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Business of the Month

Crystal Dunes Subdivision Grand Opening



Saturday, August 12th a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony honoring the new subdivision, Crystal Dunes was presented by Bolivar COC members Brenda Flanagan, Anne Willis, BB Young, George Strong & Mac McDonald. Others attending included Tom & Georgia Osten of CrystalBeach.com, Jan Kent of The Beach Triton, Sid & JoAnn Bouse of Coastal Surveying of Texas, Linda Allison, Kathy Hammond & Pat Johnson.



This new FEMA-TWIA insurable private gated beachfront subdivision is located in Crystal Beach, features an underground electricity system, a concrete cul-de-sac street, a concrete walkway to the beach, a golf cart path over the dunes & an attractive remote controlled entry. Additionally Crystal Dunes, to insure privacy & spacious living, is limited to only

nine lots and is surrounded by Galveston Bay Foundation wetlands reserve. There are five large 3/4 acre beachfront lots & four 1/3 plus acre wetland-buffered lots.

Crystal Dunes was developed by Bill McDaniel & Chuck Langham. Infrastructure was implemented by local contractor Joe Forkner. Jerry Parker Realty is the principal Broker, 409-684-0843

Alle Pace Opens in Maven's Clothing Salon

Alle Pace is an Esthetician & Lash Artist, specializing in lashes, brows, facials and more and has opened Paradise Lash & Skincare in Maven's Clothing Salon located at 2950 Hwy 87.

She hosts a full menu of beauty treatments from chemical peels to lash extensions to facial waxing to lash or brow tinting.

Alle is passionate about working with individuals to achieve their esthetic needs and desires.

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For more info visit paradiselashandskin.com or call Alle at 713-419-2484 for an appointment.



Arrest Made in Water Bandit Case

The Sheriff Department has arrested a suspect accused of opening fire hydrants and valves to the Bolivar Peninsula water supply between Port Bolivar and Boyt Road.

David Keith Standley, 48, was arrested on the charge of Criminal Mischief Impair/Interrupt Public Service at 1404 7th St. in Pt. Bolivar.

Standley has also been charged with Arson, Criminal Trespass, Evading Arrest Detention, and Obstruct Highway Passageway.

Standley's bond is set at \$159,500.00





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Community Announcements

For your reading enjoyment, the entire Beach Triton is online
www.bolivarpeninsulatexas.com/About/Businesses/The-Beach-Triton

Commissioner Apffel has scheduled the next Bolivar Community Advisory Council (CAC) meeting for Wednesday, October 18th, 2017.

The meeting will take place in Judge Penny Pope's Court room, located at 946 Noble Carl Rd., Crystal Beach, TX 77650, at 11:00 AM.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Please mark your calendars for this meeting, and we look forward to seeing everyone next month!



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE, FEMA, & TDI

For information on the Texas Disaster Declaration and more, visit www.fema.gov. Residents and businesses in declared counties who sustained disaster related damage due to Hurricane Harvey may apply for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Registering online is the quickest way to register for FEMA assistance. If you do not have access to the internet you may register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. You may also use the FEMA mobile app.

For help with insurance questions and recovery resources, visit Texas Department of Insurance's Help After Harvey website.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

To file a flood insurance claim under the NFIP, contact your insurance agent immediately. You can also call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) – select option 2 – to learn more about your policy, and be directed to the appropriate claims resource.

For more on the claims filing process, see the Texas Department of Insurance - www.tdi.texas.gov/takefive/filing-home-claim

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering assistance. Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to Texas businesses and residents as a result of President Trump's major disaster declaration. Applicants may apply online at www.disasterloan.sba.gov/ela or call (800) 659-2955.

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WEEKLY EVENTS at BAYVUE UMC

YOGA FOR MEN AND WOMEN
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Monday and Wednesday

Gentle Aerobics
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

BIBLE STUDY
Monday ~ 5:00 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday - 5:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BAYVUE UMC

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
2nd Monday of each Month - 8:00 AM

PRAYER WARRIORS
2nd and 4th Mondays – 10:00 AM

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PenDeCo Perspective

Peninsula Development Coalition

John Lee, Jr., Vice President

As this column is being put together our area is getting bombarded by Hurricane / Tropical Storm Harvey. First it wrecked the middle coast around Rockport and Port Aransas, and now it is trying to wash the Houston area off the map. It seems impossible that some parts of our area might receive as much as 50 inches of rain... that's just hard to comprehend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this disaster; and also, to the brave men and women who are risking their own lives as first responders to rescue and protect those in harm's way. Those first responders are setting aside their own family's needs to help take care of other people who are currently in need. It takes a very special type of person to make that decision, and we are all extremely grateful there are so many on the peninsula who fit that role for us.

As an example, when Hurricane Harvey was making his presence felt down in the middle coast we were experiencing tropical storm force winds in this area. There was a fire down the beach that involved three houses and our local fire departments responded as you expect they would, in spite of the dire conditions. Additional help was brought in from neighboring (Chambers County and Hampshire Fannett to name a few) to help control the blaze and it's a wonder the final

outcome wasn't a worse tragedy than it was. Kudo's to all those volunteers who responded and helped control that fire.

As Hurricane Harvey arrives we have no need of any additional reminders we are nearing the peak of hurricane season (typically Sept. 10th-11th); but, in an attempt to find a silver lining football season is approaching as well. Football fans are already lining up watch pre-season football and getting ready to cheer for their favorite high school team on Friday, their alma mater on Saturday; and their favorite professional team on Sunday. With the beginning of football season, it also signals the ending of another summer season on the beach and we can look forward to that brief "fall" season when the leaves change color. If we lived farther north it could be a spectacular sight, but not so much around here. But that's a small trade off to have the opportunity to live here at the beach, our January and February's are most likely a little more pleasant.

Labor Day is widely recognized as the "end of summer" tourist season holiday, but many would suggest that if you haven't spent time on the peninsula in late September and October you are really missing some of our best weather of the year. In addition to the great weather, it's not as crowded and you can almost feel

the peninsula giving a relaxing exhale as it prepares to begin a slightly slower fall and winter.

Nationally, Labor Day is celebrated as a holiday on the first Monday in September. It is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The first Labor Day was celebrated on a Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City; later the actual day of celebration of the holiday was moved to Monday where it stands today, on the first Monday in September. That first Labor Day celebration in New York City was held mostly at the urging of local labor unions who wanted to display the talents, abilities, and products of their various industrial members. Oregon was the first state to have a state-wide Labor Day holiday in 1887, and it wasn't until 1894 when Labor Day became a national holiday. Throughout our history as a nation, we have achieved great things because of the abilities of the American worker, and the innovative spirit that small businesses bring to the marketplace. A well-known Houston area furniture store owner who says that a visit to his business location will "save you money" has often advertised one of his guiding principles that is "ten, two-letter words" long, with a lot of meaning. He says, "If it is to be, it is up to me." This principle seems to capture the essence

of the American worker and their entrepreneurial spirit.

Our next, and often sadly overlooked holiday is Veterans Day, on November 11th. There will be more in future PenDeCo Perspectives about the contributions of our heroic veterans. Each and every person who has served our country in one of the armed services deserve a heartfelt thanks for everything they have done to protect our country. A pat on the back, a friendly handshake, and a straightforward look, eye to eye, saying "Thank You" is the least each of us can do for the many sacrifices they have made.

In closing, it is our hope this PenDeCo Perspective article finds you in the best of health and happy at the prospect of spending an enjoyable Labor Day holiday at the beach. At PenDeCo we would like to ask that everyone, try to do that one little thing extra to make someone else's day better, for each of us that will be something different, but each of us know there are people we can help.

Take the time to enjoy your family, tell them you love them, and give them a hug. These simple things are the true secret to a happy life as we hurriedly rush from one emergency to the next.

Be safe, enjoy the Labor Day holiday, and all of us at PenDeCo hope everyone has a GREAT month of September.

Happy Birthday!
Blake Guidry
September 1

Happy Birthday!
Betty Williamson
September 17

Happy Birthday!
Angela Hammond
September 5

Happy Birthday!
Dillan Norman
September 9

Happy Birthday!
Brandy Blough
September 13

Happy Birthday!
Karlee Ritchie
September 2

Happy Birthday!
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September 9

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High Island Cardinals

High Island Welcomes Travis Grubbs



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2. Amount frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct.

Categorical or Program Eligibility

High Island ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. High Island ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Cindy Rodriguez, 409-286-5269

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Cindy Rodriguez, 409-286-5269

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Cindy Rodriguez, Food Service Director, will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the school.

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

Travis Grubbs has been in the education profession for 19 years. He was a math and special education teacher for 12 of those years and served as administrator at all levels from K-12 for the last 7 years. His previous job was a principal of a K-12 campus that was known for very high academic achievement.

Mr. Grubbs is married to his wife, Breta, and have two children, Hannah and Jordan.

He states, "Becoming part of the High Island community has been a very rewarding experience. Everyone has been very welcoming and supportive to me and my family. In the three months that I have been here, I have been very impressed with the staff and students that I have had the opportunity work with. I am looking forward to a great year at High Island ISD and expect huge success throughout the year!"

High Island ISD announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served user the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting August 28, 2017, High Island ISD began distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at the school office and the cafeteria.

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-priced meal application and return it to the school. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

Upcoming School Events

October 6
Rice Festival Holiday

October 14
PTO Fall Festival

October 11
Juniors take PSAT

November 4 - 2 PM
Homecoming

Lady Cardinal Varsity Volleyball Schedule

*Oct 3	Deweyville	@ Home	4:30
*Oct 6	Sabine Pass	@ Sabine Pass	4:30
*Oct 10	Evadale	@ Evadale	4:30
*Oct 13	West Hardin	@ West Hardin	4:30
*Oct 17	Hull-Daisetta	@ Home	4:30
*Oct 20	Deweyville	@ Deweyville	4:30
*Oct 24	Sabine Pass	@ Home	6:00 pm
<i>Bi District Playoff</i>		TBA	TBA
<i>Area Playoff</i>		TBA	TBA
<i>Regional Quarterfinals</i>		TBA	TBA
<i>Regional Tournament</i>		TBA	TBA
<i>State Tournament</i>		TBA	TBA
☑ District Games			

Varsity Football Schedule

10/05	Spring Providence Classical	7 PM
10/13	Apple Springs	7:30 PM
10/21	@ Union Hill	3 PM
10/27	@ Chester	7:30 PM
11/04	Leverett's Chapel	2 PM
11/10	Bye	



PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 13, 2017 at CBVFD

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – By- Brain Forey Time – 0900 hrs.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL B. Forey / M Pearson / M Mallet / O Thompson / Kyle Utz
Present- B Forey/M Pearson/M Mallet/O Thompson
Absent – Kyle Utz

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement by the Secretary of the presence of a quorum that the meeting had been duly called, and that the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law

4. RECOGNITION OF GUEST PRESENT.

Guests present were: see See Sign-In Sheet attachment

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (sent via email prior to meeting time)

Motion made by O Thompson second by M Mallet
Vote: Yes 4 No 0

to accept the Secretary's report as presented

6. TREASURER REPORT –

Billing account balance: \$ 114,586.22 # 3241

Operations account balance: \$ 522.27 #3696

CPR-Pub Ed account balance:\$ 371.66 #9798

Motion made by M Pearson second by M Mallet
Vote: Yes 4 No 0 to accept the Treasurer report as presented.

7. AGENDA ITEMS: see "Director's Report" attachment end of document for further Information.

a. Funding: Reimbursement check received from GC ESD2. A Safety Dividend type check received to PEMS from the insurance/workman's compensation entity and it will likely be directed toward purchase of a LUCAS device.

b. TDSHS-EMS Division: License renewal of PEMS on-going without issues.

c. GC ESD2: Budget work for 2017-2018
Budget cycle is on-going. Disgruntled citizens and

perhaps disgruntled employees and former employees complaining to GC ESD2.

d. Peninsula VFDs: CBVFD: No reports given with HIVFD and PBVFD representatives present in audience.

e. Communications/Operations Issues: July 4th issues with reception with radios but no ongoing issues at this time.

f. Emergency Preparedness Ops/ EOC: SH 124 & SH 87 curve issues on-going.

g. Webpage: PEMS BOD emails now work.
Web site is www.peninsula-ems.org:

Brian Forey has responsibility for maintenance of this web site and the associated email accounts. This will be handled by a person in High Island that works with HIVFDs web site.

h. When To Work (W2W): There is an App for this thing; iPhone as well as Android. Per Cody Reese all is well with "W2W".

i. Summary of Runs: see Handout: 72 total
____ UTMB, ____ Winnie, ____ St. Elizabeth,
____ Baptist, ____ refusals, ____ air, ____ dos, ____
no patient & public assists, ____ mutual aid fire
Locations: ____ High Island ____ Crystal Beach
____ Port Bolivar

j. Membership applications/employment applications: Two (2) basics & one (1) Paramedic are needed at this time.

k. Supervisor's Monthly Report: included with EMS Director's Report: see Director's Report. Per Cody Reese nothing to report.

l. EMS Director's Report: see HANDOUT attachment: see above , item "k". Highlights are the continuing training and resultant performance achievements of PEMS staff. The \$10,000 Safety

check will be used for LUCAS purchase hopefully with additional funds from GC ESD2.

8. OTHER OLD BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA
-The Safety Check at \$10,000 needs a supplement of about \$4,000 to acquire a LUCAS.

9. GUEST SPEAKERS: Most of the time was spent with Nancy Bouse speaking and making A hand-written dated request with contact information for PEMS SOPs & By-Laws. Many PEMS employees spoke to Nancy Bouse's comments as well as Mrs. Comeaux's comments in addition to making statements supporting the work PEMS does, community involvement, and supporting Matt Summers.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME IN: 1001 hrs
Certified Agenda to be produced for Executive Sessions PEMS BOD present in Executive Session

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME OUT: 1208 hrs.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- No motions to do as result of any discussion in Executive Session

- Staffing changes mentioned without details given and details were promised at a later date

- Physical fitness equipment for PEMS staff was mentioned and requested and a target of at least a cardio device in each station.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION August 9, Wednesday, 2017 CBVFD 1800 hrs at CBVFD

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by M Pearson with a second by M Mallet to adjourn. Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Time adjourned. 1227 hrs.

(Added notations: Marlene Mallet submitted her resignation to the PEMS Board effective July 13, 2017

Ms. Nancy Bouse submitted a request for a copy of PEMS Standard Operating Procedures and By-Laws)

PEMSI EMS Director Report

July 13, 2017
EMS Director Matt Summers

1. Employees - PEMS employees are doing a great job with patient care on the Peninsula. Thank you to all crews for doing such a great job. The community has complimented PEMS on a great job many times and offer to assist in any way possible.

2. Galveston County - PEMS was present at the local meeting and discussed our concerns about the 124/87 flooding issues, also asked if it was possible to take some of the beach sticker money and provide the Bolivar Community with a couple Life Guards during peak summer months.

3. TDSH - PEMS has to renew our license this year. The state sent out the new checklist for 2017-2018. The process has been started with renewal by December 31, 2017 deadline.

4. PEMS taught several CPR classes to assist the newly opened waterslide in Crystal Beach.

5. Training - PEMS will be training on the proper use of water rescue throw bags. PEMS being a paid department with responders on call 24/7 all across the Peninsula deemed it a benefit to the community to have personal trained to assist in water related incidents that are close to shore. The Fire Departments are doing a great job with water rescues. With the added throw bags on all EMS units as well as Life Jackets when medics get on the boats to assist Fire Personal

6. Community Pride - PEMS purchased 2 Vents with grants from the RAC r (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) and a safety award. The ventilators are used to breathe for a patient when the patient can't breathe for themselves. This allows the medic in the back to concentrate on patient care instead of providing respirations to the patient .

Happy Birthday!
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September 20

Happy Birthday!
Sue Pride
October 20

Happy Birthday!
Tim Godchaux
October 2

Happy Birthday!
Cheryl Lindsey
October 1



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Marking the Merits of Mangroves

Artist Carol Outlaw-Wagner has been painting in oils for about 20 years. After moving to the Gulf Coast, the thrilling bird life inspired her to take lots of photos. Needing more creative avenues, she studied painting and drawing at College of the Mainland and with local, and national teachers.

Carol's paintings have been in many local galleries and restaurants. She has been a member of the Galveston Art League and their featured artists. After being the Featured Artist at the Texas City Art Festival, she became instrumental in producing the Texas City Art Festival each year.

Carol was a business owner for 25 years. After retiring she loves to travel and paint. Carol says, "I love to see this world through a painter's eye. I feel blessed and fortunate."

Carol is the artist of the month through October.

Want some effective and affordable protection for your coast? If you're in the right clime, consider planting some mangroves.

Recent research published in *Hydrobiologica* looked at the coastal protection attributes for the east central Florida coast – specifically the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, which also houses the Kennedy Space Center (NASA helped fund the study, appropriately).

The two main protection systems studied were salt marshes and mangroves – two primary components in the natural protection efforts covered broadly under the "living shorelines" rubric. The findings were remarkable for a number of reasons:

Mangroves provided 800% more coastal protection than salt marshes.

Mangroves were also much better (470%) at erosion control than salt marshes.

A healthy mangrove fringe/forest can reduce the height on incoming waves by 90%.

Mangrove habitat at the Merritt Island Refuge would provide \$4.9 million more in coastal protection than manmade barriers.

Looking at all natural coastal protection options now in place in the U.S., the study estimated they offer an estimated \$23.2 billion per year of protection against economic and human losses from major storm events.

round the world, the importance of mangroves for coastal protection is more critical. The U.S. ranks 15th in total mangrove forest (605 square miles), while the top nation overall for mangroves (Indonesia) has more than 9,000 square

miles of mangrove forest. These salt-tolerant trees provide valuable habitat along with vital shore protection and stabilization.

That's an impressive amount of good news. What's the downside?

For one, mangroves are only viable in tropical or subtropical zones due to their sensitivity to temperature. For the United States, that limits them to Florida and some portions of the Gulf coast. However, as ocean water temperatures rise, mangroves are starting to establish themselves further north on the coast – one of the motivations for this study.

Salt marshes, however, don't face such limits and are capable of existing along low-energy coasts in far cooler areas. While their protective value may not be that of a mangrove fringe, marshes still create an impressive coastal buffer, natural habitat and agent for accretion.

Both mangroves and salt marshes have fallen prey to human activities in the past. Whether filled to create developable lands, ditched to fight mosquitoes or eliminated to enhance water access and sightlines for adjacent upland properties, thousands of acres of mangroves and marshes were lost before regulators and coastal managers finally realized the myriad values offered by such "soft" shorelines.

One should hope that understanding the many attributes they offer, and the increasing need for natural solutions as our shorelines change, will promote the rise and expansion of both mangroves and marshes. Certainly studies such as this help to make a very convincing case.



Happy Birthday! Cheryl Revia September 28	Happy Birthday! James Burrell September 10	Happy Birthday! Tambra Mears September 12	Happy Birthday! Joyce O'Brien September 7	Happy Birthday! Blake Guidry September 1
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October 6

The Cadillacs
7 - 10 PM

October 7

The LineUp
7 - 10 PM

October 27

Adam Hood
7 - 10 PM

October 28

Brad & Big Rich's
Cajun Chef's
Cook-off
10 AM - 3 PM

October 28

Bayou Sound
11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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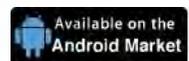
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Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

This month I would like to share with everyone some desserts that not only taste great but are pretty to look at. They are great to serve for holidays or parties as well as to impress your friends and family.

PUNCH BOWL CAKE

- 1 box yellow cake mix, baked according to package directions
- 2 cans of cherry pie filling
- 5 or 6 ripe bananas
- 1 large box of vanilla instant pudding, prepared according to package directions
- 1 large tub of Cool Whip

In a large punch bowl, crumble half the cake. Slice a layer of bananas on top of the cake. Add a layer of vanilla pudding. Put a layer of cherry pie filling, then a layer of Cool Whip. Repeat the layers, topping with Cool Whip.

CHOCOLATE PASSION DESSERT

- 24 fudge brownies
- 2 cups sliced strawberries (fresh or frozen)
- 2 medium bananas
- 2 tubs (8 ounces each) Cool Whip Chocolate non-dairy whipped topping, thawed

Cut brownies into 1/2-inch cubes. Layer in 3-quart pretty serving bowl (like a Trifle Bowl): 1/2 of the brownies, 1 cup of the strawberries, 1 sliced banana and 1 tub of the whipped topping.

Repeat layers. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 16 servings.

CROWN JEWEL CAKE

This is not actually a cake except that it is prepared in an Angel Food Cake pan.

- 4 packages Jell-O, one each (Black Cherry, Lime, Strawberry, and Lemon)
- 3 cups boiling water, 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 envelopes Dream Whip

Prepare the Black Cherry, Lime, and Strawberry Jell-O separately, using 1 cup hot water to dissolve, and 1/2 cup cold water to each package of Jell-O. Put in separate 8" by 8" by 2" pans.

Chill until firm, or overnight. Mix pineapple juice and 1/4 cup sugar. Heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and dissolve Lemon Jell-O in hot liquid. Add 1/2 cup of cold water and chill until syrupy. Combine milk, vanilla, and 2 packages of Dream Whip in a bowl. Whip until they stand in peaks. Fold in syrupy Jell-O. Cut chilled Jell-O into cubes. Fold into Dream Whip and syrupy Jell-O. Pour into Angel Food Cake pan. Chill 8 hours. Unmold. Spread tops and sides with another package of Dream Whip. Sprinkle coconut over cake. Serves 14-16.

The Beach Bum says my wife and I have been married for quite a few years and my wife asked me recently to get some pills that would make sure I'd be up to some action in the bedroom again. I brought home diet pills. Apparently very much not what she meant.

The Beach Bum says I got really angry with my satellite navigation today. I even yelled at it to go to hell. Twenty minutes later, it brought me in front of my mother-in-law's house.

If you are missing "The 'Func' in Dysfunctional" articles, join the Beach Triton Group on FB where there's always a story

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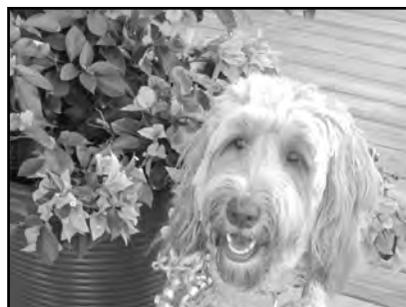
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Sunday, October 8 ~ Blessing of the Animals

In Heaven animals will be restored, "to a higher degree than they ever enjoyed." John Wesley

Pastor Valerie Hudson is inviting animals of all faiths, and their human friends, to a special worship service on October 8, 2017. The BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held in Fellowship Hall of Bay View United Methodist Church at 9:00 AM. Reverend Hudson writes that St. Francis of Assisi believed, in addition to human beings, animals are also a treasured part of God's creation. Francis introduced this idea of blessing the animals about 800 years ago as a way of honoring God's creations. He had a great affection for the animals. Tradition tells us that he created the first nativity scene, including animals in the telling of the story of



the Christ child's birth. This service is to thank God for the animals around us, especially the pets that people hold dear. People will be invited to bring their pets forward and have a blessing said over them together during the service. All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. Large animals are welcome, and the blessing of those animals will continue

in the outside area. BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is open to EVERYONE, and all attendees are welcome to remain afterwards for a special time of fellowship and food. Pets will have their own table of goodies. Please plan to come to this wonderful and meaningful event. We will all be blessed!

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. Will Rogers

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JANE LONG IS STILL GOING STRONG!

Jane Long represents the courage of the past, the joy of the present and the hope for the future!

Every Texas school child knows that Jane Long is called the Mother of Texas. She earned this sobriquet because she gave birth to one of the first pioneer children in Texas. However, Jane did much more than that. Jane Long dined with Jean Lafitte, almost single handedly fought off Indians, used her red petticoat for a flag, survived the terrible winter of 1821 on Bolivar Peninsula and later helped the Texans in their battle for freedom from Mexico. Her spirit became a symbol of survival for Bolivar residents after Hurricane IKE.

It was this spirit that motivated the Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation (BPCF) to grow stronger and continue bringing cultural events to our community. BPCF existed before IKE and provided art, music and history for the whole peninsula. Although their art gallery was destroyed in that horrific storm, BPCF did not stop.

BPCF directors Anne Willis and Margo Johnson were having lunch and discussing what could be done to bring some upbeat fun to the peninsula after the trauma of IKE. Since Jane Long survived through that horrible winter of 1821, Anne and Margo focused on creating a Jane Long Festival. Art, history

and music would be honored. Oh yes! How about a little skit and some hot dogs to entice folk to come out to Fort Travis Seashore Park?

The Jane Long Festival was born. BPCF supported the effort with booths, book signings, art, music, food, and the somewhat historically accurate play *PIRATES AND PETTICOATS*: Jane Long on the Bolivar Peninsula written by Linda C. Elissalde. This event brought thousands of people to Fort Travis every October for 7 years. BPCF, Wayne Mouton and Bolivar Chamber of Commerce helped to purchase a stage for this highly successful venue and also community use.

BPCF officers and directors discovered that there was no mention of Jane Long in the Texas State Capitol. They soon rectified that! An oil portrait of the Mother of Texas now hangs in the Library of the State Capitol, and HWY 87 was renamed The Jane Long Memorial Highway. Samson Energy donated funds for the main portion of a Jane Long monument near Fort Travis Seashore Park. BPCF purchased flag poles, and the Bolivar Bloomers donated plants. Director Ange Scheibel assisted with the planting. She is currently encouraging the growth of a special Jane Long Oleander.

The Jane Long Festival has been discontinued, but the indomitable strength of Jane Long continues under BPCF leadership. President Charlotte Stirling looked for a location to house a new art

gallery. Gallery by the Gulf, an artist co-op, was the brainchild of Director Glenda Mastin, and a place to display art and history became real.

Oh, but there is more. BPCF continues to present a series of lectures with outstanding guest speakers. Birds, books, geology, history, pirates and even wine tasting have been subjects for gatherings. Delicious homemade appetizers whet appetites for whatever may be served up as interesting topics for discussion.

Jane Long survived in the past and still represents the hope for the future. There are myriad activities that will continue to grow. Ralph Stenzel has worked tirelessly to repair the fort's bunkers. Tours of these underground treasures will soon be available. The rough, tough re-enactors who fired guns and canons during our festivals will be back to create excitement at the fort. Perhaps fireworks will once again light up the sky near our ferry landing.

It is amazing what a little get together with a skit and hot dogs became! Thanks to the Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation, Jane Long's spirit doesn't just survive; it thrives. BPCF welcomes volunteers and new members for exciting future activates. You can join and share in the fun!

There is no more a festival
To honor Mother of Texas Jane Long,
But the spirit of our pioneer lady
Is still growing and going strong.

Last Day to Register to Vote - Then VOTE!

October 10th is the last day to register to vote or update address information for Constitutional and local elections scheduled November 7th. Voter registration applications are available at all GCTO locations or online at www.galcotax.com. Contact the Voter Registration Department toll free at 1-888-976-2280 and an application can be emailed or mailed to you.

Seven amendments to the Texas Constitution, an \$80M County bond election and multiple local elections are also included on ballots in various areas of the County. Go online today to galvestonvotes.org, type in your precinct number, locate your ballot and find out which of these elections effect you!

Turnout during Constitutional Election cycles is extraordinarily low with a record 4% in November 2011 and record high of 11% in November 2015. The high turnout in 2015 is attributed to the variety of local elections, several associated with sales tax increases. Since there are multiple local elections associated with bonds (in addition to the County bond proposals) and tax increases will result, voter participation is expected to lean more toward the 11% - still an incredibly low turnout. The Constitutional amendments may also affect your purse strings or wallet so do your homework and **VOTE!**



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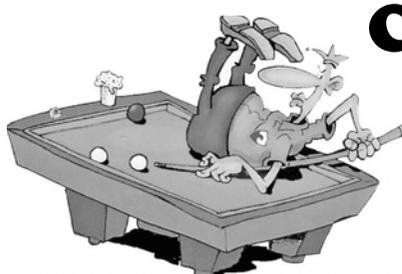
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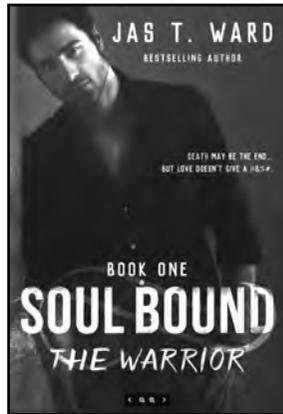
Jas T Ward, Author Bio "Why the Ward Way? Because I believe in writing books that take a reader on a thrill-ride. Action, danger, drama, sure. But also laughter, tears of joy and moments that make you want to stop just to scream. My books are twisted, complex and full of heroes and heroines full of flaws and heart, but a reader cannot deny--total badassess. Welcome to my worlds, take a seat, get to know me and the characters and I assure you... You'll be glad you did." ~Jas T Ward



Jas T. Ward has always used writing as a necessary escape. With a past marred by a difficult childhood and domestic violence as well as being homeless as an adult, Ms. Ward lost her creative voice when she lost her soulmate to suicide. Finding that creative voice once again in writing in social media via blogs and creative writing groups, Ms. Ward gathered other writers & founded Dark Hunter Nights, which has over 2,000 members & is one of the largest and longest-running fan fiction groups on Facebook.

Through her work with Nights, Ms. Ward developed characters that were diverse, different and unique. Fans of the group encouraged her to use her literary talents and give her characters life in books, and The Shadow-Keepers Series was born. Ms. Ward quickly became known for writing books filled with action, drama, laughter, darkness and unimaginable plot twists, and her books have won awards from various blogs and other outlets.

A bestselling author on both Amazon & ARe Romance, Ms. Ward has been described as the Robin Williams of authors: so damn funny and talented, but with a darkness that calls to you, causing you to want to know more. Ms. Ward's books have also been reviewed by Ind'Tale Magazine, and have been nominated for the magazine's prestigious RONE awards for the last three years, each time a finalist. LUST, Book 2 of The Shadow-Keepers Series, was the recipient of the following awards from Rant & Rave Book Blogs Preditors & Editors Reader Poll: Best Dark Fantasy 2015, Best F/F Romance 2015, & Top 10 Reads of 2015. While her fans enjoyed the dark, twisty romance of The Shadow-Keepers Series, they believed in Ms. Ward's potential to write other genres, and challenged her to write a contemporary, traditional romance. She completely failed, but the result was Love's Bitter Harvest; and just like that, a style was born – Romance: The Ward Way. True to the style that her fans adore so much, Ms. Ward's romances are funny, unpredictable works with twisted turns to keep the readers guessing; after all, the path to love isn't easy. While her first passion is writing and reading, Ms. Ward also enjoys networking with other authors and helping those who are just starting their careers in the crazy world of indie book publishing. She is an ever-positive presence on social media, offering encouragement and advice to her fellow authors. She is a founding member and administrator of the Girls Gone Writing/GGW Reader Group on Facebook, which has over 4,000 members and is a drama-free place for everyone – readers, authors, bloggers & fans alike – to talk books. Born and raised in Texas and spending time living in Kentucky, Ms. Ward spends her days and nights writing as therapy to deal with life and all that it brings—from the past and present. And hopefully finds joy, laughter and fun to mix in with the dark. Something her readers have come to love in her works. She is the proud parent of three very independent grown children and grandmother to three delightful grandchildren. She has two fur babies that sit and ponder why their human is talking to herself late into the night as she writes out colorful and diverse if not twisted characters and tales. When asked why she writes, Ms. Ward answers simply: "Reading saved me. It was my salvation and my haven. I now strive to pay that gift back by writing books that can give the same to others. And to keep myself sane."



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According to the American Optometric Association, Computer Vision Syndrome, also referred to as Digital Eye Strain, describes a group of eye and vision-related problems that result from prolonged computer, tablet, e-reader and cell phone use. Many individuals experience eye discomfort and vision problems when viewing digital screens for extended periods. The level of discomfort appears to increase with the amount of digital screen use.

The average American worker spends seven hours a day on the computer either in the office or working from home. The American Optometric Association is working to educate both employers and employees about how to avoid digital eye strain in the workplace. To help alleviate digital eye strain, follow the 20-20-20 rule; take a 20-second break to view something 20 feet away every 20 minutes.

The most common symptoms associated with Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS) or Digital Eye Strain are eyestrain, headaches, blurred vision, dry eyes, and neck and shoulder pain. These symptoms may be caused by poor lighting, glare on a digital screen, improper viewing distances, poor seating posture, uncorrected vision problems, or a combination of these factors. The extent to which individuals experience visual symptoms often depends on the level of their visual abilities and the amount of time spent looking at a digital screen.

Uncorrected vision problems like farsightedness and astigmatism, inadequate eye focusing or eye coordination abilities, and aging changes of the eyes, such as presbyopia, can all contribute to the development of visual symptoms when using a computer or digital screen device.

Many of the visual symptoms experienced by users are only temporary and will decline after stopping computer work or use of the digital device. However, some individuals may experience continued reduced visual abilities, such as blurred distance vision, even after stopping work at a computer. If nothing is done to address the cause of the problem, the symptoms will continue to recur and perhaps worsen with future digital screen use.

Prevention or reduction of the vision problems associated with Computer Vision Syndrome or Digital Eye Strain involves taking steps to control lighting and glare on the device screen, establishing proper working distances and posture for screen viewing, and assuring that even minor vision problems are properly corrected.

Viewing a computer or digital screen often makes the eyes work harder. As a result, the unique characteristics and high visual demands of computer and digital screen device viewing make many individuals susceptible to the development of vision-related symptoms.

Viewing a computer or digital screen is different than reading a printed page. Often the letters on the computer or handheld device are not as precise or sharply defined, the level of contrast of the letters to the background is reduced, and the presence of glare and reflections on the screen may make viewing difficult. Viewing distances and angles used for this type of work are also often different from those commonly used for other reading or writing tasks. As a result, the eye focusing and eye movement requirements for digital screen viewing can place additional demands on the visual system. In addition, the presence of even minor

vision problems can often significantly affect comfort and performance at a computer or while using other digital screen devices. Uncorrected or under corrected vision problems can be major contributing factors to computer-related eyestrain.

Even people who have an eyeglass or contact lens prescription may find it's not suitable for the specific viewing distances of their computer screen. Some people tilt their heads at odd angles because their glasses aren't designed for looking at a computer. Or they bend toward the screen in order to see it clearly. Their postures can result in muscle spasms or pain in the neck, shoulder or back. In most cases, symptoms of CVS or Digital Eye Strain occur because the visual demands of the task exceed the visual abilities of the individual to comfortably perform them. At greatest risk for developing CVS or Digital Eye Strain are those persons who spend two or more continuous hours at a computer or using a digital screen device every day.

Computer Vision Syndrome, or Digital Eye Strain, can be diagnosed through a comprehensive eye examination. Testing, with special emphasis on visual requirements at the computer or digital device working distance such as patient history to determine any symptoms the patient is experiencing and the presence of any general health problems, medications taken, or environmental factors that may be contributing to the symptoms related to computer use.

Some important factors in preventing or reducing the symptoms of CVS have to do with the computer and how it is used. This includes lighting conditions, chair comfort, location of reference materials, position of the monitor, and the use of rest breaks. Most people find it more comfortable to view a computer when the eyes are looking downward. Optimally, the computer screen should be 15 to 20 degrees below eye level (about 4 or 5 inches) as measured from the center of the screen and 20 to 28 inches from the eyes. Reference materials should be located above the keyboard and below the monitor. If this is not possible, a document holder can be used beside the monitor. The goal is to position the documents so you do not need to move your head to look from the document to the screen. Position the computer screen to avoid glare, particularly from overhead lighting or windows. Use blinds or drapes on windows and replace the light bulbs in desk lamps with bulbs of lower wattage. If there is no way to minimize glare from light sources, consider using a screen glare filter. These filters decrease the amount of light reflected from the screen. Chairs should be comfortably padded and conform to the body. Chair height should be adjusted so your feet rest flat on the floor. If your chair has arms, they should be adjusted to provide arm support while you are typing. Your wrists shouldn't rest on the keyboard when typing. To prevent eyestrain, try to rest your eyes when using the computer for long periods. Rest your eyes for 15 minutes after two hours of continuous computer use. Also, for every 20 minutes of computer viewing, look into the distance for 20 seconds to allow your eyes a chance to refocus. To minimize your chances of developing dry eye when using a computer, make an effort to blink frequently. Blinking keeps the front surface of your eye moist. Regular eye examinations and implementing these proper viewing habits can help to prevent or reduce the development of the symptoms associated with Computer Vision Syndrome.

Advice for Freshmen

Author: Darian

School is going back in session soon which means new clothes, new shoes, a new ID, and a fresh start. For those who are incoming freshmen this may be a brand new year for you since you're leaving middle school. As a person who has already been a freshmen I am here to give you a helping hand on how to survive the year.

Advice 1: It's normal to be nervous on the first day. On the first day of freshmen year you may feel uncomfortable because you may not know anyone in your class, or anyone that attends the same school as you. Truth is there is no need to fear. Everyone's first day as a freshman is pretty hectic. From being in the wrong class to speaking up in class when the teacher calls your name no one's first day is perfect.

Advice 2: Studies always come first. When it comes to High School studies are the most important. As a freshman it is always best to have good grades because not only does it mess with your credits but also your chance to graduate. So, if you don't want to stay in High School and suffer keep up with your studies.

Advice 3: DO NOT MESS WITH SENIOR GUYS! This is a huge wake up alert if any of you incoming freshmen girls come across a senior that wants to "date". As many times as people have said this as an advice I'm gonna say it only once. **DON'T LET SENIORS GUYS BE THE REASON YOU'RE NOT PASSING!** I get it some of the senior guys make you feel a type of way, but it's not that deep. The senior guys will be out of sight your sight before you even know it, which

means it's not worth the time to crush on a senior.

Advice 4: Stay organized! As a freshmen you'll have a lot of time to carry in your hands other than homework. Teachers are more than likely to give you a quiz or a test the next day and expect you to remember. An agenda is always best for organizing or you can use your phone and set up a reminder about any upcoming quizzes or assignments you may have.

Advice 5: Take good notes. You're gonna have different types of teachers who are going to give long lectures or even quick lectures and an assignment. Taking good notes is really helpful for homework and also studying for a test. No teacher is going to give you the time to copy the notes on the board instead she is going to talk and go through the lesson while you're writing. If you don't understand something don't hesitate to ask or stay after school for extra help.

Advice 6: Be yourself! In High School there are so many different types of people with different backgrounds. You may not be able to fit in with every single person in school, but you shouldn't have to change yourself to fit everyone's standards. You shouldn't have to change the clothes you wear or the makeup you put on your face to befriend someone. A person should be judged by their character not their appearance.

For all incoming freshmen I wish you all good luck for the new school. I hope the advice that I gave you helps with surviving the new school year and took weight off your shoulder. Remember you're only in High School to learn, but also have fun!

County issues Outreach Form to Assess Damage & Provide Resources in Galveston County Communities

Following the unprecedented flooding Hurricane Harvey caused, many county residents have found themselves on the long road to recovery. To help citizens on the path to rebuild their homes and lives, Galveston County officials have put together a Disaster Assistance Outreach Form, designed to assess damage in specific areas and provide long-term resources to those who need it most.

"It will be months, maybe years, before areas of the county are back to normal," County Judge Mark Henry said. "The county will continue to provide as much help as we can, for as long as we can and this form will tell us

what that assistance needs to look like."

The form can be accessed directly at: <http://www.galvestoncountytx.gov/hd/Pages/DisasterOutreach.aspx>

This outreach form is issued by Galveston County to document damage in anticipation of long-term recovery efforts. Filling out this form does not guarantee assistance. By completing this form, residents may be contacted at a later date as county programs become available.

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Nurse on the Beach

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

What is the difference between osteoarthritis (OA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA)? Do you know?

OA is the most common kind of arthritis, especially in older people. Due to wear and tear. OA affects the cartilage, the hard but slippery tissue that covers the ends of bones where they meet to form a joint. Healthy cartilage allows the bones to glide over one another. It also absorbs energy from the shock of physical movements. In OA, the cartilage breaks and wears away. This allows the bones to rub together and become painful. Overtime, the joint can lose its normal shape. Also, small deposits of bone called bone spurs may grow on the edges of the joint. Bits of bone or cartilage can break off and float inside the joint space. This causes pain and damage.

OA becomes more common with age, younger people can develop it, and both men and women have the disease and more likely to occur if people are overweight. OA causes stiffness and pain that can possibly progress to disability. Usually the pain in the morning upon getting out of bed decreases as the body moves around within an hour or so.

Treatment goals for OA are to control pain, improve joint function, maintain normal body weight, and achieve a healthy lifestyle. Be active and get exercise!

Medications to treat OA include, but not limited to, acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen. Narcotics, corticosteroids. Hyaluronic acid is a viscosupplement substance that can be injected into the joint providing more lubrication that is decreased in the joint. Surgery may be needed to remove bone spurs, etc. Chondroitin

or glucosamine is also a treatment (nutritional supplement) that is believed to draw fluid into the cartilage. This occurs naturally in the body, providing the building blocks to make and repair cartilage.

RA is a form of arthritis in which the immune system attacks the tissues of the joints, leading to pain, inflammation, and eventually joint damage and malformation. It is a chronic inflammatory disorder that can affect a wide variety of body systems, including skin, eyes, lungs, heart and blood vessels.

It typically begins at a younger age than OA does, causing swelling and redness in the joints, especially the hands/feet, and may make people sick, tired, and feverish. As time goes on, symptoms often move to the larger joints-knees, ankles, elbows, hips, and shoulders on both sides of the body. RA may also affect skin tissue, the lungs, the eyes, or the blood vessels. This is the worst kind of arthritis.

The malformation of the joints can be debilitating and disabling. RA patients have pain that is not reduced with activity like OA. However, the patient must keep the body in motion with exercise of any kind. The treatment continues to things like NSAIDS (Ibuprofen, Alieve, Naproxen); Steroids like prednisone; DMARDs that slow the progression of the disease, like Trexall, Arava, Plaquenil.

In both OA and RA, we must keep our body moving! Now you know the difference.

Fall has arrived! See you next month for more health tips. Still use your sunblock even if the cloud is over the sun. You can still receive sunburn.



Jamie Bergeron, demoed his NEW in stock RCA (Registered Coon Ass) hot sauce and seasonings at The Big Store. One bite and you are initiated and registered! *I love this guy!*

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NURSE ON THE BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Do you have irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)? Let's see!

Do you have?

- Pain or cramping in your belly area? (Muscle contractions or spasms in intestines).
- Diarrhea or constipation (one, then the other)?
- Changes in how often you have bowel movements?
- Changes in how your stool looks?
- Bloating?
- Passing gas often?
- Mucus in your stool?

IBS symptoms may come and go, or may be ongoing. When you are having symptoms, it is called a flare-up. These symptoms can also be signs of other digestive conditions. Talk to your care provider.

If you have IBS, your digestive system reacts too strongly to triggers that don't bother most people.

These triggers include:

- Certain foods and drinks
- Large meals
- Stress
- Menstrual cycle for women

Go to healthyadvice.com/IBS record to track your symptoms over time and to get the best care.

The treatment for IBS is to get relief from symptoms and prevent flare-ups. Your care provider will work with you on a treatment plan.

- Anticholinergic medications (also called antispasmodics) to help control bowel spasms.
- Chloride channel activators that act by increasing fluid in the intestines to help move stool.
- Antidepressants may help IBS symptoms due to stress.
- Antidiarrheal medications to prevent diarrhea.
- Laxatives and help with constipation. However, using laxatives can become addictive.
- Probiotics (yogurt) provides good bacteria back into the intestines. Research shows that eating yogurt containing certain types of probiotics can help with IBS symptoms.

In the meantime, reduce stress if possible, eat smaller meals, drink enough fluids, eat slowly, eat more fiber (oats, barley, beans, peas, flaxseed, pears, apples, figs, oranges, blueberries, raspberries, and prunes), exercise, and avoid trigger foods that bring on the symptoms.

See you next month for more health tips! Wear your sunblock every day!

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"I woke up still not dead again today."

-Willie Nelson

The a.m. radio boys have been flinging a little Willie Nelson out into the world via the miracle of the airwaves, and "I woke up still not dead again today" is a wonderful after-yet-another-end-of-the-world line.

Ol' Willie wrote that line in response to an InterGossip rumor that he was dead, and he isn't, so there.

The line also works well for every morning – and there are many such mornings - after the latest end-of-the-world panic. The solar eclipse, which for most of us was the solar dim yellow daylight, was for others the end of the world in capital letters, The End of the World (<http://www.ibtimes.sg/solar-eclipse-2017-black-moon-related-bible-prophecy-end-world-14317>).

Since the world has clearly not ended, the fellows who find things in the Bible that, like Pokey-Monzies, just aren't there have shifted their lack of focus to 21 September. There, then, that's when the world's really, really, really, we-mean-it-this-time going to end, "let no man deceive you," and, like stuff, and it's in, like, you know, the Mayan calendar, and, like, stuff. If you'd only Goggle it, there's proof, dude.

Another neat thing about "I woke up still not dead again today" is that it is a perfect line of iambic pentameter:

I WOKE up STILL not DEAD a-GAIN to-DAY

Great job, Willie!

I didn't pay attention in English class because I was a sensitive,

artistic soul and those danged teachers didn't understand my wonderfulness – and neither did my parents, my company commander, the NVA, my co-workers, or my bosses.

However, if you are the good child and paid attention in class you'll recall that native speakers of English tend to speak from unstressed to unstressed: "A-LAS, my LOVE, you DO me WRONG, to CAST / Me OFF dis-COURT-eously..." and so on. One iambic foot is made up of two syllable, the first one unstressed and the second one stressed (as in "un-STRESSED"), and the iambic feet can leap prettily from word to word and several times within a word longer than two syllables.

There are many metrical forms, including a local favorite, the anapest ("Where you AT?" and "New-found-LAND" and "an-a-PEST" itself), and in all of them we TEND to SPEAK unSTRESSED to STRESS.

We'll want to internalize all that before 21 September when North Korea and the United States go all puffy-hair, puffy-faced nuclear and generate a nuclear holocaust which will be stopped when quadrupedal space invaders from the Planet Freon intervene and bring about 750 years of peace, love, and endless loops of music from The Seekers, like, it's in these here tablets, like, the C.I.A. found in a cave in New Mexico, like, and they correlate with the Bible; you could Goggle it and there's the proof, dude.

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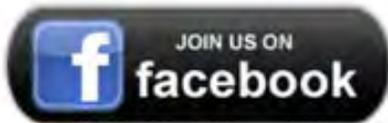


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September 8**

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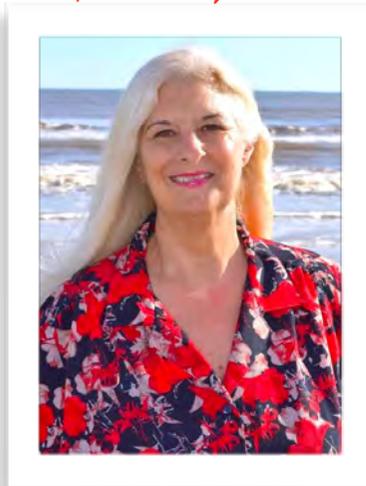
He not only caught the largest fish, but the most.

All the fishing and catching made him a little tired so he took a well deserved nap before reaching the dock and waking just in time for another photo op.

Aiden is a High Island student and he does love his fishing time.



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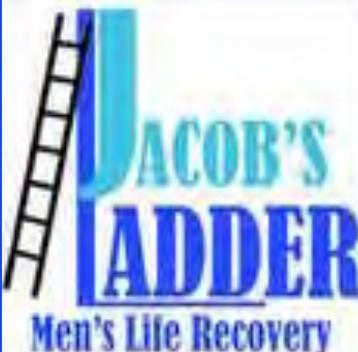
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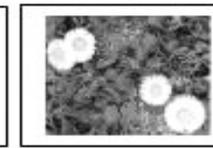
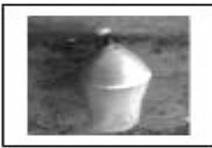
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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS

Wow a lot has happened since the last publication of The Triton! Hurricane Harvey left his destruction on so much of Texas, the Peninsula fared very well but our neighbors did not fare so well! So much flooding in so many areas, if you haven't been off of the Peninsula it is really sad to see what others are facing in their communities. Prayers to all who are not able to live in their homes.

Although we did not have huge flooding on the peninsula we did experience some very strong winds and my plants were looking very pitiful once Harvey left us, they didn't look as bad as I thought they might but very weathered by the winds. Then with our water issues having to water with 5 gallon buckets, drafting water from my big wheel barrow and collecting water from the ditches was very exhausting. The plants in the ground received much rain to hold them over and actually helped the roots to extend down to get the deeper water left behind but those in pots still dry out as they always do once

the rain stopped. Before the storm I had put Dollar store roasting pans and dish pans under my more vulnerable plants so they would have extra water to maintain them, not so much because of the storm but I left on August 23 for a 5 day trip and needed that little bit of extra water to keep them alive. The 5 day trip turned into a 12 day trip because of the flooding from Harvey, basically shutting down the entire area, the airports in Houston were shut down, I could not return. The rain from Harvey filling my water catchers was a blessing I was glad I had taken the time to purchase and place these tubs. Five days is one thing but 12 days is a different story. When I returned I was watering from areas of standing water, just watering on an as needed basis to those plants needing it the most. I was thrilled when they reduced our restriction level to allow us to water our plants from the faucets! With tender loving care all my plants are recovering very nicely, I did lose a couple of plants but consider myself very

lucky that my plants withstood the storm! The morale of this story is do not give up on the plants you love if they make a turn for the worse, most will recover with a bit of tender loving care!

The Bolivar Beach Bloomers were planning a plant sale in September but with everything that has occurred from Hurricane Harvey we decided to postpone the sale until October. A date has not been set, we will be discussing this sale at our next meeting and come up with a date that works for everyone. We will be posting the sale on social media and local bulletin boards so be on the lookout for our plant sale. Fall is the best time to plant your perineal so please come and enjoy our sale.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday October 4, 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!

You may be interested in the following links:

Bolivar Beach Bloomers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/677347662377504/>

The Beautiful Monarch Butterfly <https://www.facebook.com/groups/572683816192386/>

The Lazy Gardener Newsletter new PDF version easier to read and share <http://natureswayresources.com/NLindex.pdf>

MONTHLY QUOTE: "IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE TO SINK ONE'S HANDS INTO THE WARM EARTH, TO FEEL AT ONE'S FINGERTIPS THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEW SEASON." — KATE MORTON, THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

Fall is the time for planting perennials; especially on Bolivar Peninsula where our summers are so brutal. Plants that can start to establish roots through the winter will be less vulnerable to summer drought, wind & temps. Another bonus is plants will be on SALE this time of year!

If you are considering adding in some native plants to your landscape, our wild coreopsis seedlings are showing up now. They transplant easily, in case they don't volunteer just where you want them. I remove some of the largest, oldest leaves when transplanting, just so the damaged roots don't have so much to support until reestablished. They are annuals and will fizzle out by August but only after months of spectacular blooming. You can still find seed heads on these spent plants; another way to get them started now.

Another favorite native is Indian Blanket. New seedlings are showing up now. These are pretty much perennials on the peninsula. With a mild winter they can bloom year round. They are quite prolific and need thinning eventually. Consider that small bedding plants can get swallowed up by Indian blanket. They merit a bed of their own or below taller trees and shrubs.

The trick is learning to identify the seedlings. I'll have to leave that to your own observation.

I suggest 'selective weeding' to get native plants in your landscape. Don't pull what you don't know. There will be plenty of volunteers you KNOW you don't want (dollar weed, grasses, etc.). Observe what you can't identify. It isn't

necessary to learn the names but important to note growth habits. Something may get too big for where it volunteered; something else might add an element that would be more pleasing somewhere else. The deal breaker for me is when it starts to bloom. If the blooms aren't noticeable I generally don't want it in my landscape. Seeds follow flowers, so if the bloom is boring it's out of my garden before it can set seed. If I recognized a volunteer as something I don't want I will pull it and leave it lying. At least as it breaks down it will add organic material to the soil. There are some exceptions to my 'leave it lying' method. Diseased plants, plants with unwanted seeds, plants that root easily on contact with soil, all are contained and disposed of properly.

So enjoy this fall weather and get to your gardening!

As always, water longer, deeper, less often.



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Hurricane recovery should prioritize resilience, natural infrastructure

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma were, and continue to be, life-changing events for millions of Americans. These coastal storms brought devastation far beyond waterfront homes, reminding us that the coastal flood zone can range miles inland. As communities throughout the impacted coastal zone begin to recover and rebuild, their focus should be on building back better and smarter than before – ensuring the next storm will do less damage and people in a storm’s path will be better able to cope. This means building resilient communities and using natural coastal infrastructure – beaches, dunes and wetlands – to reduce flood risk.

While local coastal managers are still assessing damage, we are again seeing that natural coastal infrastructure did its job – beaches, dunes and wetlands protected property and lives at the expense of displaced sand and eroded coastlines. Following Hurricane Sandy, federal beach and dune projects were determined to have prevented \$1.9 billion in damages(1) and coastal wetlands prevented \$625 million in damages(2). We expect Florida and Texas towns and counties that maintained wide beaches and high dunes to have less direct damage than those whose coastline was allowed to deteriorate.

Beaches, dunes and wetlands are the first line of defense against storm surge and coastal storm damage, but coastal flood and storm protection takes multiple lines of defense. During Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, evacuations saved lives, elevated homes saved property, and coastal research and modeling led to forecasts that gave people time to

prepare. All coastal communities should have emergency management plans, proper zoning and regulations for building in flood zones. The federal government can support communities by funding coastal storm and flood risk reduction projects, ensuring the National Flood Insurance Program doesn’t incentivize risky building practices and by investing in coastal research, data collection, modeling and forecasting.

As Texas and Florida communities recover with federal support, resilience must go beyond the shoreline. In Hurricane Harvey, inland flooding from excessive rain was far more destructive than the initial storm surge, so resilience planning must be systemic and watershed-based. Bayside flooding in both Harvey and Irma was as destructive as oceanfront flooding. Proper planning – including wetland and bay beach restoration, storm-sensitive building codes and beneficially using navigation channel sediment – can reduce this risk.

As seas rise and coastal storms intensify, post-storm restoration must be looked at systemically and with the goal of increasing resilience throughout the watershed. Federal support will be necessary to help local communities while ensuring efficient and systemic recovery and restoration that decreases future risk, not just piecemeal rebuilding. The federal government should provide funding to restore and rebuild, and should help communities become better prepared for the next storm, by promoting resilience and investment in natural coastal infrastructure such as beaches, dunes and wetlands.

Bolivar Tourism Announces Plastics Recycle Program



Bolivar Tourism is proud to announce the kick-off of the Plastics Recycle Program on Bolivar Peninsula. Team Bolivar Peninsula and Charlotte Stirling with the help of Casey Winslow installed the first two recycle bins at Sweat Fitness and Latitude 29 Surf Shop Monday 9/18/17. The two location are the first of many to come for a place to drop off your plastic bottles and more.

When you drop them off please make sure each item has been rinsed of all original product so it’s clean for the recycling process.

Bolivar Peninsula Tourism and Visitors Center is proud to sponsor this program and with the work of the public we hope to cut down plastic waste on Bolivar.

This is a pilot program and over the next 2-3 months we hope to incorporate aluminum and glass also into the program. Blue recycle cans are in the process of being purchased for each location so all locations have the same style drop-off point.

If you as a business would like to be included in the program for a drop off location please contact the Bolivar Tourism Center at 409-684-6231 or stop by, located in Crystal Beach Plaza at 2275 Hwy 87 Crystal Beach Texas. Bolivar Peninsula can and will make a difference in plastics pollution in the future.

Happy Birthday!
Janie Bouse
October 29

Happy Birthday!
Mary Ellen Smith
September 26

Happy Birthday!
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Meetings of the Budget Workshop and Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2

August 3, 2017

A budget workshop and special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the "District") was called for at 3:00 PM on August 3, 2017, at the Crystal Beach fire station, 930 Noble Carl Road, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law.

The budget workshop was called to order at approximately 3:05 PM, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

- Sid Bouse, President
- John Lee, Jr., Vice President
- Kate Newberry, Secretary
- George Strong, Treasurer
- Moody Fredenburg, Assistant Treasurer

All of said Board members were present, with the exception of Vice President Lee, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were: Jan Foster, District Administrative Assistant; David Sticker, District accountant; Joshua Heinz of Benckenstein & Oxford, LLP, attorneys for the District; and the individuals listed on the attendance log attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Upon establishing that a quorum was present, President Bouse directed the Board to budget workshop Agenda Item No. 3, at which time the Board members and others in attendance said the U.S. and Texas pledges of allegiance.

Thereafter, the Board moved along to budget workshop Agenda Item No. 5 regarding the 2017-18 budget. Treasurer Strong reviewed and discussed the current draft 2017-18 budget with the Board. He also advised the Board that the District's 2017 certified net table value is \$1,173,918,938. And, if the Commissioners Court of Galveston County decides to reduce the amount of annual EMS founding to the District, then Treasurer Strong believes it will be necessary to exceed the effective tax rate in order to make up the projected budget shortfall; but, he is waiting on the Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate and confirm the District's 2017 effective tax rate so as to determine whether a

tax rate increase will be necessary. Treasurer Strong also reviewed the proposed schedule for adopting rate in excess of the effective tax rate, including published notices and public hearings.

Being as there were no further discussions concerning the District's 2017-2018 budget, the workshop was adjourned at approximately 3:20 PM.

Immediately thereafter, the special meeting was called to order, and being as all of the aforementioned Board members remained present, a quorum was again established. Also remaining present for the special meeting were the other individuals listed above and in the attached attendance log.

President Bouse then directed the Board to special meeting Agenda Item No. 3 regarding the records produced and the other responses by PEMS I to the District's July 19, 2017 request for records, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The Board went through the listing of requested records, along with the records produced by PEMS I in response thereto, and discussed same with the PEMS I representatives present, as follows:

1-3. Matt Summers advised that PEMS I has not filed a federal income tax return for 2015 or 2016, and that 2014 was the last return it filed, a copy of which it will provide to Mr. Sticker. Mr. Summers also indicated that Breedlove & Co., PEMS I's CPA firm, will be preparing and filing its 2015 and 2016 tax returns, but is first in the process of obtaining PEMS I's 501(c)(3) exempt status and to apply same retroactively so that PEMS I will not have any tax liability for 2015 and 2016. Furthermore, Mr. Summers advised that Breedlove & Co., is also performing PEMS I's audits for the past two fiscal years. Per Mr. Summers, the tax returns, audit reports and fixed asset/depreciation schedules will be available in 8-10 week.s PEMS I is going to authorize Breedlove & Co. to discuss and confirm said matters with Mr. Sticker.

4. Mr. Summers indicated that PEMS I does not currently use Quickbooks or any other bookkeeping software. He indicated that Breedlove & Co. had performed bookkeeping services for PEMS I in the past, but that same had ended in May 2015. Now, Breedlove & Co. is in the process of inputting data to bring the bookkeeping information current, and then will train PEMS I on how to continue using the bookkeeping software. Mr. Sticker will also discuss and confirm this with the accountant at Breedlove & Co.

5. PEMS I provided bank statements for the following checking accounts at Texas First Bank: account no. ending 696 (funds received rom District); and, account no. ending 241 (PEMS I billing revenue). PEMS I also has a savings account at Texas First Bank, account no. ending 170, for which no statements were provided. Mr. Summers indicated that this account contains CPR class/training donations, and Orbin Thompson reported a current balance of \$371.66 in said savings account. Mr. Summers stated that PEMS I will also produce statements for this account. Mr. Sticker will review the bank statements and other financial records produced by PEMS I and then will report back to the Board.

6-8. PEMS I produced all requested time sheets, payroll reports, and employee W-2's.

9. Mr. Summers stated that PEMS I did not prepare or issue any 1099's for 2015 or 2016, and he was unaware whether it was required to do so. Mr. Sticker will also disuse this issue with the accountant from Breedlove & Co.

10. PEMS I has no vehicle usage policy, but Mr. Summers indicated that its attorney is in process of preparing.

11. PEMS I provided a copy of its current By-Laws, which were last amended in March 2016 per Mr. Summers.

12. PEMS I produced copies of all requested meeting minutes. However, the Board noted that the certified minutes for the May 2017

meeting produced by PEMS I did not match the certified minutes on its website, and that the May 2017 meeting minutes produced to the District had no mention of the \$7,500 bonus paid to Mr. Summers, while the minutes on PEMS I's website did. The PEMS I representatives present claimed to have no knowledge of these conflicting minutes or how it might have happened. Furthermore, said representatives advised that Mr. Summers had declined a proposed bonus during the May 2017PEMS I board meeting, and that the \$7,500 bonus was subsequently approved by the PEMS I Board through a series of phone calls. The Board and PEMS I representatives then reviewed PEMS I's by-laws, which require all board action to take place during properly noticed meeting, and allow Board members to attend meetings by conference call. The Board requested that PEMS I provide additional records and information regarding the May 2017 meeting minutes to Mr. Heinz.

13. PEMS I produced copies of its monthly run report summaries, and it will also produce data/reports to support the information set forth in the monthly run report summaries.

14. Mr. Summers stated that the billing records provided will show whether a patient is self-pay or has insurance.

15. PEMS I confirmed that it bills all patients regardless of whether they reside within or outside its service.

16-17. PEMS I produced coins of billing summaries as provided by its billing service provider.

18. PEMS I will produce copies of all expenditures receipts, which Mr. Summers indicated are currently in the possession of Breedlove & Co so that it can input data into the bookkeeping software.

Being as there were no further discussions regarding the records requested from and produced by PEMS I, the special meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 PM.

The Beach Bum says Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.

The Beach Bum's wife's doctor told her she can no longer touch anything alcoholic, so she filed for divorce.

The Beach Bum says alcohol is a perfect solvent: it dissolves marriages, families and careers.

The Beach Bum says aging gracefully is the nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse

The Beach Bum said his dream woman has a special combination of inner and outer beauty and is, most importantly, too naive to know she's way out of his league.

The Beach Bum says you can get a sweet little 80 year old lady to say the "F" word, when another sweet little 80 year old lady yells "BINGO"!

Happy Birthday!
Gary Kent
October 1

The Beach Bum's wife says men swear they know everything until you ask them who is she.

The Beach Bum says few women admit their age and few men act it.

Happy Birthday!
Danyelle Gutierrez
September 14

The Beach Bum's wife says I asked my husband if he remembers what today is, scaring men is easy

The Beach Bum's wife says women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

Happy Birthday!
Barbara Robb
October 16

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jacob's Ladder is unable to take any job assignments at this time. We are taking a little time to totally restructure (internally, inside and out) and remodel the living quarters, very much needed.

I apologize for the inconvenience, but housing has to be suitable to the need, it's a priority.

Thank you for understanding and for all the community support.

We are **NOT** closing down, we **ARE** re-organizing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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The house rules and guidelines will be changing.

We are still available to help, but you have to be willing, able and ready to help yourself.

A Cure for Storm Fatigue

Lynne S Averett
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Are you tired, short tempered, and in a state of mild confusion? Welcome to the club! You have Storm Fatigue. While not a clinical term, it seems to sum up how many of us feel. Even those of us who were spared our homes or cars being flooded, are feeling unsure- a little like a man juggling plates on tall sticks and hoping that none will fall.

We all have been through a lot. We've had days of endless reporting the approaching storm; surviving the storm, and then either picking up the pieces of our own lives or helping others do the same. If you were only mildly touched by Harvey (or not at all), you may share my feeling of Survivor Guilt as we see the great loss around us.

What can we do? How can we heal ourselves and try to help others? I wrote down a couple of ideas.

1. Get enough rest and exercise. They are both needed to clear the mind. So go to sleep earlier and do something -whatever- to get the heartbeat higher in the morning. Do this every day!

2. Try to get into your old routine as quickly as possible. If that isn't completely possible, choose several activities that represent life pre-storm and do them.

3. Be around those you love and who love you back. Pets are included in this list. Does your dog need extra walks? Do your cats like to have their fur combed? Do you just enjoy snuggling? Do it!

4. Excuse yourself away from negative people. You don't need them right now-or ever.

5. Get away someplace where people aren't talking about Harvey. If possible, drive north or west or fly away for a few days. Give yourself a break from the stress around us.

6. Go to a late-season baseball game or a football game -- any place where people are happily shouting for their team. Forget the TV and the cleanup reports for a while.

7. Remember the saying, "This, too, shall pass." Whether everything is good or bad remember this phrase is helpful. This works for all events in life. Hold the promise of this statement close to your heart.

8. Enjoy the sunset over the Gulf. This will help you remember why we live on the coast!

I wish all of you well with good times ahead.
Cheers, Lynne

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By Tatiana Feighan

I want to share my amazing, wonderful trip to Israel! Maybe you can visit there someday. Our guide was Ramon, and we had many marvelous adventures with him. He is the best guide

I am a girl who dreamed of going to Israel, and my incredible vision came true on May 2, 2017 when I received this blessed gift. My family flew 9 ½ hours from Houston to Germany and 4 hours from Germany to Israel and finally arrived in Tel Aviv. I had a marvelous view from our plane. We looked for our guide, but Ramon (the best) found us first. He took us to Jerusalem where we ate pizza and went right to sleep.

Then our adventures began. We loved the view from Mt. Olive because you can see almost everything. Incidentally, Ramon was born on Mr. Olive. Mt. Temptation is another great spot. That is where I rode a camel. I wasn't sure whether to ride it like a princess or a Texas cowgirl. Cowgirl style was the winner.

I was scared to climb on the camel, and the smell was "eeeeee uuuuu." When the camel stood up, I thought I would fall off, but I didn't. When the camel dropped down to let me off, I thought I would fall on my face, but I didn't. Then Ramon and I climbed almost to the top of the mountain. I could see the Sea of Galilee and caves where people had lived long ago.

When you think of Israel, you may think only of desert, but a large part contains water. Two popular bodies of water are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. I found Israeli sea glass at one spot. My parents and I baptized each other in the glorious Sea of Galilee where Jesus commanded Peter to walk to him. Later we joined some Australians on a boat ride.

The Dead Sea was really beautiful even though it is too salty for animals to live. That is why it is named Dead. At first I was afraid to try to float, but after my dad tried it, I tried also. Boy, could I float on that salty liquid. It was very satisfying.

One day my family and I visited Saint Vincent Ain Karem Orphanage for special needs children. My heart melted when I saw the orphans. Cute, adorable and smart John John became my special friend. He could think quickly, but not speak quickly. Some children were on feeding tubes.

Food was quite tasty. Breakfast was usually fruit, eggs and fresh bread. Most of our dining experience consisted of fresh eatables. One lunch had 15 different foods. I loved the crabs. Mom loved the humus.

I so enjoy my memories of Israel. Some include the Catholic Church that honors the birth of Jesus with a star placed in the fireplace, the rock where Jesus was crucified and the Old City. Everything fascinated me.

Reality exceeded my dream! Climbing mountains, swimming in the Dead Sea, and most of all, visiting an orphanage were highlights of my pilgrimage. You should go. Be sure to ask for Ramon. He is the best!



INSIGHT into EYESIGHT

A Community Service provided for Bolivar Peninsula by
Dr. Doris Forte'
Optometrist

With the beginning of a brand new school year, it is important that out children have their eyes examined to make sure that they are ready and able to focus properly in the classroom in order to learn!

The American Optometric Association reports that more than 12 million children have a visual impairment that can worsen and lead to permanent vision loss and delayed development if left untreated. These are a few of the questions and answers that are commonly asked concerning children's eye exams:

Q. What are some indications that a child may have vision problems?

A. Each child may exhibit different symptoms that are indicative of eye problems. These symptoms include squinting to see things, holding books too close to the face when reading, sitting too close to the television, turning their head a certain way to look at objects, becoming tired after reading a book for a short period of time, red and irritated eyes, complaints of headaches, and difficulty playing sports that require good vision. Parents may also notice one of their children's eyes turning in a certain direction. There are many other symptoms that could indicate a vision or eye problem. That's why concerned parents should schedule a comprehensive eye examination for their child.

Q. Why is it important for children to get their eyes examined?

A. Children and adults need to have their eyes examined periodically to ensure healthy eyes and optimal vision. Children learn by using all their senses, especially the sense of sight. Optimal vision ensures that the child has the opportunity to benefit from the learning environment.

Q. What else can a doctor discover from a routine eye exam?

A. A number of conditions can be discovered during a routine eye exam, including the obvious need for corrective lenses. One such condition is amblyopia, a condition where one sees worse than the other and may require glasses, patching, drops, or surgery for correction. Strabismus is a condition caused by an imbalance in the eye muscles causing an eye to be misaligned in relation to the other eye. There are also certain congenital conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, and retinal problems that may cause serious consequences if undiagnosed or left untreated.

Q. What is a good age for a child to have a first eye exam?

A. All children should have a comprehensive eye examination before they start kindergarten. Depending on the specific child and family history of eye problems, some children may need an eye exam sooner.

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September 4

Happy Birthday!
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Sabrina Bobino
September 6

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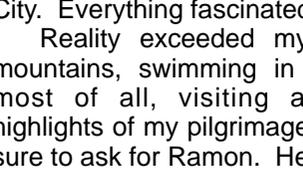
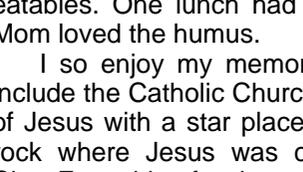
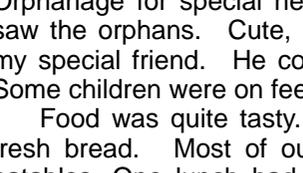
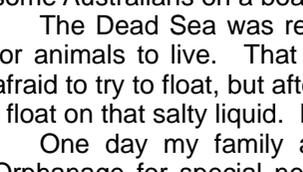
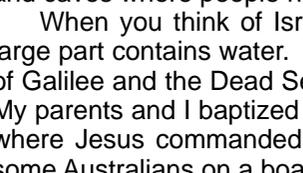
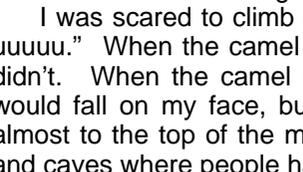
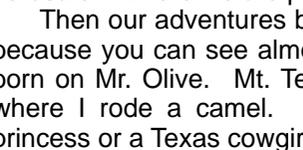
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Fraternal Order of Eagles 3719

Bill Agnew

News from The Eagles:

We have a bunch of new officers with our Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3719. We wish Carey Rutledge the best on his new adventure, thank him and his lovely wife Peggy tremendously for everything they did for us. We miss them both already. But they promised they would not be strangers.

If you are not aware, we are in the process of starting a campaign to build a community center as an addition to our current structure. It is intended to be for community functions, special occasions, private events, etc. We are also looking into the feasibility of bringing back bingo. We are currently in the process of rebuilding our storage unit at the back. As you can see with our picture, Mike Rossler, Dawn Ambem, Diana Agnew, George Maltz, Dave Paresh, and Syd Boyd tackled getting it ready for the outside walls on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. We are very grateful for their help.

On October 3 of 2017, our Aerie will be celebrating it's 31 year birthday at Crystal Beach. The following Sunday we are throwing Big Jim's (Deny) Oktoberfest to celebrate our 31 years. We will have German Beer, Bratts, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Medallions of Pork with loads of German Music and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome. If you want to keep up with our Saturday Lunch schedule, please check out of Facebook page or give us a call.

THEY SERVED!

OK! I admit it right up front. I am selfish. How could I not be? I had the most wonderful parents in Nola Mae and Charles Schmucker. They worked hard so that I could enjoy the things that they had not had because of the Great Depression. Also, I was an only child. It doesn't get much better than that.

My heart was touched by all the suffering caused by Hurricane Harvey, but I still focused on having to boil water, missing electricity for 24 hours and not being able to get to my hair dresser for my natural blond hair coloring in Beaumont. However, I am shamed by the marvelous, unselfish people that literally jumped right in to help those in distress.

The scenes of folk with boats, rafts and jet skis that descended on Houston, the donations from charities, celebrities, volunteer groups and Mattress Mack are just a few examples of those who served for the good of others. Many rescued stranded families and pets in flooded dwellings. Churches, Red Cross, Fire Departments, Police, Military personnel, government helpers and others giving of their time and talents renews my belief in the simple fact that most people are good.

Then, there is our little corner of the world. We were lucky this time, but we haven't forgotten all the volunteers who came to our aid after Hurricane IKE. What could we do? The triumvirate of Tracy Barnett, Terri Varner and Jeanie Millender were determined to create a distribution center. They set up shop in Crystal Beach Plaza, and volunteers poured in to serve. Our volunteer Fire Department came through. Citizens stepped up to load water, clothes and needed supplies. Some came from out of state to bring water and ice to our peninsula. The center's reach went beyond Crystal Beach to Winnie and outlying areas.

Tireless worker Dee Whisnant showed me a list of volunteers. I could not begin to name them all. Her only regret was that the center was unable to always answer everyone's needs. Here I was not helping even a few folk who could have used my services, and she was concerned about those who were not reached.

Those wonderful human beings sat and waited every day to load and unload supplies. They asked for nothing but that they could serve what was needed to those who needed it. Their names will never be known by many who received goods from them. However, I want these volunteers to realize that they did their very best to assist, not only their own community, but others as well. They served and served well, and I am honored to know them. Thank you.



We sent them off with a nice spaghetti dinner and birthday party for Peggy right before Harvey hit us. It was bittersweet to know that they were leaving, but in true Carey fashion, he went out with a bang!

Our new officers are as follows:

- Worthy President - Bill Agnew
- Jr Past Worthy President - Carey Rutledge
- Worthy Chaplain - Richard Sepeda
- Worthy Secretary - Joe Kaglik
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August/September Fishing Report

Jeffrey Daniels



Jeffrey Daniels

August was a tremendous month for fishing the Galveston Bay system. The weather stayed relatively cool along with the water temperatures throughout the month. It is my personal belief that the mild water temps allowed the trout to spread out a little more than usual for this time of year making the catch consistent but not a whole lot of size. Most of the size that has been reported has come out of the surf or the passes. None the less it is shaping up to be an awesome late summer early spring.

I had the opportunity to try out the new Precision Fishing Resources soft plastic lure, invented by Tobin Strickland, while fishing the lights, all I can say is "wow". This soft plastic looks exactly like a finger mullet when walking the dog slowly. The trout that I caught absolutely destroyed it along with the redfish that were in the area. To find these lures go to troutsupport.com and click on the trout support lure link.

The future is looking bright for this month with reports beginning to come in about birds working over the deeper shell on the mid bay reefs. It is only a matter of time before the bait begins to pour out of the back marshes on their annual pilgrimage to the gulf. Fishing the shorelines directly adjacent to the drainages on an outgoing tide will be very productive when this cycle

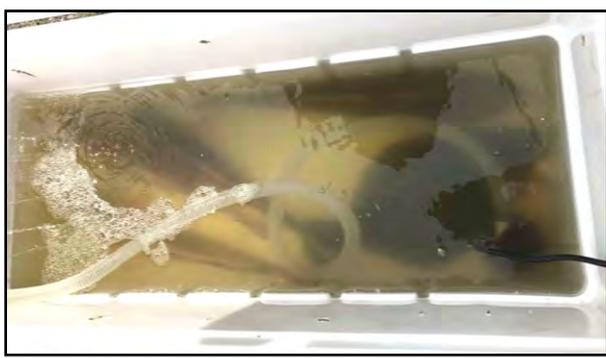


begins. Once the tide turns look for slicks and bird over any structure.

The reds should start schooling soon in the back of Jack's Pocket, catching all the bait fleeing the bay for the Gulf of Mexico. The well pads in Trinity have been giving up some decent catches as well. When fishing this unique structure remember to stay on the down current side and cast up current letting the water bring the bait back to you. The surf has been alive lately with lots of solid trout stringers being caught along with the usual redfish and sharks. Rollover Pass has been great for fishing in the lights and on an outgoing tide.

Remember 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

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BPLC Presents Check to Crenshaw



BPLC members presenting a check to Crenshaw School in the amount of \$11,900.00. Pictured are: Brenda Newsum, Crenshaw Coach Michael Samonte, Ben Newsum, Crenshaw Principal Tracy Camp, Kathy Hammond, Paul Williams, Brenda Flanagan, Larry Campbell, Crenshaw School Nurse Talisa Comeaux, Charlotte Byus, Rob Byus, Franks Chambers, Crenshaw Teacher Tyler Anderson, BPLC President Larry Flanagan.

The Bolivar Peninsula Lions Club Golf Cart Poker Run pictures are shown below. The Poker Run benefits the local schools with funds for school supplies.

From Fun to Funds



Pictured to the right is possibly the lone golf cart on the peninsula. The young ladies were on a post office run instead of the poker run.



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The Seaside Naturalist

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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.

The Night Shift

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As evening fades into twilight, a glance at the inland skies along our Texas coast may reveal two prominent flying creatures other than birds. The birds, returning to their roosts from a day's foraging, usually fly with straight, uncomplicated trajectories. But then, after a few minutes' pause, fluttering, erratic fliers take to the air—the bats. In those minutes before darkness blots out our view, we can briefly glimpse these strange denizens of the night: Earth's "night shift," the bats.

Poet D.H. Lawrence famously wrote of the bats of Ponte Vecchio bridge in Florence, Italy:

*Look up, and you see things flying
Between the day and the night;
Swallows with spools of dark thread sewing
the shadows together.*

*A circle swoop, and a quick parabola under the
bridge arches
Where light pushes through;
A sudden turning upon itself of a thing in the
air.*

A dip to the water.

*And you think:
"The swallows are flying so late!"*

Swallows?

*Dark air-life looping
Yet missing the pure loop ...
A twitch, a twitter, an elastic shudder in flight
And serrated wings against the sky,
Like a glove, a black glove thrown up at the light,
And falling back.*

*Never swallows!
Bats!*

While Lawrence confessed that flying bats gave him the "creeps", few animals give naturalists greater delight than bats. Bats are one of nature's great success stories and are found on every continent except Antarctica. Some thirty species of bats are found in Texas, but of this assemblage almost all are confined to the arid west or the woodlands of east Texas. Only four species are known from Galveston County, and of these only two are sufficiently abundant that they can be expected during the warm evenings of spring, summer, and early fall. These bats are the Northern or Greater Yellow Bat (*Lasiurus intermedius*) and the much smaller Tricolored (formerly Georgia or Eastern Pipistrelle) Bat (*Periomyotis* ([formerly *Pipistrellus*] *subflavus*).



This small brown bat was found inside a storage shed

Northern Yellow Bats are large, handsome bats with pinkish faces, yellowish-brown, silky fur, and wingspreads close to a foot in length. Inland and to the southeast, their preferred roosting sites are the tufts of Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia* spp.) common on large trees in southern swamps. However, the probable reason we have them in the Galveston area is the fact that a second preferred roosting site is the



A bat's mouth show many sharp teeth used for catching insects. Do not handle bats unless you have been trained by an expert.

dead fronds hanging beneath the crowns of palm trees, especially the large, long-lived Mexican fan palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) that is so often planted

along the Texas coast. Several female bats may roost together in a single tree, suggesting that they have a nursery-colonial lifestyle.

Like most bats, Northern Yellows are voracious feeders on insects, emerging to hunt them before dark. Open areas, such as beaches and sand dunes, golf courses, and watercourses are their preferred hunting grounds. During May and June, females give birth to (usually two) young. The babies are fully fledged by the end of July and may join their mothers in feeding aggregations.

While not considered threatened by conservation agencies, Northern Yellow Bats are uncommon in areas where extensive insecticidal spraying is practiced or where dead fronds are routinely removed from palm trees. You might want to consider leaving your palms "shaggy" to encourage some of these beautiful and entertaining animals to start a colony near your home.

If you should see a tiny (matchbox-sized), slow-flying bat along the Texas coast, it is probably the

Tricolored Bat, so named because each of its hairs has a black base, a yellow middle, and a brown outer segment. They also have a reddish-orange forearm which contrasts sharply with the dark wing membrane when closed, making this a fairly easy bat to identify.

Unlike Northern Yellows, Tricolored Bats are known to use human structures for roosts and may utilize one of the many models of wooden "bat houses" for sale today. Tricoloreds are among the first bats to emerge as the evening progresses and are thus readily observed. They are hibernators that seek out high-humidity, deep caves to spend the winter months. Also unlike Northern Yellow Bats, Tricoloreds are threatened by the devastating White Nose Syndrome fungus (*Pseudogymnoascus destructans*). This recently-appearing plague attacks deep-hibernating bats and has been responsible for the near-destruction of several species in the United States, although it seems to prosper only in colder weather and is as yet rare in Texas.

Tricolored Bats have astonishing appetites. They are on record for catching prey at a rate of one insect every two seconds, increasing their body mass as much as 25 percent in just thirty minutes! Their tiny bodies and large wing and tail membranes allow them to make almost right-angle turns in midair, often catching insects in their tail "pouch" and scooping it up with their toothy mouths.

Tricolored Bats usually mate in the fall and conceive in the spring. The babies, usually two, are born from May to July and are fully fledged when about three weeks old.

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Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 11, 2017

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; Maria Skewis; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President; Wayne Turk; Steve Barnett
 Staff Present: Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Barbara Cowie, Office Manager; Donald Crawford, Field Manager
 Others Present: None

Item 1 Call to Order: At 6:00 PM President, Hollis Gassen, 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. Dennis Stafford and cited by all present. Afterwards, a moment of silence was observed.

Item 3 Approve minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2017:

Motion made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by Steve Barnett to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Item 4 Committee Reports:

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 June and found everything to be in order.

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item 6 Manager's Report: The manger's report was presented by Mr. Jody Ball and the following items were reported and/or discussed:

1) A Review of Trial Balance, Comparative Budget Report and Account Balance Summary List: The board reviewed the Trail Balance Report, Comparative Budget Report and the Account Balance Summary through June and found everything to be in order.

2) Review System Operational Reports:

* District Water Losses. The District experienced a four month average water loss through June of 3.00%.

* During June the District added 23 new active accounts. The District has 4798 active accounts.

* Total water sales for June were \$320,495.25.

* Average monthly water bill for June is \$66.80.

* Water pumped was 30.4M and water sold was 27.9M with a loss difference of 2,552,000.

* No reportable accidents or incidents during the month of June.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: There are no active projects to report.

4) Update on BUS activities: No BUS report this month.

5) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available

6) Personnel: Fully staffed at this time. Field staff is provided with water, Gatorade and reminded of care for working in hot weather.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action to approve Quarterly Investment report:

Dennis Stafford reviewed Quarterly Investment Report for second quarter of 2017 with the Board. No major changes to investment portfolio. One CD matured with interested booked and total accrued interest of \$644.25 for 2nd quarter. Motion by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to approve Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 Discussion and possible actions to approve or reject bids for snapper zero turn mower: Two sealed bids were opened by Mr. Jody Ball. Motion by Dennis Stafford to accept higher bid of \$560 and seconded by Wayne Turk. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action on North Houston Pole Line:

While working as a subcontractor for Entergy, NHPL hit the District's 20 inch water supply line and incurring a \$16,000 damages to the District. NHP is refusing to pay for lost water and is offering to pay \$10,000. Motion made by Wayne Turk for Jo Ball to prepare letter to Entergy with cc to NHPL accompanied by attachments to request full payment.

Seconded by Steve Barnett. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 Update on TWBD meeting in Austin: Jo Ball, Dennis Stafford, Hollis Gassen and Guy Goodsen met with 6 staffers from TWBD to review BPSUD financial status towards revising bond covenants. The meeting was positive with good communication among attendees. Jo provided reports that were requested by TWBD. No action at this time while the District is waiting for communication from TWBD.

Item 11 Consideration and possible action to approve County Election Contract for

November Election: Motion by George Strong to approve County Election Contract as presented and seconded by Dennis Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 Consideration and possible action to approve Election Order: Motion by George Strong to approve Election Order 2017-0711 as written and seconded by Wayne Turk. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 Discussion about LNVA phone conservation: Per Scott Hall of LNVA, we will possibly receive an unexpected expense of \$300,000 to clean surface ponds from LNVA. No action required at this time.

Item 14 Directors comments regarding Future committee meetings:

- A. Audit and Finance Committee - No meetings planned
- B. Personnel and Policy - No meeting planned
- C. Plant and Product Committee - No meeting planned
- D. Public Relations Committee - No meeting planned

Item 15 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) NHPL communications update
- 2) TWDB communications update
- 3) 10-year capitol plan review
- 4) Other budget line items
- 5) Update on LNVA

Item 16 Set the Date for the Next Meeting: Next meeting date is set for August 8, 2017.

Happy Birthday!
 Jeanie Turk
 October 18

Happy Birthday!
 George Lemley
 October 22

Happy Birthday!
 Margie Shanley
 October 2

Happy Birthday!
 Casey Blume
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3) Review current infrastructure projects: There are no active projects to report.

4) Update on BUS activities: Total customers is 1045 with 626 connected and 250 non-connected.

5) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available

6) Personnel: No changes to report.

7) Update on situation of hydrants and flushers being opened in Bolivar area. Water leak in excess of 1M water loss.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action on 10 year capital outlay:

Review of draft plan for asset maintenance and replacement for 2018 through 2028. No action required.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action on North Houston Pole line damage to District waterline: BPSUD's position on this situation was relayed by letter to Entergy and North Houston Pole. Motion by Wayne Turk to accept offer of \$12,000 from NHP to settle invoice and seconded by Steve Barnett. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 Update and possible action on Texas Water Development Board negotiations:

No additional information from TWDB and no action required.

Item 10 Discussion and possible action on LNVA sludge removal:

LNVA project has commenced. BPSUD board members invited to LNVA Winnie on August 10th at 10AM to tour their facility and review the sludge removal project. No action required.

Item 11 Consideration and possible action to increase cost for engineering review of developments:

Fees for developers plan review by BPSUD personnel and engineering consultant have not been increased since 2006. Motion by Wayne Turk to increase developers plan review cost as presented effective September 1, 2017. Seconded by George Strong. Motion passed unanimously.

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D. Public Relations Committee - No meeting planned

Item 13 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

1) Hurricane Preparedness

2) TWDB update

3) LNVA update

4) Election update

Item 14 Set the Date for the Next Meeting: Next meeting date is set for September 12, 2017

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Men's Breakfast is back after summer break! All men are invited to this non-denominational feast that happens on the 2nd Monday of every month. George Strong leads the group who provide a delicious start for the day.

This fine, but not necessarily low calorie/low carbohydrate, meal includes biscuits, gravy, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. The men assemble at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall of Bay Vue United Methodist Church. Gentlemen visit while eating and discussing the important "goings-on" of our community. (The discussions are not too heavy, but the meal is with all those wonderful gourmet choices.)

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Jane's Husband James Long

by Jay Camp

Born in Culpepper County, Virginia around 1793, James Long soon moved on with his parents to Kentucky and then on to Tennessee.

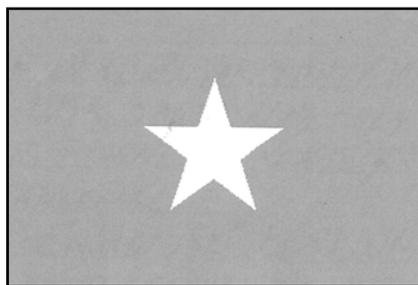
In the "War of 1812" Long was a surgeon at the "battle of New Orleans" while in Andrew Jackson's army.

After military service he moved to Natchez, MS then on to Port Gibson, MS to practice medicine. There he met our Jane Herbert Wilkinson Long and bought a plantation near Vicksburg, MS.

The "Adams-Onis Treaty" set up the boundary between Louisiana and Texas at the time of the "Louisiana Purchase". Many people in and around Natchez did not agree with this border and

planned an expedition to take Texas. Long was voted to take command of 120 men along with Eli Harris.

They crossed the Sabine River on (see flags) June 8, 1816 and headed for Nacogdoches. By June 21 the citizens met at "Camp Freeman" and declared Long to be in Command. On June 23 Texas was declared independent where a "Supreme Council" set



The Jane Long flag is said to have been a solid red flag with a large white 5 pointed star in the middle. Dr. Long left Texas quickly and later returned in 1821 with a new flag that included his wife's flag as the canton and 13 red and white stripes. This flag is well known, but the first flag is less known, but is believed to have also been the flag used by the Summerville Expedition men who crossed the Rio Grande in 1842 and fought in Mier, Mexico. The flag was also used by at least one Texas county when Texas seceded from the Union in 1861.

up sections of land to be sold for 50 cents per acre or less.

By mid July 1819 Long had more than 300 men and asked Pirate Jean Lafitte for help with supplies. Lafitte did not want to get involved against the wishes of the United States government so he declined Long's plea. As a result, Long had to scatter his men to live off the land.

Galveston was declared a port of entry on October 9, 1819 by the "Supreme Council" and authorized construction of a fort to build at Bolivar Point (Fort Las Casas). They also declared Lafitte Governor of Galveston at this same time.

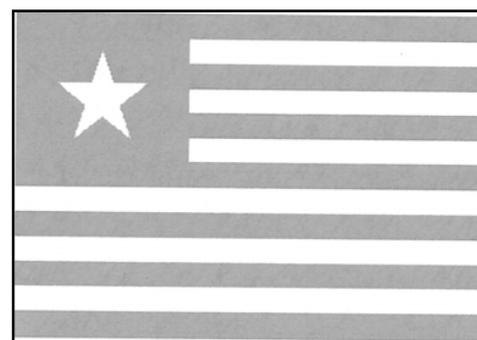
Colonel Ignacio Perez was sent with 500 troops by Governor Antonio Martinez to end the "Long expedition." On

October 28 the rebel settlers were driven out of Nacogdoches. Long escaped and went to Nachitoches and then on to New Orleans.

New Orleans was a boost to Long where he met Jose Felix Trespalacios to start another expedition to Bolivar Point. This is

when Jane joined him back to Texas. They stayed at "Fort Las Casas" in Bolivar until September 19, 1821 when James and 52 men sailed to capture "La Bahia" (Goliad). La Bahia fell on October 4 but surrendered back 4 days later when they surrendered to Colonel Perez.

James was taken prisoner and taken to San Antonio. After awhile he was moved to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon and then on to Mexico City, Nuevo Leon and then onto Mexico City, Long was set to plea his case in March 1822 but was postponed. On April 8, 1822 a guard shot a killed Long but said it was an accident. Later evidence came up that the guard who shot James was hired by Jose Felix Trespalacios to kill Long. This Jose is the same guy



The early Texas' flag. The "Lone Star" on record in Texas was employed on the "Long Flag" of independent filibuster, Dr. James Long, in 1819 while Texas (Tejas) was still a province of New Spain.

Long met in New Orleans who was his partner in the second expedition.

James Long's death was the last of the Filibuster Expeditions to conquer Texas. From then on it came to an outright revolution.

Jane waited for James to return for awhile but then moved on to Anahuac, Brazoria and finally to Richmond where she died and is buried.

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JAMES GREGORY COBB, SR.

August 01, 1924 - August 15, 2017



James Gregory Cobb, Sr., 93, of Beaumont, died Tuesday, August 15, 2017. He was born on August 1, 1924, in Birmingham, Alabama. At age eleven, his parents, Ralph Waldo and Ruby Greene Cobb, moved their family to Beaumont. Gregory attended Rosedale Elementary, Roy Guess Junior High and Beaumont High.

Gregory met the love of his life, Aleene Bernice Evans Cobb in the sixth grade in 1940. They were married on October 4, 1944 in Santa Barbara, California while he was serving as a member of the United States Marine Corps. During his boot camp training at Camp Pendleton, he set the record for the fastest time on the obstacle course. This record was just recently broken. Gregory participated in the Battle of Peleliu, which was a joint effort of the United States military to capture an airstrip on the tiny island during World War II.

After the war, Gregory returned to Beaumont and established Cobb Air Conditioning in 1947. Gregory and Aleene owned and operated the company for over forty years. Always searching for his next opportunity, Gregory started Cobb Construction in 1972, building homes in Beaumont and later building at Crystal Beach. His passion and love of the beach led him to develop nine subdivisions, building over 300 homes. Gregory was actively involved in Cobb Construction until his death.

Papa Cobb, as he was known to his family, loved a good party, especially his birthday parties and family holiday gatherings. Gregory and Aleene loved entertaining their family and friends for many years. Papa loved watching This Old House, Motor Week and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved sitting in the sun on the porch; however, his favorite past time was playing a competitive game of Skip Bo. Papa took great delight in beating everyone even as his eyesight was failing.

He is survived by his daughters, Dianne Cobb Walker and her husband, Haywood; and Patty Cobb Maida and her husband, Pete, all of Beaumont; his son, Greg Cobb, Jr. and his wife, Paulette, of Crystal Beach; seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving Gregory are his brother, Howard Cobb, of Beaumont and sister, Joy Busbee and her husband, Guinn, of Vidor.

Gregory was predeceased by his loving wife of sixty-eight years, Aleene B. Cobb; his parents, Ralph and Ruby Cobb; his siblings, Ralph, Arleene, Jan, and Bill Cobb; and his granddaughter, Lauren Coco.

Papa was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His work ethics, enthusiasm for life and the love of his family was admired by all. He will be missed. Papa was surrounded by his beloved family acknowledging each member at the time of his death.

CASANDRA DILLS-DAILEY

December 15, 1978 - August 29, 2017



On August 29, 2017 God brought his daughter, Casey Dills-Dailey home to heaven.

Casey was born on December 15, 1978. She lived with her husband, Wayne Dailey, of twelve years, in Houston. She was a devoted mother of her two sons, Luke, who is fourteen and Ronnie, who is ten. Casey was a loving daughter to her parents, Chuck and Sandy Dills.

Casey always had an open heart and loved everyone she encountered. She enjoyed making quilts and blankets for others, especially for new life entering the world.

Casey was a woman of God and firmly believed in His word. Casey would say to us in the moment, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful". (1 Corinthians 13:7 NLT).

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Dailey; their two sons, Luke and Ronnie; her father and mother, Chuck and Sandy; and her grandmother, Jean Lloyd.

Casey would want us to know "I am about to do something new; see, I have already begun". (Isaiah 43:19 NLT).

LOUIS ELMO DAILEY, JR.

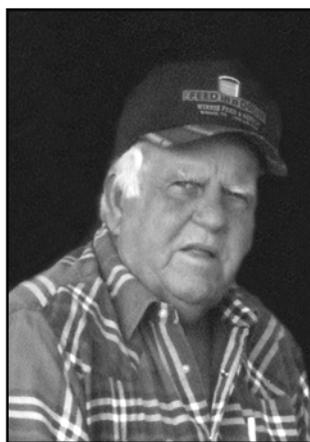
July 31, 1945 - September 15, 2017

Louis Elmo Dailey, Jr., 72, of High Island, died Friday, September 15, 2017. He was born July 31, 1945, in Galveston, to Jenny Fowler Dailey and Louis E. Dailey, Sr. He was a lifetime resident of the High Island area, and retired as a pipefitter.

Louis served in the United States Army and was a decorated Vietnam era veteran, having received many medals, including a Purple Heart. He especially loved his horses and taking care of his cattle. Most of all, he loved his family and family events.

Survivors include daughter, Tina Lynn Henderson, of San Antonio; brother, Tommy Dailey, of Carthage; sisters, Margie Shanley, of High Island; and Juanita Dailey, of Winnie; four grandchildren, Troynell Henderson, Charles Henderson, Macolm Henderson and Martin Henderson; nieces and nephews, Tammy Hooks and James Dailey and his wife, Shawna; April Anthony and her husband, Dalton; L. T. Dailey; Christy Shanley; Jack Dailey and his wife, Darla; Skylor Dailey and his wife, Jackie; several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; brother, James "Red" Dailey; and a grandson.

**LILLIE A. DAILEY**

March 23, 1922 - August 19, 2017

Lillie A. Dailey, 95, of High Island, died Saturday, August 19, 2017. She was born March 23, 1922, in Houston, to Lillie Schulenburg Lee and William Andrew Lee.

Lillie was a proud graduate of Sour Lake High School. After marrying her husband, Floyd Daniel Dailey, they moved to High Island. She was a large part of the community, always there to lend a helping hand, cook a meal and even cheer on any sports team, and was a longtime member of the PTA. She will be remembered for her seamstress abilities, sewing many 'dressy' dresses for those special occasions.

Lillie was a founding member of the Presbyterian Church of High Island, and always gave her time to do cleanup duties and lend a helping hand when needed.

For over fifty years, Mrs. Dailey was the Avon representative for the area. Every other Thursday, she could be found walking the halls of the school, with deliveries. The kids would always give her hugs, to "Avon calling".

Above all, Lillie had a great love for family. She was always willing to be the host to family gatherings, and was always there for her grandchildren's events.

Survivors include son, Stanford Ray Dailey and his wife, Candee, of Winnie; grandson, Charles "Chad" W. Dailey, of Winnie; granddaughters, Hope Sinquefield, of Texas City; Michele Horner and her husband, Steven, of Westlake Louisiana; Natasha Dailey, of Nederland; great-grandsons, James Royce, of Texas City; Chance LeDoux and Kyle Horner, both of Westlake; great-granddaughters, Jesse Powers and her husband, Trevor, of Dickinson; and Cheyenne Horner, of Westlake; great-great-grandson, Conor Powers, of Dickinson; sister, Frances Burgess and her husband, Reed, of Hamshire.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband of forty-five years, Floyd Daniel Dailey; son, Daniel Lee Dailey; brothers, Fred Lee, William Lee, Ray "Buster" Lee and John Lee; sisters, Annabelle Mitchell and Elizabeth Ingram.

To Rosie Caughlin, a true friend and caregiver, the family would like to express their thanks for the care and love given to our mother.

ARTHUR "BUTCH" BARROW

October 14, 1937 - August 25, 2017

Arthur Robert. "Butch" Barrow, of Groesbeck, formerly of High Island, died Friday, August 25, 2017. He was born October 14, 1937, in High Island, to Nina Mae Benz Barrow and Arthur Barrow. He was a longtime resident of High Island, where he was a shrimper and trapper.

Survivors include a daughter, Robin Carpenter and her husband, Carl, of Groesbeck; grandson, Kyle Carpenter and his partner, Amber Long, of Wilmer; great-grandsons, Wyatt Carpenter, of Wilmer; and Remington Turpin, of Louisville; brother, Benny Barrow and his wife, Annie, of High Island; sisters, Elsie Brown and her husband, Frank; Claudia Foreman and her husband, Junior, all of High Island.

He was preceded in death by parents; grandson, Joshua Turpin; and sister, Katherine Foreman.



Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
October 1973

It was termed an historical occasion the day the Beach Triton announced the loss of a subscriber. No reason was given for the cancellation. The Beach Triton could not assume the fault lies entirely with the subscriber Up and down the peninsula the oak was of this cancellation. Bryan Wolf, Editor of the Beach Triton, was heard saying he may just go on welfare. The Queen couldn't be reached for comment, but a drunk down at Tim's Tap Room aid it wouldn't affect the fishing at Rollover and the drunk said he would he would purchase an extra paper this month to make up for the loss.

On the 19th of September, Mrs. Crooper of Gilchrist caught an ice box full of flounder weighing up to 4 pounds a piece.

State Representative Watson, District 17, has announced that action aimed at giving relief to the ailing oyster industry has been initiated following recent meetings in Chambers County including Parks and Wildlife. the Governor's representative, Jess Ward, oyster house owners and oyster fisherman, along with area farmers.

Need for assistance was do to the unusually wet season and the destruction of oyster beds caused by flooding and of fresh water from the Trinity River and other streams in the Galveston - Trinity Bay systems.

Representative Watson has asked the Governor to ask the President to declare Chambers and east Galveston Counties disaster areas so that the fishermen and farmers can qualify for immediate financial assistance.

FRAUDSTERS CAPITALIZE ON NATURAL DISASTERS

The FBI reminds the public there is the potential for fraud in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received indications that fraudsters used e-mail and social-networking sites, including job search engines, to facilitate fraudulent activities.

Disasters such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma prompt fraudsters to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization or a good cause. Fraudsters may also attempt to capitalize on the misfortune of victims by advertising false temporary housing ads which victims send money to the subject in order to have property keys mailed to them. Victims may also receive information regarding false job opportunities in which victims will receive a fraudulent check they are expected to deposit and then distribute to various accounts. Therefore, before making a donation of any kind or supplying payment for any type of service related to victim relief, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mails.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves over e-mail as officials soliciting for donations.
- Do not click on links within an unsolicited e-mail.
- Be cautious of e-mails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- To ensure contributions are received and used for the intended purposes, make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.
- Validate the legitimacy of the non-profit status of the organization by directly accessing the recognized charity or aid organization's website rather than following an alleged link to the site.
- Attempt to verify the legitimacy of the non-profit status of the organization by using various Internet-based resources, which may also assist in confirming the actual existence of the organization.
- Do not provide personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions; providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.
- Be cautious of e-mails claiming to offer employment for which you did not expressly apply.
- Thoroughly research housing ads prior to sending money to a potential landlord.
- If you believe you have been a victim of disaster-related fraud, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud1 by telephone at (866) 720-5721, by fax at (255) 334-4707, or by e-mail at disaster@leo.gov. You can also report suspicious e-mail solicitations or fraudulent websites to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

County Commissioners push for property tax reform

Galveston County, TX -- Commissioners passed a resolution on Tuesday, urging the State Legislature to provide significant and meaningful tax relief to Texas individuals, families and businesses. Specifically, local officials asked for immediate property tax relief beyond the adoption of the revenue cap legislation known as Senate Bill 1.

Senate Bill 1 would require voter approval when larger local governments raise property taxes on existing land and buildings 4-6 percent or more. County Judge Mark Henry called it a step in the right direction, but said it doesn't go far enough.

"Galveston County taxpayers need relief from the annual property tax assessment increases handed down by the central appraisal district," Judge Henry said. "With the central appraisal district's power to increase assessments each year, families in Galveston County are forced to pay higher property taxes even when tax rates hold steady or decrease."

Over the past seven years Commissioners Court has reduced the county tax rate below the effective rate. Every dollar of new county revenue has been generated from new construction, he said.

"The challenge is, not every taxing entity in the county is focusing on reducing tax rates despite increased assessments," Henry said. "Taxpayers deserve meaningful reform which focuses on tax rate reductions and holds central appraisal districts accountable to the people."

Another area officials are urging the Legislature to focus on is fixing the school finance formulas, which are the source of much of the pressure on property taxes. School funding is the biggest piece of the property tax pie, and the slice that keeps getting more expensive. Commissioner Ken Clark said.

Clark also talked about unfunded mandates, which he called the driver of expenses in county government.

"With the proposed legislation, it's important for counties to be protected from unfunded mandates," he said.

The Texas Legislature closed out the special session Tuesday night deadlocked on property tax reform, after the Senate rejected the House's version of the bill.

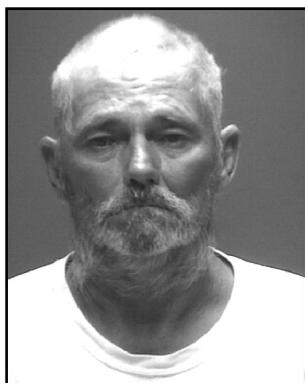
It remains unclear whether Gov. Greg Abbott was open to calling another special session to keep trying on property tax reform.

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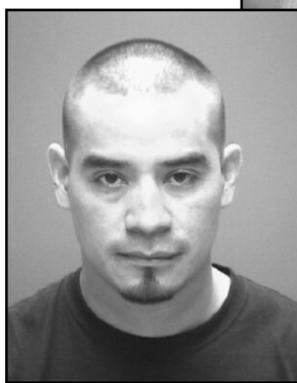
Fetterman, John Harry (W /M/25)
 Arrest on chrg of Walked On Hwy With Traffic-no Sidewalk, M (M), at 1271 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/11/2017 07:32.



Johnson, Dante Gray (W /M/ 61) Arrest on chrg of Obstruct Retaliation, F (F), at 1945 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/16/2017 17:04.



Brooks, Mindi Ann (W /F/42) Arrest on chrg of Evading Arrest Det W/veh, F (F), at 130 Spur 5, Winnie, TX, on 9/16/2017 15:35.



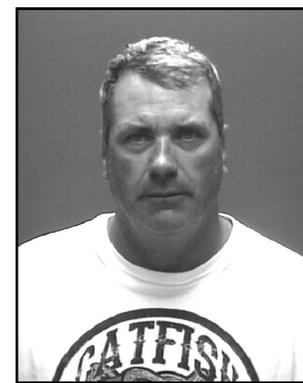
Barrera Mejia, Elmer Danilo (W /M/34) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/16/2017 11:22.



Sledge, Calley Brooke (W /F/24) Arrest on chrg of Assault Fam/ house Mem Impede Breath/ circulat, F (F), at 1017 East Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/18/2017 01:15.



Singletary, Clyde Junior (W /M/29) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at 2800 Gulf View Dr, Gilchrist, TX, on 9/21/2017 10:13.



Parker, Larry Conway (W /M/ 49) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M) and 2) Emergency Protective Order Hold (M), at 962 Palmetto, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/24/2017 01:47.

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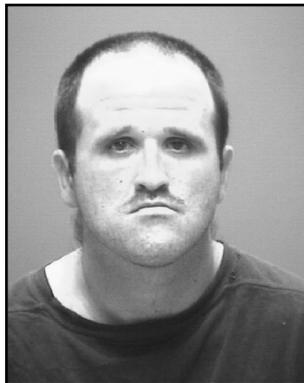


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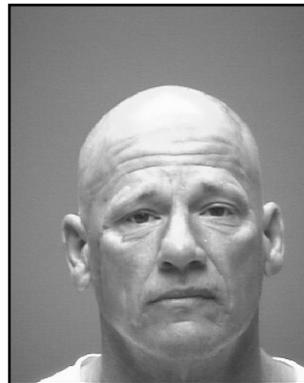
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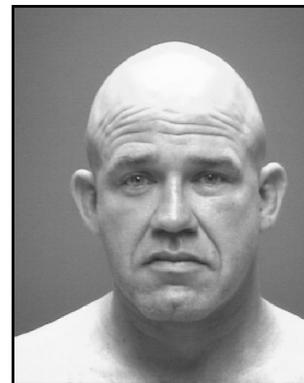
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Warnock, James Billejon (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 1242 Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/4/2017 15:00.



Pryor, Gary Neal (W /M/48) Arrest on chrg of Fail To Identify Giving False/fictitious Info, M (M), at 1100 Bay Vue, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/4/2017 08:19.



Hale, Joshua Eugene (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1271 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/5/2017 01:40.



Staring, Roderick Lance (W /M/46) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass, M (M), at 1295 N Stingaree Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/5/2017 16:00.



Sledge, Lewis Cody (W /M/27) Arrest on chrg of 1) Proh Weapon Knuckles (M) and 2) Poss Marij <2oz (M), at 1200 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/9/2017 13:13.



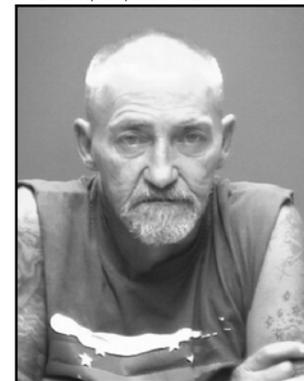
Standley, David Keith (W /M/48) Arrest on chrg of Walking On Wrong Side Of Roadway, M (M), at 1404 7th, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/9/2017 22:38.



Smith Willey, Brittanye Eliza (W /F/33) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Cs Pg 3 < 28g (M) and 2) Driving W/ lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at 981 Tuna Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/10/2017 17:33.



Foster, Zachary Kent (W /M/22) Arrest on chrg of 1) Criminal Trespass-habitation/shelter Center (M) and 2) Unl Restraint (M), at 4225 Butterfly Ln, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/10/2017 15:01.



Mcnair, Daniel (W /M/51) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1945 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/16/2017 21:11.



Tijerina, Raymond (W /M/59) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1945 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/16/2017 21:11.



Johnson, Ronnie Glynn (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Emergency Protective Order Hold, M (M), at 800 S. Monkhouse Drive, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/18/2017 17:59.



Charrier, Darrell Glenn (W /M/35) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz, M (M), at 1260 Hwy 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 8/20/2017 08:28.



Allen, Brian Wayne (W /M/44) Arrest on chrg of 1) Burglary Of Habitation (F) and 2) Evading Arrest Detention W/prev Conviction (F), at 2201 Keystone, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/23/2017 00:01.



Wood, Cassandra Elaine (W /F/48) Arrest on chrg of Fail To Identify Giving False/fictitious Info (M), at 1365 Hwy 124, High Island, TX, on 8/24/2017 17:39.



Gilmore, Amber Anita (W /F/37) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 1271 State Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/24/2017 01:14.



Riley, Richard Allen (W /M/50) Arrest on chrg of Viol Bond/protective Order, M (M), at 1020 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/30/2017 23:16.



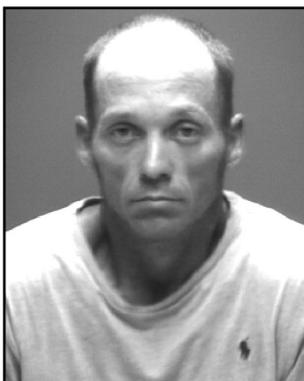
Salas, Rosanne Michelle (W /F/43) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 1316 16th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/1/2017 10:44.



Crider, James Anthony (W /M/42) Arrest on chrg of Burglary Of Habitation (F), at 1838 Hwy 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 9/2/2017 19:26.



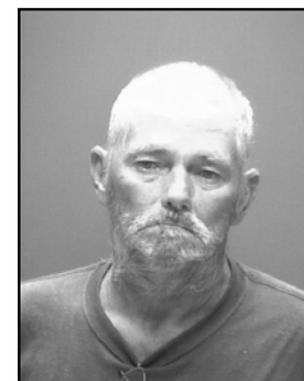
Flores, Thomas Elizondo (W /M/35) Arrest on chrg of Parole Board Warrant (F), at 4000 Blk Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/3/2017 05:35.



Huddleston, Shawn David (W /M/38) Arrest on chrg of 1) Resist Arrest Search Or Transport (M) and 2) Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 399 Frenchtown Rd W, Port Bolivar, TX, on 9/5/2017 00:55.



Huddleston, Shawn David (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of 1) Burglary Of Vehicle (M) and 2) Criminal Mischief >=\$750<\$2,500 (M), at 5700 Ave H, Galveston, TX, on 9/6/2017 12:00.



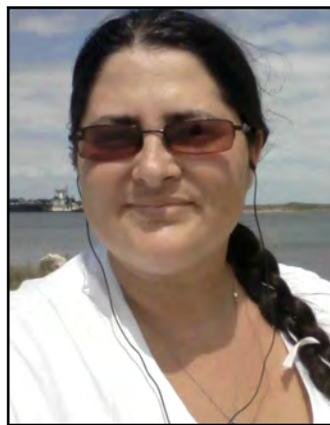
Johnson, Dante Gray (W /M/61) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Mischief >=\$100<\$750 (M), at 1835 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 9/7/2017 16:17.



Standley, David Keith (W /M/48) Arrest on chrg of 1) Arson (F) and 2) Criminal Mischief >=\$2,500<\$30k (F), at 4077 Hwy 87, Pt Bolivar, TX, on 9/8/2017 17:06.



Happy 7th Birthday!
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October 11



Happy Birthday!
Angela Weeks
September 25



Happy Birthday!
Dalton Tucker
September 21



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1st, 2nd, 3rd: Largest Flounder (Juniors 12 & Under)
Ticket Price
\$75.00 for adults & \$25.00 for kids
Start Fishing @ 6:00 a.m. Bait of choice Weigh in 2:00 - in line by 3:00
Galveston Bay Complex Follow TPWL Rules: Limit 5 fish, 14" and over
No pooling, no gigging & No cheating.
GUMBO CASH POT 50/50
SIGN UP FOR CASH POTS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER
Make Checks Payable to:
Peninsula Sports Park - P.O. Box 232, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650 - 409-392-6002

ANGLER'S NAME	SHIRT SIZE	\$ AMOUNT
	S M L XL XXL XXXL	
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	S M L XL XXL XXXL	
	\$ TOTAL	

Entries must be received by Monday, October 9th to receive a tournament shirt, koozie and "Delinos' Gumbo".



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