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Fun Town Grand Opening

Sweat Fitness Business of the Month



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Sweat Fitness is the Bolivar Peninsula Business of the Month for July 2017. With the opening, came a State of the Art Gym and Fitness facility located in Crystal Beach Plaza. With 24 hours access for full time members you can always find time for a great workout. This first class fitness gym facility is a total package when it comes to workout facilities. Complete with a free weight area, an 11 piece strength circuit area, cardio area, two tower five weight stack multi gym, heavy duty smith machine complete with

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Fun Town Water Slide celebrated with a 'wow' of a grand opening Jun 17. The fun was free for a portion of the day, free water slide, free lazy river, free hot dogs and nachos.

Harold and Pat LeBlanc enjoyed a fantastic turnout with Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, BolivarPeninsulaTexas.com, The Beach Triton and man guests of all ages.

Fun Town hosts an adult night weekly and special admission after 3. Harold says the plan is to be open even after tourist season ends.

Concessions are available on the premises with plenty of snacks and drinks. Covered resting and eating areas are located across the property.

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When the need arises please keep Bruce, his staff and Riceland in mind. We are here for you!

Joseph Taylor

By state law, firework vendors are allowed to sell fireworks from June 24 to July 4, so for 11 days firework stands will be open on the Bolivar Peninsula

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PenDeCo Perspective

Peninsula Development Coalition

John Lee, Jr., Vice President

It is our hope this PenDeCo Perspective article finds you in the best of health and happy at the prospect of spending an enjoyable July 4th Holiday at the beach. There's just something special about being at the beach on July 4th. Speaking of the 4th, please remember to be careful, and use caution when popping firecrackers; especially around dry vegetation. Even with the recent rain it won't take much to create a serious fire if we aren't being really careful.

In what is becoming a July 4th tradition I'm hopeful you might indulge a repeating of some thoughts I've shared from our founding fathers and others prior to other July 4th holidays. Consider if their ideas still ring true for you today. Our Founding Fathers truly were revolutionary thinkers who had the courage to give voice and action to their revolutionary concept of individual freedom.

Never before had a group of people come together to voice such thoughts in the face of such overwhelming opposition. Those 56 signatories of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 were in effect signing their own death warrants when they signed that declaration. In the world they lived in, the King had absolute power, their words were absolute law, and they ruled under the concept of "divine right." In this instance, England had the most powerful army and navy in the world, whose capabilities would be set against a rag-tag group of independent colonies that lacked a standing army. It makes for very interesting reading to review what happened to those courageous men following their signatures that Thursday, July 4th...you should try their names in a few search engines, you might be surprised. Interesting enough, at the time of their signatures on the Declaration of Independence the American Revolutionary war had already been going on for over 440 days.

I would like to share with you a few brief sentences quoted from the beginning of the Declaration of Independence, as penned by Thomas Jefferson, and I would ask that if you are kind

enough to read this article, you would read the next two paragraphs very slowly and thoughtfully.

"When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Powerful words. Now please consider in the same manner the Preamble to the Constitution:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

We truly live in a unique country; a land of opportunity beyond any other place in the world, despite our faults. But even with those faults, millions of people each year struggle to come here from around the globe, simply with the hope of building a better life for themselves and their family. It has often been said you can judge the greatness of a country by the number of people who want to enter that country and compare it to the number that want to

leave. Take a few moments to think about how difficult day-to-day life might be in other parts of the world like eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, or the jungles of South America. In many places, the primary issues of the day aren't focused on the "quality of life"; but on just surviving that day. Too many of us take our way of life for granted, and we (myself included) don't fully appreciate the sacrifices made by those who came before us, especially our uniformed service Heroes. We truly do stand on the shoulders of giants.

As we begin to celebrate the July 4th holiday I would like to include a quote from Mr. Ralph Kinney Bennett that was published on July 1, 2011, it has a lot of meaning for each of us. Mr. Bennett is describing a practice he and his extended family have maintained at their July 4th holiday gatherings for more than 40 years:

"But just before we all dig into the hot dogs and brats and potato salad and watermelon and cake we will join in a prayer of thanks for the feast and for the United States and for the privilege of being Americans."

In closing, it is my hope this PenDeCo Perspective article finds you in the best of health and happy at the prospect of spending an enjoyable July 4th Holiday at the beach. Take a few moments to think about the sacrifices made by those signers of the Declaration of Independence, or those members of each generation of Americans who sacrificed all to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. We can be better people, and it can begin today if each of us let it. Try to do that one little thing extra that would make someone else's day better, without expecting anything in return. Only you know what that is for you, but each of us knows how we ourselves can help someone else.

Take the time to enjoy your family, tell them you love them, and give them a hug. Life is precious and all too short. These simple things are the true secret to a happy life, we should focus more on these.

Be safe, enjoy the July 4th holiday, and we hope everyone has a GREAT month of July.

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It's Bad Only if Jenny's Fried Chicken is Closed

Mack Hall

Let us remember the seven categories of storms during hurricane season:

1. Tropical storm
2. Category 1 hurricane
3. Category 2 hurricane
4. Category 3 hurricane
5. Category 4 hurricane
6. Category 5 hurricane
7. Category Mr. Frank has to close Jenny's Fried Chicken

Some decades ago a Galveston television reporter interviewed a young mother who after a lesser storm complained that she had no food and no milk for her baby. "THEY should have been better prepared for this!" she exclaimed angrily.

Let no one resort to stereotyping with the useless pejoratives of "millennials" or "snowflakes," for in illo tempore everything wrong in the world was the fault of "baby boomers," and the fantasy of global warming hadn't yet been dreamed up.

And as for keeping food, diapers, canned milk, clean clothes, a pocket knife, a gas grill (for use OUTSIDE) or at least a nifty little Sterno stove (for use OUTSIDE), that is not a matter of hurricane preparation; that is a matter of good household management in every generation.

The loud a.m. radio boys advertise disaster food stores capable of feeding that famous Family of Four for a month after nuclear annihilation and / or the collapse of the Euro, and the non-panicky can only ask why. Isn't the household well-stocked anyway?

At this point someone will bring up "the good old days when..." but it's not about those days that really weren't all that good. All thoughtful householders have, well, things – things like food, water, clean

clothes, alternative ways of cooking, lots of paper plates and plastic utensils, flashlights, battery radios, jugs of drinking water, and a good, sturdy, American-made pocket knife.

About the only special hurricane preparation anyone needs to make are some buckets of water standing by for flushing the toilets.

A useful addition to home preparedness is a portable car battery charger, essentially a car battery residing in an attractive plastic shell and with a handle for carrying. Jumper cables are stowed on either side of the gadget. Instead of trying to maneuver cars and connect their batteries via 20-foot cables, you simply place the battery charger on a fender or other support and charge from that.

But, wait – there's more! The more expensive battery chargers also contain an air pump and hose for inflating a tire, cigarette-lighter sockets, ports for charging MePhones and other electronic gadgets, a 110-volt outlet, and a built-in flashlight. These take a charge, good for months, from a household outlet. Always follow instructions.

No, you can't run an air-conditioner from a portable battery charger, but you can operate a fan and a reading lamp.

If you have a fan and a can of Spam and a light for reading, you'll get through the night just fine, while the prodigal fanless and Spam-less gnash their uncharged MePhones in the outer darkness. In the morning Jasper-Newton Electric will have the power restored, and as Vera Lynn did not sing, there'll be blue birds over the white cliffs of Dover and the sun will shine again as Mr. Frank and his merry band re-open Jenny's Fried Chicken.

July 4 - Independence Day

The Fourth of July is our country's birthday. July 4, 1776 was the day our country's founders declared independence from Great Britain.

Each part of our flag stands for something. The 50 stars stand for the 50 states. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 British colonies, which declared their independence on July 4, 1776.

Our country is special because it guarantees us certain rights, or freedoms. We use these rights every day, like when we pray (or decide not to), read a newspaper, or meet and talk with friends.

Here, we share a common idea, that people should have the freedom to live the way they want, and to work and earn money the best way they can.

This is our country.



Scene painted by A.M. Willard that came to be known as the 'Spirit of '76'.

Beach Announcement

William Comeaux, Galveston County

Roping off, fencing off, reserving part of the beach etc. Is not allowed. This past jeep weekend there were so many sections of beach that were "reserved" starting a week before the event that day beach visitors had no spot to set up, beach crews couldn't effectively do their job, our garbage contractor had a

hard time emptying barrels and in some cases when the tide got high, the staked off area blocked travel down the beach. Starting this week, if we find a staked off area that is unattended on Bolivar Beaches, it can be removed and discarded so that all visitors can enjoy our beaches.

The Beach Bum's wife was seen wearing a new locket. Her friend asks if there is a memento of some sort inside.

"Yes," says the Bum's wife, "a lock of my husband's hair."

"But Gary's still alive."

"I know, but his hair is gone."

For years the Beach Bum's wife tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to get a hearing aid. "How much do they cost?" he asked one day after she had pitched the idea to her again. "They're usually about \$3,000," she said.

"Okay, well, if you say something worth \$3,000," he replied, "I'll get one."

The Beach Bum's wife knew that the Bum's hearing had deteriorated after our friend—new to the peninsula—asked where he could meet some singles.

"Well," said the Bum, "I see them in the Walmart parking lot diving for fries."

"Dear," I intervened. "Singles, not seagulls."

In Memory Of

Jacob Wade Kent

December 20, 1982 - April 2, 2005

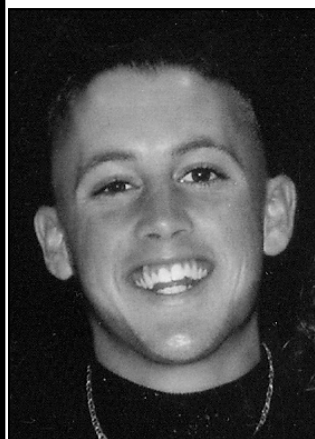
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Highway 87 - Update



Galveston County Commissioner Darrell Apffel

County Commissioner Darrell Apffel hosted a public meeting informing Bolivar residents of the Highway 87 elevation project between Highway 124 and Rollover Pass.

TxDot representatives were on hand to present the project and answer public questions.

Jamal Elahi, the Galveston Area engineer, explained emergency repairs are an on-going project with storm water and debris impacting the roadway at the junction of Hwy 87 and Hwy 124. TxDot is repeatedly resetting the barrier walls and sweeping debris. Recently, they have placed a filter fabric over the sand behind the barrier to prevent erosion.

TxDOT hired an Ocean Engineering Consultant to perform a study. Their recommendations were to divide the area into four reaches

based on the amount of existing protection.

Reach One (from Rollover Pass 2.7 miles east) - raise pavement grade to +6.2 ft., elevate existing beach access crossings and enhance the dunes.

Reach Two (2.4 miles east from Reach One) - reconstruct pavement to +7.1 ft., elevate existing beach access crossings.

Reach Three (1.4 miles east from Reach Two) - reconstruct pavement to +7.1 ft. and elevate existing beach access crossings.

Reach Four (0.9 miles east from Reach 3) - realign east bound lane, raise pavement grade to +7.5 ft. and construct rock revetment.

There are plans to reconfigure the northern curve at SH 124 for two way traffic.

Danny Perez, TxDOT Public Information Officer, stated this project is distinct project and considered a delicate situation because of the environment and the different agencies involved.

A resident questioned the water flow passing through Rollover during a storm and where would the water go now that Rollover is being filled in. TxDOT stated the water is supposed to be redirected around to Galveston Bay.

Perez also stated if the peninsula was threatened by a major hurricane, residents had 36 hours to evacuate.

For some reason Hwy 87 was

removed from a designated evacuation route, but is still considered an evacuation route. Evacuation routes are usually assigned to roads running perpendicular (away) from the disaster area.

All Houston area funds are being directed to this project, funding is not going to stop this project.

The estimated timeline is as follows.

Spring 2018 for environmental clearance and permitting

May 2018 for letting of construction contract and construction to start within 60 days with an estimated construction cost of \$20 million.

For additional information, please contact Danny Perez, TxDOT Public Information Officer, danny.Perez@txdot.gov, 713-802-5077



The curve June 29, 2017, picture by Pam Reber



Guardrail at Hwy 87 and Hwy 124 curve fallen barricades in background. Pictures by Pam Reber, June 29, 2017



Sand washed over highway filling drainage ditches June 29, 2017, picture by Pam Reber



Last house traveling east before the curve, June 29, 2017, picture by Pam Reber

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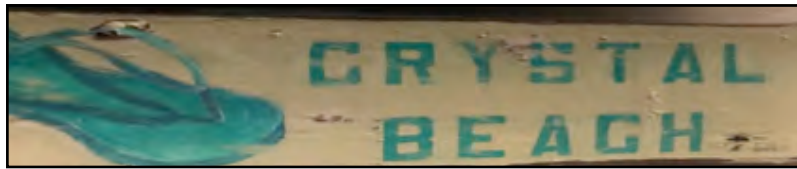
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**FEATURED ARTIST
RON VENABLE**

Born with a Cajun spoon in his mouth, Ron Venable is blending his Cajun upbringing with his Galveston Island life to create artwork that inspires relaxation, fun and memories. Venable studied with the wonderful art educators at the University of Houston, where he got his first taste of what it means to be a good teacher. There, he absorbed with acute attention the subtleties of balancing art production and personal aesthetic. Upon graduating from the University of Houston in 1978, Venable taught art for four years in the Houston Independent School District followed by 26 years teaching art in the Aldine Independent School District. After retiring from teaching in the Texas public schools system in 2008, Venable moved to Galveston Island where he had a summer home for 15 years. Venable believes his greatest gift is in mentoring young people and teachers both in the arts and out. Subsequently, refining his own visual and conceptual vocabulary what has emerged is his focus on the points of intersection between personal voice, artistic production and the viewers desire to purchase specific artworks. Venable's work can be found in a myriad of public and private art collections, Gallery by the Gulf, Antique Warehouse, St. Johns Antiques and several pieces of artwork were featured on season 4 episode of HGTV, Island Life in May of 2016.



Ron's work is created on historic salvaged items from Galveston County. See how Bolivar Peninsula inspires Ron. His pieces will be in the Gallery throughout June and July.

BEACH RULES

- ★ All vehicles parked on the beach must display a Bolivar Beach Parking Sticker (\$10, available at local businesses)
- ★ Glass containers are prohibited
- ★ Speed Limit is 15 mph, No reckless driving
- ★ No littering (Trash barrels are located all along the beach)
- ★ No motorized vehicles on sand dunes or off road on private property
- ★ Pets must be on leash
- ★ No bonfires allowed, contained campfires and cooking grills allowed
- ★ Open container laws apply to all vehicles (including ATVs, ROVs, Golf Carts)

ATVs & ROVs

- ★ Although All-Terrain Vehicles are allowed to be driven on the beach, they are not allowed to be driven on public roadways – this includes shoulders, ditches or across the dunes.
- ★ ATVs and ROVs must be taken to the beach on a road-legal trailer using a road-legal motor vehicle.
- ★ Drivers under the age of 14 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian authorized by the parent.

Golf Carts

- ★ Golf Carts are allowed, and may be driven to the beach.
- ★ The driver must have a valid driver's license.
- ★ You may only operate a golf cart on a roadway (including ditches) that has a speed limit of not more than 35 mph.
- ★ **YOU CANNOT OPERATE ON A HIGHWAY**
- ★ You may cross the highway at a traffic control device but only go straight across. You can only operate a golf cart between sunrise and sunset only
- ★ You must have a Slow Moving Vehicle Triangle on the rear
- ★ If equipped with safety belts, they must be worn.

Crab Meat Casserole

- 1 cup cooked crab meat
- 3 cups thick white sauce
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 1 green pepper, chopped fine
- 1 4 oz. can mushrooms, sliced
- 2 cups grated cheese
- heat white sauce and cheese in double boiler and tie unit smooth.
- White Sauce**
- 9 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 3 to 4 tsps salt
- 17 Tbsp all purpose flour
- 3 cups milk

Melt butter or margarine in sauce, pan over low heat, blend flour until smooth - add salt and dash of pepper, add milk all at once and cook quickly until mixture thickens and bubbles.

Remove sauce from heat when it bubbles and add cheese and stir until cheese is melted.

Add celery salt, green pepper, mushrooms and crab meat.

Pour in casserole and cover with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees approximately 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8 people.

Editor's Note: This recipe was printed in July 1978 issue of The Beach Triton.

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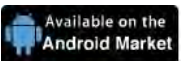
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Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

The recipes for this month are favorites from three different restaurants: Popeyes, Red Lobster, and Boston Market.

We made many batches of Popeyes Biscuits and Red Lobster Garlic Cheese Biscuits we made over the years in my Home Economics classes.

Boston Market Cornbread can be served as dessert, it is so sweet.

POPEYE'S BISCUITS

4 cups Pioneer Biscuit Mix
1 cup sour cream
1 cup Sprite
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter or margarine, melted

Melt margarine. In large mixing bowl, combine the biscuit mix, sour cream, and Sprite. Roll or pat out on flour-covered board and cut with biscuit cutter. Dip in melted margarine and place in cake pan(s). Bake at 425 degrees for about 20-25 minutes. Makes about 24 biscuits.

Notes about this recipe: *You can use other brands of biscuit mix. It does not have to be Pioneer. I have used Sprite, Diet Sprite, Flat Sprite, 7-Up--it doesn't seem to matter. The recipe has always turned out great.*

I prepare the dough and sit the pans on the preheating stove to help them rise higher.

They are really good the next day split in half, buttered, and broiled until brown around the edges. Serve with your favorite jam or jelly.

RED LOBSTER'S GARLIC CHEESE BISCUITS

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
3 cups biscuit mix
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cloves garlic, minced (or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder)
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup water

Combine cheese, biscuit mix, and garlic. Combine remaining ingredients and stir in dry

ingredients. Drop by tablespoons on a non-stick cookie sheet. Bake at 420 degrees for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Serve hot. Makes about 24 biscuits.

CHURCH'S HONEY BISCUITS

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
2/3 cup whole milk
1/2 stick butter (melt in small pan and set aside)
1/3 cup honey

Place flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, cream of tartar in a mixing bowl. Work in the shortening until the mixture feels like cornmeal. Pour milk into flour and mix well. Knead about 12-15 times. Break dough into about 1/4-1/3 cup size balls. Place biscuits into a 450 degree preheated oven and bake 10-12 minutes. While biscuits are in the oven, pour the honey into the remainder of the butter and bring to a boil. Remove honey butter from heat and set aside. When biscuits are done, remove from the oven and immediately brush with honey butter.

BOSTON MARKET'S CORNBREAD

1 package Jiffy Mix Cornbread Mix
1 package Jiffy mix Yellow Cake Mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup milk
1/2 cup cold water
1-2 tablespoons sugar (or to taste)

Mix ingredients together. Use a large mixing bowl. Pour batter into a greased 8" x 8" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

You may use 2 boxes of Jiffy Mix Cornbread Mix and 1 box regular yellow cake mix (i.e. Duncan Hines). Pour into pan and bake as directed above.

The Beach Bum says when I was a cop I arrested a burglar who'd injured himself running from a home. The burglar said he'd broken in and unhooked the phone before searching for valuables. But he'd panicked when he heard a woman's voice. I entered the house and heard the same voice: "If you'd like to make a call, please hang up and try your call again."

The Beach Bum's wife says the hostess was seating me at the casino buffet table. I asked her to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joint me momentarily. I started to describe him: "He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a pot belly..." she stopped me there, "Honey," she said, "today is senior day. They all look like that."

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When school lets out for the summer, the Food Bank ensures that children are still above to receive kid-friendly food through its Kidz Pacz program.

There are several food drives going on right now to gather those much needed products to build more Kidz Pacz.

Kidz Pacz are full of nutritious foods provided at no charge.

The Beach Bum says his wife was shopping at our supermarket, used a check to buy such items as cotton balls, cotton swabs, powder, and cold cream. On the memo line, she'd written, "Repairs."

The Beach said he got an SUV for his birthday, socks, underwear and Viagra.

Happy Anniversary!
Kaye & Donnie Mears
July 3
39 Years

The Beach Bum bought his first riding lawn mower. "This thing is great," he bragged to my Jammer. "It took me only an hour and a half to mow the lawn. It used to take your my wife two days to do it all!"

County officials receive first results from justice system review

Galveston County, TX – A non-profit specializing in criminal justice assessments has completed a first round review on the county's justice system citing inefficiencies and the need to modernize the system as reasons behind a higher than average jail population and recidivism rates.

Galveston County entered into an engagement with the Council of State Governments – Justice Center in March to complete an assessment of the county justice system and mental health services for justice involved mentally ill persons.

The preliminary report focused on addressing four key areas: jail population, recidivism, mental health and the creation of a pretrial release supervision program.

"I look forward to the conversation between all elected officials involved in the system to discuss the recommendations and work towards a consensus in implementing the changes we desperately need." County Judge Mark Henry said. "We need to modernize our justice system to improve public safety and more efficiently manage resources. Our goal is to provide the resources necessary to make those changes."

Prior to embarking on the independent assessment with the Justice Center, an engagement letter was signed by majority of all the county elected officials involved in

the criminal justice system, except for a select few of the district court judges.

According to the report, Galveston County's jail population spiked in late Fall 2016, which prompted the review by the Justice Center. However, the county's crime rate has continued to decrease over the past few years despite population increases.

Dr. Tony Fabelo, Deputy Director of the Justice Center, headed the assessment team. Dr. Fabelo has over 35 years of policy and research experience in Texas and nationally, having worked with state government officials and local leaders in improving criminal justice policies.

The Justice Center partnered with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute and interviewed over 66 law enforcement, county justice and mental health system officials. The team plans on scheduling a series of onsite visits for meetings and workshops to present the findings. The preliminary report was released Monday afternoon to local officials with a request for feedback to the Justice Center by Friday, July 14. A meeting with both county and district judges is scheduled for August.

For more information about the Justice Center:

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Jacob's Ladder was established in memory of Jacob Kent, who was killed by a drunk/drugged driver April 2, 2005

He was 22 years old

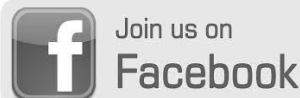
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A Writer's Diary

Lynne Averett
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I just returned from a Writers' Conference in California. If you don't know much about writing (or even if you do), let me tell you a little about how it works.

Writing is a calling much like teaching. These people, with pen in hand, just have to write. They may prefer to write novels or short stories or plays or poetry or screenplays. However, whatever form their work takes, the Writer sees stories in everything. They are close observers of people and places around them. These Watchers almost seem to be clairvoyant, but it's all in the observation. Others check their iPhones; Writers check out Life.

Writers - even very well known authors- accept rejection and handle plenty of letters from agents and publishers telling them that their work isn't wanted. Some Writers give up. Some keep working and sending in stories. Very few hit the ball out of the park making a huge income, selling many thousands of books, or having their work made into a movie or TV

show. Yet, because Writers have the "bug", they keep on going.

My friends at the conference are penning memoirs such as "Pistol Packing Mama", or writing mysteries such as "Dead Man Floating in the Pool", or crafting science fiction such as "Mind Altering Aliens on Venus".

Everyday people- computer techs, teachers, engineers, lawyers and doctors are Writers. When they finish their "Day Job", they enter into a world of imagination. Once a year, they join with others to read their precious works, share ideas and be with people who understand their obsession.

So the next time you read a book, an article, or even a newspaper column, remember that there is a Writer out there who wrote for many days, edited many times over, and had the good luck to have his work published so you could enjoy a moment of leisure.

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A Perusal of the GossipNet

Mack Hall

According to The Daily Wire, police in the state of Washington no longer arrest or question suspects as suspects; the term is "community members." Community members who have been convicted of crimes then become students or patients.

If in Washington a forty-year-old murderer is a student, what is a ten-year-old suffering through arithmetic class?

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In Montana a candidate for a seat, possibly a ring-side seat, in the House of Representatives is said to have roughed up a reporter, and so is in legal trouble. An unnamed supporter is said to have said (it was on the GossipNet, and so it must be true) "We are literally in a dog fight right now. It is essentially a toss-up."

That's what happens when amateurs are permitted to open-carry adverbs and drop-blade cliches'. Two candidates cannot be "literally in a dog fight" because they are not dogs. Further, the race is either a toss-up or it is not, and there cannot be such a thing as either an essential or a non-essential toss-up.

When speaking or writing, minimize the use of adverbs, as in "When actually speaking or writing, absolutely minimize the use of adverbs, actually."

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The chancellor of Germany is angry with Britain and the U.S.A. We haven't

heard that sort of disapproval from a German leader since 1945.

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Considering the unhappy nature of the last few election cycles and presidencies one can conclude that the sort of man or woman who wants to be president is exactly the sort of person who should not be.

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Not so long ago a personal letter might be concluded with "I must close now and get this to the letter box before the mail runs." Now one hastens to send an electrical message in advance of a rain shower. Rain and snow does not stop the postal service's "...couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," but an errant cloud can collapse the GossipNet into an Aunt Pittypat vapor.

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Jasper High School's graduation featured, among other touching moments, this special one: the Class of 2017 greeted the Class of 2029 moments before the diploma ceremony. Perfect.

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Black Eye. Unless there are signs of more serious symptoms associated with a black eye, such as blurred vision, blood in the eye, or inability to move the eye, a black eye can generally be treated at home. To reduce swelling and reduce pain the first day, apply an ice pack to the eye for 15 to 20 minutes at a time, once every hour. If you don't have an ice pack, use a bag of frozen vegetables or ice cubes wrapped in cloth (to protect your skin from frost bite). Do not put a raw steak or other raw meat on your eye. Despite what you have seen on television or in the movies, there is no scientific basis for using a raw steak to treat a black eye and the bacteria that is in raw meat could pose a high risk of infection.

Eye Allergies. Just as you can get nasal allergies, you can also get eye allergies that cause your eyes to become red, itchy, and watery. Limiting your exposure to the source of your allergies, whether it is pollen, pet dander, or mold, can help relieve symptoms. However, it is not

always easy to determine exactly what you might be allergic to. Therefore, if you can not eliminate the source of allergies entirely, there are ways to minimize the effects of the allergens with eye allergy treatments. For example, if pollen bothers you, do not use a window fan which can draw pollen into your house. Wear sunglasses when you go outside if dust is the problem. Use allergen-reducing covers for your bed. You can also use artificial tears which temporarily wash allergens from your eyes. Over-the-counter anti-allergy eye drops are also effective in reducing the symptoms.

Stye. While a stye may look nasty, it is usually harmless and clears up within a week to ten days. You can treat a stye at home by running a washcloth under warm water, wringing it out, and placing it over your closed eye. When the washcloth cools off, repeat the process several times. Do this three to four times a day for at least a week. The heat will help unlock the pores in your eye lashes. During the period of time that the stye is present, do not wear makeup or contact lenses. Do not squeeze the stye because this will cause the infection to spread to other parts of the eyelid. Keep in mind that you may also be contagious, so don't share towels, handkerchiefs, or cosmetics. Wash your hands frequently and use hand and surface sanitizers to help minimize the spread of the infection to others with whom you may come into contact.

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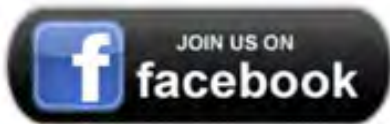



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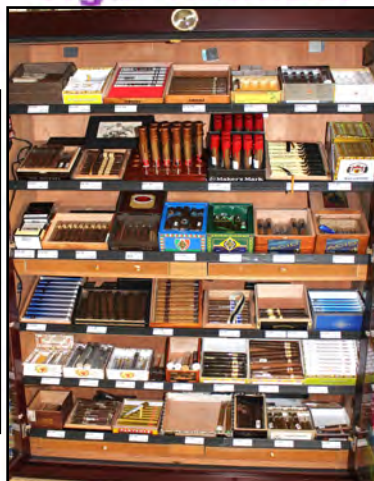
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Bay Vue United Methodist Church hosted its third annual Father's Day Weekend Fish Fry. Thanks to the efforts of members, relatives and friends, and the participation from the Bolivar Community, peninsula visitors and guests, this endeavor was bigger and better.

The Bay Vue cooking team fried up copious quantities of gourmet tasting fish. The cole slaw, potato salad, and hush puppies were delicious with all of these delicacies augmented by Cat Holtzclaw's famous tartar sauce. End that meal with some homemade peach cobbler, and your eyes light up while your stomach says, "Howdy."

This event on Saturday before Father's Day from 11:00 – 2:00 has become famous for the precision of the workers, the quality of the food and the pleasure that Bay Vue has in serving its guests. People mentioned not only how good the food was, but how much fun they had. That may be because all those who helped had such a delightful time. Workers obviously enjoyed what they were doing whether it was setting up, giving directions, taking orders, handling tickets, preparing food, serving food, or cleaning up afterwards.

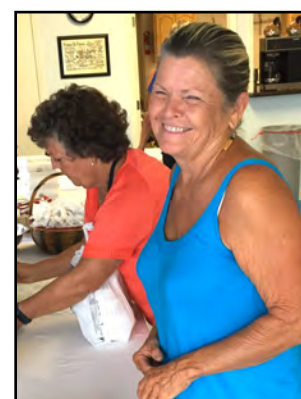
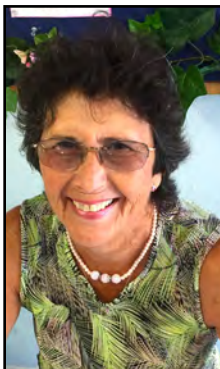
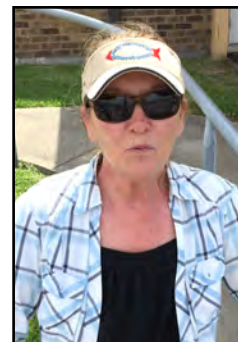
Customers could drive through for take-out or dine in Fellowship Hall. Those who dined inside stayed to visit with old friends and new acquaintances. Church member Sherry Morgan once stated that this wasn't just a fund raiser; it was a "fun" raiser. All the folk who attended this year's Fish Fry would agree.

It may take a village to rear a child, but it takes Bay Vue UMC along with community and friends to create a real Grand Slam Fish Fry!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 Father's Day Weekend,
 June sixteenth of twenty eighteen,
 Bay Vue Fish Fry
 Is where I want to be seen.



Pictured are our two Dr. James Long actors in The Jane Long Festival. Sid Bouse was the original and Doug Romero is our present actor. Both portray "Dr. James Long, the most handsome man in the whole wide world." Both are perfect for the part.



TURNING 80, BY GEORGE!

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South Dakota State University and his MPA from the University of Denver. George owned a public affairs consulting firm for 25 years and served as Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Houston and Assistant to the President of Houston Natural Gas. (He also knows some magic tricks.)

Crystal Beach is lucky to have been chosen as home by George. He is an accomplished actor having served in numerous Bay Vue UMC dinner theater productions and portrays a memorable Mirabeau B. Lamar in all the Jane Long Festival shows. His civic contributions include serving as Treasurer of Galveston County Emergency Services District #2, Vice President of Bolivar Peninsula SUD, Treasurer for Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of Emerald Beach POA, Crab Fest worker and lay leader in Bay Vue UMC. Pastor Valerie Hudson shared that the loudest moment at Bay Vue UMC on Sundays is during announcements when the

congregation shouts, "GOOD MORNING, GEORGE!"

Accolades flowed from happy party goers. Sherry Morgan and Jan Foster agreed that George was a wonderful boss. Loretta Walsh, who has known him for 30 years, enthused, "He is an inspiration to all on the beach." Former co-star in local theatricals Sid Bouse pronounced George to be an outstanding thespian. Marsha Fredenburgh thought Mr. Strong was a true Renaissance man while husband Moody opined that George had done well for a boy from South Dakota.

Brenda and Mac McDonalds admired George's great sense of humor and his youthfulness. Marsha Scott agreed that George was in fine shape. Praise continued with Jackie Robertson of Emerald One stating that George was one the best neighbors she has ever had. The two also share a great love for their dogs. Clinton is George's current beloved pet. Nanette Gans felt that he kept everyone



informed with what was happening in the community, and Traci Aalund said she had never met a more genuine person in her life. "He is ready to lend an ear to listen and to hand out an ice cold Miller Lite."

Kate and Gunner Newberry laughingly stated the reason why George hangs out at The Flag Store. George plays with their cute baby Macon. Macon loves George.

Ageless, and loved by all ages, describes George Strong. He is just about everybody's favorite person, and by George, he throws a super 80th birthday party. Here's to many, many more!

George Strong is just about everybody's favorite person. Although he doesn't look it, George turned 80. This special fellow threw his own birthday party with the treats going to his guests. Participants enjoyed delicious food, free drinks and the sounds of Bris Crider's Cool Breeze music at Hardheads Restaurant. All provided by George.

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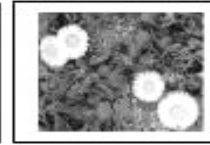
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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS

Happy Summer! Summer is in full swing here on the Bolivar Peninsula, the heat is kicking in and we just dodged a bullet with Tropical Storm Cindy. Tropical Storm Cindy graced us with wind gust and some much needed rain, thank goodness it didn't flood just a bit of rain to make our plants happy. I know some people would prefer no rain to upset their beach plans but those of us who garden know our plants are so much happier with rain from the sky than water from the hose. We have been fortunate this year to have more rain than we have in the past couple of years, not only does it make the plants happy but it also helps our beach sand pack down, fluffy sand makes for stuck vehicles!

As we enter the dog days of summer we have to be diligent to keep an eye on our plants to make sure they are getting enough water especially plants who live in containers. Plants that are in the ground have the ability to grow roots deeper to seek water further down but plants in containers do not, so make sure you watch your containers and water more frequently during the hotter days ahead. If you see one plant wilting then it is time to water all your plants, they would be happier if they get watered before the wilting stage but let's face it we all get busy and lose track of time so it happens.

I recently went to the Plumeria Society sale in Seabrook Texas, if you have never been to one of their sales you should try to make it to one. They have so many different varieties to choose from but if you have a particular variety you are looking for you better get their early because they do sell out of the popular

ones early. I arrived an hour after opening and a couple of the ones I was looking for were already sold out but each vender will give you a business card so you can contact them to connect at their place where they have many more plants for you to pick from. If you enjoy Plumeria with their intoxicating aromas then I suggest you make one of the Societies sale. They always have one in Seabrook in June and the one in Rosenberg will be July 11, 930am to 3pm. This is the link to their website if you would like to learn more <https://theplumeriasociety.org/>.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday July 5, Bolivar Beach Bloomers meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month 10:30am at the Joe Faggard Community Center, 1750 Highway 87, Crystal Beach. All are welcome and encouraged to come check us out! Hope everyone has a fun safe July 4th, Happy Independence Day!

You may be interested in the following links:

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Monthly Quote: "Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years." – Unknown

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

Long hot days of summer are upon us. As I will continue to reiterate, WATER LONGER, DEEPER, LESS OFTEN, to encourage deep roots. You will save water AND have a healthier landscape.

Definition of a 'weed': a volunteer plant growing where it isn't welcome. This month I'm trying to eradicate wild morning glory vines. At this time they are a soft vine with hastate or spear-shaped leaves; no blooms yet. I start my campaign early, knowing some will sneak by me. Always best to trace it to the roots for removal but I'll settle to pull the vines from wherever I see it, just to keep it at bay. Morning glory is perennial here on the coast, so what doesn't come up with roots will be back even stronger next season. The small purple flowers are quite attractive and bloom profusely, a good reason to have it in a wildflower landscape. I challenge anyone to enjoy the glory if you find an appropriate place for these freebies. My issue with morning glory is they form a thick canopy that smothers out any plants underneath. Even if I have a fence or trellis away from other plants morning glory is so seedy it still manages to pop up everywhere I don't want it. I hope to see it in its glory some place where garden soil isn't such a premium as it is on my property!

Two of my favorite Bolivar natives are Seashore Mallow and Rose Mallow; both blooming now all over the peninsula. Rose mallow has a large white flower with maroon throat. Flower resembles cotton and okra, all in the mallow family. Hybrids known as hardy hibiscus or dinner plate hibiscus are developed from rose mallow. Rose mallow is often seen growing in ditches. They tolerate standing water as well as long periods of drought.

I think Seashore Mallow is under appreciated and I'd like to change that. The flower is light pink and up to 2 inches wide. The plant grows to about 5 ft. tall. The closest I can find for botanical name is *Kosteletzka virginica*. However descriptions describe the flower as 3 inches. I have yet to see blooms that large here so I'm hoping that we may have a unique strain. Seashore Mallow is salt tolerant, another plus for a garden on Bolivar Peninsula. Mine survived Ike!

Both of these mallows go completely dormant for winter; some people have a problem with that. The plus is they survive a hard freeze, unlike tropical hibiscus, and they come back fast and strong in spring. We will be planting both mallows at Noble Carl Park. A good opportunity to observe their growth habits. Maybe you will consider these local jewels for your own gardens. Come to Beach Bloomers Garden Club meeting if you want seeds!



Wild Morning Glory



Rose Mallow



Seashore Mallow



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County saves taxpayers \$1.5 million on new electric deal

Galveston County, TX -- The Galveston County Commissioners Court has approved a six year agreement with TXU Energy to provide electricity to all county facilities saving taxpayers about \$250,000 a year, or \$1.5 million over the term of the contract.

"We conducted an exhaustive review of our electric needs and what suppliers were offering, and TXU Energy was by far the most compelling and allowed us to lock-in historic low rates" County Judge Mark Henry said. "We will continue to do our due diligence on every contract to make sure that, on behalf of taxpayers, we are getting the best possible deal and being treated fairly and honestly by service providers."

TXU Energy's bid came in at \$90,000 below the current aggregators bid. In addition to the cost savings, TXU Energy pledged to plant trees in Galveston County and offered \$35,000 in energy saving rebates. The rebates can

be used to purchase items such as new LED lighting, saving taxpayers even more on electric costs.

"We are grateful and excited that TXU Energy has been chosen by Galveston County to provide its power through this multiyear plan that uniquely meets the county's specific needs and saves taxpayers' money," said Gabe Castro, vice president of business markets at TXU Energy. "We look forward to not only serving the county as a customer for many years to come, but also as a committed corporate citizen dedicated to helping all the people of Galveston County."

Commissioners unanimously approved the new agreement during their Tuesday meeting on June 20. With this electric deal Galveston County joined other local governments, like the cities of Dallas and Arlington, which have left aggregators to get better pricing on their own.

Bolivar LIVE Truck Gives Away FREE Product From Local Businesses In 2017

It's the "Bolivar LIVE Truck" and it's on Bolivar and around Southeast Texas promoting our 27 miles of paradise we all love...Bolivar Peninsula!!! The best part is....we'll be giving away FREE products from area businesses when you see the truck just ask "What's FREE Today"!!! But wait there is another way to win....take a photo of the truck when you see it, post the photo on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #bolivarlive and we'll be choosing winners for more free products throughout the year!!!! Two ways to win and it's all FREE!!!

We couldn't have done this without the help of these business and we want to give out a BIG Thank

You to the following for their support in promoting Bolivar and help build the Bolivar LIVE Truck!!! The Big Store, Stingaree Restaurant and Marina, Island Liquor, Ocean Grille, Crystal Beach Plaza, Crystal Beach A/C, Crystal Palms RV Park.

Special Thanks to the following for building and making this truck look awesome....Texas Truck Works, Nitto Tire, Rough Country Suspensions, Helo Tires and Texas Truck Wraps....if you want to dress your truck or jeep up call Texas Truck Works they do wonders in dressing up your vehicle and make dreams come true!!!

Now lets all have fun in 2017 on Bolivar Peninsula, Texas



Port Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department's

19th Annual

Bar-B-Que Cook-Off

August 25 and 26, 2017

Tag in starts Friday, August 25 at 7:00 PM

Saturday – August 26th

BBQ Dinners on sale from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Brisket/Chicken/Sausage

\$15.00 donation for two meat plate

\$10.00 donation for one meat plate

ENTRY FEES as follows:

- Brisket - \$75.00 donation per team
- Ribs - \$25.00 donation per team
- Chicken - \$25.00 donation per team
- Beans - \$10.00 donation per team
- All Four - \$125.00 donation per team
- entry fee includes price of one donated brisket to dept.

CASH prizes for Brisket winners

First Place: \$250.00 Second Place: \$150.00
Third Place: \$100.00
plus 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners will be awarded a trophy

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophy for beans, chicken and ribs

COOKOFF RULES

For special requests please contact BJ Jewell

For more information, contact Malcolm Comeaux at (409)771-7026 or BJ Jewell at (409)599-7815

1. All briskets must be tagged in by 9 am on Saturday, August 26.
2. Briskets must be in its original packaging prior to tag in - no pre-marinated briskets allowed.
3. All briskets, chicken and ribs must be cooked on premises.
4. Entry Fee now includes the price of a donated brisket to fire department.
5. Bean judging will be held at 2:00 PM, Chicken judging will be held at 3:00 PM. Rib judging will be held at 4:00 PM, Brisket judging will be held at 5:00 PM. Listen for sound of siren, 10 minutes before entry is due at judging station.
6. On site entry fees must be paid no later than 10 am on Saturday, August 26.
7. Beans may be cooked off premises.

Live Auction
6:00 PM
Saturday

FUN FOR THE COOKS
Friday night Beef Fajitas cook-off \$20.00 per entry.
Pot split: 50, 30, 20
Turn in 9:00 am

Bloody Mary Contest (open to anyone)
\$10.00 per entry.
Hot split: 1st place only
Judging 10 am Saturday

Raffles
5:00 PM Saturday

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| Happy Birthday!
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July 14 | Happy Birthday!
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July 31 | Happy Birthday!
Cindy Campbell
July 22 | Happy Birthday!
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July 18 |
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Crystal Beach Palms RV Park is a serene recreational area located directly behind Harold's Tackle Shop at 1755 Hwy 87.

Every RV space has a concrete slab, free Wi-Fi and all utilities are included. Spaces are available by the day, week or month with 30 amp or 50 amp receptacles on hand. Amenities include laundry facility and showers.

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Open! Fun Town is near completion with a lazy river to relax and drift around the island while the kids scale the stairs to the huge water slides, twisting and spiraling down, ending with a splash in the pool area connected to the lazy river.

Fun Town will be open 7 days a week, with all day passes priced at \$25, a half day pass is \$18 and season passes are offered for \$125.

Take a break from the water and sun and enjoy the food and snacks available on the premises.

Friday and Saturday nights host adults only with BYOB and special lighting for a special atmosphere. Watch for the Grand Opening and big surprises for the day.

Fun Town is located on Noble Carl Road, right off Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach. This is an exciting new addition to the Bolivar Peninsula for family fun.



Fuel Cost Reductions Begin in July for Entergy Texas Customers Timing could help offset summer cooling costs

THE WOODLANDS, Texas – With temperatures on the rise in Southeast Texas, there's good news ahead for Entergy Texas, Inc. customers. Average residential electric bills will drop by \$4.59 per month when fuel-related refunds and credits begin showing up on July bills. The lower rates will remain on bills through September.

An average 1,000 kilowatt-hour residential bill currently costs customers approximately \$113.65 without city, state or local taxes. Altogether, the company will

send some \$30.7 million back to customers from July through September. Larger customers will get a lump sum refund in July.

"Our fuel costs have remained low and that means we are able to pass the savings along in the form of a refund to our customers," said Vernon Pierce, vice president of customer service for Entergy Texas. "This can be especially important at this time of year when hot weather often signals higher energy bills."

At the restaurant, a sign read "Karaoke Tonight!" the Beach Bum studied it before asking, "What kind of fish is that?"

The day after visiting a fair, the Beach Bum's wife was in agony. "You know you're past your prime," she said, "when you hurt all over and all you rode was the massage chair."

The Beach Bum said retirement is the best thing that has happened to him.

"I never know what day of the week it is," he gloated. "All I know is, the day the big paper comes, I have to dress up and go to church."

Happy Anniversary!
Polly & Carlton
Manzer
July 23

"Poor Old fool," thought the the Beach Bum as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the the Bum thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "You're the eighth."

While visiting a retirement community, the Beach Bum and his wife and decided to do some shopping and soon became separated.

"Excuse me," I said, approaching a clerk. "I'm looking for my wife. She has white hair and is wearing white shoes." Gesturing around the store, the clerk responded, "Take your pick."

County Tax Office Begins Boat Registration & Titling Services

After more than a year of effort, the Galveston County Tax Office (GCTO) is partnering with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to provide water vessel (boat) registration and titling services beginning July 5. Services will initially be provided at the Galveston Island Branch office and, as training progresses, will be extended to all locations, including satellite offices, by the end of July. The La Marque TPWD office will continue to provide services to customers.

Although the County boasts more than 15,000 water vessels, registration and titling is not limited to county residents, thus, visitors from across Texas may obtain these services when visiting Galveston County. Please note that boat trailers must still be titled and registered in the resident County.

TPWD requires all motorboats, outboard motors and sailboats 14' or larger (or those with an auxiliary engine) to be registered. Thus, canoes, kayaks,

punts, rowboats, rubber rafts and other vessels less than 14' if paddled, poled, oared or windblown are exempt, as are out-of-country temporarily using Texas waterways, those owned by a governmental entity and ship lifeboats. Those moving to Texas from other states have up to 90 days to register their boat in Texas. Registrations are valid for a period of two years.

"There are many complexities associated with water vessel ownership and registration and it may take us several months to become fully proficient," stated Tax Assessor Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, "thus, I encourage anyone with complex questions to call TPWD Headquarters at 1-800-262-8755."

A new page will soon be added to the www.galcotax.com website, will include extensive information along with frequently used TPWD registration and titling forms and a link to TPWD website for a complete array of forms and information.

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Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
July 1978

MR MEL RUSSELL, GALVESTON COUNTY MARINE AGENT W/ TEXAS A & M Extension Service emphasizes the population of Texas is approximately 4% in the coastal areas and that subsidence & beach erosion has added to the possibility of more destruction from hurricanes.

The coastal area of the peninsula could be isolated when the high tide is from 31/2-5ft .

Roads and evacuation routes could be cut off earlier than previously indicated.

Crystal Beach road department cleaning crews worked overtime June 24-25

cleaning 1 1/2 miles of dead fish from the beach. The fish kill was reportedly caused by the use of blasting powder in the Gulf south of the area. Shoreline Geophysical admitted responsibility and have promised to pay for all clean up expenses.

The 1978 National Computer Conference in Anaheim, attended by approximately 25,000 person from around the nation, it had many personal exhibits of home made computers. From the conferences, many new innovations in personal computers are exhibited and new ideas are formed.

Found Near Galveston In Warehouses

June 14, 1957

Texas Rangers are continuing to comb Galveston Island for gambling devices after smashing \$350,000 worth of slot and pinball machines

The Rangers found slot machines hidden in 3 warehouses and a gun bunker at Old Fort Travis. Now they are seeking roulette wheels, crap tables, slot machines and other gaming equipment whisked out of Galveston pleasure spots a week ago yesterday.

The equipment disappeared just before Rangers and the Attorney General's Office joined forces in preparation for a big raid and massive crackdown on gambling. The raid was called off after it was learned that gambling had been stopped voluntarily.

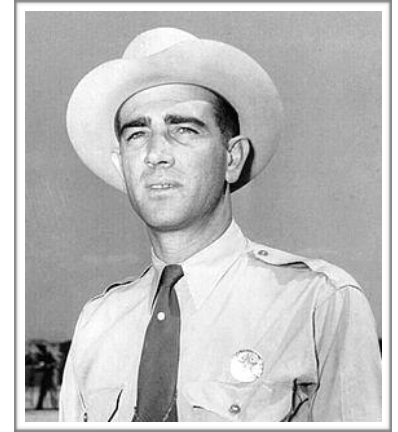
The \$350,000 worth of gambling equipment seized in three warehouses and a gun bunker at the old military fort on Bolivar Peninsula was covered with dust. It apparently was not the same equipment that had been used in gambling spots up until last week. Some were new and still in crates.

Assistant Attorney General Cecil Lotsch, in charge of clean-up activities at Galveston, has commented: "We will seek out gambling equipment and destroy it wherever we find it."

This was considered one of the biggest hauls in the history of Galveston County.

375 Slot Machines last night's raid, conducted shortly before midnight, yielded 375 slot machines and a number of pinball machines. Most of the slot machines were of the electric type and some were brand new. Texas Ranger Captain John Klevenhagen set the value of the seized equipment at between \$250,000 and \$350,000. All of it was destroyed.

Klevenhagen used his "universal key" - a 10 pound sledge hammer - to break into



Texas Ranger
Captain John Klevenhagen
1912 - 1958

one warehouse where the slot machines had been hidden.

Officials estimated the county's gambling syndicate had used the warehouses for storage for many years.

The old fort is no longer controlled by the Army, having been turned over to the General Services Administration which has leased buildings to individuals and private firms.

The State has obtained an injunction against virtually all of the known gambling spots on Galveston Island.



Fort Travis old bunker doors

PICTURES DON'T LIE

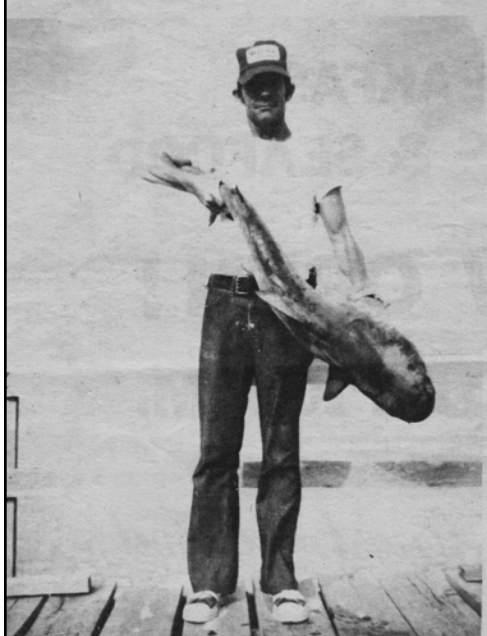


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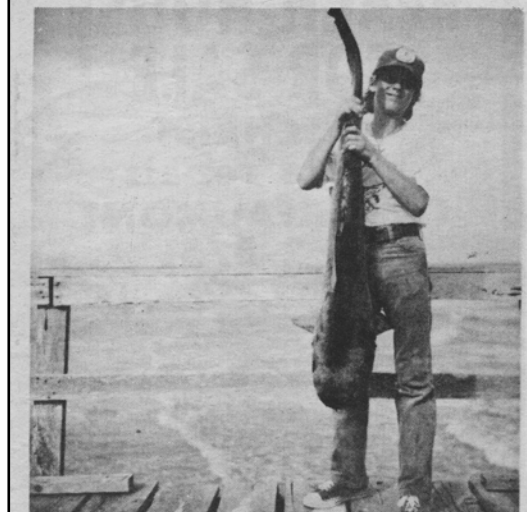
THE BEACH AT GILCHRIST
COUNTY MAINTAINED
ALL LITTER

SHARK MEAT: A DELICACY (?)



Walt Grantz of the Gulf Haven Pier in Gilchrist is shown above with a small shark that just may be served in a sandwich at the pier restaurant. The pier is doing a good business in shark sandwiches and fried shark dinners these days, thanks to Walt's expertise in the kitchen with the big fish. Walt says that shark meat is becoming increasingly popular in big city fish markets and restaurants.

THE BEACH



ly Sanford, son of Mr. and Robert E. Sanford of 5216 Street in Port Arthur is shown e with a 35 pound "baby k" he caught on June 1 at the Gulf Haven Pier. Arkie Murdock of Arkansas also caught a shark weighing 33 pounds on the pier the same day. Both were using eel and squid for bait.

Shark has long been a delicacy in oriental countries and so is stingray, which Walt claims is also very good meat, and passed off in some places as "scallops." It's all in knowing how to prepare the fish after it is killed and how to cook it. One of the secrets of properly preparing either fish is how quickly it is dressed. Shark and stingray spoil quickly and should be cleaned immediately aft-

er catching. When using stingray, use only the wings and cut in small strips resembling scallops. Fillet the shark and cover both fish with milk and refrigerate for at least 12 hours before using them. Then deep fry as you would any other fish. The resulting product is a pure white, sweet tasting, mild fish, that is fast becoming the favorite of a lot of the Gulf Haven Pier's customers.

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My Last Week

By A Student

I have always been use to the last week of school being the day we clean out our desk, turn in last minute work before grades are due, and also saying our goodbye's to each other.

Now that I'm in high school the last week of school is different for me. I don't know if it's me moving to a new district or if that's what always happens on the last week. But, this last week I should say is pretty chaotic for me. Usually, I'm use to doing nothing but scrolling through my phone or socializing with my classmates. My last week of school was just finals, my worst nightmare. My last week of school consisted of not only getting a whole bunch of study guides, but staying up all night trying to fully memorize what I learned the whole semester while trying to clear unnecessary junk out of my backpack and even think of ideas for my presentation in dance.

Even though some classes were unnecessary to worry about failing, I still had to take time to study. My year as a freshmen had to go right. I wasn't going to end my year with a failing overall average. As many high A's and B's I had, I didn't want to loose my identity as a hardworking student. I know at times it feels special to be identified as "smart" and "dedicated" but most of the time it puts pressure on me because my label has always been "genius" as to what my parents think of me. Not to mention they rely so much on education as the #1 rule in the family. So, one failing grade for me and it's over.

After staying up past 10 for a few days and staring at papers for a couple of hours my first day of the week started with biology. We ended up having about 80 questions to answer and write a whole page response to a question in 2 hours. It ended pretty well for me and made an A.

The next day I had my digital media class and my Japanese language final. Both were pretty easy and simple to pass through since those were my "comfortable classes".

On Wednesday I had my dance final and my Geometry final. I messed up with some parts of my choreography but I ended up with a B.

But, Geometry was a whole different ball game. We had 45 multiple choices and 5 free answer responses. Most of the test consisted of trigonometry, circles, volume, and transformations. Words can not describe how I had the worst headache in my life and the worst hand cramp during a 2 hour test. I started to take my time at first with some of the questions that dealt with trigonometry and finding the volume of a 3 dimensional figure, but when it came to only 30 minutes left in class my mind was racing with thoughts. I put as many equations and calculations into a calculator all at once while trying to figure out which triangles are used for Sin, Cos, or Tan. Then after finishing the 45 questions there was only 10 minutes left in class and I still

didn't finish the 5 free answer response questions.

Everyone else had already turned in their test except for me which gave me huge anxiety. People were already socializing with each other and I was left debating on the equation formula I needed to solve for a figure. I only finished 3 in 8 minutes which left me with only 2 minutes left to finish 2 questions. Those 2 questions were about transformations on a graph. It only took me 30 seconds to actually find the new transformation on the graph which made me more confident. The last question didn't take much longer but 45 seconds. The only problem was finding the transformation and finding the equation.

I end up turning my test in before the last minute was up. Even though I kind of rushed the minute questions I had great confidence on my test since I could understand most of the questions.

On my last day of school I had Literature and Geography. Literature had me questioning what my teacher had in mind the whole time while creating the exam. I know how to read and comprehend what I was reading; the hardest part is getting through reasoning skills.

I'm not well with poetry either or informational text. It just bores me a little and I'm not interested to even continue reading. Overall the exam was tougher than the STAAR and it definitely gave me a surprise.

Geography on the other hand was pretty easy. Although, the subject itself is easy getting through the never ending questions was difficult. 100 questions were enough for me to make me fall asleep in class. The only part of the exam that woke me up was my teacher leaving the classroom and he actually trusted us to not cheat because we were Pre-AP Geography, so he trusted us. Once he left the class every person chatted with their neighbors for answers and even help on the questions.

I'm not a cheater or anything, but I did give advice to people on some of the questions that they struggled with. I didn't want to leave a person hanging since I am a sincere person and hate to see people suffer. When our teacher came back he didn't notice anything odd but he just gave us the time we had left.

My last exam ended well and time was ticking slowly. The whole class was so anxious to finally be free from school and spend time for their self. My only thoughts were home and sleeping. Once the bell rang every single hallway was full of screams and multiple footsteps running out the door.

It feels emotional to leave middle school and say goodbye to your good old friends, but high school means being free from enemies, drama, and teachers while spending time for yourself.

Ever since the last day of school I kind of missed spending time with friends, but that won't stop me from having a great summer!



July

New Business Orientation Seminar 07/12/2017
New Business Orientation Seminar 07/25/2017

**High Island Baptist Church
will be hosting VBS
(vacation Bible School)
in July
Exact times and Details TBA**

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands.

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?"

All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?"

"Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband - "I love you, Sweetheart"

Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with one another and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message.

Below are 11 hilarious replies. If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love.

Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Don't beat around the bush, just tell me how much you need?
8. Am I dreaming?
9. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
- 10 I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
- 11 Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

Happy Anniversary!
Annette & Lonnie Dailey
July 8

Happy Birthday!
Marilyn Blum
July 21

Happy Birthday!
Big Jim
21 years old
with 40 years
experience
July 13

Happy Birthday!
Gwen Edgar
July 6

Happy Birthday!
Johan Fulgencio
July 10



Jeffrey Daniels



July Fishing Report

Jeffrey Daniels

June was a great month to be fishing the Galveston Bay complex. Summer time is here and it is looking to be a great. If you haven't entered the CCA Star Tournament then you are missing out on a chance to win some great prizes and help out our coastal ecosystems in the process!

East bay has been awesome with the birds working all over and very consistently. Some days you might have to hit several groups to find the right fish. The deeper reef structure has also been giving up great catches and on most days filling the cooler before the midday heat sets in. The reds have been thick in the marsh areas along the ICW on an outgoing tide, when working this pattern, I like to throw a smaller voodoo shrimp under a popping cork with some procure shrimp formula it.

West bay has been good around the San Louis Pass area with reports of a lot of bait coming through the pass bringing the predator fish with them. Look to wade the north and south shorelines of the lower portions of west bay on an incoming tide for great results. The back-lake areas have been consistent as always. The key to fishing these areas is to get there before the traffic does so that the fish aren't being pushed around and disturbed as much.

The surf has been on fire and will probably stay that way for the remainder of the season. Some great flounder catches have been reported along with many sharks catches as well. The key to catching these awesome creatures is to fish the outgoing tide at night with multiple rods out all in various water depths to find the fish.

While it is a great time to be fishing, I am sad to report that we have lost many people to the Gulf this month. If you decide to wade fish the surf be sure to check beach reports and any rip tide warnings that might be in place and always, no matter where you decide to wade, wear your lifejacket at all times, use safety precautions, and be aware of your surroundings! Email a picture of your next great catch to jeffreykdaniels@gmail.com with your name and fish info to be featured in next month's article. Go visit justonemorecastblog.com, be sure to follow and share on Facebook, Instagram, and twitter. Thank you to all my wonderful sponsors. Tight lines and smooth drag.



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We should learn to value coastal sediment

Viewing coastal sediment (basically, sand, cobble and fine-grained material) as an asset rather than an afterthought is the focus of a recent article – making the case that how we manage sand is an issue of even greater importance now as climate change and human intervention are dramatically changing the way such sediment is needed and used along our coasts.

Authors Brett Milligan and Rob Holmes distilled their discussion from a 2016 look at the San Francisco Bay-Delta by scientists, engineers, regulators and policy-makers. The resulting piece, “Sediment is critical infrastructure for the future of California’s Bay-Delta,” is published in the spring 2017 issue of “Shore & Beach,” a peer-reviewed technical journal on coastal sciences published by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA).

While this discussion focuses on the San Francisco Bay-Delta, the recommendations they examine for sediment management have application around the country. The authors examine the ways human actions affect sediment in the Bay-Delta, from erosion via deforestation, to entrapment by dams, to dredging in order to remove sediment from water bodies:

“In estuaries and other coastal regions, the sediment that experiences these manipulations is a crucial resource as it is the physical substrate underlying many highly valued landscapes... Ecosystems, communities, and economic activity rely on this dynamic infrastructure. However, in nearly all coastal and deltaic regions, sedimentary regimens have been highly altered by human intervention, radically affecting sediment distribution,” they said.

“Sediment availability is limited and shortfalls are exacerbated by the uneven geographic allocation of sediment — landscapes that need more sediment often cannot obtain it readily, while other landscapes experience excesses that generate problems such as unwanted siltation and associated management expenses.”

As sea levels change and coastal marshes and deltas subside, sediment sources are further impacted by human actions. Coastal sediment needs to evolve under such changing conditions and, the authors argue, the ways coastal and deltaic sediments are managed likewise need to change. As part of the summary of the Bay-Delta study findings, they offer a list of suggested policies, which include:

Recognize and quantify the sediment shortfall: With an historical perspective and a quantity of the losses, you can better understand how sand movement has changed and resulting issues on the

coast or delta that needs to be addressed.

Learn to value sediment: Not only to recognize its evolution from spoil to asset, but to understand how policies about sediment that can impact its handling. It can no longer be viewed as something to dispose of, but needs to be recognized as a valuable commodity that needs to be better managed.

Treat sediment as critical infrastructure: As the authors note, “... countless living and working communities are all built or dependent on the movement, management and sculpting of sediments.”

Design holistic sediment systems: This requires better integration of “regulatory and planning authority over water, sediment, ecology, infrastructure and human settlement” by integrating decision-making. Sand management can’t be done piecemeal by a variety of regulators, but must be viewed and managed as a sediment system.

Design for local conditions, and design for change: How do local shorelines change, and what impact does that have? What makes a piece of land valuable, and how might action (or inaction) affect that?

Match sediment to the situation: The best replacement is the one that is most like what was lost, usually – and quality matters as much as quantity when it comes to sediment.

Re-examine the goal of restoration at a time of great change: The goal of restoration is to return to a previous state – but which state should that be, given the increasing pace of coastal change? And what is the planning and restoration horizon – 20-years, 50-years or 100-years?

Develop new technologies: Both in the hardware of machines and the software of new practices and protocols, using incentives and investment to boost innovation.

Evolve planning and policy to meet new conditions and priorities: This can be a challenge when change comes faster than policies can evolve to respond to it.

Organize sediment publics: Recognize that “the movement of sediment has political effects” – so building a constituency for sediment that includes all those affected by its movement is essential to sound decision-making.

The authors conclude that these recommendations “outline the contours of new thinking that can meet the sedimentary challenges... and emphasize directions for additional research... Though written in response to conditions in the Bay-Delta, many of the principles... are broadly applicable in other deltas, bays, and estuaries.”



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Do you remember this historical landmark?



Featured in the August edition of The Beach Triton



The Seaside Naturalist

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Turtle Talk

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Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

Everyone—with the possible exception of fishermen—seems to be at ease with turtles. These armored, lumbering reptiles have a noble and ancient heritage that takes them back to the age of dinosaurs. Unlike the dinosaurs, turtles survived the Cretaceous extinction by adopting a passive approach to life's challenges: pull into your shelter and shut the door behind you. This "shelter" is a bony box made up of the rib cage and a covering of horny plates, or scutes, into which the turtle can more or less hide itself when threatened. Like a snail, a turtle is permanently attached to its shell; turtles come out of their shells only in cartoons. The great evolutionary mystery about turtles is just how, unlike all other vertebrates, the turtles develop their arms and legs inside their rib cages!



An adult female Red-Eared Pond Slider

The upper Texas Gulf coast is home to at least two species of freshwater turtles—one common, one rare—and one marine species (the Loggerhead Turtle, *Caretta caretta*, which I will cover in another article). Of these, by far the commonest is the Red-Eared Pond Slider (*Chrysemys scripta*). This is the most-often-seen Texas turtle. You will often spot them basking on logs in ponds and swamps, often stacked atop one another like dinner plates, only to

splash back into the water at your approach. In times largely past, great numbers of these turtles were "ranch"ed to supply the nation's 5- and 10-cent stores with hatchling turtles for sale. The commercial pet foods of those times, often dried ant pupae or "ant eggs", were woefully inadequate and resulted in few turtles surviving even a year in captivity. Many were painted with colorful enamel pictures on their backs for souvenirs. This cruel practice quickly killed the turtles by preventing their shells from growing and is now outlawed.

Incidentally, if you are wade fishing in the bays of the Gulf and see a turtle drifting by, it will probably be a pond slider. Although they are not well-adapted to marine life, pond sliders will make occasional forays into salt or brackish bays and lagoons to feed on plant life and invertebrates. In times past, another turtle was far more abundant in these waters: the Diamondback Terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*). Originally found in the salt marshes and tidal waters of the Atlantic from Cape Cod to Texas, loss of salt marsh habitat from development and commercial fishing for their delectable meat so threatened these turtles that they are now protected along the entire coast. Redfish fishermen who pilot their canoes and kayaks into the marshy coastal backwaters may be lucky enough to spot one basking on a mud flat—look for a "carved"-looking shell and greenish-gray, spotted legs.

All aquatic turtles must come ashore to lay their eggs. In the late spring, gravid female pond sliders may crawl several hundred feet away from the water to find a suitable nest site, usually a partially-shaded spot with a sandy loam soil. The turtles dig their nests entirely with their back legs and may lay a dozen or more oval eggs in them. After laying, the turtles fill in their nests and conceal them so well that that they are hard to see. They then abandon their eggs. If all goes well and they are not found by skunks, raccoons, or feral hogs, the brood of tiny green babies will dig themselves out in two months' time and find their own way back to the water.

Most if not all turtles have an interesting detail about their development that sounds almost magical to us: their sex is determined by environment rather than by chromosomes. Typically, eggs incubated at 28°C will hatch all males. Eggs incubated at 32°C will hatch all females, with a mix of the sexes at intermediate temperatures. In a given nest, incubation temperatures may range between highs and lows depending on the depth, providing a mix of sexes in a single clutch.

Young pond sliders make good pets and will live for many years if properly cared for. Although rarely sold in pet stores today, the summer hatchlings are

common in ponds and coastal streams and can be obtained easily with a dip net. It is always a good idea to wash your hands after handling a turtle, as they do pose a slight risk of salmonella infection. A 10-gallon aquarium with a sloping stone arranged to give a "beach" out of the water will house a pet turtle of up to four inches or so. While the commercial turtle pellets sold today make a good basic diet, supplements of live insects, earthworms, or freshly-killed minnows will provide extra vitamins and dietary variety. A 75W "Edison" or old-fashioned incandescent electric light mounted above the tank "beach" will provide heat for basking.



Hatching Red-Eared Pond Slider

In Texas, pond sliders rarely hibernate and will come out to bask on mild, sunny winter days. Indoors, expect your turtle to be active year-round. Captives soon learn to recognize their keeper (or at least, a human being) and will swim to the side to be fed, always taking their food underwater. In time, should you tire of your pet turtle or have it outgrow its tank, release it to the water where you caught it and it will quickly revert to the wild.

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Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 9, 2017

Directors Present: Hollis Gassen, President; George Strong, Vice President; Denise Lange, Secretary; Chris Makin, Treasurer; DJ Hutchinson; Maria Skewis; Dennis Stafford; Wayne Turk;

Staff Present: Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Clifford Howard, Plant Manager

Others Present

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order: At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Hollis Gassen, President, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. George Strong and cited by all present. Afterwards a moment of silence was observed by all.

Item 3: To approve the April 18, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed

Item 4: Audit & Finance:

Mr. Dennis Stafford reported the Audit and Finance Committee had met earlier today and reviewed the District's invoices, check registers and bank statements for April and found everything to be in order.

Item 5: There were no public comments

Item 6: The manager's report was presented by Jody Ball and the following items were reported and/or discussed:

A) Review of Trial Balance, Comparative Budget Report and Account Balance Summary List:

April water loss was 6.92% with 4 month average of 6.59% with 5 leaks worked.

The 2017 average water bill is \$59.55 with 4735 connections.

B) Review current infrastructure projects:

There are no active projects to report. Final walk through with county on generator project scheduled for this week.

C) Update on BUS activities:

Bolivar Utility Services LLC updated and submitted a list of subdivisions they are currently serving, along with a list of subdivisions they are permitted to serve.

D) Rollover Pass:

There is no additional information available

E) Personnel

Item 7: This issue was brought to the Board during the meeting of March 2016 by Mr. & Mrs. Pope. Current policy covering this issue is that payment for water is due to BPSUD and customers have 3.5 years to pay debt.

Policy and Procedure Committee met to discuss this incident and current policy. Motion made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Chris Makin to authorize Manager to inform Pope family that they will be bill monthly 40\$ to pay off debt and need to pay off account debt prior to sale of property if this occurs. Motion passed by 6 yes votes with one vote of nay.

Item 8: Power Point Presentation and Possible Actions on Payoff of 2009 Bond Dennis Stafford presented an updated presentation for TRWD Board entitled "Recovery Update 2017". No action required.

Item 9: Discussion and possible actions to approve TWIA insurance renewal. Motion by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to approve TWIA insurance renewal policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Discussion and possible action to approve policy changes: Hollis Gassen presented changes to

the District's Service Policy, Section 10. George Strong made a motion to accept the changes to the policy as presented. Denise Lange seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Discussion and possible action to approve capital purchase.

Review and discussion of recent leak on 20" line and possible alternative equipment & procedures to safely repair this type of leak. Item tabled to future meeting after additional research.

Item 12: Future Committee Meetings planned

A) Audit and Finance Committee

No meetings planned

B) Personnel and Policy

Meeting to be scheduled to discuss two candidates for Board of Directors.

C) Plant and Product Committee

No meeting planned

D) Public Relations Committee

No meeting planned

Item 13: Recognition of Clifford Howard for 25 Years of dedicated service to BPSUD

Item 14: Director's comments on future agenda items

A) Director Candidates

B) Quarterly Investment Report

C) Capital Purchase

Item 15: The next BPSUD Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Item 16: Adjournment: Motion made by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:29 PM.

The Beach Bum says it's funny how a dollar looks so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the supermarket.

Happy Birthday!
Gavin Barnett
July 8

Happy Birthday!
Missy Hardin
July 28

The Beach Bum says I always wondered what the job application is like here at Hooters. Do they just hand 'em a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

Happy Birthday!
Kaye Mears
July 8

The Beach Bum says if he had his life to live over again, he'd try his best to prevent that thing from happening which led to his death.

Happy Birthday!
Sandra Guidry
July 31

The Beach Bum says been reading up on the thesaurus lately because a mind is a terrible thing to garbage.

Happy Birthday!
Heidi Kunz
July 4

The Beach Bum says the closest a person ever comes to perfection is when he fills out a job application form.

Happy Birthday!
Cody Hammond
July 12

The Beach Bum says e can teach kids there's no 'i' in team, but it's way more important to teach them that there's no 'a' in definitely.

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Entergy Texas Is Storm Ready for the 2017 Hurricane Season

Planning tips, communication tools available so customers can be prepared

THE WOODLANDS, Texas – June 1 marks the official start of the 2017 hurricane season, and Entergy Texas employees are ready to respond if a major storm threatens the state.

Forecasts differ in their predictions for this hurricane season, but it only takes one major storm reaching the Gulf Coast to upend lives.

"We prepare year-round for storms," said Vernon Pierce, vice president of customer service for Entergy Texas. "You never know when a hurricane will strike, but Entergy is ready and encourages customers to be prepared as well."

Entergy maintains a constant focus on being prepared for major weather events and invests hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade and enhance the system, which improves the resiliency of the electrical system.

Whether it's making an emergency plan, creating an emergency supply kit or purchasing supplies and gear needed to weather a storm, the best time to prepare is now.

Planning Remains Key to Restoration

With decades of experience in restoring power after tropical systems, Entergy relies upon a time- and weather-tested plan called Storm Ready. It involves continuous preparation and training for everyone in the company.

Staying Storm Ready is a year-round effort, and it begins with monitoring weather systems around the clock, every day of the year. When there's a weather threat, Entergy uses weather forecasts and computer models based on experience with past storms to predict an estimated number and duration of outages that could occur. Based on those estimates, Entergy will call on restoration workers from around the country to get the power back on as safely and quickly as possible.

Keeping Customers Informed

As important as the restoration itself is keeping customers safe and informed. Customers can stay up to date on restoration efforts through many channels:

- Customers can download the Entergy app for iPhone or Android at entergy.com/app/. It gives customers the ability to report an outage or check if power is restored on the street at their home or business.

- Sign up for text alerts by texting REG to 368374.

- Follow Entergy Texas on twitter.com/entergytx or facebook.com/entergytx for updates on restoration activities.

- Visit the View Outages map on Entergy's website to get information about an outage.

Entergy's Storm Center is a one-stop shop for storm preparation, safety and restoration information:

- Restoration information is added to the site throughout the day.

- A link to the View Outages map to provide outage and estimated restoration information.

- Customers can also access Operation: Storm Ready, a guide to help them plan and prepare for weather emergencies.

The Beach Bum says probably the worst thing you can hear when you're wearing a bikini is "Good for you!"

Senior citizens have taken to texting with gusto. They even have their own vocabulary:

BFF: Best Friend Fainted

BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth

CBM: Covered by Medicare

FWB: Friend with Beta-blockers

LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out

GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!

The Beach Bum says drama is a word boring people use to describe fun people.

The Beach Bums niece had a class assignment to interview an "old person" about his life, so she asked the Bum, "What was the biggest historical event that happened during your childhood?"

"I'd have to say the moonwalk," the Bum replied.

She looked disappointed. "That dance was so important to you?"

The Beach Bum and Jammer were sitting in a restaurant having a very heated argument.

Finally, Jammer declared, "I'm so mad, I'm taking you off my pallbearer list!"



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Happy Birthday!
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July 4

Happy Anniversary!
Ray & Linda Royce
July 28

Happy Birthday!
Mary Brown
July 1

Happy Birthday!
Michael Gates
July 8

Happy Anniversary!
Hedy & Joe Andres
July 21
(God Bless Hedy!)

Happy Birthday!
Beth Mleak
July 25

Happy Birthday!
Cathy Harrison
July 9

Happy Birthday!
Emily LaRue
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*Cheryl Small and Bob Smith
will be united in marriage on
July 4, 2017
in Gilchrist, TN*

Seen on a marquee outside the Clinton Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison in Dannemora, New York: The Dannemora fire department reminds you it's fire prevention week. Practice your escape plan."

The Beach Bum was waterskiing when he fell into the river. As the boat circled to pick him up, he noticed a hunter sitting in a duck boat in the reeds. The Bum put his hands in the air and joked, "Don't shoot!" The hunter responded, "Don't quack."

The Beach Bum says, "No, I'm not walking on string-cheese stilts. These are just my first bare legs of the season."

When the Beach Bum went to the clinic for an MRI, he was put into the machine by an attractive, young technician. Sometime later, when the examination was over, he was helped out of the machine by a far older woman.

The Bum remarked, "How long was I in there for?"

**Happy Birthday!
Christian Johnson
July 9**

My 7 year old grandson walked in while I was getting ready for work. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"Putting on my wrinkle cream," I answered.

"Oh," he said, walking away. "I thought they were natural."

**Happy Birthday!
Ethan Bienvenue
July 6**

My diminutive Aunt Mamie, just four feet, nine inches tall, accepted an offer to visit a health club for a free session. After being greeted heartily, she was shown where she could change and told an instructor would soon be with her.

Having changed her clothes, Aunt Mamie went back to the exercise area. Along one wall she noticed a silver bar that was not in use, and decided to try her hand at chin-ups while she waited. She jumped up, barely reaching the bar, and managed to strain through two chin-ups before the instructor came to her side.

Smiling politely, the instructor said, "If you want to let go of the coat rack and follow me, I'll be glad to help you get started."

**Happy Birthday!
Burt Burnet
July 26**

The Beach Bum says I used to date a hoarder, and she broke up with me. That stings extra hard - I'm like the only one thing she can get rid of.

The Beach Bum's wife says never trust a man when he's in love, drunk, or running for office.

On the first night of their honeymoon, the husband isn't sure how to tell his bride about his stinky feet and smelly socks, while the wife is wondering how to break the news to him about her awful breath, which so far, she's been able to cover up. After some soul-searching, the husband gathers his nerve and says, "I have a confession."

She draws closer, peers into his eyes, and says, "Darling, so do I."

Recoiling, he says, "Don't tell me—you've eaten my socks."

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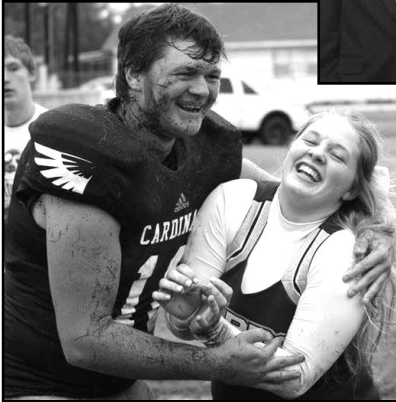
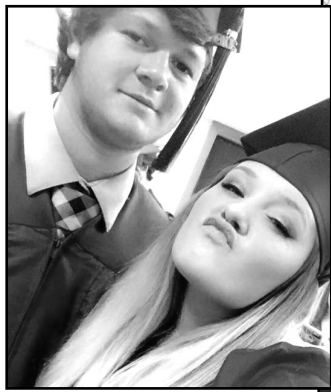
Austin Tyler Guilmette

February 22, 1998 - June 26, 2017

Services for Austin Tyler Guilmette, 19, were held at the First Baptist Church in Crystal Beach on Thursday June 29.

Austin was killed in a one-vehicle wreck Sunday, June 26, close to Henderson, Texas.

He was a 2016 graduate of High Island High School and a resident of Crystal Beach, Texas.



Brandy Mosley

November 7, 1981 - June 13, 2017

Brandy Mosley, 35, was found dead early June 13 in the morning on Crystal Beach. She went missing Monday, June 12, afternoon after trying to help her 4-year-old son in the water.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office has found a body matching the description of a woman who went missing in Crystal Beach waters on Monday.

Brandy Mosley, 33, was found Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. near the Gulfport Village subdivision on Crystal Beach, Galveston County Sheriff's Deputy Vic Maceo said.

Maceo confirmed Mosley was found dead.

Mosley went missing early Monday afternoon when she was trying to help her 4-year-old son in the water, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

She went missing around 1:30 p.m., June 12 and a Coast Guard helicopter out of Houston and small boat crew out of Galveston started their search at 2 p.m.



Addressing climate change in your own back yard

Much has been said about recent responses to the issue of climate change, so there's no need to add to that conversation. However, coastal professionals and residents understand that, ultimately, sea level change and other consequences of a warming climate are not political realities, but scientific ones.

More important, they are personal realities... and doing something in response to climate change, finally, comes down to a personal response.

So what can you, as coastal dwellers and advocates, do to counter sea level rise?

You certainly have heard the usual responses – lessen your carbon footprint, waste less, etc. – but there are issues and concerns unique to the coast that can best be addressed by those who live and work along our shores.

Support science, not emotion. Urge – demand, in fact – that your elected and appointed officials make decisions and plans based on facts rather than fears. Ask for the facts behind the feelings, be respectful of others' opinions but concentrate on data, and urge that the community conversation be remain centered in reality, not rhetoric.

Look at your community' unique vulnerabilities, and develop a plan to deal with them in a timely manner. Then implement that plan, rather than letting it sit on a shelf. If your community has not prepared a vulnerability study, make sure it does.

Look at your beach management practices for their responsiveness to altered sea level and other challenges and changes to coastal conditions. Also look for your community's ability to respond to storm damage in a very timely manner... because, after a 100-year storm occurs your beach will be vulnerable to a lesser storm. Your coast needs a rapid-response plan to return to good enough health to withstand the next barrage.

Be aware of subtle changes in your coast. Some of the signs to look for are the floods that are becoming more regular and persistent, the changes in flora and fauna that might be precursors to larger problems ahead, the altered habitat both next to and beneath the waters.

Help your community develop a coastal resilience plan if one is not already in place. Help them update and refine it if the plan has already been done. And, finally, help them get it implemented.

Support sound building standards that elevate and strengthen structures to withstand winds and waves – and that can enable those structures to

operate using fewer dwindling resources.

Review the zoning laws to make sure that they take into account building and/or rebuilding in vulnerable areas.

In those areas where properties are most vulnerable, have a clear and objective discussion about options and timeframes. Be timely and clear-eyed in your assessment, and don't take any option off the table without a thorough review. Think about the three Rs: Reinforce, rebuild, retreat.

Look at what steps your community – and you and your businesses and your neighbors – are taking to lower greenhouse gas emissions and overall pollution sources impacting the coast and its waters (which are facing unprecedented challenges from all quarters). Use energy prudently (and from as green a source as you can get), and encourage reusing and repurposing rather than just rebuilding and replacing.

Repeat after me: "Wide beaches, high dunes, elevated structures." Then make sure your community is working toward that mantra if it's not there already.

Use every tool in your coastal toolbox to adapt to changing seas and coastal conditions – but use them wisely. Living shorelines must be able to move to be effective, hard structures must do no harm while they're trying to stabilize a shoreline, engineering and science must take into account all users and all issues.

Expand your community's planning horizon beyond the typical 10-15 years, at least when it comes to the coast. What could that shoreline look like in 50 years? Where will mean high tide hit in 100 years? What will coastal structures and infrastructure have to do to be functional within that timeframe – and can they?

Most of all, get involved and get educated. Climate and sea level change isn't someone else's problem – not when it's happening right in your back yard (literally)!

That old phrase, "Think globally, act locally," has never been more true. The impacts of climate change will be felt by each and every one of us – so that's where the change in behaviors and beliefs need to come from if we're going to lessen the scope and severity of that change to our lives and livelihoods.

Very few of us can have an impact on what happens in the halls of power here and around the globe. But we all can have a very real impact on what we do about it.



Crenshaw School News

Cinco de Mayo Program



8th Graduating Students

Row 1: Tacy Evans, Katelynn Campbell, Julian Blume, Gavin Barnett, Nala Gutierrez, Salutatorian, Jordan Vernon, Valedictorian
Row 2: Ameray Perez, Jessica Ortiz, Ty Munsch, Jose Maldonado, Cameron Geisler, Skye Forgy
Row 3: Cody Zepeda, Brenda Watie, Gabriel Villanueva, Robert Stewart, Jr., Jacob Stallings, Josie Pierce, Abbigale Pierce
 Also Pictured is Tyler Anderson Middle School Team Leader

Galveston Independent School District
 Registration for the Pre-K Program
 Collaboration with GISD and Head Start



***Students must be three or four years old by September 1, 2017



Mrs. Dailey accepts her award as the Texas National Distinguished Principal presented by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association



Kindergarten Graduation

Row 1: Jocelyn Fortuna, August Felton, Clayton Ewing, Johnny Alexander
Row 2: Richard Perez, Kaleb O'Connor, Jace Koonce, Dakota Holmes, David Hernandez, Trenton Hammond
 Also Pictured is Katy Wilkes, Kindergarten teacher.



Galveston County Sheriff's Office

JUNE Arrest Report

"COME FOR VACATION, DON'T LEAVE ON PROBATION"

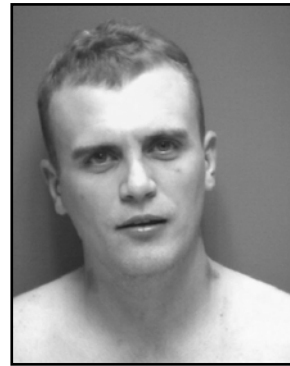
Arrest does not imply guilt, and criminal charges are merely accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty and convicted.



Villapando, Eduardo (W /M/24) Arrest on chrg of No Seat Belt - Passenger, M (M), at 800 Mr G, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/2/2017 19:07.



Haney, Kristi Marie (W /F/35) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/3/2017 23:00.



Beraft, David Chance (W /M/26) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated Bac >= 0.15, M (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/3/2017 23:00.



Covington, Crystal Chantee (B /F/35) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at 5100 Fm 1765, Texas City, TX, on 6/5/2017 23:35.



Evans, Curtis Brian (W /M/35) Arrest on chrg of 1) Resist Arrest Search Or Transport (M) and 2) Criminal Trespass (M), at 1366 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/6/2017 09:06.



Storey, Terry Lynn (W /F/60) Arrest on chrg of Municipal Hold - Gpd (M), at 1400 23rd St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/6/2017 09:25.



Rhodes, Alyssa Dawn (W /F/26) Arrest on chrg of Resist Arrest Search Or Transport, M (M), at 1680 Highway 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/8/2017 23:48.



Garcia, Gilbert (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (cameron County) (F), at 821 N Kansas Av, League City, TX, on 6/9/2017 17:08.



Perry, Gregory . (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant, F (F), at 2967 Hwy 87, Bolivar, TX, on 6/9/2017 04:21.



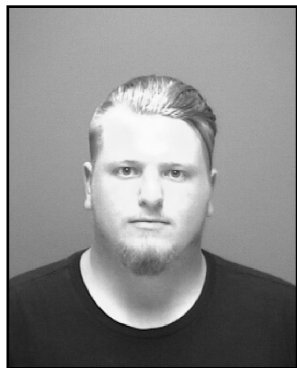
Standley, David Keith (W /M/48) Arrest on chrg of 1) Criminal Trespass (M) and 2) Evading Arrest Det W/veh (F), at 1404 7th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/9/2017 10:05.



Storey, Terry Lynn (W /F/60) Arrest on chrg of Municipal Hold - Gpd (M), at 1405 23rd St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/10/2017 01:15.



Coronado, Tania Marie (W /F/38) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Marij <2oz (M) and 2) Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at 1366 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/11/2017 23:04.



Bristol, Christopher Joseph (W /M/25) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (harris County), M (M), at 1334 Hwy 124, High Island, TX, on 6/11/2017 12:16.



Andrews, Gina Cheryl (W /F/48) Arrest on chrg of Display Fictitious Motor Vehicle Registration (M), at 1004 Crystal Ln, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/14/2017 14:53.



Warnock, James Villejion (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Poss Drug Paraphernalia (M), at 1004 Crystal Ln, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/14/2017 14:53.



Rodriguez, Sheree Lynn (W /F/54) Arrest on chrg of Agg Assault W/deadly Weapon, F (F), at 1030 Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/16/2017 13:00.



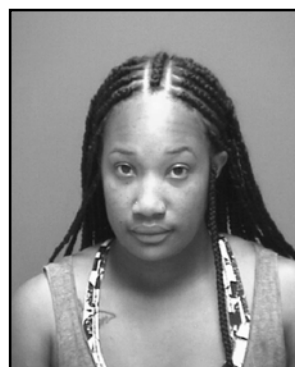
Culver, Joshua Michael (W /M/31) Arrest on chrg of 1) Uni Carrying Weapon (M), 2) Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More (F), and 3) Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at Beach@bb62/west Ln, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/17/2017 16:34.



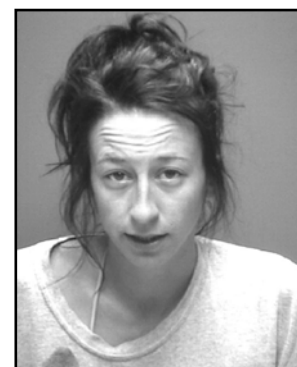
Walker, Johnny Ray (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Open Container (M) and 2) Public Intoxication Auto (M), at 700 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 6/17/2017 14:24.



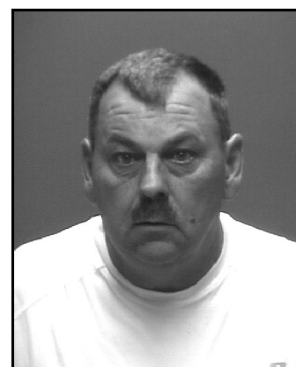
Jeffcoat, Austin Lee (W /M/20) Arrest on chrg of 1) Open Container (M), 2) Minor In Possession Of Alcoholic Beverage (M), and 3) Public Intoxication - Minor (M), at 700



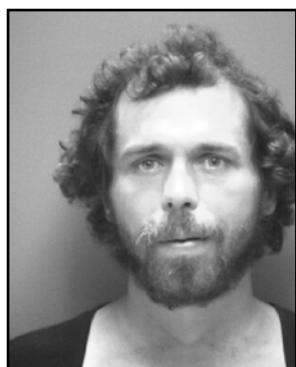
Balque, Courtney Deshawn (B /F/30) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz (M), at Sh 87, Bolivar, TX, on 6/18/2017 14:41.



Chandler, Taryn Nicole (W /F/27) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M) and 2) Poss Marij <2oz (M), at 2201 Lobster, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/20/2017 18:57.



Douget, Phillip Carl (W /M/56) Arrest on chrg of 1) Public Intoxication (M) and 2) Permit Unlic Oper To Drive/non-guardian (M), at 800 Buell, Crystal Beach, TX, on 6/20/2017 12:05.



Gersbach, John Sheldon (W /M/34) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 1999 Hwy 87/hwy 124, High Island, TX, on 6/22/2017 22:55.



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July 10



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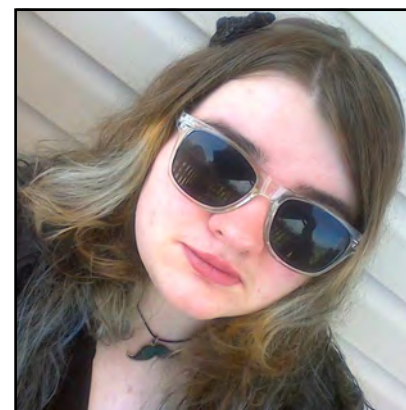
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