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Sowell wins big, JP cuts it close

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Experience walked in Orange County Precinct 3 and money talked in Orange County Precinct 2.

Joy Dubose-Simonton won her third term as Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Tuesday night, squeaking past paralegal Candice Conroy Steele, a two-time challenger.

In the other contested Orange County race, Chris Sowell was not just the top vote-getter in a five-man race for the County Commissioner job representing Precinct 2. He avoided a runoff with an overwhelming 59.7 percent of the 2,846 votes cast.

Dubose-Simonton beat Steele by 150 votes out of a total of 2,676 votes cast, 1,413 to 1,263, or 52.8 percent to 47.2.

Sowell spent more money than all his opponents combined and his saturation advertising, detailed planning and steady campaigning saw him gain more votes than all his opponents combined.

Tuesday night's totals in the Republican Primary were 1,698 votes for Sowell, and 1,148 for the rest.

Sowell avoided a runoff with 59.7 percent of the vote and a 46-point win over runner-up Matt Chandler, a for-



Sowell

Simonton

mer Pinehurst Mayor Pro-Tem who garnered 13.5 percent of ballots cast.

Orange County roadworker Robert "Robby" Lunsford finished third with 10.8 percent of the vote, while rancher Shawn Hare finished with 9.8 percent and plant operator Jude Graffagnino got 6.3 percent.

The 45-year-old president of the Mauriceville Heritage Association, Sowell raised \$18,000 in contributions and spent at least \$20,000 on his campaign, according to the latest candidate finance report dated a week ago.

Hare raised \$6,000 and spent \$9,000 while Lunsford reported contributions of \$5,000 and expenses of \$4,000.

Chandler's Jan. 31 filing, his last timely filing, showed \$600 in fund-raising, \$5,000 in spending. Graffagnino's Feb. 21 report, his only filing of the campaign, showed zero contributions and \$1,300 of expenses.

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Opponent-less Phelan campaign raises \$6.9M

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

In the last half of 2021, Dade Phelan, Orange County's State representative, raised \$1.5 million in campaign funds and spent about every penny of it on campaign expenses.

But the Beaumont-based Republican has no one running against him in 2022.

Talk about money for nothing.

But don't pine for Phelan, who hasn't had an opponent since 2014, the first of his now five elections to the Statehouse.

He is still sitting on nearly \$5 million in political contributions, according to year-end filings with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Phelan has raked in \$6.9 million in donations since Nov. 4, 2020, when he announced he had secured enough pledges to be elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for last year's



Phelan

87th Texas Legislature session.

As the third most powerful person in state government, Phelan received \$4,299,203 in political donations in the final six weeks of 2020.

He bagged up 914 donations from Nov. 20, 2020 through Dec. 31 of that year, with more than half the money -- \$2.4 million -- coming from 417 donations by businesses or political action committees.

Of course, no one can keep up with Gov. Greg Abbott as he goes for a third four-year term in November. He has collected \$58.3 million since July of 2021 and had \$49.8 million on hand in mid-February, his last report available on the Ethics Commission website.

Abbott had no fewer than

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★ Orangefield band members advance to state ★



Orangefield ISD held their February board meeting this week and Dr. McAlpin presented Bravo Awards to band and choir students that are advancing to state. Pictured with Dr. McAlpin are: Grant Valka, Cain Hawthorne, Josh Eckerle, Camden Harrelson, Madeleine Wernig, Sadie Prouse, Owen Meyer and Jeanna Ingram. (Not Pictured: Winnie Ou, Adam Tsan and Josh Gossett)

Building permits project growth

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The city of Orange is starting the new year with a continuation of new construction and remodeling. Building permits issued during the first month included an \$8.6 million new building for a medical center plus the city spending \$285,000 for the HVAC system in the new recreation center under construction at 1405 Orange Avenue, the site of the former natatorium.

The construction for the Gisela Houseman Medical Campus is ongoing in the Eagle Point development area at the southeast area by the intersection of Interstate 10 and Texas Highway 62. Houseman donated land and the City of Orange Economic



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Development Corporation has helped with incentives, including laying water and sewer lines to the area.

The city is paying for construction of the \$2.9 million new recreation center and

4402 27th Street off Interstate 10 West.

Businessman Ron D. McAnelly received a permit for an interior build-out valued at \$81,000 for Triangle Rescue, 3875 Interstate 10. That is another business that has continued to expand after the cities EDC helped it start with an earlier grant.

Other commercial permits include \$20,000 for remodeling at 603 16th Street, a former lube shop between Green Avenue and Park Avenue. The company is 7th Street Grocery, which is based in the Golden Triangle and has tobacco stores in other cities.

Starlight Church of God, 2800 Bob Hall Road, received

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New BC manager follows winding course

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The previous occupant's University of Texas Longhorns golf bag has been replaced by a Texas A&M diploma belonging to a man who used to be a golf pro.

Brent Walker's course to being the new city manager for the City of Bridge City has been full of doglegs and tricky reads.

But the Panhandle native who grew up on the grasslands beneath Kansas' Flint Hills, thinks he has found his sweet spot in Southeast Texas.

"I've really been looking for a place to call home and I like fishing and being outside," he said. "Bridge City has been great."

Walker is replacing Silsbee native Jerry Jones, who had



Brent Walker, the new city manager for Bridge City, said he is looking to retire here after a life of twists and turns.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

worked for Bridge City for about two decades before recently retiring.

When hired by Bridge City in January, Walker was in his fourth year as assistant city manager in Dalhart, Texas, a city of 8,000 located near the

borders of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The five previous years, he served as Dalhart's finance director.

His parents were high school sweethearts in Dalhart, Walker said, and he has

a large number of relatives there.

But his father was a preacher and the family moved around a lot until his father went to work at Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas.

Walker spent most of his youth in what some call the Little Apple. He attended Kansas State and Manhattan Christian College.

"What I really wanted to be was a golf pro," he said.

And he was.

He was assistant pro and course superintendent, teaching golf lessons at the Thorncreek Golf Course outside of Denver, Colorado. He also worked with the First Tee program for junior golfers, which was run by Denver Parks & Rec.

NEW BC MANAGER Page 3A

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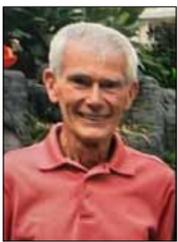
Deaths & Memorials

Kenneth P. Ruane, 80, Orange

Kenneth P. Ruane, 80, passed away on February 20, 2022.

Ken leaves three children: David Ruane of Shaker Heights, OH, Denise Ritossa and Robert of Kirtland, OH, and Dan Ruane of Nashville, TN, and two grandsons, Ryan and Nicholas Ritossa of Kirtland, OH.

Ken was an avid marathon runner. He qualified and competed in the Cleveland and Boston races and many races in Houston, TX. Ken always enjoyed a top rung finish in his age group. He also qualified and competed in the Senior Olympics in track and field in CA. Ken's favorite sport was golf. He was a mem-



Kenneth Ruane

ber of the Sunset Grove Country Club for over 40 years, and served as an officer for the golf league.

Ken worked at Dupont from the age of 18 until 1998. Ken achieved an engineering degree from Fenn College of Cleveland State University in 1973.

Ken graduated with honors achieving magna summa cum laude status. He was stationed at plants located in Cleveland, Nashville, and Orange. After retirement from Dupont, Ken rounded out his professional career as an adjunct instructor in LIT-Technology at Lamar University.

Cremation will be under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Richard John Dartez, 84, Bridge City

Richard, 84, of Bridge City, passed away on February 24, 2022.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was born August 13, 1937, in New Iberia, Louisiana, to Mildred and Joe Dartez. Richard held tight to his cajun roots all of his life, enjoying everything associated with it.

He lived in Bridge City, Texas over 40 years and created a life with his wife and two daughters. He was a proud dad who supported his children by engaging in their activities. Richard worked as a pipefitter and welder in a local refinery. He retired to enjoy life on his ranch raising cattle and gardening. He was an avid person and would en-



Richard Dartez

gage anyone in conversation. He enjoyed the cajun joke of the day and shared it with others.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sisters, brothers, and son-in-law.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 54 years, Marilyn; daughters, Aimee and Alana; granddaughters, Peyton and her husband Hunter (honorary grandson), Nicole and Marilyn; grandson, Phillip; and son-in-law, Charles. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to an organization very dear to Richard, Catholic Charities Hospitality Center at 2780 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77703

American Legion, Post #49 Fish Fry Lunch set for Thursday

The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a fish fry lunch on Thursday, March 3rd. The meal will consist of Fish, Potato Salad, Cole-slaw, Green Beans with Pickles, Onions, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00 each.

If you wish to place an order, please do so on Wednesday, March 2nd or for orders to go on Thursday, March 3rd call before 9 am. The number to call is 409-886-1041.

Donations of used books for AAUW booksale

Donate your used books to the "AAUW",

American Association of University Women, Booksale. All proceeds will fund local scholarships for High School girls in Orange County. Drop-off locations are Mann Insurance located at 1505 W. Park Ave., Maximilian Hair Designs at Northway Shopping Center or call Barbara at 409-745-1833. Books may be dropped off until March 15th.

Dementia Support Group

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

Politicians Watch Your Ego

CARL PARKER
For The Record



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.

All politicians have egos, particularly after winning a hard-fought election battle. I must confess, I too was pumped up quite a bit after winning my election to the state Senate. It was enforced by the fact that I had been invited to be the parade marshal at the pre-rodeo festivities in Liberty, Texas.

I was told to dress western; so I put on my finest cowboy-looking coat, hat and cowboy boots. As I arrived in Liberty for the parade, I was assigned to sit atop a Cadillac convertible and lead the parade.

It is truly ego boosting to ride through a crowd of people wishing you well, waving high-fives and obviously feeling you are an important

down.

As we reached the end of the parade route, I was to exit my 'chariot' and ascend the platform of the reviewing stand for my final farewell to my new-found fame in Liberty. As I crossed the courthouse grounds, I was approached by beautiful young lady who was very provocatively dressed.

Having a pretty face and huge blue eyes, she looked at me and asked, "Are you really Senator Parker?" Puffed up beyond belief, I filled my chest with pride and said, "I sure am."

Expecting some adoring conversation from this new-found fan, I was shocked when she looked up at me and said, "You sure look a lot fatter in person than you do in your pictures."

person. A little later, however, I had a serious come-

Free diapers at 'First Saturday' FBC

First Saturday at First Baptist of Bridge City will again be giving away all sizes of diapers Saturday, March 5th from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church parking lot located at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd. in Bridge City. Children and adult Bibles will also be available free.

We want to pray with you about your concerns and especially for you and your baby. Diapers will be available for expectant moms as well. We hope to see you there.

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Political campaign financing From Page 1

seven opponents in the March 1 Republican Primary but -- if money talks -- appeared headed past them for a likely date with El Paso Democrat and former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke in November.

State Sen. Robert Nichols, the Jacksonville Republican who represents Orange and 18 other East Texas counties in his District 3, has taken in \$505,000 in this election cycle while spending \$523,000, according to TEC.

Nichols has a \$2 million war chest from funds unspent in previous campaigns.

A Lamar University-trained engineer who's a former mayor of Jacksonville, Nichols spent about \$1.5 million in winning his first election in 2006, garnering 54 percent of the vote in a four-man Republican primary.

About half of that \$1.5 million came from his personal loans to his 2006 campaign, since repaid.

Nichols has never had opponents for both the primary and general elections in the same year and he's won his four elections since 2006 by at least 38 points. Nichols is running unopposed in the Republican Primary but faces Democrat Steve Russell in November.

U.S. Representative Randy Weber (R-Alvin) is running for his sixth two-year term in Congress representing District 14, which was redrawn this year to include

Orange County. Weber has raised \$453,328 for this election cycle, spending \$443,605.

He reported \$483,113 on hand Feb. 9, reports opensecrets.org.

He had two challengers in Wednesday's Republican Primary, Nederland's Keith Casey and Ruben Landon Dante. Weber will face either Eugene Howard or Mikal Williams in November.

Phelan's big cash infusion in late 2020 was driven by interest groups and business owners looking for sway with bills before the 2021 Legislature.

Six of the top 10 givers were PACs, two in health care, one in communications and three in construction. The four individuals among the top 10 donors were presidents or CEOs of entities with state business.

The 2020 list was topped by Border Health PAC of McAllen with a \$100,000 donation, followed by nine \$50,000 donations and the 11th was a \$49,698 in-kind donation of air travel by William "Bill" Scott, president of Trans-Global Supply of Nederland, who is also Phelan's campaign treasurer.

According to campaign filings, the Texas House Speaker picked up just over \$1 million in contributions in the first half of 2021 to go with the \$1.5 million donated in the second half of that year.

In October 2021, former

President Donald Trump threatened to back a primary opponent against Phelan for not acting fast enough on a bill that would trigger an audit of the 2020 election in parts of the state.

Trump called Phelan a RINO (Republican In Name Only) and Allen West, then the state Republican Chairman and now a challenger to Gov. Abbott on the primary ballot, called Phelan "a traitor" for reaching across the aisle to court Democratic House members to support his election as Speaker.

In Orange County, an online petition unsuccessfully tried to recruit support for former County Judge Dean Crooks to run against Phelan.

Candidates had until early December to file for a place on the 2022 state ballot, which should explain how or why Phelan's campaign spent \$1.5 million in the final half of 2021 and \$2.4 million overall.

After spending more money on furnishings at Pottery Barn than for staff salaries in the fall of 2020, Phelan's campaign paid \$731,000 in salaries and benefits to a staff of 11 in 2021.

It also spent \$563,000 on polling, nearly \$200,000 on consulting, \$180,000 on travel, \$80,000 on advertising, \$52,000 on events, \$43,000 on food and \$30,000 on gifts.

In the second half of 2021, Phelan made political dona-

tions of \$208,000, with checks for \$54,000 and \$25,000, respectively, going to the campaigns of John Lujan and Ryan Guillen, two Republicans "flipping" South Texas red. He paid for a \$27,000 ad buy for Reggie Smith, a North Texas Republican.

He sent a \$100,000 donation to the Associated Republicans of Texas, a PAC run by John Nau, Abbott's campaign treasurer.

Nau donated \$50,000 to Phelan.

Al Granger, owner of Granger Motors, was the top Orange County donor to Phelan, passing along \$10,000. Casey Crenshaw, owner of Beaumont's Modern Group, and his wife Stacey each donated \$20,000.

Border Health PAC donated another \$100,000 to Phelan's campaign in 2021. Also on the \$100K donor list for 2021 is Arch Aplin III, the president of Buc-ee's, and the Michael Porter Family Trust, Hill Country heirs to the Weather Channel founder.

Nichols is no stranger to big money donors. He was a Texas Transportation Commissioner for eight years -

it's the board that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation - before his election and he's now Chairman of the Senate's Transportation Committee.

In his last two election cycles (2018 and 2022 elections), Nichols has received \$315,000 in donations from the Associated General Contractors of America and \$300,000 from Doug Pit-

cock, the CEO of Williams Brothers Construction of Houston, which advertises that 95% of its \$12 billion in completed highway construction projects were for TxDOT.

Johnny Weisman, owner of Hunter Industries rock and asphalt provider in San Marcos, has donated \$180,000 to Nichols.

OC election results From Page 1

The total number of Orange County's 54,000 registered voters taking part in this election was just over 11,000, or 20 percent.

Nearly 12 percent - 6,276 - took advantage of the 11 days for early voting. Of those, 468 voted absentee or by mail.

Republican Primary early voters outnumbered Democratic Primary early voters more than a 5 to 1 margin, but more Democratic voters than Republican voters - 275 to 193 -- cast their mail-in ballots by mail or dropped them off at the Elections Administration Office.

Dubose-Simonton, daugh-

ter of former Bridge City mayor and County Commissioner John Dubose, earned a 53-47 percent edge in the early voting over Steele with 737 votes to 649.

Sowell won one vote less than 60 percent of the 1,592 votes cast early in the Precinct 2 race, according to results released by the Elections Administration after the Election Day polls closed at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

His total from the Feb. 14-25 voting was 955, with Chandler (225 votes) at 14.2 percent, Lunsford (183) at 11.5 percent, Hare (148) at 9.3 percent and Graffagnino (81) at 5.1 percent.

New BC manager Brent Walker From Page 1

But golf is not a year-round sport in Colorado, because of the weather.

Walker took a part-time job in banking with Wells Fargo.

Eventually, he became licensed to sell securities and worked for Wells Fargo for eight years, at stops from Texas to the East Coast.

When Wells Fargo and Wachovia banks merged, his bosses sent him on the road to teach Wachovia bankers "the Wells Fargo system."

A year for family brought Walker back to Dalhart to work for a small bank. The city's finance department found him there.

"A career has a mind of its own," he said.

Walker has a master's degree in public administration from Texas A&M, a certificate in public finance from Texas Tech and a Class C water license.

He's a member of the Texas City Management Association and is the current President of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas.

Walker says windblown fires caused the big disasters in the Panhandle.

"We didn't have hurricanes," he said. "I'm not sure what six feet of water is like. It only rains about eight inches a year in West Texas."

"But the procedures, how you set up emergency management, is all the same thing. All cities are different, but there are a lot of similarities as well."

Walker says he like the way Orange County city managers work together.

"When COVID happened, and the federal money started coming in, they all called each other to figure out the best ways to deal with that."

The new city manager has

been busy meeting city employees and familiarizing himself with city policies and ordinances.

"I know water wells are a big part of what we're looking at. Drainage is priority in the future, along with some of the infrastructure and some of the growth and developments lined up to come in."

Walker believes in being proactive.

"I want to put together a new master plan for the city," he said. "With the growth happening now and continuing to happen."

"Chevron Phillips coming in over the bridge could mean 500 jobs and 5,000 construction jobs and a lot of sales tax up and down Texas Avenue."

"Of course, that's a good problem to have."



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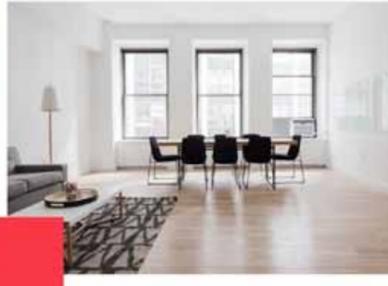
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From The Creaux's Nest

LOCAL POLITICS TURNS DARK

I can't remember at anytime when we had just two local races. In this case, only one party participated. I'm turning this column in before the polls close so the outcome will have to be in our news section. The races were well fought in the commissioner's race but I was disappointed by the personal attacks in the J.P. race. It was meant to hurt a candidate but it also hurt the entire family. One's record of service is open for review and criticism but not a candidate's personal family life. Waiting to drop a last minute dirty trick is a rotten thing to do. There is no place for that in local politics and those involved should be ashamed of themselves. I hope you took time to vote. If so, you are to be congratulated.****I have to move on. **Come along, it won't do you no harm.**

WHAT LOW VOTER TURNOUT PROVES

Elections in Texas for the mid-term has come and gone at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, and as of this writing I don't know the full results yet. What we do know is that the **Abbott** administration's trial run on voter suppression has worked to their favor as planned. The real test will come in November. A record number of voters stayed away from the polls due to **Republican** laws that have made it more difficult for the elderly, handicapped and minorities to vote. With new nit-picking voter ID requirements, stricter rules regarding voter assistance, sowing confusion, being spied on by partisan poll watchers convinced many they were the problem with voter fraud being rampant. This is strictly propaganda. **Most voters want ethical elections.** The above is to scare voters away and it worked. On early voting it was made very difficult for the elderly. My ballot was returned. I did everything right, put my drivers license number inside like instructed but didn't put it on the outside envelope. Why it's needed twice is just another harassment. **Abbott and Company** have stacked the deck, screwing voter map lines in their favor, securing an unfair advantage in congressional races. However, in November, voters can make amends in statewide races if they just get by all the intimidation. **Come hell or high water, let nothing stop you from voting in November.**

REMEMBERING TERRY LANDRY

Terry Landry was only 63 years old when he passed away Friday, February 25. I had known him since his Little League days in Bridge City where he was coached by his father Donald, a friend, just like others of Terry's relatives, Cherry Stout, Jay and the late Ray Trahan, who loved that boy. I bought a lot of clothes from Terry at Terry's Men's Wear at MacArthur Shopping Center. I was fond of him. He loved baseball and coached many youngsters in Little League. His sons learned the game from their dad. Shea and Shon went on to play college ball and entered the coaching ranks. Terry moved to West Lake 10 years ago where his funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Our condolences to his wife Danika and the entire family. May he rest in peace.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

The **Bush Administration** announced plans to allow Mexican trucks to haul freight into the United States. Boy, what a calamity that will be. Have you ever seen Mexicans who are paid \$12.50 a day, drive trucks? Old substandard trucks at that, accidents waiting to happen. I wonder if the Feds will reimburse states for the extra DPS officials and extra inspectors it will take, if not, they will haul pot by the truckload.****Our longtime friend, **Franklin Scales**, who has battled a bad heart for several years, keeps on moving on. He celebrates another birthday on March 3. (**Franklin** died several years ago.)****Airlines who hold passengers on planes for 10 to 12 hours should have to supply **Depends diapers**. Three hundred passengers, trying to use two holes just don't fit; someone is bound to pee in their clothes.****Vice-president **Dick Cheney** said in Japan last week that the United States will not relent in Iraq. He added that **Nancy Pelosi** wanting to pull out was embellishing the terrorist. That's a cop out. They gave him a 19-gun salute as he boarded the **USS Kitty Hawk**. They all missed.****Health care to skyrocket in the next 10 years. Twenty-cents on every dollar will be spent on health care. **Its big business** since all hospitals have been privatized and no longer owned by local entities I'm not for socialized medicine but the time is fast coming when we will have to take a hard look at it or an alternative.****No **Lovie: Lovie Smith's** negotiations for a new contract with the **Chicago Bears** are at a stalemate. In a three-year contract, **Lovie** is the lowest paid head coach in the **NFF** at \$1.35 million. His agent **Frank Bauer** says barring a breakthrough, a deal wouldn't get done.******Dancing with the Stars** will start again on March 19. **Muhammad Ali's** daughter **Laila**, who is a boxer, is one of the contestants. Sports star **Clyde Drexler**, former **Houston Rocket**, will be one of the male contestants. **Emmitt Smith** represented the sport's world in the last contest.****Two of the **Golden Girls at Bridge City Bank**, **Joyce and Patty**, were left behind last week when the third one, **Shirley**, attended **Mardi Gras at Fred's Lounge in Mamou**. Most folks I saw returning

from **Fred's** looked ragged last Wednesday. I didn't see **Shirley** but **Kebble** looked like a bunch of bad nights out.******Gayle Meadows**, a great lady who really cares, has announced that after many years she will not run for reelection for **Pinehurst City Council**. We wish her the best. Government needs more people like **Ms. Meadows**.******Cheney** went to Pakistan to apply pressure. Boy, don't you know catching **bin Laden** would be like catching a 22-pound, big mouth bass at Toledo Bend. They should take a clue from **Tony Blair's** pull out of Iraq and head to the border. **The Pakistan/Afghanistan border**.****The cost of a postage stamp is bad enough but will be going up to at least **41 cents**. A plan is in the works however, for the sale of a stamp that you buy up front and the price never goes up. **No telling what it will cost**.******David Clark**, owner of **Clark Chemicals**, was in town Monday with his mom **Helen**. You may remember her; she was a gospel singer with a great voice. Anyway, **David and Teresa** moved to Woodville about four years ago and started a church there. His business is still in Orange. Good folks.******Neighbor Cox** is ready to start gardening and we are ready to get back to bucket farming. We just need spring to come and stay.

45 Years Ago-1977

The **H. D. Pate** family moves into their newly acquired home in Sylva.******Hank Thompson** and the **Brazos Valley Boys** played at the Beaumont Knights of Columbus Hall. Several Orange County folks in attendance. **Thompson** has sold over 30 million records.******Judge Sid Caillavet** says, "The reason young people sew wild oats is because you gotta sew 'em while you've got 'em." (Editor's note: I know 45 years later what he meant.)******Howard and Evelyn Morse**, along with **Bill and Elaine Townes** are in Dallas making final grocery preparations for the big grand opening of **Big Red's Pantry**. The new supermarket will replace the one destroyed by fire.******Debbie Harmon** came home from Houston with a large Afghan dog. She said the fellow that gave it to her guaranteed it would keep the lions away from her apartment. After a few days at her parent's home **Corky** asked if it was true the dog is a lion hunter. **Debbie** replied, "You ain't seen any lions around since I've been here have you?"******Frank Man-shac** is lost somewhere in Florida. His wife **Athelene** says she's not buying that he's been kidnapped and held hostage for a week.******Harold Beeson** writes a feature story on **Huey Simon** and his hunting exploits. **Huey** has just returned from Alaska where he paid \$2,500 to shoot an eight-foot bear. He took **Harold** to his place to show him his many hunting trophies, including lions, moose, Kodiak bear, panthers and at least 50 other mounted game. (Editor's note: Both died many years ago, **Huey** in a car accident and **Harold** of heart problems.)******Dennis Hall** writes about appliance storeowner, **Harry Stephens**, who ran down a man who had abducted and abused a woman. The man ran into a store to elude capture. **Hall** says **Harry** the old Marine, gave chase without any reluctance of getting involved. He just did it on instinct and hopes some other man would do the same if it were his wife. When captured, the man was armed. **Harry** had never given that a thought.******Barbara Williams**, Bridge City girl's basketball coach, who led her girls to district playoffs this season, gave birth to a baby girl shortly after her last game.****Pretty **Julia Fudge** celebrates a birthday this week.******Jerry McInnis** is selected as president of Bridge City Little League, **Olan Richard** vice-president, **Doreen Allen**, secretary, **Mrs. Charles Uzzle**, player agent.

50 Years Ago-1972

Marriage license issued to **Stephen Hardy**, 21, and **Mrs. June Saperstein**, 26. (Editor's note: I wonder if they are still together. They are in their 70's today. I remember **June**, she was manager of **Payless** and had been married to **Fred**. By the way, what became of him. They had a son.)******L.C.M.** high school athletic director and head football coach **Jim Crossland** has a weekly column in the **O.V.N.** Other columnists are **Betty Drake**, **Louis Dugas**, **Pete Runnels**, **Virginia Gilbeaux**, **Gordon Baxter**, **Lee Grimsley** and **Ear to the Ground by the Office Hound**.****Around Town: **Larry Bergeron** is manager of **McLaury's**.*****Tommy Nichols** is owner of **Park Avenue Conoco** service station on 15th and Park.*****C.R. 'Buddy' Rhodes**, longtime owner of the **Bengal Café** on Green Ave. that was destroyed by fire, has opened the '**County Restaurant**' at **Brown Bowling Alley**.*****Barbara Waits** and **Gary Savoy** both celebrate birthdays on March 6. Also Happy Birthday to **Moe Litton** and **Henry Stanfield**.******Harmon Chevolet**, 3rd and Green, owned by **Jackie, Corky** and **Don Harmon**, features a new **1972 Monte Carol Coupe**, loaded for \$3,798, **Chevy ½ ton pickup**, \$2,488.******Charlie Wickersham Ford** is featuring a **1972 Gran Torino Coupe** for \$2,756, four door **Galaxie 500** for \$3,189, **Ford 100 pickup**, \$2,438. (Editor's note: Those prices wouldn't even make a down payment now a days.)

75 Years Ago-1947

Deputies **Ray Robinson** and **Alva Griffith**, alone with city policeman **Bob Henderson**, aided by bloodhounds, captured **Ezekiel Sly**, a suspected burglar, after a three hour manhunt. (Editor's note: I remember **Alva**, a great guy. He was **Edna Lusignan's** father.)

100 Years Ago-1922

Sheriff Helton arrested seven men in connection with the murder of **Ben Clemens**, in the heart of the oilfield gambling den. He then took charge of the **Petroleum Club**, piled the gambling devices outdoors, lit a match and destroyed them, claiming the stuff encouraged murder.******C.C. Kanter** and **J.W. Ratcliff**, were charged with murder in the deaths of **Henry Griffith** and **Deputy Sheriff Luke Hailey** during a shootout at the corner of Fifth and Front, in Orange. Officers said there was no apparent reason for the shootings. (Editor's note: Pretty rough place back then.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It's a small world. I discovered this week that longtime friend **Millie Harper**, who **Ed Bacon** nicknamed '**Tall Boy**', is still around. We go back to the old **Jack Tar** days where **Millie** was one of the great waitresses at the **Sugar and Spice** restaurant and later at the **Ramada**. She lived at **Harper Valley**, just out of Mauriceville, in a family commune where I attended several parties. I think of all those great folks every time I drive past the place. What I learned that was surprising is that **Millie's** pretty daughter **Becky**,

is married to **J.W. Dalton**, who now owns all of **Harper Valley** and everything across Hwy. 62. In this case both married well. She comes from good stock and he will do to ride the range with****I'm glad to hear that my buddy **Quincy Procell**, who has been very ill and in the hospital for three weeks, is home now and improving. He nearly bought the farm. We are all praying for him.****I was thinking that it's a little ironic that the initials of the first three men on earth, **Adam, Able** and **Cain**, are identical with those of the first three men on the moon, **Armstrong, Aldin** and **Collins**.****On February 25, 58 years ago, **Judge Sid Callivet**, **Sheriff Chester Holts**, **Joe 'The Barber' Blanda** and **Roy**, drove to Lake Charles to view on the big screen a fight between a young **Black Cassus Clay**, 21 years, 10 months and five days old, who was fighting heavy weight champion '**The Bear**' **Sonny Liston** for the World Championship. The odds were against **Clay**. He upset **Liston** and became the youngest champion ever. In this week's **Down Life's Highway** column, **Roy** wrote about the '**Battle of New Orleans**', and how **Ali**, (**Cassus Clay**) recaptured the world title for the third time, winning over **Leon Spinks**, who had previously beat him. **Cassus** had become **Mohammed Ali** years earlier and was the only fighter to capture the **Heavy Weight Championship** three different times.******A Sure Bet**: Starting this week, **Abbott** will start moving away from **Trump**. Between now and November he will put a motor on his wheelchair to get as far away from **Trump** as he can. By the November election he'll be asking, "**Donald Who?**" By then **Trump** will have so much baggage it will fill several dump trucks. He and his '**Genius**' will be found to be morons by more people than **Mitt Romney**. Most clear minded people will come to recognize a couple of buffoons, acting out their narcissistic personalities, when they see them.******Playboy Playmates who didn't reach 50**. **Anna Nicole's** death at age 39 puts her in a group of other **Playmates** who didn't make it to age 50. **Elisa Bridges**, 28, died of a drug overdose, 2002; **Ellen Louise Maligo**, 40, killed in Florida, 1997; **Dorothy Stratten**, 20, killed by husband, 1980; **Claudia Jennings**, 29, died in auto accident, 1997; **Eve Meyer**, 46, airline collision, 1977; **Paige Young**, 30, drug overdose, 1974; **Willy Rey**, 23, drug overdose, 1973; **Carol Willis**, 20, auto accident, 1971; **Jayne Mansfield**, 34, auto accident, 1967; **Tonya Crews**, 28, auto accident, 1966; **Marilyn Monroe**, 36, sleeping pill overdose. 1962. **Monroe** was the cover girl for **Playboy** in its first issue.****I can't get over the debacle at the **CPAK** gathering in Orlando where **Trump** continued to praise **Putin**. The master-of-ceremonies called for three cheers for **Russia** at the same time they were invading a free democracy and killing its citizens. I'm ashamed and every **Republican** should be also.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. **March 2**: Happy Birthday to **Amy Taylor**, **Graig Nugent**, **Tommy Andrus**, **Apryl Carter** and **Kay Butler**.******March 3**: Celebrating today are **Lori Bonds**, **Joan Broussard**, **Donna Sullivan** and **Carolyn Miller**.******March 4**: Pretty **Cassie Caillouet Bearden** celebrates today. She is the bride of our buddy **Jim Sharon** and comes from a long list of Bridge City pioneers, '**The Caillouets**.' Also celebrating today are **Colby Richard**, **Carolyn Sheppard**, **Travis Reeves** and **Darrell Evans**.******March 5**: **Jennifer Byrd**, **Chris Slaughter**, **Lenzi Childress**, **Cathy Kimbrow** and **Carolyn Hillsten** all celebrate birthdays.******March 6**: **Coach Sam 'Bucket' Moore** celebrates a birthday wherever he's hanging out these days. Also having a birthday on this date are **Marie Benson**, **Trubie Beebe**, **Kristen Rucker**, **John Philips** and **Glyndon Childress**.******March 7**: Happy Birthday to former sheriff **Mike White** and also to **Sharon Crumpler**, **Libby Mitchell**, **Misty Thurman**, **Dana Bourque**, **Leisa Miller** and **Rick Trahan**.******March 8**: **Christi Wiegrefe**, **Shelly Granger** and **David Thibodeaux** all share birthdays today.****Happy Birthday to a couple of special ladies, longtime friends **Pat Pate** and **Liz Weaver**. (They'll do to waltz with.)***Happy Birthday to everyone having one.

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CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tree friends were sitting at **Black's Oyster Bar**, across from da St. Mary Magdalene church, wat sits on a hill overlooking Abbeville. A funeral possession was jus unloading poor **Joe Breaux's** body from da hurst to take him into da church. Da men's looking out da big window at **Black's** start talking about dying.

Clovis Boutte, him axe, "Wen you in you casket and you friends and family are mourning over you, wat would you like dem to say?"

Elwood Marceaux spoke up, "I would like dem to say **Elwood** him, was a good man, a good husband to **Agnes** and always kept his family supplied with crawfish."

Rene' Oubre say, "Me, I would like dem to say, **Rene' him**, he served his church and God and made a difference in people's lives."

Den day turned to **Clovis** and axe him, "Wat about you?" "Well, while everybody is looking at me in dat casket, wearing my new suit, someone starts hollowing, "Look, Look, **Clovis him** is moving."

C'EST TOUT THE STATE OF OUR UNION

President Biden gave his State of the Union speech Tuesday evening. He had a lot of bases to cover. Remember, he was dealt a bad hand coming in, the pandemic complicated things and also the movement of products led to rations and increased prices at the gas pump. **The economy is strong** but inflation will have to be dealt with. No one could have done a better job dealing with **NATO** and our partners countries over the **Russia invasion of Ukraine**. **Biden's** long suit is his expertise on foreign policy. I hope his speech turns the tide for him at home. My bet is that time will prove that **Joe Biden** was the right person at just the right time in our history. No one ever came to the presidency better prepared. He's a good man who will always put the country first.****Let's all pray for the citizens of **Ukraine**. Many will be killed by **Russia** but they are brave people standing their ground. Most likely **Russia** will overrun the small country and **President Zelenskyy**, who bravely led his people, will be killed. **Take care and God bless America and the people of Ukraine.**

The rematch: Ali regains title

“The Battle of New Orleans”

DOWNLIFE'S HIGHWAY
ROY DUNN
For The Record

I turned down Larry Messier's offer to be his guest at the Ali-Spinks heavyweight fight in Vegas and made my annual trek to Rising Star's Sipe Spring cemetery, that dates back to the Civil War, where my dad Clay, his parents and siblings are buried.



Roy Dunn

Leon Spinks shocked the boxing world and accomplished, against great odds, what he had told me a few days earlier he would do. He defeated world champion Muhammad Ali for the heavy weight crown. Ali was unable to knock him out and the younger Spinks, true to his plan, had worn the champion down in a 15-round bout, by letting him punch himself out.

Shortly after the fight, I received a call from Larry. This amazing guy, who represented Ali's manager, Hubert Muhammad, was already in Spinks' dressing room. He said Leon was beaten up pretty badly and couldn't talk, but he would have him call me later. The dressing room, he said, was in elated chaos. He said the Spink win wasn't bad money-wise; the rematch would be the biggest fight ever.

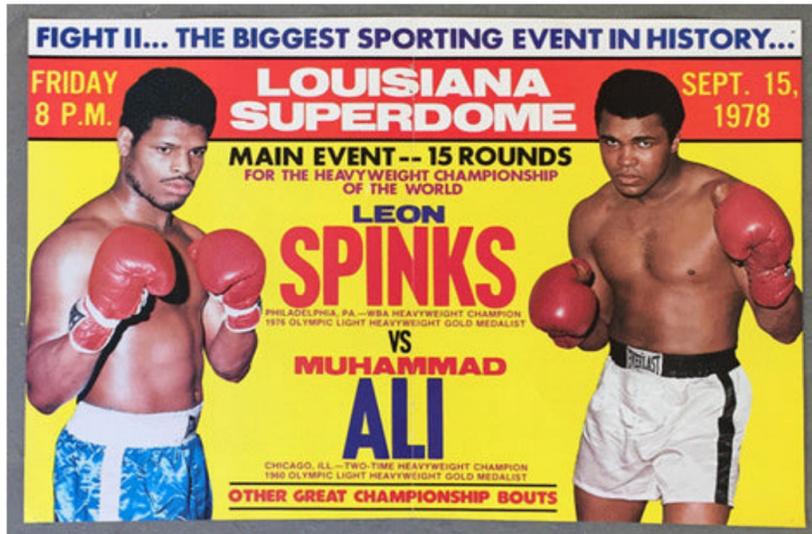
Larry who was also a friend of Butch Lewis, who managed Spinks, said the problem now was that the promoters, managers and sanctioning bodies who for so long had to bow to the will of Herbert Muhammad, were in a position to “freeze Ali out.” It seemed like Ali would never have the opportunity to make history and become the first heavy weight to win the crown for a third time. Spinks had made history by becoming the only man to win the world heavy weight championship in only his eighth fight.

The public wanted a rematch, but Spinks was stripped of the WBC belt when he refused to fight Ken Norton instead of Ali. The WBC belt, promoted by Don King, would be disputed between Ken Norton and Larry Holmes. According to Larry Messier, who had ties to both sides, Ali had given Lewis, Leon's manager, his start in the boxing game and Lewis felt obligated to return the favor to Ali. Spinks and Lewis held firm and signed to fight Ali for the WBA belt and linear championship.

My partner in Triangle Press, attorney Gene Wright, was the overseer of the contract drafting, making necessary changes. He let me know that the rematch would take place in New Orleans on Sept. 15, 1978. History was made again that year when Leon's brother Michael, beat Larry Holmes for the WBC belt. Michael and Leon became the first brothers to win the WBC belt in the same year.

I was pursuing the pioneering of the Community Post in Port Arthur. This newspaper was an overnight success and ultimately led to the sale of three newspapers, Opportunity Valley News, Community Post, and Consumer Beacon and all Triangle Press holdings to Cox Communications, owners of the Port Arthur News. I was practically working around the clock; days and sleepless nights often ran together. The tiger's tail I was holding didn't allow for entertainment time, so when Gene called and said Larry had six ringside tickets to the big fight in New Orleans, I was reluctant to accept because of the work load.

A few days before the fight I accepted the available tickets. It would be Phyl's birthday and a great way to celebrate it. The only problem was that by then, lodging in New Orleans was impossible to come by. Larry exhausted every connection he had to no avail.



I had just one more string to pull. Paul Hardy, a Cajun boy from Cecilia, near Breau Bridge, was the Louisiana Secretary of State at the time. I contacted him and he called back to say he had us two previously unavailable rooms in the French Quarters. We had met Paul earlier when he was running for Lt. Governor and had flown to Orange County for a secret Texas fundraiser at W.T. and Ann Oliver's home. Phyl and I had taken him to Brown Airport after the event for his return trip to Cajun Country. His Cajun superstition wouldn't allow us to leave the airport until the private plane was out of sight.

Lucky, Gert, Butch and Edna Lusignan, Phyl and I motored to New Orleans. Lucky and Gert sponsored a couple of birthday parties for Phyl, one at the Hilton Rainforest, 29 stories up, overlooking downtown New Orleans and also a dinner party at Hooligans.

Describing the extravagant surroundings of the ‘Battle of New Orleans’ is virtually impossible. The thought of Ali becoming the first man to win the heavyweight championship for a third time really caught the public's imagination and 64,000 fans packed into the Superdome. People were lavishly dressed in formally attire.

It was Ali's show. No one else seemed to matter at ringside, where super stars including John Travolta, Sylvester ‘Rocky’ Stallone, who wore a pure white suit with no shirt beneath, Liza Minnelli, Hugh O'Brian, Lorne Greene, Johnny Cash, Red Fox, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, Joe Namath, WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, former champs Joe Frazier and Ernie Terrell, and more than I have space to name. Howard Cosell was calling the fight for ABC. Later at the Hilton, ‘Sly’ was seen sweet-talking Orange beauty, Diane Hill. Husband Brooks was cool, he took it good naturedly and gently steered her away.

Spinks' manager, Butch Lewis, had his hands full controlling his champion while preparing for the Ali fight. Spinks had been arrested for possession of cocaine and had broken training camp rules. Mr. T was one of Spinks bodyguards. Ali was not in the poor condition he had been in for the first fight. By round five he began to find his range, stayed in the middle of the ring, teeing off on Spinks. When he charged, Ali simply grabbed hold of him until the referee broke them apart. The fight was slow, but Ali gave Spinks a lesson on ring craft. History was made when Ali took a clear decision and the title for the third time. Nine months later, he announced his retirement from boxing.

Messier had told us to come to the Hilton after the fight to meet Ali, who had taken over an entire floor. That was impossible because the lobby and elevators were jammed. Everywhere you looked was a big star. Boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard had a bigger

entourage than Ali did. I had never seen so many stretch limousines. Rolls Royce's were even common.

As we milled around the lobby we visited with many interesting people and took a birthday picture of Phyl in front of a large ice sculpture. It was impossible to get food or drinks. After midnight a long white van from Tony's backed up to the front door and two men dressed in chef outfits got out and asked where to deliver the Italian food for Ali's party. I cleaned some room and told them to set it down, we would get it delivered. I signed the ticket and wrote a \$100 tip on it and then shared the Italian bread and food with everyone around, who made finger food out of it. We all shared the food but Phyl, who was extremely nervous over what I had done. Needless to say, my wife had an interesting birthday.

The years have gone by; Lucky, Gert and Butch have all died; Edna has remarried and lives in Beaumont. Our friend Larry Messier



died of a heart attack, Paul Hardy lost his bid for Lt. Gov. in a runoff. My partner Gene lost his wife, child and mother-in-law in Missouri when a tour boat capsized. He is now semi-retired and still has his law office in Cleveland. Spinks, died Feb. 5, 2021. Ali for many years had been afflicted with Parkinson's Disease. He died June 3, 2016, at age 74.

So it is, another chapter Down Life's Highway. I have a bag full of stories to tell, one is a never before brought to light story of national interest that warrants a better writer than me to tell. Only my old black friend, Jessie Jerkings, and I are left to tell it.

I spoke with him this week. He celebrated his 87th birthday, Tuesday, March 1. Over the years, I've mostly written about my humble childhood. I had avoided today's type of stories in fear that they would be viewed by some as self-serving. My plans were to tell my tales in a book. I realize now I will probably never write it so I've taken the privilege of going this column route. I've lived a very charmed life and I'm proud of the fact that I've spent most of it with one wife. I've taken her for quite a ride, way more than she bargained for.

Now that we have gotten into our latter years, we can fully appreciate the trip, the people we've met and the friendships we hold so dear. Most of our kin are gone now, but we treasure each day with our remaining small family.

Phyl and I mostly just hang out together at the house reminiscing about the last 67 years. I can still make her laugh. What a trip.

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Orange had major league baseball 100 years ago

**MARGARET TOAL
FOR THE RECORD**

One hundred years ago this month, people in Orange had a choice spot for Major League Baseball spring training. The St. Louis Cardinals were in town for their second time to practice for the upcoming season.

The two years in Orange were good for Hall of Fame player Rogers Hornsby, a native of Winters, Texas. After his first spring training camp in Orange in 1921, he led the majors in batting with a .397 average. The next year, in 1922, Hornsby won a rare triple crown in the National League. He finished at the top in home runs, batting average, and runs batted in.

The two spring training years in Orange weren't as good for the Cardinals. They finished third in the National League pennant race both times.

Cardinals Manager Branch Rickey had created farm teams and developed spring training into an organized system, according to Bleacher Report.com. In 1919 and 1920, Rickey had spring training for the Cardinals in Brownsville, Texas, on the Mexico border.

Rickey biographer Lee Lowenfish wrote "Rickey decided to move away from the border town of Brownsville, probably because he did not want the players unnecessarily tempted by nocturnal distractions." So Rickey moved the Cardinals to Orange.

Timber heir and developer H.J. Lutch Stark was 33 years old in the spring of 1921 and formed the Orange Athletic League to build a baseball park for attracting a professional team. Rickey chose Orange.

West End Park was constructed behind Orange High School, which faced 14th Street at Green Avenue. The new baseball field was along 14th Street between Pine and Cypress avenues. It was originally surrounded by a wooden fence and covered wooden grandstands were built behind home plate. Players had real "dugouts" built into the ground with steps leading to the benches.

BC vaulter breaks school's 48-year record



In 1974 Raymond Ridley won state in the pole vault for the Bridge City Cardinals. Ridley has held the school record of 14-feet and six inches until last week when Harrison Gauthier broke the school record at 15-feet. (See Photo Next Page)

Harrison Gauthier broke a 48 year old pole vault record at the Orangefield Bobcat Relays that was held on February 24th. Bridge City High School's Raymond (Bubba) Ridley held the previous pole vault record of 14'6" since 1974. Gauthier, a senior at Bridge City High School, now holds the new school record of 15'.



The park and baseball field remained for some 80 years and generations of high school and youth league players used it. The West Orange-Cove school district, which ended up owning the field, tore down the bleachers in the late 1970s. The last dugouts were removed and the field was covered in 2010. A Texas Historical Marker

installed in 2016 is dedicated to the field and can be seen at the entrance to West Orange-Stark Middle School on Green Avenue.

The St. Louis grounds manager arrived in Orange on February 4, 1921, to inspect the new field, the Orange Daily Leader reported. Workmen were making adjustments on the batting cage

after orders from Rickey. The team gathered in Orange on February 28, 1921, with players arriving at the Southern Pacific train depot on Green Avenue. Their first pre-season game was against the New York Yankees, which has led to tales of Babe

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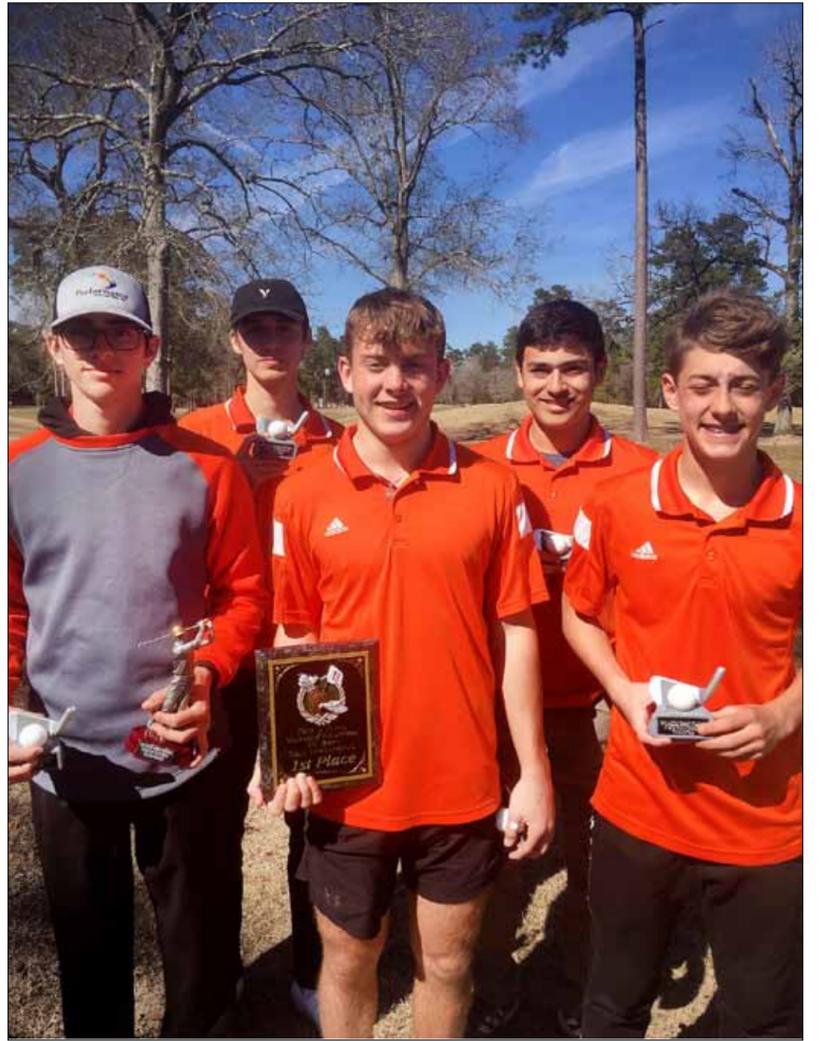
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BC's Gauthier sets new school record



Bridge City Cardinal senior Harrison Gauthier broke a 48 year old pole vault record at the Orangefield Bobcat Relays that was held on February 24th. Gauthier now hold the new Bridge City School record at 15-feet.



Orangefield JV Golfers Take Top Spots

The Orangefield boys JV golf team traveled to Wildwood Country Club this week and finished in the top spot. Alex Montz (86) led the Bobcats and captured the 2nd place medalist. The rest of the team consisted of Jackson Humplik (93), Aiden Feidler (96), Zack Morrow (97), and Santiago Bacca (111).

Texas Game Wardens Accepting Applications for Paid Summer Internships

AUSTIN – Texas Game Wardens are currently accepting applications for summer internships across the state. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department encourages college students of all backgrounds and fields of study to apply for these 12 available openings.

“This is a great opportunity for individuals who are curious about conservation law enforcement and interested in a higher level of community engagement,” said Lt. Rachel Kellner, Texas Game Warden program coordinator. “We provide college students with a realistic view of a game warden’s day-to-day activities including time spent on patrol.”

While an internship is not necessary to become an official Texas Game Warden, Lt. Kellner noted the experience can be a helpful first step. “Successfully completing an internship may booster a cadet applicant in the long run, but more importantly, it will enable students to understand the level of commitment that is required to protect the state’s wildlife and wild spaces.”

The application, eligibility requirements, specific locations, compensation and additional information can be found on the TPWD website. This year, applicants may only apply to a single position in a single county. The counties of Angelina, Aransas, Bexar, Brown, Cameron, Dallas, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Harris, Potter, Nueces and Tom Green all have available positions.

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Orange once had major league baseball From Page 1B



Ruth playing at West End Park. But he did not.

That first game of the Cardinals and Yankees was played in Lake Charles, arranged by Connie Mack, who was owner-manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. The Athletics had spring training in nearby Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Southern Pacific Railroad ran a special train from Orange to Lake Charles for the game, according to the newspaper. It was an exciting match for baseball fans. Ruth had led the American League batting average in 1920 and Hornsby had led the National League.

The Yankees won 14-9

with Ruth getting a home run in five trips to the plate. Hornsby walked once, had a sacrifice, hit a fly for an out, and hit a single. Nearly 2,200 people attended the game.

The Cardinals stayed at the grand Holland Hotel in downtown Orange and were treated like royalty, especially Rickey and Hornsby. They

were guests of the Rotary Club.

Spring training went well in Orange for the Cardinals in 1921 with nice spring weather and clear skies. The next year was different.

Again, the team arrived on February 28. But the weather across the region was cold and rainy. The Daily Leader

said night temperatures were so low films of ice formed on top of puddles and mud. The Cardinals even had to cancel a scheduled pre-season game in New Orleans that first week because of weather.

Also, oil had been discovered 10 miles west of town in the Orange Oil Field. Orange had become a boom town with a different atmosphere than in 1921. One night, a man shot his wife to death in Fifth Street a few yards from the hotel.

The Rotary Club held a luncheon for the Cardinals and Connie Mack's Athletics at the Holland Hotel that year. Rotary members then used their personal cars to drive members of both teams across the wood-plank roads into the Orange Oil Field so they could see the sites of the wells being dug and the landscape of wooden oil derricks.

The biggest news in 1922 came on March 24 when Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis arrived by train to see the Cardinals play. Mayor W.E. Lea even declared a half-holiday in Landis's honor.

Landis was a federal judge when he was appointed the first baseball commissioner after the 1919 Black Sox scandal of the World Series. After he arrived in town,

he had what the newspaper described as a "hearty breakfast." Then he wanted to play golf. That request led to him making local history. He was in the first foursome to play at Sunset Grove Country Club.

Lutcher Stark had built the Donald Ross-designed course and private clubhouse, but it had not opened, yet. Who was going to deny one of the most famous men in America a chance to play on a course by a legendary designer?

Landis, along with Rickey, joined with local business leaders F.H. Farwell and George Holland to play the 18-hole Sunset Grove course.

The commissioner apparently enjoyed his stay in Orange and said the Cardinals would be back the next year. However, Rickey decided differently. The March 24, 1922, game at West End Park was the last the Cardinals had in Orange. They never returned.

Hornsby, Rickey, Mack, and Landis all are in baseball's Hall of Fame and were at West End Park. Also playing on the field was George "Specs" Toporcer of the Cardinals, credited as the first player to wear eyeglasses during a game.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports . . .

This week's fishing reports were compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 55 degrees. Jetty fishing is producing good drum and sheepshead with some redfish near the rocks using dead shrimp. In the channel trout fishing is good over shell off points and drops live shrimp under popping corks, and morning glory chartreuse Z-Man paddle tails. The south end of the lake is holding trout on the reefs using a 3/8 ounce jig heads with red shad in 4-15 feet of water. Bank fishermen along the North Levee Road

bringing in trout to 5 pounds on the first and second pipes using live shrimp under popping corks and artificials. North Sabine lake holding trout in 2-4 feet of water. Drift Sydney Island to East Pass with live shrimp under a popping cork. Neches River has slot redfish and slot flounder in 8-14 feet of water off points and drops on the flats. Key on mullet and you'll find the fish. Drum and sheepshead in the cuts in 11-14 feet of water on live or dead shrimp.

Report by Captain Randy

Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 51 degrees. Hanna's Reef Catching a few trout on soft-dine, fat boy and other twitchers. Jetties are holding redfish and black drum on the channel side. Whichever jetty allows the calm is producing speckled trout on popping corks with live shrimp. With another cold front coming look for fish to switch from 5-7 feet of water to 7-9 feet of water.

Reported by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 61 degrees. Burnett Bay, San Jacinto Bay and Sylvan Beach are good for sheepshead, a few oversized drum, keeper black drum, and fair catches of speckled trout. Best bite is on live shrimp fished underneath popping corks. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 61 degrees.

Sheepshead are dominating the catches. A few bull reds being landed in deeper water, around channels and the gas wells using live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Galveston Bay

GOOD. 55 degrees. Sheepshead are dominating the catches. Best on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Galveston Bay holding trout at the reefs along the shoreline from April Fool Reef to Eagle Point. Reported by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail

Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 62 degrees. Best fishing is over deeper shell, in the mud streaks using dark colored lures. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Texas City

GOOD. 61 degrees. Big black drum are good at night on cut bait. Dollar Bay has redfish and black drum by the grass on dead shrimp. Wade Fishing near the flood gate.



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Entertainment Guide: Upcoming area concerts



The Cult returns to Southwest Louisiana this spring for a performance at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles, La., on April 29. Tickets are available now through the venue website for ages 21 and older.

Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

With only a few weeks of winter remaining, the spring concert schedule and festival season begins to build as seasons change. Big events have been added at venues in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, so check out the list of events below and make plans now.

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

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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

March 25 Johnny Rivers, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

March 25 Daugtry, Tremonti, Revention Music Center, Houston

March 25 New Edition, Toyota Center, Houston

March 26 Tracy Lawrence, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

March 27 Tyler the Creator, Toyota Center, Houston

March 27 Matthew West, Hannah Kerr, Jordan Feliz, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

March 28 The Flaming Lips, House of Blues, Houston

March 29 Ministry, Melvins, Corrosion of Conformity, House of Blues, Houston

April 1 Sepultura, Warehouse Live, Houston

April 6 Fit for a King, Silent Planet, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

April 7 Hillsong United, Chris Tomlin, Toyota Center, Houston

April 7 Eric Johnson, House of Blues, Houston

April 9 Ricardo Arjona, Toyota Center, Houston

April 9 Drowning Pool, (hed)pe, Inner Image, Warehouse Live, Houston

April 10 Apocalyptica, House of Blues, Houston

April 14 Carvin Jones Band, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

April 15 Megadeth, Lamb of God, Trivium, In Flames, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.

April 15 Band of Heathens, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

April 16 Dragonforce, Warehouse Live, Houston

April 16 Dustin Lynch, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.

April 20 Testament, Exodus, Death Angel, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

April 22 Candlemass, Dark Angel, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

April 23 John Mayer, Toyota Center, Houston

April 23 Jerry Cantrell, House of Blues, Houston

April 23 Morgan Wallen, Hardy, Larry Fleet, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.

April 26 Bon Jovi, Toyota Center, Houston

April 29 Justin Bieber, Toyota Center, Houston

April 30 Wayne Toups, Port Neches Riverfest, Port Neches

April 30 All That Remains, Miss May I, Varials, Tallah, Scout Bar, Houston

April 30 Deftones, Gojira, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

May 14 T. Graham Brown, Layne Allen, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

May 14 Eagles, Toyota Center, Houston

May 19 New Kids on the Block, Toyota Center, Houston

May 28 "BUZZFEST" feat. Papa Roach, Seether, Bush, The Nu, Dead Sara, 10 Years, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

June 2 38 Special, Arena Theatre, Houston

June 9 Brooks and Dunn, Jordan Davis, Dillon Carmichael, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.

June 10 Tony Jackson, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

June 17 Crystal Gayle, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

June 25 Tom Keifer, L.A. Guns, Faster Pussycat, Warehouse Live, Houston

July 8 Hank Williams Jr., Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

July 12 Hanson, House of Blues, Houston

July 15 The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, House of Blues, Houston

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The Orange County Drainage District plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and FEMA for funding made available in response to DR-4485 (COVID-19). These services are being solicited to assist the District in its application and administration of HMGP contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in Orange County, Texas. Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with one or more qualified **Architect(s)** (individuals/firms) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract(s). Copies of the RFQ may be located on the District's website at <https://ocddtx.com/purchasing/> and <http://civcastusa.com> (search for Orange County Drainage District). Please submit five (5) copies of your statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: **Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 and marked "RFQ-2022-03-ARCH-TDEM-HMGP-COVID"**. Statements of Qualifications shall be received by the District no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March 2022 to be considered. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all individuals or firms that submit Statements of Qualifications. 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION RFP-2022-05-GRANT-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD

The Orange County Drainage District plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") from the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs ("GLO and HUD") for funding made available on account of HUD's CDBG-MIT program. These services are being solicited to assist the District in its application and administration of CDBG-MIT contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in Orange County, Texas. Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with a qualified **Grant Administration Service Provider** (individual/firm) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract(s). Copies of the RFP may be located on the District's website at <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> and <http://civcastusa.com> (search for Orange County Drainage District). Please submit five (5) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: **Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 and marked "RFP-2022-05-GRANT-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD"**. Proposals shall be received by the District no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March, 2022 to be considered. The District reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. 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.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ-2022-06-ENG-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD

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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 February 22, 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 March 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	\$0.038066 per kWh
Primary	\$0.037048 per kWh
69kV/138kV	\$0.035931 per kWh
230kV	\$0.035497 per kWh

The revised fuel factor would result in an increase in Entergy Texas' annual Texas retail fuel and purchased power revenues by approximately \$71.5 million, or 11.8% on an annual basis. Compared to the fixed fuel factor approved by the Commission effective August 2021, a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month would see an approximate increase of 9.7% annually, or \$3.35 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 March 2022 through August 2022.

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 ter@entergy.com with questions or to request more information.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 53255 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, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at:

http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.
ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ-2022-04-ENG-TDEM-HMGP-COVID

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Left to right: Cambree Lacombe, Kaylee Britten, Bailee Jacobs, Kennedy Campbell, Gabby Moore, Coach Wiegrefe, Kailey Nelson, McKenna Knight, Kennedy Sheffield, Presley Newton



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