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## Local GOP officers censure Speaker Phelan

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record



Phelan

The executive committee of the Orange County Republican Party voted last week 14 to 6 to officially censure Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, who also represents Orange County in District 21.

Though local party chair, Leo LaBaue opposed the censure, the majority opposed Phelan appointing Democrats to chair house committees. They also talked about him letting bills die and not adhering to the statewide party's conservative values.

Even though the censure vote was only for the executive committee, a number of local officials registered as Republicans attended to oppose the censure. They included County Judge John Gothia, who often touts how much Phelan has done for the county on a variety of projects, including major drainage improvements.

The resolution for the censure outline included Phelan allowing House Bill 20 to die in violation of the Texas Republican Party's

legislative priority to secure the border and protect Texans. The bill would have established a Texas Border Protection

Unit to arrest and return illegal aliens to Mexico.

Also, for appointing committee members that are known to oppose school choice in violation of Texas Republicans setting a priority to protect "Parental Rights and Educational Freedom."

Also, for not supporting the state party's Principle No. 6 of supporting "Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a man and woman."

The U.S. Senate defines "censure" as a formal statement of disapproval.

Phelan's office released statements saying he welcomes a chance to talk to the people who voted for the censure and that he stands on his record.

LOCALS Page 3A

## Senior walks in AC, library putt-put offered in Orange

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Early morning walks in air conditioning. A play village for children. Miniature gold inside the library. A cool, mysterious escape room.

The city of Orange is continuing its effort to provide family fun activities for adults and children. Last week, the city council agreed to spend nearly \$65,000 on a kids village for the new Cove Recreation area, and a new summer schedule was released for the Recreation Center, which opened this past fall.

The recreation center has room for two basketball courts or two volleyball courts and has been used mostly for kids and teen ac-

tivities and sports. However, more things are being added.

The Recreation Center off Orange Avenue in the Orange Orange Historic District is where the city's old natatorium was built. It is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except when closing at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Weekdays, the center is closed from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for staff changes. Soft-soled athletic shoes must be worn.

The schedule will be in effect until the end of the summer.

Now, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., senior citizens are invited to walk around the hall in the air conditioner

ACTIVITIES Page 3A

## 'Surprise' hurricane hit 80 years ago during war

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

On July 26, 1943, the rains began to hit Orange. They continued into the next day with strong winds. What is now known as the "Surprise Hurricane" came ashore at Bolivar Peninsula eighty years ago on July 27.

The Golden Triangle area recorded 19 inches of rain with one drowning death in Port Arthur. Four men on a sea-going tug drowned outside of Port Arthur, while another 10 on the tug were saved.

Also, the storm has become famous as the first time a military plane flew into the eye of a hurricane, thanks to some betting pilots at Bryan Field and an unauthorized flight. That was the inspiration for the now famous "hurricane hunter" flights.

The National Weather Service did not name hurricanes until 1953, but the name stuck to the 1943 storm that hit the upper Texas Gulf Coast because no one was warned. Blame it on World War II.

The National Weather Service developed in the 1800s through the military reporting by telegraph weather from outposts. The National Weather Service became a civilian government office in 1890, with one of the first weather stations opening in Galveston.

For many years, the hurricane forecasts depended on messages received from ships at sea or outposts in Caribbean Sea countries and territories. Radar was not used until the 1950s and satellite images for predicting weather came in the 1960s.

According to the National Weather Service history of the storm, information in 1943 was limited because of German U boats in the Gulf of



Lt. Col. Joseph Duckworth is shown at his desk at Columbus Army Air Field in 1942. He became known as the "Father of Air Force Instrument Flying," but to his friends in Columbus he was just "Joe Duck." In 1943, Duckworth became the first pilot to fly through a hurricane. Courtesy Photo



The graphic above shows the path of the 1943 'Surprise' Hurricane.

Mexico. All ships were ordered to radio silence was limited because a radio signal could be picked up by German submarines.

In addition, the federal government was reluctant to let the enemies of the Axis of Germany, Italy, and Japan, know that the oil refineries and wells on

the coast could be damaged. Plus, Orange, Beaumont had major shipbuilding yards producing Navy vessels. This region was vital to win the war. No need to let the enemy know the fuel and ship supply could be put out of production.

The National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) now oversees the National Weather Service.

The online NOAA history of the storm was compiled by a meteorologist and hurricane historian based on old newspaper

SURPRISE Page 2A

## Cowboy Church approves expansion

Sherrill Porterfield  
For The Record

The Cowboy Church of Orange County has approved a retrofit to its current arena, a 40,000 square foot expansion to the church facility which will more than double its covered seating space by 700+ for church and community-wide events. The arena cover project will transform the current arena into a world-class covered and cooled facility the church plans to make available to the community. Venue plans include hosting music events, sporting events and

trade shows, in addition to ministry opportunities for large groups such as youth conferences.

"This is a 16-year vision for the Cowboy Church of Orange County whose time is now," said Cowboy Church Pastor Harland Strother. The main church building on FM 1078 was erected in 2007, when cowboy churches in general were very new to this area.

When still new to CCOC and Orange County in 2022, Strother reminded the congregation, "We were gifted with 25 acres for a reason: to use all of it for God's glory."

Pastor Harland and his leadership teams began by focusing on out-of-the-box aspects of community outreach and the church's original vision, encouraging the church body to do the same. Continued growth called for both a second Sunday worship service and Wednesday night worship to accommodate new members. Outdoor and Family Ministries were added and began to flourish.

Guided by Pastor Harland, CCOC leadership recently revisited the idea of an arena cover for the CCOC Arena, and a local financial institution ap-

proved the financing for the project, pending the church wide yes vote which took place Sunday July 16. The church body's unanimous yes vote included the approval of a one-time collection which will take place Sunday, July 23, for the downpayment on the loan.

Several local businesses have already approached the church with offers of arena sponsorships which will include large advertising banners in the newly covered arena facility. Interested arena sponsors may contact the church at 409-920-2271.



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# June was only the 16th-warmest on record in Texas

ERIN DOUGLAS  
The Texas Tribune

An unrelenting stretch of blistering days amid an on-going heat wave has put this summer on track to be one of Texas' most extreme, weather data shows.

Although June was only Texas' 16th warmest on record by average temperature, according to the state climatologist, a long period of very hot days between mid-June and mid-July has made this summer one of the most intense in terms of extended high temperatures.

In June, a sample of 38 weather stations across the state recorded a temperature at or above 100 degrees 250 times — the fifth-greatest monthly total for that month in the past three decades, according to a Texas Tribune analysis of National Weather Service data. The average temperature for June was 82.2 degrees, which was 2.6 degrees above the 20th century average, according to data provided by the state climatologist.

Heat waves — and the record-breaking temperatures they bring — are becoming more common and severe due to climate change, scientists have found. In the past decade in Texas, there were 1,000

more days of record-breaking heat than a normal decade, a Tribune analysis found.

"As we warm the atmosphere, the likelihood that we will have days over 100 degrees is higher," said Sylvia Dee, a Rice University climate scientist. "The tails, or extremes, will be hotter."

Still, this summer has yet to exceed last summer's historic heat. Last year was Texas' second-hottest summer on record, by average temperature. Climate change, combined with a severe drought and La Niña weather pattern made for hot days and nights. Much of the state got enough rain earlier this year that reduced or eliminated drought conditions across the state and provided some cooling.

"We could conceivably crack the top three [warmest summers] but would have a hard time beating the summer averages from last year," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. This year, an El Niño pattern has developed, meaning higher-than-average surface sea temperatures. In Texas, an El Niño pattern usually brings more moisture and a cooling effect with it. However, the length and duration of the heat wave this year has dominated



State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon uses charts, maps and more to compare current weather data with historical data and to determine weather statistics.

ed the weather pattern instead.

The high-pressure weather system bearing down on the Southwest has made West Texas and the Rio Grande Valley particularly intolerable this summer.

In El Paso, it's been more than a month since temperatures didn't reach 100 degrees — the longest stretch of 100-degree heat ever in that area.

The previous record was set in 1994 with a 23-day long stretch of 100-degree heat, said Jason Grzywacz, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in El Paso.

Though El Paso has not seen very many all-time tem-

perature records this year, it's the relentlessness of the extreme heat that's particularly notable this summer, Grzywacz said. Typically in El Paso, a monsoon pattern develops in early July that brings moisture, breaking up a heat wave, he said. But this year, the strength of the high-pressure system is pushing out any chance of rainy weather that could cool the area.

"We usually don't get this string [of high-heat days] into mid-July," he said. "But the high [pressure system] has just been sitting on the four corners [of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah], so the moisture isn't being brought in like it nor-

mally would."

There's little relief in sight for West Texas: Nighttime temperatures have stayed in the 80s this summer, he said. Usually, El Paso's summer nights dip down to at least the 70s.

"We're running a good 6 to 12 degrees above normal [this summer], as far as low temperatures go," Grzywacz said.

As climate change pushes temperatures up over time, average nighttime temperatures globally are warming faster than daytime temperatures, scientists have found.

In McAllen, the annual heat wave that smothers northern Mexico and its border with Texas — locals call it "La Canícula" — came earlier this year, said Barry Goldsmith, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Brownsville.

Since June 12, McAllen has recorded 30 days at or above 100 degrees, the second-longest such stretch

since 1941, when recording began at that weather station. McAllen should soon break the all-time record of 31 triple-digit days, set in 1988.

"We've had full months of July be 100 [degrees] plus in McAllen," Goldsmith said. "But what makes this year different is June."

Goldsmith said the early and sudden onset of the heat wave is likely contributing to the spiking rates of emergency room visits in South Texas.

"Heat is a normal thing down here — don't get me wrong, we are used to heat," Goldsmith said. "But we had a sharp shift in the pattern. ... We just flipped the switch."

If the heat wave continues, McAllen and other parts of Texas could break all-time records.

"We are pretty convinced July in McAllen will [continue topping] 100 degrees," Goldsmith said. "The question becomes August."

## SWEAT EQUITY

Sen. Carl Parker  
For The Record

Early in our marriage Beverly and I were looking for a house to be our home in Port Arthur. Our problem, like many young couples, was lack of enough money to even produce a required downpayment. We located a home that was ideal, which later turned out to be where we raised our children.

Even though the price was reasonable it was more



Former State Senator  
Carl Parker

than we could afford for a downpayment to finance. I

approached our local banker who came up with a great solution. He asked if the house needed any substantial repairs. It was a two-story house and badly needed painting. He suggested that he would accept what he called "sweat equity." He would give me enough credit to make up for lack of a down payment if I would repaint the entire house. I did so, we moved in and raised our children in a quite nice neighborhood in Port Arthur.

We Americans need to consider investing sweat equity in preservation of the democratic form of government. If we are too lazy to even make the effort to seek and find the best qualified leaders of our state and nation, we will truly be in trouble. It takes a little effort to make the down payment on good government. We should be ashamed if we do not follow through and dedicate sweat equity to American citizenship.

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Executive officers of the Bridge City High School Student Council are in San Antonio this week for the Student Council Summer Workshop sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards. The event is being held at Trinity University. Bridge City senior Holly Silveira was chosen as one of only seven students to be a junior counselor for the 400 students attending from all over the state.

## Locals censure Phelan From Page 1

Former Orange County Republican Chair David Covey of Mauriceville has announced he will challenge Phelan in the March 2024 Republican primary. Covey's father is on the local party executive committee and two other relatives hold office positions.

It is not the first time a local party has censured the county's state representative. More than twenty years ago, the Orange County Democratic Party, censured District 21 State Representative Ron

Lewis, who was a Democrat. The censure was because of his work with then-Republican Governor Rick Perry.

Perry, who switched from being a Democrat, had shared an apartment with Lewis during their first year in the legislature. Lewis did not switch parties because at the time, a huge majority of Orange County was Democratic. It switched drastically in 2012 when most local candidates became Republican.

## Activities expanding From Page 1



Orange City Grant Planner Rita Monson last week described the new kiddie village equipment being planned for the Cove Recreation Area on DuPont Drive where the old school stood. The council approved buying the village with a special foundation using federal grant money.

RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

all six days open. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a parents free time for kids ages 6 to 12 to play. At the same time frame on Wednesdays and Fridays, basketball for all ages is scheduled.

At 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. then again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, free play is scheduled. Those times are also given to volleyball on Wednesdays and basketball on Thursdays.

While most activities are for ages 6 and older, free play is the time when younger kids can play in a designated area to play bouncy ball and other simple play with each other.

The Orange Public Library on Fifth Street in downtown has been hosting events for all ages during the summer, including the traditional summer reading program for school-age readers. The program's annual Library Carnival will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July

26. The event is open for all ages.

On Tuesday, July 25, the library staff is setting up an 18-hole mini golf course that will be open for play from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Equipment will be provided and players will demonstrate their putt-putt skills through obstacles and bookshelves. No reservations are needed.

Another library-designed escape room is scheduled to begin Monday, July 24 and run through August 19. Reservations will be needed for this popular team game for all ages. The theme is the Forbidden Forest and players will enter a mystical world and follow clues and go through challenges to get out of the enchanted forest as quick as they can. One clue is that being a Potterhead may give a little boost to quickness. Reservations may be made at the library, 409-883-1086.

More progress was made on the upcoming Cove Recreation Area off DuPont Drive. The city council approved a bid of nearly \$65,000 to put up a miniature, kid-sized play village that will be set up in an area with protective rubberized surface fillings. City Grants Planner Rita Monson explained the new play area and how the city is using a federal Community Development Block Grant to pay for it.

The recreation area is on the site of the old Cove school. The city condemned the building and spent nearly \$250,000 two years ago to demolish and remove the rubble from the site.

The site will be planned to have a walking path, picnic area, playground area, covered area, and be handicap accessible. Dow Chemical has donated money toward the park's development. The city will also allocate some of its annual block grant money.

A kiosk is already installed at the site and the kiddie village will be the first play spot. The purchase for the village includes tot-sized buildings, a barnyard, and traffic lights.

## 'Surprise' hurricane From Page 1

per stories and other reports at the time. They speculate that the weather service's record of the storm were sent to Washington, D.C., as classified material and have not been found.

According to that history, the storm started as a depression on July 25 southeast of Burrwood, Louisiana, and traveled westward in the Gulf. Newspapers on Monday, July 26, 1943, reported on a storm with winds of 30 to 40 miles per hour and advised small craft to stay in port. When a Houston Weather Bureau meteorologist was asked for more details, he said "don't get the people disturbed by the use of the word 'hurricane.'"

The storm came ashore the morning of July 27. The official record lists the maximum sustained winds as 86 mph, which would put it in the Category 1 storm designation. But the two researchers who wrote the history think the storm was a Category 2 because of unofficial information acquired. Texas City recorded a peak wind of 104 mph. Ellington Field in Houston recorded a gust of 132 mph had a number of planes blown over. Around the Houston Ship Channel, buildings designed to withstand 120 mph winds were blown over.

The historians tracked the storm across Galveston Bay to Texas City, Kemah, Seabrook, LaPorte. By night, it was in Houston with the eye passing by a little before midnight. Some 90 percent of the buildings in Texas City were damaged or flooded.

The history does not include what happened in Orange, but surrounding towns in Texas and Louisiana recorded several inches of rain falling, with the 19 inches

in the Golden Triangle area.

But the surprise of the storm doesn't end with the lack of public weather forecasts. No one at the time would have thought of flying a plane into a hurricane. It took some bragging and betting for that.

British pilots were at Bryan Field near College Station to train on instrument equipment, which was new to aviation at the time. As word of the storm came to the base on July 27, the British pilots bet their American instructor that he could fly into a hurricane.

Lt. Ralph O'Hair, a U.S. navigator, later told the historians that the British thought a hurricane was a strong thunderstorm. Col. Joe Duckworth, the pilot and instructor, got O'Hair to fly as his navigator. They took off without official permission and successfully flew into the hurricane and back.

The two became the first in history to see the dark eye wall of a hurricane and the clear inside of the eye. After they returned to Bryan Field, the meteorologist there wanted to see for himself. Col. Duckworth then flew back to storm so the meteorologist could see.

The unauthorized flight led to the formation of the famous "Hurricane Hunter" flights that began taking scientific weather instruments up to study the storms. Their success through the years has led more accurate storm predictions and evacuation notices.

And the Surprise Hurricane of 1943 set another mark in history. It's the last time the government censored storm warnings.

## Hunter Education Class August 3 in Orangefield

Hunter Education Class Field part of the On-Line Course will be held at the Orangefield Fire Station on Thursday August 3, 2023 from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM with the cost of \$15.00. You must sign up on TPWD website to register to attend and must complete On Line Course & bring printed certificate of completion or copy of tests.

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tion to Class, class size is limited for more information the

Instructor is Danny Odom at 409-882-4298.

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## From the Creaux's Nest

### July 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO II

When, running for president in 1960, **John F. Kennedy** chose as his campaign slogan "it's time to get this country moving again," Just three months into his presidency, **Kennedy pledged**, prophetically, in his address to Congress on May 25th, 1961, "that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth." To which he added, "No single space project in this period will be more impressive to mankind, or more important for the long-range exploration of space; and none will be so difficult or expensive to accomplish." **Kennedy** was, of course, **right about the Moonshot**. It would take a historically massive amount of peace-time government spending; **the lives of seven American astronauts**; and three presidential administrations to oversee the project's completion. But when, on **July 20th, 1969, an American astronaut, Neil Armstrong**, became the first man in history to leave a footprint on the Moon, it astonished the world. The race to the moon had been won. **Kennedy's prediction** had been fulfilled.

(John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963, the 35<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963, in Dallas, Texas. He never lived to see his dream accomplished.)

### NOW THIS IS SCARY

**Donald J. Trump and his allies** are planning a sweeping expansion of presidential power over the machinery of government if voters return him to the **White House in 2025**, reshaping the structure of the executive branch to concentrate far **greater authority directly in his hands**. Their plans to centralize more **power in the Oval Office** stretch far beyond the **former president's recent remarks** that he would order a criminal investigation into his political rival, signaling his intent to end the **post-Watergate norm** of Justice Department independence from White House political control. **Trump and his associates** have a broader goal: to **alter the balance of power** by increasing the **president's authority** over every part of the federal government. He wants to revive the practice of "**impounding**" funds, refusing to spend money Congress has appropriated, for programs a president doesn't like — a **tactic that lawmakers banned** under **President Richard Nixon**. He intends to **strip employment protections** from tens of thousands of **career civil servants**, making it **easier to replace them**, if they are deemed **obstacles to his agenda**. Some elements of the plans had been **floated when Trump was in office** but were impeded by internal concerns that **they would be unworkable** and could **lead to setbacks**. And for some veterans of **Trump's turbulent White House** who came to question his fitness for leadership, the prospect of removing guardrails and **centralizing even greater power** over government directly in his hands sounded like a recipe for mayhem. "**It would be chaotic**," said **John F. Kelly, Trump's second White House chief of staff**. "It just simply would be chaotic, because he'd continually be **trying to exceed his authority**. It would be a nonstop gunfight with the **Congress and the courts**." **Trump and his allies** have been laying out an expansive vision of power for a potential second term. A long article appears in print on **July 17, 2023, Section A, Page 1 of the New York Times edition** with the headline: **Trump and Allies Seeking Vast Increase of His Power**. In 2015, we wrote about **Trump's desire to be a dictator**. Since then we have learned the people he most admires are dictators like **Russia's Putin** and others.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

**Darrell Segura**, of the Bridge City Historical Society, wants to thank all the sponsors, the City of Bridge City, the Police Department and Bridge City Fire Department and everyone who helped make the Fourth of July event on Cow Bayou.\*\*\*\*Last week I predicted the outcome of the George Zimmerman trial would be not guilty based on the "Stand your Ground" law in Florida. Not guilty was all the jury could find. Twenty-one states have adopted that law. I refer to it as bringing a gun to a fist fight. The D.A. wanted to take that case to the Grand Jury but the governor stopped that, took over the case with the state attorney supervising a team of prosecutors. They chose not to go to the Grand Jury but instead just charge Zimmerman with second degree murder. The police chief was fired when politics took over. The local DA was pushed aside even though the local law enforcement knew better than the state what kind of case they had, a big success. \*\*\*\*Back In the late 1970's, **Roy Dunn**, who published the Community Post newspaper in South Jefferson County, came up with the idea to put a marker on the unmarked grave of Cajun musician **Harry Choates**, who had died in an Austin jail. Roy pitched the idea to writer **Tim Knight**, who recruited the help of **Gordon Baxter**, who used

his radio show to publicize it. A marker was installed. Tim, a longtime author and American History teacher at Lamar/Port Arthur, has written a new book titled, "Poor Hobo; the Tragic Life of Harry Choates--A Cajun legend." Harry is often referred to as the Jimmie Rogers of Cajun music. His most famous song, "**Jole Blon**" is the **Cajun National Anthem**. The life and times of Choates are well written and deeply researched in **Tim's book**.\*\*\*\* Thanks to **Evelyn Brandon**, who organized a trash pick up on Bailey's Road this past Saturday. It was a huge success. Thanks also to **Donna Scales and the Park Department** for their help. The group will meet again in the coming weeks in hopes to keep Bailey's Road clean.\*\*\*\*A speedy recovery to our friend **Harry Stephens**, who had knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. He will be out of commission for awhile but he has a great nurse. Harry will not like the pain but he'll enjoy Margie waiting on him. Knowing Margie, she will put up with that just so long.\*\*\*\*It's hard to believe that 14 years have already gone by since **John Kennedy Jr.**, his wife **Carolyn** and sister-in-law **Lauren**, were killed in that airplane crash. Also at that same time, one of our great friends, policeman **Charles Frederick** died. Eighteen patrol cars accompanied his body to Newton County for burial.\*\*\*\*

### 17 Years Ago-2006

**Robert "Bob" Maron Blackshear**, 83, died July 11. He was a World War II vet. He and his two sons, **David** and **Danny**, developed **Waterwood**, on the banks of Cow Bayou. It's one of Orange County's most exclusive additions.\*\*\*\***Kenny "Kee-Kee" Dupuis** is recovering from hernia surgery.\*\*\*\***Jack and Lynda Stout** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22. \*\*\*\*OCARC celebrates **50 years of service** this week. What started as a desire of a mother to have activities for her mentally challenged child, has grown into a means of giving that now includes adults. **OCARC gives vocational training** and skills which assist students in obtaining jobs in the private sector and leading productive lives in society. **OCARC** was started by **Cathryn Boyd** in 1956 in her home. (Editor's note: 68 years have gone by and the center has grown beyond belief.)\*\*\*\*Former U.T. **quarterback Vince Young** named "Big 12 Athlete of the Year." Other Texas football players who have made the list in past few years are **Derrick Johnson**, 2005; **Ricky Williams**, 1999; Young also won the "Davey O'Brien" award given to the nation's top quarterback. (Editor's note: **Young went pro** after the **Longhorns won the national championship** but his star faded in the NFL.)\*\*\*\***Van Choate's Tuffy's** is the place to eat great seafood in Orange County. Always serving large, tasty rolls and homemade pies, Tuffy's is located in Mauriceville.\*\*\*\***Mosquito war** continues in Orange County. Commissioners agree to use contingency fund money to keep the Mosquito Control Department operating. Natives say it's the worst mosquito invasion in recent memory.

### 47 Years Ago-1976

**Robert Hanks** is sales manager of Flair Real Estate, Edward Patton is in sales. \*\*\*\*The Bridge City/Orangefield **Community Center pledges** have reached \$72,712. **Helena Litton** heads up the door-to-door collection campaign.\*\*\*\***BCYRA** names queens and princesses chosen from Little League sweethearts at coronation. They are: **Pee-Wee queen, Kellie Bradley**; Minor League queen is **Vali Lemoine, princess is Dawn Hanson**; Major League queens, **Rosalyn Dailey** and **Angie Welch**, princess is **Janet Brunell**.\*\*\*\*The Bridge City Knights install new officers at Sunday mass at St. Henry Catholic Church. Officers are, **Manson Herbert Sr., grand knight; Father Frank Schanzer, chaplain; Lamar Roach, deputy grand knight; Mayor LeBlanc, chancellor; Hubert LaPoint, recorder; Lou Garriga, financial secretary; Don Calliquet, treasurer**.\*\*\*\*On July 20, **Gordon Baxter** will celebrate 31 years in radio broadcasting. He's put time in at radio stations **KOLE, KPAC, KOGT, KTRM** and **KLVI**. His audience ranges from little old ladies, housewives, rednecks, students, merchants and some hippie freaks. \*\*\*\***Tim and Ann Lieby**, of the Print Shoppe, return from print show in San Antonio. \*\*\*\***Doug Harrington** took in a metal health seminar at Rusk. (Editor's note: It doesn't say if he attended the "Nut House" for his own good or to help others. **Anyway he has escaped**.)\*\*\*\***Roy Wingate** buys Jim Kirby Conn a drink of plain water at the yacht Club. Jimmy didn't appreciate it much. (Editor's note: **That was before folks bought water to drink**.)\*\*\*\***Sandy Parkhurst** was saluted at **July 12 BP&W meeting** as "Member of the Month."\*\*\*\***Keble's Kuttery**, a new concept in barbering and hair styling, opens in Northway Center. Barbers and stylist are **Johnny Barton, Jack Welch, Skipper Free** and **Keble**.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

One again, **Maureen McAllister** and her **Orange County United Way** put on a splendid fundraiser with another dueling pianos show at the **VFW**. A crowd of people, along with a bevy of sponsors, plus donated auction items helped get more money for **United Way's** effort to help local non-profits. The **United Way** has been instrumental in assisting groups that have helped county residents recover from hurricanes and floods. **Rodney and Dr. Amy Townsend** were in the crowd, as were **Sherry Hommel, Chuck and Kelsey Bounds, Heather Montagne Mancopf, Tammy Judice, and Jennifer Dommert. Jennifer Cowling Burtsfield** brought mom, **Sue Cowling**. Also seen in the crowd were **Gina and Skipper Yeaman, Michelle Tuebbleville, Kristen Placette, Ashley and Zach Johnson, and Natasha Garrett. Emily McKee Mellon** brought along parents **Thereze and Tad McKee**, plus mom-in-law **Chrisleigh Dal Sasso**.\*\*\*\***Stephen and Jamie Lee** moved to Beaumont a couple of years ago, but they're always have **deep roots in Orange**. This week, the **Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas**, announced the couple will be chairs of the annual fundraiser gala **LaSoiree** to be held in

January.\*\*\*\***Gary and Alisha Bonneaux** are spending more time in **Galveston** after buying a place there. This weekend, they met up with **former Orange residents Kelly and Monte Morphew**, who still own their house in the **Old Orange Historic District**. They all enjoyed the monthly **Art Walk** in downtown.\*\*\*\***Orange City Councilor Caroline Hennigan** went off to cooler **Maine** to visit son and his family. It was still warm there in the daytime, but not **Southeast Texas hot**. Plus it cools down into the 60s at night. **Caroline** may not want to come back home until October.\*\*\*\***Melanie Claybar and family** took off for **New Braunfels**, where a zebra played up-close to daughter, **Caroline**, asking for treats. She'll have a good story to tell her friends when school starts.\*\*\*\***Steve and Gail Maddox** went to **Houston** to see their son, **Robb**, promoted to chief for the **U.S. Coast Guard**.\*\*\*\***Belinda Huerta** continued her birthday celebrations with a trip to **Texas sites** with husband **David**. They spent time in **San Antonio** and other spots, making sure the tried local cuisine.\*\*\*\***Scott Jackson** turned 82, while **Meri Elen Jacobs** continued her **60th birthday** summer with a trip to Florida and a reunion with lots of cousins.\*\*\*\***Carolyn Curran** had another birthday lunch with childhood friends **Sandy Gross, Bobbie Jo Howeth, Jeannie McDaniels, and Kay Jones**.\*\*\*\*Ace local writer **Ginger Broomes** had a sushi birthday dinner and even got husband, **Coy**, to try some. Heard he liked it.\*\*\*\***Rosie Kovatch**, namesake of her grandmother, dance school founder **Rose Thayer**, turned 18. All five of her siblings, plus parents **Chris and Christi Kovatch**, and grandparents, **Steve and Theresa Kovatch**, had a sit-down dinner at **Tia Juanita's**.\*\*\*\*Others having birthdays included **Orange County Treasurer Christy Khoury Roccaforte**. Husband **Kirk**, who is **Orange County Precinct 3 commissioner**, sent flowers while daughter **Coree** and **Dakota Posey** made sure she got a cake, **Kimberly Ray, Linda Hart Mayr, Ronald Rubin, Karl Wickham, Faye Beth Purifoy, Louis Blanda, John Backer, Dallas James, Hannah Smith, Ronald Brown, and Terri Blanda**.\*\*\*\*Congratulations to couples who had wedding anniversaries for making it another year. **Lyndia and T.W. Permenter** celebrate **62 years** together. **Peg and Mike Shearer** had **No. 54**, while **Bill and Sylvia Ney** marked **19 years**. **Aaron and Latouia DuBois** have been wedded **nine years**. Also celebrating were **Josh and Devin Fults**, whose lives have been filled with hospitals and medical procedures lately. They have many, many people praying for them and helping them pay for medical expenses for **Devin and their two daughters**. They spent time this week at the **Mayo Clinic in Minnesota** seeking medical treatments.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **July 19: Emma Briggs, Pam Honeycutt, Diane Grooters, Shirley McCall, Kurt Moerbe, Robin Thibodeaux and Paige Williams**.\*\*\*\***July 20: Kylie Jones, Carrie Hunt, Kenyettia Foster, Megan Stephson, Rebecca Toal**.\*\*\*\***July 21: Amanda Jo Stephson-Pringle, Todd Hunt, Danika Dubose**.\*\*\*\***July 22: Lon Frederick, Renee Clark, Rocky DeCuit, Jeff Anderson, Keazie Cappel, Paige Dohmann**.\*\*\*\***July 23: Travis Estes, Jim Reeves, Linda Brinson**.\*\*\*\***July 24: Thomas White, Chassid Cude, Karen McKinney, Ralph Rucker, Renee Newson, James Rucker, Jody Batchelor, Lee Harris**.\*\*\*\***July 25: Lori Smith, Misty Cappel, Ryan Kimbrough, Evelyn Toney**, and a very Happy Birthday to our friend, and **Harry's** loving wife **Margie Stephens**. (NOTE: To announce birthdays or anniversaries free of charge call 409-886-7183 or email [therecordlive.com](mailto:therecordlive.com).)

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Clovees Comeaux** finally gave in and took his wife **Clotiel**

to a dance at Fred's in Mamou for Mother's Day. Dere was a guy on da dance floor dancing like crazy him, break dancing, moon walkin, doing back flips, really cutting a rug, da whole works.

**Clotiel** turn to **Clovees** and she say, "Clovees, see dat guy? Dat's "Cat" **Robicheaux**, 25 years ago, he propose to me him, and I turn his down."

**Comeaux** him, he paused an den he say, "Mai sha, it look like to me dat **Robicheaux** him is still celebratin."

### C'EST TOUT CARLOS ALCARAZ, 20, BEATS CHAMP DJOKOVIC

**Novak Djokovic** had won the last four men's titles at **Wimbledon**. When the two faced each other in the **French Open semifinals** barely five weeks ago, they played 90 minutes of crackerjack tennis, and then **Alcaraz gave in** to what he called tension, the nervousness that came from the occasion and seeing **Djokovic on the other side of the net**. **Djokovic** has spent his time destroying the **hopes and dreams** of nearly all **younger challengers** at the major tournaments. Not only has he continued to hold off the next generation, but **he has relished his supremacy** over them. However it has been **clear for a long time** that **Carlos Alcaraz is just different**. A month after his body crumbled under the sheer tension of **facing Djokovic at the French Open**, at Wimbledon he recovered from a set deficit to perform at a remarkable level across five sets as the **No 1 seed toppled Djokovic** 1-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to win his first Wimbledon title. While **Alcaraz celebrated** snatching a 2-1 lead, **Djokovic cracked his racket** on the net post. Against the **best returner of all time**, famed for his ability to recover from any deficit, **Alcaraz kept moving forward**. Then he lined up to the baseline at 5-4 without any hint of fear or nerves, and in a **stunning game** that included a bold drop shot and a lunging volley winner, **Alcaraz served out the match of his life**.\*\*\*\*My time is up, thanks for yours. Please read us cover to cover and support our family of advertisers. Take care and God bless.



## Deaths & Memorials

### Peggy Jeanette Stone Harrington, 76

Formerly of Bridge City

Peggy Jeanette Stone Harrington, age 76, of Grapeland, Texas, a woman of humor, determination, and love, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, on Saturday, the 15th day of July 2023. Peggy was born on the 23rd day of December 1946, in Clifton, Texas to parents J.T. "Porter" Stone and Nadine Christopher Stone.



Peggy Harrington

Nicole Benoit; stepson, Ronald Wayne Harrington; brothers, Weldon Stone and wife Janice, Jackie Stone and wife Linda, and Marshal Stone and wife Kay. Peggy is also survived by seven grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, with another on the way, all of whom she adored.

She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members who all cherished her deeply.

Friends are cordially invited to share memories of Peggy's life during a visitation from five o'clock until seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 19th day of July 2023, in the parlor of Rhone Funeral Home.

A funeral service and celebration of Peggy Harrington's life is to be conducted at ten o'clock in the morning on Thursday, the 20th day of July 2023, in the Rhone Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow in Augusta Cemetery.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Tom Dillard, Jim Dillard, Jake Plotts, Canaan Dillard, Tommy Smith, and Conrad Bokich.

Funeral services for Peggy Jeanette Stone Harrington are in care of Rhone Funeral Home, 3900 S. State Highway 19, Palestine, Texas.

Please visit Mrs. Harrington's online memorial tribute at [www.rhonefuneralhome.com](http://www.rhonefuneralhome.com), where fond memories and words of comfort and condolence may be shared electronically with her family.

Peggy spent the majority of her life in Bridge City, Texas, before relocating to Grapeland, Texas, following a series of hurricanes. Peggy was a master quilter, her intricate designs reflecting her keen eye for detail and her boundless creativity. She also had a passion for genealogy, a pursuit that deepened her understanding and appreciation of her family roots. Peggy was in her element when working the land on her tractor, a testament to her love for nature and her tenacity.

Above all, Peggy was a loving individual. Her laughter was infectious, her spirit gentle. She was the heart of her family, her love a source of comfort and strength to all who knew her. Peggy will be dearly missed, but her legacy of love and laughter will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

She is preceded in death by her parents J.T. and Nadine Stone, and her sister, Benita Diane Stone Gearhart.

Peggy leaves behind the love of her life of 33 years, Ronald Harrington; daughters, Shannon Stone, and Shantel Stone and husband Conrad Bokich; stepdaughter, Jessica

## WOCCISD bracing for lower state-assessed letter grade

West Orange-Cove CISD Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris releases statement on "obstacles" resulting in grade drop.



Dr. Rickie Harris

West Orange-Cove CISD is bracing for a lower state-assessed letter grade after Texas

Education Agency's overhaul of the A-F accountability system, just one year after we celebrated a high rating. Due to many changes in the accountability system, there is a possibility that we will experience a two-grade letter drop as a district.

As you know, we were rated as a B district last year. We were extremely proud of this rating because of the hard work of our students and staff. Under the new system, we will be rated lower despite performing better on the STAAR test this year in many areas. For example, our high school had gains in every area on the STAAR exam but will likely be rated a letter grade lower than last year.

As a district, we have been preparing for the new STAAR test design and a new formula for calculating College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) scores. The CCMR component comprises 40% of a district's Domain 1 score and plays a significant role in the calculation of scores in Domains 2 and 3. Any significant changes to the methodology could tremendously impact a district's scores.

We hoped that our proactive steps would offset any changes TEA would make in the system. To our surprise, there was no way we could have prepared for such a change.

Some of the more impactful changes that have caught most districts off-guard include a 28 percentage points change in the minimum cut score to receive an A in the area of College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) and changing how districts will be rated for closing the learning gaps among the various sub-populations of students in Domain 3.

This so-called "A-F Refresh" represents a complete overhaul of the accountability system that, we believe, will place an unnecessary negative light on the efforts of our students and staff in the eyes of the community. Even though it is estimated that 66 percent of the districts in the state will see at least a letter grade drop in their accountability rating, I felt it is only right by the students and staff of our district to inform the community that these changes are not due to the district performing worse but that the rating system has changed.

As stated earlier, the district performed better in many areas on STAAR. Nevertheless, West Orange-Cove CISD will continue to focus our attention on transforming the lives of students every day.

I asked that the parents, students, and staff band together to overcome this obstacle, as we have done many times before.

Striving toward excellence,  
Dr. Rickie R. Harris

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### • BC/OF Rotary presents Guys Night Out August 24

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38. Clothing line
42. UAE's most populous city
45. Close the fastener, e.g.
49. Epoch
51. Between 90 and 180 degrees
54. E-wallet's content
56. Very, in music
57. Japanese zither
58. Author Bagnold
59. Goes with interest
60. Great masters' medium, pl.
61. \*Hoofed "express" traveler
62. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" actress Lola \_\_\_\_
63. Solemn promise
64. Surveyor's map
67. Morning drops

ages

39. Fill with happy spirit
40. Bora \_\_\_\_
41. Vexed
43. Uncontrolled swerve
44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
46. Genesis twin
47. "The Odyssey," e.g.
48. Hooray!
50. Speaking platform
52. Campfire residue
53. What sailors are to captain
55. Lawyers' org.
57. \*Jack of "On the Road" fame
61. \*Refreshment break
65. Live sign for radio, 2 words
66. Shakespearean "fuss"
68. Bar order, with "the"
69. Ownership document
70. Mitt Romney's title, abbr.
71. Christmas Eve visitor
72. Keats' works,

e.g.

73. \*Major road, abbr.
74. \*Certain number of cylinders

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# Local riders attend Harley-Davidson anniversary

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle celebrated its 120th anniversary the second week of July. The four day festival July 12-16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the hometown of Harley-Davidson saw hundreds of thousands of people come there from around the world to join the celebration that featured live music performances, fun activities, and entertainment for motorcycle enthusiasts of all ages.

The Harley Owners Group or HOG Chapter 5298 known as Cowboy Harley from the Golden Triangle attended the rally in Milwaukee. Nineteen members of the local HOG chapter made the three-day ride to be a part of the anniversary festivities riding up old Route 66 part of the way exploring and checking out the beautiful countryside on the way there.

Longtime Harley owner Curtis May and his wife Lynn made the ride from southeast Texas to Milwaukee. Curtis is an original HOG member with 40 years and over 853,000 riding miles documented.

There was some rain the third day on the ride after the group got to Wisconsin. The four days of the festival in Milwaukee though were beautiful with lots of sunshine.

HOG Chapter 5298 was specially invited to attend



J.W. Dalton on the left and Chris Harrison on the right meet with Bill Davidson, in the center wearing sunglasses, the CEO of Harley-Davidson during the celebration in Milwaukee. Courtesy Photo

this year's festival. "Bill Davidson the CEO of Harley invited Van Jordan our past director last year to attend and this year Bill extended that invitation to me and any of our members that rode up to the hundred and twentieth anniversary of Harley and the fortieth anniversary of HOG, Harley Owners Group," J.W. Dalton the director of the local HOG chapter indicated.

The festival was a great opportunity to see the worldwide popularity of Harley-Davidson. "It was surprising to me that we were able to meet people from all over the world. Different countries, different nationalities all coming together to join in the festivities of Har-

ley-Davidson. I met people from Columbia, Indonesia, Japan, Scotland,

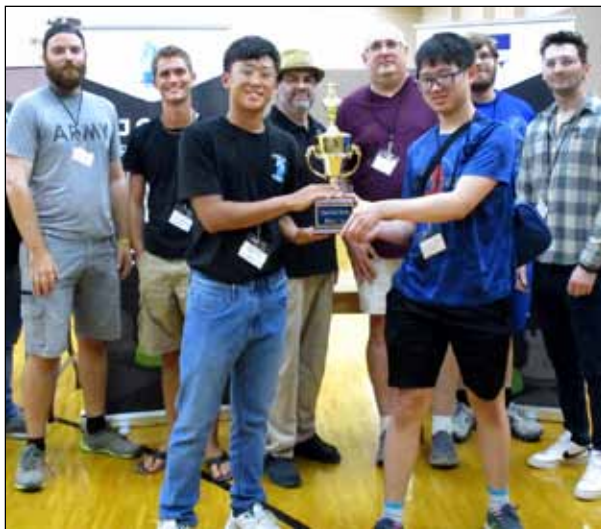
Australia, and South Africa," Dalton replied. Activities during the

festival included concerts from the Foo Fighters and the Marshall Tucker Band.

There were also challenge

LOCAL RIDERS Page 3B

## Chess tourney challenge won in Orange



Team captain Sam Chung and Minh Tran of Casa de Ajedrez hold the trophy their chess club won in a tournament held at First Presbyterian Church in Orange July 15.

Dan Perrine  
For The Record

A special challenge chess tournament was held in Orange on Saturday, July 15, between clubs from Beaumont and Sulphur. The tournament at the First Presbyterian Church of Orange was very close and came down to the last couple of games to determine which team was the winner.

The Casa de Ajedrez, Spanish for House of Chess, from Sulphur played the Beaumont Chess Club in four rounds with eight games in each round format. Eight club members represented their respective club in the head-to-head games of chess.

Games were timed with the players getting thirty minutes to move their pieces against the opponent during a game. The winner of a game got a point for their club and if a game was a draw a half point was earned for both teams.

The Beaumont Chess Club grabbed the early advantage winning five

games in the opening round. The only draw or tie game of the tournament occurred in the first round to make the score 5.5 to 2.5 in favor of the Beaumont Chess Club.

The lead stayed at three as the two clubs split the eight games of round two with four wins for both sides. Opponents were rotated so no player faced a member of the other team twice.

The next round proved to be a turning point in the tournament. Casa de Ajedrez won five of eight matches to close the gap to 12.5 to 11.5 in favor of the Beaumont Chess Club with one round to play.

The club from Sulphur took three of the first four games completed in round four to take the lead. Casa de Ajedrez closed strong winning three of the last four games as well to capture the championship 17.5 to 14.5 and claim the trophy.

As the winners of the tournament Casa de Ajedrez got to take home the Chess Club Battles King's

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# Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

This week's Texas Gulf Coast Fishing Reports was compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# The Lakes

## • Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 1.26 feet below pool. The water level is 170.5 with both generators running 6 hours a day. Water temperature at the Dam is 85 degrees.

North of the three-mile Pendleton Bridge, temperatures have been running 85-89 degrees. Crappie are still being caught in 12-20 feet of water depending on cloud cover and generating schedule. Some days it is minnows and sometimes it is a jig. Best times to catch bass this week has been using topwater poppers, chuggers, spooks and frogs over vegetation early and late. Another Bass pattern is a flutter spoon 7-10 inches over humps and ledges. During the heat of the day

Bass are being caught in 20-25 feet over ledges with deep diving crank baits. Texas and Carolina rigs have been producing in the outer swings of the creek bends. Best colors in 7-10 inch worms are watermelon candy red, June bug red and Red Shad. The night Bass bite has been coming on strong with Texas ridged 10-12" worms in all black, black with a red glitter, and black with a blue tail. Another great summer nighttime bass bait is a spinnerbait in all black with a single spin Colorado blade 3/4-1 ounce, cadence slow off points.

White bass have been producing on a Black/Blue back 1/2-ounce rattle trap, a jig-n- spoon in 1/2-3/4 ounce, and a medium diving crankbait. Kayakers are catching blue and channel catfish shallow with the spawn going on in 1-6 foot of water with a floating cork and split shot from 3-12 pounds in the shallow flats close to deep water. Best baits this week have been punch baits, squid, finger mullet, and shrimp.

Remember, it is always better to play it safe by telling a loved one or friend the area you will be fishing, how many people are in your party and the expected return time. Report from Master Captain Steve "Scooby" Stubbe, Mudfish Adventures LLC, Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide, and Mudfish Custom Rod Shop.

## • Sam Rayburn Fishing Report

GOOD. Water clear; 88 degrees; 1.24 feet below pool. Fish are staying near older wood where the PH is lower. Some bass and white bass can be found schooling. Bass are good with topwaters in the pencil grass and hydrilla. Bigger bass are on points and humps biting crankbaits and Carolina rigs.

Crappie are stacking up on brush in 16-22 feet of water with bluegill mixed in biting on minnows or jigs. Catfish are good in 22-25 feet of water on brush and around creeks. White bass are schooling on points biting jigs and crankbaits. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

using croakers fishing in about 3 foot water in guts. Catching trout and redfish. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

## • Port O'Conner

GOOD. 80 degrees. Black drum are good during slow tides using dead shrimp. Bull redfish are good from the back of the jetties to the Bird Island on Spanish sardines. Slot redfish are good in the middle of the jetties on Spanish sardines. Trout are good at Bird Island at

## • Rockport

GREAT. 87 degrees. Redfish are great in 1-4 feet of water on paddle tails and topwaters. Live and cut bait have been doing great in sand pockets. Trout are great early morning moving deeper as the sun rises. 2-4 feet of water over grass and mixed sand pockets targeting bait heavy areas.

## • Sabine Lake

GOOD. 83 degrees. Jetties are good for speckled trout, redfish, sheepshead and drum on the rock piles with live shrimp under a popping cork. Nice slot redfish on gold spoons in the jetties. Limits of trout inside the Sabine end of the ICW when the south winds are blowing on glo chartreuse 5-inch plastics 1/16th ounce jig head thrown on the rocks. Speckled trout are staged in the ICW and Sabine channel for the spawn. Redfish and speckled trout are mixed in on the flats in the ICW. Taylor's Bayou for limits of redfish on popping cork with live shrimp. Speckled trout on live shrimp under a popping cork near the rock piles and flats near Texaco Island. Early morning trout topwater bite in 2-4 feet of water on the North Point of Pleasure Island. North Levy for speckled trout early morning topwater, then popping cork with live shrimp, then crankbaits midday. Flounder fishing is good. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

## • Bolivar

GOOD. 81 degrees. The surf is holding lots of black drum, shark, and some big redfish on cut bait or live on the bottom. The North Jetty Gulf side is holding limits of sheepshead and trout against rocks with an occasional redfish near the end with a popping cork and shrimp. The wreck is holding good numbers of trout on free-line shrimp or croaker close to rocks. Channel side holding some nice trout close and big redfish on the bottom. Shark is on the end of the jetty towards the gulf side. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

## • Trinity Bay

SLOW. 88 degrees. A few catches of speckled trout and redfish are in the northwest corner of the bay. Good numbers of black drum, and fair numbers of sheepshead on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing

## • East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 88 degrees. Southwest winds have hampered anglers' efforts over open bay reefs. Those wading protected areas are finding a few speckled trout and redfish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Surface water temperature is 87 degrees. Water clarity varies, west of Yates Bayou being the cleanest looking water. Winds have been out of the south most of the week in the 10-20 mph range, other than when storm clouds have rolled by. Speckled sea trout, sand trout, redfish and black drum are excellent over oyster reefs in 6-8 feet of water. Shrimp imitation lures under popping corks are the ticket, or purple/chartreuse with 1/4 ounce jig heads, with the majority of our fish being caught in the upper portion of the water column. On early mornings with good bait activity we have been able to locate trout around drains, but for the most part these areas fished



Wade fishermen taking advantage of the bite both early and late are catching solid fish and beating the heat. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

out on us within the first hour or so. Birds are still working in the bay, as fish are still feeding on shrimp, so if you can find them the action is fast, but short lived in most cases. Our artificial trips have once again produced better fish and more numbers as well versus throwing live shrimp. Please remember to drink plenty of water and bring plenty of sunscreen, as we have ventured into the time of year when it gets extremely hot on the water and it is critical you stay hydrated and do not get overheated or sunburned. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC. Little Hanna's holding speckled trout, and an occasional flounder, or redfish, Yates Bayou drain still holding redfish against grass line on popping cork and shrimp. Siever's Cut holding redfish near grass lines. Hanna's, Deep Reef, Moody's Reefs look for birds and slicks. Gas wells A1 to Eagle Point, holding some trout with live croaker. Goat Island holding Redfish under popping cork with shrimp or Carolina rigged live mullet finger mullet. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

## • Galveston Bay

FAIR. 89 degrees. Winds have not been favorable for open bay areas. Scattered catches of speckled trout in the gas wells. Decent numbers of black drum and fair catches of sheepshead along rocks near the ship channel, with an occasional redfish. Live natural baits working best. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The piers on the island are good for redfish, sharks, jack crevalle. When water and waves permit, Pleasure Pier to Surfside is hot for redfish, speckle trout, pompano on Live bait, artificial. Live shrimp under a popping cork, croaker on an OCTO Circle with small Chatter weight. The South Jetty holds some big redfish with a few nice slots and also some nice sharks on the end. gulf side on fire Speckled Trout, Sheepshead, Pompano and Redfish close to rocks on Popping Cork with live bait free-lined shrimp, or Carolina rigged float with shrimp, or chatter weight and croaker. Channel side holding trout close to rocks popping cork with live shrimp. 61st and 91st Piers have some Jacks and bulls being caught on cut bait. The railroad bridge is holding redfish drum and

a decent number of speckled trout early on live bait. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

## • West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. When the wind allows, wader angels are reporting good catches of trout and redfish with live croakers. Open bay reefs fair for those drifting live bait. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. West Bay's South shore is holding a lot of speckled trout and redfish for wade anglers around the coves and grass lines from south deer Island to San Luis Pass on both sides of Bird Island holding fish. Bird Island flats hold good numbers of speckled trout, and some redfish for wade anglers. North shorelines between Carancahua Reef and Confederate Reef is holding good trout and redfish with an occasional flounder drifting croaker. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

## • Texas City

FAIR. 86 degrees. Off-shore action for snapper

continues to be good 50-miles offshore over wrecks and rocks. Very few reports of kingfish. Jetties are producing scattered catches of speckled trout, redfish, and black drum on live shrimp. Sharks are plentiful near the end of the rocks. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Dike has trout at night under lights on live bait or on artificials. The rock Shoals south west of the Dike are holding trout and redfish on live croaker, shrimp, or artificial. Campbells Reef to Virginia point, look for the birds. Gas wells across from Moses lake holding trout good on live croaker. Dollar Reef holding trout on live Croaker. Moses lake, holding fish by the gate on both sides. Popping cork with shrimp. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

## • Freeport

FAIR. 86 degrees. The bays in Bastrop, Christmas Bay and the west end of Galveston Bay fishing good in the morning drifting fishing using live shrimp with pop n corks. Catching trout, redfish and some flounder. Also wade fishing been good

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Over 700,000 bikers participated in the anniversary celebration of Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee. Courtesy Photo

## See state's natural beauty during Texas Parks and Wildlife exhibit

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN — Want to appreciate the beauty of Texas State Parks and stay indoors? Visit the The Art of Texas State Parks traveling exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science this summer to stay cool while enjoying the views and vistas found in parks. The exhibit, created in honor of the Centennial Celebration of Texas State Parks, will remain in Houston until October 1.

The exhibit features paintings of more than 30 parks by some of Texas' finest artists. Along with the traveling exhibit, the project also includes a commemorative book published by Texas A&M Press. Proceeds from book sales and the sale of the artwork through Foltz Fine Art in Houston will be donated to Texas Parks

and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) to benefit Texas State Parks.

The project was several years in the making. In anticipation of the 2023 Centennial Celebration of Texas State Parks, TPWF partnered with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University and the Bullock Texas State History Museum to present The Art of Texas State Parks. H-E-B, presenting sponsor for the Texas State Parks Centennial Celebration, provided additional support for the project.

"We hope that in displaying these extraordinary pieces, visitors will be inspired to get out and enjoy and explore the stunning natural landscapes we're fortunate to have right in our back-

yards," said TPWD Executive Director David Yuskovitz, Ph.D. "We are grateful for the collaboration that is bringing The Art of Texas State Parks to museums across Texas, spreading the message about these natural treasures that belong to us all."

The Art of Texas State Parks is intended to increase public awareness of Texas parklands and heighten their popular appeal through the elegant and inspired works of Texas' best contemporary painters. While the national park system has benefitted from its chroniclers in art, no such artistic record had been undertaken for state parks.

"The Centennial Celebration offers the perfect occasion to create a lasting visual record of Texas

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The Cowboy Chapter of the Harley Owners Group attended the anniversary celebration in Milwaukee. Members attending included Jason Sabol, J.W. Dalton, Becky Dalton, Nola Gaus, Henry Gaus, Stephanie Hargrave, Debra Walker, Wayne Walker, Debbie Borel, Danny Borel, Cliff Ford, Pam Langston and Jim Langston. Courtesy Photo

## Local riders From Page 1B

rides throughout the city of Milwaukee.

The six different Harley-Davidson dealerships in the city hosted parties throughout the four days of fun. "It was absolutely amazing," Dalton expressed.

The local HOG chapter was to receive special recognition, but Dalton said the response from motorcyclists for the anniversary celebration was so overwhelming there was not an opportunity for the group to be recognized. Harley-Davidson officials told Dalton they had anticipated around three hundred thousand bikers to participate in the parade on Sunday, but as it turned out over 700,000 attended the big party in Milwaukee.

Dalton responded, "We

were honored that we were able to be there. I was able to meet and talk with Bill Davidson on Friday afternoon. He and I had a good conversation about the future of Harley-Davidson, and also of our HOG chapter and HOG in general."

This year's outstanding response by Harley owners is going to change the scheduling of the anniversary festival in the future. "It looks like they're going to start instead of every five-year anniversary celebrations they're going to start having a party every year," Dalton was told.

The anniversary celebration culminated on Sunday with a huge parade of motorcyclists. Dalton recalled, "We were able to represent our HOG chapter in the parade Sun-

day with thousands and thousands of motorcycles with people from all over the world as we rode down through the city of Milwaukee and back over to the museum of Harley-Davidson. It was a great time."

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## OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



**Chuck Uzzle**

Hands down, without a doubt, one of the top 3 most asked questions I get from local and out of town anglers alike is “how do you read the tide chart for this area?” Most any fisherman who spends time on our local waters has a theory about how the tides work and where they need to be to catch fish during those tides. Surprisingly enough there are plenty of people who don’t understand how important the tides really are, or for that matter what a tide is. According to Webster’s dictionary, tide is the periodic variation in the surface level of the oceans, bays, gulfs, inlets, and estuaries caused by gravitational attraction of the moon and sun. The influence the moon has over the tides is extreme to say the least. During the first and third quarters of the moon phase the tides are the weakest and have the smallest dif-

ferences between the highs and the lows. These small tide changes are called “neap tides”. On the other end of the spectrum are the “spring tides”, these occur when the moon is new or full. During the spring tides the differences between the high and low tides are the greatest. By thinking about these patterns you can understand why so many people plan fishing trips around the moon phases. The full or new moon phases mean more moving water because the tides are more extreme, this translates into more active fish.

Now that we have established what the tides are and how they get their energy we need to know what effect they have on the fish. During certain periods of the year the tides mean different things. For example,

in the spring most fishermen like strong incoming tides because they tend to bring in good saltwater from the gulf. During the fall it is opposite, outgoing tides help bring the bait into the lake as they empty the marshes. Either tide will help you catch fish; the main thing is to at least have some tidal movement. The periods between the tides are referred to as “slack”, during these times the fishing tends to be much slower. The tides trigger most fish into becoming more active, it is almost like ringing the dinner bell so to speak.

A few years ago I watched a documentary on The Discovery channel that chronicled the effect that the tides have on fish and other sea dwellers. The most interesting portion of the show for me was watching one experiment that illustrated the so called “body clock” that all creatures possess. The scientists went to a far remote island and gathered up multiple different species of fish and

crustaceans from a small tide pool and transported them back to their lab thousands of miles away where they were put into a huge aquarium for observation. The scientists left a time lapse camera on the small pool where the fish and other life forms came from so they could see the water levels

rise and fall in real time. The scientists noted that during periods of no water movement in the tide pool that the fish in the aquarium were very calm and really didn’t move too much. The amazing thing happened when the water in the tide pool began to rise or drop due to the tide the fish in the aquarium began to move around like they were in fast forward mode. It was amazing to see how as soon as the tide began to move how quickly the fish thousands of miles away responded.

It’s almost the same thing we talk about when we travel far away from home and say we have “jet lag”, our body is still in the

mode of being on that schedule from our own time zone. Fish are no

different; the rhythmic movement of the tides plays a huge part in our own fishing success.

Now the tide schedules you see in the newspapers and magazines will give you an idea when the tides will occur. These schedules do not take into account what kind of weather or wind conditions may be present so you need to use a little common sense. For example, if the schedule calls for a weak outgoing tide and the wind is blowing strong from the south you may not see any change in the water level. The big south wind will essentially hold the water up from leaving. The exact opposite happens in the winter months when you have an out going tide and a strong north wind, the water levels fall dramatically. One other important piece of the tide puzzle deals with correction factors for the tides. Your evening news may call for tides at Sabine Pass to take place at 1 am, that time will be different if you fish in another part of the Sabine area. What you

most need to know is what the correction factor for your area is. The time difference between Sabine Pass and Sydney Island is just over an hour depending on the conditions. So if the tide is supposed to change at 1 a.m. at Mesquite Point it should start to change at Sydney Island around 2:00 a.m. under normal conditions.

For years my own personal choices for tide information came from the Gulf Coast Fisherman magazine, sometimes called the Harold Wells report. The tides, moon phases, feeding times, and other information in there elevated my early learning curve as a younger fisherman. The correction factors and tide schedules are listed for the entire Gulf of Mexico, from Texas to Florida. It was a very valuable piece of literature at the time. As far as my recommendation for accurate and informative tide charts today I don’t think you could ask for more than the one printed in Texas Saltwater Fishing Magazine. The information is incredibly accurate and easy to translate no matter what body of water fished.

## Chess challenge in Orange From Page 1B

Cup. A plaque will be added to the perpetual trophy designating the winning club. A key player for Casa de Ajedrez was Minh Tran who won all four of his games. Tran is only 16 and has played chess for nine years placing him in the top one hundred for his age bracket.

Tran used to play chess just for fun, but enjoyed the competition of the tournament and the team spirit. “Having a team and fighting for a team was a new experience for me which was fun,” Tran replied.

Joining Tran as the only other player with four wins during the tournament was Ed Alciatore of the Beaumont Chess Club. Winning three of four games they played were Stuart Cart of Casa de Ajedrez and Bart



**Sloan Hunter and Daniel Netherland of Casa de Ajedrez faced off against Bart Halbert and Bob Wilder of the Beaumont Chess Club during the chess tournament in Orange on July 15.**  
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Halbert with the Beaumont Chess Club.

Director of Casa de Ajedrez Andy Rivera helped organize this first challenge

chess tournament. Rivera indicated, “We’re hoping to get a lot of other chess clubs involved. This was our first, it was very exciting. I

know for a fact our team members practiced a lot for months. We came together to practice theory, practice online, and it was a lot of


fun it was exciting.”

President of the Beaumont Chess Club Kirk Tribes echoed the appreciation of Rivera for those that helped organize the chess tournament. “Hats off to Sulphur they didn’t give up and in the end that’s the difference that sets you apart. It was an awesome tournament thanks to all of the club members that showed up and gave their hard earned efforts. We are just so thankful for the hard work that Michael Hunter and Andy Rivera put in to make this event possible. We also thank very much the First Presbyterian Church of Orange,” Tribes expressed.

In addition to the sixteen competitors in the chess tournament there were club members who did not play and family members who came to encourage the players and a few non club members that visited


during the tournament which had the opportunity to play some chess, learn more about the game, and even took a tour of the more than a century old historical First Presbyterian Church. Tribes added, “We’re really hoping this will reignite the passion and get folks to come out on both sides in Sulphur, in Beaumont, and in Orange to play chess.”

The challenge has already been issued by the Casa de Ajedrez to a chess club in Lafayette, Louisiana. Rivera believes it will be possibly three to six months before a tournament can be arranged with the other chess club. He is hopeful that the chess clubs can play tournaments against each other on a regular basis with the Chess Club Battles King’s Cup going to the winning club of each tournament until the next event.




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# Entertainment: ZZ Top scheduled for July 30

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The summer concert season is underway and, just like the temperatures, it is already red hot. More big shows are on tap in the coming weeks, so be sure to check out the schedule below for upcoming shows and see the full listing of events online at [www.therecordlive.com](http://www.therecordlive.com)



**ZZ Top will be performing July 30th along with Lynard Skynard and Uncle Kracker at the Cynthia Woods Pavilion in The Woodlands.**

- **July 20**  
Overkill, Exhorder, Heathen, Scout Bar, Houston
- **July 21**  
Sublime with Rome, Slightly Stoopid, Atmosphere, The Movement, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Kenny Wayne Shepherd, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 22**  
Shania Twain, Mickey Guyton, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Between the Buried and Me, Warehouse Live, Houston
- July 23**  
Nickelback, Brantley Gilbert, John Ross, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- July 26**  
Lil Baby, The Kid Laroi, Glorilla, Gloss Up, Rylo Rodriguez, Hunxho, Toyota Center, Houston
- **July 27**  
Disturbed, Breaking Benjamin, Bush, Jinjer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Young the Giant, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **July 28**  
Tom Keifer Band, John Corabi, Rise Rooftop, Houston; Greta Van Fleet, Kaleo, Toyota Center, Houston; Rema, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **July 29**  
Steve Miller Band, Cheap Trick, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 30**  
ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Uncle Kracker, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

- **Aug. 3**  
Big Time Rush, Max, Jax, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Kenny Loggins, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 4**  
Thomas Rhett, Toyota Center, Houston, Black Flag, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 5**  
Great White, Slaughter, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 6**  
George Clinton, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 8**  
Post Malone, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 10**  
Underoath, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Aug. 11**  
Boy George and Culture Club, Howard Jones, Berlin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 12**  
Foreigner, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Stevie Nicks, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 13**  
Mudvayne, Coal Chamber, GWAR, Nonpoint, Butcher Babies, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion,

- The Woodlands
- **Aug. 14**  
REO Speedwagon, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 17**  
Pantera, Lamb of God, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Trapt, Scout Bar, Houston
- **Aug. 18**  
Ted Nugent, Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, Sam Hunt, Lily Rose, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 19**  
Rick Springfield, The Hooters, Paul Young, Tommy Tutone, LAuberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La., Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, Too Short, Warren G., DJ Drama, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 20**  
Beck, Phoenix, Weyes Blood, Sir Chloe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 21**  
Lil Durk, Kodak Black, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 22**  
Ice Nine Kills, Set It Off, The Plot, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Aug. 24**  
50 Cent, Busta Rhymes, Jeremih!, Toyota Center,

- Houston
- **Aug. 25**  
LL Cool J, The Roots, Big Boi, Juvenile, Goodie Mob, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Toyota Center, Houston
- Aug. 26**  
Jodeci, SWV, Dru Hill, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- Sept. 1**  
Yngwie Malmsteen, House of Blues, Houston
- Sept. 2**  
Lainey Wilson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Lionel Richie, Earth, Wind and Fire, Toyota Center, Houston, Ghost, Amon Amarth, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 3**  
SuicideBoys, Ghostmane, City Morgue, Sematary, Ramirez, Toyota Center, Houston, Danzig, Behemoth, Twin Temple, Midnight
- **Sept. 5**  
Kamelot, Battle Beast, Xandria, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 7**  
Pentatonix, Lauren Alaina, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 8**  
Dance Gavin Dance, White Oak Music Hall,

- Houston
- **Sept. 9**  
Parker McCollum, Jackson Dean, Tyler Halverson, Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, 5 Seconds of Summer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Flogging Molly, The Bronx, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 13**  
Madonna, Toyota Center, Houston, Tenacious D, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 14**  
Madonna, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 14**  
The Mission UK, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 17**  
Drake, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 18**  
Drake, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 20**  
Chicago, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land, Max and Iggor Cavalera, Exhumer, Incite, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 21**  
Christian Nodal, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 22**  
Jelly Roll, Three 6 Mafia, Struggle Jennings, Josh Adam Meyers, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, scape the Fate, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **Sept. 23**  
Beyonce, NRG Stadium, Houston, 3 Doors Down, Candlebox, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land
- **Sept. 24**  
Beyonce, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Sept. 27**  
Boys Like Girls, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Sept. 28**  
Guns N' Roses, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Sept. 30**  
The Mavericks, House of Blues, Houston
- **Oct. 4**  
Depeche Mode, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Oct. 6**  
Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Loathe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

- **Oct. 7**  
Jonas Brothers, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Oct. 8**  
Shinedown, Papa Roach, Spiritbox, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 11**  
Motionless in White, Knocked Loose, After the Burial, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Oct. 12**  
Avenged Sevenfold, Falling in Reverse, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 13**  
Chris Stapleton, Nikki Lane, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 14**  
SZA, Toyota Center, Houston, Larry Fleet, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Oct. 15**  
Sting, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 17**  
Thrice, '68, House of Blues, Houston
- **Oct. 20**  
Mercy Me, Crowder, Andrew Ripp, Ford Arena, Beaumont
- **Oct. 21**  
Kansas, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land, Peter Gabriel, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Oct. 28**  
Parker McCollum, Josh Abbott Band, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 30**  
John Mayer, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Nov. 2**  
Luis Miguel, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Nov. 4**  
Wednesday 13, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **Nov. 16**  
Wolfmother, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **Nov. 18**  
Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, Ricky Martin, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Nov. 25**  
Faith Evans, Arena Theatre, Houston



"The Art of Texas State Parks, a Centennial Celebration, 1923-2023" at the Houston Museum of Natural Science this summer

## TPWD art exhibit From Page 3B

State Parks in art and, at the same time, memorialize the past and ongoing development of the distinctive collection of Lone Star parks and natural areas," said Texas State Parks Director Rodney Franklin.

Participating artists include: Randy Bacon (Abilene); Mary Baxter (Marfa); David Caton (Utopia); Charles Criner (Houston); Margie Crisp (Elgin); Ric Dentinger (San Antonio/Santa Fe NM); Fidencio Duran (Austin); Janet Eager Krueger (Encinal); Joel Edwards (Waco); Malou Flato (Austin); Gordon Fowler (Austin); Pat Gabriel (Fort Worth); David Griffen (Lubbock/Dallas); Brian Grimm (Fredericksburg); Clemente Guzman (San Antonio); Karl E. Hall (Houston); John Austin Hanna (Fredericksburg); Billy Hassell (Fort Worth); Hailey Herrera (Bryan); Lee Jamison (Huntsville); Denise Mahl-

ke (Whitehouse); Jim Malone (Fort Worth); Talmage Minter (Waco); William Montgomery (Elgin); Kermit Oliver (Waco); Noe Perez (Corpus Christi); Jeri Salter (Hutto); Jim Stoker (San Antonio); Bob Stuth-Wade (Dublin); and Terri Wells (Austin).

The exhibit can be seen at the Houston Museum of Natural Science until October 1. It will then be exhibited at the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon from Oct. 27 through Feb. 18, 2024.

The exhibit will also be displayed later in 2024 in College Station, Albany and Tyler. The commemorative book is available online through several sources, including Texas A&M Press and Amazon.

"It was a real pleasure to see the passion these artists brought to this project, and we're thrilled these works will be on display at presti-

gious museums across Texas," said Andrew Sansom, co-author of the commemorative book, founder of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University and former TPWD executive director. "It is our fervent hope that these works of art will inspire present and future generations of Texans to forever appreciate and protect their parks."

TPWF has partnered with TPWD to celebrate Texas State Parks all year long. H-E-B donated \$1 million to help Texas State Parks engage all Texans in discovering and exploring their parks. For more information on the Centennial Celebration, including special community events at all Texas State Parks, the history of Texas State Parks and how to make a day visit or overnight reservation, visit [TexasStateParks.org/100years](http://TexasStateParks.org/100years).

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# How to Love an Immortal

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*It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest, most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which — if you saw it now — you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. —C.S. Lewis*



When I've read or heard these words over the years, I've typically thought of strangers. "It's a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses" — standing at the bus stop, waiting in line at the grocery store, walking by on the street (all the people I'm tempted to see but never notice). We're surrounded by immortal souls, all the time — but we're often tempted to treat them like houseplants. Like nice houseplants, beautiful even, but not like humans — not like eternal souls who will stand before the living God and be ushered into a perpetual, unchangeable paradise or a terrifying home of never-ending torment.

Wake up! Lewis says. You've never met a mere mortal. Those strangers walking by are not houseplants; they're wonders wrapped in flesh and blood and need. That's a good application. Every "random" person you encounter is an eternal marvel — a miracle in the making, or a nightmare, an immortal life wor-

thy of your attention, concern, respect, love.

The quote took on even more meaning, though, when I realized that Lewis doesn't limit the point to strangers.

### No Ordinary Spouses

Keep reading, and the spectacular reality comes uncomfortably close to home:

All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or the other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all of our dealings with one another — all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations — these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit — immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. (The Weight of Glory, 45–46)

Eternal miracles or nightmares. What dawned on me is that I'm not only tempted to overlook the spiritual potential and destiny of strangers; I'm tempted to do so even with my closest relationships — my friends, my family, my bride, my kids.

Sometimes it's the people we know the best that we most struggle to see in the light of spiritual reality. They're almost too familiar, too predictable — too, well, ordinary. But there are no ordinary friends. There are no ordinary classmates or roommates. There are no ordinary students or teachers. There are no ordinary boyfriends or girlfriends, husbands or wives. It is a serious thing to live beside immortals.

### Miracles in the Making

Where would Lewis get an idea like everlasting splendors? From verses like Romans 8:16–17:

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that

we may also be glorified with him.

If the Spirit dwells in you, by faith, then you are a child of God. And if you're a child of God, you will be glorified with God. Have you realized that? You will be like him. God will glorify "ordinary" people like you and me — to the glory of God.

We are miracles in the making. The oceans, mountains, and stars are lined up outside to get a glimpse of what we'll become. If you love and follow Jesus, that's true of you. And here's the critical turn that Lewis takes: if the dull, uninteresting, ordinary persons you live with (or work with, or coach soccer with, or go to church with) love and follow Jesus, it'll be true of them too. If you could see what they will be in 150 years, you would see them differently. You would treat them differently. Wouldn't you?

### Nightmares in the Making

Lewis didn't only say everlasting splendors, though — everlasting splendors or immortal horrors, future miracles or nightmares. Have you reckoned recently with the never-ending destiny of those in your life who will not love Jesus?

For as little as we might think about the blinding glory coming to those who believe, we might think even less about the awful terror awaiting those who don't. "As for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars" — that is, those who won't bow and

follow Jesus — "their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). One purpose of the vivid imagination and visions of Revelation is to make the depths of hell feel more real. They force us to imagine real people in fire and sulfur and torture, because people we know will really suffer like that, and worse, forever.

Part of being awake to one another's immortality is to remember that any of us could be deceived and hardened and destroyed by sin. And if we let sin have its way in us, it will mutilate us. It will make us hideous — "a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare." If we could see what sin does to a person — for now, on the inside, but one day, for all to see — we would pursue and exhort one another more than we do. We'd exhort one another every day.

### How to Love Immortals

The truth is that Lewis exposes us. We often live and work and study and play and date functionally oblivious to both heaven and hell — as if we didn't know that everyone we meet, everyone we love, will spend eternity in one or the other. But there's no "spiritual Midwest" lying out there between paradise and agony, between the everlasting splendors and the immortal horrors — just heaven and hell, forever.

So, what might all of this mean for our closest relationships? What might this mean for a home, like mine, with a wife and three small kids? First, and perhaps most humbling, it reminds

us to pray. Their immortality reminds us how painfully little we control in our relationships. All the things we want most for our spouse, our children, our extended family and friends are things God must do. That doesn't mean, as we often assume, that there's nothing we can do. There's just nothing we can do without God.

Having first prayed, though, what else can we do? We could use more of our interactions to remind loved ones of their immortality. For those who do not yet believe in Jesus, these will likely be unnatural and awkward conversations. How they feel about the conversation doesn't change the truth. One day soon, they will be an everlasting splendor or an immortal horror. Immortality is worth an enormous amount of awkwardness and friction.

Even those who do believe in Jesus, though, still need regular, sometimes forceful reminders of their immortality. "Exhort one another every day." Christians who sense the reality and urgency of eternity don't tolerate patterns of sinfulness in one another.

Perhaps the simplest way, then, to apply the prospect of these two mouth-stopping eternities — future miracles and future nightmares — would be to seek to be (and stay) uncomfortably Christian. Modern life, at least in America, resists this kind of Godwardness. We quietly agree to keep our conversations to what we can see and hear and touch, but everything we can now see and hear and touch will pass away. And when it does, you and everyone you know will become the wonder or horror you will forever be.

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