times were good. That was before F.M. radio came along. **Ed** sold the station that he built on Meeks Drive to **Gov. Allan Shivers'** group that owned several stations in Texas **Ed** had also built his brother a house next door to the station. A guy by the name of **Ford** ran the station. **Ed** had a bad divorce from his second wife so he moved away and owned two stations in Beeville when **Bob Simmons** joined him. An employee of one of his stations was in an accident in Kingsville which killed a woman while driving a company, uninsured van, **Lovelace** was sued for \$6 million. He lost everything but about \$200,000 he had in his wife **Joan's** name. **Joan** moved to Baton Rouge with the money. Once wealthy **Ed** was broke and lived in his mother's attic until her death. His sister sold the house leaving him homeless. His son, **Ed Jr.**, brought him to Houston and cared for him until his death. **Ed Jr.** later found out **Ed** wasn't his biological dad at all, just caught in his trap. That's another long story that I believe **Ed Jr.** wrote a book about. Now for the rest of the story. In 1992 we bought the **Penny Record** and developed the **County Record**. Times were still pretty good in the newspaper business. We had pioneered newspapers before, bailed out in 1980, only to return to publishing 12 years later. A young man, **Gary Stelly**, bought K.O.G.T. the same year. It took guts. It had come on a bad time to own a small market A.M. radio station. Most A.M.'s in the country, to survive, turned to conservative talk show broadcasts. Along with developing his station, **Gary** wrote a column in our paper. He did everything he could just to get promotion for the station. No one ever worked harder and smarter to make their business successful. **Gary** burnt the candle at both ends, not a lazy bone in his body. He would go for weeks with little sleep. He amazed me how he got home from a sport's broadcast at 1 or 2 a.m. and open the station at 5 a.m. He hired some good people along the way but until the last day **Gary** was 'The Radio Station.' It could not have made it without him. He had developed a method to reach the most demographics with traditional Country music, local news, high school sports and fishing news and reports. Several years ago he took over the morning show with a cast of supporters. A.M. radio time is hard to sell outside of its market. No National or state advertising support. **Gary** built a strong base of support locally. He was very good at what he did. You didn't realize how good he was at sports announcing until you heard others try to do it. I believe he could go to work anywhere broadcasting baseball. When **Gary** went off the air after the morning show, 70 percent of his listeners left with him. **Gary** couldn't keep up the pace forever. He lasted longer than I thought and built a far better radio station than I ever imagined. No one else could have done it. He devoted his life to it. Believe me, it wasn't the money that drove him. He was just fortunate enough to have deep enough pockets that allowed him to do a community service. He was helped by his website, which put K.O.G.T. on the map with **Hurricane Rita**. If anyone else wants to try what **Gary** successfully did they also will have to have very deep pockets because they can't find another **Gary Stelly**. He never did it for the money. Where life takes him and **Angie**, we wish them the best. He will always have a format here if he wants one. K.O.G.T. left with them. **Gary** did himself a favor.

JOHN MARVIN HEARD A GOOD MAN HAS LEFT US

I was deeply saddened by the death of **John Heard**, age 84, who passed away December 30. Funeral service was held Sunday, December 2, at **McDonald Memorial Baptist Church**, in West Orange. John was a longtime proud member of the Church. John was a true friend. Over the years he kept my family and I supplied with citrus from his grove that he lost in last February's ice

storm. I often visited with John before I went into lockdown but still spoke to him often by phone. I had made a note to call him after the new year to get his help in picking some citrus trees I was planning to plant. It was a shock when I learned of his death. I have never known a better person, a real Christian who lived his life like everyday might be his last. We often visited about his late daughter **Shannah** and the sacrifices he and **Linda** went through to give her the best life possible. He always thanked God for giving him the pleasure to still be around to take care of her until her passing. I will miss him. My prayers and condolence to **Linda** and her family. We have lost a great guy. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary.

50 YEARS AGO-1972

Happy New Year and congratulations to **Jennifer Lynn Jerdee**, the first baby born in Orange County in 1972.****Incumbent **Gordon Dunn** is expected to announce that he will run for commissioner, Precinct 2, the position he was appointed to when **Allen Peveto** resigned. **Claude Broussard** of West Orange and Precinct 2 constable **Morris Callier** are expected to also run.****County Court at Law Judge **Charles Holcomb** won't seek reelection. He will resign in time to allow other candidates to announce for the office. Two possible candidates are **H.D. Pate** of Bridge City and **David Dunn** of Orange. The race for county commissioner Precinct 1 is getting crowded. Commissioner **Wallace Hilliard**, **Lynn Wallace** and **Travis Hudson** have announced.******Roy Dunn**, publisher of **The Opportunity Valley News**, has announced that the O.V.N. will be on hand Sunday, Jan. 16, in New Orleans, to cover the **Super Bowl** between **Dallas** and **Miami**. **Dunn** said his paper will be guest of the N.F.L. and cover the game from the press box and locker room. **Dallas** quarterback **Roger Staubach**, the former **Heisman Trophy** winner, has replaced **Craig Morton**. Other new faces are **Lance Alworth**, who came to **Dallas** with **Bob Hayes**. The **Cowboys** now have two of the most feared wide receivers in the N.F.L. **Duane Thomas** and **Calvin Hill** are the most awesome ground gaining machines in the history of the N.F.L. The **Cowboys** are coached by **Tom Landry**. **Dunn** said a full report of the game and interviews by Editor **Lee Grimsley** and Sports Editor **Pete Runnels**, also attending the game, will be carried in the January 17th O.V.N. issue. (Editor's note: Folks are still wondering how **Dunn** pulled that off.)****Twelve new grand jurors are sworn in by **Judge James Neff**. The Grand Jury Commission consisted of **William S. Joiner**, **Stafford O. Peveto**, **Jerry Meeks**, **Fred Hetzel** and **James Winfrey**. **Neff** named **J.E. Patillo** bailiff, **Delmer Portie** was named Grand Jury foreman. Others selected are **William E. Thomas**, **Mervin Bingham**, **Q.O. Stephenson**, **Don Nolen**, **Daniel Jackson**, **W.D. Bland**, **Jack Pepper** and **Benny Johnson**, **Alan D. Cary**, **Earl Landry** and **Edward A. Hetzel**.

60 Years Ago-1952

B. J. Fields is named president of **Bridge City Chamber of Commerce**. Other officers are **John R. Saint**, **Dr. Joe Majors**, **M. S. Wozencraft** and **J.K. Little**.

75 Years Ago-1947

Attorney Bill Sexton builds a new brick office at 211 Division.******Joe Runnels** is sworn in as county clerk by **Judge Sid Caillavet**.****At the movies: **Gary Cooper**, stars in 'The Plainsman,' at the **Bengal**.** **Humphrey Bogart** in 'The Big Sleep' showing at the **Royal**.*****Fred MacMurray** in 'Smoky' at the **Gem**.** **Hedy Lamar** in 'The Strange Woman,' at the **Strand**.

100 Years Ago-Jan. 5, 1922

The schooner, **Whitmore**, out of New York, took on a load of lumber from the **Lutcher Moore Lumber Company**.*****Landrum Grocery**, Ninth and Park, ran a \$2.50 special consisting of a 4-lb. bucket of **Bob White** lard, 4-lbs. of salt bacon and 4-lbs. of fancy green **Peabody** coffee. Pay cash and 30 cents will be knocked off, you pay only \$2.20.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Welcome News. Groundbreaking will start on **Gisela Houseman Memorial Campus**, at Interstate 10 and Texas Hwy. 62. (Note: it isn't being called a hospital.) It's expected to open in spring 2023. Now is a good time to push for the big **Baptist Hospital** to be converted into an **East Texas veteran's hospital**. There is no better time to add pressure than at election time. It's time for the leadership to step up. There is no better use for this building than to have a VA facility available out of Houston. Think about how great that would be. What else can be done with that large facility.****I received a nice email from **Patti Hanks** who moved to Vegas about 20 years ago. Before that she was our **Girl Friday** at the **Record Newspapers**. She could fill in at any job that we had. Fun times. She let me know that the first lady of **Starks**, **Lucy**, wife of mayor **Rene Hanks**, was now a great-great-grandmother. That made granddaughter **Erin** a grandmother. **Pattie** failed to mention it but that made sexy **Pattie** a great grandmother. Hard to believe. **Erin's** son, **Tai Foster** and **K'Linda (Big Eagle)** are the parents of son, **Tai Azia Big Eagle Foster**. We were also glad to hear that **Pattie's** daughter **Jami** is back in Orange but wondering how pretty **Bree** and the boys are doing.****A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. **Jan. 5:** Happy Birthday to **Catherine Young**, **Deborah Schlicher**, **Malinda Vail** and **Patsy Dowden**.******Jan. 6:** Happy Birthday to our longtime friend **Skipper Free**. We haven't heard from her in a while and hope she's doing alright. Best Wishes to **Lori Perry**, **Sherry Morgan**, **Louise Dubose**, **Marvin Ziller** and **Clint Reves**, all celebrating birthdays.******Jan. 7:** Happy Birthday to **Mike Collins**, **Libby Campbell**, **Teresa Collins**, **Betty Jagen** and **Micah McFarlane**.******Jan. 8:** Happy Birthday to **Lanston Fall**, who we have known since he was in short pants. A nice lady we have known since she was a teenager, pretty **Heather Montagne Mankoff** celebrates today. Also Happy Birthday to **Terri Gauthier**, **Sean Brinson**, **Joey Halliburton** and **Phillip Hunt**.******Jan. 9:** Celebrating today are **Melissa Butler**, **Ken Steppe**, **Chad Meadows**, **Susan Kelly** and **Ralph Buker**.******Jan. 10:** A very Happy Birthday to one of our favorite guys, **Collin Slade 'Billy Jack' Gros**, the youngest of **Karen's** three sons. He and pretty **Morgan Shaw** have been spending a lot of time together and seem to enjoy it. Happy Birthday also to **Hunter's** mom, **Sandy Uzzle**, **Frank Skeeler** and **Scott Gerrard**.******Jan. 11:** Our special friends, **Margie** and

Harry Stephens celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary. Those years sure have gone fast. I knew **Harry** 30 years before he robbed that cradle. Congratulants. Happy Birthday to **David Thompson**, **Teresa Franklin**, **Madeline Evans** and **Ashley Rion**.****I hear that **Margaret Toal**, now out of a job at **K.O.G.T.**, is retiring to write a novel titled 'Waiting on Chevron.' Like many of you, Monday morning at 6 a.m. I said "Alexia, play K.O.G.T." Her response came back, "K.O.G.T. is not available."****While talking to my friends **Keith Wallace**, **Danny Brack** and others, who are having real problems finding employees, I had this idea. If we don't have enough workers for \$10 to \$12 an hour jobs, why not issue green cards to **South Americans** who want jobs in the U.S. As for the 80,000 truck drivers needed, what about all those **Afghani** men we rescued, many were truck drivers in Afghanistan. Just a few ideas that will probably go nowhere.****What this country really needs is a **National Voters Right Bill** so all states are playing by the same election rules.****After **Gov. Abbott** and Attorney General **Ken Paxton** filed seven lawsuits against the **Biden Administration** for their mandatory vaccine policy and other rules that Texas fought, **Abbott** is now begging for federal assistance to help with **COVID-19** testing and treatment. **Abbott** is "urging the federal government to step up in this fight to help protect Texas against this virus." Can you believe it? He has been doing the **Trump** sell, now he has **Texas** citizens in a bad bind. **COVID** will get worse. Sixty-one percent of Orange County is not vaccinated. It won't get any better.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe "Crip" Arceneaux and his wife **Telma** moved back to Louisiana from California where he had been working for several years him. "Crip" had a wooden leg dat he got after being shot in Vietnam. To get insurance on his leg in Los Angeles it cost \$1,200 a year. Wen dey got moved back to Kaplan, "Crip" and **Telma** drove to Abbeville to da Landry Insurance Agency to see wat it would cost to insure his wooden leg.

Da agent, **Jimmie Dale Landry**, look it up on da computer and he said, "Mr. Arceneaux, dat will be \$39 a year.

"Crip" was shocked him, and axe, "Why is it so cheap to insure my leg in Louisiana, it cost me \$1,200 in California hanh?"

Agent **Landry** turned his computer screen toward da couple and said, "Well, here it is rat here on da screen, it says any wooden structure wit a sprinkler system above it is \$39. You jus got to know how to describe it."

OUR WEBSITE WITH YOU IN MIND

If you are reading this issue of our newspaper on our website at "therecordlive.com" let us know where you are reading us from. I'm always amazed where some of you are located. We are also interested in hearing from the folks right here at home. We will be making some changes and improvements to the site in the near future. Did you know we were the very first media in our trade area to have a website, even before the **Enterprise**. We have been guilty of neglecting the site because we were so focused on saving and improving our newspapers. Just stay tuned.

C'EST TOUT TEXAS USE OF NATIONAL GUARD AT BORDER

Sunday, **Beto O'Rourke** wrote an op-ed in the **Houston Chronicle** about why **National Guard** members should not be political pawns. The **Army Times** broke the news of four suicides since October. The day before **Christmas Eve**, as thousands of soldiers remained at the **Border**, away from their homes and families, sleeping in truck trailers converted into squared barrack bays, ongoing pay delays, benefit cuts and a mental health crisis within their units. This devastating string of suicides must serve as a wake up call to the way that our guard members are being treated at the **Border**, **O'Rourke** wrote. The warning signs have been there from the beginning as **Gov. Greg Abbott** rushed to expand his border mission. In September, Texas deployed a total of 10,000 troops. Some were given less than a week's notice before deployment, complicating work and family commitments, and leaving soldiers scrambling to resolve issues at home. On top of that, some troops have gone months without pay. Public information requests confirmed the pay delays were widespread. Some say their pay checks have been sporadic, that they're paid much less money than promised. They slashed the tuition assistance benefits that Guard members were promised upon enlisting. To make matters worse, it appears that their role on the **Border** is more political theater than anything else. Press releases from the governor's office claim troops are helping to arrest migrants and confiscate illicit drugs. That was found to be false. Soldier morale has deteriorated because current leadership is focused on pleasing a governor vs. soldier safety, according to retired **Sergeant Major Jason Featherston**. **Abbott** is the **Commander in Chief** of the **Texas National Guard**, if he chooses to deploy them under his command, it's his duty to pay them, deliver the benefits he promised them and insure they receive proper mental health support. **O'Rourke** says if **Abbott** can't justify their deployment, he owes it to them and their families to send them home. To read the entire op-ed, go to the **Houston Chronicle** website. The **Texas Border**, as well as the new **Border Wall**, that the **Chronicle** says only consist of 17 miles of new wall, are being used as political ploys. Texas has 700 miles without walls.****That's all for today. Thanks for you time. Take care and God bless.



Recalling dark times and insurrection on U.S. Capitol

DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY
ROY DUNN
For The Record

It was a dark day in the U.S.A. on Oct. 24, 1929, the day the Great Depression began. The stock market crashed investors and wealthy people lost everything. Many committed suicide, jumping out of skyscraper buildings. No one was spared.



Roy Dunn

Two of my father's brothers, who owned Dunn Brothers, the country's largest pipeline stringers, lost everything with the exception on one brother who had a banker friend who tipped him off before every bank in the country went into lockdown. He was able to retrieve some money. That started a long dark time in this country that lasted until the Pearl Harbor attack and the United States entering WWII. The war effort turned into jobs in some parts of the country like Orange, Texas.

It didn't do much for us in Cajun country that didn't have any kind of manufacturing. President F.D.R. replaced President Hoover and put in programs like the CC Camps and W.P.A. but mostly he asked all Americans to put their shoulders to the wheel to help save our country. He spoke to the countrymen with his Fireside Chats. Everyone helped secure scrap metal for the war effort. The President asked that communities and neighborhoods to plant Victory Gardens. One such place was a community across the bayou from what is present day Bridge City.

A 50-acre garden was planted by several families to help feed local residents. The location is still called Victory Gardens. Almost everything was rationed. Stamps were required to buy limited amounts of commodities. I was raised during those depression and war years. I know what it is to have your only pair of shoes have cardboard soles. I know what it is to sacrifice for your country. Many of the young soldiers from my community came home from the war maimed or in body bags. The most feared person was the Western Union man coming to some parent's



Richard Barnett of Arkansas, sitting in Pelosi's office during the attempted insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, has been arrested and charged.

door. I mention all of the above to make a point.

There has been many other dark days in my lifetime, the murder of President John F. Kennedy, the Korean and Vietnam wars, along with the other conflicts. Pearl Harbor was a sneak attack by the Japanese, 9-11 by Bin Laden foreign agents. We've had fires, storms, tornadoes and many other natural disasters.

Americans always came together as one nation to confront whatever was dealt us. Never since the Civil War have Americans turned against themselves. Never once has there been a domestic uprising to overthrow our government and destroy our Constitution.

Never before have we witnessed a United States President, while in office, turn against his own government. January 6, 2022, marks the first anniversary of the insurrection on

our national capitol.

President Donald Trump sent a mob to the Capitol. His goal was to stop the verification of Joe Biden as the newly elected president of the United States. Biden beat Trump by 7 million popular votes and a large margin in the Electoral College. Trump watched on television from the White House the destruction that was going on at the Capitol. Reports are that he was enjoying what he was seeing. He called the insurrection a display of "Spirit, Faith and Love." Rioters broke windows, stole items, crapped and urinated on the floors.

Outside the Capitol the mob set up a gallows, with a noose, to hang Vice President Mike Pence because he refused to go along with Trump's move not to certify the election by way of Electoral College from every

state. Millions of Americans watched the events in Washington unfold on live T.V. Police officers testified to the violence and mayhem. Criminal proceedings in open court detailed what happened. Yet the hoaxes, conspiracy theories and attempts to rewrite history persist, muddying the public understanding of what actually occurred during the most sustained attack on the seat of American democracy since the War of 1812.

By excusing former President Donald Trump of responsibility, minimizing the mob's violence and casting the rioters as martyrs, falsehoods about the insurrection aim to deflect blame for Jan. 6 while sustaining Trump's unfounded claims about the free and fair election in 2020 that he lost. Spread by politicians, broadcast by cable news pundits and amplified by social media, the falsehoods are a stark reminder of how many Americans may no longer trust their own institutions or their own eyes.

Several different conspiracy theories have emerged in the year since the insurrection and Trump continues to push the "Big Lie." After six months of intense work, the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection is preparing to go public. They've interviewed more than 300 witnesses, collected tens of thousands of documents and traveled around the country to talk to election officials who were pressured by Donald Trump.

In the coming months, members of the panel will start to reveal their findings against the backdrop of the former president and his allies' persistent efforts to whitewash the attack and reject suggestions that he helped instigate it. The committee also faces the burden of trying to persuade the American public that their conclusions are fact-based and credible. The nine lawmakers, seven Democrats and two Republicans, are united in their commitment to tell the full story of Jan. 6, and they are planning televised hearings and reports that will bring their findings into the open.

Never again can we allow our democracy to be under domestic attack. Never again should we elect a president whose goal is to change the country to a dictatorship.

Deaths & Memorials

John M. Heard, 84, Orange

John Marvin Heard, 84, of Orange, died Thursday, December 30, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 2, 2022, at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in West Orange with Reverend Tommy Anthony, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home. Visitation was held prior to service at the church.

Born in Orange on October 2, 1937, he was the son of Irene (Longron) Heard and James Heard. John was a proud member of the Texas National Guard Reserves for 20+ years. He retired from Dupont Sabine River Works in Orange, Texas. John was a rice farmer and also a cattle rancher. He built White Oak Golf Course and was owner of Heard's Nursery and Landscaping.

He was a member of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church where he was lovingly known



John Heard

as Papa John and one of his favorite pastimes was to drive the church bus for seniors, youth and mission trips for the church. He was a beloved and proud husband, father and grandfather. John will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and James Heard; his beloved daughter, Shannah Heard; his in-laws, Ike and Dixie Peveto; his brother, James A. Heard and his brother-in-law, Julian Meadows.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Heard of Orange; daughters, Lisa Sparks and her husband, Mike, of Nederland, Johnnie Kay Harrell of Orange; grandchildren, Megan Jackson of Beaumont, Kevin Sparks and his wife, Jessica, of Nederland, Karlie Harrell and Katie Harrell of Orange; and his great granddaughter, Hensley Morgan.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike Sparks, Kevin Sparks, LeRoy Gomez, Lee Gomez, Chad Meadows, Eric Meadows, Wade Shartle and John B. Heard.

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ENDANGERED ATTENTION

How to Guard a Precious Gift

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When we give someone our full attention — our patient, focused, self-forgetful gaze — we look a little like God. The glory of God consists partly in the fact that he, unlike the gods of wood and stone, pays attention to his people (1 Kings 18:29; 2 Chronicles 7:15; Psalm 34:15). No distraction averts his gaze; no interruption snaps his focus. The true God is a perfectly attentive God — and when we offer our full attention to others, we look a little like him.

At the same time, of course, our attention is amazingly unlike God's. God can give his full focus ten trillion places at once; we must choose one among the trillions. God's sight can range through all space and time; our two little forward-facing eyes frame our sight here and now. God can walk through the million-acre orchard of life and see every piece of fruit; we must stop before this tree, this branch, this apple.

Which means human attention is one of the most precious gifts we have to give. By it, we offer another creature the dignity of our loving regard. We humble ourselves to know and be known. We invite someone or something to stamp us, even for just a moment, with their unique, surprising existence.

And perhaps never more so than in an age like ours, when human attention is an endangered species.

Lessons for Stewarding Attention

Over half a century ago, the great Martyn Lloyd-Jones groaned,

The world and the organizations of life around and about us make things almost impossible; the most difficult thing in life is to order your own life and to manage it. . . . There are so many things that distract us. . . . Every one of us is fighting for his life at the present

time, fighting to possess and master and live our own life. (Spiritual Depression, 209)

There are so many things that distract us. Lloyd-Jones had distractions like the morning newspaper in mind. What would he say of a society where most live with a newspaper-television-camera-telephone-radio-mailbox strapped to our hand? We are all fighting for our lives — and whether we realize it or not, fighting for our attention, fighting to possess and master and give our attention, rather than having it taken from us.

And fight is the right word, for the stakes are high. We cannot follow Jesus without giving him our attention (Mark 4:24; Hebrews 2:1). We cannot become like Jesus without attentively beholding him (2 Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 12:1-3). And we cannot love like Jesus without offering others our unhurried, undistracted, calm, attentive regard.

How then can we steward our limited, precious, endangered attention? In short, by living as humans made in the image of God, rather than as gods made in the image of the Internet.

Simplify your inputs.

If you're like most people in the digital age, you take in far too much information every day — at least, far too much information to process, much less store as long-term knowledge. You wake up every morning subtly tempted to attend to the world as God does. And as always, those who reach for deity forfeit their humanity: by trying to give our attention everywhere, we weaken our ability to give it meaningfully anywhere.

We could look for support from neuroscience, which assures us that an abundance of information, especially the kind shot at us from the Internet's hundred firehoses, impoverishes memory and addicts us to distraction. In his landmark 2010 book *The Shallows*, for example, Nicholas

Carr writes, "The influx of competing messages that we receive whenever we go online not only overloads our working memory; it makes it much harder for our frontal lobes to concentrate our attention on any one thing" (194).

But neuroscience only confirms the anthropology we find in Scripture. Humans are far more tree-like than computer-like: information becomes knowledge and wisdom only as fast as water becomes fruit on the branch. Water cannot travel into roots and up trunks and through limbs in a moment; it takes time, and often requires the painfully slow process of meditation (Psalm 1:3). An abundance of information processed rapidly makes for distracted, superficial souls; a limited amount of information processed slowly makes for knowledge and that increasingly rare quality so lauded in Scripture: wisdom.

Consider, then, simplifying your inputs. Read less, but read better. Learn less, but learn better. Listen to less, but listen better. You cannot eat all the apples in life's information orchard; you would be foolish to try. So make peace with your gloriously limited humanity, and learn to choose and savor just a few.

Prioritize near over far.

For most of history, humans had no choice but to give their attention to those people and things that lay near at hand. Adam and Eve not only did not know what was happening outside Eden; they could not know. There was no Ancient Near East Times back then. So, what could they do but spend their waking hours de-

voted to what they could see?

Today, we are just as limited as our first parents, with just as many hours in the day and just as much capacity for focus, but with billions more objects vying for our attention. We no longer need concern ourselves with people who can talk back or with the sensory world. We can spend all our time on the digital side of the globe.

Such availability, however, has not fundamentally changed our responsibility. Though we can know nowadays about matters far beyond the garden called home, God still holds us responsible, first and foremost, for how well we love, care for, and attend to those people and callings within arm's reach.

What was once an inevitable fact of creaturely life now needs stating: proximity heightens responsibility. The Ephesians were to care for the whole church's households, but especially for their own (1 Timothy 5:8). The Galatians were to do good to all, but especially to fellow believers (Galatians 6:10). Israel fell under judgment, not for neglecting Edom's poor, but the poor within their own gates (Amos 8:4-6).

And if you are a normal, busy person, your nearest circles likely need all the attention you can give. Few of us can attend well to spouse and children, church members and neighbors, while also attending well to digital controversies, international news, and high-school friends' Instagram posts. Something must give, and we need not feel guilty for prioritizing the near over the far.

Don't just see, but notice.



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The muscle of attention strengthens or atrophies, in part, during everyday, ordinary moments. What do you do when you arrive somewhere five minutes early, or when you wait in line at the grocery store? Like so many, I find myself reaching for my shiny pocket rectangle, that beloved window into distant realms. But this window is also a shutter, closing my eyes to the realm right in front of me.

Creation has grown dim to many. We see without seeing and hear without hearing. The world's ecstasies have become a background hum; the color spectrum has turned to shades of gray. We have grown unrighteously unlike the God of Psalm 104, that Wonderer who never grows weary of gushing springs and valley beasts, branched birds and growing grass, schools of fish and the hidden deeps (Psalm 104:10-11, 12, 14, 25-26).

We have also become unlike the attentive Jesus, that Psalm-104 God made flesh. He had a way of noticing what others only saw, didn't he? The disciples saw some birds and flowers; he noticed God's fatherly hand (Luke 6:22-31). The crowds saw seeds and yeast; he noticed the coming kingdom (Matthew 13:31-33). The multitudes saw a blind beggar; Jesus noticed Bartimaeus himself, in all his desperate need (Mark 10:46-52).

In Jane Austen's *Emma*, as the heroine finds herself waiting at a storefront with only a dull street outside, the narrator tells us, "A mind lively and at ease, can do with seeing nothing, and can see nothing that does not answer" (174). Yes, a mind lively and at ease — a mind attentive — need not reach compulsively for the

pocket. It can do with seeing what seems like nothing, because in that "nothing" is the handiwork of God, ready to answer our gaze. Do you notice?

Live in the attention of God.

Scripture's charge to "pay attention" almost always includes God or his words as the object. So, he calls his people to pay attention to "all that I have said to you" (Exodus 23:13), "my words" (Jeremiah 6:19), "the prophetic word" (2 Peter 1:19), or simply, "me" (Isaiah 51:4). Yet when we give him our attention, we find that he has already given us his (Psalm 34:15).

Perhaps many need a Hagar moment, a moment of waking up to the presence of El-Roi, the God who sees us (Genesis 16:13) — and in Christ, the God who sees us graciously, ever and always. We do not find, when we look to him, a God who gives us half his attention, or half of himself, but all: his full gaze, under his full grace, now and for endless ages.

Nothing so shapes our attention like living — daily, adoringly — in the loving attention of God. Turn your eyes upon him at first rising, and see his eyes turned to you. Speak to him in the day's lulls, and find his ear open. Return to him before shutting your attention off for the night, and then lie down knowing his will not.

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Things that go bump in the mud

OUTDOORS
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Chuck Uzzle

Here in Texas there are a few things that are common from Sabine to Baffin at this time of the year and everyone who calls the coast or saltwater home has an idea what those things are.

Probably the biggest and most common factor is the wind, you just can't escape those big gusts that seem to come around every weekend. The wind is a constant factor and most anglers eventually figure out how to deal with the uncomfortable conditions, some seek shelter in protected waters while others just brave the waves and tough it out.

Now aside from the obvious comparisons about the wind the other common factor that plagues anglers during this time of the year is muddy water. Nothing will run off the weekend angler like muddy off colored water. The misconception about not being able to see in the dirty stuff has cost many a fisherman a good day on the water.

A good friend of mine, Mac McCune who happens to be in the business of managing freshwater lakes, opened my eyes up about so called muddy water one day while we were fishing on Sabine Lake. We were about half way across the lake heading southeast towards an area where we had been catching some pretty respectable fish. As we approached I could see that the run off from up north had begun to work it's way down the lake and the water that only days before had been so perfect no looked like a stale Yoo-Hoo poured on a brown paper bag. Mac could tell I wasn't real happy about the hand we

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NFL playoff picture almost complete, Cowboys in view

KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Normally, last weekend's National Football League schedule would be over and the playoff schedule for the opening Wild Card Round would be set for this weekend.

But, due to the greedy NFL hierarchy, the normal 16-game schedule was extended to 17 games in the spring meeting, with the league arguing that it wanted an 18-game schedule while the NFL Players Association wanted to keep it at 16. So, there was a compromise for 17 games.

The National Football Conference got its number one seed late Sunday night when the Green Bay Packers outclassed the Minnesota Vikings 37-10 in near zero temperatures (which is just the way the Packers like it).

When the playoffs begin the weekend of Jan. 15, every game the Packers play (except for the Super Bowl, of course) will be on the frozen tundra of Green Bay where the team is 22-2 since 2019.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers seems to get better with each game and has gone six straight games without an interception.

The Dallas Cowboys had a shot at the No. 1 seed until the Arizona Cardinals came to Jerry Jones' Palace in Arlington Sunday and hung a 25-22 loss on our Pokes. And with an 11-5 record compared the Green Bay's 13-3, the Cowboys were mathematically eliminated from having all their playoff games at home.



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The Los Angeles Rams won by the skin of their teeth (20-19) over Baltimore despite quarterback Matthew Stafford thinking he still was wearing a Detroit

uniform by throwing two interceptions—one a Baltimore pick-six—and fumbling in the red zone.

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Toyota ShareLunker Program Kicks Off

Staff Report
For The Record

ATHENS – The month of January begins a new year and with it the beginning of the 36th season of the Toyota ShareLunker program when anglers across the state, and for that matter the nation, cast their lines and fish for Largemouth Bass in Texas' world class fisheries. The Toyota ShareLunker program has played an integral part in making Texas a destination for hundreds of thousands of anglers in search of this prized sport fish.

The 2021 season 35 was one for the record books. Last year saw multiple milestones reached and memories made by anglers and the dedicated Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries staff that make the program a success. Anticipation is high for what 2022 could have in store for anglers across the state and the nation.

What better way to jump start the new year than to grab a pole and hit the water in search of a 13-pound plus Largemouth Bass. Nothing beats the feel of the line being cast, seeing the lure land on the water, and the anticipation of a strike from a possible fish of a lifetime.

"We are excited to kick off another ShareLunker season," said Toyota ShareLunker Program Coordinator Kyle Brookshear. "The Sharelunker program contributes to the selective spawning and stocking of these world-class offspring and also helps us gather vital catch and genetic data to help our fisheries biologists better manage trophy bass populations throughout the great fisheries of Texas."

During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13+ pound bass can loan it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 until April 1, 2022.

Anglers who catch and donate one of these 13+ lunkers earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with

merchandise, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica mount of

their Lunker fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy. These anglers will also receive entries into two separate drawings—a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize

Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

The year-round Toyota

ShareLunker program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds or 24 inches in Texas. The 2022 season offers an opportunity to join the special club of premier anglers who have submitted a Legacy class ShareLunker.

Anglers who enter data for any lunker they catch greater

than 8 pounds or 24 inches during the calendar year 2022 also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or boat and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and annual fishing license.

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Debbie Baker of Wartrace, Tennessee, caught this 13.26-pound largemouth bass from Falcon Reservoir on December 20. The fish was 25 inches long and 20.125 inches in girth. It is Toyota ShareLunker No. 474. (Photo: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

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ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+).

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or on the Toyota ShareLunker online app at TexasSharelunker.com.

In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers can also provide a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship

of Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of fisheries, state parks and wildlife projects.

Prize donors including Bass Pro Shops, Lake Fork Taxidermy, American Fishing Tackle Co., Stanley Jigs and Sixth Sense Lures also provide additional support for this program.

For updates on the Toyota ShareLunker Program, visit facebook.com/sharelunker-program/ or TexasSharelunker.com.

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The Rams still lead the NFC West Division by a single game over Arizona and host rival San Francisco Sunday. The Cardinals host inconsistent Seattle in Sunday's finale.

Tampa Bay and Dallas join Green Bay as division champions and will probably rest some of their star players Sunday because their final opponent is either already eliminated (Carolina) or in the playoffs (Philadelphia). The Packers play Detroit which is in the hunt for the No. 1 pick in the upcoming 2022 NFL draft.

The Eagles came back from a 16-7 halftime deficit and with a pair of fourth period field goals upended Washington 20-16 and secure a playoff berth for the fourth time in five years.

The Philly fans were so excited they all crowded the railing to cheer the players as they went into the tunnel. The railing broke and several fans fell to the concrete, with one barely missing quarterback Jalen Hurts, who really could have gotten hurt.

Tampa Bay had a weird incident occur during the third period of the Buccaneers' comeback behind 24-20 victory over the Jets in New York. Troubled wide receiver Antonio Brown—who many feel like he's Hall of Fame material—took off his gear, threw it to the crowd and walked off the field bare-chested.

Two of his closest friends, O.J. Howard and fellow wideout Mike Evans, tried to calm him down, but to no avail. The story, according to ESPN, was that Head Coach Bruce Arians told him to go into the game and Brown refused and then walked off saying he quit. Arians said after the game that Antonio Brown was no longer a Buc.

The American Football Conference was a lot less hectic although Kansas City lost its chance to be the No. 1 seed as the red-hot Cincinnati Bengals scored 17 points in the second half—including a game-winning 20-yard field goal as time ran out—to upset the Chiefs 34-31.

Bengals' Joe Burrow became the first NFL quarterback with 400 passing yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions in back-to-back games.

The No. 1 seed went to Tennessee which smushed the Miami Dolphins 34-3 and won the AFC South championship. It was the franchise's first back-to-back titles since it was the Houston Oilers in 1960-1962. The

Titans finish the season at Houston, against the hapless Texans and their 4-12 record.

The New England Patriots earned a playoff berth by crushing Jacksonville 50-10 and remain in contention for the AFC East championship with their 10-6 record, the same as the Buffalo Bills. Rookie quarterback Mac Jones threw three touchdown passes while Damien Harris and Rhamondre Stevenson each rushed for two scores.

The victory by the Patriots gave Head Coach Bill Belichick his 20th 10-win season as a head coach, tying Don Shula for the most in NFL history.

KWICKIES...

I bet there was a mad dash for the casinos that accepted football wagers by Alabama fans after the early betting line favored Georgia by 2 ½ points in Monday's National Championship game. I predict the odds will change by kickoff time with the Crimson Tide favored by at least a field goal and maybe even a touchdown.

Don't be surprised if quarterback Russell Wilson will be playing his final game in a Seattle Seahawks' uniform Sunday at Arizona. He wants out and Head Coach Pete Carroll may be on his way out too, via the firing route.

Of the 43 bowl games played in the last three weeks, five were canceled, 17 teams covered the point spreads, 14 wrong winners were picked by the gurus and five won but did not cover the spread.

Tampa Bay's Tom Brady is the second quarterback in NFL history with back-to-back 40 passing touchdown seasons. The first was Drew Brees.

JUST BETWEEN US...

There weren't too many sports fans who didn't know or care for John Madden, who passed away at age 85 last week. He was my favorite sports announcer and always came up with information I used in my weekly sports column. Most NFL players and sportscasters who met him were friends with him right to the end. He made gobs of money in all of his endeavors that will give his family a comfortable life.

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Transgenic industrial hemp plants growing under plant selection media at the Texas A&M AgriLife Multi-Crop Transformation Facility. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Marco Molina)

Delta-9 THC is one of the plant cannabinoids with psychoactive properties that occur in the marijuana plant and are present in the hemp plant in much smaller quantities, less than 0.3%. Hemp crops with Delta-9 THC levels above 0.3% may be impounded and destroyed, so producers must be extremely careful to not allow their CBD, fiber or grain hemp crops to exceed that threshold.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Growing Together Research Inc., GTR, undertook a partnership in August 2020 to develop and optimize protocols for genetic transformation of industrial hemp for commercial use cases. GTR is an Indiana-headquartered biotechnology company focused on computational genomics and bioengineering of the hemp organism.

Recently, AgriLife Research and GTR achieved the significant breakthrough of demonstrating successful stable transformation and regeneration of an industrial hemp cultivar, said Michael Thomson, AgriLife Research plant breeder and H.M. Beachell Rice Chair in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

Thomson led the AgriLife Research team, consisting of post-doctoral associate Nikolaos Tsakirpaloglou,



Marco and Mayra Molina show in vitro and ex vitro examples of hemp plants at their lab on the Texas A&M campus. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)



Transgenic industrial hemp plants growing under plant selection media at the Texas A&M AgriLife Multi-Crop Transformation Facility. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Marco Molina)

graduate student Leonard Herndon, and research specialists Marco Molina and Mayra Molina, both at the AgriLife Multi-Crop Transformation Facility. The facility is located within the Texas A&M Borlaug Center, Bryan-College Station.

The project combines AgriLife Research's strengths in plant transformation with GTR's experience and capabilities in gene discovery and computational bioinformatics and genomics.

A man and a woman hold small hemp plants on a petri dish and other containers

Marco and Mayra Molina show in vitro and ex vitro examples of hemp plants at their lab on the Texas A&M campus. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

"Together, we are developing a hemp line that will essentially produce zero Delta-9 THC, and therefore guarantee lower than 0.3% THC levels under any growing environment," Thomson said.

"We are delighted to partner with AgriLife to show that it is possible to fully unlock the promise of industrial hemp for American farmers," said Sam Proctor, chief executive officer of GTR. "AgriLife and GTR are demonstrating that industrial hemp, like other agricultural commodities, can be studied and analyzed for the benefit of producers, consumers and other actors in the supply chain."

Hemp is known to be difficult to perform stable genetic transformation, largely due to a very low shoot regeneration rate, said Marco Molina. Marco and Mayra Molina are developing and testing protocols for hemp transformation and characterizing transformed progeny.

"We are responsible for executing hemp transformation in the laboratory after receiving the plasmid/construct with the gene of inter-

est," Marco Molina said. "So far, we have seen very successful and promising results."

Partnering for progress

According to Carl Muntean, AgriLife Research acting director for corporate engagement and research support, this project demonstrates the advantages of successful collaboration between AgriLife Research and private sector partners that focus on connecting scientific advances with real-world commercial applications.

The recent success has set the stage to move industrial hemp into the mainstream, similar to mass-market agri-

cultural commodities such as corn and soybeans that have been transformed and optimized by market participants for decades, Proctor said.

GTR has partnerships with wholesale hemp producers that provide avenues for commercialization.

"One of the most exciting aspects of this collaboration is the direct connection between scientific research and direct benefit to market participants," Proctor said. "There is a clear need for American farmers to have more and better options when it comes to growing legally compliant industrial hemp, and the collaboration between AgriLife and GTR can deliver that result."

DAR meetings in Bridge City every third Tuesday

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. To become a member, a woman must be 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. She must provide documentation, as well as the Revolutionary War service of her Patriot ancestor.

DAR promotes Patriotism, Historical Preservation, Educational, Veterans and Women's issues. For additional information contact Bertie Herman, Regent, at 409-735-5253 or 409-960-4560

Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

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

Entertainment Guide: Concert venues for 2022



The iconic Sir Elton John will be performing in his worldwide "Farewell Tour" at the Toyota Center in Houston on January 22.

**TOMMY MANN JR.
FOR THE RECORD**

The amount of national artists performing

in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana for the rest of the month is amazing, and the quality of those acts is equally impressive. Take a look at the list below to schedule some

weekend fun in 2022.

- Jan. 7, 2022 Maddie and Tae, House of Blues, Houston
- Jan. 14, 2022 Dean Dillon, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor
- Jan. 15, 2022 Keith Sweat, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 The Oak Ridge Boys, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 22, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 28, 2022 Michael Bolton, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 29, 2022 JoJo Siwa, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 4, 2022 Tool, Blonde Redhead, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 8, 2022 Steve Vai, House of Blues, Houston
- Feb. 10, 2022 Travis Tritt: Solo Acoustic, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Kansas, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 17, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 25, 2022 Ghost, Volbeat, Smart

Financial Center, Sugar Land

- March 12, 2022 Casey Donahew Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 12, 2022 Dua Lipa, Toyota Center, Houston
- March 25, 2022 Johnny Rivers, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 26, 2022 Tracy Lawrence, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 27, 2022 Tyler the Creator, Toyota Center, Houston
- April 16, 2022 Dustin Lynch, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.
- April 23, 2022 John Mayer, Toyota Center, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Jerry Cantrell, House of Blues, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Morgan • Wallen, Hardy, Larry Fleet, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.
- April 29, 2022 Justin Bieber, Toyota Center, Houston
- May 19, 2022 New Kids on the Block, Toyota Center, Houston
- July 24 Styx, REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

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had been dealt so he asked me what was wrong as we continued to search the area. I explained about how the water clarity was terrible and no self respecting would be anywhere close to this ugly water. Mac calmly reached down into the cooler, found an empty clear plastic water bottle, dipped it into the water, and filled it up for examination. "This water isn't so bad when you look at it from the angle of the fish" he said as he held the bottle up and peered through the sides. "It looks bad from where we are but you can actually see pretty well when you look through it instead of down into it" he added. Sure enough once you looked through the water in the way a fish would you could see much better than I first thought, that was a lesson I never forgot as we proceeded to catch fish in the same water I had been ready to give up on only minutes before. Now muddy water has its own particular personality and certain adjustments will have to be made in order to be successful. One benefit that muddy water presents at this time of the year is that it will be warmer than ultra

clear water on average. The suspended particles in the water will hold heat better therefore the temperatures will be warmer. This especially holds true on outgoing tides where warmer water exits marshes and shallow flats. Places where the warmer, muddy or off colored water enters a bay or lake are magnets for predator fish as they often hide on the color change or streak and ambush their prey. The great thing about a situation like this is that there are tons of places where you can make this pattern work for you because every bay system has plenty of drains where the water moves during tide changes. These places can produce some amazing fishing and the crazy thing is that it can be so predictable. One winter on Sabine we keyed in on a small stretch of shoreline that had 6 or 8 drains and small ditches where water entered and exited the marsh. While wading we could feel the temperature difference in the water on the outgoing tides and that was all we needed to know as we started to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Soon we were in one of those freak

stretches where you could do no wrong and you felt every cast was going to produce another big fish. It was obscene how many fish came from such small areas as they just stacked up in the mouths of these little ditches where the murky water met the clear, I still have really vivid memories of those trips and it still makes me shake my head when I think about it. Well now that we have conquered our fear let's get a handle on what types of baits will best produce under these particular conditions. One lure that is gaining mass acceptance in saltwater

that really shines in the muddy water is a spinnerbait. The vibration from the blade is a real attractor as fish key in on the bait. Varied retrieves with erratic movements will trigger vicious strikes from all different species of fish. Redfish have long been targeted the most by spinnerbaits but speckled trout and flounder will crush them just as fast. The spinnerbait allows anglers a wide array of versatile presentations as well as the opportunity to cover plenty of water in short fashion. The preferred model in muddy water would have to be a model sporting a single Colorado blade and a soft plastic with a paddle tail for extra added vibration.

This combination works well under these conditions. Another bait that also comes from the freshwater family of lures like the spinnerbait and is gaining more acceptance by the day is the crankbait. Small short lipped models like the 1 Minus from Manns are right at home in the off colored water. The wiggle and vibration that is given off during the retrieve is a fish catching marvel, these baits really produce. Other proven offerings would have to include top-water plugs and soft plastics with paddle tails as well. Darker colors seem to work best for me but could just be my security blanket if you know what I mean. I believe the biggest factor is noise or

vibration so the fish can key in on the bait when it's tougher to actually see the bait. Two of the biggest trout I ever caught came from some of the worst looking water I ever fished so you can understand why I believe that you can have success even when the water color or clarity is not the best. The biggest obstacle is convincing yourself that you can actually catch fish in places like this and really giving the area a chance. Once you get over the mental hang up associated with the thought of "I can't see in this water so there must not be any fish here" you will undoubtedly become a better fisherman.

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Seed Germination: Get a Jump-Start on Spring

John Green
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Has winter finally arrived in SETX? Well maybe, at least for a couple of cold days and frigid nights it has, making this the perfect time to review the litany of seed and gardening catalogues which have been piling up over the past several weeks. Seed catalogues are filled with detailed, useful information for gardeners and reviewing them provides an opportunity to learn new plant seed varieties available and to determine if they are a good match for our gardens. Perhaps you are searching for open-pollinated varieties of heirloom seed or maybe hybridized seed which are more robust? One of my all-time favorite seed catalogues is Totally Tomatoes. This catalogue has pepper and other vegetable seed varieties as well, but its focus is tomato growers. They literally have hundreds of tomato varieties from heirloom to some amazing new hybrids, many of which will grow well in our SETX growing environment. Once seed selections are determined, place your order quickly. Seed quantities are limited, and seed vendors sell out fast but also time is needed to start the germination process in preparation of spring planting. The sooner the better-having seeds on hand now will provide you with time necessary to grow seedlings and make them ready for transplanting.

The Farmer's Almanac states the last frost date for Orange is March 10th. Weather patterns are changing, becoming less predictable, so from the end of February to the end of March is the window of last frost opportunity. If you want to get an early start for spring planting, some gardeners start seeds indoors, a cold frame or a greenhouse. Starting plants from seeds is also economical since plants are more expensive to purchase.

If you are new to gardening or have never germinated seeds before you will find this information useful for starting seeds inside, so



Starting seeds. (image courtesy TXMG.org)

when outdoor temperature begins warming and stabilizing, you can plant your seedlings in your garden.

Some types of small pots are needed for seedlings to germinate. Upcycling old garden pots is always a good idea and a cost savings. Before using old garden pots make certain to thoroughly clean the pots using a mild bleach solution: one part bleach to nine parts water or using a cleaning product which kills germs and bacteria. Of course, this is after removing any remaining used soil from old garden pots. If small garden pots aren't available, substitute egg cartons (paper cartons are best), small cups, or toilet

and paper towel roll tubes. Seedling trays or peat pots can also be purchased from a local garden center.

Use a soil mix specifically made to start seeds as the soil mix must be very light, with the ability to hold moisture yet allowing air to permeate the soil. To make your own seed starting mix at home, sift together equal parts peat and vermiculite. Once sifted together, slowly add water to the soil and mix. Continue adding water to the soil mix until squeezing a handful of soil together forms a ball. You should not be able to squeeze out water of the ball of soil.

Now the sterilized containers can be filled with either the purchased seed soil mix or the home-made soil mix. Fill each container then lightly tap the container to ensure each container is filled adequately without pockets of air. The pots are ready for seeds to be planted.



Transplanting seedlings. (Image courtesy agrilifetoday.TAMU.org)

Many seed packages provide instructions stating to cover the seeds with at least ¼ inch of soil. Often by following these instructions, seeds will not germinate properly or if they do, only a few seeds will have sprouted. It is very possible and likely your seeds should not have been covered with soil. Most seeds need light to germinate so covering them with soil stops germination. There are also numerous seeds requiring dark for germination.

The proper amount of light or dark effects germination for various seeds, additionally, most need a minimum temperature of 60-70 to germinate. This means to germinate seed indoors search for a warm spot, such as the top of your refrigerator or freezer, as they will provide bottom heat for the seeds' containers. You might also consider purchasing heating mat designed for seedlings, to provide the necessary bottom heat for seed germination. Many heating mats cost about \$20 but mats with added features, such as thermostats provide more precise temperature control but typically at an added cost. Always be certain to keep the soil moist during germination by watering containers from the bottom.

For more information or to have your gardening questions answered please contact us:

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- Cut Above
- Optimist Village
- Roberts Meat Market (when they reopen)
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- Smith Law Firm
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AMERICAN AUTHORS

ACROSS

- Cause for a duel
- Nelson Mandela's org.
- "_____ in the shade"
- Andean people's chew
- "White Wedding" singer
- Like a haunted mansion
- South American tuber, pl.
- Type of cotton fiber
- Poor man's caviar
- Analyze
- Canter or gallop
- "A Farewell to Arms" author
- Like West Wing office
- Not silently
- "When We Were Kings" subject
- Hand over (2 words)

- Barbecued
- The Jackson 5 1970 hit
- Repressed
- "Alice Doesn't _____ Here Anymore"
- State of dishonor
- Three, to Caesar
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- Performer's time to shine
- "No.1 Ladies Detective _____" book series
- African migrator
- "The Night Watchman" author
- "Little Women" author
- Poor man's caviar
- Analyze
- Canter or gallop
- "A Farewell to Arms" author
- Latin dance
- Club on the links
- Kind or courteous
- Los _____, CA
- Round feed storage
- Not odd

- Colonial times laborer
 - Band performance
 - Theodores, to friends
- DOWN
- Flat-bottomed boat
 - Scottish lake
 - Antioxidants-rich berry
 - Popular primo dish in Italian restaurant, pl.
 - Bye, to Edith Piaf
 - Wanderer
 - Garbed
 - "Moby Dick" author
 - Length times width
 - Call someone, in the olden days
 - Poetic "ever"
 - Apple invention
 - Food contaminant
 - Run off to wed
 - Jean of Dadaism
 - Out of style
 - Find repugnant
 - Burn with coffee, e.g.
 - *Ursula K. Le _____

- Jargon
- It happens at a certain time and place
- First novel, e.g.
- Near in space or time
- Not a win nor a loss
- "Song of Solomon" author
- "Chronicles" author and songwriter
- *NY Times best-selling author Atkins or playing card
- Gambling venue
- Smidgins
- Young swan
- Eagle's nest
- Young salmon
- *Miss Lulu Bett" author
- Highest adult male singing voice
- Snake's warning
- Take as a wife
- Got A+
- Desires or cravings
- Sticky substance

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The annual board meeting and dinner for the Friends of the Orange Depot will be held on Thursday, January 6, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be at the depot located at 1210 Green Avenue. Spouses are invited to this special dinner and meeting. The newly elected president, Alicia Booker, will preside. As usual, there will be updates on Christmas season events that were held, as well as discussions on projects for the new year. All attending should respond to Rose Simar, Depot Manager, prior to the meeting.

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