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County seeks legislation to control heavier traffic

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County Commissioners Court voted to support the cities of Orange and West Orange in getting special state legislation approved so the cities can enforce heavy commercial truck laws as they prepare for the giant \$8.5 billion construction project at the ChevronPhillips chemical plant.

Also, commissioners agreed to add Alfanzo Circle off Tulane Road to be maintained by the county. The move came after residents complained the potholes were so big that school buses were refusing to travel down them. Research showed the roadway had been maintained by the county in the 1950s and was never formally taken off the maintenance list.

After approving the legislation to let Orange and

West Orange enforce commercial truck limit laws, County Judge John Gothia said the move is needed because of the massive construction project.

The Orange City Council last month voted for new commercial truck regulations and set truck routes within the city. The city wants local law enforcement to be able to monitor the weights and registration of the heavy trucks that will be hauling in equipment and materials to the 1,000-acre plant site off Highway 87 South between Foreman Road and FM 1006. The city will need approval from the state legislature to enforce the truck regulations.

County Judge John Gothia said there will be "significant" traffic in West Orange and Orange because of oversized and ex-

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BCISD breaks ground on soon to be new CTE center

Officials with the Bridge City school district on Monday had a groundbreaking ceremony for the high school's new 40,654-square-foot Career and Technical Education (CTE) center. The project is part of the bond issue voters approved last year. Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelly said the expansion will help the district and the influx of students coming in as construction ramps up for the new Entergy plant and the ChevronPhillips chemical plant. He said the district has added 45 students during the past two months. G&G Enterprises of Orange is the contractor on the new CTE center and the architect is Claycomb Associates Architects.

New plant is 'life-changing for us'

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County Judge John Gothia said he's lived in the county 55 years and the new ChevronPhillips Golden Triangle Polymers plant is the biggest thing he's seen here in all those years.

Gothia was among the international speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday afternoon for the \$8.5 billion plant.

And as if that kind of investment in the community was not enough, ChevronPhillips announced a \$1.325 million donation to Lamar State College Orange for a new process training unit to teach courses to provide process operators and instrument technicians for the petrochemical industry.

Dr. Tom Johnson, president of LSCO and a native of Port Arthur, said the new plant "is life-changing for



Company officials from ChevronPhillips Chemical and QatarEnergy gathered in front of invited guests for a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$8.5 billion Golden Triangle Polymers plant. The plant will provide up to 4,500 construction jobs plus 500 permanent jobs. LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson at the podium.

all of us."

Construction work is expected to provide up to 4,500 jobs, and the plant, when opened in 2026, will

have 500 permanent jobs. The company estimates it will create a \$50 billion impact on the community during the next 20 years.

Gothia said he first ran for public office because he hated seeing children

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OC stars shined bright at UIL One Act Play contests

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

Orange County students showed up and showed out Saturday at the District 19 – 4A UIL One Act Play competition held at Lamar University. Seven schools competed, four of which were from Orange County: Bridge City, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Vidor and West Orange-Stark. Little Cypress-Mauriceville

and Vidor will be advancing to bi-district, along with Jasper.

All the students should feel proud of their performances whether they advanced or not. Many of the performances were pro level, worthy of playing at the Lutcher Theater.

West Orange-Stark presented an original, unpublished, play that was written

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STAFF REPORT
For The Record

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center will be celebrating their 15th birthday on Saturday, March 11. To commemorate this milestone, the first 150 visitors will take home a free plant. Make plans to enjoy the gardens and soak up some sun at this free

family event!

"We can't think of a better reason to celebrate with our community and thank them for supporting us these last 15 years," said Angie Mason, executive director of Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. "Spring is a great time to enjoy our outdoor sanctuary and explore our grounds."

Shangri La is a 250 plus

acre space in Orange, Texas, located along the waterways of Adams Bayou that combines botanical gardens and an education nature center in a unique way. Visitors are encouraged to stroll along garden paths surrounded by fragrant flowers, bird watch and take in the beauty of the grounds. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, visitors can take a naturalist-led excursion

along Adams Bayou to see the wonders of nature, learn about the environment and its care, discover animals in their natural habitats and spend time with friends and family. Enjoy the Children's Garden that delights the young and young-at-heart, and gain a new sense of environmental stewardship in one of Texas' most environmentally friendly gardens.

Shangri La to celebrate 15th birthday

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My 5-Cents By Eddie Ross, Robert McDonald

The Attorney is, well, written in their own words. The Media is, as anticipated. The Business Page Community is well, well, written with the exception of the one thing mentioned in there against the Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber apparently has closed their office down from Austin and moved to the City of Houston. The Chamber of Commerce has apparently been forced to leave the city, leaving the rest of the expected, empty holes.

There seems nothing they can do about it at this point.

E. Eddie Ross
Ross Power Systems and
Associates

Last week, the Houston Attorney Ross Power Systems and

Associates announced its

first ever business acquisition and expansion. The firm

now has established its

third office by opening

its doors in the

City of Galveston.

The new office will

be located at 1000

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Galveston, TX 77550.

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County business From Page 1

tra-weight truck transports. The traffic and wear on city streets will bring "extra expense" to the cities. Also, some of the commercial trucks may inadvertently travel on streets in residential areas.

The legislation, if approved, will allow the city to check weight limits and equipment. Orange City Manager Mike Kunst attended the meeting and said Gothia covered the issues.

Residents on Alfanzo Circle off Tulane Road asked for help to fix their roadway. Curt Labove said he had been filling potholes with his tractor, but the heavy truck traffic after Hurricane Harvey left the holes too big for him to fix. He said school buses were now refusing to go down the street. That has led to children having to get off the bus at a curve on Tulane Road.

Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion said her researched

showed that the circle was originally part of Tulane Road and back in the 1950s, the county had it on the county-owned road list to maintain. She said she could find no records that the county had never removed the road for maintenance.

"It is still a legal county road," she said.

Alfanzo Circle is in Precinct 2 and Commissioner Chris Sowell said he has been working with the residents after the school bus problem. He learned the road was not included in the county's regular list of county-owned and maintained roads.

He said somehow, when Tulane Road was changed years ago, Alfanzo was taken off the list. All the residents have Tulane Road mailing addresses, he said.

County Engineer Corey Oldbury said he can patch it or bring it up to county road standards.

Gremillion said adding Alfanzo to the county

road maintenance list will not set a precedent for other non-county-owned roads.

The county is in the process of working with the homeowners in Battlin Bear Estates subdivision to repair their roads. The subdivision in Precinct 1 has private roads that were never accepted by the county to meet its standards to be maintained.

Under state law, the county can charge a prorate rate to the property owners to cover the costs of fixing their roads.

Commissioners Court also approved a proclamation for American Red Cross Month. County Judge Gothia said he saw the regional Red Cross director out in the rain the January night a tornado traveled across the county.

He pointed out the many services the Red Cross provides, besides disaster help. Those services include assistance for veterans and those in military services along with their

families.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan said he thinks county and other local officials accomplished a lot of business with state agencies and state legislators during the Golden Triangle Days in Austin last week during the Texas Legislature's bi-annual session.

Gothia said the gathering gave them a chance to have 11 meetings in three days to talk with officials on local needs. He pointed out the new construction for the ChevronPhillips plant and other projects that will change the county.

"We're going to have growing pains and we need to address those problems," he said. An influx in population with the construction and operations of new plants will mean "people need restaurants, places to go, and places to learn," he added.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte thanked the Road and Bridge Department for helping clean up and remove the debris after the



Regional American Red Cross director Natalie Warren and Red Cross board member Ida Schosow of Bridge City accept a proclamation by Commissioners Court declaring March as American Red Cross Month.

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January tornado.

Gothia said he was at a recent county judges training seminar and as other county judges talked about having a disaster declaration in the past five years, he pointed out

Orange County has had 10 disaster declarations in six years. Those have covered hurricanes, tropical storms, and two tornadoes.

New plant "life changing" From Page 1

growing up in the county and then leaving for jobs. "I had a lot of years to watch our talent here leave us," he said. Now, more jobs and opportunities will be at home.

The new plant won the silver medal in a national list of economic development deals for 2022. It was the second largest deal in the country.

ChevronPhillips is promoting the plant's new name as "Golden Triangle Polymers." Souvenirs given to the invited guests and media all displayed the name. So did a Star Wars-worthy 3-D, big screen display of the future plant's design and layout.

The company has cleared some 2,000 acres of land off Highway 87 South between FM 1006, also known as Chemical Row, and Foreman Road, which leads into Chemical Row. Even though the company did not officially announce the plant's construction until the end of last year, locals were not surprised by the announcement. They had watched for months as the land was cleared, drainage canals and a retention pond dug, roads built into the interior, and industrial electrical lines installed.

Guards, along with an Orange police officer, checked the invitation list to the ceremony. A few yards traveling south on a semi-paved road, the county of swamps appeared to be a vast desert of tan sand. Giant cranes were dotted around and dust from bulldozers blew into the air.

When guests arrived at the end of the road, they found a paved parking lot outside a giant tent.

The ceremony was held in an air-conditioned industrial-size tent. Two red carpets led from the parking lot to the tent. One greeter with a big smile was Jerry Ziller, who is a retired deputy Orange fire chief who is now in charge of the existing Chevron Chemical plant in Orange.

That connection was made by Bruce Chinn, president and CEO of Chevron Phillips Chemical. He said Chevron has had a connection with Orange back to the 1950s. That was when the old Gulf Oil Chemical plant opened and became one of the first in the chain of petrochemical plants. Chevron acquired Gulf, and the plant, 40 years ago.

Chinn also said Chevron Phillips has worked with Qatar Energy for the last 20 years. The new plant is a joint venture between the two, with Chevron Phillips holding 51 percent and a "indirect subsidiary" of Qa-

tar Energy with 49 percent.

Speakers included an executive with Qatar Energy and at least two sheiks were among the guests, as was the Qatar consul in Houston. Also, U.S. senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz sent staff members, as did U.S. representatives Randy Weber and Brian Babin.

At least two private jets were parked at the Orange County Airport, which is

across the street from the new plant site. Two black Mercedes transport vans with blacked-out windows were outside the tent at the groundbreaking.

All members of Orange County Commissioners Court attended. Mayor Larry Spears Jr. of Orange, Mayor Randy Branch of West Orange, and Mayor David Rutledge of Bridge City were seen in the crowd.

Others included city managers and school superintendents.

News about the possibility of a new multi-billion-dollar plant coming to Orange broke in January 2018 when a company representative went before the West Orange-Cove school board for economic incentive measure.

County Judge Gothia said at Tuesday's ceremony the

success in getting the plant to Orange took a lot of cooperation and efforts from a lot of people. He particularly pointed out Jessica Hill, who was Orange County Economic Development Director during the process of various negotiations, including a tax abatement. Another part of the process involved the city of Orange disannexing some of the site.

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From the Creaux's Nest

WAITING FOR SPRING AND THE ROBINS

Grandma used to say, "Have the Robins come yet? Spring will come when the **Robins** come." I always thought it was the other way around. The **Robins** would come when spring got here. Well, maybe she was right. For several years I've seen very few **Robins**, maybe a single one in an open field. The weather has been so up and down that about the time I think maybe **Spring** is here we get a cold blast. Maybe **Grandma** was right, the **Robins** are here waiting on spring to come **March 20th**. As a youngster, I shot many **Robins** and **Rice Birds** with a sling-shot. **Grandma** made jambalaya and gumbo with them. I think there is now a law against killing **Robins**. I'm glad, but long ago they fed a poor family. Now it's me and the birds waiting for spring. ******Sunday, March 12**, don't forget to "spring ahead" by moving your clock up an hour. We lose an hour in the spring but daylight gets here earlier.

CONDOLENCES Lucy Broussard Loeve

A great lady, **Lucy Broussard Loeve**, age 105, passed away in her sleep on March 2, 2023, in West Orange. She was born during WWI on Dec. 7, 1917, in Maurice, LA., a few miles from Abbeville. Services were held March 6. She witnessed a lot of history in her lifetime. Please see her obituary on our website, therecordlive.com.

Services held for Earl Angelle

Funeral service was held Saturday, March 4, for **Earl Joseph Angelle**, age 97, who passed away February 26. His wife of 73 years, **Althea**, left us in January. Earl proudly served in the United States Navy and Air Force and retired from Dupont. Anyone who lives in Bridge City is familiar with the contributions Earl, Althea and their nine children have made to the betterment of the Bridge City community. Earl was a devoted Catholic, who lived across the street from St. Henry Catholic Church where he worshiped for many years. When politicians threw their hat in the ring, most made a stop to visit with Mr. Angell hoping to gain his support. Our condolences to his large family. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

We were sorry to hear of the death of **Bob Shinn**, age 80, who died in Dallas Friday, March 1.*** Also longtime civic leader, **Dr. Max Pachar Sr.**, 90, who died Sunday, March 3. Both of these men contributed so much to the advancement of our area. Both gave of their time and money. **Dr. Pachar** leaves behind a large family who are also involved in a variety of vocations and civic endeavors. Our condolences to his wife **Justine**, her family and to his sisters, brother and their families.****The **St. Paul Episcopal Church in Orange**, established in 1894, will celebrate their **129th anniversary** on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. (Editor's note: 139 years in 2023.)****Did you know that the **First Methodist church in Texas** was organized in **Bastrop** in 1835. Back then, to organize a church required a minimum of 10 members. There were only nine white people who were **Methodist** so a slave, **Celia Kraft**, was added as the **10th member**. She worshiped in that church until her death. ******Charlie Warner**, of Bridge City, always was a good boy. Last Friday, at **Peggy's on the Bayou**, he fed an elderly couple. Many years ago, the old folks had fed **Charlie**, a youngster, many meals. His heart spoke to him and they appreciated the meal, but mostly the thought.****This past weekend the north wind was really cold for those brave enough to attend the **baseball tournaments** being held. However, besides seeing some good high school baseball, it made for a nice time to visit with some of the old timers. **Coach Dan Hooks**, **Sam Moore**, **Sharon Bearden** and others relayed war stories. **Hooks** and **Moore** could fill a book. **Clint Landry** is a true baseball fan. His son **Chad** is Bridge City coach and **Clint** is already teaching his 4-year-old grandson to hit. A left hander like dad, oddly enough he bats right handed. Anyway, **Clint** told the story about he and **Cornell Thompson** living in the country, at the end of Newton Street, in West Orange, raising chickens. **Cornell** still does, **Clint raises money**. Anyway, **Cornell**, a little older, had a scooter and **Clint** sat on the back holding a box of eggs and they rode all over town selling eggs door to door. Often **Clint let too many eggs break** and got a scolding from **Cornell**. I can't put the **Sam Moore** stories in print, mostly because of space. Did you know **Sam** and **Clint** were cousins? **Sam's boy Brennan**, it seems just a little guy a few months ago, is **Sam's** size now and a starting third baseman for LC-M.****A little bird told us retired **WO-S Coach Mark Foreman** will join the coaching staff of his son, **Toby Foreman**. **Toby** was just named the new head coach at Central.****At the Orangefield tournament **Mark** got to visit with **Terry Landry's son Shea**, who is a coach at **West Orange** and former star baseball play-

er at **LC-M and Lamar**.**** We heard from another retiree, longtime **Bridge City educator Joe Chenella** and wife **Nancy**, now living in College Station. They haven't sold their BC home yet and come to town occasionally, preparing to put it on the market.******Coach Les Johnson** and Wanda stopped in for a visit last week. **Les doesn't like retirement**, he would rather be coaching the **Wing T**. He's quite a farmer however, and already putting out his spring crop in **Bastrop**.**** The mastermind of the "Great Train Robbery" **Bruce Reynolds**, died in London at age 81. He led the gang that stole sacks of money, \$2.6 million, in August, 1963. It would be worth \$60 million today. Books and movies have highlighted the famous train robbery.****Our congratulations go out to **Bridge City's Hayden Guidry**, who pitched a 7-0 shutout against **Kelly Monday**. He struck out 13, allowing four hits.

25 Years Ago-1998

Austin has grown into the 22nd largest **United States city**, trading places with **Seattle**, which falls to number 23. ******CASA** moves into new offices on Park Ave. **Gisela Houseman** is president. **** Former Orangeite, **Kelly Ray Thompson**, 30, is charged with murder in **Tacoma Washington**. He is accused of the murder of **Cathy Jean Jackson Webb**, 41. Kelly lived at 607 Orange Ave, with his wife **Penny**. The couple had been married at the **Brown Center**. Kelly admitted to the murder and says, "Killing comes natural." He wove a chilling tale of murders in **Washington, California, Colorado and Texas**. (Editor's note: **Kelly** made many friends in **Orange County** until he vanished in 1993, leaving his wife and friends behind. He was a nice looking fellow, very likeable, who made friends easily. The last we heard **Kelly** was killed in prison where he was serving a 25-year sentence for the killing of a couple in Washington.)****Pretty **Vickie Brown**, her dad **Earl Drake** and **Jerry Wayne Bell** all celebrate birthdays.******Sheriffs Captain David Peck** is a candidate for **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1**.******Wayne Reeh** is a candidate for **county judge**.******Homer Will** is a candidate for **County Commissioner, Pct. 2**.******A.R. Morgan** is candidate for **Commissioner, Pct. 2**.******C.J. Huckaby** runs for re-election for **Commissioner, Pct. 2**.******Vickie Edgerly**, 10 year District Clerk employee, runs for the office of **District Clerk**.******Todd Lindsey** throws his hat in the ring for **County Commissioner, Pct. 2**.******Vanessa Meaux** announces for **County Clerk**. **Karen Jo Vance** also announced for re-election of that post. ******Ted Selman** files for **Port Commissioner, Pct. 1**. ****Quote of the Week comes from Orange Port board president, "Buckshot" **Winfree**, when presenting **Port Director Roger Richards**, a going away plaque. "Buckshot" turned to **Port Commissioner Joel Steirman** and said, "Joel, you present the plaque, you had more to do with Roger leaving them anyone else."****Former **Orangefield Bobcat**, **Jacob Davis**, takes first place in the **Big 12 Indoor Championship** with a pole vault of 18.5 feet. (That's nearly in the clouds.) Jacob hopes to win the national title for the **Texas Longhorns**.****Former **Bridge City Cardinal**, **Shane Dronett**, signs a two year contract with the **Atlanta Falcons** and his old coach at Denver, **Dan Reeves**.******West Orange Stark great, Kevin Smith**, had his contact with the **Dallas Cowboys** extended until 2003.

50 Year Ago-1973

The crew at **Butler-Baker Pontiac-American** at the circle, are salesmen **Joe Kazmar**, **Rocky Thomas** and **Doug Schulze**, **Houston Baker**, owner and service manager **Don Hebert**, service technicians **Joe Peveto**, **James Duhon**, **Richard Thomas**, **Royce Thompson**, **Roland Blanchard**, **Ellis Bartie**, **Turner Barnes**, **John McClelland**, parts manager **Ray Sauter**, body shop men **Eddie Joe White**, **Pat Stockman** and **John Hanks**, office manager **Carol Turner**, **Becky Longtreath** and **Barbara Henry**.****High school baseball begins. Stars-to-be at BC, **Terry Bridgers**, **Wayne Meeks**, **Paul Trahan**; at LCM, **Bryan Carr**, **John Robins**, **Jerry Jenkins**, **Ted Seago**, **Tommy Martin** and **Leo Perry**.****Pretty **Liz Wickershaw** has dropped out of school and is working in the Austin office of **Sen. D. Roy Harrington**.****In the Capital they are talking about **State Rep. Wayne Peveto** becoming **Speaker of the House** even though he is just a freshman state representative.******Mike Crawford** is editor of **Livingston's Newslog**.******Joe Chenella**, at BC High, was overheard telling a tardy student who said he overslept, "What? You sleep at home, too?"****A customer asked **Dick Bivens**, at **Texas Avenue Grocery**, if the eggs were fresh? Dick said to hired hand, **Bubba**, "Feel these eggs and see if they are cool enough to sell."

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Two Bridge City Lady Powerlifters, **Avery Weidner** and **Hallie Bearden**, qualified for the state meet March 24-25, in Abilene. Both **Lady Cardinals** set regional records. **Weidner**, in the 97-pound class, benched a total 605 pounds. **Bearden** topped all lifters in the 114 pound class with 810 pounds. **Rachel Hamerly** is their coach.****Our buddy **Windee Jenkins** is the 2023 **Dessert Dutch Oven Champion** of the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**. She is a member of the **Orange County Go Texan committee**. **Wendee** was among 194 entries into the event. She used her recipe to make her now famous "Texas Ooey Gooey Cheesecake." Each year while promoting **Western heritage** and celebrating **Texas traditions** more than 800 scholarships are awarded to Texas students by the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**.**** **Spring is coming out** in full bloom and pollen. Right as the azaleas are past their prime, the pine trees are making their "blossoms" full of pollen and the live oak trees are also scattering that fine yellow dust. **It's Claritin time**.****This past weekend was full of big entertainment for all and lots of people were out enjoying it. The **Oaks in Vidor** on Friday hosted native son and **country music star Tracy Byrd**. The crowd included **Gary and Angie Stelly**, **Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney**, **Terri and Todd Goss**, **Jennifer Gross**, **Rodney and Dr. Amy Townsend**, **Sharon Meau**, **Joey Jacobs**, **Randy Becker**, and **Charlie Atwood**.**** Saturday night was totally full, what with the **Lutcher Theater** hosting the vocal

group **Octave**, the **LSCO Boot Scootin'** benefit at the **Brown Estate**, the **Symphony of Southeast Texas** featuring **Grammy-winning singer Peabo Bryson**, plus the **Junior League of Beaumont's Dancing with the Stars** fundraiser that featured **Orange County residents Amy Peevey and Chris Kovatch**.******Rodney** and **Dr. Amy Townsend** kept up their country music vibes on Saturday by going to the **Boot Scootin'** for **LSCO**. Also spotted in the crowd were **Al Granger**, **Dyan Morris**, **Connor Vercher**, **Staci Eatman**, **Preshawn Henseon**, **Johnny Sanchez**, **Heather Costella**, and **Rebecca Baker**.******Ida Schossow** and **Sherry Hommel** were among the ones choosing to cheer on **Chris** and **Amy** in the **Dancing with the Stars** competition. **Justin** and **Jade Johnson** also went to the event. The two dance competitors dressed and performed as **Barbie and Ken dolls** through the decades. **Kovatch** had an "in" with their special choreography. Wife, **Christi Kovatch** owns and operates **Thayer Dance Studios**. However, she was off with daughter **Rosie** and young dancers at competitions. Again, it was a busy weekend.****And if that weren't enough, **Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr.** and wife, **Trisha**, were feted with a baby shower at the **Orange Train Depot**. They have another one on the way so little **Lara** won't be the youngest any longer.****Birthdays this past week included **Skipper Yeaman**, who turned 66 and left on a cruise with wife, **Gina**. Others who celebrated were twins **Clifton Foster** and **Clifford Foster**, **Kaleana Burch**, **Tanya Guillotte**, **Cinda Perry**, **Talbert Meadows**, **Gary Savoy**, **Claire Smith**, and **Janet Manuel**.****Visited with **J.W. Dalton**, of **Top Deck Flooring**. J.W. said their big sale is now in progress. If you need flooring of any kind, now is the time to shop **Top Deck**.**** I was very glad to receive a call from longtime friend **Ray Cotton**. He said he enjoys good health and still goes to his restaurant every day. One of our former employees, **Liz Weaver**, who celebrates a birthday this week on March 8, works for him. **Liz**, a hard worker, has fought many of life's battles, plus several years of fighting cancer. Many of you may remember her from **Snappy's** when she worked for **Glenda** and waited on many of the **Waterwood** folks. As for **Cotton**, he's lived a fortunate and colorful life. It's always great to hear from him.******Attorney Sharon Bearden** has been busy following his grandchildren's sports activity. **J.S.** and **Hutch** are in Bridge City baseball. **Hutch**'s twin, **Hallie**, is a power lifter. **Sharon** attended the power lifting regional meet last Tuesday. He could barely move Wednesday from straining on every one of **Hallie's** lifts.****The **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** meets at **Robert's Restaurant** every Wednesday at noon. Spend a great hour of fellowship with a fine bunch of folks.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Folks we know celebrating their big day in the following week. **March 8:** **Pat Pate**, **Liz Weaver**, **Stephanie Westland**, **Shelly Granger**, **Christi Wiegreffe**, and **David Thibodeaux**.******March 9:** **Dayna Hyatt**, **Heather Pruitt**, **Tiffany Kelly**, **Brittney Zenos** and **Jordon Doiron**.******March 10:** Celebrating today are **David May**, **Zara Hollis**, **Blaine Slaughter**, **Ken Hillsten**, **Mary White** and **Bob Izer**.******March 11:** **Paul Fukuda**, **Scot Shaffer**, **Pat Lund**, **Rick McCall**, **Cindy Reynolds**.******March 12:** Happy Birthday to **Jack Morgan**, **Bryleigh Moore** and **Carol Ann Kimbrow**.******March 13:** **Angel San Juan**, **Rod Sheppard**, **Amy Peevey** and **Kyle Dubose**.******March 14:** Celebrating today are **Shane Chapman**, **Lucy Fields**, **Jill Peveto**, **John Brister** and **Bud Briggs**. Happy Birthday to all. (To announce a birthday or anniversary free of charge contact us at therecordlive.com or call 409-886-7183.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Old man **Horace Comeaux** and his longtime wife, **Agnes**, while on a trip, stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing dere lunch, dey got back on da road. Unknowingly, **Agnes** left her glasses on da table and didn't miss dem until 40 miles down da road.

Horace, him, was aggravated having to turn around and go back. He became the classic grouchy old turd. He fussed and complained, "Agnes, dat was so stupid, how could you forget you glasses." He scolded poor **Agnes** relentlessly during the entire return drive. He became more agitated with each mile and wouldn't let up for one minute.

To **Agnes's** relief, dey finally arrived back at dat restaurant. As **Agnes** got out of da car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, **Horace**, the old geezer, yelled to her, "Agnes, while you're in dere, you might as well get my hat and da credit card."

C'EST TOUT

Over the years we have received many requests to reprint a story or information on a subject that has run in this publication. Most out of country request are from England. We received an unusual request a few days back from a reader in Germany about a **Down Life's Highway column** **Roy Dunn** wrote about childhood friends. We are sharing that request.

Dear staff at 'The Record Live', can you please tell me who has written those great articles about **Bobby Charles** and **Ned Theall** in 2020. I work for **Bear Family Records** in Germany and one of my current projects is a 2-CD set about **Rock & Roll singer** and composer **Bobby Charles Guidry**. While I was doing my research I came across the two impressive articles about **Charles** and **Ned Theall** and was wondering if you could tell us who has written them as we would like to make an interview with the person who seems to know about **Charles in the younger days**! Could you please get back to me? You for sure would get credits on the CD and we also would send promotion copies to you! Looking forward to hearing from you. You could also refer to my e-mail which is nico.feuerbach@bear-family.de! Many thanks and all the best, **Nico Feuerbach**, **Bear Family Records GmbH******I've got to get out of here. Thanks for coming along. I hope I had a little something for everyone. Remember to turn the **clocks forward an hour Saturday night**. Take care and till we meet again happy trails to you. **God bless**.

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BC Intermediate Club Activities



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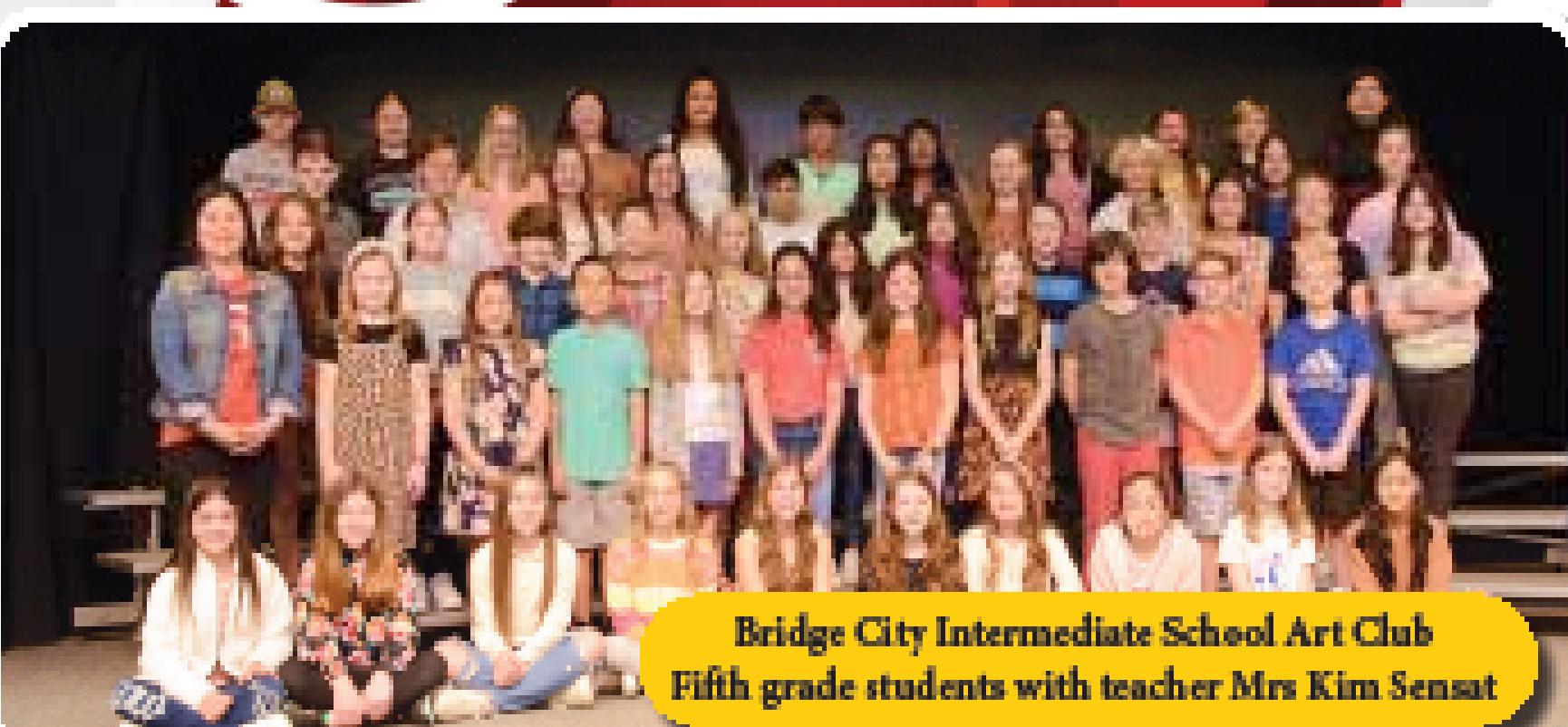


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UIL Participants - 3rd-5th graders that participated in multiple UIL categories at the district UIL meet at WOS Elementary on January 19-20.



Cardinals for Christ - this group meets with sponsors
Coach Ashlee Goedertz and Mrs Rachael Leblanc as well as
community leader Scott Shaffer (not pictured).



Bridge City Intermediate School Art Club
Fifth grade students with teacher Mrs. Kim Sensat

OC stars shine at UIL From Page 1

by director Mason Franco, "Spirit on the Mountain," that took place in a medieval mountain village. It was an engaging tale that covered religion, earth magic, superstition, gullibility and the art of story-telling in medieval times.

Among other awards, Alicia Odom received Best Performer for her role as Witch.

"This is the first achievement of this kind for West Orange in over six years," stated a press release from the school.

There will be a community performance scheduled later.

Vidor presented "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment" by Donald Margulies that is set in various locations in Europe and Australia in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It is a fantastical tale of a young boy that was sickly during his early life and set off on an adventure at the age of 16. The voyage goes through the next 30 years of being shipwrecked, rescued by aboriginal natives, marriage and more.

Haley Hatton proved you don't need lines to be outstanding when she won honorable mention for playing a dog.

Grant Masters, a Vidor senior, has a very bright future ahead of him. His performance in the lead as Louis de Rougemont was worthy of any professional stage.

"I inherited talent," said Vidor director Stacy Webb. This is Webb's first year at Vidor. She moved from a successful career leading Bridge City's theater department. She credits former director Adam Conrad for molding the kids.

"Adam comes in to help and is always

available to bounce off ideas. I can't take full credit," she said.

Conrad moved from the theater department to a counselor's position at the school but is credited as assistant director.

Bridge City High School presented "These Shining Lives" set in Ottawa Illinois in the 1920s and 1930s by Melanie Marich. It is based on the true story of Catherine Wolfe Donohue, played by Ava Gassen, and other women, dubbed by newspapers as "Radium Girls," that were poisoned by the radium laced paint used to paint watch faces that would glow in the dark. It covered their journey fighting the company that insured them of an early death.

Gassen won an honorable mention for her portrayal of Donohue, while fellow castmate, Olivia Haynes was named to the All Star Cast for her role portraying Charlotte Purcell.

"Each student gave his or her personal best and we had a great show! Though we didn't advance, we had fun sharing a powerful story," stated their Facebook page.

The new director at Bridge City is Katelyn Haynes.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville presented scenes from "This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing" by Finegan Kruckemeyer. This was a tale of triplets and how they differed. It brought you through their lives together, separate and back together in the end. All three girls playing the triplets, Zoe Henning, Jessica Ridout and Camille Kelly, were acknowledged for their performances.

Joel Grothe of Lamar University announced the awards.

"Tiffany will be presenting you a medal 'as though you were visiting the White House' in her words," he said.

Tech Theater Awards: West Orange-Stark - Kayla Johnson Jerome; Vidor High School - Jewel Humberson; Bridge City High School - Jackson Pachar; Little Cypress-Mauriceville - Jade Marlatt; Jasper High School - Aldo Navarrete; and Lumberton High School - Jillian Sanchez.

After announcing individual Tech Awards, Grothe named the Best Outstanding Crew.

"It is picked by my crew," Grothe said. "I do not vote on it at all and this year they have selected Bridge City High School."

"It's easy for those in the audience to forget about the tech crew unless something goes wrong," said Bridge City director Katelyn Haynes. "This crew took it all in stride and made magic happen. They put out fires that I probably don't even know about because they handled their numerous responsibilities so efficiently."

All Star Honorable Mention: Silsbee - Bobby Watts in the role of Charles; Lumberton - Keziah Herndon in the role of Lu-

ann; Little Cypress-Mauriceville - Jessica Ridout in the role of Beatrix; West Orange-Stark - Alexis Baumgartner the role of the Priestess; Bridge City - Ava Gassen in the role of Catherine; and Vidor - Haley Hatton in the role of Bruno and Elyse Walker in the role of Yamba.

Students named to the All Star Cast were: Bridge City High School - Olivia Haynes in the role of Charlotte; West Orange High School - Ryan Paz in the role of Exalted Guide; Vidor High School - Grant Masters in the role of Louis de Rougemont;

Lumberton High School - Emma Nelson in the role of Gillian; Jasper High School - Brandon Gray in the role of Alex; Silsbee High School - Ashton Barnes in the role of Dr. Bradman; and Little Cypress-Mauriceville-Zoe Henning in the role of Albinne and Camille Kelly in the role of Carmen.

The highest actor awards, Best Performer, went to Vidor's Ashley Callahan for the roles of Mother/Captain Jenson/Reporter and West Orange-Stark's Alicia Odom for the role of Witch.

The bi-district competition will be held March 18 at Lamar University.

Deaths & Memorials

Earl Joseph Angelle, 97, Bridge City

Earl Joseph Angelle, 97, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on February 26, 2023, in Orange, Texas.

A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2023, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City in the foyer of the church.

A Rosary Service will follow at 10:30 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Father Ernie Carpio. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Born in Sherburne, Louisiana, on February 3, 1926, he was the son of Abdon "Pete" Angelle and Rosa Naquin Angelle. Earl was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church and active in many charitable organizations. He proudly served in the United States Navy and Air Force before working as a Draftsman for Dupont. He had a strong love for his country. Earl had a giving soul and a servant's heart. He was totally devoted to Jesus and his family. Earl's loved ones will go on to cherish their memories with him forever.

He is preceded in death by his parents,



Earl Angelle

Abdon "Pete" and Rosa Angelle; wife of 73 years, Althea Joyce Angelle; and sisters, Delores Belaire and Genevieve Vidrine.

He is survived by his children, Judy Horlander and late husband Dennis, Michael Angelle and wife Barbara, Mary Moon and husband Jimmy, Gilbert Angelle and wife Mitzi, Lee Angelle and wife Connie Landry, Brigid Ferguson and husband Harvey,

Thad Angelle and wife Candi, Mark Angelle and wife Connie Rigby, and Frank Angelle and wife Evelyn; 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; brothers, Phillip Angelle and Jimmy Angelle; and sister, Norma Cormier.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Angelle, Gilbert Angelle, Lee Angelle, Thad Angelle, Mark Angelle, and Frank Angelle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance at 200 West Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, Texas 77611; St. Henry Catholic Church at 495 West Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, Texas 77611; and Xaverian Missionaries at 12 Heline Ct., Wayne, New Jersey 07470.

Donnie Alon Mires, 86, Bridge City

Donnie Alon Mires, 86, of Bridge City, Texas passed away on March 1, 2023, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City, Texas. Officiating will be Rev. Father Ernie Carpio, Pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, Texas.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City with the Rosary to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Born in Rosenberg, Texas, on November 2, 1936, he was the son of Donnie R. Mires and Mary Mae (Colligan) Mires. Donnie graduated from St. Mary Catholic School in Orange. Later, he graduated from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He loved all sports and in his later years, Donnie's favorite sport was golf. He enjoyed helping kids in the area and was a tutor at



Donnie Mires

West Orange Stark Independent School District. Donnie was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His loved ones will go on to cherish their memories with him forever.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donnie and Mary Mires; daughter, Aimee Mires; and brother, Jerry Mires.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Caroline (Bergeron) Mires; sons, Henry Alon Mires and wife, Maria of Cypress, Texas, Russell Wayne Mires and wife, Crystal of Bridge City, Texas, and Bowman Trent Mires and wife, Christie of Leander, Texas; grandchildren, Aimee Carter, Ciera Nelson, Christian Mires, Jacob Mires, Brock Youngblood, and Pacie Mires; great-grandchildren, Luca Joseph Carter and Eva Marie Carter; and sister, Carmen Lucia; and brother, Wendell Mires.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, or a charity of your choice.

Ina Jeanne Lockart Neilon, 79, Vidor

Ina Jeanne Lockart Neilon, 79, of Vidor, passed away on March 3, 2023, in Beaumont.

A memorial gathering will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Fayette, Alabama, on July 14, 1943, she was the daughter of Lecil Lockart and Jean (Trammel) Lockart. Ina became an audiologist and was a proud co-owner of Victory Hearing Center in Orange. She enjoyed conspiracy theories and was considered a "cat lady" because she loved her cats. Ina was also an amazing pianist. She was a loving mother and grandmother who will



Ina Neilon

be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jim Neilon; parents, Lecil and Jean Lockart; and daughter, Sarah Ann Bednar.

She is survived by her children, Beth and Mark Lack of Orange, Mark and Laura Bednar of Allen, and Susan Ann Bednar also of Orange; grandchildren, Mark Lane Block, T.J. Phelan, and Lexi Bednar; and sister, Susan Lockart Bryan of Round Rock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. However, if you wish to honor her, she preferred flowers over plants.

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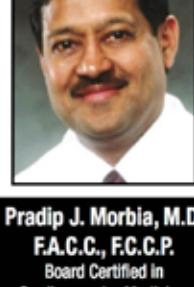
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BC Lady Lifters set new regional records

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Bridge City Lady Powerlifters competed in the regional championship over the first weekend in March. Two of the ladies Avery Weidner and Hallie Bearden from

Bridge City qualified for the state meet on March 24-25 in Abilene.

Both Weidner and Bearden set regional records in their respective weight classes.

Weidner in the 97-pound weight class benched a record 135 pounds. Bearden benched

a record 810 pounds in the 114-pound weight class.

Weidner lifted a total of 605 pounds to finish first in her weight class. Bearden topped all the lifters in her class with 810 pounds. The Bridge City Lady Powerlifters are coached by Rachel Hamerly.



Bridge City Lady Lifters set record

Hallie Bearden and Avery Weidner of Bridge City set regional records in winning their weight classes and will compete in the state powerlifting competition on March 24-25 in Abilene.

All-District Basketball Team named

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The 19-4A All-District Basketball Teams have been released by the district coaches. Several local players from Orange

Morris were both named to the First Team All-District.

Newcomer of the Year was freshman Ja'Mikael Davis of the West Orange Stark Mustangs. Davis was a potent outside shooter for the Mustangs

Receiving Honorable Mention All-District were Noah Fuller with the Bears, Fernando Rodriguez for the Cardinals, as well as AJ Cooper and DD Davis from the Mustangs.



Guard Da'Marion Morris was named to the First Team All-District for Little Cypress Mauriceville.



Freshman Ja'Mikael Davis of the West Orange Stark Mustangs was named the district's Newcomer of the Year.



Bridge City's Walker Britten made the First Team All-District.



Alantheon Winn of the Bears was selected to the First Team All-District as only a junior.

County were honored by being selected to the teams.

Ben Elliott of the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears was named the Offensive MVP for the district. Elliott a senior became the all-time leading scorer this season in the history of LCM. Elliott's teammates Alantheon Winn and Da'Marion

Also named to the First Team All-District was Walker Britten of the Bridge City Cardinals. Britten was the Cardinals leading scorer.

Darren Anderson of the Mustangs and Lincoln Breaux for the Cardinals were named to the Second Team All-District Team.

Lady Bobcats win district opener



Lady Bobcat Hallee Becker batted leadoff for Orangefield with two hits and scored two runs in the win over Kountze

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats opened their district schedule with a victory on Tuesday, February 28, against the Kountze Lionettes. The Lady Bobcats won the game 3-1 at Orangefield.

onettes.

Freshman Hallee Becker swung the biggest bat for Orangefield going two for three with two runs scored. Senior Harleigh Rawls hit a double and drove in a run. Curphay also contributed to the Lady Bobcat cause with her bat getting a single and her hard hit ball resulted in a Kountze error that scored two teammates.

Junior Abigail Curphay had a great performance in the circle for the Lady Bobcats giving up just one run on three hits. Curphay struck out seven Li-

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Houston Astros, Texans both have new decision-makers

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

The Houston Astros and the Houston Texans made changes recently that got the attention of many sports' history buffs.

Astros' Jim Crane became the first major league baseball owner to replace his general manager AFTER winning the World Series. Not since Larry MacPhail was let go by the Yankees in 1947 had a general manager lost his job in the offseason after winning a World Series.

Veteran baseball man Dana Brown, who has spent his entire adult life in major league baseball, replaced James Click as the team's general manager.

Click left after the World Series in November



Joe Kazmar

off-season moves that will more than likely being one of the main focuses for Brown.

Brown

plans to be "slow to speak and quick to listen," according to the article.

The Houston Texans last month hired former NFL All-Pro linebacker DeMeco Ryans as their new head coach, replacing Lovie Smith after one season.

The team got the attention from the rest of the NFL for firing two black head coaches in consecutive seasons and then hiring a third one.

Ryans will be working closely with General Manager and Nick Caserio, who spent last week and Monday at the NFL Scout-

son veteran Aaron Rodgers plays his game of either retiring or going into the free agent marketplace.

The future Hall of Fame quarterback is scheduled to cost the Packers \$59.5 million, a prohibitively high number which would cripple the team from doing much in free agency. Rodgers says that if he does come back and play for Green Bay this season, he would likely redo his contract.

KWICKIES...

Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams, quarterback for USC, won't be eligible for the NFL draft until after the 2024 collegiate season because he just completed his freshman year for the Trojans.

The Houston Roughnecks won their third straight game in the new XFL, defeating San Antonio 22-13. Head Coach Wade Phillips, a native of Orange, used his starters in the first half—scoring all 22 points—and then turned the offense over to the reserves in the second half.

The Beaumont United Timberwolves will be going for a "Three-peat" in the state basketball tournament this week, playing in the semifinals 7 p.m. Friday in the San Antonio Alamodome. An unfriendly crowd is expected as the Wolves—who have won 33 straight—meet San Antonio Northside Brennan.

Many of the Texans hierarchy aren't convinced that Davis Mills is their quarterback of the future and could very well spent that No. 2 draft pick on one of the many quarterbacks that are expected to go in the first round—Ohio State's C.J. Stroud, Alabama's Bryce Young, Florida's Anthony Richardson or Kentucky's Will Levis.

The Texans have a good chance to do well in next month's draft by earning three of the first 33 selections. Their other first-round choice (No. 17) will probably be a lineman like defensive end Luke Van Ness of Iowa, DE/OLB Keion White from Georgia Tech or tight end Michael Mayer of Notre Dame.

Kurt Kitayama broke out of a pack of golfers at -8 with a 15-foot birdie putt on the Par-3 No. 17 hole and then made par on the 72nd hole to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational and the \$3.6 million winner's share. Rory McIlroy and Harris English were one shot down and each pocketed \$1.78 million.

New Lamar University

"Many of the Texans hierarchy aren't convinced that Davis Mills is their quarterback of the future."

when he balked at a one-year contract offer for 2023. He wanted another multi-year deal, didn't get it and left the organization for greener pastures if there's even another team ready to win the World Series.

Crane's first two general managers, Jeff Luhnow and Click, were involved in World Series victories, even though neither of them ever played a professional baseball game.

"Both got Ivy League degrees and built their baseball careers around date-driven, analytical decisions," Sunday's edition of the Houston Chronicle pointed out. Crane decided to change directions, somewhat.

Brown's career spans four franchises, three decades, dozens of draft picks and every job title a front office can fathom. He now has the one eluding him for so long after seeking a general manager's job for more than a decade. His reward for patience is prolonging a dynasty," the article concluded.

Crane and Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell engineered almost all of the Astros

ing Combine in Indianapolis to look at prospects to fill the many positions the Texans desperately need help. Ryans specialty has always been defense and he could very well coordinate the defense as the head coach.

Many of the Texans hierarchy aren't convinced that Davis Mills is their quarterback of the future and could very well spent that No. 2 draft pick on one of the many quarterbacks that are expected to go in the first round—Ohio State's C.J. Stroud, Alabama's Bryce Young, Florida's Anthony Richardson or Kentucky's Will Levis.

The Texans have a good chance to do well in next month's draft by earning three of the first 33 selections. Their other first-round choice (No. 17) will probably be a lineman like defensive end Luke Van Ness of Iowa, DE/OLB Keion White from Georgia Tech or tight end Michael Mayer of Notre Dame.

One team that's in a real quandary about the quarterback situation is the Green Bay Packers. At this time of the year every sea-

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so offensive coordinator Will Fleming to the position. Fleming also coached at Boston College and Rhode Island.

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straight wins before being slowed down twice by Pennsylvania of the Ivy League and then preventing the sweep by downing the Quakers 3-1 Sunday. The 10-2 Cardinals travel to Baton Rouge today to meet LSU and then return home for a three-game weekend series with California-Riverside.

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Certa-Bearden 2023 Classic played at WOS

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Certa-Bearden Classic was held the first weekend in March. The annual baseball tournament featured seven high school teams playing four games each during the three days on the newly named Andre Robertson Field at Ronnie Anderson Park on the West Orange Stark High School campus.

Three of the teams competing in the tournament were from Orange County. The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears, the Orangefield Bobcats, and hosting the tournament the West Orange Stark Mustangs all played well.

Little Cypress Mauriceville had a tough first day on Thursday losing both of its games that day. The Bears lost a close one 6-4 to the Buna Cougars in the early afternoon.

The game was scoreless after two innings when Marco Bandiero and Dean Reynolds both drew walks to begin the top of the third for the Bears. Cameron Bilbo then deposited a pitch over the left-center field fence to give Little Cypress Mauriceville a 3-0 lead.

Parker Seago got the start on the mound for LCM and was very effective for the first four innings striking out five Cougars. Seago gave up two runs in the bottom of the third, and the Bears still led by a run.

In the top of the fifth inning for Little Cypress Mauriceville Reynolds ripped a leadoff double and then stole third. Bilbo hit a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Reynolds which gave the Bears a two-run lead 4-2 going to the bottom of the fifth.

The Cougars tallied four runs in their half of the fifth inning. The last two Buna runs scored with one out on what amounted to a walk off homerun although the game did not end until the two-hour time limit was reached at the end of the actual inning.

The next game for LCM immediately followed against the Orangefield Bobcats a Bears' district opponent the last two years. Orangefield now will play this season in Buna's Class 3A district.

Dean Reynolds was the starting pitcher for Little Cypress Mauriceville. Reynolds got out of the first inning unscathed despite issuing a leadoff walk when he picked the runner off of second base.

Reynolds and the Bears were not so fortunate in the second inning as the Bobcats scored eight runs on four hits, two walks, three hit batters, and an error. LCM was beaten 13-0 by Orangefield.

Friday and Saturday Little Cypress Mauriceville played the opening game in the mornings and fared much better winning both of them. The Bears played the Warren Warriors from Class 3A on Friday morning.

The starting Bear pitcher was Cameron Bilbo. He threw four innings striking out three and giving up a lone run in the first inning. Samuel Palmer was outstanding in his one inning of relief striking out three and surrendering only a single.

The Bear bats busted out big time in this ball game. LCM scored three runs in the first, four in the second, one in the fourth, and finished with three more runs in the fifth to finish on top 11-1 over the Warriors.

Leading the Bears' hit

parade was Parker Freeman with a double in the first and a triple in the fourth. Marco Bandiero had a double and three runs batted in. Parker Seago went three for four reaching base all four times he was up and scoring two runs.

The next morning was another thriller like the first game of the tournament was for Little Cypress Mauriceville. The Bears faced a very good Class 4A Liberty Panthers team.

Five runs in the top of the first by Liberty did not bid well for LCM. To their credit the Bears answered with two runs in the last of the first thanks to Pierce Brown's first homerun of his high school career which also scored Parker Seago who had walked in front of him.

Pitcher Landon Richards settled down after that shaky first and gave up solo runs in the third and fourth innings. Richards struck eight Panthers in his four innings of work on the mound.

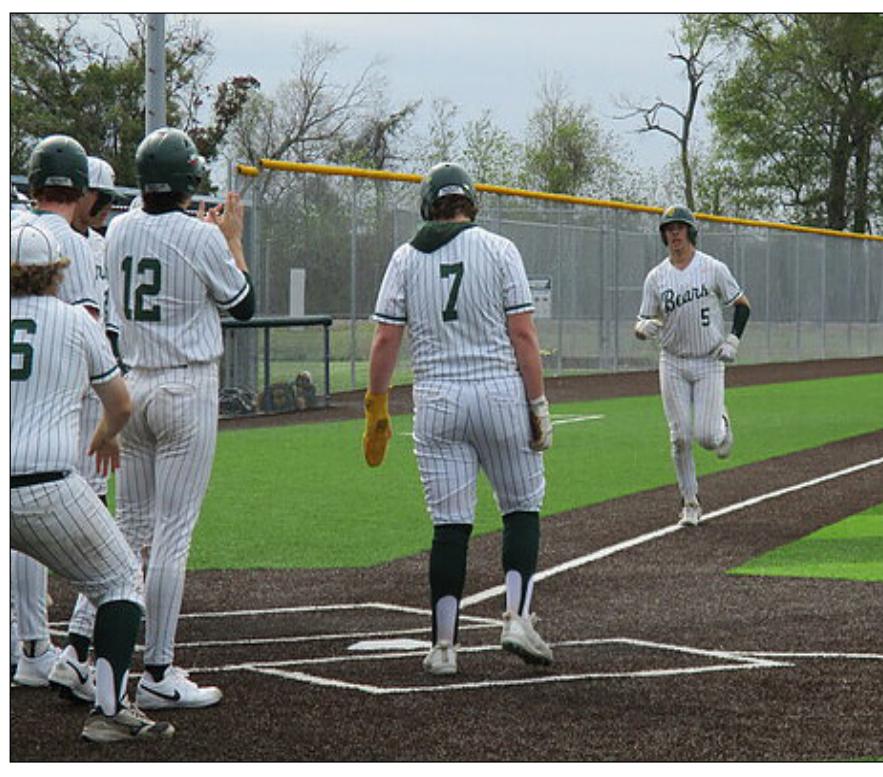
The Bears battled back and tied the game in the bottom of the fourth with five runs. Clay Raney started the rally with a single, Seago followed with a bunt single, and Brown singled to drive in the first run of the inning.

Dean Reynolds walked with two outs to load the bases and causing Liberty to make a change in pitchers. Cameron Bilbo blasted the first pitch from the reliever to the left field fence for a bases clearing double to make the score 7-6. Bilbo scored the tying run on a hit by Parker Freeman.

Samuel Palmer relieved Richards as the LCM pitcher and held the Panthers scoreless in the fifth. Justin McCarver made an excellent running catch in deep right field for the Bears.

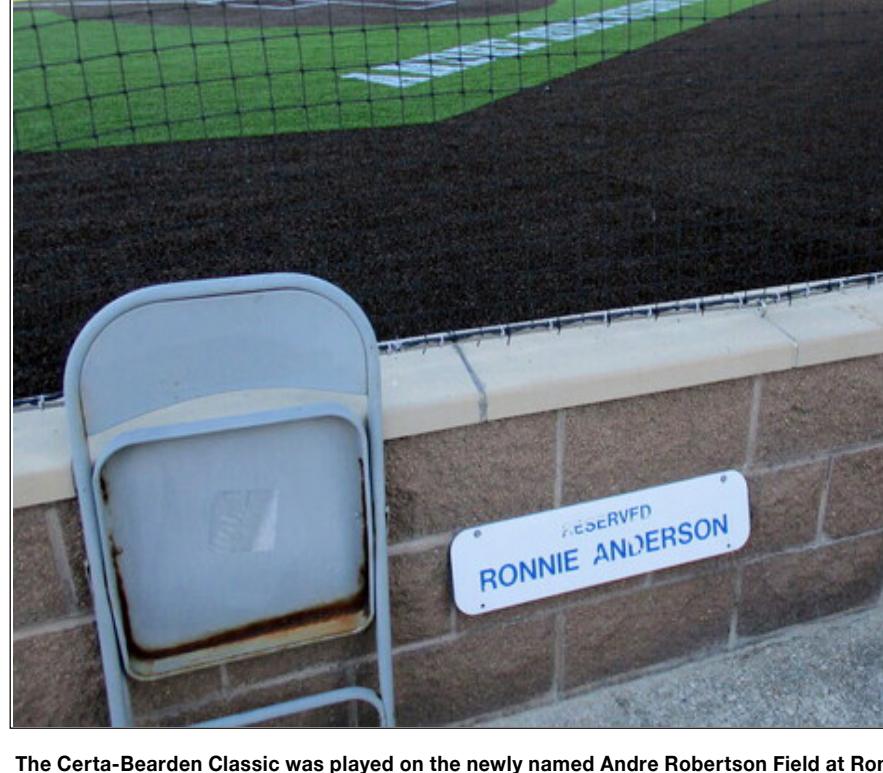
Seago singled up the middle with one out in the bottom of the fifth. Marco Bandiero hit a line drive to right that bounced past the Liberty outfielder allowing Seago to score all the way from first to give the Bears the lead for the first time in the game.

Reynolds received another base on balls to put



Cameron Bilbo of the Bears trots home after hitting a three-run homerun against Buna in the Certa-Bearden Classic.

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The Certa-Bearden Classic was played on the newly named Andre Robertson Field at Ronnie Anderson Park on the West Orange Stark campus.

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Bears on first and second with two outs. For the second straight inning Bilbo boomed a ball to the fence this time to right center bringing home Bandiero and Reynolds that gave Little Cypress Mauriceville an exciting come from behind 10-7 victory as the time limit was called after Bilbo's blow.

Probably the most dominating performance in this year's Certa-Bearden Classic was done by the Orangefield Bobcats. In four games the Bobcats outscored their opponents 39 to 4 obviously winning all four of them.

The most decisive win

for Orangefield was the game on Thursday against Little Cypress Mauriceville a 13-0 shutout. Bobcat ace pitcher Jason Bodin started and pitched three innings allowing just one hit, walking three, and striking out five. Matthew Johnson threw the final two shutout innings retiring all six Bears he faced and striking out two.

Kyle Michael drove in two of the eight second inning runs for the Bobcats and later hit a two-run homer in the fourth. Rusten Traxler doubled in the second to bring home the first Orangefield run and later in the same inning

hit a hard shot that was ruled an error to bring home the final two runs of the inning.

Things were a little tighter for the Bobcats against Liberty on Friday. Brycen Tait scattered seven hits over six shutout innings to get the win on the mound for Orangefield.

The Bobcats had trouble hitting against Liberty's starter until the fourth. Rusten Traxler walked and Jason Bodin courtesy ran for him. Caleb Fregia sacrificed Bodin to second and Matthew Johnson singled him home for the first run of the game.

Orangefield got three

runs in the fifth. Cameron Dearing led off with a single and Kyle Michael hit a bloop to right that fell just fair for a hit. Two walks loaded the bases before Fregia and Johnson delivered runs batted in for the Bobcats to give them a more comfortable 4-0 lead which proved to be the final score.

Later that same afternoon Orangefield played the Beaumont United Timberwolves. The Bobcats won 12-3 using three pitchers and multiple substitutes in the game.

Garrett Rawls started the game for Orangefield getting the win going three and two third innings, striking out six, and being charged with all three runs by United. Colten Myers struck out three T-Wolves in his inning and a third while Camden Fountain had two strike outs in one inning.

The Bobcats scored their runs in bunches tallying three in each of the first, third, fourth, and sixth innings. Caleb Fregia, Kane Smith, Cameron Dearing, and Kyle Michael all managed multiple hits in the game. Orangefield stole ten bases and Dearing had three of them.

The final game of the tournament was played between Orangefield and the West Orange Stark Mustangs. The Bobcats scored in every inning and once again got great pitching in a 10-0 shutout.

Colten Myers threw four shutout innings to earn the victory for the Bobcats. Myers gave up two hits, walked no one, and struck out five Mustangs. Matthew Johnson struck out the side in the fifth, his only inning on the mound.

Cameron Dearing hit two doubles, scored a run, and drove in a run. Caleb Fregia had two hits including a double resulting in two runs batted in.

The loss in the closing game of the Certa-Bearden Classic did not really take away from a well-played tournament by West Orange Stark. The Mustangs played .500 ball splitting their four games.

Thursday night the Mustangs bombed Beaumont United 17-2 invok-

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Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

Spring is the time when the whole fishing world loses its collective mind, winter is in the rear view mirror and most anglers are suffering miserably from cabin fever.

Some of the angling faithful have taken advantage of the lack of on the water participation from most fishermen, big trout hunters have spent the past weeks waist deep in chilly water snatching stud trout from nearly every venue along the coast.

Bass fishermen have enjoyed some incredible catches already this spring; double digit bass seem to be popping up anywhere and everywhere.

Big trout and big bass certainly steal the thunder for the most part at this time of the year but they ar-



en't the only big fish game in town. Right now there are some genuine huge fish patrolling the near shore waters and only a few people actually take advantage of what could be the best opportunity all year to take a bona fide giant fish. The jetty systems at both Sabine and Calcasieu are known for spitting out some huge redfish and black drum.

These fish routinely top the 40 pound mark and occasionally go much bigger. This style of fishing is nothing close to finesse and requires some degree of patience along with some good gear. If catching the biggest fish of your life interests you then read on.

Having these giant fish so

close is not a new concept, for many years local anglers have gone to the rocks to tackle these huge fish. In a yearly ritual both fish and fishermen make their way to the passes, each for different reasons. The spring currents and water temps coax the redfish and black drum to follow their instincts and heed the call of nature; this is what brings them within most anglers reach.

These big spawning size fish make an annual predictable migration that only few fishermen take full advantage of.

Once you decide to head for the jetties or the channel to tackle one of these awesome fish you need to be sure to gear up accordingly. Light action rods meant for chunking soft plastics and topwaters need not apply here, you can catch these fish on those lighter rods but they are

certainly not preferred. A quality rod made to handle 20 pound test monofilament is a good place to start, the stiffer the action the better. Fish of this size are not delicate; they are pulling machines and require the angler to put plenty of pressure on them.

A quality reel capable of storing a good amount of 15 to 20 pound test mono is the other piece of the equation. The old tried and true wide framed Ambassador or Calcutta are favorites for this duty. Good drags on reels are also a must as these fish will certainly put them to the test.

Rigging up for these fish consists of a basics fish finder rig, also known as a Carolina rig. On the terminal end of the rig it's preferable to have some heavy shock leader or fluorocarbon for extra abrasion protection from rocks, shell, or gill plates. The big 5/0 cir-

cle, live bait, or J style hooks are tailor made for this application, they need little or no pressure for a hook set and make releasing these big fish much easier as they tend to lodge in the corner of the mouth rather than being swallowed. Any number of live or dead baits will work on these fish, shrimp, crab, mullet, or shad area all proven producers. Cracked crab is probably the favorite of the baits mentioned; the big reds and black drum are suckers for fresh crab.

Now that you are all rigged up it's time to concentrate on an area, deeper holes along the jetty wall and along the channel are without a doubt the best places to start.

These depressions tend to congregate these big fish as bait gathers in these areas on tide changes and the fish don't have to move around much to get a meal.

One of my personal favorite places to use this technique is around Lighthouse Cove; the shallow shell that lines

the drop off into the ship channel is a magnet for these big fish. Also there are several spots along the jetty that are deeper than the rest, the end of the Texas jetty on the gulf side is also a great place to start.

Once you locate these big fish and catch a couple you will soon see just how amazing this style of fishing can be. The opportunity to catch 40 plus inch fish that weigh near 50 pounds is awfully exciting, I don't care who you are.

A couple of reminders to think about take caution fishing around the channel or the jetty system because the ship traffic can be dangerous if you are not careful. Also be sure to take care of these huge fish when you catch them, most will be too large to keep so take great care when releasing them so they can live another day.

Now that you have the low down on catching those huge fish get out there and get your line and arms stretched out.

Certa-Bearden Classic

From Page 3B

ing the fifteen-run rule after four innings in the victory. The game was tied 2-2 after one inning but WOS started to pull away in the second with five runs adding two more in the third. West Orange Stark scored eight runs in the fourth to bring the early end to the game.

Senior Tyrone Wilson pitched all four innings for the Mustangs. Wilson surrendered only two doubles to the T-Wolves, walked three, and struck out six to get the win for WOS.

Wilson contributed to the Mustangs' offense as well walking his first three trips to the plate before singling and scoring for the fourth time in the fourth. Noah Robles hit a triple that drove in two runs in the fourth, walked twice, and scored three runs. Diego Ibarra went three for three with a walk and a double driving in four runs.

On Friday night West Orange Stark played the Buna Cougars who had already won their first two games of the tournament over Class 4A Little Cypress Mauriceville and Class 6A Beaumont United. Buna made it three straight against larger schools defeating the Mustangs 13-2.

The Mustangs scored the first run of the game when Tyrone Wilson tripled to the right field corner to start the bottom of the first inning. William Lee singled Wilson home to give WOS a 1-0 lead.

Buna got two runs in the

second and then hit two home runs in a six-run third to go ahead 8-1. Lee worked a two out walk in the bottom of the third which was the first of four straight base on balls the last to Travarri Beasley brought home the Mustangs' final run.

Noah Robles and David Robledo were the pitchers for West Orange Stark. Robles went the first four and a third innings and Robledo finished the game.

West Orange Stark played the last two games of the tournament on Saturday. The Mustangs edged the Warren Warriors in the afternoon 5-4 for their second win.

For the third straight game West Orange Stark scored in the first inning. Just as he did against Buna Tyrone Wilson started the inning with a triple to right. Noah Robles hit a long fly to left that scored Wilson with the initial run for the Mustangs.

Diego Ibarra was the pitcher for the Mustangs going seven innings to get a much deserved win. Ibarra retired the first eleven Warrior batters before an infield single gave them their first base runner in the fourth inning. A balk called on Ibarra and a hit to center tied the score 1-1 for Warren.

The bottom of the sixth saw the Mustangs pad their lead. Wilson and Beasley walked in front of a single by Carlos Calana to load the bases. Nation lined a drive to left field that drove

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The bottom of the sixth saw the Mustangs pad their lead. Wilson and Beasley walked in front of a single by Carlos Calana to load the bases. Nation lined a drive to left field that drove

home two runs and gave West Orange Stark a 5-1 lead with an inning to play.

Three errors almost cost the Mustangs in the seventh as Warren scored three runs on one hit. Ibarra induced a Warrior hitter to pop up to first base to end the game.

Saturday night's game for West Orange Stark against Orangefield may have been a bit of a letdown following immediately after the thrilling win over Warren.

William Lee was the Mustangs only base runner with a double in the first and a single in the fourth.

This weekend the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears and the West Orange Stark Mustangs will participate in the local Orange County Classic Tournament. The Orangefield Bobcats will play in the Tatum Tournament.

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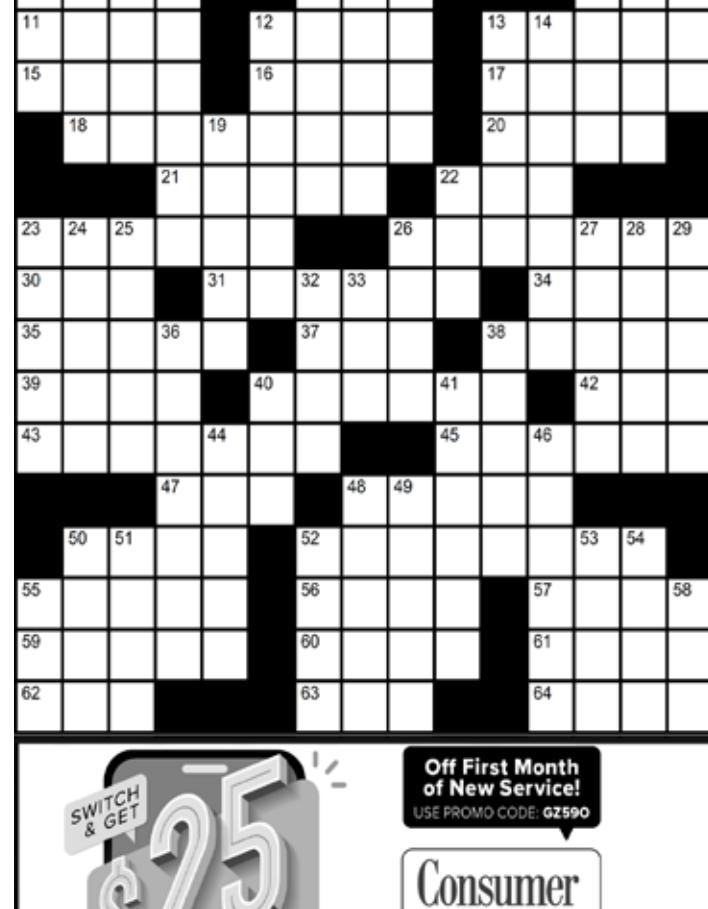
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18. Dress like And
19. Polynesian dance, pl.
20. Goldrush locale
21. This bird gets the worm?
22. Like a Druid, e.g.
23. "Austin Butler's gyrating character
24. Gallows loop
25. Oil crisis
26. Last year's Best Picture winner
27. Like a Druid, e.g.
28. Missouri River tributary
29. Flying nuisance
30. Past tense of bid
31. Roman remain, e.g.
32. Like a full-fledged Mafia man
33. Leo or Libra
34. Order's partner
35. Guillermo _____'s Pinocchio"
36. "My wife can
37. Cry of glee
38. Skirt shape
39. Bikini Bottom locale
40. Desert traveler's hope
41. Bucolics
42. Bikini Bottom locale
43. Variation of meow
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56. Allow

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There is no doubt in this gardener's mind spring has arrived in SETX! Let me stop you before many of you nay-sayers begin your hoopla saying the thirty day weather outlook predicts we have cold weather arriving...blah, blah, blah! This gardener is planting his vegetable garden (tomatoes and peppers included), as well as flowering plants. Composted manure has been top-dressed on each gardening area and weeds removed, uhm mm, well most of them! Succession planting, a method which staggers planting of vegetables and flowers, and is my answer to cooler weather since this gardener always plants before the Farmer's Almanac stated last anticipated frost date for our area. Personally, the end of February is my preferred time to plant spring vegetables and many flowers. Sometimes the weather works with me, while other times against me...with Mother Nature, it's a risk I choose to take!

Let's discuss a list of things to do, to jump start your spring garden so it doesn't become gardening madness and let me just say garden projects or changes to the garden need to begin now, before plants begin actively growing and the temperature increases.

**Spring Flowering
Shrubs, Trees, Grasses,
& Bulbs**

- If you haven't done so already, it's time to prune evergreen and summer flowering trees before the end of the month. Note that spring flowering trees, shrubs, camellias, azaleas, redbuds, and dogwoods, need to be pruned once they have finished blooming. Timing is important and if you wait more than a month after flowering to prune, then it's best to wait until the following year since blooms are setting for the next season.

• Inspect fruit trees for unwanted guests (insects) and spray accordingly, per the insecticide manufacturers instructions.

• Apply fertilizer to azaleas, and camellias at the completion of flowering using about three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area.

• Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks, beginning in March through the middle of October.

• Cut back foliage on ornamental grasses once new growth begins.

• Divide fall-blooming perennials and ornamental grasses to allow them time to be well established by fall.

• Plant dahlia tubers in fertile, well-drained soil.

• Select & order caladium tubers, as well as coleus plants for late March and early April planting.

• Do not plant caladium bulbs until the soil temperature reaches 70°F.

Lawn Maintenance

There is no doubt in this gardener's mind spring has arrived in SETX. Even if the thirty day weather outlook predicts we have cold weather arriving, this gardener is planting his vegetable garden (tomatoes and peppers included), as well as flowering plants.

• Mow the lawn with mower blades set to 2 ½-inches, do not scalp the lawn. This will help to remove thatch and winter-damaged leaves, allowing new growth to flourish.

• Apply compost to the lawn during March. Note that compost can be purchased pelletized and easily spread onto the lawn.

• Do not fertilize the lawn until mid-April.

Vegetables & Annuals

• Plant annuals from mid to late March, for bursts of color as natives and perennials begin fading. Place plants about 4 inches apart for the best bloom coverage.

• Set tomato and pepper transplants into the garden,

normally the middle of March. Note that tomato and pepper plants are easily started from seed outdoors. They grow quickly and will 'catch up' with transplanted plants soon! For many of us, this is the only way to obtain rare or heirloom varieties.

• Remember, don't be in a hurry to set out pepper plants, as they demand nighttime temperatures greater than 50 degrees F, and they will suffer, nor do recover well.

• Make certain to 'harden' germinated seedlings and wait until mid-March or later before planting in the ground, allowing the soil to warm. Gardeners, this is a "do as I say rather than a do as I do" moment,

since I garden in raised beds and the soil temperature warms more quickly!

Hanging Baskets

• Start hanging baskets of petunias, ferns, geraniums, hoyas, and other plants of choice for an added dimension in structure and color. One of my personal favorites is begonias. Strategically removed cuttings from an attractive begonia plant can yield numerous other plants by rooting stem cuttings. Simply place the cuttings into a plastic cup with holes in the bottom, fill with moistened vermiculite, and keep moist. In 4 to 6 weeks, the cuttings will have rooted.

So long for now fellow gardeners, let's go out and grow ourselves a greener, more sustainable world, one plant at a time! To have all your gardening questions answered or for more detailed information: email me: jongreene57@gmail.com

House Plants

• Move houseplants outside toward the end of the month.

• Remove dead leaves and fertilize with a liquid fertilizer diluted to half strength.

• Repot plants as necessary.

• Give each plant a gentle shower and wipe away dust from leaves.

Lastly, clean and fill bird & butterfly feeders, birdbaths, and fountains. Always remember, mulch is a gardener's best friend and should be used prolifically as it reduces weeds, retains moisture, and decomposes into a nitrogen-based fertilizer.

Everyone please note the Orange County Master Gardener Associations "Annual Spring Plant Sale" will be held Saturday, March 18th from 8AM until 1PM at Jewel Cormier Park, 8235 FM 1442 Orangefield, TX. Our plant selection is AMAZING, with a huge assortment of plant varieties: citrus, fruit & nut trees, berries, perennials, annuals, vegetable, herbs, hanging baskets, succulents, houseplants, and more. Our plant selection & numerous vendors will certainly enhance your gardening experience!

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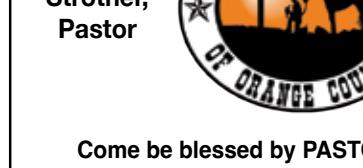
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