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Fourth includes closings, fireworks

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Hints for the Fourth of July in Orange County: Do any county business on Wednesday or wait until Monday; and put your garbage out in West Orange on Saturday, not Friday.

The national holiday the Fourth of July is Thursday and Orange County offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, giving non-essential county employees a four-day weekend.

City halls across the county will be closed on Thursday and open on Friday. However, only residents in West Orange will see a change in garbage pick-up. West Orange residents usually have pick-up on Fridays, but the city's garbage contractor is giving a holiday on Thursday, so delaying pick-up a day.

Bridge City, Orange, Pinehurst, and Vidor will have regularly scheduled garbage pick-up on the Fourth and Friday.

Bridge City had a city-wide celebration this past weekend with a drone show, unique for this area, plus festival.

Orange will be having a traditional fireworks show on the Fourth of July with an evening gathering at the Riverside Pavilion area at the City Boat Ramp off Simmons Drive.

Gates will open for the free family event at 4 p.m. Thursday. The Royal Oaks Band will play from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with the fireworks show over the Sabine River set to begin at 9 p.m. A kid zone with ac-

tivities including inflatables will be set up.

The city is allowing people to bring coolers, however a variety of food trucks and vendors will be set up selling things like barbecue, chicken wings, snow cones, ice cream, and other snacks. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on for the event. No dogs or pets of any kind will be allowed.

Also on this big national holiday, federal and state offices will be closed, along with banks. All non-essential emergency workers like law officers and fire fighters, will be working on the holiday.

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, was the birth of the United States of America. The Second Congressional Congress for the 13 original British colonies, signed a Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, while meeting in Philadelphia.

The declaration withdrew the colonies from under the rule of England's royalty, at the time King George III. However, the declaration did not automatically set the colonies on a path toward their own government. The Revolutionary War had to be fought and it eventually ended with England's surrender to the U.S. troops in 1881.

However, England didn't let it rest and attempted to retake the U.S. in what became the War of 1812, in which the U.S. successfully defended its country

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University Women give scholarships to Parker, Patton

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The Orange Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in June gave their annual scholarships to two local graduating high school female students.

Alicia Parker of Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Jordynn Patton of West Orange-Stark High Schools were given the scholarships to continue their educations. Parker plans to go to Lamar University in Beaumont and Patton will be attending Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The club, which is part of the National AAUW, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in Orange this year. The local group has long given college scholarships to local young women graduating



Alicia Parker from LCM and Jordynn Patton from WOS were given scholarships from the Orange Chapter of the American Association of University women during the group's annual banquet in June. Pictured from left to right are Kimmie Potter, Carolyn Hillsten with AAUW, Alicia Parker, Jordynn Patton, Tiffany Wilson, and Linda Womack from AAUW.

from high school. For a number of those years, the scholarship money has been raised through the

club's annual used book sale.

The group celebrated the two scholarship win-

ners during their annual banquet held at Robert's

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Bridge City became official 54-years ago

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On July 7, fifty-four years ago, Orange County's newest city was born as residents in the community of Bridge City voted to formally incorporate.

It was a long journey from a community that started out with pioneer settlers in the 1800s moving to the county and making a settlement they first called Prairie View

because it was in the coastal prairie of the Gulf of Mexico.

Residents in the community of Bridge City went to the polls on July 7. A total of 1,123 votes were cast with 677, more than half, approving incorporation. Two previous elections in 1960 had failed when only 4,677 people lived there.

But in 1970, the community, which had a population of 8,124, was fac-

ing annexation attempts from the cities of Port Arthur and Orange.

The name Bridge City came because travelers on roads must cross bridges. The city is home to two landmark bridges, both recognized with official state historical markers.

A bit of the city's past includes looking at the conditions people had to live through in the 19th Century.

The settlement of Pra-

irie View was along dirt roads that turned muddy during the frequent rains. Travel, of course, was by horse or mule, or a buggy or wagon pulled by them. The small community even had its own common school district and school. The original teacherage, a house used as housing for teachers, was moved to become the current office of the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce, along with a museum about the

community.

A ferry was operated across the Neches River into Jefferson County for many years. Ferry Road leads up to the crossing, which is now on what is known as "Bailey's Road," though maps may list it as Lake Street.

By the time automobiles were crossing the ferry, traffic was getting heavy. In 1926, Henry and Mary Bailey, both survivors of the great Galveston Hur-

ricane of 1900, moved their 10 children to a place they built by the ferry loading zone. They had a seafood restaurant and store, plus sold gasoline. The business opened on July 4 that year. When Prohibition ended, they opened a dancehall and bar.

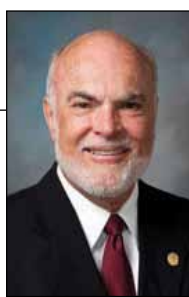
Two of their 10 children, Rob, who would

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My Five-Cents

A monthly column from Sen. Robert Nichols by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3



This week, we celebrate our Independence Day on July 4th. Have a safe holiday and enjoy the fireworks!

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Texas Energy Fund oversubscribed

The Public Utility Commission of Texas announced this month that the newly created Texas Energy Fund (TEF) has received 125 notices of intent to apply for the In-ERCOT Generation Loan program. The notices request almost \$40 billion in financing for new dispatchable power generation projects. This indicates strong industry response and interest in the low-interest loan program created by the Legislature last year. The initial program was designed to provide low-interest financing for new construction or upgrades to existing dispatchable electric generating facilities in the ERCOT power region. Currently, the program only has \$5 billion available for its various programs. However, the intention of the Legislature was to fund the program in two stages, with an additional \$5 billion infusion next session, for a total of \$10 billion in new investment. The In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program is one of four TEF programs established by Senate Bill 2627 by

Senator Schwertner. All four programs are designed to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric facilities in Texas both inside and outside the ERCOT power region.

2. Teacher Incentive Allotment funds roll out to schools

This month, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced over \$290 million in Teacher Incentive Allotment funds have been awarded to almost 25,000 designated teachers. The program was created by House Bill 3 (86 Regular Session) in 2019 to provide top-performing teachers with an accessible pathway to a six-figure salary. Teachers earn designations from their district's designation system, or a National Board Certification, which generates extra funding for the district. This program incentivizes high-quality teachers to stay in the classroom while receiving better pay. Over 300 districts have fully implemented a TIA program, including many in East and Southeast Texas, and more are working through the rigorous process to implement a program. Programs like these are essential to achieving educational excellence in

Texas.

3. Battleship Texas update

The Battleship Texas is still undergoing extensive repairs before it can reopen to the public. Soon the ship will move to Pier A along the channel at Gulf Copper, where the next stage of restoration will take place. It will focus on deck replacement, painting, interior restorations, and the beginning stages of planning the new, onboard museum. While there is still a lot of work to be done before the ship can reopen, the Battleship Texas Foundation is hoping to reopen in 2025 or 2026 at its new home in Galveston. For more information, visit Battleship-Texas.org.

4. Business and Commerce Committee interim hearing update

The Senate Business and Commerce Committee met this month to discuss interim charges including electricity market design, transmitting Texas power, and the impact of Bitcoin mining on the Texas electric grid. The committee heard from officials at the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT, Office of Public Utility Counsel, the Independent Market Monitor, and industry representatives about how the implementation of changes made during the last legislative session are effecting the market. Additionally, the panel heard from Bitcoin miners regarding the industry's impact to the grid. Bitcoin mines can come online quickly and usually demand a large amount of electricity. The addition of large load to

the grid can create scarcity within the market when grid conditions are tight. However, Bitcoin mines are considered "flexible load," meaning that they can reduce operations and thus reduce their electricity demand. The new market entrants faced skepticism from members about their operations during the hearing, especially considering the load growth projections the committee received from ERCOT. Over the next six years, ERCOT is projecting a possible addition of 40 gigawatts of load compared to last year's forecast of the same timeframe— a tremendous increase from last year. To meet that much demand, new generation will have to come on the market.

5. Texas-based stock exchange in the works

This month, the Texas Stock Exchange (TXSE) announced it had raised approximately \$120 million from investors to launch the new trading venture. The TXSE would be an alternative to the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, which some view as too costly and overly regulated. The financing group, which includes BlackRock, Citadel Securities, and dozens of investors, plans to headquarter in Dallas. The TXSE founders said they chose Texas because of its explosive economic growth and population growth. Many large companies have relocated to Texas over the past decade and Texas continues to be a pro-business state.

Gift of Life men's and women's screenings July 13

Men in Orange County will get a chance for free medical screenings on Saturday, July 13, with the Julie Rogers Gift of Life program. Plus, women have a chance for free mammograms during special days of the summer.

The Gift of Life program provides free screenings, referrals, and help with cancer screenings for people with no health insurance or assistance that provides the screenings.

The July 13 screenings for men will start at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the former hospital on Strickland Drive. She said the tests are non-invasive, with the prostate screening test being able to show whether the man needs more intense testing.

The tests will also include a cholesterol panel,

plus checks for infectious disease, blood pressure, and blood glucose. A physician will be on site for consultations, if needed.

Appointments may be made through the website giftoflifebmt.org, or by calling 409-833-3663. Walk-ins will also be welcomed.

The Gift of Life also offers free mammograms for people who live in Southeast Texas, have limited income, and do not have private insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.

The mammograms will be offered on Wednesdays June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11. The hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be at 610 Strickland Drive, Suite 184, in Orange. More information is available through 409-833-3663.

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Steak House. In addition to presenting the scholarships, member Marilyn Greene handed out booklets of her history of the Orange Chapter of AAUW.

Anyone interested in joining the Orange AAUW, including men, may contact Mary Ann Fetchin at 409-779-0203.

Parker lives with her caregivers Kimmie and Scott Potter. She plans to study at Lamar to become a teacher for early elementary children. While at LCM, she placed second in all-region choir her sophomore year.

In addition, she is active in her church and helps

coordinate children's activities and helps with child care. She is also involved on the church's worship team. She also loves to play recreational basketball and babysit.

Patton played on the Lady Mustang varsity basketball team from the time she was a freshman and served as team captain for two years. She earned scholastic all-district honors for her school work as she participated in basketball, cross country, and softball. While playing basketball, she was the rebound leader her junior year with 240 rebounds.

In addition, she was a member of the Mustang

Student Council and worked on dance committees and community service projects like the Granger Food Drive and working with the Lions Club.

Also, she was a dual-enrollment student in high school and at Lamar State College-Orange. She has received an academic scholarship to Centenary and also plans to play basketball there.

Her high school counselor, Monica Guillory, recommended her for the award by writing "She is a strong young woman whose hard work will undoubtedly bring great things."



Christopher Kovatch recently earned the designation of Master Trustee through Leadership TASB. Pictured left to right: Laura Clark (OISD board president), Kovatch (OISD board vice president) and Shaun McAlpin (OISD Superintendent).

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have been 15 in 1926, and Fred, who would have been 6, later operated longtime businesses on the road after the deaths of their parents.

In the 1930s, a nightclub called the Silver Slipper opened on Lake Street. The club drew clientele of all types and featured gambling in a back room. The club gained national notoriety in 1935 when the minister of the First Baptist Church in Orange led an unauthorized raid on the club on a Saturday night. The Orange police chief two days later took away the preacher's guns, and the next day, the

preacher shot and killed the police chief outside a cafe in downtown Orange.

But the construction of a huge bridge for motorists to cross the Neches left that road without a lot of traffic. The grand Port Arthur-Orange Bridge, later renamed Rainbow Bridge, was completed in 1938 with great pomp.

Two years later, the Cow Bayou swing bridge with Highway 87 opened and motorists could travel straight through from Orange to Jefferson County by traveling along Highway 87.

The two-lane highway became Texas Avenue and

a thriving business district grew for the newly-named community.

The community had a U.S. Post Office open in 1942 as World War II brought a population boom to the county with shipyards, plus oil refineries in Port Arthur were going night and day. Many people moving to the area for work went to the Bridge City area to find housing.

After the war, DuPont Sabine River Works opened as the first petrochemical plant in the county. Others soon followed in the 1960s. Bridge City's population grew

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against the invaders.

Part of Fourth of July trivia includes the interesting fact about Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signers of the declaration who later became president of the United States. Both died on the 50th anniversary of the signing, July 4, 1826.

Also another Founding

Father, James Madison, died on July 4, but in 1831. Madison served as fourth U.S. president and is considered "Father of the Constitution" for his work in writing the outline on how government should be run.

The city of Orange was originally named Madison in honor of him, but offi-

cial here changed the name in 1858 because the town kept getting confused with Madisonville, Texas.

Master Gardener classes

New Master Gardener training classes begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center on FM1442. The requirements for the certification are 50 hours of education and 50 hours of volunteer time. Classes meet on Thursdays with speakers and programs about gardening that count for the 50 hours of education. Several field trips are planned as well. Volunteer time can be done by working at the Master Gardener green-

house, working at the yearly plant sale, and other AgriLife programs throughout the year.

The cost of the class is \$150 which includes a book, supplies, speaker fees, and a banquet on the last day of class, Dec.12.

Master Gardener Training is provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. There is an additional online fee to comply with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service background check policy.

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From the Creaux's Nest

SHAMEFUL DAY FOR OUR DEMOCRACY

Back a few years ago, I wrote that this day would come, maybe not in my lifetime but I lived to see it arrive. I had written that all that was needed was a stacked **Supreme Court** willing to bend our **Constitution**. **Donald Trump** was elected president and made three far-right appointments to the **Supreme Court**. Then came the darkest day in my lifetime when our democracy was challenged and **Trump** urged a mob to overrun our **United States Capital**. The mob even built a scaffold and threatened to hang **Vice President Mike Pence** because he would not follow orders to overthrow our government. **Then up jumped the devil**. **Trump's Supreme Court** Monday found that **Donald Trump** could not be prosecuted for his Jan. 6 actions. In a landmark ruling, recognizing for the first time, in a 6-3 ruling, any form of presidential immunity from prosecution. **Trump's** alleged role in assembling fake **pro-Trump** electors to be used in the certification process. The ruling marked the first time since the nation's 18th century founding that the **Supreme Court** has declared that former presidents may be shielded from criminal charges in any instance. The **Court's** conservative majority includes three justices **Trump** appointed. The **Court** decided the case on the last day of its term. **Trump**, 78, is the first former **U.S. president** to be criminally prosecuted as well as the first former president convicted of a crime. What happened on **Jan. 6: Donald Trump** snapped after he lost the 2020 election and encouraged a mob to overthrow the results of a free and fair election. **Justice Sonia Sotomayor**, joined by **Justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson**, delivered a sharply worded dissent, saying the ruling "makes a mockery of the principle, foundational to our Constitution and system of government, **that no man is above the law.**" The court gives former **President Trump** all the immunity he asked for and more. **Trump's** trial had been scheduled to start on March 4 before the delays over the immunity issue. Now, no trial date is set. **Trump** was found guilty by a jury in Manhattan on May 30 on 34 counts of falsifying documents to cover up hush money paid to a porn star to avoid a sex scandal before the 2016 election. If **Trump** regains the presidency, he could try to force an end to the prosecution or potentially pardon himself for any federal crimes. When I wrote, a few years ago that we were slowly marching towards a dictatorship-type of government, my friends and our readers said we had too many checks and balances for that to ever happen under our **Constitution**. I argued it would just take a runaway **Supreme Court**. If **Trump** is re-elected he has told us what he will do. It's not good. He and all the presidents to follow have been handed a blank check to become dictators, like in a third world country. It can be reversed but will take a president and congress **willing to save our democracy**.

HISTORICAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED

This week marks the **248th year** of our Independence. On **July Fourth** we celebrate throughout the United States. This year, the Fourth falls on a Thursday making for a four-day holiday weekend for some. Celebrations throughout the country will feature fireworks. **Bridge City** is also celebrating its **54th birthday**. Chartered on **July 6, 1970**, the small community was named Bridge City after the school district, made possible after the swing bridge was built over Cow Bayou and the **Prairieview** and **Winfree** school districts merged. Today Bridge City is a fine city and a great place to live. **Also**, this week, 60 years ago, **President Lyndon Johnson** signed into law the **Civil Rights Act**. Most southern senators opposed the Bill. **LBJ** recruited the help of the **Republican Party** to pass the Bill. **LBJ** said at the time that he had signed the south to the **Republicans**. He was right; the strong **Democratic** south has since voted **Republican**. **LBJ** said, "It was the right thing to do." **Sammy Davis, Jr.** said "It opened the door to someday elect a person of color president of the United States." **Barak Obama**, 44 years later, was elected president. **This** also marks 22 years since **Dannarriah Finley** was murdered and her body dumped near Pleasure Island in Port Arthur. She had been taken from her bed in Orange while her mother was away. No one to this day has ever been arrested for her murder. The little girl **"lives" in the hearts** and minds of many Orange citizens. Maybe by the next anniversary we can report that the killer has been charged and convicted. The **Record Newspapers** has published **Dannarriah's** story annually since her death.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

The last time I wrote about turnout was after the county judge's race where **Brint Carlton** was elected with only 2900 votes and no Democratic challenger in November. **Democrats** should have run a candidate for county judge. When **Democrats** controlled

all local offices and there weren't any **Republican** primaries (same thing in reverse) **Republicans and Independents** voted in the **Democratic Primaries**. Proof of that, when **Judge Pete Runnels** and **Judge James Stringer** ran against each other, they drew 25,000 votes in the primary. Last month the county judge's race drew less than 6,000. **Republicans** voted in the **Democratic** race back then. **We** spotted **Judge Joe Parkhurst** visiting with his eldest grandson **Dylan**, who was in from his Coast guard duties in Kentucky. He has been in the Guard for a year. **Dylan's** other grandparents are **Bill and Wynona Stark**. **In 1776**, when the **Declaration of Independence** was signed there were 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies. Today there are more than **300 million Americans** inhabiting 50 states, who will celebrate the founding of our great nation. The **Declaration** that secured our independence still stands as the foundation of democracy. Remember it's more than a backyard BBQ, red-white-and blue streamers, downtown parades or fireworks displays. The **Fourth of July** is a celebration of the freedom afforded to us as citizens of the **United States of America**.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 20 Years Ago-2004

Frances Collins Harris went to prison for kidnapping her then three year old granddaughter, **Nocona Smith**, whose name had been changed to **Burton** in 1994. **Harris** fled the country with the child for eight years. This week, she completed her seven months at Carswell Federal Penitentiary. She will now find out what a year's probation will consist of. (Editor's note: **Frances** has been free the last twenty years and has written a book about the entire story.) **Seventy** years ago this week, in 1954, **Elvis** recorded his first song "That's Alright Mama" recorded at **Sun Record**. His first million seller however was "Heartbreak Hotel" in 1956.

45 Years Ago-1979

Paul Roy and A.J. Judice and some other good folks hosted some high school youngsters for the Fourth of July fun day on Cow Bayou. **Jessie Hebert**, membership chairman of the **Bridge City B&PW** sent four members to the state convention in Lubbock. Delegates were **Sue Pate, Mary Railey, Lennie Rutledge and Jeanne Wood**. They will report at the July meeting. **Gene Edgerly** is home facing a long recovery after having back surgery. **Bubba Hubbard's team** won the **Bridge City Rotary** attendance contest. The losing team, led by **Roy Dunn**, will host the winners to dinner at Sartin's in Sabine Pass July 12. The gas shortage will cause members to car pool unless **Dunn** can be talked into chartering a bus.

50 Years Ago-1974

David Hamlett, Bridge City police agent, was stabbed while making a traffic stop. **Hamlett** stopped three men who were knocking down garbage cans in a neighborhood off of Ferry Drive. When he asked one of the men for identification, instead of his wallet, the man came out of his back pocket with an opened knife and stabbed the officer in the belly. **Hamlett** managed to put the barrel of his gun in the assailant's mouth and cocked the hammer. He pulled the knife out of his belly and arrested and secured all three. Bleeding badly, he attempted to drive to the county jail. Near the county airport on hwy. 87, he pulled over and was losing consciousness when sheriff's deputy **Aubry Bickham** arrived on the scene. **Deputy Hamlett** is hospitalized with severe injuries. Bridge City Police Chief **Wilson Roberts** was attending a movie when he was summoned. He praised his police agent and then added, "Our juries will just have to start throwing the book at these kinds of people who have no respect for the law. **David** is lucky to be alive." (D.A. **Sharon Bearden** prosecuted the case and the assailant was given 30 years.) **Barbara Gillis and Crip Trahan** are both in the hospital, not with the same ailment however.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Today, as I sit here on July 2, 2024, I'm reminded that 14 years ago on this day our friend 'Buckshot' **Winfree** passed away. 'Buck' was special, he was in the last bunch of men who lived the western tradition, along with his son **Will**. 'Buck' comes to mind every time I hear a good story.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Bridge City Mayor **David Rutledge** will have a tough job topping the initial **Red, White and You** celebration this past weekend. They had the first drone show in this area and the displays were not a disappointment. The crowd oohed and clapped for formations that included a melting red, white, and blue rocket frozen pop, the moon landing, the **Statute of Liberty**, and other displays. Music accompanied the drones, which didn't produce the noise and smoke of old-fashioned fireworks. City councilors **Aaron Roccaforte and Gina Mannino** were seen in the crowd, along with **Brandy Slaughter, Annie Reeve, Robert Simonton, Ida Schossow, Darrell Segura, Judy Aycock, Lucy Fields, Laura Childress, Melissa Lambert, Ronald LeBlanc, and Donna Little**. A lot of dancing went on, too, to the live bands. **Our** longtime carrier, **Sandra LaMont**, arrived at St. Elizabeth Hospital at 8:15 a.m., June 26th and had a triple bypass that same day at 2:30 p.m. She is out of ICU and will be transferring to rehab soon. We wish her a speedy recovery. We miss you **Sandi**. **We** heard through the grapevine that Orange native **Sylvia Dickey Smith** went ziplining through the treetops of Costa Rica last week. She's been traipsing the world with her beau **Glenn Chandler**. They will be heading to England in August. **Our** hometown celebrity, **Dolores Cantu**, returned to the town she was born in, Refugio, Texas last weekend to participate in their Fourth of July celebration. Saturday was declared "Dolores Cantu Day" by the mayor. **Cantu** received the key to the city and was honored as the Grand Marshall of the Independence Day parade. **Congratulations** to **Tucker Flatt** for being named **Big Red mascot** for the upcoming school

year. He's been studying and practicing for the job. **Regina and Kristopher Marple** took their sons on a beach trip around the Alabama-Florida Gulf coast. Son **Kolton**, who recently graduated from LCM, is set to go into the U.S. Marine Corps. **Chris and Christi Kovatch** took their kiddos to Disney World again. Son **Thayer**, remembering his younger days and a tragic ice cream bar incident, refused to hold brother **Stryker's** ice cream this year. **The Pruter sisters, Susan Swan and Ann Seals**, took a trip to Las Vegas and saw **Lionel Ritchie** along with the **Beatles Love Show**. **Kimberly and Bob Manning** took off for cooler weather in Oregon, **Bob's** home state. Their visit will include seeing lots of relatives, including grandkids. **Elizabeth and Lee Ludwig** went to Branson, Missouri, to see their grandchildren. **Brandi Griggs** played bunco and is hoping her kids aren't rough this year on their new above-ground swimming pool. **Above-ground** pools are popular. Orange Mayor **Larry Spears** and wife, **Trish**, have turned their backyard into a vacation oasis with a pool. **Father Jim Sichko** and his knack for getting special gifts donated, has helped boost the sales of the annual **St. Mary School Gala**, set for September. Almost all the tables are already sold out for the event that will also be marking the school's centennial anniversary. The theme this year is **Met Gala, Black and White**. **Keep Private First Class Cody Strause** and his family in your prayers, along with his family. The **Record Newspapers** featured the 20-year-old paratrooper who jumped at a **D-Day reunion** last month. This past week, he had an accident while on duty and suffered a cracked skull, leaving him in critical condition. His mother, **Janois Grizzaffi**, and father, **Rob Strause**, went to his side and reported improvements in his condition. His other father, **Mark Grizzaffi**, was being treated at M.D. Anderson in Houston at the same time. **It** is the season for eating my favorite, ripe right off the tree, fruit. **Figs** are one of the oldest fruit and is mentioned in the **Bible (Garden of Eden)** and was considered sacred by the **Romans**. It is believed that Spanish explorers brought them to the Americas in the 14th century. **Figs** enjoy summer heat. For several years, since I lost my tree, **Sue and Tommy Simar** have been providing us with enough to can. **Sue's** son, **Bud**, along with **Tommy**, picked and delivered our supply for the year. We had a nice visit. **Special** thanks to **Judge Chad Jenkins**, who sent us some homegrown tomatoes. **Thanks** also to **Kay Williams and Thelma Sterling** for the best carrot-pecan cake known to man. The homemade cake came from "Nanny's Sweet Temptations" bakery in Mid-County.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **July 3: Cyndee Fleetwood, Dean Crooks, Thomas Findlay, Jeanne Donahey, Kathy Simons, Ellen Ray.** **July 4: Dewayne 'Tobby the Clown' Marsh, Lillie Mae Henderson, Kathie Wilson, Katy Maloney, Kellie Derouen.** **July 5: Pat McCombs, Shane Hanks, Susie Bickham, Billy Boehme, Debbie Moreau, Donna Dohmann.** **July 6: Lori Winstead, Makayla Peveto, Tom Arnold, Aaron Myers.** **July 7: Alyson Nicku-Smith, Donna Peterson, David Peck, Necey Mumbach, James Swan, Jason Barclay.** **July 8: Elizabeth Dupuis, Lynda Barulich, Amber Seiler.** **July 9: Teri Chaffin, Kayla Gallegos, Eryn Lucas, Liz Barclay, Patrick Halliburton, Clark Eastman.**

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clotele Nunez was shopping at da **Kroger Supermarket** where she selected a quart of two-percent milk, a carton of large eggs, a quart of orange juice, a head of lettuce, a two-pound bag of Seaport coffee and a one-pound package of **Bum Phillip's Blue Ribbon Bacon**.

Wen **Ms. Nunez** was unloading her items on da conveyor belt to check out, **Amos Boudreaux**, da town drunk, was standing behind her holding a six pack of beer.

Boudreaux watch as **Ms. Nunez** place dem items in front of da cashier.

Boudreaux holding himself up by leaning against da counter say to her, "You must be single you."

Ms. Nunez was a bit startled but intrigued by da drunk's intuition. She look at her six items seeing dat nuttin was particularly unusual about da selection of groceries.

She turn around and says to drunk **Boudreaux**, "Well, you know wat, you absolutely correct, you, but how on earth did you know dat hanh?"

Boudreaux still holding his six pack, swaying back and forth, answer, "Cause you're so ugly."

C'EST TOUT FIRST BIDEN-TRUMP DEBATE

President Joe Biden lost the debate based on appearance. Something was definitely wrong, **Biden** wasn't his normal self. Some say the truth will come out. He reportedly had a cold and sinus, causing a hacking cough. What diagnosis did he get? What medicine did he take? The **Biden** campaign and its allies have tried to describe the night as just another bad debate performance not so different from a weak showing by **Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan**. Since the debate, **Biden** has looked more competent in public appearances, but his struggles during the debate will be hard to forget. Yes, he may sometimes be as sharp as ever. And, yes, he has accomplished a great deal during his first term. **Biden** and his aides insist he will not drop out but the race is clearly more volatile than before the debate. **Trump** lost based on his lack of integrity and truthfulness. **Fact Check** by three organizations show that **Trump** told a half-hundred lies in 90 minutes, 18 major ones. On substance the debate wasn't even close. Most **Republicans** are committed to **Trump**, even as he continues to tell lies and reject core principles of democracy. Some of my **Republican friends** however, are concerned about the new **Supreme Court's** ruling. The situation with **Democrats** and **Biden** is more uncertain. **Thanks** for your time. Please shop our family of advertisers and take care. **God Bless America and Happy Fourth of July.**

Storms bring big changes in home insurance policies

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

As Hurricane Beryl with sustained winds at 155 mph heads toward the Gulf of Mexico by Friday, people in Orange County are once again watching weather forecasts with anxiety.

The constant barrage of storms during the past 19 years has left some insurance companies dropping coverage on all policies for this area. It's a national trend.

Linda Nies of Dallas Insurance Agency in Orange, said coverage is still available through various companies, but the costs of coverage are going up.

The Texas Tribune, a non-profit online publication, reported in November that homeowner rates across the state are averaging a 22 percent increase during the past year, double the national average of 11 percent.

"The insurance business in the Gulf Coast area is subject to a volatile atmosphere at the present time," said Ellen Nickum, owner of ANE Insurance in Bridge City. "Insurance prices are rising at a rapid and unpredictable pace, with limited control of the insurance agent."

Both Dallas and ANE companies are independent

agents who can work with a number of different companies. Those kind of agents can check those companies to help people wanting to buy policies to find the right company for their needs.

But as everyone along the Texas coast watches, the upper coast with Orange County appears okay at this time. As of Tuesday evening, the National Hurricane Center forecasts the storm to move into the upper Mexico and lower Texas coastal area.

Nickum said she has seen some companies withdraw from covering the area, but they later come back.

Some companies are also "grandfathering" longtime clients into their policies, but not making new policies for any houses south of Interstate 10 along the Gulf Coast, while others have dropped Orange County totally.

One large company has even stopped policies in Texas as more hurricanes, floods, and wildfires hit the state.

Wildfires in California have led some companies to drop areas of that state and on Monday, State Farm announced a 30 percent increase for homeowner policies in that state.

Nies said she understands how the insurance

companies need to raise the rates to stay in business and protect the properties they already have covered. If a catastrophe occurs, the insurance companies need to have enough money to pay the claims.

The Texas Tribune interviewed Steven Rothstein, the managing director of the Ceres Accelerator for Sustainable Capital Markets, a non-profit organization that advocates for sustainable investment practices in the finance industry, which includes insurance companies.

"The risks on (insurance companies') balance sheets are very significant and growing. This is happening across the country, and across Texas. It is not just coastal Texas."

Homeowner policies issued by private companies are different than flood insurance. Congress created the National Flood Insurance Plan in 1968 with a federally-financed insurance program started under FEMA after private insurers stopped covering flood damages.

The program was solvent until 2005 after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. The country has been inundated with dozens of bad floods since then, including spring floods that hit Jasper and other East

Texas counties.

Nies said flood insurance rates have also been rising with recent newly drawn flood maps. She said for people who have had flood insurance before the new maps, their rates are going up a percentage each year until they reach the full price.

People who did not have flood insurance before, or

those seeking flood policies on newly-acquired houses, will pay the full rate.

The future may hold a time when a homeowner's monthly insurance payment is as much, or more, than the monthly mortgage payment.

Nies said she sympathizes with retirees, even though many have paid off their mortgages. She said

they plan for their income and costs in retirement, and it keeps going up.

But then, retirees aren't the only ones suffering. Families with school-age children trying to save for post-high school education and paying house payments are seeing their costs rise, too.

"It's hard on everyone," Nies said.

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- Petri dish gel
- Noble gas
- Post-1919 drinking establishment
- Not hit
- More than a scuffle
- "That is to say"
- Jewish village
- One's full DNA sequence, pl.
- Interesting person, acr.
- Cord made from animal intestines
- Type of tide
- No such thing as a free one?
- Credit card rate
- Boatload
- St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
- Cast-off skin
- U.N. working-conditions agcy.
- "Unsinkable"?
- Violent protester
- Golfer's goal

- Puts behind bars
- Samoan money
- Armed conflict (3 words)
- Famous Bolshevik
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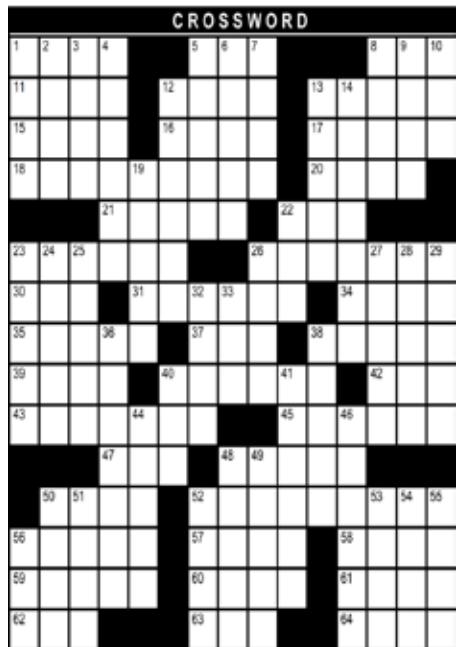
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- They're often described as disc-shaped
- Freudian error
- Roald Amundsen's southern destination
- The Muppets' street
- Lake scum
- Razz
- ____ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
- Comforting gestures
- Prima donna problems
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- Boy Scout's ____ badge

- Two under par on a hole
- Animal trail
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- Salmon at a certain stage
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The State of Texas
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

JANIE DIANE STEWART, Deceased
Cause No. P20053
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on 1st day of July, 2024 requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **JANIE DIANE STEWART, Deceased**, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on 2nd day of July, 2024.

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Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

No matter how hard lure manufacturers try they will never be able to create a lure that works better than real thing, period. The typical profile of the weekend angler is not that of the high end trophy trout hunter who chunks artificial lures for hours on end looking for one big fish, it's the fisherman who takes a quart of live shrimp or a bucket of mud minnows and looks for anything that will bite. Much has been made of the big trout phenomenon and all the hoopla that



Chuck Uzzle

surrounds that style of fishing; I personally have devoted plenty of articles to the subject as well as many days on the water. On the other hand I devoted plenty of time on the water fishing with live shad or mullet and I enjoy those trips just as much or maybe even more on occasion. There is something very calm and social about anchoring up in the mouth of a little bayou or in the river and peacefully anticipating the next bite for

whatever species shows up next. Some of the best conversations I ever had with my son were on the back of boat as we sat fished live bait. The laid back mood associated with this style of fishing is a welcome change from the hectic world that we live in; it's a shame that more anglers aren't willing to participate for fear of their macho image being tarnished. I feel sorry for those folks because they don't know what they are missing.

Here in the Sabine area we are very fortunate to have such a great supply of free live bait, virtually anyone who can throw a cast net can catch enough bait to fish without spending a dime. Most anglers who live here locally have no idea about how much money weekend anglers on other bay systems



Although the patterns differ so greatly from venues farther to the south we make it work despite the conditions.

spend on live bait, it's crazy. Live shrimp by the quart ranges anywhere from 12 to 20 dollars a quart! Now if you plan on fishing all day you probably will buy at least 3 quarts, that's an extra of 40 to 60 dollars a trip on top of 3 dollar, a gallon gas prices. Anglers who fish with guides on places like Calcasieu or Galveston bay not only pay guide fees but they also are expected to pay for the live bait as well, that price gets steep in a hurry. I don't know how many horror stories I have heard from anglers who went out with a guide and paid for live shrimp only to have the bait die half way through the trip due to a bad live well system or some other problem only to have to go back to the bait stand and by

CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B

July 4th Barbecue: Select, Choice or Prime?

Meat science expert tips to pick out perfect steak

Brooke McDonald
Texas A&M AgriLife

When selecting beef at the grocery store, shoppers often face decision fatigue from refrigerated shelves stocked top to bottom with different cuts of meat, all classified by varying beef grades.

Beef grades explained

There are eight beef grades, also known as quality grades, and five yield grades. Understanding at least three of these grades is important because they are related to quality traits as well as tenderness, juiciness and flavor that affect a consumer's eating experience, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA.

The most common grades of beef sold in your local grocery store or restaurants include USDA Select, Choice or Prime. Ray Riley, Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center manager in the Texas A&M Department of Animal Science, shares tips about what consumers can expect when selecting these common grades.

Beef quality grades are based on maturity or age of the animal, as well as the amount of intramuscular fat or marbling. Basically, as you go from Select to Choice to Prime, consumers should expect satisfaction with their eating experience to increase with each grade.

Beef grades are heavily used to market a product and determine the price of the meat.

"Beef grades help consumers decide what product they want to buy based on the selection between higher and lower quality grades, serving consumers across the board," Riley said.

Select grade

After going through a USDA grader, beef that is identified as having a slight amount of marbling in the rib-eye is identified as Select grade beef.

This selection can be a good lean option for con-

sumers, but it also has the potential for much more variation in quality and overall flavor. According to Riley, some select grades eat like Prime or eat like Choice, but that expectation or the probability of that happening is less.

Choice grade

As grades transition up to Choice, consumers can expect to see three different marbling classifications: moderate, modest and small.

Choice beef grades are the primary grade available at supermarkets, Riley said.

"Today's feedlot cattle are about 11% Prime beef, 72% are Choice, and 13%



Whether you're grilling out as a family for the Fourth of July or cooking Prime-grade steaks for a celebratory dinner this summer, the choice of meat grade is entirely up to you.

are Select, so most of the beef that is being fed and going to harvest will fall

into the Choice grade," Riley said.

When it comes to con-

sumers looking to stock up on steaks for their weekend cookout, Choice

will often be the go-to because it represents the most options in stores.

Roasts and steaks like filets and rib-eyes are cuts of meat that consumers might buy within this grade for both the amount of marbling and increased taste and juiciness when compared to Select grade.

Prime grade

For consumers looking for the highest amount of marbling, flavor and tenderness, the Prime grade provides a higher probability of getting a quality cut of meat overall.

This grade is classified as having abundant, moderately abundant or slight-

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OUTDOORS

Sea Rim Gulf Coast getting new reef system

Staff Report - For The Record

SEA RIM STATE PARK — Texas Parks and Wildlife's (TPWD) Artificial Reef Program, in partnership with the nonprofit organization Friends of Sabine Reef, has added a fourth artificial reef site to the Sabine Pass area

This new 20-acre reef, named HI-54 Shallow, is approximately eight miles from the Sabine Pass jetty and 1.7 miles from the coastline of Sea Rim State Park. HI-54 Shallow will consist of artificial materials that will be deployed to help create a new artificial reef habitat for aquatic life as well as enhance fishing opportunities for saltwater anglers and divers along the Gulf of Mexico.

The Gulf of Mexico's sea floor is mostly comprised of a vast, featureless plain of mud and sand, and lacks natural reefs or structures for marine animals and plants to settle upon. That's where artificial reefs come into play. Artificial reefs are made up of structures and/or materials that have been placed to help support a vast array of natural reef-like communities.

The intentional deployment of artificial materials along the Texas Coast has occurred since the 1950s. However, it was not until the mid-1970s that materials were intentionally placed on the sea floor in the Gulf of Mexico to enhance and create marine habitats.

In 1975 and 1976, 12 obsolete World War II Liberty Ships were cleaned and intentionally "reefed" off Texas by the Texas Coastal and Marine Council. In 1989, the Texas Legislature passed the 1989 Artificial Reef Act, which provided guidance for planning and developing artificial reefs. A year later in 1990, TPWD's Artificial Reef Program was officially established.

The Artificial Reef Program focuses its deployment efforts on three types of materials:

- 1) Decommissioned drilling rigs in the Rigs-to-Reefs Program.
- 2) Highway bridge materials and other sources of concrete and heavy-gauge steel in the Near-shore Reefing Program.
- 3) Large marine vessels in the Ships-to-Reefs Program.

All materials must meet federal and state guidelines for environmental safety and be free of contaminants.

Artificial reefs have historically been placed in aquatic environments: coastal, marine and freshwater to enhance the receiving ecosystems. These reefs boast numerous benefits, including:

- Improving recruitment and spawning potential of reef associated species
- Creating fishing and scuba diving opportunities

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'The Lakes' Fishing

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 0.39 feet above pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady as Texas heat raises the water temperature. Bass are good shallow to deep all over the lake however you like to fish. The best baits for shallow water are frogs, pop r's, buzz baits and senko. The mid range fish are good on Texas rig and mid running crankbait in 8-12 feet range. The deep fish are coming on big crankbaits, Texas rigs and Carolina rigs. With the full moon coming, the night fishing will be back on fire with buzz baits and spinnerbaits around the shallow water. Watch for snakes in the flooded bushes at night. Crappie are fair while there continues to be a current from the influx of freshwater coming down the lake. Fish deep docks and lighted docks at night and shallow brush piles with jigs and live bait. Thanks Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 7.68 feet above pool. Water level is slowly dropping, but fishing conditions and patterns are holding steady. Summer bite is just around the corner when we will see the bass draw to deeper water points and white bass schooling. Bass are good on topwaters, or flipping soft plastics into submerged brush and points, or deeper humps and points with Carolina rigs. Crappie are in 12-16 feet of water, 20-30 feet on timber and brush. Catfish are in 22 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are in 26 feet of water off of points on jigging spoons. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Water temperatures are rapidly rising to the mid 90s. Thermocline is 15-25 feet of water depending on where you are in the lake. Morning until 10 a.m or after 3 p.m. Large-mouth bass are good on submerged main lake points and ledges in 16-24 feet of water with crankbaits, jig head minnow or Carolina rig. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

FAIR. 86 degrees. Limits of trout at the jetties and channel using glo or glitter imitation glass minnows. Trout are good at the beach under the seagulls early in the morning, and on the short rigs. Some triple tails are mixed in but not biting. Redfish and trout can be caught in the Sabine Channel to the Sabine Pass on rock piles and shell flats with plastics against the bank drilling to 10-14 feet. Influx of freshwater in the lake has pushed fish to the south end, so focus on the south end reefs in 10-12 feet dragging plastics on the bottom for redfish, speckled trout and flounder.

Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 82 degrees. Water levels are perfect with tides and low wind this week changing back to four tide days over the weekend. Less freshwater on the bay side but it has not affected the bite. People are still catching plenty of redfish of varying sizes everywhere!

Small croakers along with sand trout, sheepshead, black drum, speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with plenty of stingrays and sharks. Pompano and jack crevalle are still running. The surf is producing redfish and black drum, gafftop, lots of stingrays, and bigger sharks along the whole peninsula with high activity towards Gilchrist and High Island. The sargassum, seaweed, is sporadic in spots per normal. People are using all kinds of different things for bait this past week with awesome results. Finger mullet has been a popular alternative.

Report by Captain Shane Rilal, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• Trinity Bay

SLOW. 86 degrees. Saltwater returning to the northwest side of the bay. Catches of speckled trout, black drum, and redfish coming off live shrimp and croakers. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Water clarity is



Both the temperatures and the local fishing are heating up so be prepared for both.

RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

improving rapidly. This storm surge has pushed a lot of salt water north and the fish have come with it! Reports of redfish being caught at HL&P Spillway and in Baytown off of live shrimp under a piling cork and free lining fresh caught shad. Trout are showing up north of Morgan's Point being caught on live shrimp under a popping cork. Drum and sheepsheads are being caught around riprap with live shrimp under a popping cork. Pattern lately has been grass lines with rock early and pushing off to the deep offs later in the

day. Pay attention to the weather and always wear your kill switch while operating a vessel. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 87 degrees. Waders picking up decent numbers of speckled trout on soft plastics. Drifting the reefs with plastics or live shrimp will put fair numbers of trout in the boat. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. East Bay and Intracoastal wa-

terway are holding plenty of small speckled trout, black drum, sheepshead, and redfish caught on live shrimp, croakers, and topwater lures. Report by Captain Shane Rilal, North Jetty Bait Camp.

Redfish are along the grass lines and over the shell. A few nice flounder busting bait up around grass lines and over shallow shell beds, with good current flow.

The topwater bite has also been good when utilized on our early morning and late afternoon trips, so if you like throwing walking baits, now is the perfect time to get on the water and make it happen. We are starting to see more solid fish show up on reefs in the middle portion of the bay, which is getting better as the days go by.

Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• Galveston Bay

SLOW. 86 degrees. Trout scattered along the shorelines and structure near the ship channel. Better number of black drum coming from the channel on live shrimp, along with sheepshead and the occasional redfish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 87 degrees. Tides are still running high, making it difficult to wade in some areas. Fair numbers of trout and redfish being caught on live natural baits and artificial lures. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston.

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9 little known facts about the Fourth of July

**Staff Report
For The Record**

The Fourth of July is packed with backyard barbecues and plenty of fireworks. With more than 200 years of history and tradition behind it, you'd be forgiven if you didn't know everything about America's Independence Day.

From the true story behind the signing of the Declaration of Independence to some staggering hot dog statistics, here are 9 things you might not know about the Fourth of July.

1. The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4 (or in July at all).

It's now generally accepted that the Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on the Fourth of July—that's just the day the document was formally dated, finalized, and adopted by the Continental Congress, which had officially voted for independence on July 2 (the day John Adams thought we should celebrate). John Hancock and Charles Thomson signed early printed copies of the Declaration to be given to military officers and various political committees, but the bulk of the other 54 men signed an official engrossed (finalized and in larger print) copy on August 2, with others following at a later date. Hancock (boldly) signed his name again on the updated version.

2. The first Fourth of July celebrations weren't much different from today's.

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After years of pent-up frustration, the colonies let loose upon hearing the words of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Military personnel and civilians in the Bowling Green section of Manhattan tore down a statue of King George III and later melted it into bullets; Philadelphia patriots used the king's coat of arms as kindling for a bonfire; and in Savannah, Georgia, the citizens burned the king in effigy and held a mock funeral for their royal foe.

3. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the Fourth of July.

Massachusetts recognized the Fourth of July as an official holiday on July 3, 1781, making it the first state to do so. Congress didn't even begin designating federal holidays until June 28, 1870 [PDF], with the first four being New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This decreed that those days were holidays for federal employees.

However, there was a distinction. The Fourth was a holiday "within the District of Columbia" only. It took years of new legislation to expand the holiday to all federal employees.

4. The oldest annual Fourth of July celebration is held in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Eighty-five years before the government recognized the Fourth of July as a federal holiday, one tradition began that continues to this day. Billed as "America's Oldest Fourth



Parades are historically a big part of Fourth of July festivities.

of July Celebration," the town of Bristol, Rhode Island, has been doing Independence Day right since 1785.

The festivities began just two years after the Revolutionary War ended, and 2024 will be its 239th anniversary. Over the years, the whole thing has expanded well beyond July 4; the town of about 23,000 residents now begins to celebrate the United States on Flag Day, June 14, all the way through to the 2.5-mile July 4 parade. What began as a "patriotic exercise"—meaning church services—has morphed into a cavalcade of parades, live music, food, and other activities.

5. The shortest Fourth of July parade is in Aptos, California.

The Fourth of July parade in Aptos, California, is just a hair over half a

mile long. Taking up two city blocks, and measuring just .6 miles, this brief bit of patriotism features antique cars, decorated trucks, and plenty of walkers.

6. There are around 15,000 Independence Day fireworks celebrations every year.

According to a 2017 American Pyrotechnics Association projection, around 15,000 fireworks displays occur for the Fourth of July holiday (even if some aren't exactly on July 4). Though pricing varies, most small towns spend anywhere from \$8000 to \$15,000 for a fireworks display, with larger cities going into the millions, like the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular that averages more than \$2 million.

Not everyone enjoys the show, though. Fireworks can be particularly stress-

ful for pets, so make sure you're prepared to keep them calm.

7. Americans eat an obscene number of hot dogs on the Fourth of July.

Americans consume about 150 million hot dogs while celebrating Independence Day. According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, that number of dogs can stretch from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles more than five times.

In 2018, Joey Chestnut scarfed down 74 of those franks, breaking his own world record. That year, Chestnut won the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Competition for the eleventh time. He won again in 2019, noshing on 71 wieners.

In 2020, the reigning champ yet again broke his own world record, devouring 76 wieners. He will not

appear at the 2024 event.

8. Americans also spend billions on food to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Last year, the National Retail Federation predicted Americans would spend around \$9.5 billion on tasty treats to celebrate the Fourth of July. This included food and other cookout expenses, averaging out to about \$93 per person participating in a barbecue, outdoor cookout, or picnic.

Then comes the booze. According to the Beer Institute, "more beer is sold on and around the Fourth of July holiday than during any other time throughout the year." Generally, Americans will spend around \$1 billion on beer for their Fourth celebrations, and more than \$560 million on wine.

9. Three presidents have died, and one was born, on the Fourth of July.

You probably know that both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826—50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

They're not the only presidents to have died on the Fourth, though; James Monroe—the nation's fifth president—died just a few years later on July 4, 1831.

Though the holiday might seem like it has it out for former presidents, there was one future leader born on Independence Day. The country's 30th commander-in-chief, Calvin Coolidge, was born on July 4, 1872.

Sea Rim coastal reef From Page 2B

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clean and safe for the environment, is durable and stable, and is the proper design to attract various organisms. Creating artificial reef sites along the Texas coast is crucial to improving and enhancing the delicate marine life in the Gulf of Mexico.

Additionally, visitors should heed notices posted at trailheads about site-specific conditions before setting out for the day. The park websites and staff are also a valuable resource for folks wanting to know about trail and forecasted conditions before starting their walk. Park alerts on the website are updated regularly and are a valuable resource for visitors prior to arrival at the park.

ly abundant amounts of marbling. Some grocers place Prime cuts on shelves, but many shoppers will need to visit the specialty counter if they want Prime-grade meat. Rib-eye, T-bone and porterhouse steaks are popular and commonly known Prime-graded beef choices that one may eat or order when looking for higher quality.

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• July 6

Sarah McLachlan, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Air Supply, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• July 7

Powerman 5000, Sponge, Tantric, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Air Supply, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Sir Mix-a-Lot, House of Blues, Houston

• July 10

"Totally Tubular Festival" feat. Thomas Dolby, Modern English, Men Without Hats, The Plimsouls, 713 Music Hall, Houston; That Mexican OT, Maxo Kream, Drodi, The Roxy Event Center, Beaumont

• July 11

Lacey Sturm, Islander, Amethyst Michelle, Scout Bar, Houston

• July 12

Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.; Cage the Elephant, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• July 13

New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• July 16

Chris Brown, Muni Long, Toyota Center, Houston

• July 18



Air Supply will be performing at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles on July 6.



Kenny Wayne Shepherd will perform July 12 at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles.

Aaron Lewis, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• July 19

Isley Brothers, Anthony Hamilton, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• July 20

Missy Elliott, Ciara, Busta Rhymes, Timberland, Toyota Center, Houston; Corey Kent, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.; Chris Janson, LAuberger Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.

• July 2

Lamb of God, Mastodon, Malevolence, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• July 22

The Kid Laroi, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• July 24

Exciter, Midnight, Wraith, Hellwitch, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; The Marias, Automatic, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• July 26

Peso Pluma, Toyota Center, Houston; Lindsey Stirling, Walk Off The Earth,

Saint Motel, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Stoney LaRue, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• July 27

Zach Bryan, Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Levi Turner, NRG Stadium, Houston; Everclear, Camp Margaritaville, Crystal Beach; The Hunger, The Roxy Event Center, Beaumont

• July 30

Hot Freaks, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• July 31

C-Kan, Neto Pena, Yoss Bones, Toser One, House of Blues, Houston

• Aug. 1

Blues Traveler, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 2

As I Lay Dying, Chelsea Grin, Entheos, House of Blues, Houston

• Aug. 3

Third Eye Blind, Yellowcard, Cynthia Woods

Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Megadeth, Mudvayne, All That Remains, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Chris Lane, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.; Pallbearer, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 4

YG, Doe Boy, DJ Vision, House of Blues, Houston

• Aug. 9

Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston; Black Stone Cherry, Nonpoint, The Roxy Event Center, Beaumont; Three Dog Night, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• Aug. 10

Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston; The Gaslight Anthem, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; SIR, House of Blues, Houston; Grupo Frontera, Toyota Center, Houston; I Prevail, Halestorm, Hollywood Undead, Fit for a King, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Ashley Cooke, Golden Nugget Ca-

sino, Lake Charles, La.

• Aug. 11

Limp Bizkit, Bones, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• Aug. 14

Def Leppard, Journey, Steve Miller Band, Minute Maid Park, Houston

• Aug. 15

Mountain Grass Unit, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 16

Kings of Leon, Toyota Center, Houston; Homixide Gang, House of Blues, Houston; The Fray, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• Aug. 17

Santana, Counting Crows, Toyota Center, Houston; Deep Purple, Yes, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• Aug. 20

AWOLNATION, Neon Trees, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Young Miko,

Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• Aug. 22

Future, Metro Boomin, Toyota Center, Houston; Toni Romiti, Scout Bar, Houston; Stone Temple Pilots, Live, Soul Asylum, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• Aug. 23

Sammy Hagar, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• Aug. 24

Chris Stapleton, Miranda Lambert, Grace Potter, Minute Maid Park, Houston; Asake, Toyota Center, Houston; Earth, Wind and Fire, Chicago, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; John Anderson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• Aug. 25

REO Speedwagon, Train, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Black Flag, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston

• Aug. 26

Ice Spice, Cash Cobain, RiotUSA, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 28

TEMS, Naomi Sharon, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 29

30 Seconds to Mars, AFI, Poppy, KennyHoopla, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Squeeze, Boy George, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• Aug. 30

Falling in Reverse, Dance Gavin Dance, Black Veil Brides, Tech N9NE, Jeris Johnson, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Crown the Empire, Dark Divine, Capstan, Oni, House of Blues, Houston; Parmalee, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

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Mary Katharine Goddard, the only woman whose name appeared on the Declaration of Independence

Staff Report
For The Record



As one of the country's first woman publishers, Mary Katharine Goddard played a significant yet overlooked role in the American Revolution. She printed a Baltimore-based newspaper that ran articles about various Revolutionary War battles, and continued to print the paper even after her offices were raided.

As the first woman postmaster in the colonies, she also ran the Baltimore Post Office and undoubtedly facilitated some important correspondence in her day.

However, her biggest assignment came in January 1777, when Congress asked her to print copies of the Declaration of Independence and deliver them to the 13 colonies. Her next step was a bold one: At the bottom of each page, she added her own name into

the mix. "Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katharine Goddard," the text reads. (Though her name was printed as Mary Katharine, she is often referred to as Mary Katherine in various texts.)

This copy of the Declara-

tion was the first to include the full list of founders' signatures. The only two names that appeared on previously printed copies were Continental Congress president John Hancock and secretary Charles Thomson. At the time, of course, signing a document that declared independence from Britain was akin to treason—and being a woman didn't help matters, either.

This wasn't the first time Goddard had published her name, though. Two years earlier, she had begun printing her name at the bottom of a newspaper called The Maryland Journal and the Baltimore Advertiser after her brother and business partner, William, left town to pursue other interests, according to the New York Public Library.

Instead of including her full name, though, she had opted for "Published by M.K. Goddard."

Unfortunately for Goddard, her powerful position in the printing industry was short-lived. Her brother returned to Baltimore in 1784 and took over the newspaper once again, and her name was removed. She continued to serve as the postmaster for another five years until the new Postmaster General, Samuel Osgood, pushed her out of the job in 1789, arguing that

women didn't have the stamina for it.

More than 200 people in Baltimore signed a petition demanding her reinstatement, but it was an unsuccessful bid.

Instead, Goddard ran a bookstore until her death in 1816. But she got the last laugh: Her name can still be seen on one of the nation's most important historical documents.

Capt. Chuck Uzzle From Page 1B



Capt. Chuck Uzzle shows off a nice Sabine Lake redfish,

works well. If there is a draw back to fishing shad it's their durability, shad are difficult to keep alive for long periods if you don't pay attention. Most anglers try to put too many shad in their live well; this is a recipe for disaster. All the shad in the same small space produce waste and deplete the oxygen in the water which usually kills all the shad really quick. In order to make the most of your live well, change your live well water frequently, and keep the water in your live well cool by adding frozen water bottles or some other means. By taking a few extra precautions you can keep your bait fresh and lively for a really long time.

Take a few minutes before you hit the water this month and make sure you have everything you need to be a successful live bait fisherman. The little details can mean the difference between a great day on the water and one that would better forgotten.

hunts shrimp. My wallet hurts just thinking about it all.

The other high dollar live bait that we really don't have in this area is croaker, the big trout bait of choice on the lower coast. Live croaker cost around 6 dollars a dozen on average and will usually last all day with minimal care. The live croaker as bait industry is a huge money making business, the numbers of live croaker sold on Saturday at the big bait camps are staggering. Many in the fishing community attribute the decline of the croaker to the emphasis on them as bait instead of a game fish. Live croaker are lethal on trout in the summer, while artificial only guides struggle to put together a decent box of fish many "croaker guides" limit out in 2 or 3 hours and get back to the dock well

before lunch. There have been plenty of cleaning table altercations surrounding this practice but regardless what some may think using croaker for bait is perfectly legal.

While we don't really have a consistent supply of live shrimp or croaker in our area we do have live bait that is every bit as good if not better, live shad. The small pogies and menhaden that thrive in our waters are great baits for almost any and or all species of fish that can be caught in our area either fresh or salt. Besides being readily available for those who can throw a cast net the best thing about them is that they are 100% free. The summer months are tailor made for drifting shad under a cork or fished along the bottom on a Carolina rig; both are popular methods and each

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Confrontational Christlikeness

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The kind of man you hate reveals what kind of man you are. “But I hate him,” Ahab declared of Micaiah, God’s prophet.

Jehoshaphat, the righteous king of Judah, sat with Ahab, the wicked king of Israel, to deliberate one question: Should they go to war together against Syria? Peace had lasted three years with the pagan nation, but Ahab desired the strategic city of Ramoth-gilead for Israel. He questioned aloud to Jehoshaphat, “Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we keep quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” (1 Kings 22:3).

Jehoshaphat consents to fight with Ahab, but desires to hear first from the God of Israel. Ahab calls his four hundred prophets, who, with one voice, give their hearty Amen! “Go up,” they say, “for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king” (1 Kings 22:6).

The kind of men from whom you solicit counsel tells us what kind of man you are.

These men were no messengers of Yahweh, and King Jehoshaphat knew so. Diplomatically, he asks, “Is there not here another prophet of the Lord of whom we may inquire?” (1 Kings 22:7). To Jehoshaphat, four hundred counselors of any other god could not substitute for one man of Yahweh. There is one, Ahab reluctantly responds, Micaiah. “But I hate him,” Ahab gasps before dis-



cretion tutors the statement.

Why did Ahab hate the true prophet? “I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but evil” (1 Kings 22:8).

Ahab loved the four hundred yes-men around him. He loved prophets feasting with him, prophesying pleasantries. He loved to hear his own positive thoughts returned to himself unaltered. He loved only affirming words, positive words — not the untamed and unpredictable words of God’s true prophet. The kind of man Ahab hated revealed the kind of man he was.

What Kind of Man Are You?

Now, to turn and see the story from Micaiah’s perspective (the point of this article): The kind of person who despises you also may tell you what kind of man you are. Ahab hated Micaiah because Ahab hated Micaiah’s God.

Wasn’t this because Ahab couldn’t comfortably untether the servant from his Master? Micaiah’s allegiance to the living God was

not superficial — wasn’t a religious hobby to be picked up and put down. Ahab knew Micaiah didn’t serve the Lord just during office hours. His devotion went to the heart. Ahab would kill the prophet before he killed the prophet’s faith. Can the like be said of us?

This son of Imla was God’s man through and through. Whether talking to the false prophets or to the king himself, he was his Master’s man. Whether struck in the face and questioned by Zedekiah or thrown into jail by Ahab, he was his Master’s man. Whether Ahab invited him to feast at Jezebel’s table, or invited him for a wine-tasting from Naboth’s vineyard, or asked him about going to war with Syria — Ahab knew what he could expect from this lone prophet of the Lord: to deal with the Lord’s man. Ahab could expect God’s truth spoken through God’s messenger. And he hated him for it.

Confrontational Christlikeness?

So, we might then ask, do the right people dislike us? What? you might think. If

we are mature believers — truly humble and gentle and patient and loving and compassionate — will we really ever be disliked? Hatred and disgust may be reserved for those argumentative and obnoxious professors — but not us.

Many Western Christians, it appears to me, are tempted with and indulgent in an agreeableness unknown to Micaiah. We stand ready to give the compassionate word, the soft encouragement, the positive uplift — but do not go on to ever risk anything that might displease. We are not disliked more because we do not say many things that are likable to the spirit of the age. Unbelievers at work or online or in our families feel free to parade their profanities and perversities before our ears and eyes without restraint, but it is ours, apparently, to keep quiet and let them perish out of politeness.

Nobody mistakes us for Jude, or Elijah, or Paul, or John the Baptist, or the Sons of Thunder. Or Jesus, for that matter. Zeal for our God and his house does not consume us. We avoid hav-

ing to report, “the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me” (Psalm 69:9). Jesus, in such whip-making, temple-clearing aggression, is not our choice brand of Christlikeness. Indeed, confrontational Christlikeness seems to them no Christlikeness at all — despite the New Testament’s consistent testimony to it.

Hated for the Master

Now, we need our gentle and beloved Johns. But we need to also acknowledge that our gentle and beloved John was also persecuted and exiled for being uncompromising with his Master’s truth. He wrote his last letter as a brother and partner in the tribulation, banished to “the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus” (Revelation 1:9). Polish as we may, we cannot smooth over the offense of the cross.

So what am I saying? If no one dislikes you on account of Christ, it’s probably not because you have become greater, more endearing, more friendly to the lost than Jesus, the apostles, or the lineage of persecuted Christians and martyrs throughout church history. If no one dislikes you on account of Christ, it is likely because you have been too quiet about Jesus, too lukewarm for him, or too much like the world for them to notice the difference.

Love in a Hypersensitive Age

After a soft rebuke from Jehoshaphat, Ahab sends for the prophet of his disgust. When found, Ahab’s delegate preps Micaiah for the

meeting: “Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king. Let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably” (1 Kings 22:13). Speak favorably, Micaiah. Mind your tongue. Don’t worry — everyone else is doing it. Micaiah responds,

As the Lord lives, what the Lord says to me, that I will speak. (1 Kings 22:14)

Sacred Fools

David Wells, in his classic No Place for Truth, gives us the picture of the pastor in the modern world as “the Sacred Fool.” Refusing to “lead by holding aloft moist fingers to sense the changes in the wind,” this man stands beholden to his Master. Wells explains,

So long as they cloaked their advice in humor, jesters were able to say things to kings and princes that might have been fatal for anyone else to say. Happy was the king who had a good fool. And happy are those churches whose ministers are likewise emancipated from the bonds of class interest and social expectation, freed to expose the follies of modernity in light of God’s truth. (250)

What kind of men are we? Are we sacred fools for Jesus who have been liberated from class interest and social expectation? Are we the King’s men? Curses can be compliments — and more than compliments, blessings. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!” (Luke 6:22).

The kind of men who hate us will reveal what kind of men we are.

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Jeremiah 29:11-13
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