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New stop signs in Victory Gardens, Little Cypress

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday approved three new stop signs, one in Victory Gardens and two in Little Cypress, and started the process to get more stop signs.

Also, the court approved steps for two more subdivisions of land into lots in Precinct 3.

The stop signs are being installed in an effort to slow vehicular traffic. The county must advertise the intent to install a stop sign and then conduct a public hearing before voting on whether to approve the



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sign. A public hearing was held to install the signs Patillo Road and Briggs Drive/Victory Lane in Victory Gardens. The community is off Texas 87 South outside the Bridge City city limits and in County Precinct 3. One resident in the neighborhood spoke during the public hearing and asked for another stop sign to be installed. She said cars,

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Mrs. Sandra Hoke, a member of Keep Orange County Beautiful's Board of Directors, presented Louis Ardoin with their Summer 2022 Beautification Award on Thursday. KOCB recognizes and applauds the work that Louis Ardoin has been doing to improve not only his neighborhood, but also the western edge of the City of Orange as it transitions into an industrial park on Tulane Road in Orange County.



Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

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June sales taxes mixed across OC, up in Bridge City

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Sales tax incomes were mixed in June for the Orange County entities getting the tax, according to figures from the Texas Comptroller's Office. The revenues from June were sent to the entities in August.

The city of Bridge City had a strong showing of sales tax returns compared to the same time last year. However, the increase in tax income for the city did not offset the national inflation rate. For June, the national inflation rate was 9.1 percent, a 40-year high. The inflation rate went down in July.

Orange County had increases in tax income for the month and the year to date compared to last year. The county's increases did surpass the inflation rate.

The payments for Bridge City were \$205,800 for the month, compared to \$201,057 for June 2021, an increase of 2.36 percent. For the year to date, the city has \$1.51 million, compared to \$1.4 million last year, an increase of 8.89 percent. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

Orange County received \$693,275 for June, compared to \$593,700 for June 2021, an increase of 16.77 percent. For the year to date, the county has \$4.84 million, compared to \$4.4 million last year, an increase of 10.08 percent. The county's sales tax is 0.5 percent.

The city of Orange saw a decrease in the monthly sales tax income this year, but is still up for the year to date. The city received \$632,400 for the month, compared to \$709,750 for

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Watkins pleads guilty to manslaughter

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Jerrold Lee Watkins, 25, pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of intoxication manslaughter in connection with the June 2020 deaths of two people in separate crashes. He agreed to serve two terms of 20 years each. Intoxication manslaughter carries the punishment of two to 20 years in state prison.

Watkins admitted he killed bicyclist Robert Jackson, 45, of Bridge City, and then Jillian Blanchard, 20, of Groves.

Watkins was set to go on trial for one of the manslaughter cases on Monday before 163rd District Judge Rex Peveto. A



Jerrold Watkins

jury had been chosen and the members given a lunch break to return and hear opening statements. However, when the jurors returned they learned Watkins had made a plea bargain to both indictments. After the plea before the

judge, Watkins was handcuffed and taken to the Orange County Jail where he is now awaiting transfer to a state prison unit. He had been freed on bond after both his arrests.

Law enforcement officers reported Watkins was driving a Ford F-150 pickup truck and ran head-on with a Nissan Altima driven by Blanchard. The crash was about 3 a.m. on June 13, 2020, in the 4000 block of West Roundbunch Road near Bessie Heights Road.

Four minutes after getting a call about the head-on crash, law officers were notified of another fatality after the body of Jackson was found in the 200 block of Ferry Road off Texas

Avenue by his bicycle.

Blanchard died of injuries in the head-on crash and Watkins was injured. Law officers reported he was taken by ambulance to a regional hospital where he was treated and released. Blood samples are routinely collected in any fatality crash.

After Watkins' release from the hospital, he was free for three months until September 2020 when he was indicted by the Orange County grand jury on one charge of intoxication manslaughter. He was indicted on the second manslaughter charge in August 2021. Indictments also included charges of

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Hegar, Huffman aim to repeal feminine hygiene sales tax

Staff Report
For The Record

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced this month that he has joined with state Sen. Joan Huffman, Senate Committee on Finance chairwoman, to exempt feminine hygiene products from state and local sales tax. The effort will require new legislation and would likely not be finalized until the 2023 legislative session. Hegar and Huffman voiced strong support for the initiative.

"As chair of Senate Finance, I am proud to make this effort one of my pri-



Hegar

Huffman

orities," Huffman said. "Every woman knows that these products are not optional. They are essential to our health and well-being and should be tax exempt."

"Taxing these products is archaic, and it is time for Texas to join the 24 states that already exempt tampons and other feminine hygiene products from sales tax," Hegar

said. "Our economy and state revenues are strong, and Texans are grappling with inflation and challenging price increases on everyday goods. These circumstances provide a tremendous opportunity to rectify this issue and exempt these products that represent a critical need for Texas women. I want to thank Sen. Huffman for her leadership and for taking bold and decisive action for the women of Texas."

Any legislation to create this exemption must still clear several hurdles in the Texas Legislature before heading to Gov. Greg Abbott for his consider-

ation.

"This is the right thing to do for Texas women," Huffman said. "I thank Comptroller Hegar for working with me on this effort and look forward to working with him and my legislative colleagues to ensure we craft legislation that garners broad support."

The Comptroller's office estimates that sales tax on feminine hygiene products would generate about \$28.6 million annually during the next biennium. Hegar released his latest revenue estimate for the current biennium in

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My 5-Cents **By State Sen. Robert Nichols**

It is back-to-school season and fall is right around the corner. I hope all of our students, teachers, administrators, and parents had a safe and rewarding return to school.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. NASA High School Aerospace Scholars program recruitment open

Recruitment has opened for NASA's High School Aerospace Scholars program. The program is a STEM learning experience for Texas high school juniors to engage with NASA. The year-long program begins in the fall



with an online learning experience centered on space exploration, Earth science, technology, and aeronautics. The top students are then invited to a five-day virtual summer experience. The summer experience is mentored by NASA scientists and engineers and students work in teams to plan a mission to the Moon and Mars. High achieving teams are then invited to a two-day resi-

dential experience at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Applications open August 29 and close October 20. Students can earn elective credit for school through the program. For more information and to apply please visit www.nasa.gov/has.

2. T.L.L. Temple Foundation award \$2.2 million to Texas Success Center

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation awarded \$2.2 million over the next five years to the Texas Success Center, a subsidiary of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, to improve

postsecondary and employment outcomes in rural East Texas. The grant is part of the foundation's Talent Strong East Texas initiative which aims to upskill East Texans by strengthening, scaling, and expanding guided pathways into postsecondary degrees or credentials that lead to high-demand, high-wage jobs for the region. These grants will ensure that more East Texans have access and opportunity to succeed in a postsecondary setting. Upskilling the workforce of East Texas is critical to maintaining a healthy, vibrant economy. I applaud the Temple Foundation for their generosity and the Texas Success Center for their important work.

tance, bullet-resistant shield grant program announced

This month, Governor Abbott announced that the Governor's Public Safety Office is accepting applications from law enforcement agencies for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) travel assistance and the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program. In June of this year, \$3 million was set aside for law enforcement agencies to offset travel expenses to attend ALERRT training and another \$50 million was transferred for bullet-resistant shields. ALERRT is considered the gold standard for active shooter training and easing the burden for departments to send officers to training

ensures the state has more highly-trained officers on duty. This summer alone ALERRT trained over 3,000 officers, delivered dozens of classes, and has scheduled more than 100 additional classes for this fall. Applications for travel assistance are open to ISDs, institutes of higher education, local governments, and other education institutions that employ peace officers. Applications should be submitted after registration for an ALERRT course is confirmed. Applications close August 31.

Applications for grant funding to equip law enforcement officers with bullet-resistant shields are also now open. Applications may be submitted by

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3. ALERRT Travel Assis-

SOCIALISM

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

Recently I have heard much discussion about fear that the United States may descend into a socialistic type government. Generally in my conversations with folks, I have found that few of them can give an accurate definition of socialism. Socialism is defined as government controlling major means of production and distribution of goods and services. We have a republic governed by the people, but it has many socialistic features which I doubt many citizens would advocate doing away with. Some governmental programs which are actually socialistic include Social Security, Medicare, the Postal Service, federal housing administration and SBA loans.

I often find it amusing that my conservative business friends frequently rant about us being on the road to socialism while they are filling out their application for a Small Business Administration loan.

To quote a wise old politician, "American democracy is really a poor system



Former State Senator Carl Parker

Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.

of government, it's just better than every other one in the world." One of my disagreements with a former movie idol, Republican president was that he once said, "the problem is not with government, it is the government." I heartily disagree with him.

While American government is far from perfect and has warts on it as any other man-made creation, we are blessed with the functions of American government. Just think for

a while what we would do if there was no central place to regulate aviation traffic; it would be a nightmare and a scary thing to transfer the skies without government regulation of when and where you can fly. The same is true with radio or television broadcasts. If everyone could build a radio station, only the ones who could afford the most powerful transmitter would be the one you got to hear. Another that people seem to have forgotten is the fact that we have a strong military that protects us from things such as are happening in Ukraine.

It seems grossly hypocritical to me that several conservative governors who regularly condemn the federal government as an evil menace are the first to get on the phone and contact the federal government whenever there is an impending disaster. We should all be glad we live in America for the same reason that thousands of people are willing to endure hardships trying to get here and live.

Count your blessings has a true meaning for me when I think about my American citizenship.

Feminine hygiene sales tax repeal

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mid-July, projecting an ending balance for the biennium of \$27 billion.

"Texas can absorb this lost revenue easily, but for countless Texas women, this will mean significant savings in their personal budgets over time," Hegar said. "This is a small amount of money relative to the overall revenue outlook for Texas."

Hegar is serving his second four-year term as Texas Comptroller, having been first elected in 2014. Before his election as Texas Comptroller, Hegar served in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate. He lives in Katy with his wife, Dara, and their three teenage children, Claire, Julia and Jonah.

Huffman represents District 17 in the Texas Senate and is chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, which oversees the state's budget. She lives with her family in Houston and proudly represents a district that includes portions of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris counties.

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motorcycles, and even school buses travel too fast on Gaylyn Drive.

The other two stop signs approved on Monday were in Little Cypress off Highway 87 in Commissioner Johnny Trahan's Precinct 1. The signs will go at Little Cypress Drive and West Bluff Road, and at Pine Park Boulevard and Timberland Drive. Trahan said the signs at Little Cypress Drive and West Bluff Road should help slow traffic turning off of Highway 87.

County Judge John Gothia said the county will install information signs to let drivers know the stop signs will be coming so they can prepare.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte has added requests for five stop signs in the Waterwood subdivision off Highway 62 outside of Bridge City. He is asking for signs at Teal and Widgeon Street, Teal and Pintail, Greenwing and Waterwood, Greenhead and Greenwing, and Greenhead (South) and Bluewing.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator is also asking for a stop sign at the intersection of Waterford Way and Leitrum Drive in the Wexford Park subdivision outside the Viator city limits.

The intentions for those new stop signs will be ad-

vertised in a newspaper. A public hearing for the signs will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 20, and then the court will vote on the proposed signs at a regular meeting that will start at 2 p.m.

Other business on Monday included the approval of steps for two land projects in Precinct 3. County Engineer Corey Oldman presented the conceptional plan for Langham Forest Estates Phase V off FM 105. The conceptional plan allows the developer to continue the county's steps to assure the subdividing meets legal standards.

The area is off Summer-

ville Lane with 18.23 acres being divided into 16 lots, which will be numbered 80-95. A 2.55-acre detention pond to accommodate drainage has been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Drainage District.

The other site is considered a "minor plat" and is Wood Estates in Precinct 3 between Creek Road and Bessie Heights Road. A 1.9-acre tract is being combined from two smaller tracts and then divided into three lots. The proper filing and reproduction fees have been met.

County Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin reported the county has had 165 new Covid cases but no one from Orange County with the virus was hospitalized. He said the Covid cases spiked a bit in the summer, but the number is now coming down.

As the county prepares for a new budget year starting October 1, County Personnel Director Lori Ardoin had good news for Commissioners Court. She said the medical and dental insurance rates for the coun-

ty retirees age 65 and older are not going up this year for the first time in many years. The county pays for the retirees to have a choice of two different programs based on Medicare.

The court agreed to a contract with McLennan County to provide housing and services for inmates of the Orange County Jail in case of an evacuation because of a disaster. Judge Gothia thank the sheriff's office for working out several agreements with other counties.

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June 2021, a decrease of 10.89 percent. For the year to date, the city has \$5.05 million, compared to \$4.63 million last year, an increase of 8.89 percent. Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

The city of Pinehurst continues to be down in both categories. The city in June had a sales tax income of \$63,280, compared to \$73,330 in June 2021, a decrease of 13.71 percent. For the year to date, the city has \$451,900, compared to \$487,890 last year, a decrease of 7.32 percent. Pinehurst has a

1.5 percent sales tax.

Vidor had small increases in both categories. The city in June had sales tax income of \$349,000, compared to \$335,100 in June 2021, an increase of 4.10 percent. For the year to date, the city has \$2.37 million, compared to \$3.36 million last year, an increase of 0.14 percent. Vidor has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

The city of West Orange received \$115,160 for the month, compared to \$117,345 for June 2021, a decrease of 1.86 percent. For the year to date, the

city has \$917,850, compared to \$911,165 last year, an increase of 0.73 percent. West Orange has a sales tax of 1.25 percent.

Orange County Emergency Services District 3, the Little Cypress Fire Department, is the only ESD in the county with the voter-approved sales tax. The fire department has a 1.5 percent sales tax. For June, the department received \$32,436 and is now at \$195,850 for the year to date, a 7 percent increase from the \$183,000 from 2021.

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failure to stop and render aid, but those charges were dropped as part of the guilty plea.

During the time before he was first arrested, friends and family of the two victims went before the Bridge City City Coun-

cil and protested outside the Bridge City police station to ask for his arrest. They accused officials of giving him preferential treatment.

Watkins is a 2015 graduate of Orangefield High School and was a stand-

out on the school's football team, earning playing and academic honors.

Family members of Jackson and Blanchard were allowed to give personal impact statements to Watkins before he was taken to jail.

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ISDs, local governments, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other education institutions that employ peace officers. The deadline for priority consideration is September 16. All officers that receive these grant-funded shields must have received ALERT training within the past two years or have committed to attend ALERT training within in the next two years.

4. Stephen F. Austin State University exploring joining a university system

The Board of Regents at SFA is considering whether the university should formally join one of several university systems in the state. Four different systems across the state have expressed an interest in acquiring the university including University of Texas System, Texas A&M Uni-

versity System, Texas Tech University System, and Texas State University System. SFA is one of the last unaffiliated universities in the state. If they join a larger university system, only Texas Southern will be left unaffiliated. SFA has developed an online portal for community input and plan to make a decision ahead of the next legislative session beginning in January. Legislative action would be required for SFA to join a university system.

5. Four East Texas teachers inducted in Agriculture Teachers Hall of Fame

Four East Texas teachers have been honored by the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas for their exemplary careers and achievements over their many years of service. Larry Poe, George Stephenson, Perry Fenley and the

late Hayne Daniel were all inducted into the Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Hall of Fame. We thank them for their outstanding influence and impact on East Texas students over their careers!

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From the Creaux's Nest

ANOTHER LABOR DAY ROLLS AROUND

Monday, September 5, is **Labor Day**. Over the years, **Labor Day** in our area was always a big day of celebration. Just a few years ago, before the **Reagan** years, the **labor movement** that grew from the textile mills of the East became a strong liberal force in our country. **Labor unions** in this area of Texas were responsible for all workers getting better wages, even if they were not represented by a union. **Labor, in the United States** today, is at an all time high and unemployment at the lowest in my lifetime. Times are good and getting better. Thanks to the laboring, blue collar workers. Enjoy **Labor Day, you earned it**. Be thankful for those early unions that have made this country great.

REMEMBERING THREE FRIENDS WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

Gene Edgerly, August 28, 2022

I was saddened to learn of the death of **Gene Edgerly**, age 87, my friend and sometimes foe for over 60 years. My grandmother would say about Gene, "He was good people." Whenever I ran into him I would greet him with, "Little Drummer Boy." Through his teenage years and through the Swamp Pop days, Gene played drums in a band. I recall he was in Vic Drago's group. Vic could have gone a long way on the national scene, he was that good. Gene married Flo when he was 24 years old. They had a great life through the labor movement where they were both active in politics. They met and knew some of the most powerful government leaders, both state and national. Among their friends were Gov. Ann Richards, and many more. Locally, for many years, they were active in politics. Sometimes Gene, Flo and I were on opposite sides but we were always friends. Flo was elected Justice of the Peace of Pct. 3, and today she still is considered one of the areas most popular Justice ever and could still be serving if she wanted to. I never asked Gene for a favor, like helping someone get a job or whatever, that he didn't do what he could. I spoke to Flo a few weeks ago but didn't get the impression that Gene was so close to leaving us. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home in Groves, with a Vigil Service to be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orange at 2:00 PM. Visitation will resume from 1:00 PM until service time at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Condolences to his family and friends. "Yes, Grandma, he was good people."

Thomas "Sleepy" Smith, August 24, 2022

If you lived in Orange over the last 50 years and didn't know or had heard of "Sleepy" Smith, you must have been under a rock. Sleepy spent his life in the real estate business. He broke into the business with some of the area's best realty people. He started his own business, First Realty, which he operated for 40 years. A native of East Texas, Nacogdoches, Sleepy showed the city slickers how it was done. He was a fun guy to be around and never met a stranger. A few years ago, he called me from Canada on his birthday, August 6, and asked, "What are the poor folks were doing?" Sleepy would sell or trade for anything. He once called to ask me if I needed an intercom system cheap. I didn't need one so he asked, "How about some cemetery plots, you can use them someday." I laughed, but before I knew it, I owned six plots at Hillcrest. Through all those years in Orange, Sleepy belonged to most civic organizations. He was active in McDonald Baptist Church. Ms. Pearl Burgess, in her 80's and 90's said Sleepy always walked her to her car after church. About four years ago, his life changed and he spent his time in the Liberty area with his new wife Leslie. I was saddened to learn of Sleepy's death. A life without Sleepy is just not the same. Condolences to his family and friends who are left, including his friend "Stick" Stringer. Funeral service was held August 30, at McDonald Baptist. Please see obituary.

Rita Anderson, August 22, 2022

Rita passed away August 22. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. I first met Ms. Rita many years ago. She and George raised their family, four youngsters, at the same time we were raising our children. What I most recall about Rita when we were all young, was she was pretty, very, very nice, and had a different accent than most of us Cajuns and East Texans. She was a native of Massachusetts and had that heavy Boston accent. That faded as the years went by but nothing else changed about her. Her early years were spent as a seamstress. She held several jobs in Boston before moving to Texas and marrying George Anderson. For many years she worked at Kroger. I often saw her there. George and Rita were actively involved in Little

League. Rita was one of the sweetest, kind ladies I've ever known. The daughter of Italian immigrants, with the maiden name of Savarino, she was different but very special. Condolence to her children Mark, Jeff, Goober, Rebel and their friends. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME

10 Years Ago-2012

A census report on aging finds more people are reaching age 90. Among the **90-plus, women outnumber men 3 to 1**. People who are 90 or older have nearly tripled since 1980. Analysts attribute better nutrition, advances in medical care, reducing heart disease and stroke. Living older states are North Dakota, #1; followed by Connecticut, Iowa and South Dakota. **All cold states**. I don't know if I would want to live 90 years there.****Speaking of old folks, **George "Possum" Jones**, a Southeast Texas native and country music legend, has announced his last concert tour will be in 2013. **Jones, 81**, has begun work on a new album with **Dolly Parton**. Many country stars consider Jones the greatest country singer. **Jones** dropped out of school in the seventh grade and started picking and singing in local venues around Beaumont. This writer recalls when he would help out at his brother's service station and ran with **J.P. Richardson, Slim Watts** and the guys from **KFDM radio**. His greatest hit "**He Stopped Loving Her Today**," is considered one of the best country music songs ever. Also a standard is "**White lighting**." The "**Possum**" never recorded a bad song. **George** died April 26, 2013.******Judge Pat** was complaining about **Judge Buddie Hahn** getting a front page story for jury duty. When **Judge Pat** served, he was made fun of for taking the \$6 jury pay. We ran **Judge Pat and Rosalie's** 43rd anniversary announcement which was Aug. 31.**** The **Democratic convention** opened Tuesday with a knockout speech by **First Lady Michelle Obama** and a keynote address by **San Antonio mayor Julian Castro**, who was introduced by his twin brother, who is running for congress. Wednesday will be a big day. A lot of good speakers on Thursday, including **President Obama**. It will be a fun convention. I wouldn't miss it.

20 Years Ago-2002

God solves murder. **Ronnie Herman's** killer, **Thomas Teal**, 46, confesses to 25 years old murder. **Teal** said he confessed because he doesn't want to burn in hell after he finishes his time on earth. **Thomas** and his brother **Donald Teal**, 44, were arrested in the shotgun death. **Herman's** body was found floating in a slough off Ratcliff Road, in the **Hartsburg area** Sept. 10, 1977. "**God told me to clean the slate** and I had to do what I'm told," **Thomas** said. Both brothers said they were involved in the illegal drug business with **Herman**. The shooting was related to the business. **Ronnie** was 29 years old.****Tuesday, Sept. 3, **County Judge Carl Thibodeaux** undergoes arterial surgery for several blockages. **Thibodeaux** said his medical problems have come at a crucial time when the county is faced with a tight budget process. He plans on returning to the court house even if someone has to drive him. (Editor's note; over the years, the **Judge** has had stints and other procedures but has always managed to get out a good budget. Budgets are not the best therapy for a heart patient.)******Coach Dan Ray Hooks** wins 200th football game.****Twenty-five gallons of gumbo, 900 links, 200 cut up chicken and four tubs of potato salad, prepared by **Robert's Restaurant**, was eaten by 824 folks at the **Pinehurst Labor Day picnic**.******Orangefield Bobcat Coach Kevin Flannigan** says his team could go to playoffs this year.******Claude Tarver** is the new head coach of the **Bridge City Cardinals**. Defensive coordinator is newcomer **Sam Pratt**. A couple other coaches are **Rick Deutsch** and **William Dotson**. **Bridge City** beat LCM 27-7 in first game. **Matt Peebles** scored three touchdowns and had 225 yards rushing. Linebackers **Robert Melich** and **Charlie Verrett** led the defense. Cornerback **Trey Rhodes** also had a good night. ******Matt Bryant**, of **Bridge City**, gets the chance he's been waiting for. **The New York Giants** named him as their starting kicker. There are now three former **B.C. Cards** in the NFL. **Shane Dronett** and **Jason Mathews** are the others.

50 YEARS AGO-1972

Happy anniversary to **Mr. and Mrs. Fain Holbook**.****Happy birthday to **Judy Savoy** and "**Tonka Bill**" (**Rastel Lois**) **Hoosier**, Judy is 23, **Tonka** 30 plus.******Wyatt Paul Phillips**, former **LC-M Bear**, was granted a football scholarship to **McNeese** and is working out with the **Cowboys**.****According to **Sharon Bearden**, he's been on a strict diet and lost 15 pounds. Friends are worrying that he might get too thin.******Tucker Clayton**, former deputy sheriff, is again toting a pistol. He is security officer for **Nelda Stark**.******Moe Litton**, trainer at **Bridge City** and **Oral Roberts** have something in common; they are both healers.****The **University of Texas**, with **Steve Worster**, made the **Wishbone** famous. **Steve** made **Bridge City** famous and **BC coach Chief Wilson** will use the **Wishbone offense** (a variation of the **Houston veer**). **Roger Esterling** is quarterback; **Langston Fall** tailback.******Jim Crossland** is head coach at **LC-M**.******Mike Trevathan** is the young head coach at **Orangefield**.******Dexter Bassinger** is coach at **Stark High**.******Glen Green** is the head coach at **West Orange**.******Leslie Jones** is Orange police chief.******Clarice Sheffield**, a beautiful blond, is the **Jack Tar Restaurant** manager. Star waitress is pretty **Milly "Tall Boy" Harper**.******Joe Murray** is the legendary shoeshine guy at the **Jack Tar Barber Shop**. **Joe** started his shoe polishing career at the **Holland Hotel**.******Joe Dupuy** runs the **Jack Tar Travel Agency**.******Louis J. Fox** is hired as Orange city manager.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

This was the first official week of **Texas legendary Friday Night Lights**. Apparently **Mother Nature** was so upset about a Thursday night kick-off for the local high school season that a thunderstorm stopped the **LC-M game** and they had to go back to the field on Friday. **Bridge City High** got started with a Friday

morning "**kick-off**" breakfast as the **Bridge City First Baptist Church** held its **42nd Annual Breakfast of Champions** for the team, cheerleaders and other students. Everyone wore red (is there any other color in town?) and enjoyed the meal as **Principal Tim Woolley** served as master of ceremony for the event. **Bridge City** is equal opportunity for denominations. A few days earlier, the **Knights of Columbus** hosted a breakfast for the **Cardinal** band students. **Friday Night Lights** added another generation of **Ragsdales** to the sidelines. **Mother Paula** and **Father Randy** have retired from their longtime jobs at **West Orange-Stark High**, but son **Ryan**, a former **Mustang** player, began his **WO-S** Friday night coaching career. Proud parents, along with sister **Rebekah**, were there to take lots of pictures. My Friday night wasn't the same without **Stelly** and **Kimbrough** and I miss **Kim's** college predictions.******Gary Bonneaux** had a birthday this past week and was gifted with an usual design for a **Hawaiian-style shirt**. His is decorated with pineapples and pups. The dog part looks like his **German shepherd**.******New Orange Fire Chief John Bilbo** celebrated a milestone with his **50th BD**. On the other end of the spectrum was **Cody Paul Marple** turning 6 and now attending **Little Cypress Elementary kindergarten**.****Over in **Bridge City**, **Abigayle Philpott** became a "**Sweet 16**" girl.**** **Lamar University** runner and former **LC-M** track star **Eli Peveto** turned 22 as he starts his senior year in college.****Childhood friends **Carolyn Gage Curran** and **Bobbie Jo Howeth** joined together once again with longtime friends, including **Kay Jones**, for their annual birthday lunch.******Donna Scales** doesn't need a birthday to celebrate for a family gathering, but her birth anniversary was up. Outings included going to a **Houston Astros** game with granddaughters **Stella** and **Indie Jaymes**. Grown son **James** was also there. The mystery is, who spoils those girls the most?**** Other birthdays last week included **Glynis Gothia**, **Carly Thibodeaux**, **Christy Smith**, and **Paulette Howington**.****Looks like **West Orange** has its own version of "**ladies who lunch**" with some powerhouse women names. Gathering this week were two **West Orange City Councilors**, **Merritta Kennedy** and **Lanie Brown**, joined by **Jane Branch**, wife of **West Orange Mayor Randy Branch**, along with **Ida Schossow**, president of the **Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce** and **Jane Branch's** sister, **Becky Arceneaux**, **Gail Langton** and **Patsy Menard**.****Looks like some **Orange County** folks didn't want to grind their axes, they wanted to throw them. **Crossing the Neches** on Saturday night competitive ax throwing drew a group including **Jennifer McConnell**, **Robert** and **Mindy Currie**, **Jack** and **Nitia Smith**, **Brad** and **Terri Childs**, plus **Jody Chesson** and **Adam Conrad**.****I understand **Judge Derry** just visited son, **Dr. Mark Dunn** and family in Oregon. **Derry** reports the youngsters are doing well and the weather was great.****I've been meaning to get back with **Quincy Procell**, who sent us some goodies recently and I need to find out where I can purchase more. When old folks get a snotty nose, younger folks run them to the doctor. I've been run around a lot lately. By the way, I hear **Quincy** has found a new doctor he likes a lot. I'll check on that also.******American Legion, Post #49**, 108 Green Ave. in Orange, will hold a fish Fry lunch on Thursday, Sept. 8th. The meal will consist of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert for **\$10.00 each**. You can place orders on Wednesday, September 7th or for orders to go on Thursday, September 8th call before 9 am. The number to call is **409-886-1241**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Folks we know who will be celebrating in the next few days. **Aug. 31**: Happy Birthday to **Mary Behnke**, **Ron Kincade**, **Buddy Cox**. Also Happy Anniversary to **Rosalie** and **Judge Pat Clark**.******Sept. 1**: **Sandy Shugart**, **Julie Anderson**, **Virginia White** and **Bill McCorkle** all celebrate on this day.******Sept. 2**: Happy Birthday to **Cody Knight**, **Peyton Choate** and **Tanya Sterling**.******Sept. 3**: **Mayor T.W. Permenter** celebrates today, also Happy Birthday to **Rusty Dubose**, **Barbara Daigle**, **Kacey Harrell**, **Rachel Briggs**, **Ryan Fiset**, **Connie Gould**, **Debby Herrington** and **Debby Schamber**.******Sept. 4**: Happy Birthday to **Candi Cannon**, **Shirley Choate**, **Beverly Hanes** and **Jamie Forse**.******Sept. 5**: Celebrating birthdays today are **Virginia Ocegueda**, **Jason Toal**, **Cindy Myers**, **Branden Bailey**, **Carolyn Ann Henry**, **John Tarver** and **Mark Forman**.******Sept. 6**: Former sheriff, **Keith Merritt**, is still young enough but is a year older today. Also Happy Birthday to **Gerald LeLeux**, who is a big help to us. He gets our paper to hard to get to places. On this day, 53 years ago, in 1969, **Lannie Claybar** passed away on the operating table in what would be considered a simple surgery today.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Otis "Fats" Comeaux took his wife, **Alice**, to da big dance at da Dairy Festival. "**Tee-Bruce**" and da **Cajun Ramblers** was playing da music. **Slim Thibodeaux**, him, was on da dance floor dancing like a pro him. **Slim** was break dancing, moon walking, doing the back flip and da split. "**Fats**" him, he was jus sitting dere tapin his finger to da music and not dancing. His wife look at him and say, "**Otis**, you see dat man wat is dancing him?" "**Yea**, I see him me," "**Fats**" answered. "**Well**, **Otis**," said **Alice**, "**Twenty five years ago he propose to me him, and I turned him down**." "**Fats**" answer, "**It looks like to me dat he's still celebrating him**."

C'EST TOUT

As I sit here to write this Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM, the other **Mark Dunn** is in recovery after undergoing a coronary angiogram. The procedure was done by **Dr. Morbia**, at **Gulf Coast Cardiology**, to allow **Mark** to undergo hip surgery. **Mark's** wife **Ethel** is with him. Recovery from this dangerous procedure is usually 24-hours, but **Mark** has the **Record Newspapers** to produce today before 7:00 PM. That seems impossible but if you're reading this he made it.******Read us cover to cover**, check us out on the web at **therecordlive.com** and please shop our family of advertisers. Thanks for your time. **Take care and God bless**.

Deaths & Memorials

Gene Raymond Edgerly, 87, Orange

Gene Raymond Edgerly, 87 of Orange, TX died August 28, 2022 at his home.

Gene was born on December 1, 1934 in Port Arthur, TX to Jewel and Isabel (Gonsoulin) Edgerly. He attended and graduated from Thomas Edison High School in Port Arthur, TX in 1953.

After graduating from high school he enlisted into the US Army. After being discharged 1958, he served 8 years in the US Army Reserves. After discharge, He went to work at Jefferson Chemical as a machinist in Port Neches from 1959 to 2000 where he retired. After retiring from Jefferson Chemical, he was then employed by the state of Texas where he was hired as a labor representative by the Labor Commissioner. With this position, he was responsible for seven counties in Southeast Texas for lay off or company closures. At that time he was also a Charter Board Member of the Southeast Texas Workforce Solutions where he represented Labor on the board. Gene's greatest passion in the union movement was serving as Chair of the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee and member of the Sabine Area Central Labor Council Scholarship Committee. Through his leadership, hundreds of the children of union members here and all over Texas have received college scholarships. Gene's true passion was helping others in the labor force. He and his wife Flo attended meetings of the Texas AFL-CIO and the Sabine Area Central Labor Council for almost 60 years. He was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Sabine Area Central Labor Council and Vice President for the District 2 of the Texas AFL-CIO for decades. Gene served on Southeast Texas Labor-Management Board of Directors at the John Grey Institute at Lamar University. He was former president of the Machinists local



Gene Edgerly

union in Port Neches. Gene said that being on the workforce board and working for the state workforce commissioner was a perfect combination to help people who were laid off from their job through no fault of their own. When asked what his favorite saying that best describes who he was and how he feels about his passion and service, Gene stated, "From the Bible, The Lord said, 'Take care of the least of my people'. After going to work for the state of Texas, helping people was my true passion."

Gene is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judge Flo Edgerly son, John Edgerly and wife, Stephanie of Orange, grandson, Dr. Alex Edgerly and wife Mallory of Bridge City, granddaughters, Ashley Edgerly of Groves, Erica Edgerly Rone and husband Jacob of Orange, and Macy Edgerly of Orange. He is also survived by 3 great grandchildren, Madalyn and Kaylor Merritt of Groves and Andrew Edgerly of Bridge City and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jewel and Isabel Edgerly, sister, Beverly Nunez, and son, Todd Edgerly.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home in Groves, with a Vigil Service to be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orange at 2:00 PM. Visitation will resume from 1:00 PM until service time at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the AFL-CIO Scholarship Fund in honor of Gene. (Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Fund, 1106 Lavaca, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78701)

Elsie Beatrice "Bea" Dixon, 85, Orange

Elsie Beatrice "Bea" Dixon, 85, of Orange, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on August 25, 2022, in Vidor, TX.

Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Chip Anthony. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Born in Winnsboro, Louisiana, on February 26, 1937, Bea was the daughter of William and Allie Gwin. Bea was married to the love of her life Oscar for 66 wonderful years. They were dedicated members of North Orange Baptist Church for 65 years, 25 of which she served as a Sunday School teacher. Bea enjoyed being outdoors and took great pride in her well manicured lawn and immaculate flower beds. Her hard work and attention to detail earned "Yard of the Month".

God was her foundation and she loved her family more than anything. Caring for and playing with her grands and great-grands was her greatest passion. Bea was very wise and



Elsie Dixon

had an answer or home remedy for nearly everything. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing, and crafts in her down time. Bea was a devoted wife, loving mother, nurturing grandmother, caring sister, and devoted friend to many. She was deeply loved by and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Allie Gwin; son Ronnie K. Dixon; as well as her six siblings.

She is survived by her loving husband, Oscar Dixon; children, Michael E. Dixon (Rebecca), Sharon K. Dowden (Tim) both of Orange, Joel "Rusty" Pontenberg (Marcia) of Tampa, Florida; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and other loving family members and dear friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Hooker, Michael S. Dixon, Phillip Bachman, Allen Friend, Tim Smith, and Tyler Burris. Honorary pallbearers are Curt Dixon, Sam Dixon, Charlie Dixon, Sherby Dixon, Vernon Dixon, and Thomas Dixon.

Marilyn Joan Conley, 89, Bridge City

Marilyn Joan Conley, 89, passed away peacefully from this life on August 21, 2022 in Houston Texas.

Marilyn was born in Orange, Texas to parents George Raymond and Leona Gertrude (Arnold) Goodrich on September 1, 1932.

Soon after graduating from Litcher Stark High School in 1950, she moved to Decatur, Illinois where she worked as a switchboard operator for the telephone company. This is where she met the love of her life, Jack Conley and they joined together in marriage on September 25, 1954 in Champagne, Illinois. Two years later, they would move back to Orange, Texas and then to Bridge City where they would raise their family and live for the next 30 years.

She was a faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Bridge City and a volunteer for many years at the Ministerial Alliance there, as well.

Following Hurricane Ike in 2008, Marilyn and Jack relocated to Tomball, Texas, where they would enjoy several years before Jack passed away in 2013. Marilyn moved to Kingwood for a few years and then finally moved to Houston where she lived independently until her death.



Marilyn Conley

She enjoyed spending Sundays having dinner with her family and sharing that time together. Marilyn will be remembered for her kind and giving heart, loving smile and she was truly the definition of a "virtuous woman".

She is preceded in death by her father, G.R. Goodrich; mother, Leona (Arnold) Goodrich Swearingen; step-father, Butch Swearingen; husband of 58 years, John "Jack" Conley; and grandson, Christopher Conley.

Marilyn is lovingly survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Todd Conley, Greg Conley and wife, Rhonda, Brad Conley and wife, Lisa; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley Smith and husband, David; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. Ken Durham will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, August 30, 2022 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home with friends welcome to join the family for visitation at noon before the services.

Marilyn will be laid to rest privately with her husband at Houston National Cemetery under the direction of her son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Lisa, who are honored to care for their mother as she was proud of them and their work as Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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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.

Richard R. Ehrman
c/o:
Tommy Gunn
202 S. Border Street
Orange, Texas

Dated the 23rd day of August, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of **CLEMMIE RUTH DEAN**, Deceased, were issued on **AUGUST 23, 2022, in Cause No. P19441**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **KAYE DEAN SIMS**.

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.

Kaye Dean Sims
c/o:
Stephen C. Howard
Attorney at Law
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

Dated the 23rd day of August, 2022.

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NOTICE TO IMPLEMENT REVISED FIXED FUEL FACTOR

Entergy Texas, Inc. hereby publishes NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (codified in TEX. UTIL. CODE) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.235(b), it filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Commission") on August 18, 2022, a tariff to implement a revised fixed fuel factor. All of Entergy Texas' retail customers whose fuel charges are calculated under the Texas fixed fuel factor tariff - including but not limited to Residential, Small General Service, Large General Service, Large Industrial Power Service, and Street and Outdoor Lighting Service - will be affected by the Commission's approval of the revised fixed fuel factor. The revised fixed fuel factor, if approved, will affect only the fuel portion of the rates charged by Entergy Texas and will have no effect on non-fuel base rates.

Entergy Texas seeks Commission approval to revise the fixed fuel factor effective with the first billing cycle of the September 2022 billing month. Entergy Texas proposed that the fixed fuel factor be changed pursuant to a semi-annual filing to be made each February and August, with revised fuel factors to be effective with the first billing cycle of the March and September billing months, pursuant to a methodology that changes the fuel factor based upon changes in the published price of natural gas. This methodology was authorized for use in Docket No. 32915.

The revised fixed fuel factor, differentiated by voltage level, is as follows:

FACTOR BY VOLTAGE LEVELS	
Delivery Voltage	Fixed Fuel Factor
Secondary	\$0.053446 per kWh
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The revised fuel factor would result in an increase in Entergy Texas' annual Texas retail fuel and purchased power revenues by approximately \$336.4 million, or 46.5% on an annual basis. Compared to the fixed fuel factor approved by the Commission effective March 2022, a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month would see an approximate increase of 40.40% annually, or \$15.02 on average per month, on his/her electric bill. The fixed fuel factor rate is designed to pass through to customers the actual fuel costs incurred by Entergy Texas to serve customers. Entergy Texas is not allowed to make a profit on fuel costs. These changes will be subject to final review by the commission in the electric utility's next reconciliation. Entergy Texas expects the revised fixed fuel factor to be in effect for the billing period of September 2022 through February 2023.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service - Fuel Factor, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (866) 981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons may also email tcr@entergy.com with questions or to request more information.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 53979 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection,

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For The Record

The Orangefield Bobcats took an early lead that helped secure another win in the Bayou Bowl. The Bobcats defeated their rivals the Bridge City Cardinals 28-9 on Friday night at F. L. McClain Stadium.

It was the opening game of the season for both football teams. Orangefield with the win reduces Bridge City's lead in the Bayou Bowl series to seven wins for the Bobcats to nine for the Cardinals. The Buzzie Gunn Trophy has been awarded to the winner between the two teams since 2001.

The Bobcats' defense held the Cardinals on the opening series forcing a punt. Orangefield took over at its 26 and drove 74 yards in eight plays to open the scoring. Halfback Cameron Dischler threw an option pass on the first play to Morgan Sampson to pickup 24 yards to midfield.

Dischler had his longest run of the night on the next play for 8 yards. Bridge City was keying on Dischler holding him to 37 yards on 21 carries for the game.

Gavin Perry-Koci and Case Singleton both picked up first downs for the Bobcats before Perry-Koci scored on sweep around right end from the 16. Ty Butler kicked the point after, and Orangefield led 7-0 with 5:11 gone in the first quarter.

The Cardinals and Bobcats exchanged fumbles with Kayden Kibodeaux the former Bobcat returning a fumble for Bridge City to the Orangefield 9 yard line. The Bobcat defense then came up with a huge take away as Kane Smith intercepted a pass and returned it 97 yards for an Orangefield touchdown that made the score 14-0 with 3:16 left in the first quarter.

Bridge City moved the ball better on its next possession getting its initial three first downs of the game. Quarterback Hutch Bearden ran for one of the first downs and completed passes for the other two.

The Cardinals were eventually forced to punt and they pinned the Bobcats back at their nine-yard line. A holding penalty caused Orangefield to attempt a punt from inside its 10-yard line and the snap went over the punter's head for a safety to get Bridge City on the scoreboard with 6:51 left before halftime.

There was no further scoring in the first half, and the teams went to their locker rooms with Orangefield leading 14-2. The Bobcats deferred to the second half to receive the kickoff and it proved decisive.

Dischler busted the kick return for 54 yards being tackled by the last Cardinal at the Bridge City 35. Nine running plays by the Bobcats led to a fourth-and-goal from the two where Dischler followed three or four blockers around the left side into the end zone for the touchdown. Orangefield led 21-2 with 5:53 left in the third quarter.

Another Cardinals turnover proved costly for them as on the ensuing kickoff the ball was fumbled and recovered by the Bobcats' Beau Elkins. It



Dan Perrine took Orangefield three plays to score as Brayden Parker completed a 6-yard pass to Morgan Sampson in the BAYOU BOWL Page 3B



Gavin Perry-Koci breaks open for the Orangefield Bobcats in the 28-9 Bayou Bowl victory. PHOTOS: Darren Hoyland



Bridge City Cardinal ball carrier Gavin Bodin picks up yardage during the "Bayou Bowl" against Orangefield.

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NFL opens with QB question marks

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

It's been a long time since the Los Angeles Rams won the Super Bowl, but tomorrow marks the start of "real games" in the National Football League.

Nine teams will be starting new quarterbacks this weekend when the 2022 NFL launches its new season.

Longtime starters Russell Wilson (Seattle), Matt Ryan (Atlanta) and Ben Roethlisberger (Pittsburgh) won't be with the same team they quarterbacked with Wilson traded to the Denver Broncos, Ryan to the Indianapolis Colts and Roethlisberger retired after 18 seasons with the Steelers.

Deshaun Watson was traded by the Houston Texans to Cleveland after he refused to play another down in the Bayou City. The NFL suspended him for 11 games and fined him \$5 million for violating the league's conduct policy.

I've studied long and hard to come up with my predictions for the 2022 NFL season:

--AFC--

SOUTH DIVISION—

This is where our Houston Texans call home and for the third straight season are battling Jacksonville to stay out of the cellar. They are still in the rebuilding phase and will depend heavily on the ground game they haven't ever had and the progress of young Davis Mills at quarterback. Caesars Sports Book has set the Texan's over-and-under wins at 4.5, which is only one-half game better than they finished last season. Indianapolis and Tennessee should battle it out for the division championship. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Tennessee 2. Indianapolis 3. Jacksonville 4. Houston.

WEST DIVISION—

This division has belonged to the Kansas City Chiefs and things shouldn't be different as long as Patrick Mahomes remains at quarterback Andy Reid stays on as the head coach. However, the Los Angeles Chargers have made gigantic strides the past couple of seasons and should give the Chiefs all they can handle. Denver also should be on its way up after getting a "real" quarterback (Russell Wilson) for the first time since Peyton Manning retired from the Broncos. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Kansas City 2. LA Chargers 3. Denver 4. Las Vegas.

EAST DIVISION—

The Buffalo Bills have been coming on strong the last couple of years and should outclass the other three teams in this division. Josh Allen's quarterback rating is not very far from Mahomes plus his team has a gritty defense and the frigid weather in December and January as an advantage. New England and Miami



Joe Kazmar

are both on their way up while the Jets would be lucky to win six games. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1.

Buffalo 2. New England 3. Miami 4. NY Jets.

NORTH DIVISION—

Caesars rates the Cleveland Browns equal to Baltimore and Cincinnati, but I don't think they can hang in there with backup quarterback Jacoby Brissett until Watson returns from his 11-game suspension. The Ravens have a multi-faceted quarterback in Lamar Jackson and if he stays healthy, his team should win this division. Pittsburgh's rookie quarterback Kenny Pickett should see some action before the season is over. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Baltimore 2. Cincinnati 3. Cleveland 4. Pittsburgh.

--NFC--

EAST DIVISION—

If you listen to Idiot Owner Jerry Jones, you'll hear that this is the Super Bowl year for his Dallas Cowboys. But if you pay attention to the football writers, they will probably reveal that Dallas is the strongest team in the weakest division. Philadelphia could give the Cowboys a run for their money if young quarterback Jalen Hurts continues to improve and doesn't get hurt running the ball. The Commanders are still the Redskins to me while the Giants struggle to improve. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Dallas 2. Philadelphia 3. Washington 4. NY Giants.

NORTH DIVISION—

Green Bay, with 39-year-old Aaron Rodgers at quarterback, should get all it can handle from the Minnesota Vikings. I'm not sold on quarterback Kirk Cousins, but he might be better than I think. The Bears are putting all their hope on young Justin Fields at quarterback and the Detroit Lions are stuck with Jared Goff at quarterback. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Green Bay 2. Minnesota 3. Chicago 4. Detroit.

WEST DIVISION—

The World Champion Los Angeles Rams have a huge target on their backs and the San Francisco 49ers and the Arizona Cardinals are taking aim. The Rams will show more defense this season which should help them protect their title. The 49ers are going with young Trey Lance at quarterback while the Cardinals are anxious to see which Kyler Murray shows up at quarterback. The Seahawks may get longtime head coach Pete Carroll fired after this season. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. LA Rams 2. Arizona 3. San Francisco 4. Seattle.

SOUTH DIVISION—

Tampa Bay will go as

45-year-old quarterback Tom Brady and new head coach Todd Bowles go. And with Sean Payton retired as head coach, the New Orleans Saints are in a peculiar place between being a contender and rebuilding. Carolina and Atlanta are looking for a competent starting quarterback. MY PROJECTED FINISH—1. Tampa Bay 2. New Orleans 3. Carolina 4. Atlanta.

KWICKIES...Don't

let the Houston Texans' 3-0 record in preseason games give you false hope that they will compete for the Super Bowl in February. When each team plays their best 53 players, the Texans will still be the bumpkins of the league.

The Houston Astros seem to be a safe bet to win the American League West division title with an 11½-game lead and 33 games remaining going into last night's action against the Texas Rangers. But the big question mark facing the team is the calf injury of 38-year-old ace Justin Verlander. I look for the team to practically shut him down until the playoffs roll around next month.

It's amazing that Mickey Mantle's 1952 baseball card in mint condition sold for a

whopping \$12.6 million, which is the most ever paid in the sports memorabilia marketplace.

Washington Commanders' rookie running back Brian Robinson was shot twice during an attempted robbery or car jacking Sunday night. The 23-year-old former Alabama player was brought to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Robinson was a third-round draft pick and was scheduled to start for the Commanders this season.

JUST BETWEEN US...

It was amazing the way Rory McIlroy surged past Masters champion Scottie Scheffler Sunday to win the PGA Tour's FedEx championship and the \$18 million bonanza that goes with it. Rory is such a gentleman that he apologized to Scheffler's family (for their loss of potential income) and hugged his wife and mother. Scheffler ended up with a not-so-shabby \$5.75 million after tying Sangae Im for second place. Scheffler now has the negative distinction of tying a PGA Tour record of losing the largest 54-hole lead with Dustin Johnson in the 2017 HSBC champions. McIlroy shot a four-under par 66 to overtake Scheffler.



Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK OVER LITTLE CYPRESS- MAURICEVILLE

Both the Mustangs and the Battlin' Bears are coming off impressive opening season wins last week and are chomping at the bit for this annual grudge match which will be played tomorrow at Bridge City High School's gridiron because LCM's new field isn't quite ready yet. Both teams got to the fourth-round of the playoffs last year, so things look pretty equal. But I like defense again this week and am going with the Mustangs.

★ BRIDGE CITY OVER BUNA

The Cardinals got their wings clipped last week and are ready to present Head Coach Cody McGuire with his first Redbird victory. But the Cards were defeated by a pack of Bobcats last week and must remember that Cougars are twice as fierce.

★ ORANGEFIELD over SPRING LEGACY

Don't know much about the Bobcats' Friday night opponent, but I do know that Orangefield retained the Buzzie Gunn Trophy for the fourth straight year last week and plan to protect their unblemished re-

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Orangefield Bobcat running back Cameron Dischler trudges within reach of Bridge City Cardinal defensive back Brycen Sommerfelt.

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Bridge City's Jerris Brown rushes for open ground with Orangefield Bobcat defenders Mason Houghton and Beau Elkins in pursuit.

RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Bridge City Cardinal receiver Braylen Collins is wrapped up by Orangefield defender Jackson Humplik during 2022 Bayou Bowl action in Orangefield.

RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Orangefield Bobcat running back Cameron Dischler is met by Bridge City Cardinal defensive back Mason Pruitt.

RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

ORANGE COUNTY FOOTBALL MOVES INTO WEEK 2

OCSPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

LCM Bears and WOS Mustangs Face Off

Weather was a problem for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears in Week One of the football season. The Bears played the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks in their season opener on Thursday at Beaumont which was finished on Friday in Port Arthur because of lightning and then a torrential downpour of rain that delayed the game in the first quarter.

Despite the circumstances of the lightning delay and the switching of playing fields Coach Eric Peevey said the Bears played well in the 35-0 win over the Hawks. "I felt like our offensive line and defensive line did some really great things against a

team we probably should be doing those things against. That's a key the kids understanding when you're picked to win a game that's how you should play. We're starting to figure that out after a year and one week, that you never play down you always play up," Peevey expressed.

The offensive line was lead by center Brady Wright and tackle Jan Nazario. Running back Da'Marion Morris had about a hundred yards rushing and close to sixty yards receiving for the Bears.

The LCM defense limited the Hawks to only about fifty yards of offense and just one net yard rushing. Peevey exclaimed, "I don't know if that's ever happened in school history. I've been coaching for a while, and I've never held even bad teams to fifty yards of total offense. That might be a school record."

Amier Washington was his normal dominating presence at defensive end as well as lining up as a noseguard on several plays. "We had some young kids defensively that played well. I think we're playing in the right situation and looking good heading into this week," Peevey analyzed.

The only bad news from last week was the MRI on two-way starter DJ Roberts' knee. Peevey announced the report showed a torn ACL. Roberts will start re-hab on the knee and hopefully will be able to play for the Bears his senior year next season.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville plays crosstown rival the West Orange-Stark Mustangs this week. The Mustangs are in the same district as Hardin-Jefferson but at opposite ends with West Orange-Stark being one of the preseason favorites to win that district.

The Mustangs use the Spread Offense. Peevey explained they really do try to spread opposing defenses out stretching them from sideline to sideline and vertically making

them guard the entire field.

Junior quarterback Keyshawn Robinson does a great job of running the football and throws it when he needs to accord-

ing to Peevey. Robinson is extremely quick and agile. "He's hard to get your hands on, and they've got a bevy of running backs of

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end zone to make it 28-2 with 4:18 to play in the third period.

The Cardinals were able to get the last hurrah when they drove 50 yards for their only touchdown of the game. Bearden completed a fourth down pass to Cale Breaux for 23 yards that cut the final score to 28-9 after the point after by Victor Hernandez.

Case Singleton was the leading rusher in the game with 45 yards on seven carries for the Bobcats. Jerris Brown had 13 rushes for 33 yards for Bridge City.

Sophomore Bearden playing his first varsity game completed 11 of 25 passes for 120 yards and the one touchdown. He did suffer three interceptions. Orangefield's Parker only attempted three passes completing two for 10 yards and the one touchdown.

Orangefield plays at home in Week Two against Spring Legacy. Bridge

City will play its first game on the new field at Larry

Ward Stadium against the Buna Cougars.

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course starting with Jamaal Shaw who does what he does," Peevey stated.

Jailen Brown and Dustin Helm will also carry the football and run hard. Peevey pointed out, "The key looking at them is to stop the run and make them throw it, but they're still pretty good when they need to throw the ball. In a football game when you're playing a great team I don't feel you can always stop everything but you've got to do your job, and I've always felt if you stop the run you have a good chance to win games. We're going to have to try to limit their success on the ground with all their running backs and their quarterback's ability to run."

The Mustangs under new head coach Hiawatha Hickman have switched from the odd front used for decades by West Orange-Stark to more of a four-man front on defense. They will shift back into their familiar three-man front too especially on long third down situations.

As always speed and aggressiveness are the big assets of the Mustang defense. "That's the one thing West Orange-Stark on defense always has is tons of team speed, they run to the ball, and they're very violent when they get there," Peevey reminded.

Many of the same standouts on the Mustang offense are key players on the defensive side. Shaw is a cornerback used to lockdown any receiver on his side of the field. Brown and safety is very good.

The other safety Darren Anderson is very athletic and does a good job against the run. Defensive end Reuben Ceaser is very fast off the ball. Peevey evaluated, "Their secondary, their outside, and inside backers do such a good job of running to the ball which limits the big play success against them. They're just your normal typical West Orange-Stark defense that flies to the football."

Peevey believes winning the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense will be the key for LCM to pull off the victory. Peevey explained, "We're going to have to keep away from long third down situations and try to put them in as many situations like that as we can. We're going to have to tackle in space. That's one thing they do a good job of is getting their athletes out in space and breaking those one-on-one tackles and turning them into big runs. We're definitely going to have win on the line of scrimmage and try to limit their success outside by tackling in space."

The Orange Bowl as this game has been labelled is a good rivalry for Little Cypress-Mauriceville and West Orange-Stark. The Bears have not enjoyed the success that the Mustangs have in the series that dates back to the 1980s.

The contest between the Bears and the Mustangs will not determine playoff positioning for either team it is a non-district game, but it does hold significance. "I think the biggest key for us is to play a team with this kind of speed. This gets us ready for teams that we're going to see later in the year and then hopefully in the playoffs. It also gives you a good chance to see where your players are. It's always important when you have a local game to play for your fans and it gets everybody out there," Peevey concluded.

The game will be played

at Bridge City because of the ongoing renovations to Battlin' Bear Stadium where it was originally scheduled. The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears and the West Orange-Stark Mustangs will play Thursday night at 7:30 in Larry Ward Stadium.

BC Cardinals face Buna on new turf

The opening game of the football season for the Bridge City Cardinals was the Bayou Bowl last Friday. The Cardinals took a loss in the game but now get ready to play on their new field at home this week.

Coach Cody McGuire felt his Cardinals played well and gave a great effort in their game against Orangefield last week. Four turnovers though proved critical for Bridge City and were difficult to overcome for the Cardinals.

The Cardinal defense was led again by linebacker Mason Pruitt who had a great game according to McGuire. Nick Lejeune as well as the entire defensive line were standouts and played incredible.

A big plus was the return of JS Bearden back to the lineup for Bridge City on defense. Bearden had his first practice since last season during the week of the game with Orangefield.

Linebackers Merik Aras and Aden Lapeyrolerie played well. The Cardinal secondary including Aus-

tin Bellanger played hard and did a great job. "We played well enough to win we just didn't get it done," McGuire confessed.

The Cardinals matched the Bobcats with their physical play in the game. McGuire evaluated, "We knew they were a tough physical team and they play well. Our defense bowed up and played well for the whole game. I think we held their total offense to 175 yards."

This week McGuire and the Bridge City coaches will be working to eliminate errors in the next game. "It was a great effort, we've just got to clean up all the mistakes and I think we'll be better for it," McGuire indicated.

Week Two will find the Cardinals playing the Buna Cougars. Bridge City won last year's meeting with Buna in a close game.

The Cougars operate their offense out of the Spread with two running backs. They use an H-back that comes into the play for blocking. Buna likes to run the ball especially with counter plays, and although the Cougars do not throw it often they are effective when they do pass.

A top offensive weapon for the Cougars is junior Jacob Johnson returning at running back after over a thousand yards on the ground with 13 touchdowns last season. Johnson is very talented and quick.

The Cougar quarterback is junior Toby Marse who will operate the offense behind an experi-

enced front line including senior guard Trace Marks and tight end Landon Stephens. Senior Jaxson Sylvester is another good runner of the ball for Buna.

The Cardinals' defense can expect Buna to be a difficult offense to stop. McGuire reminded, "They gave us all we wanted last year. We ended up with a win, but when the Cougars come down here to play on Friday night they're going to be ready. We're preparing for everything we could see from them."

Like the Cardinals, the Cougars lineup in the 3-4 on defense. "They do play hard collectively as a defense, and I think that's what makes them tough is they are all playing hard together, all eleven getting after the ball," McGuire evaluated.

Linebacker Kale Knox has been all-district the last two seasons for the Cougars and had over one hundred tackles last season. Defensive tackle Isaiah Robinson had 25 tackles behind the line of scrimmage last year.

Bridge City will be looking to be the most physical, most aggressive, and best conditioned team on the field Friday night against Buna. Doing these things Coach McGuire believes will lead the Cardinals to having the most points when the game is over.

In addition to those priorities the Cardinals will need to eliminate the errors that proved so costly in the game with Orangefield. McGuire emphasizes, "You've got to protect the ball. Defensively you can't make mistakes you've

got to run what's called. I think our guys are going to get better every week, and we're going to continue to get better as the weeks go on."

One thing that has gotten better for football at Bridge City is the field itself. Mo Litton Field at Larry Ward Stadium has new artificial turf installed that has been used by the Cardinals for practices since workouts began in early August.

Friday will be the first varsity game for the Cardinals on the new turf. McGuire expressed, "Our kids are excited to be home and to get to play on it in front of the home crowd. They're excited to play this game on the new turf. I'm so thankful to the school board, the community, and our superintendent for getting that done for us."

The faster turf and the elimination of a muddy field should be beneficial to the Bridge City Cardinals and their Spread offense. "Absolutely, we don't have to worry about a wet, muddy field since we've got that turf. That's definitely a plus especially in the Spread Offense since we like to throw it around, and hopefully when we're throwing it around our guys are catching a clean ball. When we hand it off our backs are running, and they can make good cuts on that new turf. It's good for everybody," McGuire concluded.

The Bridge City Cardinals host the Buna Cougars on Friday. The game will begin at 7:30 PM in Larry Ward Stadium.

Orangefield Bobcats face talented Legacy Titans

The Orangefield Bobcats got their season off to a good start against a familiar rival in Week One of the football season. This week the Bobcats play an opponent they have never faced before, and it will be a test for them.

The Bayou Bowl was played last Friday between Orangefield and the Bridge City Cardinals. The Bobcats scored on their first possession, then used a pick six, and a long kickoff return to build an insurmountable lead to capture a 28-9 victory.

Bobcat head coach Josh Smalley was happy with the win to retain the Buzzie Gunn Trophy. "It was a good win, we like to start the year one and oh. It's a big rivalry game so it was good to get a win in a rivalry game," Smalley replied.

The defense for Orangefield played well not allowing the Bridge City offense to score until about three minutes were left in the game. The Bobcats made three interceptions and recovered two fumbles.

The biggest take away by the Bobcats was the interception by Kane Smith which he returned 97 yards for a touchdown. Smalley added, "I think defensively we played really, really well."

On offense Orangefield was led by quarterback Brayden Parker. He managed the game well and

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It doesn't make any difference if you're a hunter or a fisherman because this time of the year has something for everyone and it's all good. The brief cool down from near triple digit heat has both hunters and fishermen alike thinking of what's in store for the coming weeks. The very first hint of hunting season starts with teal and dove season in September and if you look at the calendar that's not too far off. Hunters of all shapes and sizes flock to the field to take advantage of the first opportunities to get back into the



Chuck Uzzle

sport they love, the whole episode is like "big kid therapy". Along the coast we look forward to the arrival of the bluewing teal because they will be the first ducks to visit our area on the annual migration south.

This year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a proposal to set the teal season to run Sept. 10th thru the 25th after the bluewing population reached the 16-day threshold. Federal waterfowl hunting guidelines al-

low Texas a 16-day teal-only season when the bluewing population index exceeds 4.7 million birds. If the bluewing population is 3.3 million to 4.6 million, current federal guidelines allow Texas a nine-day teal season. The next full moon on Septemeber 10th will usher in big waves of teal into our area and that trend will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Conditions along the Central flyway could not be better for this time of the year as constant rains have made everything to the north of us green and fertile unlike last year. Locally our marshes are in tremendous shape as the big flush of freshwater has certainly

sweetened up our marshes and promoted plenty of growth. On a recent pass through some local marshes I noticed several areas that had begun to grow a couple of different types of grass that had not been in there in a

couple of years. The rich fresh water has been a blessing all the way around for everyone except the fishermen in Sabine Lake but that will hopefully change as we get closer to the fall where things in the lake should begin to get back to normal.

Speaking of normal it's been good to see the populations of shrimp starting to show up in the marshes and bayous. I was running up Black's Bayou last week and stopped to take advantage of some gulls picking

shrimp that had been pushed to the surface by a herd of small trout. The fish we caught were small but there were plenty of them and plenty of shrimp. When we get that first little cold front towards the end of September and the north wind blows all the water out of the marsh Sabine Lake will hopefully go nuts with schooling activity and the fishing will be as hot as the summer has been.

I know that first front seems like a long way off so I guess we will have to pass the time by shooting a few doves as the season opens

for the North and Central zones on September 1st. Several hunters I have spoken with recently have

been reporting large numbers of doves in our area which always seems to be the case before opening weekend. Historically we get a huge rain or some goofy storm come through and blows all the birds out, hopefully that's not the case this year. The coming weeks are full of promise and the seasons will overlap causing sportsmen to make a choice to either hunt or fish, either one will certainly be a winner.

First Saturday giveaways at FBC

First Saturday at First Baptist Church is doing it again, giving away bags of staple foods. Look for the blue canopy at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City, Saturday, September 3rd from 10 am to 12 pm.

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completed two of the three passes he threw the second resulted in a touchdown.

Running back Cameron Dischler was a workhorse for the Bobcats with over twenty carries, and he scored a touchdown. Tight ends Koen Maddox and Morgan Sampson blocked well. Both caught one pass with Sampson's being for a touchdown.

Tailback Gavin Perry-Koci scored the first touchdown of the game on a 16-yard sweep. Smalley hopes to put the ball in Perry-Koci's hands more in upcoming games.

The win was impressive for Orangefield, but Smalley indicated there is room for improvement. "We had a lot of things go well for us, but after watching film on Saturday if we have any chance of reaching goals we've set for ourselves we still have a long way to go," Smalley admitted.

This week the Bobcats play Legacy School of Sport Sciences out of the Spring area. The Titans are coached by former Willis High School and Kansas State University standout quarterback Michael Bishop.

Legacy uses the Spread on offense. The Titans went down to the wire in

their season opener losing to Huffman 28-27 when a two-point conversion attempt failed with just a few seconds left.

The Titans are big up front and are loaded with offensive weapons. Film appears to show according to Coach Smalley an offensive front line of blockers all ranging from 300 to 350 pounds for Legacy.

The deep pass is a favorite play for the Titans. Jacob Smith is the Legacy quarterback. Smith can throw the ball, but may be more dangerous with his feet as his coach Bishop was in his playing days. Smalley indicated, "When things break down the quarterback if he escapes the pocket he is tough to tackle."

The quarterback has several targets to throw the football. Primary receivers for Smith are Keisean Henderson, Stefan Reynolds, and Noah McClatchey.

The Bobcats will have their work cut out for them against the dangerous Titan offense which is loaded with speed. Smalley elaborated, "They're Spread, they're athletic, they're trying to get the ball in their athletes' hands in space. They're going to try to run by you and throw the deep ball ten to fifteen times a

game to see if they can connect with one, but the scariest thing to me is you can have all your coverage right and you can be covering their receivers but if Smith breaks the pocket or breaks containment he's a weapon and you've got to try to tackle him and he's going to be tough to bring down."

On defense Legacy lines up in the 4-3 formation. The Titan secondary with so much speed plays primarily man coverage.

Just like their offense the Titans are loaded with athletes on defense. "They are well coached. They're going to create with their size some challenges up front for us, and then with their speed it will be difficult to break a long run on them. We'll have to put together a lot of long twelve, fifteen play drives to keep their offense off the field and take advantage what we do," Smalley concluded.

The game between Orangefield and Legacy was originally scheduled to be played in Spring where Legacy is located. Delays installing a new field there has caused the game to be changed to Orangefield at F. L. McClain Stadium. The kickoff will be at 7:30 on Friday night.

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast From Page 2B

DEWEYVILLE over CUSHING—The Pirates got the season off on the right foot against Mount Enterprise and should be able to please the home crowd Friday.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN over LAMAR—The Cardinals kick off the new season tomorrow in Abilene where they hope to improve on their 2-8 record last year. The Redbirds should be much-improved and should give ACU all it can handle.

MONTANA STATE over McNEESE STATE—The Cowboys rarely go under the .500 mark in a season, but it certainly happened in 2021. And the teams in the Big Sky State are always pretty tough, especially at home.

HIGH SCHOOL—Beaumont United over Port Neches-Groves, Manvel over Beaumont West Brook, Port Arthur Memorials over Nederland, Lumberton over Houston St. Thomas, East Chambers over Hamshire-Fannett, Palestine over Jasper, Silsbee over Huffman, Newton over Woodville, Hardin-Jefferson over Anahuac, Kountze over Brazos, Warren over Hull-Daisetta, Corrigan-Camden over Buna, Kirbyville over Diboll, Houston St. Pius over Beaumont Kelly, Evadale over Hardin, High Island over Second Baptist, Chester over Texas Christian, Burkeville over Union Hill, Living Stones over Beaumont Legacy Christian.

Texas A&M over Sam Houston, Texas over Louisiana-Monroe, USC over Rice, Prairie View over Texas Southern, Northern Colorado over Houston Baptist, TCU over Colorado, Baylor over Albany, Texas Tech over Murray State, LSU over Florida State, Alabama over Utah State, Ohio State over Notre Dame, Georgia over Oregon, Michigan over Colorado State, Utah over Florida, Oklahoma over UTEP, Oklahoma State over Central Michigan, North Carolina State over East Carolina, Miami over Bethune-Cookman, Wisconsin over Illinois State, Kentucky over Miami (Ohio), Arkansas over Cincinnati (Upset Special), Ole Miss over Troy, Stephen F. Austin over Alcorn, Stanford over Colgate, Navy over Delaware, Northern Illinois over Eastern Illinois, Arkansas State over Grambling State, Washington State over Idaho, Incarnate Word over Southern Illinois, Villanova over Lehigh, New Mexico over Maine, Montana over Northwestern State, Nicholls State over South Alabama, Marshall over Norfolk State, Nebraska over North Dakota, San Jose State over Portland State, Virginia over Richmond, Kansas State over South Dakota, Iowa over South Dakota State, Louisiana-Lafayette over Southeastern Louisiana, California over UC-Davis; (all Sat.); Clemson over Georgia Tech (Monday).

PRO PICKS—Buffalo over LA Rams (Thursday); Tampa Bay over Dallas, Indianapolis over Houston, San Francisco over Chicago, Minnesota over Green Bay (Upset Special), New Orleans over Atlanta, Cleveland over Carolina, Cincinnati over Pittsburgh, Philadelphia over Detroit, Miami over New England, Baltimore over NY Jets, Jacksonville over Washington, Tennessee over NY Giants. Kansas City over Arizona, LA Chargers over Las Vegas (all Sunday); Denver over Seattle (Monday Night).

COLLEGE— Alabama-Birmingham over Alabama A&M, Pittsburgh over West Virginia, Wake Forest over VMI, Fresno State over Cal Poly, Toledo over LIU, Missouri State over Central Arkansas, Arizona State over Northern Arizona, Air Force over Northern Iowa, Central Florida over South Carolina State (all Thursday); Michigan State over Western Michigan (Friday); Houston over UTSA,

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