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BC names Dalhart's Walker new boss

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Bridge City's city council voted Tuesday night to hire Brent Walker, assistant city manager in the Texas Panhandle, to be Bridge City's city manager.

Walker, who has worked for Dalhart, a city of 10,000, since 2013, was a unanimous choice.

He has a master's degree in public administration, a certificate in public finance and a Class C water license.

He will report for work Feb. 1, Mayor David Rutledge said.

"We're really excited," Rutledge said. "We think he brings a lot of necessary skills and experience to the job."

"And the thing about it, it was a unanimous decision and our city staff supported it wholeheartedly."

Bridge City received 12 applications to fill the city manager job vacated last week by the retirement of Jerry Jones.

The mayor and six-person



Walker

city council considered the resumes and invited four candidates for in-person interviews, which were held on consecutive evenings, Jan. 5 through Jan. 8.

They met again last week to review the four and consider which would be best fit for Bridge City.

"Definitely all 12 people were considered and I feel that the best person was chosen," Place 3 Councilwoman Tammi Fiset said.

"I think he'll be a guy that benefits the city," Place 2 Councilman Mike Reed said.

"He's interested in developing the city, kind of branding the city," Aaron Roccaforte, Place 1 Councilman, chimed in.

"... So people know we're here," Reed said.

According to Rutledge, Walker has been assistant city manager for Dalhart for four years after serving as finance chief for five years.

★ Brown Hearing Centers Celebrates 60 Years In Orange ★



The term family business is appropriately applied to the Brown Hearing Centers located in Orange and celebrating 60 years since it's founding by Lee and Dorothy Brown. Three generations of family members have worked during the last six decades to make the Brown Hearing Centers the place to go for people wanting to hear better. Pictured above are: Matthew Toohy, Casey Toohy, Eddie Toohy, Dorothy Brown, Karlene Toohy and Edward Toohy.

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Bridge fix frustrates OC commissioners

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For The Record

Mostly closed for repairs since mid-2017, the swing bridge on East Roundbunch Road, could be ready to reopen soon, a repairman said Tuesday.

But if it happens soon, don't look for Orange County to operate it.

What had historically been a favorite shortcut between Bridge City and Chemical Row is currently undergoing repairs for at least the third time since the Texas Department of Transportation replaced the old bridge a couple of years ago.

The bridge was shut down in July of 2017 after being declared unsafe.

It has been open to automobiles off and on for a while, but was closed again Monday for repairs. It is scheduled to reopen to traffic Friday.

"We all know that bridge is a lemon," Orange County Commissioner Johnny Trahan declared when the subject came up at a commissioners court meeting in December.

County Engineer Corey Oldbury didn't disagree.

"I really don't feel it's in our best interest to have this

bridge, but we're stuck with it," he said.

"Well, we don't have it yet," County Judge John Gothia said.

"If we had taken ownership of this bridge three months ago, we'd have been out way in excess of several hundred thousand dollars just to keep this bridge open."

The swing bridge over Cow Bayou was built to accommodate both auto traffic and tall vessels, such as barges full of material for Knife River or Burton Shipyard.

Instead of the roadway splitting and angling skyward to allow shipping

through, the bridge swings to the side.

The problem now with what was originally supposed to be an \$11.4 million project is that once the steel center of the bridge swings to the side, it is not closing properly.

"You can open it pretty quick," Gothia, the county judge, said last week. "But you have to manually close it and that takes 35 to 40 minutes, a long time."

"The problem," Oldbury said, "is not the main motors that turn the bridge. It's the

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Workers for Ragle Inc. work Tuesday to repair the swing bridge for E. Roundbunch Road across Cow Bayou. The roadway is scheduled to reopen this weekend.

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Mail-in voters must request ballots

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For The Record

A change in state law means Texas voters who are eligible to vote by mail must request from and turn in an application to vote by mail to the county in which they live.

They must register for the service each year now, election officials say.

"In the past, we were able to maintain a database of people 65 and older or disabled that wanted to be automatically mailed applica-

tions," Cheryl Bradley, elections clerk at the Orange County Elections Administration office, said.

"Every January we would mail the application to approximately 2,000 voters."

"But the last Legislature changed the law. Government entities (counties, cities or school districts) are not allowed to automatically send applications or solicit applications."

"People have to call us and ask for it."

Voters will then receive their ballots by mail.

In order to be eligible to vote by mail, Texans must be registered to vote (the deadline is Jan. 31 to vote in the March primary), be 65 or older, disabled, or be planning to be out of the county during both early voting and election day.

Those who wish to vote by mail should request an application by calling the Orange County Elections Administration office at 409-882-7973.

Or, they can find and print out an application on the county's website under the

Elections Administration department page at

https://www.co.orange.tx.us/media/Elections/2022/ABBM_REVISED%2012.02.21.pdf

The two-page can be filled out before or after it is printed, but the completed form, if printed back-to-back, can be folded in half and stamped and returned by mail.

Applications can also be dropped off weekdays at the Elections Administration office at 206 Border Street.

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Beto O'Rourke announces \$7.2 million in fundraising, Greg Abbott touts \$18.9 mil

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THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke raised \$7.2 million in the first 46 days of his campaign, while Republican incumbent Greg Abbott raked in \$18.9 million over the last six months as his war chest topped \$65 million.

Both campaigns announced their latest fundraising figures Tuesday morning, hours ahead of the deadline to report them to the Texas Ethics Commission. O'Rourke's campaign went first, touting his opening haul — which covers Nov. 15 through Dec. 31 — as unmatched by any Democratic campaign in state his-

tory. Abbott said in a statement his contributions "show just how excited Texans are for this campaign."

The figures confirm what has long been considered the case: O'Rourke is a strong fundraiser, but he is up against a juggernaut in Abbott, at least when it comes to the money the governor has saved up. O'Rourke did not release his cash-on-hand number, but he was effectively starting from scratch when he launched his campaign in November, and his \$7.2 million period means his cash on hand remains a fraction of Abbott's reserves. Abbott had \$55 million saved up for his reelection campaign at the end of June.

O'Rourke's campaign said he got over 115,600 contributions over the 46-day period, while Abbott's team said it received nearly 159,000 donations from July through December. Abbott's campaign said it had an average contribution of "just over \$119," while O'Rourke's team did not volunteer that number.

O'Rourke's latest fundraising number includes \$2 million that his campaign said he collected within 24 hours of announcing his run. Expectations have been high for O'Rourke's fundraising after he proved a fundraising phenom during his 2018 run against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, when he raised more than \$80 million.



Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke spoke during a November campaign kickoff event in Dallas.

PHOTO: Ben Torres for The Texas Tribune

O'Rourke was subject to federal campaign donation caps in that race; Texas has no such restrictions.

Abbott's haul was not entirely surprising. His campaign already reported raising \$9.5 million on a series of

reports that were due around the three, roughly month-long special legislative sessions that occurred during the half-year period.

"While Abbott is taking million-dollar checks from the CEOs who profited off of the grid collapse, we're receiving support from people all over Texas who want to ensure that our state finally leads in great jobs, world class schools and the ability to see a doctor," O'Rourke said in a statement.

Abbott ignored O'Rourke in his statement, saying his "donations will help us secure the future of Texas and keep us on a path towards an

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Helping people hear better, Brown Hearing turns 60

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The term family business is appropriately applied to the Brown Hearing Centers located in Orange and multiple other locations in Texas. The business celebrates its sixtieth year in operation this year.

Three generations of family members have worked during the last six decades to make the Brown Hearing Centers the place to go for people wanting to hear better. During that time over a hundred thousand customers have been able to hear life's sounds more clearly and communicate with relatives or friends more effectively.

The Brown Hearing Centers were started by Lee Brown, a U.S. Navy veteran, who was in the insurance business just for the money, but he was not very happy doing that. Brown and his wife Dorothy moved from Victoria, Texas to Palacios where Dorothy was from originally when he began selling hearing aids.

In the beginning it was literally a door-to-door business. At that time there was no license required for those administering hearing tests and all that was needed was the purchase of an audiometer. Lee would knock on the doors of residences in an effort to sell the hearing aids.

Brown adopted the motto "No Sale, No Eat" to encourage himself and later his family members in the business to make the sales necessary to put food on the table, but there was also the motivation to assist people with their hearing. "He liked the hearing aid business because he could see right away that he was helping people and that was real important to him," Dorothy related.

In 1962 the Browns moved to Orange and purchased an office from an ear, nose, and



Matthew Toohey performing curbside service for a patient at Brown Hearing Center in Orange.



Dorothy and Lee Brown as newlyweds. In 1962 the Browns moved to Orange and purchased an office from an ear, nose, and throat doctor that was jointly used by a podiatrist, a foot doctor. Dorothy recalled, "Sometimes we didn't know if the customers were coming in for their ears or their feet."

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Not all of the transactions were initially cash based. Lee's daughter Karlene Toohey reminded that Brown would actually trade or bar-

ter items with his customers for hearing aids. People without money might use produce from their gardens or other different products to exchange for the hearing aids.

A humorous example of such a transaction that Dorothy remembered was when Lee joked that he had brought "home the bacon" that day.

Payment was made with a little pig traded for the hearing aid. Lee's grandson Eddie Toohey observed that Brown may not have always been the best of traders, he just liked helping people to improve their hearing.

Through the years the main motivation for Lee Brown was helping people. "He was more interested in seeing the immediate look in their eyes whenever they could hear for the first time," Eddie Toohey emphasized.

Sixty years of helping people hear better have allowed the Brown family members to serve a huge number of customers. The idea of a family business comes into play again as the Brown Hearing Centers have helped generations of many families locally.

The elderly have been the primary customers for the business, but Dorothy has seen the clientele broaden to include younger members of families. Many of those families now include multiple generations of faithful customers with the Brown Hearing Centers.

The centers are operated by three generations of the family. Lee passed away in 2012, but his wife Dorothy still has input into how the business is run.

Daughter Karlene has a great business acumen, so while Lee enjoyed the selling and servicing part of the business, he turned the managing of the day to day operations over to her. Karlene was joined by her husband Eddie Toohey to manage the offices.

Karlene and Eddie have six sons, three of whom including the younger Eddie help operate the different offices in Texas. Brown Hearing Centers began in Orange and now include locations in Beaumont, Lumberton and Nederland within the Golden Triangle. Other locations are as far west as Bastrop,

Gonzales, and Cedar Park in the Austin area. There are also locations in Kirbyville, Trinity, Lake Jackson, and as far south as Bay City.

The addition of other offices is an answer to meeting the demand for better hearing not only in Texas, but also in Louisiana. "As our customer need base grew now we've got the main offices plus hundreds of service centers where we go to senior centers or nursing homes and provide our services because in smaller communities they can't support an office, but we can go once a month or so to provide the service," Karlene Toohey explained.

Eddie Toohey, her husband, came from a family that worked repairing televi-

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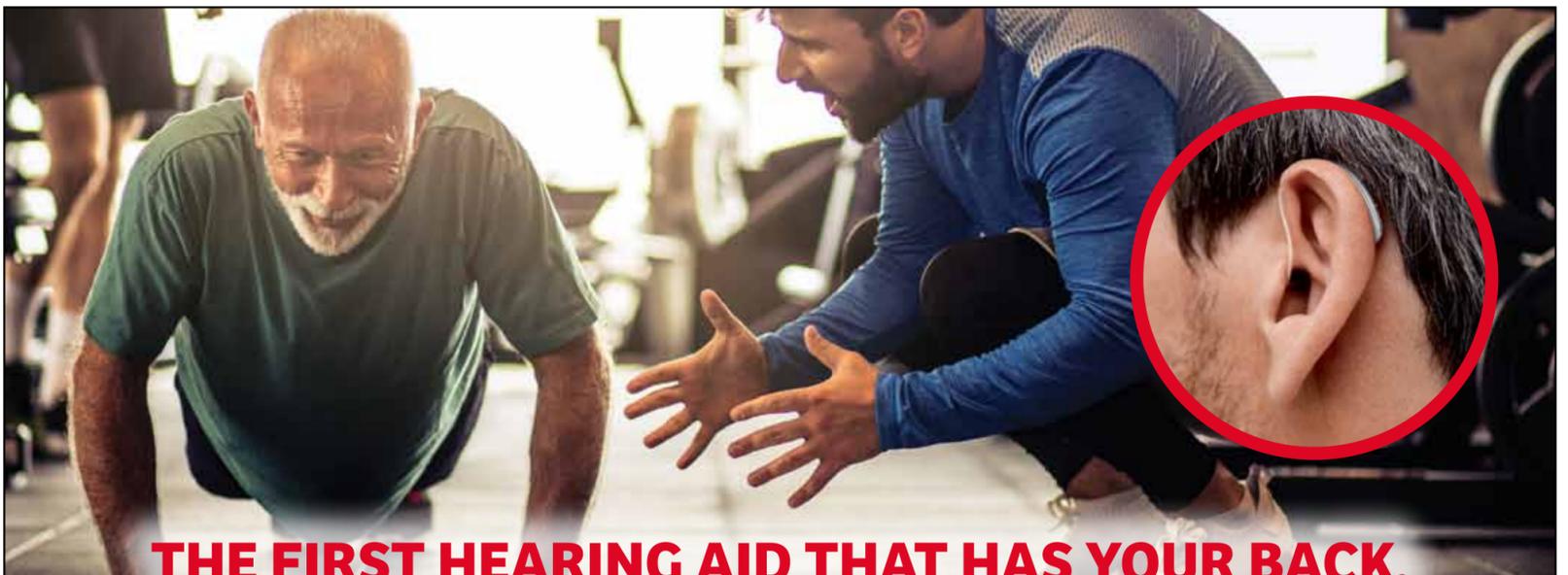
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Brown Hearing Centers From Page 2A

sions which is where he picked up a knowledge of electronics. Beginning in the 1980s the Brown Hearing Centers led by Toohey began manufacturing their own hearing aids.

Grandson Eddie indicated the Brown Hearing Centers was one of the only hearing aid manufacturers in Texas for nearly 30 years. The manufacturing of the hearing aids was discontinued in about 2016 because the Food and Drug Administration and the regulatory authorities became too burdensome shortly after the hearing aids became digital. It was more feasible to order the devices from other manufacturers than to invest in the newer equipment to meet the new government specifications and regulations.

In the time since the business first opened in 1962 the hearing devices have changed significantly from just an early analog hearing aid with no volume control or custom settings, to analog hearing aids that could be adjusted with a screwdriver, to programmable analog hearing aids, to digital programmable hearing aids. "Now we have hearing aids that can connect to your smart phone. You can stream music and phone calls, and you can be in Alaska and I can be here in Orange, Texas, and I can make custom programming adjustments to your hearing aids anywhere in the world remotely," Eddie Toohey stated.

Regulatory changes are coming according to Toohey, and the Brown Hearing Centers are waiting to see where that goes. Toohey indicated, "Talking to manufacturers and industry insiders, hearing aids are going to be around for the foreseeable future. There will be with the regulatory stuff coming up maybe some changes within the industry, and we've positioned ourself as a company to be ready for those changes if they come. So, we're three generations on and we can support a few more generations."

Eddie was one of the youngest people to be licensed in Texas to perform hearing exams. He started out selling the hearing aids and traveling all over the state from Orange to Inter-

state 45, and from Galveston all the way to the Oklahoma border. Now he is morphing into the managerial side including contract negotiations primarily in the Orange and Nederland locations.

Dorothy humbly admitted she was not always involved in the business on a daily basis, but she did have a hand in most of the major decisions concerning the building of this family business. Eddie pointed out his grandmother was a major part of the behind the scene actions in a corporate role with the company.

Karlene handles most of the office work for the business, only handing off those duties to her mother the six times Karlene went on maternity leave. She and her husband Eddie are still in charge of running the Brown Hearing Centers as a whole. "Now we're trying to transition to our children taking over that management of the business, so we're in a transition period right now to the next generation," Karlene said.

A third generation of a family operation in business is rare. Karlene pointed out that only about 30 percent of family-run businesses make it to the second generation. The Browns and Tooheys are in their third generation which is a testament to their faith in God, the foundation of the business established by their founders, and then to their great employees who are not all family members but are a key to the success of the Brown Hearing Centers.

Both Karlene and Eddie praised their employees that have worked for the business over the last 60 years. The average workplace has a changeover in employees every three to five years. Employees at the Brown Hearing Centers average close to twenty years with the centers, some have been there over thirty years.

As loyal as the employees are who work for the Brown Hearing Centers, the clients are lifelong. Eddie did a patient database which eliminated patients who have passed away or are no longer using the services of the centers and there were still over 10,000 records of clients who are current. Eddie replied, "I

have seen patients who will say 'my grandpa got hearing aids from Lee, and my dad got hearing aids from your dad.' So, we're not only in our third generation of ownership or third generation of management but on our third generation of patients."

Most customers hear about the Brown Hearing Centers through some form of marketing or from friends and family who have been previously helped. They are encouraged to call the office to make an appointment for testing with an in-depth screening of their hearing. If it is determined the patient needs or will benefit from a hearing aid an in-office demo is offered to them to see what it is going to be like and to experience the correction it will make to their hearing.

The purchase of a hearing aid from the Brown Hearing Centers does not conclude the services provided by them, but it does end the payments. Once the hearing aid is purchased all follow-up checkups or office visits are no charge to the patient. Only if repairs are needed to the hearing aids are any future payments required.

Most hearing aids last four to six years. Repeat customers for second or later hearing aids are very frequent at the Brown Hearing Centers. The centers try to get annual hearing tests done on their patients as part of the service provided so that if the patient loses more from their hearing the hearing aids can be reprogrammed or recalibrated to whatever the hearing loss has deteriorated to at that point.

Hearing aids are not necessarily designed to cure certain ear or hearing ailments like tinnitus. Wearing a hearing aid can cover up the ringing associated with the tinnitus. The technicians at Brown Hearing Centers are not doctors so they cannot perform any kind of ear surgery, but will recommend the patient to see their doctor for a follow-up or they will give a referral to an ear, nose, and throat specialist.

Family owned businesses are the life blood of this country. Karlene commented, "It's so important to do business with small family businesses because they need our support right now."

Brown Hearing Centers practice what they preach when it comes to using family businesses. They recently remodeled the office build-

ing in Orange using a family business to do the work. They also use a family business to provide the coffee service for the staff at the office. Karlene added they try to do business with small family businesses as much as possible.

As mentioned previously, the first priority in running this family business is a faith in God. "We really trust in God to provide for us and He does and He has. He has never failed us yet," Dorothy testified.

The business has been a vehicle Dorothy believes that God has used to see the family through the years including the establishment of a Bible college here in Orange. The Wisdom Bible Institute was begun near the start of the new millennium and lasted for thirteen years. It allowed the family to go on numerous mission trips and bring hearing aids to people in South America and Honduras. "It has been a huge blessing for us to be involved," Eddie concluded.

Dorothy said Lee's faith in God increased as the years went by and his business grew. Dorothy quoted the Bible from Matthew chapter 6 verse 33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." That has been the family's motto now for the last sixty years echoed by all three Dorothy, Karlene, and Eddie of each different generation.

Bridge fix From Page 1

motors that level the bridge when it's closed," Oldbury said last week.

Tuesday, a Ragle Inc. workman at the site said the problem was being caused by 18-wheel trucks with over-the-limit loads.

"This is not supposed to be for 18-wheelers," he said of the bridge.

Back in July, Oldbury replaced longtime Orange County Engineer Clark Slacum.

"It's been an issue the whole time I've been here," he said. "It has malfunctioned every time we've tested it."

The county has not accepted the bridge from TxDOT because of fears about maintenance and repair costs on the electric motors.

"Each time it failed the tests, they had to replace parts or motors," Gothia

said. "It's extremely expensive."

"We need it to be right. If we start fixing it on our dime, it'll eat up our money in the budget. TxDOT hired a contractor to do the reconstruction, so it's up to a contractor to get it right."

Oldbury was asked if TxDOT might consider ditching the swing bridge for a tall bridge such as the one crossing Cow Bayou on southbound Texas 87.

"A regular bridge would be nice," he said. "But now they've got too much sunk into this one."

Originally, TxDOT had scheduled to replace the bridge in late 2017 but a routine inspection in March 2017 declared it unsafe and caused immediate closure. Originally, the repair was to be completed in 2018.

Mail-in ballots From Page 1

Early voting for the primary runs from Feb. 14-25 and the primary election is March 1.

Besides state and federal offices, two county offices have drawn contested races in the Republican primary, with incumbent Joy Dubose-Simonton facing Candice Conroy Steele for the Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace seat and five men vying for the Precinct 2 Commissioner's seat being vacated by the retiring Theresa Beauchamp.

Orange County has about 54,000 eligible voters. A record 36,058 voted in the 2020 Presidential election, with 2,387 of those votes coming via mail.

Four years ago, 29,695 Orange County votes were cast in the November 2018 election for state and largely unopposed county officials, with 1,926 voting by mail.

In the March 2018 primary election for Orange County, a total of 9,113 votes were cast, 729 by mail.

Texas gubernatorial funding From Page 1

even brighter future."

The candidates face an end-of-day deadline to detail to the Texas Ethics Commission their finances for the last six months of 2021.

Both O'Rourke and Abbott have to get through March primaries before they can face each other in November. O'Rourke faces little serious competition, while Abbott has a group of challengers including former state Sen. Don Huffines of Dallas and former Texas GOP Chair Allen West.

Huffines announced Monday that he has raised \$12 million since launching his bid in May, suggesting he'll report roughly \$3 million in donations for the latest six-month period. However, his campaign did not volunteer any details about whether his next report will reflect any self-funding, which made up more than half the \$9.1 million he touted as his fundraising on the last six-month report, which went through June.



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From The Creaux's Nest

ANOTHER WEEK ROLLS AROUND

I'm going to start this column on a different footing this week. Let me tell you about our youngest saint, **Saint Agnes**, who is celebrated every January 21. Born in Rome to a noble family, **St. Agnes** was one of the first martyrs for the **Christian faith**. Though she was a beautiful young woman with many admirers, she wanted only to be a bride of **Christ** and consecrated herself to Him at a young age. Because she refused to marry, she was turned in to the authorities for being a **Christian** and sentenced to beheading. She died in 304 at the age of 13. According to **Saint Ambrose**, she "went to the place of her execution more cheerfully than others go to their wedding." Each year, the **Church** celebrates her feast day on January 21 with a papal blessing of a pair of lambs. The lambs' soft wool will be used to make "pallium," the vestment the pope places on the shoulders of new archbishops on June 29 each year.

VOTING SHOULD BE FAIR AND EQUAL

Voting is sacred and should be made easier for everyone to vote. It is cruel what the state of **Texas** and other states are doing to suppress votes for elderly and minority groups. Both tend to vote **Democratic**. In some cases, voters will have to wait over two hours in line to vote. Voting should be a given and made easy. To cause voter hardship is wrong and a form of stealing votes. They are afraid they can't win if everyone has an easy path to voting. **Trump** is not endorsing candidates that would do the best job, just those who will do what he tells them and that is akin to dictatorship. Voting will be made easier for some, harder for others. Voting for all citizens should be the same in all 50 states. To date we have no election fraud in this county but under the new law stealing an election will be made easier. The **party in power** will be able to replace members of the **Electoral College** and name their own members to flip the election to their benefit. **That would not be a fair election**. Every voter, regardless of party affiliation, should be for fair elections and a smooth transition of power. Otherwise we will no longer be a free democracy. We will become a third-world doctoral-type of government. **Trump** is working very hard to elect secretaries of state that will do his bidding to assure that the election results favor those of his choice. It seems the votes to pass a **Voters Rights** bill will fail for now but we must continue to insist that we have **fair elections**.

PRESIDENTS ARE GIVEN CREDIT AND BLAME THEY DON'T DESERVE

Inflation today is the highest in 40 years going back to 1982. At that time, gas prices at the pump reached nearly **\$4 gallon**. The president in 1982 was **Ronald Reagan**. Gas prices also reached **\$4 gallon** under **Obama**. Like **President Biden** they got blamed for high gas prices. The truth is that no president has anything to do with oil prices. Worldwide prices are set by **OPEC**. Also, most of the inflated prices have to do with the pandemic and the inability to move merchandise because of shortage of workers. The trucking industry needs **80,000 truck drivers** today and many workers in the shipping industry. Inflation usually does not last a long time; it's controlled by supply and demand. The only control the government has is to raise or lower interest rates. A president is often given credit for good times that he has nothing to do with or on the other hand, a president is blamed for some things he has no control over. Today, unemployment is at a record low **3.8 percent**. Over six million jobs have been added in the last year and the stock market is breaking all records, earnings are at its highest ever. When the last 80 years is averaged the **United States economy** is far above average on the good side. **President Biden's Build Back Better** plan would serve to curb inflation, while escalating living conditions to new heights not seen since the end of the **Great Depression** and **WWII**. The country is on the right track but needs bi-partisanship and a desire to work together to grow the country. What we face today is an attempt to stop all progress to benefit one party. We should count our blessing that we are not being **choked by a one dictator-type party**, where control is in the hands of one person. Thank God our democracy is still in tact.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

Joe Paterno, 85, who won more games, 409 in 46 seasons, than any other major college football coach and became the face of **Pennsylvania State University** and a symbol of integrity, only to be fired during the 2011 season over a child sexual abuse scandal by an assistant coach died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012. He died as he lived, he fought hard and stayed positive and reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been. I find it sad that such a good man as **Joe Paterno**, died with an awful scandal hanging over his head that was not of his doing. He now joins the great **Bear Bryant**. They can spend time making O's and X's and reliving the glory days. **Gov. Perry** spent \$15 million and received 14,000 votes. More than \$1 million per thousand votes. He got two delegates, \$7.5 million for each one, plus Texas citizens had to pitch in \$2 million for **Rick's** security and he also set the image of **Texas** back to the cow-

boy and Indian days. **Last week the Wednesday Lunch Bunch**, dining at **Robert's**, had the pleasure of having former county commissioner **Marcelle Adams** stop by. She never meets a stranger even though most of the crew were longtime friends. Also dining with **Marcelle** was former longtime **Bridge City** teacher and councilor and also principle at **Deweyville**, **Joy Scarborough**. She is a beautiful lady who admits to being 83 years old but could pass for 10 years younger. She always seems to be on the go. She also makes the world's best candy, special fudge loaded down with nuts and secret ingredients. **Mark Dunn** just happened to be one of the many students she taught so they enjoyed a great visit. **We had several visitors** this week. Among them were **Johnny Montagne** and **Al Justice**. **Al** reports his mother, **Lois**, is doing well. **Ian**, one of our interns, is a student of his lovely wife **Michelle**, who teaches at **Lamar Port Arthur**. **Johnny** deer hunted all winter but never saw the trophy deer he wanted so he didn't kill any. Grandson **Blaze** however brought us a nice deer that was processed at **K-Dans**. **Quincy Procell**, despite two bad knees, is out making the rounds, explaining how important voting is. **Democratic Chairman Mark Carter** will be entering the hospital for another back surgery on Feb. 1. **Our longtime friend**, a beautiful gal in a small package, **Mickey Litton**, is recovering from a broken vertebra sustained in an auto accident several weeks ago. She crawls along but like dad **Moe**, she's tough. **Our buddy King Dunn** is still having some health issues. **State Senator Robert Nichols**, from **Jacksonville**, stopped by. He's a personable guy. He will be our senator in the new line up. At least he's not from, the **Woodlands**. **Special folks** celebrating their special day this week: First a belated happy birthday to **Judge Janice Menard**, a nice, pretty, olive-skinned Cajun lady who celebrated her special day on Sunday, Jan. 22. **Mike Faulk**, a good man who gave back to his community, several years ago suffered a stroke. Today, he is in the same Orange nursing home as **Ace Amadeo**. Jan. 25 is **Mike's** birthday and we wanted to recognize him and send best wishes. **Also celebrating** on Jan. 25 is **Payton LaFleur**. **Our neighbor** on Henrietta St., historian **Roy McDonald**, turns 87 on Jan. 25. **One of our favorite people**, **Nancy Vincent**, who we don't see often enough, celebrates on Jan. 26.

20 Years Ago-2002

Andrew Hayes becomes the first **African American** to become superintendent of **West Orange-Cove School district**. **Hayes** is also the first person to have risen through the ranks, from teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal. **Little Cypress-Mauriceville** also selected its current superintendent from its ranks. **Pauline Hargrave** replaces **Lamar Hebert**, who retired last year. **Robert Montagne** was not only a teacher and principle before becoming superintendent; he also attended school in the district and is an **Orangefield High** grad. **On a very sad note**, 11-year-old **Dustin Brack** lost his life Saturday, Jan. 19, in a skiing accident, while on a church trip. Service was held Wed., Jan. 23. He was the son of **Darla and Dan Brack, Jr.** **Gene Rutledge**, 81, also passed away Jan. 17. The former postmaster served in the **Army Air Corp in WWII** as a B-26 pilot. He leaves wife **Lennie**, children **Calvin**, **David** and **Winnie** and grandchildren. Service was held Sun., Jan. 20. **County clerk Karen Jo Vance** joined 400 county and district clerks at a seminar at **Texas A&M**. **On Jan. 24**, **Jordan Humble** turns five-years-old. (Editor's note: Just think, today that boy is 25 years old.) **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** gives up the gavel as president of **Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission**. He passed it on to **David Moore**, Beaumont mayor. Commissioner **John Dubose** and West Orange mayor, **Roy McDonald**, will represent **Orange County**.

45 Years Ago-1977

Jeff Fruge, Orangefield football star, is named to **AA All State Team**. **Bobby Smitherman** named **Citizen of the Year** by **Bridge City Chamber**. **Former sheriff Chester Holt** is hospitalized after suffering a massive heart attack. **The Bridge City girl's basketball team** remains undefeated in district play. **Don Campbell** is appointed **Go-Texas Ambassador** for the 1977 Houston Livestock Show. Other members are **Don Katchik**, **Elaine Meyers** and **Wayne Fredrick**. **Robert Nelson** is installed as president of the **Orange Noon Lions Club**. Other officers are **Victor Campbell**, **W.E. Pritchett**, and **Oscar Dominques**.

50 Years Ago-1972

Opportunity Valley News representatives attended **Super Bowl VI** in **New Orleans** as guest of the **National Football League**. The game was played at **Tulane Stadium**. **The Dallas Cowboys** shredded the **Miami Dolphins** 24-3. **O.V.N.** publisher **Roy Dunn**, sports writer **Pete Runnels** and editor **Lee Grimsley**, from Orange County, arrived on Saturday, picked up their packets at the NFL headquarters then made the town. Sunday morning they attended the NFL breakfast with 257 sports writers from around the country. In a poll of sports writers 136 had **Dallas** winning and 121 picked **Miami**. Several large vans picked the group up at the hotel for escort to the stadium. "We had access to everything but on field photography," **Runnels** said. "In the press box we were served snacks, including caviar, and any drink we wanted. We had dressing room passes and got many photos and interviews." **Dunn** said, "One of his highlights was visiting with **Jim Brown**. **Duane Thomas** (nicknamed **Sphinx**) was represented by **Jim Brown**. He and **Tom Landry** weren't speaking and there was friction between **Thomas** and the team." **Roger Staubach** was named **Super Bowl MVP** and got a new sport's car. **Toby Smith**, from Beaumont, **Cowboy's** first round pick, just got in for a few plays but most of the **Cowboys**, including **Bob Lilly**, felt he would be a great defensive lineman in the **NFL** for many years. Just a few of the **Cowboys** the trio got to visit with were **Walt Garrison**, **Dan Reeves**, **Bob Hayes**, **Leroy Jordan**, **Mel Renfro**, **Calvin Hill**, **Lance Alworth**, **John Niland**, **Chuck Howley**, **Cornell Green** and **Staubach**. Eight pages of pictures and interview coverage appeared in the **OVN**, a collectors publication. Plenty of stories could be told about that 36-degree day and the two day trip. The best story of all is how a small weekly newspaper made it to the **Super Bowl** when other area dailies didn't. Someday maybe **Roy** will print that interesting story. **SIDEBAR**: The great, immortal **Jim Brown** got locked out of the **Cowboy** dressing room so he climbed a 12-foot fence and went in the back door. I'll try to contact him and see if he remembers that. Also at the time, **Margaret Toal** was attending **Nelda Stark's** school in **Denton** and got a call or maybe a copy of the **OVN** from

her mom about our little paper covering the **Super Bowl**. She started telling the story once before being hushed so I don't know how the story ends.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Brown Hearing Aid Center** on their 60th anniversary. They have advertised with us for most of those years. We have known **Mrs. Dorothy Brown** since 1964. See story by **Dan Perrine**. **A few folks** we know celebrating in the next few days. First I want to start with a special lady who will be celebrating next week on **Jan. 26**. **Marilyn Landry Roccaforte**, a Vermillion Parish native, turns 96 years old on this day. She is the mother of county commissioner **Kirk Roccaforte**. **Grandma Roccaforte** is a full blooded Cajun who married a 100% Italian many years ago. **Kirk** and his siblings were raised in two cultures where **Italian pasta** was served one day and **Cajun jambalaya** the next. **Mama Roccaforte** is reported to be a master chef at both and always delights the family gatherings with a large table full of goodies from both cultures. Today she still makes her own way and depends only on someone mowing the lawn. Best wishes for a very happy birthday to the girl from **Erath**, a suburb of **Abbeville, LA**. You may send her a birthday card at 200 Circle, Bridge City, TX 77611. That would be nice. **Jan. 19**: Happy Birthday to **Krystle Janeaux**. **Candance Clark**, **Jimmy Whittle**, **Lisa Costilla** and **Brenda Manasco**. **A very Happy Birthday** to our friend **Judge Hershhal Stagner**. Nineteen years ago in 2003, our friend **Ray Trahan** died. **Gone but not forgotten**. **Jan. 20**: Happy Birthday to coach **Steve Griffith**, **Melissa Berry** and **Beth Fisher**. **Jan. 21**: Celebrating today are **Charles Arce-neaux**, **Sarah Bonds** and **David Doucet**. **Jan. 22**: Happy Birthday to **Julian Meadows**, **Don Collins**, **Myra Sherwood**, **Nincy Sieck** and **Meloney Delano**. **Jan. 23**: A very Happy Birthday to **Rex** and **Eric's** mom, **Sandra Peveto**. Also celebrating are **Sue Harris**, **Karen Anthony**, **Caitlyn Linder**, **Cindy Cain**, **Logan Mitchell** and **Stephanie Smith**. **Jan. 24**: Happy Birthday to **Toni Robertson**, **Eric Shuford**, **Randy Franklin** and **Larry Gray**. **Jan. 25**: Celebrating today are **Amy Kidder**, **Garland Gresham**, **Jessia Hobbs**, **Malissie Bailey**, **Judy Rodgers** and our friend **Roy McDaniel**. **CREAUX'S TIP OF THE WEEK**: To clean the caulking around bathtubs and showers fill a trigger spray bottle with vodka, that's right, vodka. Spray the caulking, let set five minutes and wash clean. The alcohol in the vodka kills mold and mildew. Vodka has a lot of uses. Just think I used to drink the stuff. **Welcome to Top Deck Flooring's J.W. Dalton, Dennis Malone** and staff. We are hearing some good things about the new company. Before you buy any type flooring visit the friendly folks at **Top Deck** for the best deal in the area. Just a little trip down the Interstate can save you a lot. See advertising in this issue.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tee Cus Comeaux and Alfred Thibodeaux were in da local Wal-Mart wen dey decide to get in on da charity raffle. To help out dey bought five tickets, all a dollar each. Dey felt good about dere donation but wen da raffle was drawn, to dere surprise dey boat won.

Tee Cus him, won da turd place prize, a bag of coment rice, a bottle of Tobasco and a jar of Savoy Roux. **Alfred** him, he won da six place prize, a toilet brush.

A few weeks pass wen dey met up for coffee. **Alfred** axe Tee Cuz how he like his prize. Tee Cuz say, "Me, I like all dem, and used dem."

Den he axe Alfred, "How bout you and your toilet brush, Hannh?"

"I don't like it so good me, I'm tinkin bout switching back to paper me."

C'EST TOUT

ABBOTT'S OPERATION LONE STAR DRAWS FIRE

Gov. Greg Abbott has come under fire by several **Texas** newspapers. Friday, Jan. 14, the **Houston Chronicle** ran a half-page editorial under the headline "Abbott's Operation Lone Star Must End." **Sub headline**: "It's the Least the governor can do for the **National Guard** that **Trump** demoralized by his leadership." The long editorial can be found on **The Chronicle** website. **Maj. Jason Featherston** is quoted several times in the article, "Inside the command group it is common knowledge that this is just **Gov. Abbott** doing his political thing, trying to be like **Trump**, you know. **Build A Wall**." Eighteen hundred guardsmen are on the border. So far it has cost **Texas** taxpayers **\$3 billion**. They mostly just sleep in their Humvees or a cramped trailer with 36 beds packed in like sardines. Basic necessities, such as bathrooms, are absent. Troops perceive the mission as a lack of purpose. They are just there. They can't even make arrest. **Maj. Featherston** said, "I've never seen an operation be so screwed up." Many soldiers with hardship cases at home are forced into deployment. **The Chronicle** says, "Treating the troops like his own collection of toy soldiers isn't just wasteful, it's cruel." The hypocrisy is staggering. **Abbott** routinely slams **President Joe Biden** for mythical "open border policies," when **Biden** has in fact left in place **Trump's 'Chapter 42'** policy that allows migrants to be immediately expelled. "Operation Lone Star" embodies the toxic mix of shortsighted policies, arrogance and naked ambition that have defined **Abbott's** second term. **The Chronicle** says only 17 miles of new wall has been built. That would leave 700 miles in **Texas** that will never be finished in our lifetime. It's a political football. **Abbott** should put an end to this political charade that's wasting taxpayer dollars, tearing apart military families for no good reason and costing lives as young soldier commit suicide. **Abbott's** presidential ambitions are well known, but first he has to gain another term as governor and that may not be a sure thing. To read the entire **Chronicle** editorial will cost \$2 but its well worth the price for what you learn. **Well**, I've come to the end of the trail. Please read us cover to cover. Also check out our website **therecordlive.com**. Remember, the opinions expressed in this column are those of **mine** and **Creaux's** alone. **Have a nice week and God bless.**



Deaths & Memorials

Ann Glidden Fleming, 79, Bridge City

Ann Glidden Fleming went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 10, 2022. Ann was born January 20, 1942, in Brownwood, Texas. She was the daughter of Allen Leon Glidden Sr. and Georgia Lucille Glidden.



Ann Glidden Fleming

She was the 1960 Valedictorian and Football Sweetheart at Little Cypress High School, where she also played basketball. Ann graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas with a degree in Education. She retired from the Bridge City Independent School District in 2001 after teaching 2nd grade at Hatton Elementary for thirty-seven years.

She was an inspiring and dedicated educator that had a profound impact on every student she taught. She was an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. She was completely devoted for fifty-five years to her husband C. R. She loved hunting and fishing with her husband and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was lov-

ingly known as Grancy and Gee Gee by her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen Leon and Georgia Glidden, and her husband, C.R. Fleming.

Ann is survived by her children, Georgia Citrano and husband Dr. Ronald Citrano of Orange, and Shawn Fleming of Bridge City; grandsons, Gunter Fleming, Griffin Fleming, Cody Citrano, and Ryan Citrano; granddaughter, Kara Fleming; and brothers, Allen Glidden, and Jackie Glidden.

Funeral services for Ann will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Pallbearers will be Allen Glidden, Shawn Fleming, Gunter Fleming, Griffin Fleming, Cody Citrano, Ronald Citrano, and Ryan Citrano

Ronald Joseph Trahan, 74, Orange

Ronald Joseph Trahan, 74, of Orange, passed away on January 11, 2022, at home.

Born in Travis County, Texas, on October 21, 1947, he was the son of Renis Trahan and Dorothy Rogers Trahan. Ronald retired from Motiva after many years of hardwork and dedication. He enjoyed hunting and was an avid fisherman. Holley and Ronald spent many wonderful years together, and they adored each other deeply, building a life they loved together. Maverick his Yorkie misses him greatly. Ronald was deeply love in his



Ronald Trahan

journey through life and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Renis and Dorothy Trahan

He is survived by his wife, Holley Trahan; children, Eric and Taylor LeBlanc of Port Arthur, Tina LeBlanc of Austin, Shane and Melissa Trahan of Port Neches; grandchildren, Keegan Trahan, Jaxson Trahan, Ty Trahan, and Nathan LeBlanc; and sisters, Sharon Welch, Susan Simon, and Shirley Walker.

Cremation will be under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

Bridge City Chamber names Rob Block January 'Employee of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Rob Block, employee at Orangefield High School, has been named January Employee of the Month. Block has been in education for 17 years and is in his second year at Orangefield. He teaches U.S. History as well as AP U.S. History and Honors U.S. History.

Orangefield school reports that Block does a tremendous job making history interesting to his students using videos and hands-on activities to enhance their learning and understanding. He actually makes most of the videos that he shows in his classes. Mr. Block is always looking for ways to make his students successful and that effort shows in his student participation in class and also how well the students perform on the U.S. History EOC test. This success shows in 94% of his students passing the EOC test and 59% of the students Mastering the content.

Pictured Left to Right: Rea Wrinkle, Rob Block and Rani Dillow.

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Parable of an Unhealthy Soul

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How do works of obedience relate to the free, unmerited gift of God's grace in the life of a Christian? This has been a recurring controversial and confusing issue since the earliest days of the church.

If we are justified by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ's sufficient substitutionary work alone, and not by any work of ours (Romans 3:8), then why are we warned and instructed to "strive . . . for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14)? If our works don't save us, then how can our not working (like not striving for holiness) prevent us from being saved?

Before we turn to the apostle Peter for help, hear a parable of an unhealthy soul.

his harmful old habits, preferences, and cravings. After twelve months, the man's health was beginning to be transformed. He had lost most of his excess weight, felt better, had more energy, and no longer lived under the chronic, depressing cloud of knowing he was living in harmful self-indulgence. When his doctor next saw him, he was very pleased and said to the man, "Well done! You are no longer at heightened risk of premature death." The man continued in his new ways and lived well into old age.

Question: Was the man's health restored through his faith in the gracious knowledge provided to him pertaining to life and healthiness, or was it restored through his diligent efforts to put this knowledge into practice?

How Faith Works

Do you see the problem with the question? It poses a false dichotomy. The man's faith and his works were organically inseparable. If he didn't have faith in what the doctor told him, he wouldn't have heeded the doctor's warning — there would have been no health-restoring works. If he didn't obey the doctor's instructions, whatever "faith" he may have claimed to have in his doctor would have been "dead faith" (James 2:26) — that faith would not have saved him from his health-destroying ways.

This parable, imperfect as it is, is a picture of the biblical teaching on sanctification. In a nutshell, the New Testament teaches that the faith that justifies us is the same faith that sanctifies us. This faith is "the gift of God, not a result of works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). It's just that this saving faith, by its nature, perseveres, and works to make us holy.

We passively receive this gift of faith freely given to us by God. But faith, once received, does not leave a soul passive. It becomes the driving force behind our actions, the way we live.

By its nature, faith believes the "precious and very great promises" of God (2 Peter 1:4), and the evidence that real faith is present in us manifests, over time, through the ways we act on those promises. The New Testament calls these actions "works of faith" (1 Thessalonians 1:3) or the "obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). True works of faith don't "nullify the grace of God" (Galatians 2:21); they are evidence that we have truly received the grace of God, and are themselves further expressions of grace.

Now, let me show you one place where Scripture clearly teaches this. And as I do, imagine yourself as the unhealthy soul in my parable sitting in your doctor's office — and your doctor is the apostle Peter. Dr. Peter has just examined your spiritual health and has some serious concerns. So, as a good physician, he gives you a firm exhortation.

Escaping Through Promises

[God's] divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the cor-

ruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Peter 1:3-4)

Dr. Peter begins by telling you that God has granted to you all things. He agrees with his colleague, Dr. Paul, that God has granted you life, breath, and everything, including the day you were born, the places you'll live, and how long (Acts 17:25-26). God has granted you regeneration (Ephesians 2:4-5), the measure of your faith (Romans 12:3), spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11), and capacity to work hard (1 Corinthians 15:10). And God has given you his "precious and very great promises so that through them" you may escape the power of sin and be transformed into his nature.

Everything, from beginning to end, is God's grace, since "a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

Make Every Effort

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (2 Peter 1:5-7)

Notice Dr. Peter's words: For this reason (because God has granted you everything), make every effort (act with faith in all God has promised you).

In other words, prove the reality of your profession of faith, by doing whatever it takes to actively cultivate habits of grace, that nurture the character qualities necessary to live out the "obedience of faith" through doing tangible acts of good to bless

others.

What Negligence Reveals

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (2 Peter 1:8-9)

Dr. Peter's prescription is clear and simple: if you cultivate these holy qualities, they will foster spiritual health and fruitfulness; if you don't, you will experience spiritual decline and demise. Diligence will reveal genuine faith because that is how faith works: it leads to action. Negligence will reveal your lack of faith because "dead faith" doesn't work.

Now, this is a warning, not a condemnation. Peter knows well that all disciples have seasons of setbacks and failure. But he also knows, with Paul, that some disciples "profess to know God, but they deny him by their works" (Titus 1:16) — their profession of faith is not supported by the "obedience of faith."

Peter doesn't want you to be one of those statistics, so he ends his firm exhortation to you on a hopeful note.

Pursue Diligence by Faith

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:10-11)

Just so you're clear, Dr. Peter emphasizes the organic, inseparable relationship between God's grace and your "works of faith." He says, "Be diligent to confirm your calling and election."

You don't call yourself to Christ; Christ calls you by his grace (John 15:16). You don't elect yourself to salvation; God elects you by his grace (Ephesians 1:4-6). But you do have an essential contribution to make to your eternal spiritual health. You confirm the reality of God's saving grace in your life through diligently obeying by faith all that Jesus commands you (Matthew 28:20) — or not.

This is Dr. Peter's prescription for your assurance of salvation: your diligent obedience through faith, your making every effort to pursue holiness, is evidence that your faith is real and that the Holy Spirit is at work in you to make you a partaker in the divine nature.

This is why Scripture commands us, "Strive for . . . the holiness without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). It's not that our striving, our "making every effort" to obey God, somehow merits us salvation. Rather, our striving is God's gracious, ordained means — fed by his promises and supplied by his Spirit — to make us holy as he is holy (1 Peter 1:16) and to provide us "entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

God's grace is no less gracious because he chooses to grant it not only apart from our works (in justification) but also through our diligent "works of faith" (in sanctification) — especially since these works are evidence that our faith is real.

Diligence Reveals Real Faith

There was a man who was forty pounds overweight. Despite knowing it was dangerous to his health, for years he had indulged in too much of the wrong kinds of foods and neglected the right kinds of exercise.

One day, his doctor told him he was in the early stages of developing type-2 diabetes. Not only that, but his vital signs also pointed to high risks of heart attack, stroke, and various cancers. If he didn't make specific changes, his doctor warned, the man would surely die prematurely.

So, the man heeded his doctor's warnings. He made every effort to put new systems into place that encouraged healthy habits of eating and activity and discouraged

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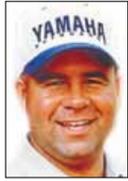
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It's now or never for waterfowlers

OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

The home stretch for local waterfowl hunters is dead ahead as the end of January is starting right back at us. Fortunately, for many of those still chasing ducks and geese, the weatherman has decided to be somewhat friendly and finally give us some prolonged colder weather.

This season has been ridiculously warm, in fact we had one of the warmest Decembers on record along with one of the driest. The conditions for shooting ducks and geese were about as bad as anybody could remember and that didn't even take into account the fact that the overall duck numbers were on a 10-year low. Put all those things together and you could almost make a country song it was so sad.

The final days of the season for many will be spent grinding it out by the faithful and I fully intend to be right there with them. A bad day in January may sting right now but I can't tell you how many times I've wanted to trade for it during the dog days of summer. Many local hunters will play out the final days of the season here at home while others will get on the road and try to find somewhere new in an attempt to salvage their season.

There will be plenty of folks headed north to places like Arkansas, Kansas, and Nebraska to try and finish up their seasons and who could blame them. The snow and ice line to the far north has concentrated birds in some areas and there are always hunters willing to put in some drive time if it means

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Cowboys upset by 49ers; division playoffs move on

KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

On Friday I peered at the six "Wild Card" playoff games that were set for last weekend and tried to figure out which home team would be upset. After some research and calculations my answer kept coming up the Dallas Cowboys and perhaps the Los Angeles Rams, too.

After all, it was apparent that the Buffalo Bills shouldn't have much trouble subduing the Cinderella New England Patriots, defending world champion Tampa Bay should waltz past the Philadelphia Eagles and their worst record in the playoffs, Kansas City should roll over the Pittsburgh Steelers (who shouldn't have even made the playoffs) and the up-and-coming Cincinnati Bengals will outlast the

scrappy Las Vegas Raiders.

That just left the Cowboys and the Rams as big question

marks. Dallas had the reputation during the regular season like the nursery rhyme says, "when they were good, they were very, very good, but when they were bad, they were horrid".

Sunday was one of those horrid games against the visiting San Francisco 49ers, whose starting quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was playing with a damaged thumb on this throwing hand.

However, that didn't matter. On Sunday, Venus de Milo could have quarterbacked the 49ers and watched the Cowboys lose the game 23-17.

It wasn't like this was the



Sunday's game alone should make Dallas Head Coach Mike McCarthy wonder if he will still have a job under Idiot Owner Jerry Jones, who said after the game he didn't want to talk about McCarthy's job security.

first time the Dallas Cowboys faltered in the NFL playoffs. It's been 27 years since they were in the Super Bowl. One of the main reasons for their inability to win playoff games has been

their undisciplined approach and poor clock management over the years.

The Cowboys committed 14 accepted penalties for

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TPWD record first 2022 Legacy Lunkers

Staff Report
For The Record

ATHENS – It didn't take long for the first pair of Legacy Class largemouth bass of the 2022 Toyota ShareLunker season to find their way into angler's boats. It was more than fitting that Tyler Anderson from Austin and Wendell Ramsey, Sr. of San Angelo, landed 14.48 and 14.92 – pounders respectively during week one of the season at O.H. Ivie. Last year, the fishery produced 12 of the 23 Legacy Lunkers during a remarkable 2021 season.

Anderson hooked his personal record Legacy Lunker Wednesday Jan. 5 using an Alabama rig in about 28 feet of water. Anderson, who grew up in Austin and has always wanted to catch a 10-pounder, set out to do a series of YouTube videos called "10 Days for a 10" targeting big largemouth bass. He selected O.H. Ivie to begin the series and reeled in seven and five pounders on the first day. On day two, the first fish of the day proved to be the fish of a lifetime for Anderson.

"I stumbled upon a school of what looked to be eight or nine fish," said Anderson. "My cast ended up being a little too short and landed right on top of where they were. My Alabama Rig fell right into the school of fish, but I didn't even have to retrieve the lure. I lifted it right up and started my retrieve and the fish was already on there. I've known about O.H. Ivie for many years and last year's success with ShareLunker's reinvigorated my desire to get out there."

Anderson plans to continue his video series with some stops at additional lakes along the way. He will have this catch posted in a couple of weeks and hopes another Lunker may land in his boat during this journey.

"I have wanted to be a part and contribute to the ShareLunker program for a long time," added Anderson. "When I quickly weighed the fish in my boat and saw the scale, I told myself my fishing for the day is done with this lifetime catch. I headed into Concho and everyone there was great. It was all about taking care of the fish until TPWD personnel arrived. This fish did great, and we made the transfer for its trip to Athens."

Ramsey, who is a fishing guide in West Texas with a lot of experience on different

lakes, secured his Legacy Lunker on an umbrella rig with 3.5 rage tail swimmers Saturday, Jan. 8. Ramsey was asked by a good friend to take their grandsons fishing.

"We started out working some spots for white bass and black bass to get a few bites for the kids and have a good time," said Ramsey. "It was slow, and we moved

around the lake to some different spots before we circled back to where we started. I spotted a fish suspended in about 14 feet of water and quickly grabbed a fishing

pole. I sent the cast past the fish and slowly let it go down to about eight feet before I started reeling. The fish hit the bait and when I set the hook it didn't budge so I knew it was a really big fish. The battle started and I eventually brought it into the boat with the dip net."

Once the fish was in the boat, Ramsey instantly knew it was over 12-pounds but had no idea it would top the 14-pound mark until he got it on his digital scales.

"I asked the boys to go with me and witness this whole

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ShareLunker records new Legacy Bass From Page 1B



The 2022 Toyota ShareLunker Program season started off hot! O.H. Ivie picked up where it left off last year with this 14.48 pound fish. This Legacy Lunker was caught by Tyler Anderson of Austin, Texas.

process with the Toyota ShareLunker program and I think they really enjoyed it," added Ramsey. "While we waited for the truck to come pick up the fish, I took the boys back to their family's boat to let them continue fishing. What a special time for me and them as well."

Once Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries biologists were notified Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, they quickly got on the road to collect and transport "ShareLunker 609" and "ShareLunker 610" to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries



O.H. Ivie strikes again with this 14.92 pound bass caught by angler Wendell Ramsey. SL610 is the 2nd Legacy class entry of the 2022 season!

Center in Athens, where biologists are providing them top-notch care. Biologists plan to attempt to spawn them to make bigger, better bass to stock in and enhance fishing in Texas lakes.

"This is a great start to the 2022 collection season," said Kyle Brookshear, Toyota

ShareLunker Program Manager. "After the historic 2021 season, it seems fitting that the first two entries come from O.H. Ivie. Many predict another record season for trophy bass catches across the state and with the 2022 season underway, time will soon tell."

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 TPWD 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. 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 TPWD, 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/sharelunkerprogram/ or TexasSharelunker.com.

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increased success.

On the local front there are still some places holding solid numbers of ducks, but the competition gets tougher as the season gets closer to the end. Perhaps the most surprising element right now is the numbers of snow geese scattered all along the coastal prairies. There are huntable concentrations of birds from south of Lake Charles all the way west to Galveston Bay. Many of these groups of geese are starting to make the transition to winter wheat or green grass that's newly sprouted after some marsh fires.

The snow geese will feed

heavily on the green stuff as they prepare to start their migration back north so if you can set up in these areas and get a little help from the weather you may score a great shoot.

As bad as most of this season has been for the local waterfowler it could be worse, you could be Joe Biden and have the month he's had. After suffering huge defeats on virtually every front, including vaccine mandates and an abysmal approval rating, now comes a new group of states introducing "constitutional carry" laws. 21 states currently recognize the constitutional

carry laws which allow citizens to carry their firearm without the need of an extra permit. Just recently Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Nebraska, and Ohio all introduced legislation to recognize constitutional carry as well.

The very "anti-gun" Biden administration will certainly do everything they can to combat this growing trend, but it may be too little too late as it seems more Americans are standing up in an attempt to take their country back. Judging by the way the populations are growing in the red states and by how many of those from the left

are dropping out of mid term elections it appears there is major shift coming from those suffering "presidential buyers' remorse". The "pro-

gun" vs "anti-gun" agenda will no doubt be a hot topic as we get later in the year and closer to the elections, thank goodness we live in a state

where there is great support for the second amendment and all that it protects. Texas hunters can truly be thankful for that.

\$1 million jackpot is Pennsylvania man's fourth

Staff Report
For The Record

A Pennsylvania man won a \$1 million prize from a scratch off lottery ticket -- marking his fourth major lottery jackpot since 1999.

Mike Luciano, 55, of Altoona, confirmed he scored a \$1 million prize from a \$20 scratch-off ticket Jan. 6, the fourth time he has visited Pennsylvania Lottery head-

quarters to collect a major prize.

Luciano previously won a \$500,000 lottery prize in January 2021, a \$3 million prize from a scratch-off ticket in 2016 and a \$100,000 prize from a Cash 5 drawing in 1999.

Luciano said after collecting his 2021 prize that his good luck comes from spending a large amount of money -- he declined to say exactly

how much -- every week.

"I'm convinced no one wins this many times without playing more than they should," Luciano told the Altoona Mirror in 2021. "I'm addicted to it."

He cautioned others not to attempt to replicate his feat.

"People shouldn't do what I do," he said. "I mean, I'm not ungrateful,-- but I don't want people to think it will happen to them."

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Elite OF among 15 int'l prospects Astros add

Brian McTaggart
MLB.com

HOUSTON -- The Astros agreed to terms on contracts with 15 international free agents on Saturday, including 12 players from the Dominican Republic and three from Cuba.

Terms of the contracts were not disclosed.

Saturday was the start of the international signing period, which runs through Dec. 15.

"Each international signing is special as it represents the culmination of a collaborative process with contributions coming not only from our international scouting department, but also from player development, sport science and sports medicine and perfor-



16-year old Kenni Gómez

mance," said Charles Cook, Astros senior director of player evaluation.

"We look forward to supporting this class of players as they begin their professional journey in our player development system."

Among Saturday's signings was 16-year-old Cuban outfielder Kenni Gomez, who is ranked by MLB Pipe-

line as the No. 42 prospect in this year's international signing class. He signed for \$775,000, according to MLB.com's Jesse Sanchez.

The Astros also are high on 18-year-old Dominican outfielder Luis Báez.

"Luis Báez projects to be an everyday right fielder with a special bat," Dominican Republic scouting supervisor Alfredo Ulloa said. "Báez has a solid and durable build with above-average strength for his age, which translates into present power. He projects to hit in the middle of the order with HR/RBI production, and shows four solid tools on the 20-80 scouting scale. Luis has continued to develop his bat and his defensive abilities, and we are excited to add him to the organization."

Here is the full signing class:

- José Arias, San Cristóbal, D.R., 17 years old, OF, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, bats R/throws R
- Luis Báez, Bani, D.R., 18 years old, OF, 6-foot-1, 205 pounds, R/R
- Henry Bibieca, San Cristóbal, D.R., 19 years old, RHP, 6-foot-1, 176 pounds, R/R
- Samuel Capellán, Santo Domingo Este, D.R., 17 years old, IF, 5-foot-11, 155 pounds, R/R
- Áxell De Paula, Yamasa, D.R., 17 years old, OF, 5-foot-10, 178 pounds, R/R
- Carlos Espinosa, Camagüey, Cuba, 20 years old, RHP, 6-foot-2, 188 pounds, R/R
- Kenni Gómez, Granma, Cuba, 16 years old, OF, 5-foot-11, 185 pounds, L/R

- Edwin González, San Francisco de Macoris, D.R., 17 years old, RHP, 6-foot-2, 153 pounds, R/R
- Alberto Hernández, Isla de Juventud, Cuba, 17 years old, IF, 6-foot, 169 pounds, R/R
- Waner Luciano, Santo Domingo, D.R., 17 years old, IF, 6-foot-1, 170 pounds, R/R
- Marco Marcelino, Dajabón, D.R., 17 years old, OF, 5-foot-9, 191 pounds, R/R
- Sandy Mejía, Monte Plata, D.R., 18 years old, RHP, 6-foot, 160 pounds, R/R
- Michael Pérez, Santiago de los Caballeros, D.R., 17 years old, RHP, 6-foot-4, 243 pounds, R/R
- Rafael Ramírez, Azua, D.R., 17 years old, IF, 6-foot-1, 185 pounds, R/R
- Raimy Rodríguez, Puerto Plata, D.R., 16 years old, RHP,

6-foot-1, 185 pounds, R/R
Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association finalized a deal in March 2020 that addressed the international signing period during the pandemic. The 2022 international signing period runs through Dec. 15, 2022, the second year in a row the period, which previously began July 2, started in January.

The current rules also state that teams are not allowed to trade any of their international pool money. Signing bonuses of \$10,000 or less do not count toward a club's bonus pool, and foreign professional players who are at least 25 years of age and have played in a foreign league for at least six seasons are also exempt.

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only 89 yards which means a majority of them were pre-snap infractions like off-sides, illegal procedure and illegal shift, all of which occur before the football is even snapped.

They are careless mistakes that should never happen in the 18th game of the season. Those 14 penalties are tied for the second most infractions in NFL history during a playoff game.

Sunday's game alone should make Head Coach Mike McCarthy wonder if he will still have a job under Idiot Owner Jerry Jones, who said after the game he didn't want to talk about McCarthy's job security.

McCarthy had a history during his 13 years at Green Bay of having poor clock management. That was apparent when he sanctioned the final play before time ran out, preventing the Cowboys from throwing a "Hail Mary" pass into the end zone as Dallas' last desperation try at pulling out the victory.

"Dak (Prescott) would have had a better chance at a completion from the 25-yard line than from mid-field," McCarthy said during the post-game press conference. "I thought 14 seconds was plenty of time for the quarterback draw and then have Dak spike the ball to stop the clock."



It's amazing that Jerry Jones spent tons of money to build an offensive line which is rated as one of the best in the NFL and then doled out another fortune for such offensive stars as Prescott, Amari Cooper and Ezekiel Elliott, all of whom under-performed to the max on Sunday.

However, Dak forgot somehow the rules clearly state that the field umpire MUST put the ball in play before the next snap. He should have handed the football to the umpire as soon as he finished his slide which ended the play instead of putting it in play himself.

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But if anyone thinks the 49ers will pull off another upset Saturday when they pack their snowshoes and head for Green Bay to be entertained by the Packers, they have another think

coming. Several of their players got bunged up or worse against the Cowboys while the Packers had two weeks to get healthy and ready when San Francisco arrives for this divisional game.

The Cincinnati Bengals finally got that monkey off their back by winning their first playoff game since 1991, 26-19 over the LA Raiders. They travel to Tennessee to take on the Titans in a meeting I believe they can win, even though the home team has had two weeks to rest and recuperate from the 17-game schedule.

Kansas City will host the Buffalo Bills who beat the Chiefs 38-20 in Week 5. It could very well be the best game of the four being played this weekend. The Chiefs should win, but it should be far from easy.

Tampa Bay should march on to the conference championship game after breezing past the LA Rams.

KWICKIES...
ESPN's First Take host Ste-

phen A Smith has finally returned to his show after being stricken with COVID-19 in mid-December. He had double pneumonia along with it and was told by the doctors that he wouldn't have made it if he had not been vaccinated earlier.

Philadelphia quarterback Jalen Hurts, a Channelview native, was only three years old when Tom Brady won his first Super Bowl. Tampa Bay manhandled the Eagles handily, jumping out to a 31-0 lead before Hurts put a couple of touchdowns on the scoreboard but still lost 31-15.

Many of the "Monday Morning Quarterbacks" believe that the days for Bill Belichick coaching in the Super Bowl are long gone. That may be true, but he did a magnificent job getting to the playoffs this season without Tom Brady at quarterback.

All he said about his Patriots being routed 47-17 by the Buffalo Bills Saturday night was "It was a very competi-

tive game we played."

JUST BETWEEN US...

It's amazing how the Houston Texans director of operations Jack Easterby and general manager Nick Caserio used David Culley as their sounding board during the 2021 NFL season.

They gave him players over the hill and no talented running backs and told him to emphasize the running game, fully aware the Texans would be so far behind before the half that they would have to resort to the pass for the rest of the game.

I think Culley did a great job with the lack of talent he was handed to "go out and win." Easterby and Caserio want to create the New England Patriots of the South out of the Houston Texans and you can bet your bottom dollar the next coach they hire will be a Bill Belichick alumnus that they planned to bring on board before Culley was even interviewed at this time last year!!!

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Entertainment Guide: Upcoming area concerts



Country music legends The Oak Ridge Boys are back in Southwest Louisiana for a concert this Friday night at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles, La., for ages 21 and older.

Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

The 2022 music schedule is filling up fast with numerous big events recently announced, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo schedule featuring artists such as Keith Urban, Gwen Stefani, Bun B, Journey and George Strait, and several big shows in the Lake Charles-area. Check it out and make plans now.

Jan. 21 The Oak Ridge Boys, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

Jan. 21 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston

Jan. 22 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston

Jan. 22 CeCe Winans, Lutchter Theater, Orange

Jan. 22 The Oak Ridge Boys, Grand Opera House, Galveston

Jan. 23 The Oak Ridge Boys, Grand Opera House, Galveston

Jan. 28 Michael Bolton, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

Jan. 29 JoJo Siwa, Toyota Center, Houston

Jan. 31 Obituary, Municipal Waste, Enforced, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

Feb. 3 Authority Zero, Scout Bar, Houston

Feb. 4 Tool, Blonde Redhead, Toyota Center, Houston

Feb. 5 Gary Clark Jr., Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

Feb. 6 Marisela, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

Feb. 8 Steve Vai, House of Blues, Houston

Feb. 10 Travis Tritt: Solo Acoustic, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

Feb. 10 Otep, The World Over, Scout Bar, Houston

Feb. 11 Erasure, 713 Music Hall, Houston

Feb. 12 Patti LaBelle, Stephanie Mills, After 7, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

Feb. 14 Killswitch Engage, House of Blues, Houston

Feb. 16 Kansas, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

Feb. 16 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston

Feb. 17 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston

Feb. 19 Night Ranger, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

Feb. 19 Underoath, Spiritbox, Every Time I Die, Revention Music Center, Houston

Feb. 19 Big Head Todd and The Monsters, House of Blues, Houston

Feb. 19 AFI, Cold Cave, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

Feb. 22 Theory of a Deadman, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

Feb. 25 Ghost, Volbeat, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

Feb. 25 Eyehategod, Capra, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

Feb. 25 Dark Tranquillity, Kataklysm, Scout Bar, Houston

Feb. 27 Nelly, Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas, Beaumont

Feb. 27 Gladys Knight, Arena Theatre, Houston

Feb. 27 Loudness, Warehouse Live, Houston

Feb. 28 Cody Johnson, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 1 Keith Urban, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 2 Tim McGraw, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 3 For King and Country, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 4 Ricky Martin, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 4 Maxwell, Anthony Hamilton, Joe, Toyota Center, Houston

March 4 Johnny Mathis, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

March 5 John Pardi, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 6 Los Tucanes de Tijuana, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 7 Luke Bryan, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 8 Marren Morris, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 8 Sevendust, Tetrarch, Dead Poet Society, House of Blues, Houston

March 9 Kane Brown, Houston Rodeo,

NRG Stadium, Houston

March 10 Journey, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 10 The Dear Hunter, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

March 11 Doug Stone, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

March 11 Bun B, Slim Thug, Lil Flip, Lil Keke, Z-Ro, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 11 Candlebox, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

March 12 Parker McCollum, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 12 Casey Donahew Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

March 12 Dua Lipa, Toyota Center, Houston

March 13 Dierks Bentley, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 14 Sam Hunt, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 15 Gwen Stefani, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 16 Khalid, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 17 Chris Stapleton, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 17 Meshuggah, Torche, Warehouse Live, Houston

March 18 Marshmello, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 18 Cannibal Corpse, White Chapel, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

March 19 Brad Paisley, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

March 19 Chris Brown, Monica, Bryson Tiller, Toyota Center, Houston

March 19 Buddy Guy, Colin James, House of Blues, Houston

March 20 George Strait, Ashley McBride, Houston Rodeo, NRG Stadium, Houston

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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:
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Dated the 12th day of January, 2022.

George B. Barron
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JAMES DANIEL QUARLES**, Deceased, were issued on January 12, 2022, in Cause No. P19289, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **DANE FRANCIS QUARLES and STEPHEN WADE QUARLES**.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MICHAEL RAY SETTLE**, Deceased, were issued on January 10, 2022, in Cause No. P19214, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **PHYLLIS HURLBURT**.

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c/o:
Paul M. Fukuda
Attorney At Law
312 Border Street
Orange, TX 77630

DATED the 14th day of January, 2022.

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Phyllis Hurlburt
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **CHARLES DEXTER WATSON**, Deceased, were issued on November 10, 2021, in Cause No. P18104, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Victoria Lynn Watson Parker**.

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c/o:
Victoria Lynn Watson Parker
P.O. Box 898
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Dated: November 10, 2021

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SHOP BUILDING MEN'S TOILET AND LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT (RFCSP-2022-01-RESTROOM RENOVATION)

Prospective Contractors ("Offerors") are notified that the Orange County Drainage District ("District"), located in Orange County, Texas, will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for its Maintenance Shop Building Men's Toilet and Locker Room Renovation Project (the "Project"). The successful Offeror(s) shall furnish all labor, material, transportation, tools, supplies, equipment, and appurtenances for the satisfactory completion of the Project. Parties interested in submitting a Competitive Sealed Proposal to provide services for this Project will find the required documentation for this Project on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and on CIVCAST, <https://www.civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). The District invites Offerors to attend a voluntary pre-bid conference and walk-through to be held at the offices of the Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Competitive Sealed Proposals for this Project will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022, at the District's Administration Building, located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, 77630. Proposals will be publicly opened in the offices of the Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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The petition of Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Petitioner, was filed in the 163rd District Court of Orange County, Texas on the 10th day of November, 2021, against The Unknown Heirs At Law of Deborah Ellis, Respondent, numbered 210495-C. The suit request:

Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein as to the following property:

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