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AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is stepping up enforcement efforts as traffic picks up for spring break. DPS Texas Highway Patrol Troopers will increase traffic enforcement as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort) from March 13 through March 21, including St. Patrick's Day.

"Spring break can be a time of fun, but we want the people of Texas, and visitors to our state, to enjoy themselves responsibly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The public can help our Troopers by driving safely and obeying traffic laws. DPS will join other law enforcement agencies in patrolling our highways to help keep them safe from reckless drivers or anyone who is not following the law."

Troopers will be looking for intoxicated drivers, speeders, people not wearing their seat belts and other violations. During the 2020 Spring Break enforcement effort, DPS Troopers issued more than 59,000 citations and warnings, including 5,580 speeding citations and 824 seat belt and child seat violations. Troopers also made 398 driving while intoxicated arrests, 315 fugitive arrests and 175 felony arrests.

In order to encourage everyone to have a fun and safe holiday, DPS offers the following tips:

Don't drink and drive. If you plan to have alcohol outside of your home, designate a driver or take alternate transportation.

Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped.

Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped. Also, if you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it so you can keep your eyes on the road.

If you can **Steer It, Clear It.** If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes. On some highways, if you don't move your vehicle when it's safe to do so, it's against the law.

Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions and closures in Texas, visit [Drive Texas](#).

MRS. LEE'S GARDEN IS CLOSED ...



Visitors who have been waiting for Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden to reopen will have to wait until 2022. The 816 acre tract of land hosts millions of daffodils scattered over 28 acres. Normally Mother Nature determines when and how long the garden is open to the public, but February's winter blast of snow and ice in February have taken its toll on the flowers. According to an announcement on the garden's answering machine, 90-percent of the flowers are without blooms, leaving the popular tourist attraction closed for the second year in a row. To hear the announcement call 903-845-5780. So how did Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden come about?

Helen Lee loved her land so much she transformed it into a budding paradise, converting a gravel pits into a 5-acre lake and a 3-acre pond. Both of these were stocked with bass, perch, and catfish, while surrounded by abundant wildlife of all kinds, some of which were deer, wild turkey, all types of birds, snakes, and bobcats. Mrs. Lee purchased an entire boxcar load of daffodil bulbs from Holland and they were all planted by approximately 40 workers. To add to the setting, Mrs. Lee had a one room pioneer log cabin replica constructed in 1954. It rests overlooking the 3-acre pond named Lake Josephine, after her mother. This is where she enjoyed spending quiet time with her flowers and nature. Mrs. Lee died in July of 1984 and at her request the garden was opened to the public each spring. Approximately 2,500-6,000 visitors enjoy the gardens each year. File photo By Suzanne Bardwell



Union Grove's Sabetay Fernandez won first place in the 800m(2:07:23) and Kole Burns placed 2nd (2:09:44) at last week's Sabine Cardinal Relays.

Photo by Chris Jones

Unveiling of Shepperd marker set for April 3

The John Ben Shepperd Historical marker, which stood for years outside the Capital One Bank on Main Street has a new home - it was moved to 116 W. Pacific, the location of the Gladewater Museum.

A formal dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on April 3.

The marker was placed in the garden of the bank in 1992 and honors Gladewater native son John Ben Shepperd, who was elected to the Gregg County Commissioners Court in 1946 at the age of 30, then in 1950 he was appointed Texas Secretary of State by then-Governor Allan Shivers.

Two years later he was elected Texas Attorney General, a position to which he was re-elected in 1954. He was also elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General in 1956.

The museum is now the home



of the John Ben Shepperd exhibit and his marker. The exhibit and the marker honor his life and his extensive accomplishments.

The Gladewater Museum and the Gregg County Historical

Commission would like to thank Gary Boyd, former Precinct 3 Commissioner and current commissioner Floyd Wingo for helping relocate the historical marker.

Legislation backed by casino giant would allow casinos, sports gambling in Texas

Texas Tribune

Two Texas lawmakers last week filed legislation backed by the gaming empire Las Vegas Sands that would legalize casino gambling in Texas.

The legislation was filed by Rep. John Kuempel, R-Seguin, in the House and Sen. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, in the Senate. Rep. Toni Rose, D-Dallas, was later added as a joint author on the House proposal.

The proposals would create special casino licenses for four "destination resorts" in the state's four largest metropolitan areas: Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. At the same time, it would establish a Texas Gaming Commission to regulate the casinos, tax table games and slot machines and separately legalize sports betting.

The legislation would require amending the Texas Constitution, which currently bans most gaming in Texas. That is only possible



with a two-thirds vote of lawmakers in both chambers, and then voter approval in the November election.

Kuempel is the vice chair of the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee, which oversees industries regulated by the state, including current gaming options. Alvarado, meanwhile, chairs the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Las Vegas Sands, founded by the late GOP megadonor Sheldon Adelson, has spent the past few months building a massive push at the Capitol, spending millions of dollars to hire nearly six dozen lobbyists. The bill-filing deadline for the biennial legislative session, which got underway in January, is Friday.

"We appreciate the work of the bill's sponsors and we are excited to engage in further discussion with elected leaders and community stakeholders on the possibilities for expanding Texas' tourism offerings through destination resorts," Andy Abboud, Las Vegas Sands senior vice president, said in a statement.

The legislation is consistent with the vision that Las Vegas Sands

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



State's jobless rate still double record low

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in January, down a tick from December's 6.9% rate but double the record low of 3.4% in May 2019. It is unclear what effect the mid-February winter storm had on employment, when power outages swept the state and many roads were impassable. We'll find out next month.

What is certain is that state lawmakers must grapple with a revenue shortfall as they build a biennial budget, since sales tax revenues are down from the previous year. The state comptroller's office announced February sales tax revenues totaled \$2.68 billion, down 7.5% from the same period last year.

Sales taxes account for most of the state's revenues. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced in January that the state was running a \$1 billion deficit for the current budget. Hegar estimated state budget writers will have an estimated \$112.5 billion in revenue available for the next two-year budget, which is nearly \$500 million less than the total current budget.

Hegar said the forecast could change due to uncertainties such as the continuing effect of the pandemic, oil and gas revenues and how quickly the state's economy rebounds as the state fully reopens.

Abbott, Patrick spar over PUC, ERCOT

The market monitor for the Public Utility Commission has revised its claim that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas overcharged power companies by \$16 billion during the winter storm, saying last week that the actual amount is \$4.2 billion.

Gov. Gregg Abbott has made legislation relating to correcting any ERCOT billing errors an emergency item. In a highly unusual move, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick showed up at a state senate committee hearing to question the lone remaining member of the PUC — new chair Arthur D'Andrea. Patrick on Friday night called on Abbott to replace D'Andrea after he fills the other two vacancies on the PUC. Patrick also said Abbott should intercede to "correct" the pricing error.

Abbott quickly — and tersely — responded to Patrick, saying that, as a former Supreme Court justice and former Attorney General, the governor's legal view is that he does not have "independent authority to accomplish the goals you seek," which is why he made the issue an emergency item for the Legislature to consider. This saga is far from over.

Parts of Texas still face drought

Despite record snowfalls in much of the state, precipitation in February was below average, which led to an increase in the area of the state affected by drought. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said rain during April, May and June will be crucial. The expected breakup of the La Niña weather system in April could bring a return to normal amounts of rainfall in May and June, Wentzel wrote.

He noted that there will be pockets of drought almost always in such a vast state. Right now, the United States Drought Monitor shows 62 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, with the most severe areas located in parts of the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley. Only 10.8 percent of the state's area has normal rainfall conditions, primarily in Northeast Texas.

COVID-19 vaccines steadily rising across state

With another 800,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, more than 5.2 million people have received at least one dose, and 2.78 million are fully vaccinated — about 9.5% of the state's population. The latest shipment is down from the 1 million first doses delivered last week, which included the first large batch of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that vaccinations have been expanded to people over 50 years of age. Previously, school and child-care workers were added to the Phase 1B list, which also included people over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions.

"We've seen a remarkable decrease in the number of hospitalizations and deaths since people 65 and older started becoming fully vaccinated in January," said Imelda Garcia, DSHS associate commissioner. "Expanding to ages 50 to 64 will continue the state's priorities of protecting those at the greatest risk of severe outcomes and preserving the state's health care system."

COVID-19 cases, deaths continue to drop

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped again last week to 31,916 — down 26% from the previous week. A total of 1,117 deaths were reported, down 35% from the previous week. To date, there have been 2.7 million cases in the state since the pandemic began, with 46,366 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 4,219 patients currently in Texas hospitals, according to TDSHS. That's down 14% from the previous week and 70% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

...do you 'dig' it?

How about the 'luck o' the Irish'? Do you have it? I know that I do. I have been showered with blessings that include a handsome hubby, a loving family, good health, a gorgeous rescue Collie, and a dash of optimism that usually keeps a twinkle in my smiling green 'Irish' eyes. I don't want to mislead you, I am an American mutt with dashes of Irish, Scot, English, French, German and Cherokee ancestors. But on St. Paddy's Day I am celebrating the Irish.

I bet you didn't know that the phrase 'the luck of the Irish' is American in origin. During the Gold Rush and the big silver strikes of the 19th century many of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish or Irish-American descent. Now that's some luck I wish I did have.

I have sat in the clover on many occasions looking for that lucky 4-leaf clover. The three-leaf clover was called the "seamy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized spring's arrival. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 1600s, the shamrock had become the symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. By the way, the odds of finding a 4-leaf clover is about 1 in 10,000.

The 34.7 million Americans who have Irish ancestry outnumber the population of Ireland itself which is a little under five million. It's easy to see why, when as early as the 1630s Irish immigrants began a steady stream, which grew to waves of immigration and they brought with them a culture that impacted America greatly. Perhaps one of the most profound was in their music which laid the foundation for American bluegrass, folk and country music. Of course, the Irish brought their love for dancing as well. The Virginia Reel, the Haymaker's Jig and even square dancing are Irish influenced.

One of my favorite classes in college was linguistics which studied the origin of language. It's fun to trace where our words come from and a whole 'slew' come from our Irish ancestors. Words like: trousers, galore, whiskey*, boycott, smitherens, buddy, slogan, brogues, clock, dig (as in you 'dig' it—like it), gob, hooligan and phoney, Oh, and then there is shanty and smidgen and hubbub.

Suzanne Bardwell



What about 'Gee Whiz' or 'Gee Whikers' which actually means the 'will of God'. Gee is the approximate pronunciation of Dia, the Irish word for God. Darn, pet, ballyhoo, pal, swank, bailiff, racketeer, cop, goon...

are you having fun yet? One thing the Irish know how to do is have fun.

I think the Irish invented slang. Here's some more: banshee, bog, bother, brat, drum, keening, kibosh, Leprechaun, limerick, slob...well I could just keep going. One word I must clarify is whiskey* before my readers of Scottish descent pound me with their shillelaghs. The word whiskey came from Uisce beatha meaning "water of life". Both the Irish and the Scots claim to have invented the potent potable.

Like my hubby, I am just an humble 'Bard' (Irish for vagabond story teller) and thus the origin of our Bardwell moniker. And speaking of real storytellers, there is the Irish Bram Stoker who brought us "Dracula", Jonathan Swift who wrote "Gulliver's Travels" and my personal favorite C.S. Lewis who was the great Christian apologist and author of many books including the "Narnia Chronicles". Goodness, there is an endless list of wonders the Irish have brought to our culture. Do you 'dig' it? I sure do and I bet you do too.

So, blessings on St. Patrick's Day my friends.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields,

And, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

SUNSHINE WEEK

Open government is good government.

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Sunshine Week:

Public's right to know should be front and center, especially now, in Texas

By Kelley Shannon

With state lawmakers immersed in the COVID-19 pandemic response and Texas' electricity failures, the public's access to information must be at the forefront of the Legislature's actions. Information allows citizens to watch over their government, to speak out and to ask questions.

There's no better time than Sunshine Week, starting March 14, to emphasize the importance of the people's right to know.

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and other open government proponents are taking part in a Sunshine Week online discussion March 18 hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation as the Texas legislative session approaches its midway point. Fortunately, lawmakers in both political parties are working to enact timely transparency legislation.

Texas Public Information Act compliance. Throughout the pandemic, many government offices have not responded to open records requests, citing the physical closure of their offices or because they were operating on a "skeleton crew" with staffers working remotely. House Bill 1416 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, and Senate Bill 925 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, define business days under the Public Information Act to ensure timely responses by governments.

Furthermore, SB 1225 by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and HB 3627 by Rep. Chris Paddie, R-Marshall, clarify existing law pertaining to "catastrophe notices" that governments can file to briefly suspend TPIA responses during a disaster. This legislation adds specifics to the law to prevent abuse.

Enforcement measures requiring governments to respond to public information requestors, even if no responsive records are found, are spelled out in SB 927 by Zaffirini and HB 3015 by Rep. Ana Hernandez, D-Houston.

Texas Open Meeting Act improvements. Virtual meetings allowed under the Texas Open Meetings Act have worked well for many governments during the pandemic, but in some cases rules for public comment have been unfairly imposed and telephone call-in lines have not been provided to accommodate those without Internet.

SB 924 by Zaffirini and HB 2683 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, address these concerns.

Nursing home and assisted living pandemic transparency. Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, filed SB 882 so that nursing home residents and their loved ones can get the information they need about communicable disease outbreaks, including COVID-19. Zaffirini filed a similar bill, SB 930, as did Rep. Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville, with HB 3306.

Online contracts. Legislation to require more online posting of government contracts would help citizens better track how tax dollars are spent, during a pandemic or any other time. Capriglione filed HB 2913 and Zaffirini filed SB 929 to achieve this goal.

Dates of birth in public records. Access to a birthdate in a government record promotes accuracy. It can aid citizens vetting a candidate for office; journalists identifying a person in a crime report; or banks, credit report companies and employers relying on public record background checks to conduct business. HB 3535 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and SB 926 by Zaffirini address this important measure.

Searchable-sortable records. When government information is stored in spreadsheets or other electronic formats, a requestor may need the data in that electronic format for searching, sorting and organizing. HB 1810 by Capriglione; SB 928 by Zaffirini; and SB 729 by Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, require information to be provided the requested available electronic format.

Law enforcement transparency. House and Senate members are also working to improve access to police records involving in-custody deaths and to body camera and dash camera video. This helps to ensure public accountability. Key bills are HB 2383 by Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso and SB 975 by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

This Texas legislative session is an unusual one amid the coronavirus pandemic. But ensuring access to public information is a familiar endeavor and always necessary.

Now is a crucial time to protect this basic right.

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DECEPTION-SATAN'S PRIMARY TOOL

In a National Geographic article about the Portia spider, author Robert Jackson detailed the various ways it deceives its prey. Sitting still, the spider looks like a piece of dried leaf or foliage until a meal walks by. It also will crawl onto another spider's web and tap the threads, mimicking the actions of a trapped insect. When the host spider appears, the Portia devours it. Deception is the Portia's primary tool.

Satan is like the Portia spider, in that deception is his weapon of choice. He does whatever he can to counterfeit the words of God, to make the unwary and naïve think that God is present and speaking, when in fact He is not. The apostle Paul wrote, speaking of false teachers: "For such are false apostles, and deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also, transform themselves into ministers of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11: 13-15).

Satan is the arch-deceiver. He is never what he appears to be. He does not introduce himself: "Hey, I'm Satan and I am here to deceive you." He deceived Eve in the beginning by his crafty and unscrupulous conduct (2 Cor. 11: 3). He was a liar and a murderer then, and he is a liar and murderer now! (Jn. 8: 44). He works through his ministers, who are said to be deceitful like their master.

Appearances are deceptive. We should not be too readily impressed by the superficial attractiveness of teachers who claim to be heaven-sent messengers. Like their master, false teachers do not get in the pulpit and say: "Hey, I'm a false teacher and I am here to deceive you and lead you astray." Only those who know the Word of God will be prepared and protected. Therefore, know the truth, and don't be deceived by the arch counterfeiter and his cohorts. To escape Satan's trap, know the truth and the One who is the Truth (Jn. 14: 6). Think on these things.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

OBITUARIES

How to fix it ...

Now that things are getting closer to normal after the extreme weather and blackouts, attention has rightly and rapidly turned to actions to ensure that we never have a repeat.

One thing that has emerged is the need for a base level of generation capacity available at all times. The amount could be set to provide grid stability during periods of extremely high demand, with adequate winterization to ensure availability.

In the Texas market, power generators only earn revenue when they sell power (as opposed to traditional regulation where they are also paid based on maintaining available capacity). Once wind turbines are installed, operating them is essentially free. At times, wind farms can generate sufficient electricity to send prices plummeting (or even negative). (For those into the esoteric, prices in a competitive market are determined by the marginal cost of the last unit; on a nice spring day, wind often supplies all that we need.)

Texas should consider creating a "capacity market" (I seem to recall saying that 20 years ago). This base load would need to be fueled by conventional fuels. Legislation or a regulatory

authority could set the level of base capacity, and firms could be compensated for keeping it available. These costs would be passed along to consumers, likely in the form of higher electricity rates. Better winterizing could also be required, which is also not free. You can think of it much like an insurance policy. You pay for it, hope you never need it, but are glad it's there when you do.

Past weather events triggered rolling blackouts, and best practices for winterization were developed. However, there is no effective enforcement mechanism and, hence, little incentive for

generators to incur the additional costs. It would be useful to examine the adequacy of mechanisms for assuring compliance.

Moreover, generators in Texas often purchase interruptible natural gas supplies, meaning that they get a reduced price, but may be interrupted when supply is scarce. This practice reduces costs in normal times but creates problems during severe storms that winterization alone will not solve (something like flying standby to your daughter's wedding on a holiday weekend). This area is also worthy of examination.

Another issue that arose was that the compressors that facilitate the natural gas supply are generally powered by electricity, yet they were not prioritized. Thus, the lack of electricity hampered the ability to generate more. That should be an easy fix.

The recent, near-catastrophic failures illustrate a need for changes. The rational approach involves ensuring adequacy of generation fueled by diverse means. With the right incentives, the market approach should continue to provide its many benefits while assuring that the lights (and heat) stay on.

TRONDELL EVERS

Trondell Evers was born on March 31, 1957 in El Paso. He passed away on February 24, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Raymond and Buley Eugene Evers and seven brothers and sisters: Mildred McClennon, Sylvia Curtis, Merline Vinson, Travon Evers, Charlotte McDowell, Kathy Stevenson and James Evers.



He was raised in Pritchett and attended Gladewater schools and worked in concrete most of his life.

Surviving siblings: Ray Evers of Bogota, Texas, Janell Evers ziegler of Sheridan Wyoming and Mary Jo Duncan of Gilmer and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial at "Grace Crossing" (church) at 1201 N. White Oak Rd in White Oak on March 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. with pastors Ray Evers and William Carnley officiating.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Vaccine signup by phone begins

Health East Texas will launch COVID-19 vaccine appointments by phone beginning this week. Those who need help navigating online sign-up or who are without access to internet can now call 903-747-4VAC (4822) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to get an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Those who have internet access do not need to call in and should continue to sign up directly at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

go/ut. New appointments will continue to open at this link as we receive more vaccine.

The vaccines will be given at UT Health North Campus Tyler, 11937 U.S. Highway 271. Appointment time slots for this week are Monday through Saturday. Anyone wanting a vaccine must have an appointment; vaccines for walk-ins will not be available. There is no charge for the vaccine, but individuals are asked to bring their insurance card. During the appointment, residents will be registered, vaccinated and monitored for 15 minutes, during

which time a second appointment will be scheduled.

ET Gusher Days moved to July 9-10

East Texas Gusher Days fans... We excited to announce the new festival dates - July 9th and 10th.

Enjoy Carnival rides, live entertainment and food/craft vendors on Friday and Saturday and add in the Chili Cook Off and Car Show on Saturday July 10th! Get ready to get out and have some fun!

The festival was moved from the usual third weekend of April to June 9 and 10 to allow more

time for COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed and social distancing requirements to hopefully be relaxed.

For more information call 903-845-5501.

But wait...there's more...don't miss the annual Bass Tournament at Lake Gladewater on April 24, 2021. Can't wait to see all again!

Texas teens urged to buckle up

Car wrecks are the leading cause of death among teenagers, and 41% of Texas teen drivers killed in 2019 weren't wearing

a seat belt. That's why the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting a "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign in March. TxDOT is sending out safety messages via social media, TV, radio and digital media.

"Due to their limited driving experience, teens are far more susceptible to being in a crash," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Far too many of these crashes are deadly because of the failure to buckle up. Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Click it and be safe."



UGISD HONOR ROLLS 4th NINE WEEKS

JH 4th MP A HONOR ROLL

7TH GRADE:
Atley Alston
Creeann Bozarth
Chloe Brooks
Kenneth Flanagan
Carter Garmon
Parker Haley
Ryan Hickerson
Madysen Lowe
Natalie Pritchett
Garrett Staley
Natalie Woodard

8th GRADE: Thomas Branscom Keira Taylor

JH 4th MP A & AB HONOR ROLL

7th GRADE:
Hope Cannon
Brianna Carrion
Landon Clark
Calab Day
Ayden Johns
Alyssa Mullican
Thomas Navarro-Gonzalez
Laney Pullen
Callysta Reeves
Nicholas Scavone
Lyndsey Wallace

8TH GRADE: Bailey Baird

Taylor Campbell
Hannah Coulter
William Driggers
Judson George
Jacob Griffin
Emma Holder
Torryn Humber
Gracie Lawrence
Morgan Mayhan
Sarah Prince
Jenna Robertson
Katherine Scudday
Allison Smith
Brianna Westmoreland

HS 4th MP A HONOR ROLL

9TH GRADE:
Kathryn King
Sydney Pritchett
Jenna Scott
Addison Smith
Rowdy Williams
Grace Woodall

10TH GRADE: Carsyn Hudgens Emily Lynch Gracie Stanford

11th GRADE: Cameron Aguilar Avery Brooks Sydney Chamberlain Bailey Clowers Samantha Coleman

Kennedi Gordy
Adam Hanson
Olivia Hudgens
Brent Reeves
Jolea Robertson
Mia Rust
Carter Smith
Jace Stanley
Jocelyn Suarez
Katelyn Vaughn
Aubrey Woodard

HS 4th MP A HONOR ROLL

12th GRADE:
Macey Alston
Madeline Barnett
Matthew Bower
Kole Burns
Jared Childress
Kannon Childress
Noah Childress
Catalina Colling
Vicki Cook
CJ Demoss
Carlos Escobedo
Camille Hanson

Maya Huffman
Mia Jarmond
Saylor Jasper
Carleigh Judd
Makena Littlejohn
Angel Martin-Lindsey
Jayce Nutt
Catherine Pritchett
Brandi Robinson
Maci Williams
Wyleigh Wilson

HS 4th MP A & AB HONOR ROLL

9TH GRADE:
Vance Aaron
Mason Byers
Brayden Carter
Sarah Clowers
Brady Colby
Jaxson Daniels
Clason Dillard
Anna Flanagan
Rylee Graham
Owen Matthew
Jeremiah McGee
Elijah Parham

Brittni Parman
Sophie Pyle
Keeley Rust
Anthony Scavone
Cade Sullivan
Jeremy Taylor
Kameron Townsend
Lane Turner
Emily Valdes
Ava Wightman
Weldon Wilson
Faith Woodall

HS 4th MP A & AB HONOR ROLL

10TH GRADE:
Aaron Amos
Mackenzie Arden
Joshua Baker
Emily Bible
Dallis Goodson
Caden Handorf
Evette Henderson
Analeice Jones
Lainey Ledbetter
Jordan Lee
Stacy Leon-Ramos
Angelina Leyva
Kyler Littlejohn
Natalie Martin
Sumeet Mattu
Blake Moore
Brayden Pirtle
Chloe Staley
Kenia Velazquez
Gracie Winn
Preston Woodall

HS 4th MP A & AB HONOR ROLL 11th GRADE:

Emily Calhoun
Hunter Cannon
Colin Cooper
Kerigan Ellis
Mireya Evans
Buddy Ferguson
Sabelay Fernandez
Blake Gipson
Payton Haley
Harlee Kirbis
Kadynce Matthew
Emily Melton
Trevor Moore
Kathryn Parman
Macey Roberts
Tyler Rodgers
Taylor See
Clayson Thelford

12th GRADE:

Dakota Arden
Grayson Barnett
Brooklyn Berry
Isaiah Birch
Reanna Briggs
John Caviness
Cannon Cowan
Nathan Huckabay
Trinity Humber
Joshua Kessler
Chase Mead
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CDC offers Spring break travel precautions

As spring approaches, many area students are already enjoying spring break and are looking forward to sunny destinations and a long week of relaxation. Some may travel to tropical hot spots, like Cancun or islands in the Caribbean, while others may opt for bustling cities, like San Antonio or Orlando.

Not all spring break destinations are created equal: Some have specific health risks you should be aware of.

Wherever your travels take you this spring break, stay healthy and safe with these tips from CDC Travelers' Health.

Before You Go

- Find out what vaccines, medicines, or advice is needed for your destination and plan a visit with your doctor or a travel medicine specialist at least 1 month before you leave the United States.

- Get your flu shot at least 2 weeks before you travel, as it can take up to 2 weeks to be fully protected. Also, stay clear of people who are coughing or otherwise appear to be ill, and wash your hands often with soap and water.

- Make sure you are up-to-date on the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine. There are outbreaks of measles in popular destinations.

- Talk to your doctor about the hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines.

- Some airlines check for visibly sick passengers in the waiting area and during boarding. If you look like you may be sick, the airline may not let you get on the plane.

Important:

If you're sick, check with your airline to see what options you have for rescheduling your flight. Each airline has its own policy about rescheduling flights because of an illness or emergency.

Other items to add to your to-do list:

- Find out if your health insurance covers medical care abroad—many plans don't! Consider additional insurance that covers health care and emergency evacuation, especially if you will be traveling to remote areas.

- Pack smart and prepare a travel health kit with the items you may need on your trip, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, insect repellent, sunscreen, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and condoms.

- Check the US Department of State website for information on security risks. Register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program so the US embassy or consulate can contact you in case of an emergency.

During Your Trip

- Don't leave your healthy habits at home—"what happens on spring break stays on spring break" may imply that taking risks is expected, but you should always play it safe when it comes to your health.

- Road safety. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death

among healthy travelers. Choose safe transportation. Always wear a seat belt, and ride only in marked taxis or ride-sharing vehicles. Be alert when crossing the street, especially in countries where people drive on the left.

- Prevent insect bites. Use insect repellent to protect against diseases spread by mosquitoes, such as Zika, dengue, and malaria. Always apply after your SPF 15+.

- Wear sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher when outdoors. Remember that sun protection isn't just for tropical beaches—you can get a sunburn even if it's cloudy or cold!

- Be safe on tours. Use a reputable travel guide or tour company if you plan on doing any adventure travel activities like reef diving, surfing, or zip-lining.

- Be careful when indulging in the local cuisine. In developing countries, eat only food that has been fully cooked and served hot. Only eat fresh vegetables or fruits if you can peel them yourself. Drink only bottled, sealed beverages, and steer clear of ice—it was probably made with tap water.

- Norovirus. Cruise ship outbreaks of vomiting and diarrhea, primarily caused by norovirus, have been reported. Don't let this virus ruin your trip. The best ways to prevent illness are frequent handwashing with soap and water, and practicing safe eating and drinking habits while on off-boat excursions.

- If you get sick or injured and need immediate medical attention while you're on your trip, contact the US embassy or consulate in your destination; they can help you locate medical services in your area as well as notify friends, family, or your employer in case of an emergency. For more information, see Getting Health Care Abroad.

Considerations for Staying with Family or Friends

If you, someone you live with, or anyone you plan to visit is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, delay travel and stay home. If you must travel, stay in a separate accommodation like a hotel, guest house, or short-stay rental.

Tips for staying overnight or hosting overnight guests

- Wear masks while in shared spaces inside the house. Masks may be removed for eating, drinking, and sleeping, but individuals from different households should stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arms lengths) away from each other at all times.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially upon arrival.

- Improve ventilation by opening windows and doors or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.

- Spend time together outdoors. Take a walk or sit outdoors at least 6 feet apart for interpersonal interactions.

- Avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors.

- Know what you will do if you become sick during the visit



When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

We're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

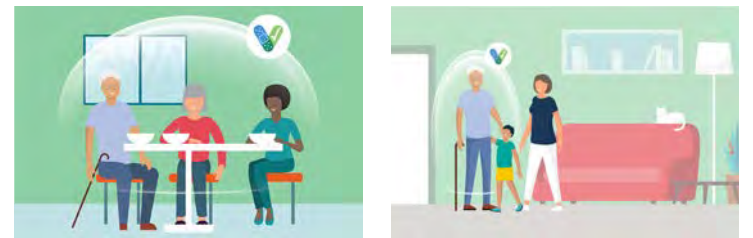
Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or

- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

- If it has been less than 2 weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated.



What's Changed

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.

- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

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Hassek takes gold in 400m dash

The Gladewater varsity boys track team participated in Spring Hill's Bill Secord Relays on March 11. Individual results include DJ Allen winning the silver in the 100m dash with a time of 10.84, Kollin Lewis placed sixth in the 200m dash with a time of 24.49 and Justice Hassek in a speedy 54.15 time took the gold medal in the 400m

dash. In the 4x100m relay the team of Khaki Reese, Kollin Lewis, Tristan Homes and DJ Allen won the bronze medal with a time of 44.14. In the 4x200 the team of Tyrone Maddox, Nick Lincoln, Kollin Lewis and DJ Allen won the bronze with a team 1:34.66. In shot put competition Tyler Smith threw for bronze with a 40'11"

throw and Chase Wise placed sixth 39'6.5". Tyrone Maddox placed sixth in the triple jump with a 38'9 1/4" effort. The Bears pulled 51 points in the meet and a seventh place seat. Gilmer won first place, Kilgore second, Canton third, Jefferson fourth, Pittsburg fifth, Spring Hill Fifth, Waskom eighth and Nacogdoches ninth.



GHS's Tyrone Maddox clears the bar in the high jump competition last week, Photo by Chris Jones

Lady Bears make mark at SH meet

The Lady Bears placed fourth as a team at the Bill Secord Relays on March 11 at Spring Hill High School. Kamryn Floyd won silver in the 200m dash with a 27.22 run, while the team of Floyd, Neriah Jackson, Deja Martin A'alatiah Turner raced to gold in the 4x100m relay with a time of 51.68.

Williams earned the bronze medal in discus with a 99'1" throw. In triple jump Makayla Police won silver with a 32'6 1/4" and teammate Jerrica Gilmore placed fourth 32' 3 1/4" effort. Canton took first place in the meet with 149 points, Gilmer

second with 136, Nacogdoches third with 78, Gladewater fourth with 72 points, Pittsburg fifth with 70, Kilgore placed sixth with 50 points, Jefferson seventh with 30 points, Waskom eighth with 21 points and Spring Hill ninth with 13 points.

The team of Jerrica Gilmore, Megan Perez, Ebony Pipkin and Alise Sanders placed fifth in the 4x200m Relay with a time of 1:55.94. Pulling another fifth place in the 4x400m relay was the team of Hadassah Balcorta, Megan Perez, Kamryn Floyd and Samya Lewis Frierson. Leaping to gold in long jump was Makayla Police with a 16'2 1/2" jump while teammate A'alatiah Turner took the silver with a 16'.0 1/2" jump. Adasyn



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a) a request for a variance to City of Gladewater Code of Ordinance §5.05.120(B) – Connection to City System Required at ABS A8 AUGUSTINE, HENRY W, TRACT 168 – 5.15 ACRES, physical address unassigned.

A second public hearing will be conducted by the Gladewater City Council on April 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

All interested parties are invited to attend these public hearings or send written comments to City of Gladewater, Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, PO Box 1725, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

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 Section 36.354(a) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), at Texas Utilities Code § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice has been delayed by the Commission in accordance with PURA Section 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. Section 36.354(b) of PURA establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the installation.
 Section 36.354(c) of PURA provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its Texas retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh as reflected below:

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SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2021. The Petition has been assigned Tariff Control No. 51892. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

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	THEFT	202101378	11:42		402 W PACIFIC PACIFIC AVE
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3/12/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202101438	1:11		538 NORTH NORTH ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202101439	2:20	GLADEWATER HIGH SCHOOL	2201 W GAY GAY AVE
	ALARM/OTHER	202101440	4:06	WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	514 E SAUNDERS SAUNDERS ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202101441	5:35		501 N AMES AMES
	EMS	202101442	7:22		2216 PINECREST PINECREST
	ASSIST	202101443	8:43		362 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND
	ASSIST	202101444	9:45	UPSHUR COUNTY JP 3 OFFICE	2495 W UPSHUR UPSHUR AVE
	BURGLARY/BUILDING	202101445	11:22		W COMMERCE W COMMERCE
	ASSIST	202101446	11:56		1800 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101447	13:46		400 N RODEO RODEO
	EMS	202101448	13:54		801 N GARY N GARY
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	RECKLESS DRIVING	202101450	15:25		271 271
	THEFT	202101451	15:44	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101452	15:45		301 LIVE OAK LIVE OAK ST
	RECKLESS DRIVING	202101453	17:32		80 E E
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101454	17:34	SUNBELT MANUFACTURING	100 S PINE PINE ST
	EMS	202101455	19:19		801 N GARY GARY
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101456	19:33	DOLLAR GENERAL	904 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101457	20:32		1307 N RODEO RODEO
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101458	21:14		2608 HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	DISTURBANCE-OTHER	202101459	22:13	SMART MART (FMR G&J'S FOOD MART)	227 S MAIN MAIN ST
3/13/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202101460	1:22		TYLER TYLER
	10-50 MAJOR	202101462	5:02	CEFCO #79	1109 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101464	6:22		200 ALLISON ALLISON
	ALARM/OTHER	202101465	7:40		410 MONEY MONEY ST
	FIRE DEPT	202101466	9:11		1106 N RODEO RODEO ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202101467	10:20	CASH AMERICA PAWN #562	207 S MAIN MAIN ST
	ALARM/OTHER	202101468	12:18		406 N FERRY FERRY ST
	ANIMAL CONTROL	202101469	13:06		ROBINSON ROBINSON
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202101470	13:19	GLADEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	511 S TYLER TYLER RD
	FOUND/LOST/RECOVERED	202101471	14:47	AUSTIN BANK	1625 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	202101472	15:12	JULIAWOOD HOMES	JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101473	17:28		VESTA VESTA
	INCIDENT - NO REPORT	202101474	17:34	SABINE RIVER BOAT RAMP	1000 S RIVER RIVER RD
	LAKE MISC.	202101475	17:51	LAKE GLADEWATER	1602 LAKESHORE LAKESHORE DR
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101476	19:27		507 S MELBA MELBA
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101477	21:18		12 MONTE CARLO MONTE CARLO
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101478	22:15		103 N DEAN DEAN
3/14/21	MISCELLANEOUS	202101479	0:09		507 MELBA MELBA
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101480	1:07		510 WOOD WOOD
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101481	1:21		800 S TYLER TYLER
	SUSPICIOUS NOISE	202101482	3:06		801 S RODEN RODEN
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101483	3:09		800 S TYLER TYLER
	EMS	202101485	9:28	LEGEND OAKS NURSING HOME	1201 FM 2685 FM 2685
	ALARM/MALFUNCTION	202101486	11:59	OLD TYME FEED STORE	907 S TYLER TYLER
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	EMS	202101488	13:09		362 CEDAR BEND CEDAR BEND
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101489	16:25		3018 GEORGE RICHEY GEORGE RICHEY
	ABANDONED 911	202101490	17:53		102 E ALLISON ALLISON
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101491	18:05		HENDRICKS HENDRICKS
	MISCELLANEOUS	202101492	20:27		207 EMPIRE EMPIRE
	EMS	202101493	20:53		801 GARY GARY
	EMS	202101494	20:57	JULIAWOOD HOMES	56 JULIAWOODS JULIAWOODS
	10-50 MINOR	202101495	23:21	CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC	1600 E BROADWAY BROADWAY AVE
	ASSIST	202101496	23:43	GREENWAY VILLAGE	GREENWAY VILLAGE GREENWAY VILLAGE
3/15/21	DISTURBANCE-RESIDENCE	202101497	0:09		3043 E LAKE LAKE
	ASSIST	202101498	1:00		3043 E LAKE LAKE
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	202101499	3:29		801 E LAKE LAKE

GPD Arrest Report

ARREST DATE	ARREST DATE	TIME	FULL NAME	RACE	SEX	OFFENSE	LOCATION ADDRESS1
3/8/21	3/8/21	22:40	LEWIS, CAMETRA LASHA	B	F	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED W/CHILD UNDER 15 YO	100 S0 CULVER ST
	3/8/21	23:27	LEWIS, CAMETRA LASHA	B	F	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED W/CHILD UNDER 15 YO	CULVER ST
	3/8/21	23:27	LEWIS, CAMETRA LASHA	B	F	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED W/CHILD UNDER 15 YO	CULVER ST
3/11/21	3/11/21	14:58	PREWIT, JAMES CURTIS	W	M	UNLAWFUL CARRYING WEAPON	400 N HOWARD
	3/11/21	14:58	PREWIT, JAMES CURTIS	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	400 N HOWARD
	3/11/21	14:58	PREWIT, JAMES CURTIS	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	400 N HOWARD
3/13/21	3/13/21	15:35	FLOYD, ELISHA MERLINE	W	F	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	21 JULIAWOOD
3/14/21	3/14/21	1:55	MEAGLEY, ZACHARY SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1100 S TYLER
	3/14/21	1:55	MEAGLEY, ZACHARY SCOTT	W	M	WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1100 S TYLER

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STATE COACHES POLLS

Texas Girls Coaches Assoc.
State Softball Poll
Class 2A/1A

1. West Sabine 15-0
2. Weimar 19-0

3. Lovelady 16-1-1
4. Floydada 9-0
5. Italy 17-0
6. Joaquin 9-1
7. Como-Pickton 15-1-1

8. Stamford 13-3
 9. Crawford 13-3
 10. Charlotte 4-0
- Class 3A
1. Rains 19-1

2. Santa Gertrudis Academy 17-1
3. Llano 16-0
4. White Oak 11-0
5. Childress 14-1
6. Whitewright 12-1
7. Orangefield 7-0
8. Atlanta 5-0
9. Little River Academy 5-0
10. Alpine 4-0

Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association 2021 Polls
Class 3A:

1. Malakoff - 12-3
2. Troy - 13-1
3. Jim Ned -12-0-1
4. Grandview - 10-1-1
5. Shallowater -13-3
6. Blanco 12-3
7. Boyd - 10-3
8. Holliday - 11-1
9. Lorena - 9-3
10. Denver City - 10-3-1:

Class 2A:

1. Lindsay - 10-0
2. Shiner - 10-1
3. Mumford - 10-0
4. Bosqueville - 12-2
5. Weimar - 9-3-1
6. New Deal - 5-1
7. Valley Mills - 11-4
8. Anson - 9-3
9. Linden Kildare - 7-3
10. Falls City - 10-2



Gladewater's Avery Glarborg had 6 strikeouts in the Lady Bears 7-15 loss to Ore City. The Lady Rebels scored 7 over the final two innings after holding only an 8-7 lead after 5. Trinity Mooney led Gladewater at the plate with a triple, 2 singles, along with a run and 2 RBI's.

Photo by Chris Jones

Hawks down Bears for championship

Game 1 Thursday March 11
Alba Golden 2
Gladewater 13

The Bears didn't have their best day at the plate but they were able to capitalize on Panther mistakes en route to a 13-2 victory over Alba.

Garrett Glenn, Eli Kates, Wyatt Webb, and Nathan Keller all had hits for the Bears. Zach Polanco and Austin Verner had 2 RBI a piece and Tanner Gothard went the distance on the mound. Gothard went the distance, striking out 7 batters while giving up no earned runs in the contest.

Game 2 Thursday March 11
Gladewater 10
Linden Kildare 2

The Bears came out swinging in the second game of the day. Gladewater managed 17 hits in this one and the Bears rolled to a victory over Linden Kildare by a score of 10-2. Tanner Gothard had 2 hits in the game, one of which was a triple.

Eli Kates, Austin Verner, Ben Alvarez, and Trent Jackson all had doubles. Kates and Verner were each

3 for 4 in the contest. Verner went the distance on the mound for the Bears allowing 1 earned run on 4 strikeouts and 5 walks. He pitched really well with runners on in this one.

Game 3 Saturday March 13
Championship Game
Gladewater 2
Hawkins 6

The Bears couldn't string enough hits together when they needed to in this one. Gladewater had 8 hits in the game but only managed to score twice as they fell to Hawkins by a score of 6-2. Dennis Allen was 3 for 3, Zach Polanco had 2 hits, K'Avia Reese had a hit and was walked twice. Other Bears with hits were Eli Kates and Ben Alvarez. Defensively, Nathan Keller got the start on the mound and pitched well despite giving up 6 runs (5 unearned).

Keller had 5 strikeouts in 5 innings of work. Ben Alvarez came in to pitch in the 6th to finish the affair. 5 errors made the difference in this game.



RICHARDSON - The American Southwest Conference announced the first Women's Track and Field Athlete's of the Week - Summer Grubbs, UT Tyler athlete and Union Grove grad. Grubbs cleared 5.51 meters (18 ft.-1 in.) in the long jump at the FasTrak Invitational in Houston, which ranks tied for eighth in the Division III and first in the region. Grubbs also ran the 60 meter dash in 8.11 seconds, placing fifth, and was third in the 200 in 26.09.



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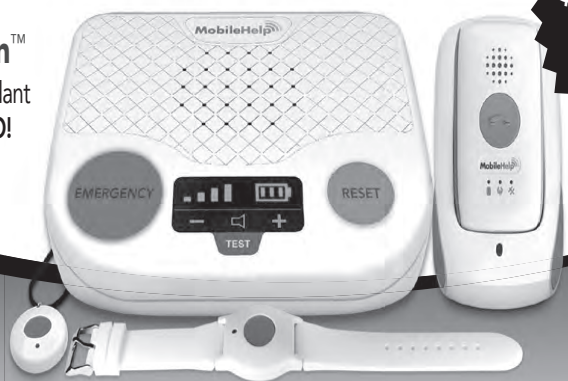
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Legislation backed by casino giant would allow casinos, sports gambling in Texas

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has laid out for casinos in Texas: a limited number of licenses for mixed-use "destination resorts" in the state's biggest population centers, with a high minimum investment intended to attract only the best operators. To that end, the legislation calls for a land and development investment of at least \$2 billion in Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston, as well as \$1 billion for San Antonio and Austin.

The "destination resort" licenses would be considered "Class I" licenses. The legislation would then create three "Class II" licenses for "limited casino gaming" at horse-race tracks in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. After that, two "Class III" licenses would be made available for similarly limited casino gambling at greyhound tracks in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

The full casino legalization would also extend to the state's three federally recognized Native American tribes at their reservations in El Paso, Eagle Pass and Livingston. They are currently able to offer limited gaming.

The legislation also would generate fresh revenue for the state by imposing a 10% tax on table games and 25% on slot machines. State lawmakers face a nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall, but Las Vegas Sands has downplayed casinos as a short-term solution to the deficit, instead focusing on their long-term impact when it comes to economic development, jobs and tourism.

While the Las Vegas Sands-backed bills also call for legalizing sports wagering, an alliance of Texas' major professional teams and betting platforms are making their own push at the Capitol and

unveiled their own legislation last month.

"The Sports Betting Alliance is focused solely on mobile sports betting legislation, however several of our member teams and organizations may support these bills individually and any bills that give Texans the opportunity to decide if they want to regulate gaming in Texas," Cara Gustafson, a spokesperson for the Sports Betting Alliance, said in a statement after the filing of the casino legislation.

It remains to be seen how viable the casino bills are at the Capitol. Both Gov. Greg Abbott and state House Speaker Dade Phelan have not been opposed to the idea from the outset, with Abbott saying he wants to hear from lawmakers about where their constituents are on the issue.

But Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has been far more pessimistic, saying

last month he has "never been in favor of" expanding gaming and the upper chamber is "nowhere close to having the votes for it."

Polling released last week by The Texas Tribune and the University of Texas found that a majority of Texans support expanding gaming, with 41% backing full casino gambling. Las Vegas Sands has said its polling shows higher support for the destination-resort model in Texas, and even higher numbers for giving the Texans the option to vote on it.

The company has also made clear it is not looking for taxpayer money to help pay for casinos in Texas. The legislation filed Tuesday says proposals for investment "may not include public money or facilities developed or built with public assistance or tax incentives of any kind."



Texas spring wildflowers are predicted to shine bright this season despite winter storm

AUSTIN – Spring is upon us and that means the start of Texas' amazing spring wildflower season. Late winter annuals and perennials lead the 2021 flora parade along Texas highways and state lands within our diverse ecoregions and vernal landscapes.

Texas bluebonnets typically peak at the end of March through mid-April. Bluebonnets often start blooming near Interstate 10 between San Antonio and Houston and then farther north toward the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The native range of Texas bluebonnets is primarily the Hill Country and Blackland Prairie Ecoregions, although Texans have seeded these flowers well beyond.

"Recent Texas flora Facebook posts, and photos from native plant enthusiasts, that I received during the winter storm included blooming bluebonnets covered in ice in central Texas," said Jason Singhurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) botanist. "Believe it or not though, most native perennial or biennial plants such as bluebonnets fared just fine under the insulated snow and ice. If we can get some steady rain in the coming weeks and temperatures stay in mid-80's or below through April, it should be a great Texas bluebonnet spring."

During the early spring, Texans everywhere can expect to see a flourish of trout lilies, butter cups, many mustards, Dakota vervain, four-nerve daisy, spring beauty, violets, Texas rainbow cactus, fishhook barrel cactus, Texas mountain laurel flowers, among many others.

Singhurst says that he anticipates that this spring will allow for a very promising wildflower season in the Big Bend and far west Texas region. Previous years have had extremely dry winters but this season will likely be more colorful due to increased wet weather over this winter. In central Texas, Singhurst anticipates that residents will see many vegetative bluebonnets, Engelmann's daisy, Blackfoot daisy, Drummond's skullcap, Lindheimer's paintbrush, Missouri primrose, prairie fleabane, and many others.

Texans who set out to view wildflowers this spring can log the flora they see on iNaturalist and contribute to biologists knowledge of the state's wildflowers. The platform also allows other plant enthusiasts to assist one another in identification of species throughout the state.



UT-Tyler researcher gets DoD grant for Novel COVID-19 Inhalant Drug

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) researcher Dr. Sreerama Shetty, a cellular and molecular biology professor, has received a two-year Department of Defense (DoD) grant for nearly \$300,000 to continue research on a novel intervention therapy he and his research team have developed for a COVID-19-related lung disease.

"Our research has a strong potential of yielding a new, safe, convenient and effective intervention for patients with COVID-19 due to infection caused by coronavirus 2 (CoV-2)," Shetty said. Patients with acute lung injury (ALI) from COVID-19 often die due to acute lung inflammation that can lead to alveolar damage and organ failure. The CoV-2 targets ACE-2 proteins lining the surface of human cells, including the alveolar cells in the lungs, causing ALI and alveolar epithelial cell death and lung scarring, making a lack of air exchange life threatening.

Shetty's research identified a specific peptide, called LTI-03 (also called CSP7), that inhibits alveolar epithelial cell lung injury, including ALI due to sepsis.

"LTI-03 is well tolerated, can be delivered systemically or via the airway in liquid formulation or micronized dry powder form," Shetty said. "We believe LTI-03 can mitigate ALI associated with COVID-19. Our research will test the efficacy of systemically and airway-delivered LTI-03 against alveolar epithelial cell damage and acute lung injury."

Shetty's research will determine whether systemically delivered LTI-03 improves overall survival by inhibiting ALI due to CoV-2 infection and will determine whether better efficacy is achieved by airway inhalation using standard lung function, CT imaging, blood oxygenation, lung viral load, biochemical and histological markers and survival endpoints.

"Our grant proposal caters to the aggregate strengths of the team in drug discovery, formulation, airway delivery and virology," Shetty said.

LTI-03 could be a potential treatment for chronic lung disease called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) that causes progressive lung scarring primarily in adults age 65 and older. With no known cure, fatality is generally three to five years following diagnosis. LTI-03 administered as an inhalant is entering clinical safety trials in Ireland and could cause a worldwide paradigm shift in the treatment of lung fibrosis.

"If the clinical trials are successful, LTI-03 as an inhalant could become the signature career work of my lifetime," Shetty said.

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