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## BC, Pinehurst ponder leaders' replacements

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Bridge City Council is meeting this week in closed sessions to begin the process of replacing longtime city manager Jerry Jones.

Meanwhile, Pinehurst officially accepted the resignation of Mayor T.W. Permenter Tuesday night.

And the City of Orange has named Jim Sharon Bearden to replace Jerry Pennington as municipal court judge upon Pennington's retirement after 28 years on the job.

Permenter, 84, said he's the oldest Pinehurst mayor ever, and he should know. He's been mayor "two or three

times," — he can't remember exactly — in the last four decades.

Asked when he first joined the city council, Permenter said it was at least 33 years, because he remembers hiring city attorney Tommy Gunn and Gunn says he started in Pinewood in 1988.

Jones, a fixture at Bridge City's City Hall since 2000, announced earlier this fall that he would be retiring as of Jan. 15.

"First, we have to determine what we're looking for in a candidate," Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge said when asked if there was a timetable to name Jones' re-

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## Most county pols run unopposed for 2022 election

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Only one of the dozen county positions up for election in 2022 will test an incumbent with an opponent.

Only two offices will have contested races in the March 1 Republican primary.

No one filed to run as a Democrat in the November election, so most of the county's elected officials will win re-election to their jobs without contest.

Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Joy Dubose Simonton is the only incumbent facing a challenge as Candice Conroy Steele is running against her for the second time in 12 years, or three election cy-

cles.

Dubose Simonton won the first time, in 2014.

Leo LaBauve III, Orange County's Republican Party Chair, hosted the final list of politicians filing for the March 1 party primary Tuesday night at the local Republican Party headquarters on Strickland Drive.

Two incumbents have announced their pending retirements and will not be running.

The Precinct 2 Commissioner's seat being vacated by Theresa Beauchamp is a hot commodity with five candidates seeking to replace her.

The primary battle be-

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## OC Judge Gothia, Burton honored in Mauriceville



Orange County Judge John Gothia (right) was awarded 'Citizen of the Year' during the recent Mauriceville Heritage Association Banquet. Nelda Burton was honored as 'Senior Citizen of the Year.' Both recipients are seen with Chris Sowell (left) president of the Mauriceville Heritage Association.

## County's Angel Trees signal charities' giving season

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

'Tis the season for giving and Orange County Good Samaritans are pouring out their hearts and checkbooks to make the Angels sing for Christmas.

Between them, the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance, the Sheriff's Office Orange County Blue Santa drive and the Salvation Army are supplying toys and other Christmas gifts for more than 1,000 area children and teenagers, most of their names plucked right off Angel Trees.

The annual tradition of writing the name of a child whose parents may not be able to afford Christmas presents on a cut-out angel and pinning that angel on a tree at a church, convenience store or other participating business fuels much of the giving.

The Ministerial Alliance, a feeding program for needy families operated by 20 county churches, collected gifts for 407 children from 162 families and distributed them to the parents on Dec. 9.

Salvation Army is distributing donated toys for 350 children Wednesday, Dec. 15 while Blue Santa, a county-wide program run by the Orange County Sheriff's Office with plenty of help from other first responders, non-profits and volunteers, is providing toys for 342 children from 139 families on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Parents, many of them regular clients for Ministerial Alliance or Salvation Army services, pre-registered their children for the holiday gifting.

And Orange Christian Services is registering those families in need who didn't sign up for one of the other three.

"We give out special holiday food orders, and we also do a toy program," said Judy Jensen, executive director for OCS.

The agencies share their

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Orangefield High student council members Caydence White, left, Mary Wernig, Madeleine Wernig, Jada Greiner and Kiley Boyd unload bicycles for the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance Angel Tree.



Blue Santa volunteer Marlene Merritt, left, checks the toys collected at Bridge City Walmart Saturday by Little Cypress-Mauriceville students Michael Vu and Emily Arrowood.

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## 'Coach T' retiring for health, family

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Eleven grandchildren "and one on the way" are about to get some blanket coverage from Cornel Thompson.

A two-time state champion head coach and the last member of the first West Orange-Stark coaching staff in 1977 turned in his letter of resignation Monday morning after 11 years as football head coach and athletic director.

He's retiring as soon as a new head coach is on board.

"I'm done. Stick a fork in me," the 73-year-old Thompson said just 10 days after the Mustangs ended an 11-2 2021 campaign in the Region III finals.

Health concerns have finally led Thompson to step away with a head coaching record of 129 wins, 22 losses and back-to-back state titles in 2015-16.

Thompson developed blot clots in his lungs late in the summer of 2021 and missed the team's first game of the season.

"That scared me a little bit. I didn't want to die on the football field," he said.

He and his doctors continue to manage that problem with blood thinners.

"I've been taking more drugs since that happened than I've taken in my entire life," Thompson said.

"I decided I wanted to spend more time with my family."

The coach and his wife, Frances, have four grown children, Marcus, Michael, Chad and Nikki.

The West Orange-Cove school district posted the head coach-athletic director position on its website Monday, with a Dec. 31 deadline for applying.

The ad says the district seeks someone with experi-



Two-time state champion head coach and the last member of the first West Orange-Stark coaching staff in 1977, Cornel Thompson turned in his resignation after 11 years as Mustangs head coach.

RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

ence as a head coach on the 4A level.

The salary range is from \$76,776 to \$103,872, based on experience, the ad said.

Thompson says he intends to continue coaching WOS

football players until a new head coach is hired and reports to work.

"I'm going to be there for a couple of months," he said.

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# Texas Perspectives: What's in a name?

**CARL PARKER**  
For The Record

Recently, Governor Abbott has made a been to-do about the fact that Beto is not is not Beto O'Rourke's real name. O'Rourke's real name is Robert Francis O'Rourke. The governor, however, is being a little hypocritical in his criticism of his opponent for the governorship.

Beto is a pet name for children in the Mexican culture. It is an endearing name for Robert or Roberto. Beto was born in El Paso, raised in the border area of Texas, is fluent in Spanish and has been called Beto since childhood. On the other hand, Governor Abbott seems to ignore the fact that at least two leading



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members of his Republican party campaign fly under a false flag themselves.

Ted Cruz is actually Rafael Edward Cruz, not Ted. It is simply a name he has adopted since getting into politics. Additionally, Abbott's friend and running mate for lieutenant governor runs as Dan Patrick. A dashing sort of name. However, Dan Patrick has not always been Dan Patrick. He was born Danny Gleb, a name of Russian origin. He changed his name after having gone bankrupt in a business venture in Houston, Texas and trying his hand at being a talk show host for many years.

It seems that both Ted Cruz and Dan Patrick changed their names for appearance's sake, thinking

that perhaps it would give them a little boost when their name appeared on the ballot.

It is not uncommon for many people to change their name for career advancing purposes. An example: who in the world would regard someone named Marion as one of the toughest guys on planet earth? Yet, that is the real name of John Wayne who led troops in battle, captured bad men as a tough western law man on horseback.

While I understand changing a name for some benefit, it seems hypocritical to me for our governor to be criticizing some while embracing others for having done the same thing.

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## Santa Clause visits Heritage House Museum...



Little ones of all ages visited with Santa at the Heritage House Museum Saturday and Sunday. With Larry David's passing, James Scales has taken up the mantle of Santa. Front, left to right: Terra Gautier Koehler, Juliana Koehler (age 4), Abigail Koehler (age 1), Keith Koehler and Santa. Back: Terry Gautier, Lisa Gautier.

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## Wesley UMC Fundraiser

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts, delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$10.50 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound.

Call Jan 409-734-8036 or the church 409-886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

## Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

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

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**Charlotte Alford named GOACC 'Citizen of the Year'**



Charlotte Alford, director of the Heritage House Museum, was named Citizen of the Year at the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night at the Shahan Center. The Heritage House also won the award for Non-Profit of the Year. Orange Stationer was named Business of the Year. The late Larry David was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award and Steve Jones was named Chamber Board Chairperson of the Year. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

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lists to avoid families registering for more than one gift program and parents are scheduled for pickup times for a bag full of toys ready to be wrapped and placed under the tree.

"It's a blessing just to help these families and make sure their kids get what they're wishing for from Santa," says Jo Bossier, a Ministerial Alliance volunteer.

She was among more than 50 volunteers, church members and even some student council members from Orangefield High, on hand at Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City on Dec. 8 to sort toys into age groups, and then to match the children's wish lists as close as possible.

New toys are received from the annual Bridge City Christmas parade - they're accepted as entry fees - though Melissa Pitts, the Alliance's Christmas Coordinator, said the bulk of this year's toys were purchased with donated funds.

"This way, we can see what's needed and go shop," she said.

Almost as much fun as the

warm spot in the heart you get by giving to appreciative children is the shopping for gifts, as the Blue Santa volunteers know.

Saturday, Dec. 11, Little Cypress-Mauriceville students joined representatives from the District Attorney's office, the Fai Do Do Mardi Gras krewe, Woodmen of the World Life fraternal benefit society and friends and retirees from the Orange County Sheriff's Department on a buying spree at the Bridge City Walmart.

A few days earlier, different volunteers had spent \$14,000 at Vidor's Walmart.

"We spend about \$30,000 [overall] and that's not counting other people who buy stuff. We got about \$15,000 worth of donated toys," explains Susan Bland of the Sheriff's Office, a veteran of many years of Blue Santa drives.

"It's huge."

Bland said many of this year's donations were given in memory of the late John Badeaux, the Sheriff's Deputy who handled the logistics of Orange County's Blue

Santa for decades.

Badeaux died after a battle with COVID-19 earlier this year.

"This is the first year without him," Bland said. "There have been some teary-eyed conversations."

"I go to pick up a donation and people talk about how much they miss him."

"They say, 'This donation is in memory of John Badeaux.'"

At the Bridge City Walmart, Katie LeBlanc, a legal assistant at the DA's office, turned in her third shopping cart heaping with a family's requests.

She picked up another manila folder from Marlene Merritt, wife of former Sheriff Keith Merritt, and headed back to the toy shelves.

For LeBlanc, a Blue Santa first-timer whose job has her working with Child Protective Services, Saturday's shopping was special.

"To give back to the children is awesome," she said. "There are so many with needs."

Also running unopposed are incumbents Justices of the Peace, Precinct 1's Herschel Stagner, Jr., Precinct 2's Chad Jenkins, and Precinct 4's Rodney Price.

**County elections** From Page 1

tween Chris Sowell, Shawn Hare, Matt Chandler, Jude Graffagnino and Bobby Lunsford is sure to wind up in a runoff.

The other office holder stepping into retirement is District Clerk Vickie Edgerly. Her deputy clerk, Anne Gerity Reed, is running unopposed for Edgerly's job.

All other incumbents are

running unopposed.

The list starts with County Judge John Gothia and continues with Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator, 260th District Court Judge Steve Parkhurst, County Court At Law Judge Mandy-White Rogers, County Clerk Brandy Robertson and County Treasurer Christy Khoury.

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placement.

He said the city had advertised for applications statewide and had received a number.

"Then we'll start checking references and conducting interviews," the mayor said.

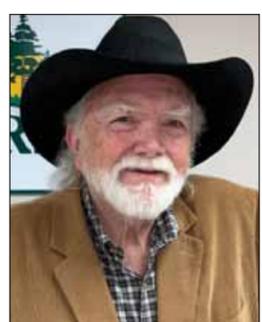
"I don't know how long it will take. If we find someone that's a good fit, we're going to have to negotiate a contract with them."

With Jones moving out of City Hall by Jan. 15, Rutledge said the plan in the interim is "mostly me" managing the city.

"I'll have to kind of be an interim city manager. It's happened before. But Mr. Jones says if I have questions, I can call him."

Permenter announced his resignation at the end of 2021 at the end of November's council meeting.

Tuesday night his wife, Lyndia, surprised him by ar-



Pinehurst Mayor T.W. Permenter

rivng just before the meeting.

"Babe, I'm glad you're here," Permenter said.

His wife responded, "I'd been wondering where you were going on Tuesday nights."

Permenter is the third straight Pinehurst mayor to step down before completing his term. He was named mayor in 2020 after Dan Mo-

hon retired.

Mohon, a former Orange mayor, took over in mid-term after the retirement of Pete Runnels.

"It's been a long time and I'm very pleased with the city," Permenter said. "I'd like to say thank you to the city of Pinehurst for allowing me to serve."

Gunn said after the meeting that it hadn't been decided how or who would take over the mayor's office.

Two council members, Dr. Michael Shahan and mayor pro-tem Sarah McClendon, were unable to attend Tuesday's meeting.

One by one, council members and city employees praised Permenter.

"Thank you for your heart and service," council member Cynthia Adams told Permenter.

"We love you and we're going to miss you."

**Coach Thompson** From Page 1

"We're going to get the off-season started. Until they get their next coach, I'll continue to coach them in the Mustang Way."

"But I need to step aside and let the next guy put his brand on it."

Thompson graduated in 1966 from West Orange High, the school that merged with Stark High to form WOS in 1977. After college at McNeese, he returned to coach in Orange and was an assistant under head coach Steve McCarty for the school's first three seasons.

Dan Hooks was elevated to head coach in 1980 and coached the Mustangs to the school's first two state titles in 1986 and 1987.

Hooks coached the team from 1980-2010 and his teams earned 282 wins in 31

years.

Thompson, Hooks' top assistant for most of three decades, won 85.4 percent of his games as WOS head coach, raising the Mustangs' all-time record to 435-103-3 (80.6 winning percent).

Thompson was on the field for all eight state championship game appearances by WOS. As head coach, his teams reached the fourth round of the playoffs nine times in 11 years.

He's hoping the district can find someone to maintain the Mustangs' mastery.

"We've done some things right over the years," he said. "I would like the Mustang tradition to be carried on. I would like to see someone come in and maintain our success."

Offensive coordinator Ed-

die Dyer and defensive coordinator Mike Pierce have been on the Mustang coaching staff since the 90s, Thompson says.

But when it comes to valuable associates, the coach won't rank anyone over his wife and his athletics secretary, Thereze Sichko.

"They keep me lined out," he said.

Thompson said he's not leaving the cupboard bare when it comes to talented players.

"The well ain't dry," he insisted. "There's going to be some good players coming up and some good players coming back at West Orange-Stark next year."

"I'm going to miss them. Coach T loves them."

Merry Christmas

During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.

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## From The Creaux's Nest

### QUAD STATE TORNADO

My first recollection about hurricanes was before they had names. The year was 1939 and the storm was the most water producing hurricane until **Ike** washed out **Bridge City**. I can't recall all the storms in my lifetime but it has been way too many. I have been around a few tornados and I've seen their damage but in all this long life I've never before seen the likes of the multitude of tornados that ripped through **Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states**, a straight line of destruction for 240 miles. To see the pictures of the destruction, buildings flattened out to the extent you can't recognize if they were churches or restaurants. What is always most amazing about that is how few people are killed in comparison with the destruction. It's always a miracle. The numbers for this group of tornados had more deaths than usual but will be some where short of 100. **Bowling Green, Kentucky** was destroyed with only 11 people killed, the same for **Mayfield, Kentucky** and other communities. It will take years to rebuild some of the towns. When we are hit by our **Gulf Coast** hurricanes it doesn't totally destroy everything. There is usually enough house left to start repairing, a new roof, sheetrock, etc. A tornado, in most cases, leaves nothing. Building a town where the drugstores, supermarkets, churches, everything all gone is like building a whole new town from electricity, plumbing, sewer lines to water lines.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

The first day of winter, Dec. 21, is now upon us, **Christmas** follows in a few days. The bright leaves are falling now and covering the ground with a multitude of colors. In the next couple of months we may have to throw an extra log on the fire but the weather folks say, in comparison, this should be a mild and dry winter. Nowadays, with blood thinner running through my veins, I find anything under **40 degrees cold**. I recall when that was shirtsleeve weather. I start off on a sad day having learned that **Pastor Leo Anderson** has passed away on December 18. For the past 15 years he has run a block ad with scripture on our church page so he came in on most Tuesdays and visited with our staff. They were shocked to learn of his death. Our sincere condolences to his lovely wife **Ivalyn**, three sons, **Anthony, Leo Daniel, Jr., Jarrod** and their families. Last week, at the **Greater Orange Area Chamber** banquet, several of our finest citizens were honored. The event took place after our newspaper deadline. **Lynn Cardner**, director of the **United Way**, was named **"Citizen of the Year."** The prestigious **"Athena Award"** was presented to **Nancy Vincent**, vice-president of **Orange Savings Bank**. **Southeast Texas Hospice** was presented the **"Non-profit Community Service Award"**. **Granger Chevrolet** was awarded the **"Business Community Service Award."** The **"Chairperson Award"** went to **Victor Enmon**, of **Entergy**. **"Lifetime Ambassador"** was presented to **Jennifer Burtfield** and **Stump Weatherford**. **Brandy Slaughter**, with **David Self Ford**, was recognized with the **"Ambassador of the Year Award."** **Maurcen McAllister**, with **Sabine Savings**, was presented the **"Ambassador Chairman Award."** All honorees were congratulated for their dedicated work and promoting the greater Orange area. We know those good folks and congratulate them on the well-deserved awards. North Korea's **Kim Jong II**, iron fisted dictator, is dead at age 69. He inherited power from his father 17 years ago. Now it passes on to his son, **Kim Jong UN**, 29. North Korea is the world's most isolated state, which for six decades has been ruled by the **Kim family**. North Korea has built the world's fifth largest military and has sought to build up the country's nuclear arms arsenal. The world will be on alert and watching the new leaders actions and direction. A few special folks celebrating birthdays this week. **Mary and Don Stanton's** little boy, **Donnie Stanton**, reaches 44 on Dec. 15. **Maac Hughes**, a talented guy, is a year older on Dec. 15. The first lady of Bridge City, **Shirley Roccaforte**, notches another year Dec. 15. Our buddy **James Brabham** celebrates Dec. 16. The lovable **Betty Lou Womack** has her special day Dec. 17. **Mayor Brown Claybar** climbs another rung up the ladder of life on Dec. 17. A great guy and loyal friend, **Kenneth Pigg**, celebrates Dec. 20. Everyone's favorite checkout clerk, **Annie Hargrave**, celebrates her special day Dec. 20. Happy 55th anniversary Dec. 15th to **Betty and Corky Harmon**. **Corky** bought her a new garage door, including remote door opener. On Dec. 22nd **Becky** and **Dr. Mark Messer** will celebrate their anniversary. From time to time **Neighbor Cox** asks about a little six-year-old, blond headed kid that used to hang out at the **Creaux's Nest**, in **Mr. Cox's neighborhood**. **Jimmy, Pattie Hanks'** youngest, turns 18 on December 21 and is a senior in **Las Vegas**. Happy birthday **Jimmy Skadowski**, best to you in the years ahead. It seems **Judge Buddie Hahn**, (yes his real name is **Buddie**), his mom, **Eloise**, gave he and brother **"Nick"** nicknames for real names. That's what she wanted them called. Anyway, **Buddie** grew up in Sanderson, a little railroad town about 60 miles from **Judge Roy Bean's "Jersey Lilly"** a U.T. business and law graduate, he practiced law in **Beeville** before coming to **Vidor** in 1971. I met him shortly afterwards through **Harold Beeson**. In 1984, **Gov. Mark White** appointed him Dist. Judge. **Buddie** cel-

brates his birthday on Dec. 21 and he and his lovely wife **Carol** will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Dec. 23. Happy birthday and Happy Anniversary. Proud to call y'all friends. (Editor's note: Today they will celebrate their 55th anniversary.) **CREAUX'S TIP OF THE WEEK:** When boiling corn on the cob add a pinch of sugar to bring out the corn's natural sweetness. **CAJUN WORD DEFINITION: Jambalaya (jam-be-lie-yah).** Toss just about anything into the pot. A Cajun rice dish with any combination of beef, pork, fowl, smoked sausage, ham or seafood, as well as celery, green peppers and often tomatoes. "Sweep up the kitchen and toss it in the pot."

### 18 YEARS AGO-2003

**Judge Janice Menard**, who took office this year, said the weekend was filled with tragedies. A man backed out of his driveway, into a ditch, while looking underneath it. The car gears shifted and ran over him. A woman traveling through Orange from Florida to McAllen, was sick at a restaurant and later died at the hospital. The **Judge** said that's how the holiday weekend started. A former constable, **Donald Gunn**, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Service was held Dec. 24 at Claybar Funeral Home. **Gunn** was a retired plumber and the youngest Texan ever to receive a **Master Plumber's** license. He was a U.S. Navy WWII veteran. He was also an avid sportsman. **Gunn** was known for his work ethic, integrity, loyalty and commitment to his family. He is survived by wife of 55 years, **Mary Lou Pachar Gunn**, son **Tommy** and daughters, **Donna and Diane** and their families. Pallbearers were **Michael Mitchell, Todd Mitchell, Daniel Dotson, Walter Halton, Yank Peveto and Al Granger**. (Editor's note: We knew this good man, a friend it's hard to believe 18 years have gone by. **Mary Lou** has since passed.) **Inez Hearn**, our longtime buddy, a few days ago turned 85 years old. (Editor's note: Today, 2021, **Nez would be 102.**) **Judge Pat Clark** files for another term to 128th District Court. **Amber Dunn**, a Bridge City native, graduates from the **University of Texas** with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of Natural Sciences. (Editor's note: **Amber** went on to get her medical degree at **Texas Tech School of Medicine** and is now an Anesthesiologist in **Vero Beach, Florida**. She and husband **Dr. Clay Greeson** are the parents of three boys.) **Betty Harmon** announced that **Ida Schossow** will be the new chairperson of the **Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce**. She is branch manager of **Bank One in Orange**. She has lived in Bridge City 17 years and is a 1973 grad of **Stark High School**.

### 48 YEARS AGO-1973

**Paul Hale** is mayor of Orange. **James "Stick" Stringer** is county judge. **Henry Stanfield**, Orange fire chief, has announced his retirement. County attorney is **Jim Sharon Bearden**. Prescient 4 county commissioner is **Raymond Goud**, of Vidor. **Fred Trimble** is district judge of 160th district court. **Dr. Joe Majors** is Bridge City's only dentist. **Wayne Peveto** is state representative and represents all of Orange and Newton counties. **Preston Woods** is mayor of Bridge City. **Louvenia Hryhochuk** is tax-assessor-collector. Some of the old boys around is 55-year-old **"Boob" Taylor**, who coached football and other sports at Hackberry, LA. **Wayman Martin**, 62, is Little Cypress school superintendent. **Buck Sims**, 60, is a former crop duster turned businessman. **Fred "Cooder" Avant**, 51, claims to work at Dupont. **Murphy King**, who turned 71 on Dec. 15, is known as the Pawnshop King. **Lloyd Merlin Broussard**, 49, works at Allied Chemical and coached at Carr Junior High. **Charlie Webb**, 44, works at Dupont. **Wynne Hunt**, 46, is a Dupont hand, as is **Harry Fulton**, 45 and **Harold Force**, 53. **D. Stanfield**, 56, is a partner in Case and McGee Furniture and is also city councilman. **Cecil Willey**, 52, works at Gulf States. Others are **Percy Bordelon**, 53, who has put in his time at Dupont and Firestone. **Monty Moran**, 51, works at Dupont. **Danny Barker**, a 44-year-old youngster, when not running the roads, telling wild stories, spends time at Dupont. Spotted having coffee at Kroger's were **Joe Runnels, Steve Williamson, Eddie Morris, John Taylor, Cecil Griffin, Charles Picking** and former county judge **Charlie Grooms**. Also spotted was the "coin machine operator," **Dag Andress, John Magness, Harold Emmert, Tony Garritiona and Joe Burke**. You can always hear when **Junior Clark** is around. **Gene Hidalgo**, a Duponter, thinks he's the last of the sex symbols. **Ann Segura** returns to East Texas from time to time to keep the accent intact. **Jim Dunaway** flies around on his motorcycle. **Lucy Sciarilco** has lost 18 pounds and is looking great. **Joe Blanda** is an Italian chiseler, a barber. **Laverne Ridley** is shooting up B-12 with a touch of hormone, good for 24 hours. **Lew Malcolm** keeps the Chamber and his mouth going. Everyone is preparing for Christmas. (Editor's note: I remember all of these great folks. In the year 2021, most of them are gone.)

### 50 YEARS AGO-1971

A few people and happenings about town. **Jack Huffman**, raised in Brooner Addition of West Orange, is **Orange City Manager**. (Editor's note: **Jack** went on to become a city manager in Colorado and Irving, Texas, where he brought the **Dallas Cowboys** to his city.) **Joe Dupuy** runs the **Jack Tar Travel Agency**. He said a customer came in and said, "I'll take two chances on your next flight to Miami." **Cecil Scales**, has the used car lot and makes jail bonds from his office across from the jail. (Editor's note: **Roy Dunn** started the bonding business in Orange County and passed it onto **Cecil** when **Patillo** was elected sheriff.) The **Evening Optimist** held their first meeting in the **Tilly School** building. It was decorated by **Diana Hill** and **Andrea Moore**. A story going around is that **Sharon Bearden's** new son, **Steve Tyler**, is just like old dad. They weighed him, gave him 2oz. of milk and weighed him again. He had gained 3ozs. **Charles Reed** is Orange Bank president. **Louis Gay** says he worked hard to keep the wolf away from his door then his daughter brought one home. Word is going around that pretty **Louvenia Hryhorchuk** will be a candidate for tax assessor if **Ida Fay Arnold**, the boss, doesn't run. It's speculated that at least three ladies from that office will run. **Don Gilbert** always has to be different. He filled his water bed with beer so he will have a foam mattress. Word around town is that **Judge Jim Graves** will leave his judgeship to join **Morris, Smith and Peveto Lawfirm**. Sign we saw in a reducing salon. "Let us help you win the losing game." Area deer hunters **Carrol Holts, Clem Leake, A.W. Conway, Preston Conway, Bill Waldruff** and **Mon-**

**ty Waldruff** killed 11 bucks on a weekend deer hunt. The six hunters bagged the bucks in Llano County.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

The **United States** surpasses over **800,000 COVID-19** deaths. I hear from relatives in Massachusetts that **Warsaw** and other communities have hit a surge that is over-running hospitals. I still can't get over the stupidity of some people refusing to get vaccinated in order to protect others. **Sen. Ted Cruz** displayed his non-caring attitude at the funeral of **Sen. Bob Dole**. **Ted** was sitting next to **Sen. Amy Klobuchar**, who has been battling cancer, without a mask on. **Ted** was one of the few, and whenever the camera swung towards him he sat up straight so the **Trumpers** at home could see he wasn't wearing a mask. A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Dec. 15:** Celebrating today are **Ken Pittman, Maac Hughes, Belinda Broom, Brent Burns** and **Katie Hunt**. **Dec. 16:** Happy Birthday to **Shayla Staukus, Liz Brown, Elizabeth Uzzle** and **Michelle Gephart**. **Dec. 17:** Happy Birthday to a great guy, former mayor **Brown Claybar**, also **Daniel McLemore, Jeremie Delano** and **Chris Chambless**. **Dec. 18:** Celebrating today are **Mandy Hoffman, Dyann Schiler** and **Julia Alleman**. **Dec. 19:** Happy Birthday **Jill Sanders Mahan, Kristen Broussard, Gina Cessac, Andrew Havens, Bill Cardner** and **Mitch Hidalgo**. **Dec. 20:** Celebrating today is a great friend **Kenny Pigg**. Also celebrating are **Maddison Bouget, Donna Boyd** and **Matt Reeves**. **Dec. 21:** Special Happy Birthday to our friend **Judge Buddie Hahn**. He will do to ride the range with. Also celebrating are **Coach Rick Deutsch, Bill Bailey, Glenda Granger** and **Paula Hall**. Happy Birthday to all. The U.S. today has the lowest unemployment since 1969, over **six million jobs** have been added in the last 11 months. We hear that 80,000 truck drivers are needed to move products. Why not train all the **Afghanistan** men that we brought here to serve as translators and drivers. Our military says they are loyal. In two months we could have a lot of trucks on the road. I understand our buddy, former commissioner **Owen Burton** was due to get a pacemaker but for some reason the doctors in Houston put it off for now. Last week **Penny** wrote a story about the unique gift shop **"Sweet Creations."** I discovered it a couple of years ago. If you are looking for a special gift, or something for someone who has everything, this is the place to start. Don't forget the **Alaskan Coffee** tasting Monday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., **3515 Mockingbird at Strickland, in Pinehurst**. Legendary editor **Dave Campbell**, who founded the **Texas Football Magazine**, died Friday, Dec. 10, at age 96. **Dave** was a WWII veteran. He started **Texas Football Magazine** in 1960. I had met **Campbell** in 1959 while he was sport's editor at the **Waco Tribune**. **Changes are coming: Coach Cornel Thompson**, West Orange-Stark's successful football coach, has retired effective in February. **Bridge City's** city manager, **Jerry Jones**, will retire in January. **Pinehurst** mayor **T.W. Permenter** is also retiring after serving as mayor twice. All of those folks are leaving big shoes to fill. **Bearden is in doghouse again.** **Sharon** loves his dogs but they have given him problems at home, going back many years. This time, on Nov. 17, his two dogs, a 20 pounder and a 16 pounder, got in a fight. **Ms. Liz** tried to separate them and ended up losing part off a thumb. It's been trips back and forth to Houston fighting staph infections. They are headed back to Houston Friday. **Bearden** and his dogs are living on the edge. Dogs once got him run off. The straw that sent longtime **FOX News** anchor **Chris Wallace** packing was probably **Tucker Carlson's** praise of **Vladimir Putin** on his opinion show. **Wallace**, after 17 years at **FOX** is jumping over to **CNN**. A **FOX** newsman **Bret Baier** has already said, "I can't take it anymore." Last year, **Shepard Smith**, who had been with **FOX News** since it started, walked out saying, "There's no news on **FOX**." In primetime **Tucker, Hannity** and **Laura** have opinion and conspiracy theory shows. By the way, the best news hour on TV is at 6 p.m. weekdays on **CNBC** with **Shepard Smith**. No **R&D, Red or Blue**, just fast action news. Give **Shep** a try next week, you will agree. Meanwhile, California's governor **Gavin Newsom** wants a **Texas-like law** to ban assault military-type weapons. This should be interesting to watch unfold. **Gavin** says **Texas** wants to protect the unborn, he wants to save human lives.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Joe Babineaux** came from his home in Sout Louisiana to visit his aunt in Beaumont. Babineaux went into a Beaumont store and he tell da clerk, "I'd like some boudain please."

Da clerk look at him and he say, "Are you a Cajun?" Babineaux him, he is really offended. He answer, "Well yea, I'm a Cajun me, but let me axe for Italian sausage, would you axe me if I was Italian, hanh?" "If I axe for German bratwurst, would you axe me if I was German?" "If I axe for a Koshur hot dog, would you axe me if I was Jewish?" "Wat if I axe for a taco, would you say are you Mexican you?" "Would you hanh? Would ya?"

Da clerk say, "Well no." Wit deep self righteous indignation, Babineaux say, "Well damit, all right den, why you axe are you a Cajun just because I axe for boudain?"

Da clerk answer, "Well sir, it's because you're in Home Depot."

### C'EST TOUT

#### TORNADOS DODGE THE DYERS IN TENNESSEE

I had been unable to reach **Glenda** and **Paul Dyer** after the tornados hit. They live at **Eagleville, Tennessee**, near **Nashville**, on a 400 acre farm that has been in **Paul's** family nearly 200 years. I wondered if they had storm damage. When they didn't answer my call I got in touch with their daughter, **Martha Howell**, a teacher in Vidor. They fortunately did not have damage and were in **Utah** attending **Martha's** son's wedding at the time. **Paul** has sold his cattle and is leasing the pastures out to a cattleman. **Glenda** is scheduled to have hip surgery Dec. 30. She's ready to get rid of the pain. We wish her the best with that. Great folks, if you're ever in their part of Tennessee, they invite you to stop by. They live in a farm house built before the **Civil War**. Country singer **Trace Atkins** owns the farm that adjoins them. **Paul** is retired from **Dupont**, in Orange. **Glenda** was a newspaper reporter and once published a newspaper here. They left Orange several years ago but still miss their friends here. For a few days let's put all our troubles on the back burner and enjoy a great holiday season. Please read us cover to cover, patronize our family of advertisers when you can. Thanks for your loyalty. **Take care and God bless.**

## ★ Life of Larry David celebrated with proclamation



Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr. reads a proclamation to members of Larry David's family Saturday at the Heritage House Museum honoring his years of service to the Orange County community and for his 40 years of playing Santa at the Heritage House Museum.

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The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Bridge City is Austin Pigott. Pictured from Left to Right: Tim Wooley, Rani Dillow, Chloe Tucker, Emily Black, Austin Pigott, Sara Black and Chris Black.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Orangefield is Alanna Pitre. Pictured from Left to Right: Shawn AcAlpin, Elyse Thibodeaux, Rea Wrinkle, Mary Roddey, Alanna Pitre, Joshua Costner, Sabrina Costner and Britni Briggs.

## Texas' 2022 races coming into focus as filings close

PATRICK SVITEK  
The Texas Tribune

Candidate filing for the 2022 primary in Texas closed Monday evening, and there were more than a few late developments in what is set to be a busy election cycle.

All the major statewide offices — including governor — are on the ballot, and every seat in the Texas Legislature is up for a vote because of redistricting. That is on top of the usual 36 congressional seats that are on the ballot every two years — plus two new U.S. House seats that Texas received because of population growth in the past decade.

The primary elections determining the two major parties' nominees will be March 1. The general election will be Nov. 8.

At the top of the ticket, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott is running for a third term, but faces challengers from within the GOP. On the Democratic side Beto O'Rourke will likely be his party's nominee for a general election that is expected to be a marquee race. But farther down the ticket, there is a hive of activity generated by redistricting — dozens of state lawmakers are not seeking reelection to their current seats — and the GOP's determination to make new inroads in South Texas.

Still, statewide races continued to take shape Monday ahead of the 6 p.m. filing deadline. The Democratic primary for lieutenant governor got a third candidate as Carla Brailey, vice chair of the state party, announced her campaign. Her launch came amid a lingering discussion among Democrats about whether their statewide slate is diverse enough.

Brailey said in an interview that she was running because she "really believe[s] our democracy is at stake, and I think this is gonna be one of the most important elections we have experienced in a very long time in Texas."

"It's very important that we have leadership that just reflects Texans — all Texans — and I think I will be able to do that," said

Brailey, who is Black.

She joined a primary field that includes Mike Collier, the last nominee for lieutenant governor who has been running since early this year, and state Rep. Michelle Beckley of Carrollton, who announced last month. Matthew Dowd, the cable-news commentator who once was a strategist for former President George W. Bush, had been running in the primary until last week, when he dropped out and said he wanted to make way for a more diverse field.

Brailey is not the only Democrat who has stepped forward for the statewide ticket as the filing deadline loomed. Janet Dudding, a 2020 candidate for a battleground state House seat in Brazos County, filed to run for comptroller, joining at least two other Democrats vying to take on GOP incumbent Glenn Hegar. Susan Hays, a prominent cannabis lawyer and hemp advocate, announced she was running for agriculture commissioner, giving Democrats their first candidate to challenge Republican incumbent Sid Miller.

"Farming is hard, but ethics should be easy," Hays said Thursday as she announced her campaign against the scandal-prone Miller.

In addition to the gubernatorial election, another blockbuster statewide contest is the GOP primary for attorney general, where incumbent Ken Paxton is trying to fend off three challengers: Land Commissioner George P. Bush, former state Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Tyler. Despite some volatility in recent weeks — state Rep. Matt Krause of Fort Worth ended his campaign and Gohmert launched his — that primary saw no last-minute surprises.

Another primary challenge emerged at the 11th hour for a state House seat in the Bryan-College Station area. John Harvey Slocum, the son of former Texas A&M University football coach R. C. Slocum, filed to run against state Rep. John Raney, R-College Sta-



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# Faith, Hope, and Heaven on Earth

## What Makes Love the Greatest

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What have Christians been known for in 2021? What has marked the church?

Jesus has commissioned his followers to represent him in this world. When nonbelievers look at our lives, we want them to see people distinguished by Christlike character. When they look at churches, we want them to see outposts of God's heavenly kingdom, early installments of the new creation. And in particular, whether they look at individual Christians or churches, we want them to notice three dominant graces: faith, hope, and most of all, love.

The gospel creates people who are filled with faith in Christ, captivated by the hope of eternal life, and overflowing in love for God and neighbor. In fact, at least nine passages — scattered throughout the letters of Paul, Peter, and Hebrews — mention this trio of Christian graces (1 Corinthians 13:13; Galatians 5:5-6; Ephesians 4:2-5; Colossians 1:4-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; 5:8; Hebrews 6:10-12; 10:22-24; 1 Peter 1:21-22).

If you could travel back in time and ask New Testament believers how they live the Christian life, I expect that you would hear the same answer again and again: we aim to abound in faith, hope, and love.

### Greatest of These

First Corinthians 13:13 is the most well-known passage that highlights this trio. Paul tells us, "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." His claim raises an important question: Why is love "the greatest" of these graces? After all, we are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), and we continue to grow as believers through faith in Christ and

his promises. Likewise, as we look forward to Christ's return with eager anticipation, hope fills us with joy and empowers us to persevere through suffering (Romans 12:12). Yet Paul tells us that love holds the highest place in this holy triad. So why is love the greatest?

Let's answer that question by approaching 1 Corinthians 13:13 in three contexts. We'll begin with the larger context of Paul's letters, then focus more closely on this section of 1 Corinthians (chapters 12-14), and finally zero in on the immediate context in 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. As we do so, my hope is that our hearts will be stirred up to love one another, so that our homes, our churches, and our neighborhoods would be saturated with love that spreads the fame of Christ.

### Faith and Hope Produce Love

Several passages in Paul's letters show us that both faith and hope produce love. We can see this connection between faith and love in Galatians 5:6: "In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love." Though we are justified by faith alone, the kind of faith that justifies never remains alone; it always works through love for others. God does not save us in order that we might remain indifferent

to the needs of those around us. Rather, as the Holy Spirit begets faith in our hearts, he intends for that faith to produce countless deeds of love.

Similarly, the hope that is ours in Christ leads us to love one another. In Colossians 1:4-5, Paul tells the Colossian believers about his gratitude for them, "since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven." The Colossian Christians loved their fellow believers, Paul says, because they knew they had a glorious hope awaiting them in heaven. They knew they would spend eternity in the presence of Christ, and this hope freed them to give of their time, their possessions, and perhaps even their lives to serve their fellow believers.

Faith and hope are, in one sense, means to an even greater end, without which they would be incomplete: they transform us so that our lives overflow with Christlike love.

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wrote that "love builds up" (1 Corinthians 8:1). In the context of 1 Corinthians 12-14, Paul's famous words about love in chapter 13 reveal that love is what makes the difference between Christians whose gifts build up the body and those who are just "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

Because Jesus loves his church with a love "that surpasses knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19), he desires for the members of his body to build up one another — and in order to do that, we need not only faith, and not only hope, but love.

### Love Will Be Greatest for Eternity

A third reason why love holds the highest place in the trio of Christian graces is found in the second half of 1 Corinthians 13. In verses 8-13, Paul says that spiritual gifts such as prophecy, tongues, and knowledge are temporary provisions for the present age. In contrast, when he writes in verse 13 that "faith, hope, and love abide, these three," he shows us that these graces are superior to the gifts because they will endure forever. In the new creation, we will continue to have faith in God and his promises, and we will continue to look forward to the future with hope. But most of all, the life of the new creation will be characterized by love, flowing through us from the God who is love

(1 John 4:16).

In 1738, Jonathan Edwards preached a sermon entitled "Heaven Is a World of Love." He pointed out that since heaven is God's dwelling place, "this renders heaven a world of love; for God is the fountain of love, as the sun is the fountain of light. And therefore the glorious presence of God in heaven fills heaven with love, as the sun placed in the midst of the hemisphere in a clear day fills the world with light" (Works, 8:369). Furthermore, "love reigns in every heart" in heaven, as the saints abound in love for God and for one another (8:373).

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in the hope of spending eternity in a world saturated with pure love. And as our lives are filled increasingly with love here, we reflect the new creation in the present, and our churches fulfill their callings as outposts of the kingdom of heaven. Our lives and our churches spread the sweet aroma of heaven as we love God and one another, for "faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

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**For The Record**



Chuck Uzzle

In every sport there are different levels of accomplishment, different levels of skill. In baseball you have rookie leagues, minor leagues, and then you have the guys in the majors who are at the top of the food chain so to speak.

Far too many times in publications just like this one, writers just like myself take for granted that everyone out there fishes just like we do. Nothing could be farther from the truth if you just get right down to it. I am by no means better or more accomplished than other people who fish, I just have a little more time on the water than most so it gives me a little bit of an opportunity to make a few judgment calls.

On more than a regular basis I get asked about certain techniques or how to use different lures by fishermen who genuinely want to get better. Each individual has strengths and weaknesses and for some the thought of fishing with a lure many of us take for granted is a daunting task.

I can remember when I was really fishing a bunch of freshwater and all I could think of was catching bass. There were different times during the year that I could catch fish with the best of them, throwing spinnerbaits and topwaters along with Texas rigged worms were right down my alley. Now my

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# Texans vs Jags: Battle of two incompetent NFL head coaches

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**JOE KAZMAR**  
**For The Record**



Joe Kazmar

The "Big Game" that everyone was waiting for with baited breath is happening Sunday at Jacksonville when the Jaguars are hosting the Houston Texans in the battle for the 2022 No. 1 draft pick, which would go to the team finishing the season with the funkier record.

One of the biggest reasons both of these teams are playing in the Super Bowl for Losers is that both first-year coaches Urban Meyer of the Jags and David Culley don't have a clue what it takes to win football games in the National Football

League, according to the media in both cities, especially the Houston Chronicle.

There have been reams and reams of copy flowing from the Chronicle trying to get Culley run off., especially in the past couple of weeks.

The situation is quite different in Jacksonville where the media closest to the Jaguars fear that Meyer is going to pull a Bobby Petrino tactic and just walk away. But the one item keeping him at the helm of the Jags is (you guessed it) money.

Team owner Shad Khan still owes Meyer several million dollars for agreeing to even come to Jacksonville and sign a six-year contract.

"That might be the best thing going for Meyer at this point: the reality that an NFL divorce after only one season may still be perceived by Khan as more expensive than holding fast



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and praying for a revelatory turnaround," the Jacksonville article points out.

Bobby Petrino was the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons until one day in December, 2007, "the successful college coach bombing so badly after 13 games that he snuck away one morning

to take a head coaching job with the Arkansas Razorbacks," according to a recent article in sports.yahoo.com.

Meyer also has been involved in only 13 NFL games—losing 11 including one to the Houston Texans

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## Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

### STATE FINAL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF GAMES THIS WEEK

Area Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas—

**Class 6A Div. I**—Galena Park North Shore (14-1) over Duncanville (13-1); **Div. II**—Austin Westlake (15-0) over Denton Guyer (14-1).

**Class 5A Div. I**—Paetow (14-1) over College Station (15-0); **Div. II**—Dallas South Oak Cliff (14-1) over Liberty Hill (13-2).

**Class 4A Div. I**—Stephenville (15-0) over Austin Johnson (15-0); **Div. II**—China Spring (25-0) over Gilmer (14-1).

**Class 3A Div. I**—Lorena (13-2) over Brock (15-0); **Div. II**—Franklin (15-0) over Gunter (15-0).

**Class 2A Div. I**—Shiner (15-0) over Hawley (15-0); **Div. II**—Stratford (14-1) over Falls City (14-1).

**Class 1A (Six-Man) Div. I**—May (14-0) over Westbrook (10-4); **Div. II**—Mataador Motley County (14-0) over Strawn (14-0).

### COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

• Bahamas Bowl 11 a.m. Fri. at Nassau Bahamas (ESPN)—Toledo over Middle Tennessee State.

• Cure Bowl 5 p.m. Fri. at Orlando, FL. (ESPN)—Coastal Carolina over Northern Illinois.

• Boca Raton Bowl 10 a.m. Sat. at Boca Raton, FL. (ESPN)—Appalachian State over Western Kentucky.

• Celebration Bowl 11 a.m. Sat. at Atlanta, Ga. (ABC)—Jackson State over South Carolina State.

• New Mexico Bowl 1:15 p.m. Sat. at Albuquerque, N.M. (ESPN)—Fresno State over UTEP.

• Independence Bowl 2:30 p.m. Sat. at Shreveport, La. (ABC)—BYU over UAB.

• Lending Tree Bowl 4:45 p.m. Sat. at Mobile, Ala. (ESPN)—Liberty over Eastern Michigan.

• LA Bowl 6:30 p.m. Sat. at Inglewood, Cal. (ABC)—Oregon State over Utah State.

• New Orleans Bowl 8:15 p.m. Sat. at New Orleans, La. (ESPN)—Louisiana-Lafayette over Marshall.

• Myrtle Beach Bowl 2:30 p.m. Monday at Conway, S.C. (ESPN)—Tulsa over Old Dominion.

• Idaho Potato Bowl 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Boise, ID.

(ESPN)—Wyoming over Kent State.

• Frisco Bowl 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Frisco, TX.

(ESPN)—North Texas over Miami, O.

**FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION**

(Semifinal Round)—James Madison over North Dakota State Fri.; Montana State over South Dakota State

(Sat.).

• **PRO PICKS**—Kansas City over LA Chargers (Thursday Night); Cleveland over Las Vegas, New England over Indianapolis (Sat.); Houston over Jacksonville (Upset Special), Arizona over Detroit, Buffalo over Carolina, Dallas over NY Giants, Miami over NY Jets,

Tennessee over Pittsburgh, Washington over Philadelphia, San Francisco over Philadelphia, Denver over Cincinnati, Green Bay over Baltimore, LA Rams over Seattle, Tampa Bay over New Orleans (all Sun.); Chicago over Minnesota (Monday Night).



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# Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

## Sting Operation

In August, a concerned citizen contacted Montgomery County game wardens regarding a neighbor keeping an alligator in his back yard. The wardens responded to the home where the alligator was reportedly kept. The homeowner admitted to capturing an alligator 4 or 5 feet in length from Lake Conroe, transporting it home to show his kids and then releasing it the next day. The wardens inspected the property and noticed a room full of aquariums. Knowledgeable in aquatic species, one of the wardens identified the animals as freshwater stingrays, which are an invasive species and illegal to possess. Through further conversation, the homeowner also admitted to removing a small alligator snapping turtle from Lake Livingston and keeping it in a tank. As the largest freshwater turtle in North America and a threatened species, it is illegal to capture or possess one without a permit. After discussing the matter with the homeowner, he agreed to as-

sist game wardens in relocating the animals to better suited facilities. The turtle was donated to the Spring Creek Nature Center, which is permitted to possess native species and display them for educational purposes. The stingrays were transported to Moody Gardens to educate the public about different ecosystems and the harm that invasive species can cause to local wildlife.

## Perception Pays Off

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit released a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin to assist in the identification of an individual and vehicle last seen leaving a crime scene in the San Elizario area. An El Paso/Hudspeth County game warden remembered the vehicle from a recent encounter with fishermen which resulted in the arrest of the individual. The warden contacted the lead investigator and passed along the identifying information. Several days later, El Paso County Sheriff's detectives notified the warden that without firm leads in the case, the information he shared with their office was vital in locating the subject and the vehicle. Due to his inter-agency collabo-

ration, an arrest was carried out.

## Hold the Pepper

In September, a Bexar County game warden received a call from Austin communications about dove hunters peppering local residences with shotgun pellets. Upon arrival to the field, the warden observed two gentlemen hunting. As he drove up to the individuals, one of the gentlemen stood up and shot a bird that fell a few yards from him. The warden proceeded to complete a hunting check. He spoke with the individual and asked if he was aware of the type of bird he had just shot. The hunter did not know. The warden informed him that the bird was an American kestrel, a protected bird of prey, and is not allowed to be hunted or harvested. The warden checked the other hunters in the group and discussed the issues around peppering, ensuring their shotgun pellets did not cross property lines. A citation was issued for harvesting a protected species. The case and civil restitution are pending.

## Off the Road Again

An Amarillo district game warden was patrolling in Potter County after dark when he was notified about an injured individual who had been "run over" by an all-terrain vehicle.

The warden responded immediately. He found one adult male hit by an ATV and suffering non-life-threatening injuries to his legs. The victim and other eyewitnesses at the scene identified another adult male as the driver of the ATV. Upon speaking with the driver of the ATV, the warden noticed that he had heavily slurred speech patterns, glassy/bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The victim of the collision was transported to an Amarillo hospital. The driver of the ATV admitted hitting the victim with the ATV and was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated and deadly conduct. The driver was booked into the Potter County Jail without incident.

## Caught on Camera

In September, a Tyler County game warden received information on individuals potentially participating in road hunting. The warden worked with a landowner setting up surveillance cameras in their field. Not long after he set up the monitoring system, he observed a slow-moving vehicle spotlighting and headed towards his location. The warden initiated a traffic stop, determining the subjects were hunting at night. Inside the vehicle, the warden located a loaded .22 long rifle. Additionally, the subject was a minor operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Charges are pending.

## Kaz's Korner From Page 1

in the season's opener—plummeting to a new low Sunday when the Tennessee Titans shut the Jags out 20-0.

The one person being hurt the most by Meyer's incompetence is quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the No.1 overall pick in the 2021 NFL draft. Like David Culley, Meyer insists on running the football without having any qualified running backs. Whenever Lawrence drops back to pass, the opponent has eight or nine defenders also dropping back into the secondary.

Sports Illustrated received anonymous reports noting that Meyer has berated his assistant coaches and called them losers, which was vetted by NFL Media. This shows at the very least that enough people are disgusted by Meyer that they would willingly risk their livelihood to leak his lowest moments.

Meyer suggested after Sunday's loss to the Titans "to fire the people who are whistleblowing their concerns to the press". But who would he replace them with? Who, with any NFL experience, would want to work for Meyer now?

The bottom line is that the team reportedly is laughing behind Meyer's back.

Things aren't much better in Houston, although Culley released his top linebacker for consistently violating team rules and has sat out players who skipped team meetings and were late to other mandatory functions.

His biggest problem is the same as Meyer's—he insists on running the football without having healthy ball carriers and fell in love with Tyrod Taylor as his starting quarterback despite him being injury-prone and inconsistent when he was healthy.

Last week he finally benched Taylor in favor of

rookie Davis Mills, who kept the Texans in the game Sunday against Seattle for the first half (16-13), but then watched the defense fall apart after the intermission, which led to a 33-13 final score for their 11th loss in 13 games. Culley told the Chronicle last week that Mills would finish the season as his quarterback.

Last week General Manager Nick Caserio didn't back Culley for a 2022 return when every other GM in pro football would have supported a first-year head coach under similar rebuilding circumstances.

"Anything we do in the off-season from evaluating our scheme to evaluating where our program is headed, we'll have those conversations after the season," Caserio told a Houston radio station.

And as one writer for the Houston Chronicle sports department put it: "The Texans have been good at one thing and one thing only during a historic 2021 season: suspending players, disciplining players and paying players millions of dollars not to play for the Texans."

I personally think David Culley will be a "one and done" head coach even though I picked his team to upset Jacksonville Sunday. He's not nearly as green as Urban Meyer is to the NFL!!!

### KWICKIES...

Members of the U.S. Navy are probably dancing with their mops this week after their football team upset Army 17-13 Saturday at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Although the Black Knights were favored by more than a touchdown, their plays and defensive schemes must have been drawn up by a Kindergarten class.

Grambling State announced last weekend it has hired former Cleveland Browns and Oakland Raiders head coach Hue Jackson to take over the reins of their storied football program. He fills the vacancy created when Grambling fired eighth-year coach Broderick Fobbs last month.

The new attendance numbers for Texas high schools were released last week and will probably affect the Orange-Field Bobcats who are expected to drop from Class 4A-II to 3A-I. So now instead of worrying about the West Orange-Stark Mustangs, the Bobcats will have Newton to think about, unless the Eagles drop to Class 2A.

Some familiar names—Austin Westlake, Stephenville, Dallas South Oak Cliff, China Spring, Gilmer, Franklin, Shiner just to name a few—will be playing this week in the Texas High School Football state finals. I picked China Spring to upset Gilmer, which should make the West Orange-Stark Mustangs players, coaches and fans feel a little better about their loss two weeks ago.

And speaking of West Orange-Stark, the Mustangs' defensive lineman Carmello Jones was named Defensive Player of the Year of the prestigious Super Gold choices of

high school athletes in the Golden Triangle. Vidor's Jeff Mathews was named this area's Football Coach of the Year for leading his team to an undefeated regular season and the District 10-4A-1 championship.

Nico Ali Walsh, grandson of boxing great Muhammad Ali, won his first professional bout Saturday night at Madison Square Garden in New York by scoring a 3-0 majority decision over Reyes Sanchez. The 21-year-old Nico Ali had taken his geology final a day before the bout. He is a business major at UNLV.

The Dallas Cowboys don't quite have their Doomsday Defense yet, but it's not because of rookie linebacker Micah Parson, who has recorded nine sacks in the last

six games in a row. The only other NFL rookie to have sacks in six straight games was Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants.

And speaking of the NY Giants, former star defensive lineman and television celebrity Michael Strahan caught a ride into space with Jeff Bezos' rocket-launching company Saturday as Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket blasted off from West Texas near Van Horn, sending the capsule on a 10-minute flight. Strahan is a commentator on the Fox Sunday NFL pre-game show in addition to being a co-host on ABC's "Good Morning America". He took along his Super Bowl ring and retired New York Giants jersey No. 92 on the flight into space.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

I feel sorry for the hundreds of athletes who have worked their butts off for nearly four years getting ready for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. They will have to endure all those Chinese Communists in Beijing who will be sneering at these young men and women in response to the United States planning to stage a diplomatic boycott of the Games because of China's human rights abuses, according to the White House early last week. China already has vowed to greet the move with "firm countermeasures". You rarely see athletes interfering with government business, so why should the government interfere with these athletes??



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# Entertainment Guide: Concert venues for holiday season and beyond



The rock band Night Ranger (pictured) is one of many new shows recently announced for 2022 at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles, La. Along with Night Ranger, other shows include Gary Clark Jr. and Candlebox.

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TOMMY MANN JR.  
FOR THE RECORD

The amount of national artists performing in Southeast Texas and Southwest

Louisiana for the rest of the month is amazing, and the quality of those acts is equally impressive. Take a look at the list below to schedule some weekend fun or a pos-

sible holiday present for someone special.

- Dec. 16 George Thoroughgood and the Destroyers, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Dec. 16 Robert Earl Keen, House of Blues, Houston
- Dec. 17 Little River Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 7, 2022 Maddie and Tae, House of Blues, Houston
- Jan. 14, 2022 Dean Dillon, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor
- Jan. 15, 2022 Keith Sweat, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 The Oak Ridge Boys, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 21, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 22, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston
- Jan. 28, 2022 Michael Bolton, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- Jan. 29, 2022 JoJo Siwa, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 4, 2022 Tool, Blonde Redhead, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 8, 2022 Steve Vai, House of Blues, Houston
- Feb. 10, 2022 Travis Tritt: Solo Acoustic, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Kansas, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- Feb. 16, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 17, 2022 Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston
- Feb. 25, 2022 Ghost, Volbeat, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- March 12, 2022 Casey Donahew Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 12 Dua Lipa, Toyota Center, Houston
- March 25, 2022 Johnny Rivers, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 26, 2022 Tracy Lawrence, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- March 27, 2022 Tyler the Creator, Toyota Center, Houston
- April 16, 2022 Dustin Lynch, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.
- April 23, 2022 John Mayer, Toyota Center, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Jerry Cantrell, House of Blues, Houston
- April 23, 2022 Morgan Wallen, Hardy, Larry Fleet, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.
- April 29, 2022 Justin Bieber, Toyota Center, Houston
- May 19, 2022 New Kids on the Block, Toyota Center, Houston
- July 24 Styx, REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

## Uzzle: Outdoors From Page 1

baits of choice didn't always work and other techniques were needed to catch fish, at that point I had a problem. For the life of me I could not fish a jig, I felt like I was suffocating it was so slow. Finally I made myself take only a tackle box full of jigs so I had nothing else to fish or change to and was forced to fish only a jig all day long. The radical thinking proved to be a good idea as I finally became better at the art of jig fishing, I still don't like it but at least I can do it.

Saltwater anglers have similar difficulties and for many more than you would think it's a real problem. I can't tell you how many people have asked me for my opinion on how to fish a Corky, its way more than you would believe. For many situations just like this there are some excellent alternatives that often time will work even better than the lure you struggle with. For example we'll just use the Corky since we already mentioned it.

The Corky is easily one of the most recognizable lures on the gulf coast, especially here in Texas where it's almost considered royalty by many. For all those who praise this lure for its fish catching ability there are just as many who curse it because they can't get a grip on how to properly fish the bait. Well for all those of you who fall into the struggling category let me introduce you the remedy, shallow running crankbaits or stick baits as they are also known are just

what the doctor ordered. For years these baits have been a staple of freshwater fishermen all over the country, they have a subtle motion that really attract vicious strikes and can make even the most finicky fish turn on one in a violent reaction strike. I have really become a fan of these baits as well as other crankbaits for saltwater use. Crankbaits are usually categorized by the depth that they will run, some shallow models swim just under the surface to about 1 foot.

Other big billed models will plow down to depths of over 20 feet if need be. My favorites are the 1 to 4 foot models, they are roughly 4 inches in length and have a small bill that creates a tight wobble when reeled down or twitched below the surface. These baits are perfect for working shallow shell because they dive down to the shell and rattle around in there as they are being retrieved. Once you feel the shell you can stop reeling and the bait will actually back up and start floating to the surface, this is when you get a high percentage of your strikes.

That subtle motion once you have come into contact with the bottom is tough for fish to resist. I know these baits are some of my favorites for catching redfish, they just inhale them. Some of the more productive models I have ever fished are the Slapstick by Bill Lewis, Thunderstick, Rogues, Yo Zuri Crystal Minnows and the Long

Cast Minnow by Rapala.

In order to fish these baits you don't need a ton of finesse or a secret pattern to catch fish, these lures are very user friendly. Using basically the same action you use working a topwater plug you just point your rod tip towards the surface of the water and either reel in with a constant retrieve or twitch the bait with brief pauses as the lure comes in contact with the bottom.

The built in action and sound will take care of the rest, it's hard to work them wrong. I have found that taking the split rings off the nose and tying a loop knot seems to help the action and keeps the rings from fouling on the bill of the plug. If and when you get caught up in shell most of the time the lure will come free when given a little bit of slack.

Even when you break one off about 80% of the time the lure will float to the surface where you can retrieve it and use it again. It's awful hard to go wrong with a bait that provides you with that type of confidence.

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The William Diamond Chapter, NSDAR chose Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School teachers for their Community Classroom service project to show appreciation and support of teachers. Honors Biology teacher, Woody Cox along with Deneé Hurst and Jonathan Holland were on hand to receive the donation of classroom items and supplies. Regent Elberta Herman and members Sylvia Bland and Brenda Herman presented these supplies in the high school lobby. The DAR chapter is dedicated to promoting Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. The chapter is proud to offer scholarships, assist and honor veterans, and perform other community services. Picture left to right: Jonathan Holland, Elberta Herman, Brenda Herman, Sylvia Bland, Deneé Hurst, and Woody Cox.



Bicycle Chairmen Larry and Vickie Hamilton of the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance join Christmas Chairman Melissa Pitts to show off some of the two-wheelers distributed to clients of the feeding program. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers (SEE ARTICLE PAGE !)



West Orange-Stark Mustang Academy fall graduates are Anna'LeCIA Maria Holt, Mesha Ann McMahon, and Asia Lashun Stratton! Not pictured but also receiving a diploma this fall, Alaysia Rubiniqve Davis, and Jayden Bree Smith.



INVISTA Donates to West Orange-Cove CISD Project Lead the Way Wednesday, INVISTA representatives visited the West Orange-Stark HS Career Center. They toured the STEM lab and generously donated \$5000 to the Project Lead the Way-Engineering program at WOS High School. Pictured left to right, Lacey LeMoine, INVISTA, Chance Fenetz, INVISTA, Hannah Jensen, INVISTA, Grant Gilson, WOSHS, Wendell Tilley, INVISTA, Principal Rolanda Holifield, WOSHS, and WOC-CISD Superintendent Dr. Rickie R. Harris.

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# Welcome Holiday Additions: Caring For Poinsettias

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Another year is rapidly coming to an end and Christmas is close at hand and with it the joy of spending time with friends and family. Many of us will be shopping for gifts, food, and sweet treats. Why not include a bright, festive holiday plant or two for yourself or as a wonderful holiday gift! Poinsettias make dramatic focal points as holiday decorations and when placed strategically throughout your home, command attention from anyone who views them.

But caring for them once the holidays are over seeming to be something most people do not remember to do, and invariably, they are left out to be retrieved with the post-holiday trash.

However, it doesn't have to end this way for these beautiful plants. In fact, with the proper care, poinsettias can live for many years, and if unfettered by a terrible freeze, can reach heights greater than ten feet when planted in a landscape!

## Caring for Poinsettias

Poinsettias prefer bright, indirect light, and lots of it. Six hours of bright light every day is recommended, however, they do not thrive



in direct sunlight. Plants kept indoors, need to receive diffused light such as near window with thin curtains. They also prefer cooler daytime temperatures, so a normal household with fans or air-conditioning should do them well. If the temperature is too high, the plants will graciously respond by becoming tall and "leggy" in appearance. Avoid drafts and do not place them near heat sources.

Like many house plants, poinsettias prefer soil which is slightly moist but not wet. Well-drained soil is a must for them, or they will suffer from root rot if water is allowed to stand at the plant's base. Soil that is dry to the touch one inch from top indicates it is time to water them, as would drooping bracts or leaves.

The beautiful red, pink, white or variegated bracts of the poinsettia are what appear to be the plant's flowers. They are in fact leaves and will remain beautiful for weeks at a time and can reappear each year if proper care is given to the poinsettia plant. Once the bracts lose their color, near spring's arrival, cut the plant back to approximately seven to nine inches in height. Within a month or so, new growth will appear. Begin fertilizing monthly with a weak mixture of commercial fertilizer (at half strength).

Keep the plant pruned throughout the summer to ensure the plant remains compact, but do not prune after August 31. Continue to keep the plant watered properly and provide indirect lighting all year round. Poin-

settia bracts recolor as the nights in autumn begin to get longer. Place the plant where it can enjoy these longer nights remembering that exposure at this time to too much light will inhibit the plant's natural tendency to put on colorful bracts and will remain green.

Once a year, repot your poinsettia in a good quality potting soil. This is best done after pruning and just before the new growth appears in Spring. I hope with these easy-to-follow direc-

tions, you can have a beautiful poinsettia plant which renews its holiday beauty year to year!

**Poinsettia Care: Quick Reference for year-round care guide:**

### Christmas Holiday Care

- Poinsettias require bright, indirect light while inside
- Water when potting mix feels dry to the touch
- Keep away from drafts (hot or cold)
- Begin fertilizing once color begins to fade
- Protect from temperatures below 50°f

### After Holiday Care thru Early Fall

- Place Poinsettia in a sunny indoor location and keep soil barely moist
- Trim to about 7-9" tall once leaves fall in the Spring, keep watered and fertilized
- After new growth appears and repot. Place outside in morning sun and fertilize weekly
- Pinch back tips of the Poinsettia by one quarter to

foster branching

- Bring indoors when night temperatures fall below 50°F

### October 1 to December 15:

- Total darkness required from 4PM to 8AM. Ensure the poinsettia receives no light between these hours
- Allow the plant to receive only 8 hours of sun light daily
- Once bracts begin to color, discontinue long nights and fertilizer
- Poinsettia can now be placed in its holiday location

For more information or to have your gardening questions answered please contact us:

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## Garden Tool Winter Maintenance

**John Green,  
Orange County  
Master Gardener**

Hello gardening friends, our local weathermen and women are predicting a warmer weather pattern for the next several days. If you are like me, making the time to perform maintenance on garden tools doesn't rank high on my "to do list" but it is a necessary task. As most other gardening chores are now completed: lawn maintenance and fertilizer application, house plants slowly transitioned indoors, flower beds weeded and mulched, and vegetable beds growing green cover crops or heavily mulched. Of course, if you are like me-you planted a couple vegetable beds for Winter harvest and they are diligently producing daikon radish, collard greens, green onions and bok choy. You know that a little winter preparation can really pay off when spring arrives, but don't forget that your garden tools need a little TLC as well. Here are some tips on how to keep them in great shape while they await the return of warm, sunny days.

December typically is a good time of year to perform basic garden tool maintenance which includes rust removal, tool sharpening, and tool lubrication and proper storage. First let me say, prevention is the best defense to mitigate tool rusting, so cleaning your gardening tools after each use is the best path to take but not always realistic given our hectic schedules. A thorough cleaning using water with liquid detergent is usually adequate to remove soil and debris. Sap or pine residue will require additional scrubbing with a brush. Dry the cleaned tool completely, then lightly coat with mineral oil or spray with WD-40. Or if you chose to perform garden tool cleaning annually rather than after each use

here are some tips on how to keep your garden tools in great shape.

- Remove all dried or caked-on soil with a wire brush, rinse and dry thoroughly. (Soak especially dirty tools in water first.)
- To remove rust, make a 50% vinegar solution in a five-gallon plastic bucket. Mix one-gallon white vinegar with one gallon of water. Add rusted tools to the solution and allow rusted areas to remain submerged for 24 hours. Use a steel wool pad or wire brush and scrub the tool using small circular motions until rust is removed.

Note: Wear protective

clothing and safety glasses, set up a workstation away from pets or children.

- Wash thoroughly with liquid soap and water and dry completely. Coat metal surfaces with mineral oil or WD-40.
- Sharpen dull tools using a whetstone or file. Secure the garden tool using a clamp or vice before beginning to sharpen the tool. Working at a 45-degree angle, start at the outer edge and slowly move toward the center.
- Wipe a light coating of linseed oil or paste wax on wooden handles to preserve them and prevent cracking or splitting.

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- Rope fiber
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- Russia's Terrible one, e.g.
- "What \_\_\_\_\_ Happened to Baby Jane?"
- Tattled
- Actress Reed
- Internet share-able
- Inwardly
- Black tropical hardwood
- \*Winged impression in winter
- Home of the Hawk-eyes
- Investigative report
- Chicken or this?
- Not dense
- Early-day super-continent
- Afternoon shut-eye
- Even though
- Picture on a coat
- Anti-seniors sentiment
- Jean of Dadaism
- Crewneck alternative
- Half-man, half-goat
- Arm cover
- Victoria Beckham \_\_\_\_\_ Adams
- Lacking sense of moral standards
- Flying high

##### DOWN

- Shortens pants
- Like fair share
- Short for memorandum
- Antebellum
- Polynesian kingdom
- Ten-pin establishment
- Bucolic poem
- \*Ride on runners
- \*Winter building material
- Tolstoy's Karenina
- R&B Charles
- \*Glittery decor
- Descend
- Indian black tea
- Nibble

##### 23. Big mess

- Like a Druid, e.g.
- Celery, technically
- \*Snowman's corn cob accessory
- Are not
- Wedding singer, e.g.
- Questioned
- \*Snow \_\_\_\_\_, ammunition
- \*"But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight..."
- \*Winter walking aid
- Type of consonant
- Actors' grp.
- a.k.a. strict vegetarians
- Mature, as in fruit
- Like Silas of "The Da Vinci Code"
- Young Montague
- Decide at the polls
- Jasmine of "Aladdin"
- Turns blue litmus red
- #42 Across, once
- Cheese from Netherlands
- Contributions to the poor
- Stink to high heaven
- \*Arctic \_\_\_\_\_, snowmobile brand

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**SUSAN KAY DUBOSE DUBOIS**  
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DATED the 2nd day of December, 2021.

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