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# THE BEACH TRITON

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**DECEMBER 2018**

## Lighthouse Unveiling

Brenda Flanagan

The Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation held their "Lighthouse" unveiling at the Stingaree DownUnder on Sunday, December 2.

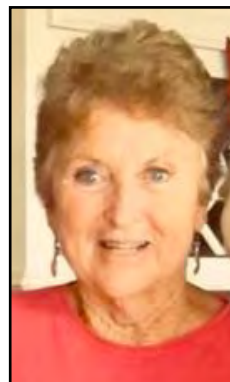
The BPCF had a statuary in Odem Texas make them. They are 3 feet and 6 feet replicas of our Bolivar Lighthouse. The Cultural Foundation would like to see "The Lighthouse" be proudly displayed at all businesses and homes throughout the Bolivar Peninsula.

Thank you to Stingaree for helping to make the big reveal a success. Thank you to all who attended.

If you would like to purchase one, forms will be available at the Chamber or Commerce.



## 2018 CHRISTMAS DINNER



Edith Watson

For the fourth year, Crystal Beach Community Church will be hosting the Bolivar Peninsula Christmas Dinner. This year it will be "In Memory Of..." with names of Peninsula residents or former residents who passed in 2018 added.

Traditional Christmas dinner (turkey, dressing, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie) will be delivered to those who are unable to get out.. due to illness, work, etc.

Names, address and phone numbers are needed as soon as possible to make sure there are enough "to go" meals prepared for delivery.

For those who have no transportation and would like to attend, the CBCC van will be available for transportation.

Full meals will be served buffet-style at the Crystal Beach Community Church starting at 1:30 pm, Christmas Day. Everyone is welcome, please join us early for Christmas music, dominoes and other fellowship activities while the meal is prepared.

Donations of money and/or food welcomed. Also needed are turkeys, spiral-sliced ham (for portion control), dressing, rolls, veggies and desserts. If you're able, please bring a covered dish for the buffet. Any food that is part of your family tradition would be a great addition.

We are in need of desserts, especially pumpkin pie for the delivered meals. If you would like to volunteer for cooking, delivering, serving, cleanup, etc., please call or just show up, volunteers are needed.

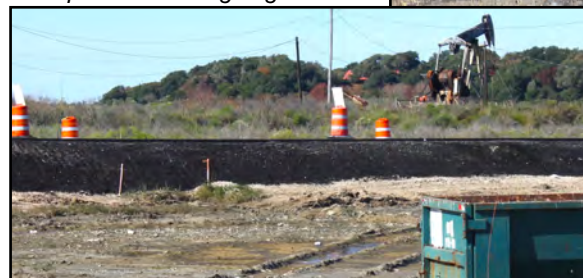
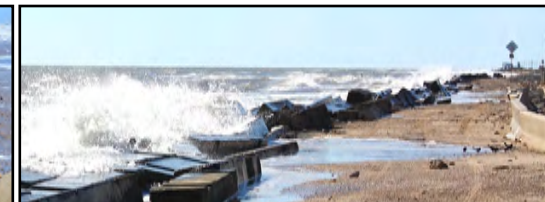
Deliveries will be made in High Island, Gilchrist, Crystal Beach and Port Bolivar.

Any questions or comments, please contact Edith Watson at 409-599-9366.

After Edith's husband passed away in 2014, Edith decided and was determined not to spend Christmas alone. She has very little family in the area, so she brought the peninsula together as her family on Christmas Day. She orchestrated the first community dinner on very short notice and very little help, serving close to 100 people. And it has grown.

## Update on the "Curve", Highway 87 and Hwy 124

12/3/18 - Description of pictures clockwise; old Hwy 87 washed out towards Sabine Pass; previous solution of barricade protection; inching towards Gilchrist, thin layer about 3 miles from Rollover; the build up of the curve going west.



## Featured Inside

High Island Athletic Schedule

Birthdays

Blast from the Past

Nurse on the Beach

Obituaries

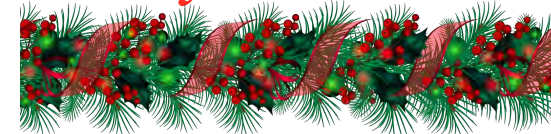
Arrests

Recipes

Entertainment

Master Gardener

## Merry Christmas!



## Coastal Barrier

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Hours are 10 - 2 pm every Thursday  
A proof of residence is needed to qualify

**Bolivar Peninsula AA**  
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Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays @ 7pm

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Business & Home Lighting Coatest  
Santa's Elves will be driving around Bolivar Peninsula looking for the Best Christmas Lights Display at Businesses & Homes! The top 3 winners in each category will receive a trophy! To participate, please fill out the form and be sure your lights are turned on Wednesday, December 5th.



*For your reading enjoyment, the entire Beach Triton is online*  
[www.bolivarpeninsulataxas.com/About/Businesses/The-Beach-Triton](http://www.bolivarpeninsulataxas.com/About/Businesses/The-Beach-Triton)



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crystalbeachcommunitychurch@gmail.com  
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**Sunday Services – 9:00 AM**  
**Food, Fun and Fellowship – 10:00 AM**  
**WEEKLY EVENTS at BAYVUE UMC**

Gentle Aerobic Exercises  
Women  
8:30 - 9:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Gentle Yoga  
Men and Women  
10:00 - 11:00 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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# HIGH ISLAND CARDINALS



## HIGH ISLAND CARDINAL'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2018-2019

*Merry Christmas!*

### Cardinal Calendar

Cardinal Christmas - December 20 at 6:00 PM

### Christmas

Friday, December 21, 2018 Early Release at 12:00  
Monday, December 24, 2018 - Friday, January 4, 2019

DEC 4	Sabine Pass	Sabine Pass	JVB 4:30/VG/VB
DEC 6,7, 8	High Island Tourney	HIGH ISLAND	BOYS / GIRLS TBA
DEC 11	Bob Hope	HIGH ISLAND	JV 4:30/VG/VB
DEC 13, 14, 15	West Hardin Tourney	West Hardin	BOYS / GIRLS TBA
DEC 18	HULL	HIGH ISLAND	JV 4:30 VG, VB
DEC 21	Beaumont Harmony	Beaumont	VB 3pm
JAN 2	West Hardin	HIGH ISLAND	VG 1pm
JAN 3	Tekoa Port Arthur	HIGH ISLAND	VB 6pm
JAN 4	Founders Christian	HIGH ISLAND	VB 7:30pm
<b>JAN 4</b>	<b>Burkeville</b>	<b>HIGH ISLAND</b>	<b>VG 6pm</b>
JAN 8	Zavalla	HIGH ISLAND	JV/VB 5pm
<b>JAN 8</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>VG 6pm</b>
<b>JAN 11</b>	<b>Goodrich</b>	<b>HIGH ISLAND</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>Leggett</b>	<b>Leggett</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>JAN 18</b>	<b>Spurger</b>	<b>HIGH ISLAND</b>	<b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4pm</b>
<b>JAN 22</b>	<b>Burkeville</b>	<b>Burkeville</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>JAN 25</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>HIGH ISLAND</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>JAN 29</b>	<b>Goodrich</b>	<b>Goodrich</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>FEB 1</b>	<b>Leggett</b>	<b>HIGH ISLAND</b>	<b>VG/VB 6pm</b>
<b>FEB 5</b>	<b>Spurger</b>	<b>Spurger</b>	<b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4pm</b>
<b>FEB 8</b>	<b>Burkeville</b>	<b>High Island</b>	<b>VB 6pm</b>
<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>Chester</b>	<b>VB 6pm</b>

**BOLD/ITALICS** District 29-A Games

Supt: Principal: Travis Grubbs A D/HD Girls Coach: John Jackson, Asst. Coach Sandra Guidry

HD Boys Coach: Michael Previte, Asst. Coach: Will Moore

Updated 10/23/18



## HIGH ISLAND CARDINAL'S JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2018-2019

DEC 3	Bob Hope	High Island	G 5pm/B 6pm
DEC 10			G 5pm/B 6pm
DEC 17	Chester	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm
JAN 7			
JAN 12	Colmesneil Tourney	Colmesneil	G & B TBA
JAN 14	Colmesneil	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm
JAN 19	High Island Tourney	HIGH ISLAND	G TBA
JAN 21	Spurger	Spurger	G 5pm/B 6pm
JAN 28	Colmesneil	Colmesneil	G 5pm/B 6pm
FEB 4	Spurger	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm

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**Crystaland Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Enter your decorated trailer, vehicle, golf cart, business or home.

Please drop off your applications to the Chamber Building @ 1750 Hwy 87  
in Crystal Beach between 10a-2p.

The Parade Route will begin at the Courthouse Annex Building, heading toward the beach.

After the parade, Santa Claus will greet all the children with a gift.

Come get your picture taken with Santa.

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Hot dogs, cookies and drinks will be served.

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1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the Parade and Lighting Contest will be announced.

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## Entergy Texas to Bring Advanced Meters to Homes and Businesses

### Company uses technology to modernize electric grid, build smarter energy future

BEAUMONT, Texas – Outages identified more accurately. Faster outage restoration response times. Billing and service questions answered more efficiently. Potential energy saving tools for customers. These are all benefits of Entergy Texas' vision for a smarter energy future, achieved through the deployment of an advanced metering system.

Since the Public Utility Commission of Texas approved this multi-year project, Entergy Texas has been hard at work designing and building the communications network and IT systems to support advanced metering. Starting next year, customers will begin to see advanced meters installed at their homes and businesses with projected completion in 2021.

"New technology will help us improve our service to customers, while also putting the power in customers hands to save money," said Sallie Rainer, Entergy Texas president and CEO. "The deployment of advanced meters will upgrade our systems with new technology that will provide our customers greater benefits and control."

Upgrading to advanced meters has numerous benefits, including:

- New online tools to help customers better understand and manage energy usage more effectively, which can lead to energy usage reduction and potentially lower bills.

- No more waiting until the end of the month to review energy usage. Shortly after meters are deployed, customers can log into their account and view how much electricity has been used daily, shown in 15-minute increments, via online tools

- With better information, Entergy Texas can answer customers' billing and service questions more quickly and effectively, improving customer service.

- Entergy Texas will have a clearer real-time picture of the power grid and how it is operating. This allows the company to immediately identify outages, and more quickly and accurately send crews to make repairs.

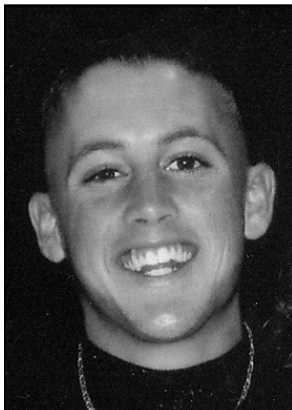
Advanced metering is digital technology that enables secure two-way communication between the customer and Entergy Texas. Each meter is equipped with a network radio. The radio transmits meter readings to the electric network access point, housed on an electric pole near the meter. This data is then transmitted to the utility through a secure cellular network. Shortly after a customer's meter is installed, they may access their online account to view daily energy use, displayed in 15-minute increments. Energy use information is updated to the online account every 4-5 hours. Advanced metering also brings opportunities for potential new programs that can help further reduce customers' energy usage and better support environmentally sustainable communities.

Learn more about the company's vision for a smarter energy future in Texas by visiting [energyfuturetexas.com](http://energyfuturetexas.com) – view the installation schedule and more.

In addition to deploying advanced meters to customers' homes and businesses, Entergy Texas is investing to upgrade the technology used to manage its distribution system. The installation of advanced technology will give Entergy Texas the ability to reroute power around problems to minimize the impact to customers and help Entergy Texas restore power quicker. Additionally, these tools provide Entergy Texas better visibility into the distribution system by monitoring the health and performance of equipment across the company's system. This allows Entergy Texas spot potential equipment failures and improve the performance of equipment to better serve customers.

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# FOE #3719 Crystal Beach

Bill Agnew

November was a great month at the Eagles. We started off with the Biker Rally. We had a large group of the men who started cooking Briskets on Thursday, and then pulled their smokers up in front of the Eagles and sold sausage wraps, pulled pork and sliced beef sandwiches to help raise money for our Thanksgiving dinner. We raised \$305 that Friday. The following weekend, we had a free Breakfast for all of the Veterans. In addition to serving them, we raised \$140 for the breakfast supplies and then another \$260 that we put towards the Thanksgiving dinner. Since we had to costs of the Veterans's day dinner donated, all of the proceeds also went to the Thanks giving day dinner. All told, between those three events, the men raised \$832, all of which to buy the supplies for our Thanksgiving day dinner. I want to thank everyone who helped out: Todd Lakner, Mike Dupree, Carl Aucoin, JR Ferguson, Ray Kaskie, David Coutee, Ronnie Sciaralla, DJ Henderson, Gordon Zinn, Mark Lidell, Big Jim Denys and but not least, Jeff Campbell for all of their hard working making our BBQ a great success and also the Veteran's Breakfast. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. Both events were a true team effort. Also thanks to the ladies who helped serve and clean. We ended on the Saturday BBQ with more people than we were expecting and the ladies had to help pick up the slack to keep the lunch running.

We are already making plans for another one. We will be better prepared. Finally, thank you to David Harris of Bolivar Live for running a little promo for our BBQ lunch. It really helped with our turnout.

As always, our Thanksgiving Day Feast was both fun and well attended. I was told we served over 100 people, all free of charge. Thanks to Lisa Deisch-Day for coordinating the cooking and serving and everyone else who helped in every capacity. This was the first Thanksgiving we did by ourselves and everyone pulled together nicely to make sure it was a success.

Our Children's Holiday party is going to be on December 15, 2018. Anyone willing to make donations of money, decorations, or Toys, please let us know. It begins at 11 a.m.

The Eagles hopes everyone has a wonderful Christmas spent with family and friends.

Don't forget to join us for New Year's Eve!!! The band is Joe Mendoza & Shufflekings; \$15 per person. \$25 per couple. Midnight supper. I'm hoping for menu - Chicken & sausage gumbo, black eyed peas cabbage etc

*Pictured to the right, top picture; Jim Denys, me, Todd Lakner, Ray Kaskie.*

*Pictured to the right, bottom picture; Bill Agnew, David Harris, Todd Lakner, Ray Kaskie, Mike Dupree.*



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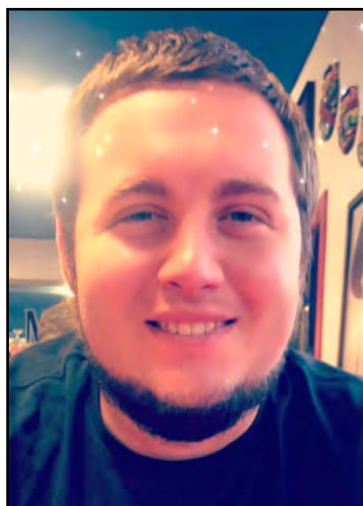


"Miss Nancy" Bachman  
December 5



Happy Birthday!

Happy 24th Birthday!



Michael Manley  
December 15  
Love Chevy Bentley & Tandra

Happy Birthday!



Guadalupe Cruz  
December 12

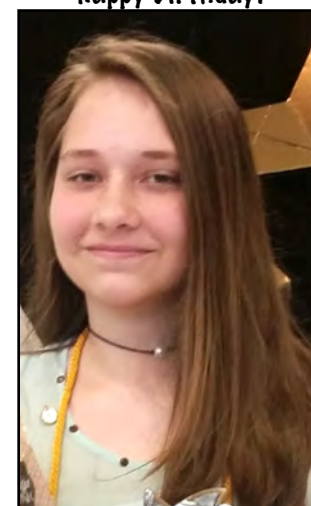


Happy Birthday!



Chris Schroeder  
December 5

Happy Birthday!



Mya Belz  
December 2

Happy Birthday!



Ayush Dave  
December 15

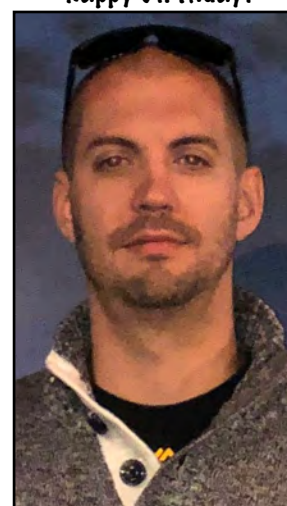
Happy 11th Birthday!



Maddie Riley  
December 27



Happy Birthday!



Matt Tumicki  
December 9  
Love your 3 girls

Happy 5th Birthday!



Declan Thompson  
December 31



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Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation.  
The annual meeting will be held in the 4th quarter of each year.  
P. O. Box 3145, Port Bolivar, TX. 77650

**Dear Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation  
Members and other interested people,**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the hope of the BPCF Board to get some input on functions and dates for the upcoming year. Everyone is busy, as usual, in the summer so now that fall is here, it's a good time to be thinking about future activities. We would like to hear from you.

Our mission is to promote Art, History, & Music in our community. With that in mind, we usually sponsor an art show. It is our hope to continue with this project and we need your help.

Our history mission in the past was the Jane Long Festival. We are hopeful now that everyone know her name and about her ties to the peninsula. We are now focusing on promoting a Lighthouse project. We have commissioned an artist to create a 6 ft and a 3 ft replica of the Lighthouse that can be used to make a mold for concrete status. It was our goal to have these placed at every business and hopefully many residences. What better way to symbolize our past and current pride in our community! We will have an update in late October on our project.

The "Wine Tastings" we have sponsored in the past have always been well attended and we intend to offer these every year. We need your help!

Our bird seminars have been a huge success with the help of Victor Emmanuel who has brought the migratory birds to life for us. I hope you will join us in the spring.

If you would like to join and/or volunteer your time or if you have suggestions, please contact us! A membership form is below. You can mail your check to BPCF, PO Box 314, Port Bolivar, TX 77650 or contact our membership chairman, Brenda Flanagan, at [brendaflanagar57@gmail.com](mailto:brendaflanagar57@gmail.com). If you join now, your membership will extend through December 31, 2019! What a deal!

We look forward to a fulfilled year and we want YOU to join us! Upcoming dates to put on your calendar include:

**Dec. 2** - Lighthouse unveiling! 2:00pm Stingaree  
**Dec. 13** - Membership Drive and Christmas Party @ the home of Judy and Macon Ware. 4-6:30

**Jan. 31** - Tour Bryan Museum in Galveston (details to follow)

**March - Date TBA** Art Show and Wine

**April** - Birding. Date & place TBA

*Please come join us! We look forward to hearing from you!*

#### Sponsorship:

Platinum	\$1,000	Silver:	\$250
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#### Volunteer Interest:

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Sincerely,  
Judy Ware

President, Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation  
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# Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 9, 2018

**Directors Present:** George Strong, Vice President; DJ Hutchinson; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President  
**Staff Present:** Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Barbara Cowie  
**Others Present**

**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. George Strong and cited by all present. Afterwards, a moment of silence was observed.

**Item 3** Approve minutes of the September 11, 2018 General Meeting: A motion was made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by George Strong to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion unanimously 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, investments, and bank statements for September 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 September and found everything to be in order.

2) Review System Operational Reports:  
 \* District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water gain through September of 12% and 13% water gain for September. The gain was due to the District draining and taking the Bolivar Plant storage tank out of service.

\* The District has 5,033 active accounts through September. In September, 2 accounts were liquidated and 31 were shut-off for non-payment.

\* Total water sales for September were \$323,747.00

\*Average monthly water bill for September was \$64.85, and the average water bill for the 2018 was \$63.00.

\* Water pumped was 26.0M gallons and water sold was 25.3M gallons with a loss difference of 0.7M gallons. There were 2 leaks repaired. \* There was 0 reportable accident/incident for the month.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: The District provided

information to the GLO regarding the construction of a new water tank. Discussion with the county and GLO are continuing.

4) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available.

5) Personnel: The General Manager will be interviewing applicants to fill two meter reader positions. Two operators have passed their D license test.

6) Finances: Net income for September is \$132,938.

**Item 7** Consideration and possible action to approve 2018 budget amendments: The Board reviewed and discussed all budget amendments proposed. There was a proposal to increase several budget items for a total of \$48,007. The funds will be taken from several budget items that have surplus funds. The surplus funds total is \$84,360. A motion was made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by George Strong to approve 2018 budget amendments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 8** Discussion and possible action on Financial forecast: This item was tabled until the November meeting.

**Item 9** Update and possible action on 10 capital plan containing LNVA: Jody Ball is continuing to research options and will draft a letter to LNVA. No action is required at this time

**Item 10** Consideration and possible action to approve Quarterly investment

report: Dennis Stafford presented the Quarterly investment report. A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by DJ Hutchinson to approve Quarterly investment report as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Item 11 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings 1) Audit and Finance Committee. None 2) Personnel and Policy. None. 3) Plant and Product. None. 4) Public Relations Committee. None.

**Item 12** Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

1) Discussion and possible action on Financial forecast

2) First draft of 2019 budget for discussion

3) Update on 10 capital plan containing LNVA

4) BPSUD Board officer positions

5) Review and update the District's investment policy as needed

**Item 13** Set the Date for the Next Meeting: Next meeting date is set for November 13, 2018.

**Item 14** Adjournment: A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by George Strong to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. The motion unanimously passed.

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 December 12

Happy Birthday!  
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 December 12

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# Our Grandmothers' Litany of Gratitude

Mack Hall

In the run-up to Thanksgiving and then Christmas men and boys wisely stay away from the kitchen. A woman can be a physician, a CEO, a senator, or the president, but in the seasonal rhythms of Creation she will also serve (and rule) all those in her queendom as a provider, a nurturer. Thus, do not annoy the goddess in her primal role.

At a festive meal the spouse-person in my life usually indicates that which is obvious: "Here is the turkey, and here the dressing, and here the peas..." My mother did much the same, and the s-p's mother even more so. No one was going to touch the first bite of Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner until the mother-in-law proudly pointed out each of the dishes she had cooked: "Here is the ham if you don't want turkey, or you can have both, and here are the rolls and cornbread, and this is Katherine's waldorf salad, and here..."

Why did women born early in the twentieth century recite the dishes they served on special occasions as if they were praying a litany or following a liturgy?

Because praying a litany or following a liturgy is exactly what they were doing.

For the men and women whose childhoods were lived in the Great Depression and the Second World War, food was sacred. There wasn't much of it. Sometimes there was none.

My father spoke of weeks when all his family had to eat were black-eyed peas and cornbread. The point is that they had black-eyed peas and cornbread.

In our time a question after a meal might be "How was the presentation?" In the recent past the question was "Was the food good?" For our parents and grandparents, the question was a still-anxious "Did you get enough?"

In illo tempore a man did not worry about a promotion or climbing that metaphorical corporate ladder; he worried about having a job, any job.

A woman did not worry about pleasing a demanding child's delicate palate; she worried about being able to feed her child at all.

Men now gone to Glory remembered chowtime in recruit training as the first time in their lives they had enough to eat. After the war – it was always The War, capitalized – war brides and adopted children arriving here where there had been no fighting over the fields and burning of homes said the same. They marveled at having enough to eat, and they never forgot the hungry times.

And so, that is why your mother and grandmother pointed out and named every dish: "...and here is the iced tea and here is the lemonade, and when everyone's through we have pecan pie and chocolate pie and apple pie..." For and by her and through her each dish was spoken of as if it were a prayer of thanksgiving because it was.

Shame and ashes be upon us if we forget our mothers and fathers through all the generations.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and make perpetual Light to shine upon them."

And thank you.

The Beach Bum says the difference between an alligator and a crocodile is an alligator will see you later and crocodile will see you in awhile.

The Beach Bum says the difference between love and marriage is love is blind and marriage is an eye-opener.

The Beach Bum says one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a Congress.

The Beach Bum wife says the only difference in my life when I'm on a diet is instead of saying, "I ate nachos, I say, "I accidentally ate nachos."

# Governor Abbott Appoints Two And Names Chair Of Automobile Burglary And Theft Prevention Authority

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Miguel "Mike" Rodriguez and Phillip Shay Gause to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority for terms set to expire on February 1, 2023. Additionally, the Governor has named Tommy Hansen as chair. The authority assesses the scope of motor vehicle theft in Texas and supports a statewide law enforcement network through grants, auto theft reduction initiatives, education and public awareness.

**Miguel "Mike" Rodriguez** of Laredo is Deputy Chief of Police for the Laredo Police Department. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Texas A&M International University.

**Phillip Shay Gause** of San Antonio is Director of the Special Investigations Unit for United Services Automobile Association. He is a member of the Texas Association of Special Investigation Units and of the International Association of Special Investigation Units. Gause received a Bachelor of Science in business administration from The Citadel and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

**Tommy Hansen** of Hitchcock is a Deputy Sheriff and Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. He has been assigned to assist the FBI Safe Streets Task Force with a focus on cold case homicides and fugitives since 2013. Additionally, he served as the project director of the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force from 1993 until 2016, when he was appointed to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. He has 45 years of law enforcement experience. He has also been a member and past president of the International Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators and the Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators and is also involved with the North American Export Committee. He also serves as the coordinator of the Galveston County Citizen Sheriff's Academy and helps raise money for the Children's Advocacy Center of Galveston County and the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston through the Beat The Heat youth outreach program, Tropical Impression Racing. Hansen attended Galveston College and College of the Mainland and also graduated from the Galveston County Sheriff's Academy.

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# Peninsula Sports Park

Jamie Blackburn

The wind was cold at the beautifully decorated Laguna Harbor Sales Center, but it didn't stop the warm hearts of Peninsula Sports Park supporters from attending the 3rd Annual BBQ Dinner & Auction. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Red Marks and Guy Gatewood.

Houston Rockets tickets, 2 beach home vacations, and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo tickets were among the many items up for auction. Luke Palmer (PSP baseball and soccer Dad) demonstrated his hidden talent of Auctioneering by entertaining the crowd with his energetic and engaging personality.

The crowd enjoyed the live music of Clayton Adams the "Texas Singing Realtor" and his guitar. Another highlight of the evening was a small group of kiddos who participate in PSP sports performing a short dance routine introducing PSP's next venture...Ballet, Gymnastics, Twirling, and Martial Arts classes beginning in January in the Sweat Fitness Studio.

Jackie Sticker was also in attendance to present \$6,500 donation from Driftwood HOA to allow construction on lighting the ballpark to begin. Peninsula Sports Park closed out the cold evening with a successful fundraiser and a warm \$17,000.

PSP sends out a big Thank You everyone who was a part of it. For more information on becoming a Sponsor or registering for upcoming ballet/twirling/Gymnastics/Martial Arts classes, please contact Leslie Lowe 409-429-0980



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Robert has 28 years of service with Entergy and Alvin has 39 years.

During the announcement throughout the Superdome, they introduce Alvin Sullivan, who hails from High Island and is known as "The Beach Man".

Pictured below is Alvin Sullivan sharing the spotlight with his beautiful wife, Susie. Pictured at the bottom are the honorees being introduced to a huge Saints crowd in the Superdome.



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# THE "FUNC" IN DYSFUNCTIONAL

Jan Kent

The "Func" in dysfunctional definitely defines my family, and if most people were willing to admit it, "fun" defines their's, also.

The days of Ozzie and Harriet, Leave it to Beaver, Father Knows Best, I Love Lucy and My Three Sons are all far into the past. The conversations and disagreements were softly and plainly spoken between family members with understanding and compassion.

My family has always been loud, even louder; I laugh loud, if it's funny, it's funny, not a sweet, lady like 'tee-hee', it's a burst of a surprising belly laugh that on occasion becomes uncontrollable, lasting for hours and followed by the most obnoxious, audible, and painful hiccups a person can experience, which brings on the laughter of others while you search for control.

And when you think it's under control, you have a mental vision, that sets the entire series into motion again. This can last for days.

My mom and I used to share the laughing series over silly things, we did share the same humor. Even though sometimes she she would try to shame me for my humor, she was laughing, too. The hiccups are mine to claim alone, and for everyone else's entertainment at my expense, especially my brother, Paul.

When we lived in Houston our boys went to a private Lutheran school. I met one of my best friends, Debbie, at this school, and we are still great

friends even though we don't get to see each other as often.

The children were hosting their Christmas play with music and reenacting the Biblical Nativity scene. The kids stood on bleachers in front of the church congregation, and would step down to walk to the microphone to act their part in the Nativity.

One fragile, sweet shy little girl was making her way off the bleachers when she fainted and fell right through the opening of the bleachers to the floor. There she lay, and panic arose through the audience and with the teachers supervising the play.

Ms. Fischer, 3rd grade teacher, went to the rescue, trying to reach through the bleachers and pull the child up through the opening, turning her backside to the audience as she struggled to reach the girl.

I knew the girl and felt the pressure of her leading role had caused her to faint before the capacity filled church. It was scary, but she was not hurt, she had stage fright.

BUT, in the meantime, Ms. Fischer is panicking, trying to free the child from the bleachers, not realizing as she has her back side to the assembly, on her knees of one bleacher step and reaching through to the floor, she has her derriere higher than her head and is 'mooning' the entire flock of parents, grandparents and members of the Lutheran Church. I don't care who you are, that's

just funny, and therefore, I laughed... out loud.. uncontrollably.. continuously.. with Debbie's elbow in my ribs, reminding the little girl was under the bleachers. BUT, BUTT, or but, "Debbie", I said, "Ms. Fischer is mooning the entire church."

Finally, one of the other teachers stepped from the sidelines and created an overcast of the full moon over the Lutheran congregation.

Eventually, Debbie had to laugh, also, because I am in the zone, trying to control the spontaneous roar and waiting for the onset of unruly hiccups.



  
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# Farewell and Following Seas

Jeffrey Daniels

I am sad to say this, but this will be my last column to write for the Triton. It has been a wonderful opportunity that I was provided by Mrs. Jan Kent. I have learned a tremendous amount from writing these articles for the Beach Triton. The opportunities that it provided me not only helped in my tournament career but in my personal life as well. I would like to say thank you for the support from my sponsors, and most of all my family who has been right beside me along the way.

Looking to the future for the fishing, all reports have been that the fish are in full on winter phase. This means that the opportunities are few but the reward is greater. Best times will be a day or two ahead of an approaching cold front on a flat that is located near deeper water and that has some structure on it. Wade fishing will become more productive as you are able to really work the sweet spots over well. Throw bigger baits this

time of the year, the bigger fish are looking for more bang for their buck when they eat.

The Flounder run has been super so far. A day or two before and after a front hits is the best time to go flattie fishing. Fish the mouths of drains and the passes leading to the Gulf to find these fish. Once you do find them make repeated cast to the same spot because they group up tight as they make their way to the Gulf to spawn.

Remember, no matter where you decide to wade, wear your lifejacket at all times, use safety precautions, and be aware of your surroundings! Tight lines and smooth drag.

*Editor's Note: It as been a great honor to have had Jeff writing his fishing report for The Beach Triton, always on time (absolutely never late), courteous and considerate. We wish him the best and complete success with every and any future endeavor he chooses.*



Jeffrey Daniels

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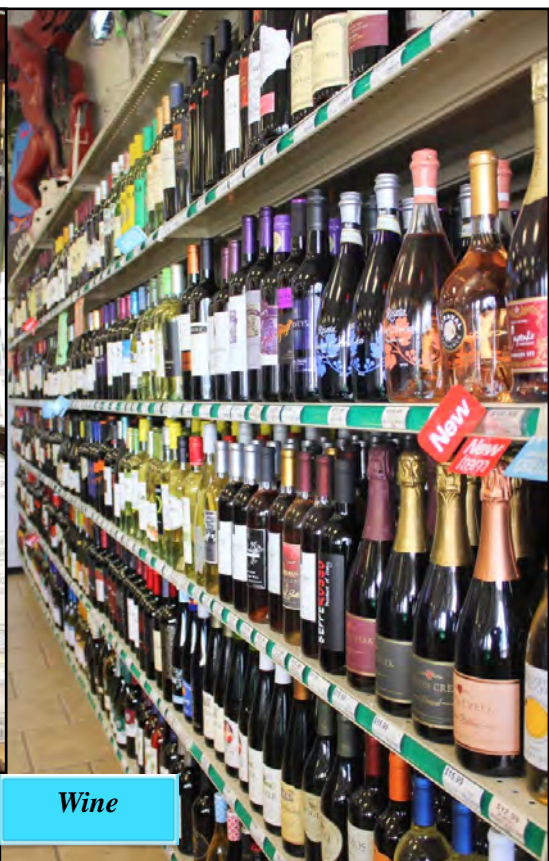
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# Conqueror Worms

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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](mailto:vbrach@sbcglobal.net) and he'll try to answer them.

While Edgar Allen Poe's poem "Conqueror Worm" deals with the grisly subject of death and its inevitability, in this column I will use the phrase more cheerfully. The "conqueror worms" of this story are the vast numbers of strange, often beautiful sea creatures that zoologists broadly refer to as "worms".

Land-dwellers such as us, accustomed only to the lowly earthworm, have little appreciation for the amazing variety of the worm-rich world of the ocean. Since the beginning of the fossil record, the seas have been the home-ground of these interesting creatures. Their tunnels, preserved in the sediments which make up some of the oldest rocks, testify to their presence even before they had evolved hard parts. For over 540 million years, the worms have had plenty of time to evolve into many fascinating shapes and lifestyles.

One entire class of worms—the polychaetes, or bristle worms—is almost exclusively confined to the seas. Oligochaetes, such as the familiar nightcrawler, have made their advances into freshwater and terrestrial habitats and are much less common in salt water.

Representatives of the class Polychaeta are easy to find by the seaside naturalist—and occasionally by the surfside striped fisherman, who prizes the larger predatory "clamworms" (*Neanthes succinea*) for bait. Oyster harvesters will invariably find the "blisters" of the blister worm (*Polydora websteri*) on the outside and

the inside of the oyster shells. These etched-out, mud-filled cavities form the homes of small, horseshoe-shaped worms that can be seen in live oysters. Placed in a bucket of clear sea water, the worms will soon extrude two long, threadlike tentacles per blister. In addition, both live and dead oysters often carry the calcareous tubes of the



*The mucus-and-shell tube of Diopatra cupraea.*

serpulid worm *Hydroides dianthus*. When treated in the same way, these will seem to "sprout" little bushes of respiratory tentacles out of their open ends.

Tropical polychaete worms of the family Sabellidae occasionally end up in the "live rock" sold for marine aquariums. Their "shells" consist of parchment-like tubes made by the worms from a special mucus secretion. Their respiratory tentacles (called "radioles") form a feathery, spiraled plume that projects from their parchment homes, earning them the nickname of "feather duster worms."

We have one in our area: the fan worm, *Hypsicomus elegans*. This lovely animal can be found at the most seaward end of jetties by dredging up rocks and shell. Its "feathered" end is striped purple and white, contrasting with the solid purple of the worm's normally hidden body.

The abundance of marine worms in the sand and mud of our

primitive animal to select and position tiny pieces of shell to make its "tower" may resemble intelligent behavior, many creatures far lower on the tree of life (protists, rotifers) display similar talents. Nevertheless, careful examination of one of these constructions will fill the amateur naturalist with awe at the genius of instinct.



Far different types of worms inhabit the dwellings of other creatures. The inch-long scale worm (*Lepidonotus sublevis*) builds no home for itself, but rather takes up residence in the shell of a hermit crab. Its twelve pairs of overlapping scales suggest the appearance of a flattened cob of corn. Scale worms do not appear to harm their hosts, but rather subsist by eating pieces of meat torn apart by their messy crab hosts. Other polychaete worms, collectively called "ragworms", are also known for this lifestyle.

Exotic habitats are by no means necessary for the beginning naturalist to explore in order to encounter

polychaetes. Simply digging up a shovelful of wet sand at the beach and placing it in a bucket of seawater will often bring many tiny worms to the surface. Virtually any overturned stone or board lying in the water on bayside exposures at low tide should bring many worms to light—watch for anything red. Suspicious-looking holes in the below-water mud along a mud flat, especially if mounds of excavated diggings are nearby, conceal worm dwellings. Exposing these "conquerors" of the mudflats will often reveal creatures of extraordinary delicacy and beauty.

beaches is hard to appreciate, since the worms themselves are usually hidden from sight. However, their workings and products are often plain to the eye of the practiced naturalist. On surfside beaches, portions of the remarkable parchment-and-shell tubes of the tube-building worm (*Diopatra cupraea*) often wash ashore after storms. This remarkable and beautiful worm is rarely seen by non-specialists because it spends its entire life inside a "tower" of hardened mucus and individually-selected shell fragments that may extend a foot or more beneath the sand. Although the ability of this

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\*\*\*Seating limited to 90 persons.\*\*\*

Monte Nesbitt, Texas A&M Extension Specialist, will present this program covering such topics as root stock, variety selection, establishment, production, cultural practices, typical diseases, and insect pest problems. Also included will be an update on citrus greening and citrus canker problems in Galveston County and surrounding counties. Tasting will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the presentation will start at 6:30 p.m.

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**Saturday, December 1**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Galveston County Master Gardener Marie Leal's presentation will feature small trees recommended for small yards in the Gulf Coast area. Leal will address how to choose healthy, hearty trees for your landscape, as well as planting and caring for them. Small trees are a beautiful addition to your yard, without the worry of large roots and extensive shade.

### GARDEN JEWELS - HUMMINGBIRDS

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to pre-register

**Saturday, December 8**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Galveston County Master Gardener Deborah Repasz's presentation will include the fight and flight for survival of hummingbirds in Galveston County. Repasz will highlight ways to increase hummingbird sightings in your yard by creating an inviting habitat using shelter, food, and water. Plants, including natives, and other resources that attract hummingbirds will be presented, as will the impact of pesticides on hummingbirds.

## Nurse on the Beach

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

### STROKE!!!

What is a stroke? Blood vessels supply the brain with oxygen-rich blood. Sometimes these vessels get narrow or blocked. In other cases, a vessel leaks. When blood cannot reach the brain, brain cells begin to die. This is a stroke. Brain damage from stroke can cause a person to lose certain skills such as speech or leg movement.

There are two kinds of strokes. 1. Hemorrhagic stroke where the brain vessel leaks blood. (Brain bleeds). 2. TIA (Transient ischemic attack) is a temporary loss of blood flow to a part of the brain, an early warning sign of stroke. (No bleeding, but lack of oxygen to the brain).

Know the signs and symptoms of stroke! Teach friends and family. Be prepared to get help quickly if you or your loved one has any of the symptoms below. Fast medical treatment may result in a better recover.

### Symptoms of stroke:

- Weakness. Be aware of sudden clumsiness or weakness on one side of the body. These are common stroke symptoms.
- Numbness and tingling. A loss of feeling in your face, arm, or leg could be a sign of a stroke. It may feel as if a limb has fallen asleep.
- Trouble with vision. A sudden change in vision, or trouble seeing with one or both eyes could be a stroke symptom.
- Speech or language problems. Watch for trouble talking, slurred speech, or problems understanding others when they speak.
- Loss of balance. Stroke symptoms may include dizziness, a feeling of spinning, loss of balance, and falling.
- Headache. A sudden and severe headache or migraine could be a symptom of stroke.
- Blackouts. Losing consciousness is another stroke symptom. Make sure family members know to call 911 if you have a blackout.

Heed the warning if any of these symptoms suddenly come on. Call 911 right away!!! If you do not know the cause of your symptoms, assume it is a stroke. The earlier you call the better. Medications can dissolve blood clots and restore blood flow. By they can only help if used within the first hours of a stroke.

**Reduce your risks.** Your healthcare provider can tell you if you have any health problems that increase your risk of stroke. Some risks cannot be controlled, like your age, sex, and race. But there are many risks you can change. You can:

- Keep your blood pressure at a healthy level. Under or at 120/80
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## Former U.S. Congressman Sentenced to 120 Months for Extensive Fraud, Tax and Election Crimes Scheme

HOUSTON – A former U.S. Congressman was sentenced today to 120 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1,014,718.51 in restitution, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for orchestrating a four-year scheme to defraud charitable donors of hundreds of thousands of dollars and secretly to funnel the proceeds to pay for personal expenses and to illegally finance his campaigns for public office.

U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Special Agent in Charge Matthew J. DeSarno of the FBI's Washington Field Office's Criminal Division and Special Agent in Charge D. Richard Goss of the IRS Criminal Investigation (CI) Houston Field Office made the announcement.

"At trial, the government proved to the jury that former congressman stockman ran his campaign and fraudulent charities to simply enrich himself and defrauded well-meaning donors," said Patrick. "This type of corruption by public officials gives our entire democratic system a black eye."

"Former Representative Stockman stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from charities, then used the money to pay personal expenses and fund his political campaigns," said Benczkowski. "As this case demonstrates, the Justice Department and our law enforcement partners will aggressively pursue corrupt public officials, including those who seek to corrupt our elections for personal gain."

Former U.S. Representative Stephen E. Stockman, 61, was convicted by a federal jury in Houston on April 12 of 23 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to make conduit contributions and false statements to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), making false statements to the FEC, making excessive coordinated campaign contributions, money laundering and filing a false tax return. Two of Stockman's former congressional staffers previously pleaded guilty in the case. Thomas Dodd, 39, of Houston, pleaded guilty March 20, 2017, to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to make conduit contributions and false statements. Jason T. Posey, 48, of Tupelo, Mississippi, pleaded guilty Oct. 11, 2017, to one count of mail fraud, one count of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering.

"Former Congressman Stockman was entrusted by his constituents to serve in their best interest," said DeSarno. "Instead, Stockman used his position in a series of schemes for personal gain at the expense of the public. Today's sentence should send a clear message that the laws of the land apply to everyone, regardless of position or power. The FBI and our partners at the IRS will continue our efforts to identify fraudulent practices carried out by elected representatives. Public officials who abuse their position will be investigated, prosecuted, and subjected to the full punishment of the law for their actions."

"Congressman Stockman used his position to defraud charitable foundations to advance his political career and pay for personal expenses," said Goss. "His actions and failure to pay taxes

on these illicit funds not only undermines the American tax system, but cultivates a lack of trust in our elected officials. Today's sentencing demonstrates IRS-CI's commitment to bring justice to those public officials who believe they are above the law."

According to the evidence presented at trial, from May 2010 to February 2014, Stockman and his co-defendants solicited \$1,250,571.65 in donations from charitable organizations and the individuals who ran those organizations based on false pretenses, then used a series of sham nonprofit organizations and dozens of bank accounts to launder the money before it was used for a variety of personal and campaign expenses.

Specifically, the evidence established that in 2010, Stockman and Dodd solicited an elderly donor in Baltimore, Maryland, for \$285,000 to be used for legitimate charitable and educational purposes. Stockman and Dodd used a sham charity named the Ross Center to funnel the money to be used for a variety of personal expenses. The evidence further established that, in 2011 and 2012, Stockman and Dodd received an additional \$165,000 in charitable donations from the Baltimore donor, much of which Stockman used illegally to finance his 2012 congressional campaign.

The trial evidence also showed that shortly after Stockman took office as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, he and Dodd used the name of another sham nonprofit entity, Life Without Limits, to solicit and receive a \$350,000 charitable donation, to be used to create an educational center called the Freedom House. Stockman, Dodd and Posey instead used this donation for a variety of personal and campaign expenses, including illegal conduit campaign contributions, a covert surveillance project targeting a perceived political opponent, an in-patient alcoholism treatment for a female associate and payments for hundreds of thousands of robocalls and mailings promoting Stockman's candidacy for U.S. Senate in early 2014.

In addition, the evidence established that, in connection with Stockman's Senate campaign, Stockman and Posey used another sham nonprofit entity to secure a \$450,571.65 donation in order to fund a purportedly legitimate independent expenditure promoting Stockman's candidacy. The evidence showed that the purportedly independent expenditure was in fact secretly controlled by Stockman who directed his campaign and Posey to file false affidavits with the FEC covering up Stockman's involvement.

Finally, the evidence at trial demonstrated Stockman failed to pay taxes on any of the \$1,250,571.65 in fraudulently acquired donations. In addition, during the early stages of the investigation, Stockman directed Posey to flee to Cairo, Egypt, for two and a half years so that Posey could not be questioned by law enforcement.

The FBI and IRS-CI conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Annis and Trial Attorneys Ryan J. Ellersick and Robert J. Heberle of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section are prosecuting the case.

## Big Thicket National Preserve Announces Visitor Center Holiday Closures


KOUNTZE, Texas, November 13, 2018– Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz announced today that the Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Center, located approximately 7 miles north of Kountze, Texas at 6102 FM 420, will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019. All trails, hunting areas, and recreational access points throughout the preserve will remain open. Preserve day-use-areas are open from dawn to dusk. The preserve visitor center is open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm, except for January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25 of each year. For more information, visit the preserve website at [www.nps.gov/bith](http://www.nps.gov/bith).

Big Thicket National Preserve is located in southeast Texas, near the city Beaumont and 75 miles northeast of Houston. The preserve consists of nine land units and six water corridors encompassing more than 113,000 acres. The Big Thicket, often referred to as a "biological crossroads," is a transition zone between four distinct vegetation types – the moist eastern hardwood forest, the southwestern desert, the southeastern swamp, and the central prairies. Species from all of these different vegetation types come together in the thicket, exhibiting a variety of vegetation and wildlife that has received national interest.

**Happy Anniversary!**  
Brenda & Randy Kahla  
December 31

**Happy Anniversary!**  
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# Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

Pumpkin isn't just for Thanksgiving. Thought I'd find a variety of pumpkin recipes to utilize the canned pumpkin we have received at Food Fair.

I am so thankful for the foods we receive and for all the volunteers that make sure it runs smoothly and by the rules to be fair for everyone!

## PUMPKIN SPICE RECIPE

2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ginger  
1/4 teaspoon cloves  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon allspice

Makes 1 tablespoon Pumpkin Pie Spice

## CROCK POT PUMPKIN BUTTER RECIPE

1 (15 ounce) canned pumpkin  
1/2 cup apple cider  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice (If you don't have pumpkin pie spice, use 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon allspice and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.)

Place all your ingredients into your crock pot. Stir to mix. Cook on LOW for 5-6 hours. You will want to stir it occasionally.

It will thicken as it cooks. It will continue to get a little thicker once it cools. Store in an air tight container in the refrigerator up to a couple of weeks--or you can freeze it.

## PUMPKIN PANCAKES WITH PECAN PRALINE SYRUP

*Pancakes:*

1 cup flour (Can use half all purpose and half whole wheat but you can use a full cup of all purpose)  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil  
3/4 cup pumpkin puree

*Pecan Praline Syrup:*

1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
pinch of salt  
1/3 cup heavy cream  
1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans

*Instructions:*

*For the pancakes:*

Whisk flours, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice in a bowl and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the brown sugar, egg, milk, oil and pumpkin puree until combined.

Mix the flour ingredients into the wet ingredients, stirring or whisking until just combined.

Using a 1/4 or 1/3 measuring cup, pour the batter onto a greased skillet or griddle set at medium-low heat.

Cook on one side until bubbles evenly form, then flip and cook on the other side until golden brown.

*For the syrup:*

In a small saucepan, combine the brown sugar, butter and salt. Bring to a simmer and cook for 3 minutes, whisking frequently. Add the cream and cook for an additional minute, whisking constantly. Off the heat, fold in the chopped pecans and serve immediately. This sauce will firm up as it cools. If you need to keep it warm I suggest keeping it on the stove over very low heat (whisking occasionally), or in a double boiler.

## GRANNY KAT'S PUMPKIN ROLL

3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup white sugar  
2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
1 cup pumpkin puree  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar  
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease and flour a 9"x13" jelly roll pan.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir in pumpkin puree, eggs, and

lemon juice. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Spread the mixture evenly.

Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes.

Lay a damp linen towel on the counter, sprinkle it with confectioner's sugar, and turn the cake onto the towel.

Carefully roll the towel up (lengthwise) with the cake in it. Place the cake-in-towel on a cooling rack and let it cool for 20 minutes.

*Make the icing:*

In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese, butter, vanilla, and sugar with a wooden spoon or electric mixer.

When the cake has cooled 20 minutes, unroll it and spread icing onto it. Immediately re-roll (not in the towel this

time), and wrap it with plastic wrap. Keep the cake refrigerated or freeze it for up to 2 weeks in aluminum foil.

Cut the cake in slices just before serving. Serve it cold.

## PUMPKIN SPICE WHOOPIES

1 cup canned pumpkin  
1/3 cup butter, softened  
1 package 2-layer-size spice cake mix  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
1 recipe Marshmallow-Spice Filling

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or foil (grease foil, if using).

In a large mixing bowl beat pumpkin and butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth.

Add cake mix, eggs, and milk; beat on low speed until combined, and then on medium speed for 1 minute.

By the heaping tablespoon, drop mounds of batter 3 inches apart on cookie sheet; keep remaining batter chilled. Bake 15 minutes or until set and lightly browned around edges. Carefully remove from parchment or foil; cool on wire rack. Repeat with remaining batter, lining cooled cookie sheets each time with new parchment or foil. If desired, place cookies in a covered storage container with waxed paper between layers to prevent sticking. Store cookies at room temperature for 24 hours. Prepare Marshmallow-Spice Filling up to 2 hours before serving. Spread about 2-1/2 tablespoons filling on flat side of one cookie; top with a second cookie. Repeat. Serve immediately or cover and chill up to 2 hours. Makes 15 whoopies.

## MARSHMALLOW-SPICE FILLING

1/2 cup softened butter  
1 - 8 ounce package softened cream cheese  
2 cups sifted powdered sugar  
7 ounce jar marshmallow cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Up to 2 hours before serving, beat together butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add powdered sugar, marshmallow cream, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg. Beat until well combined.

## HOW TO MAKE PUMPKIN PUREE

1 pumpkin

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut pumpkin in half and remove all of the seeds. Place pumpkin halves face down on a large cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes to an hour. When you poke the outside of the skin with a fork and it is tender, the pumpkin is done. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. With a fork and your fingers, remove the skin of the pumpkin. It should come off easily. If you let the pumpkin cool too much it may be more difficult. Cut the pumpkin into chunks and place in the food processor. Blend until you have a nice smooth puree. Place 1 cup each into freezer bags.

Remove from the freezer about 30 minutes before you are ready to use.

**Blast from the Past**

**Bryan Wolf**

**December 1974**



LIZ BRYON IS SHOWN ABOVE STYLING A WIG IN THE CRYSTAL BEACH BEAUTY SHOP. THE SHOP IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE LAND WASHATERIA ON EASY STREET IN CRYSTAL BEACH AND IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS FULL TIME. MRS. BYRON, WHO RUNS THE SHOP, IS FROM BEAUMONT & HAS MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A BEAUTY OPERATOR. STOP BY AND VISIT WITH HER. SHE ALSO DOES MENS HAIR CUTTING AND STYLING.

The High Island School Board asked Mr. Ray Brown, School Superintendent to consider staying on as Superintendent for another year at their regular bi-monthly meeting December 14. Mr. Brown thanked the board but indicated he had decided to

retire at the end of this school year.

In other business the Board approved the request of the senior class to make a trip to New Orleans. The agreed to the football team could be sent to the Bluebonnet Bowl game on December 30.

Bill Hawthorne of the Sand Dollar captures criminals with unloaded shotguns. "As I was sitting in Hawthorne's Store, listening to tales of blood and slaughter, came a thought in my mind..."What if Bill

was the constable and Joe Faggard was a store keeper? Would Joe tell Bill how to check up on stolen credit cards?

Dick Jarrett at Dick's Seafood at Rollover (formerly Payne's Seafood) is getting to be an expert on the soap operas. If you local ladies miss an episode or two, don't worry, just call Dick.

The Crystal Beach Post Office was burglarized again. I don't think there was anything in the building but a bunch of wanted posters. But the burglar didn't take them. Hell, he already knows what his family and friends look like.

Now that the Crystal Beach Municipal Office has a heater, it's open eight hours a day, six days a week.

"Fish Tales" was written by John Conner.

Homecoming Queen was selected at the Homecoming Dance. Queen for 1971, Reanne Faggard crowned our new queen, Kay Smethers. Kay was escorted by Alan Kane. Molly Barrow was escorted by Wayne Edgar, Evelyn Permitter was escorted by Claude Barrow and Lisa Bergeron was escorted by Rodney Foreman.

Karen Faggard presented the flowers.

Class favorites are Seniors: Molly Barrow and Larry Smith; Juniors: Peter Fontaine and Reanne Faggard; Sophomores: Corkie Sullivan and Alan Kane; Freshmen: Lisa Bergeron and Rodney Foreman. Miss High Island - Molly Barrow; Mr. High Island - Larry Smith; Most Dependable - Reanne Faggard and Paul Riley; Friendliest - Corkie Sullivan and Paul Riley; Unique - Brenda Harrell and Claude Barrow; Wittiest - Claude Barrow and Molly Barrow; Best Dressed - Reanne Faggard and Paul Riley; Most Attractive - David Davis and Reanne Faggard

Break-ins continue on the beach, this year color televisions are being stolen, according to the Town Marshal. Lock your house when you leave or take it with you, if it's not too heavy.

Put things in their proper perspective; that wasn't Ernest Hemingway you saw on the beach the other day. It was Bi Howell of Pearl Beach. (Formerly a Flying Tiger Fighter-Pilot with General Claire L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force.

We have some brilliant, if not persistent, conversationalists on the beach. They can usually be found at the Crystal Beach Post Office when the woman is trying to put up the morning mail.



REANNE FAGGARD, HOMECOMING QUEEN FOR 1972 (TOP ROW, LEFT) CROWNED THE 1973 HOMECOMING QUEEN, KAY SMETHERS (TOP ROW, RIGHT) IN ACTIVITIES AT HIGH ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL RECENTLY. OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE TITLE WERE (BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) EVELYN PERMINTER, MOLLY BARROW AND LISA BERGERON.

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# Battery Davis

By Jay Camp

Battery Davis is named after 2nd Lt. Thomas Davis. He was born in Richmond, Virginia around 1815 to parents Edward C. Davis and Jane Marie Price.

Thomas was the first of five children. Second born was Walter J. Davis, who was in the 4th Illinois Volunteer Militia. Next, came two sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, then last, brother, William, who served in the 5th Tennessee Union Infantry Co. G as a private in the Civil War. He spent time in the Andersonville Prison after he was captured. After the war, he was on his way home when he died 25 April 1865 as the Steamer "Sultana" exploded near Memphis, TN.

Thomas' father died in Richmond, VA and soon after, his mother and children moved to Springfield, IL. In his civilian life, Thomas was an attorney before going off to join the War with Mexico.

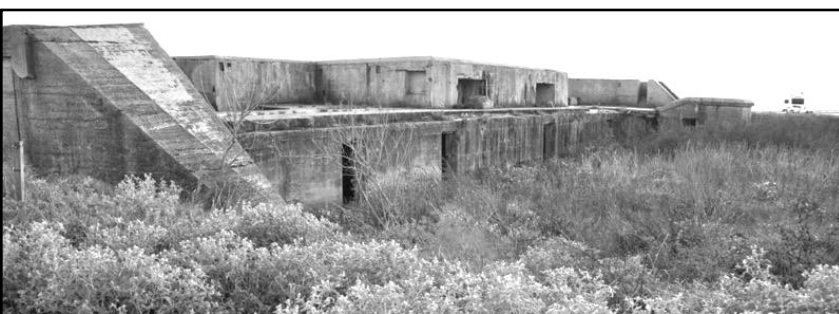
When he got to Mexico he became a private in Captain Frank L. Early's First Regiment of the First Texas Volunteers. Soon afterward Thomas was transferred to the U.S. Mounted Rifles under Major Edwin Vose Sumner and Major William W. Loring. In the Second Division under Major David E. Wiggs, the First Brigade command was under Colonel William S. Harney. It was here, Thomas worked his way up to Second Lieutenant.

On his way to storm the tower at Cerro Gorda in Chumrubusco, Vera Cruz, Mexico with Colonel Persifor Frazer Smith, Thomas was mortally wounded on 18 April 1847 and died two days later.

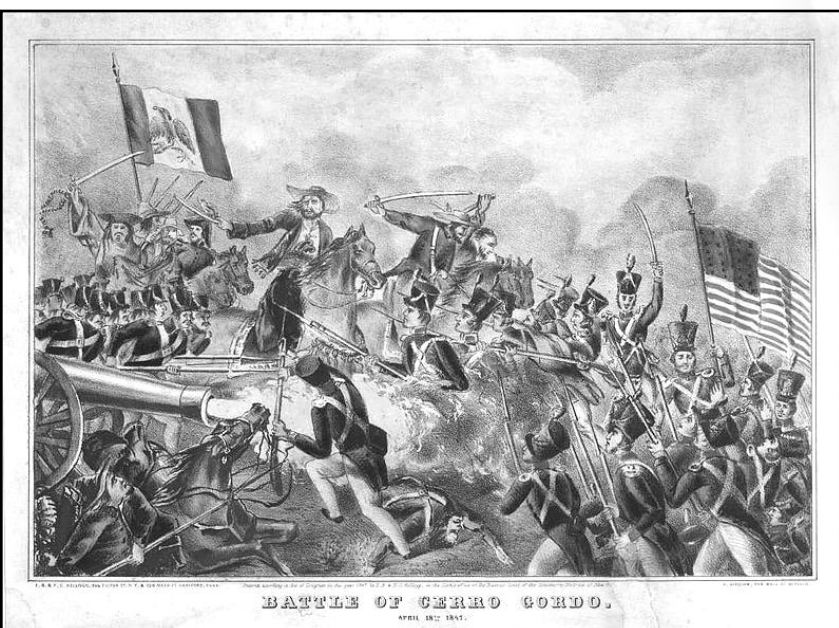
Today the "Mounted Rifles" are the Third Cavalry stationed at Jefferson, MO. (Jefferson Barracks)

Battery Davis at Fort Travis started July 1899 and lasted until 21 August 1911. It is the second oldest battery at the fort and is located on the coast just east of Battery Ernst.

After being damaged by storms, Battery Davis was deactivated in 1917.



Pictured above is Battery Davis in 2009, located in Ft. Travis. Pictured below is a scene from the Battle of Cerro Gordo on April 18, 1847, the storming of the tower



BATTLE OF CERRO GORDO. APRIL 1847

The Beach Bum was stopped by the police around 2 am. The officer asked him where he was going at that time of night. The Bum replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late." The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The Bum replied, "That would be my wife."

The Beach Bum says life and beer are very similar .....chill for best results.

The Beach Bum says alcohol should be served in Capri Sun pouches. When you can't get the straw in the hole you've had enough.

The Beach Bum says bartenders shouldn't cut people off. They should get them so drunk that they can't find their keys.

The Beach Bum says "Relationship" has 12 letters but then again so does "Time for Shots"

The Beach Bum says some things are better left unsaid, but I'll probably get drunk and say them anyways.

The Beach Bum walks into a bar and orders a shot of whiskey then looks into his pocket. He does tis over and over again. Finally, the bartender ask why he orders a shot of whiskey and afterwards looks into his pocket. The Bum responded, "I have a picture of my wife in there and when she starts to look good then I'll go home.

The Beach Bum says I was married by a judge, I should have asked for a jury.

The Beach Bum says if you are going to be two faced, at least make one of them pretty.



Happy Birthday! Don Schulin December 28

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# Problems and unanswered questions with the US Army Corps' Coastal Barrier Alternative

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On October 26th 2018 the US Army Corps of Engineers released the Tentatively Selected Plan as part of the Coastal Texas Protection & Restoration Report. The plan that they have selected is referred to as the Coastal Barrier Alternative, also shown as on their website as Alternative A. The full report can be viewed at [coastalstudy.texas.gov](http://coastalstudy.texas.gov).

The Coastal Barrier Alternative is a system of levees, floodwalls, floodgates, drainages structures, pump stations, and surge barrier gates, which would extend in total. A 17-20 foot tall levee system will run from near Stowell to High Island and then down the entire 25 mile length of Bolivar Peninsula to Fort Travis.

There would then be a massive series of gates across the more than 2 mile wide mouth of Galveston Bay. This series of gates would consist of sluice style gates which would slide up and down to open and close, but would still impede 30% or more of the tidal flow even when open due to their support structures. Along the ship channel there would also be massive swing gates which could be closed and then sunk across the 50 ft deep ship channel. In Galveston there would be a massive 20 foot ring levee and an additional 5 feet added to the existing seawall. From the west end of the seawall a levee would be built along HWY 3005 another 20 miles to San Luis Pass. The proposed Coastal Barrier alignment will leave many homes and business in front of the levee on the side that will bear the full force of a storm surge, which will be amplified in intensity and turbulence by the levee structure itself.

You can see an interactive version of the proposed levee location at [bit.ly/galvmap](http://bit.ly/galvmap)

The local community has come together to demand the US Army Corps answer our questions and address our concerns in regard to the proposal. These are just some of the unanswered questions.

The proposal to build 17 foot levees down highways 87 and 3005 will dramatically alter those communities, analyses have shown that there are 1,817 property parcels that directly intersect with the levees, almost twice as many as the US Army Corps estimated. And an additional 12,664 parcels (worth approximately \$2 billion) on the floodside of the new levee, which will see increasing flooding, turbulence, and damage from even small storm surges

What will happen to these homes left on the flood side of the levee? Will they be bought at fair market value? Bolivar and the West end have been built (at great expense by the homeowners) to stringent building standards designed to withstand flooding and storms and they will be put at increased risk due to the turbulence created by a levee structure directly behind their homes. This proposal will decrease the nonstructural resiliency that has been built in these areas following the devastation of Hurricane Ike.



The proposed location highways 87 and 3005 in front of the levees will leave them open to increased scouring and damage from a storm surge, resulting in the potential for total lack of access following a storm.

Will they be insurable if their flood risk is elevated due to the levees? The water height and energy of even small surges (less than 10 ft) will be increased due to the impedance of flow by the levees and is likely to cause much greater damage than if it was allowed to washover the peninsula and island naturally.

What will happen to property values and economic development on the Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island?

Bolivar property values have been estimated to be \$1.2 billion, with a current rate of increase of \$100 million per year.

What will the loss of economic growth, investment, and tourism on the Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island mean for property tax and sales tax revenue?

Who will pay for the non-federal portion of the \$31 billion construction cost? Or the ongoing maintenance costs, which based on a standard industry estimate of 0.5% would be \$155 million per year! Would Galveston County taxpayers have to cover a portion of that? How much?

Where will the enormous amount of soil come from that will be required to build the levee structures along Bolivar and Galveston Island? What will the costs be? What will the transport mechanisms be?

What will be the effect of changes to the hydrology of the Galveston Bay resulting from obstructing 30% of the flow? Changes in salinity and sediment distribution including erosion of salt marshes, have been observed in the Netherlands where sluice gates were built across the Eastern Scheldt estuary, reducing the productivity of the entire system.

No project of this complexity and size has ever been built across a single coastal inlet in the world, the examples in the Netherlands on which it is based are separate structures on two different inlets and are located on dredge spoil islands and along a confined

¼ mile wide canal and are not used in concert as is proposed in the US Army Corps' Coastal Barrier Plan. What if it fails? The Netherlands is much farther north and does not experience hurricanes or storms of the same intensity as the Gulf of Mexico.

It is projected to take at least 15 years once construction starts, and won't even be authorized before the mid 2020's. We need protection for vulnerable communities sooner than that. What if it isn't constructed in time for the next major hurricane?

The changes in hydrology resulting from the Coastal Barrier gates will cause changes in sediment deposition and erosion, salinity, residence time, and productivity of the

Galveston Bay Estuary, negatively affecting numerous endangered and threatened species, including shore birds, sea turtles, and marine mammals. As well as commercially important fish which move in and out of the bay throughout their lifecycles. What will happen to our commercial and recreational fisheries, to our quality of life?

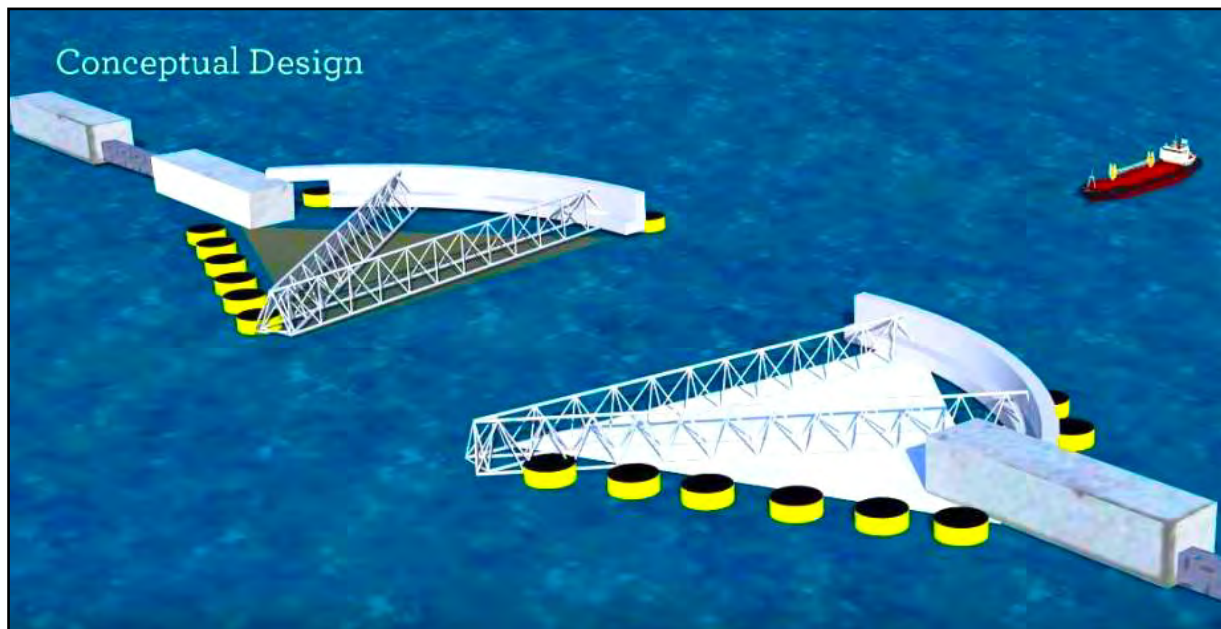
What will be the changes to the hydrodynamics of the ship channel when the opening is reduced by +30%, the pass is already hazardous for small and large crafts at flood or ebb tide and will only increase in velocity and discharge with the new gate structures. The US Army Corps own estimates say the tidal velocities could increase up to 4 knots. Will small crafts and sail boats even be able to navigate the opening? Will there be increased risk for large vessels and therefore increased risk of pollution from accidents resulting in spills of their cargo?

There are better options out there.

The US Army Corps has only looked at a small subset of the options available to protect this area from flooding. There are other locally derived, more efficient, quicker to implement, and less costly coastal protection solutions. The Severe Storm Prediction, Education, & Evacuation from Disasters Center (SSPEED) Center at Rice University has released a plan called the Galveston Bay Park Plan that would address the worst flooding risk in the northwestern part of the bay as well as the potential for pollution from the petrochemical plants in that area without the requirement of a massive Coastal Barrier Gate and Levee System. It also includes adding levees on the backside of the city of Galveston and raising of highways 87 and 25 slightly to help with evacuation, but does not require massive levees along those highways to stop storm surge at the coast. A detailed outline of the plan is available at the SSPEED Centers website at [docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d29356\\_5cde1ed3665a42d78ed7e4ac2b3bfea5.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d29356_5cde1ed3665a42d78ed7e4ac2b3bfea5.pdf)

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The SSPEED Center Plan calls for a series of small gates and dredge spoil islands along the upper part of the Houston Ship channel, where it would protect the vulnerable communities along the northwestern bay as well as the petrochemical industry from a storm surge. It would be built using sediment dredged from the current channel and using gates that are within the size range of those that have been utilized and tested across the world.

Major positive aspects of the SSPEED Center Plan:

The first phase, which offers full surge protection, could be completed within 3 years instead of the 15 years estimated for the Coastal Barrier, so it has a chance to be in place before another major storm hits.

It would have a much smaller impact on the hydrology and ecological functioning of the Galveston Bay ecosystem and includes wetland and oyster reefs as well as habitat creation for endangered shorebirds and sea turtles.

It is estimated to cost up to \$2.8 billion instead of the \$23-31 billion of the Coastal Barrier.

This approach allows for more rapid response and local solutions to coastal flooding which address the unique local needs of coastal communities like Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island.

We all live at the coast for a reason, because we love it and this project would drastically alter everything we love about living here. There are better options, and we just need to muster the community and political will to seek them out and act in the best interest of all of our communities and the health of Galveston Bay.

It is very important that the public voice their concerns during the public comment period, which ends **January 9th 2019**.

Please get informed at [coastalstudy.texas.gov](http://coastalstudy.texas.gov) and make your voice heard by submitting a comment electronically or by mail or at the upcoming public meetings listed below.

Public comments can be:  
 Mailed to USACE, Galveston District, Attn: Ms. Jennifer Morgan, Environmental Compliance Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229;

Emailed to:  
[CoastalTexas@usace.army.mil](mailto:CoastalTexas@usace.army.mil).  
 Comments must be postmarked by January 9, 2019.

At the Public Meetings noted below:

**Upper Coast  
 Winnie, TX**

Tuesday, 11-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm  
 Winnie Community Building  
 335 South Park Street  
 Winnie, TX 77665

**Galveston, TX**

Wednesday, 12-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm  
 Galveston Island Convention Center  
 5600 Seawall Blvd  
 Galveston, TX 77551

**Crystal Beach, TX**

Saturday, 15-Dec | 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
 Crenshaw Elementary and Middle School  
 416 State Hwy 87  
 Crystal Beach, TX 77650

**Seabrook, TX**

Tuesday, 18-Dec | 5:30pm – 9:00pm  
 Bay Area Community Center  
 5002 E NASA Parkway  
 Seabrook, TX 77586



A colorful advertisement for the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. It features a circular logo with palm trees and the text "DiscoverBolivar.com". The main text reads "SHOP &amp; EAT LOCAL" in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says "Merry Christmas Bolivar!" in a cursive font. At the bottom, it says "Bolivar PENINSULA Chamber of Commerce" with the phone number "409-684-5940". There are two reindeer illustrations on the sides.

A real estate advertisement for BB Wilson. It features a photo of BB Wilson, a woman with blonde hair wearing a red and black floral top. The text says "Top Producing Realtor and Broker with Many Years of Experience on Bolivar". Her name "BB Wilson" is in large blue letters. Contact information includes: "1-409-795-9366 (Cell)", "1-866-616-8695 (Fax)", "bbx4848@aol.com", and "bbwilsonbeach.com (web page)". The RE/MAX logo is present, along with the address "P O Box 2326, 2080 B Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX 77650", phone "409-684-3377", fax "409-684-5349", and website "www.remaxonthewater.com".



# CRENSHAW SCHOOL NEWS

Rhea Raymond



Pictured above are all Crenshaw Elementary music students from PK - 4th grade, participating in the Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving Day Program



Pictured above is the Crenshaw School Choir  
Row 1 L-R: Kayhdence Willis, Braylee Miller, Hermilo Balderrama, Parker Chu'ba  
Row 2 L-R: Ivan Tovar, Marcos Fortuna, Ricardo Valencia, Ashlyn Bradshaw, Lillian Dailey, Jiya Desai, Kiersten Moll, Asher Willis, Jaidyn Guerin, Soloist  
The Choir and Music students are under the direction of Mrs. Milagros Coffee.

Crenshaw Veteran's Day guest, Lt. Colonel Mark T. Williford, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pictured with Mrs. Coffee

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# Shop Local Day

# Coastal Barrier Plan

The Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce held their Shop Hop for Shop Local Day on Saturday, November 24. They would like to thank all the merchants and shoppers who participated.

A special thank you to Cathie Ropp, Chamber Executive Director, for putting together this great event.

Pictured below Brenda Flanagan, Chamber President, joined happy shoppers at Maven's Clothing and Accessories located at 2950 Highway 87 in Crystal Beach.

Bottom picture, Brenda Flanagan and Harold LeBlanc visit A Shore Venture owners, Kurt and Debbie. A Shore Venture specializes in unique, creative and affordable adventures, activities, weddings and events. Visit [ashoreventure.com](http://ashoreventure.com) for more information.

In reference to the Coastal Barrier Plan, although problems and unanswered questions have been addressed, below are three important conditions Azure Bevington was asked to expand upon.

1) The ferries won't go through the gates, they will go directly behind them on the bay side, but will still experience increased tidal current velocities and eddies as they cross the channel behind the gate structures. The captains will know better what degree of current and turbulence increase they could handle. But the US Army Corps has estimated that the current could increase 4 knots from what it is currently, that is significant

as the tidal currents in that area can already be 2 to 3 knots.


2) To my knowledge there has **never been a project where half of a community was left in front of a storm surge barrier**, like this. Especially not where property estimated at \$2 billion will be unprotected. In Louisiana there are homes that are outside of flood protection, but they are generally surrounded by marsh and not directly between the beach and the wall like this.

3) The deadline for public comments are **January 9th 2019**.

*Editor's Note: All communication towers along Hwy 87 will be in direct jeopardy.*



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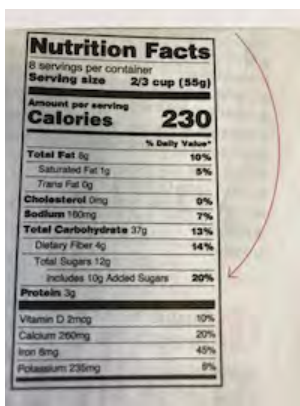
# NURSE on the BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

## 23 Ways Sugar Is Making You Sick – Cut Down NOW!

1. It hurts your heart. Harvard University researchers found that adults over 15 years old and found that those who consumed 25% or more of their daily calories from added sugar were more than twice likely to die from heart disease. (Read the label on all foods and beverages).

**Notice below Total Sugars 12g and below that line is Includes 10g added sugars!**



2. “No sugar added” does not mean healthy.” Even if the label says 100 percent juice, the drink may have no added sweeteners, but its naturally occurring sugars are far more concentrated than what you’d find in a piece of fruit.

3. Excess sugar is linked to dementia. In 2017, researchers at the University of Bath found a molecular link between sugary diets and early Alzheimer’s. They discovered that glycation—a reaction through which glucose (sugar) affects cells—causes damage to an enzyme that’s involved in reducing abnormal protein build up in the brain, which is characteristics of the disease.

4. Sugar won’t make kids hyper. It is worse than that. Researchers found that sugar doesn’t affect children’s behavior. It may simply be the environment where certain food is being served, i.e. birthday parties. But it does spike their blood pressure and cholesterol.

5. Snacks that sneak in the sugar. Convenience foods may appear to be healthy choices, but they contain startling amounts of sweet stuff. Smoothies, Trail Mix, Yogurt, Oatmeal packets, Salad Dressing. Look at the serving size and the sugar and added sugar amounts.

6. The amount of sugar in our diets is damaging our body. Also, the evidence mounting against the use of sucralose, saccharin, and aspartame is believed to damage the microbiome in the gut. They are also associated with weight

gain and glucose intolerance leads to (diabetes). Take this stuff out of your house. Once you start cutting back, you will lose your sweet tooth and begin to taste the natural sweetness in unprocessed foods. It does not take long for this to happen.

7. Sugar is as bad for your liver as alcohol. The wide use of fructose (fruit sugar) sweeteners they are leading to a rise in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. One visible red flag is a sugar belly, like a beer belly. The liver breaks down excess fructose into fat globules that travel through the blood stream and lodge around your midsection and internal organs. This causes inflammation and is the leading cause of liver transplants.

8. “Healthier” sweeteners are no better for you. Don’t believe the healing power of honey, not true. Don’t believe in maple sugar’s antioxidant benefits. Sugar is sugar no matter what its form. Use in moderation only.

9. 35 teaspoons. That is the added sugar consumed by the average American teenage boy each day according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Soda, energy and sports drinks. Approximately 20% of adolescents ages 12 to 19 are obese; 40 years ago, the number was 5%. Also, excess sugar can lead to type 2 diabetes and high cholesterol in children.

10. Cancer cells can be sugar fiends. Research from the University of Texas at Dallas shows a link between sugar and squamous cell carcinoma, which is hard to treat and accounts for about a quarter of all lung cancers. The study found four types of squamous cell cancer consume a lot of sugar.

11. Sugar may keep you up at night. A 2016 study in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine shows eating sugar (along with less fiber and more saturated fat) is associated with lighter, more disrupted, and less restorative sleep.

12. We’re still drinking too much liquid sugar. Good news is that we are drinking less soda. However, we have replaced soda with flavored waters, ready-to-drink coffees, teas, energy, and sports beverages. Energy drinks have 30 grams of sugar, sports drinks contain about 40 grams, and your average latte around 45 grams.

Stay warm Bolivar friends, but still walk the beach briskly for exercise. See you next month for the next 11 Ways Sugar is Making You Sick!!!

## Partial List Beach Barrel Access Road

- 13 - Biscayne
- 23 - Magnolia
- 30 - Boys Road
- 37 - Atkinson
- 39 - Honeysuckle
- 44-47 Rancho Carribe
- 52 - Tinkle/Jacks
- 53 - O’Neal
- 55 - East
- 58 - Seaspray
- 59 - Townsend Emerald 1
- 60 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 61 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 62 - Wests Lane/Mr. G
- 65-67 - Washout (No Access)
- 70 - Monkhouse
- 72 - Crystal Beach Road
- 76 - Gulf Shores
- 77 - Westview Emerald 2
- 79 - Eastview Emerald 2
- 80 - Gregory (Near Dannay’s Donut)
- 83 - Beaumont Drive (Near Dannay’s Donut)
- 84 - Driftwood (Across from Big Store)
- 87 - Olive/Clara (Catholic Church)
- 91 - Holiday Subdivision
- 93 - Kenlyn Sandy Shores
- 96 - Seadrift in Ramada
- 99 - Nassau in Ramada
- 100 - S Cove Near Stingaree
- 106 - Cobb’s Cove (No Access)
- 111 - SandCastle (No Access)
- 116 - Lafitte’s
- 119 - East of Sun Oil Field

Happy Birthday!  
Cathy Bussa  
December 12

Happy Birthday!  
Sydney Robb  
December 13


Happy Birthday!  
Shelly Butts  
December 14


Happy Birthday!  
Kim Hawthorn  
December 1

The Beach Bum says love is our 7th sense that destroys all 6 senses and makes the person nonsense.

The Beach Bum says I saw two blind people fighting., then I shouted, “I’m supporting the one with the knife”, they both ran away.

The Beach Bum says They say milk gives strength. I drank 4 cups and couldn’t move a wall. But when I took 4 bottles of beers, I saw the wall moving itself. These scientists should better stop their lies.





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# Beachcombing with Stefanie

Stefanie Voss

If you live on the peninsula, chances are you either know of or have helped by the Hunger Heroes. The Hunger Heroes are a whole network of volunteers bringing and distributing food from the Houston and Galveston food banks throughout the peninsula to our individual communities on Mondays.

The Hunger Heroes volunteers all work hard at distribution areas setting up tables, organizing the commodities and organizing the lines of people who are waiting to receive the gift of food, with kind words of hope and smiles are an added bonus.

One community on our peninsula does things a little differently, that's Gilchrist. Here the Hunger Heroes personally deliver food to over 30 residents, in Gilchrist and Caplen. Deliveries are made to the shut-ins, the elderlies, the disabled, those without transportation, and our neighbors who are in need.

Every Monday, Beckie Sosa and I meet the food

truck at Rollover pass, driven by AJ Larson. As soon as AJ pulls into the Cut, there are Hunger Heroes who put down their fishing poles meet us at the food truck. These heroes unload the food truck and load the food into Beckie's Tahoe. When the food has been loaded, AJ lets us know Jesus loves us. Then those

Hunger Heroes go back to their fishing poles, with a sense of pride in their community.

Now the fun begins, not only do we get to bring food to our friends and neighbors (and play with their dogs, we see friends who are always happy to see us and share the events of the past week with us. Each week is a great adventure, from stories of wild hogs tearing up yards, how someone's doctor appointment went, to how their dogs are doing.

It's such an honor and privilege to even be a small part of Gilchrist Hunger Heroes, and great fun, too.



<https://savebolivar.org/>

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| Happy Birthday!<br>Debbie Harrison<br>December 4 | Happy Birthday!<br>Danny Butts<br>December 13    | Happy Birthday!<br>Heigan Goeloe<br>December 8   | Happy Birthday!<br>Cody Hall<br>December 20     |
| Happy Birthday!<br>Gerry Moore<br>December 21    | Happy Birthday!<br>Madalynn Riley<br>December 27 | Happy Birthday!<br>Milo Malinchalk<br>December 6 | Happy Birthday!<br>Jakob Brannon<br>December 21 |

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**WILLIAM "BILL" SILVERBERG**  
(June 14, 1944 – November 24, 2018)



William "Bill" Silverberg, 74, died Saturday, November 24, 2018. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 26 years, Raquel (Garcia) Silverberg, his daughter Valerie Stroup and husband Chad Stroup and his son Curtis Edwin Silverberg. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts and uncles. His large family and many friends will greatly miss him.

Bill was born in Beaumont, Texas and later made Crystal Beach his home. He attended Bay Vue United Methodist Church and Community Church. Bill's favorite hobby was salt water fishing on the Gulf Coast.

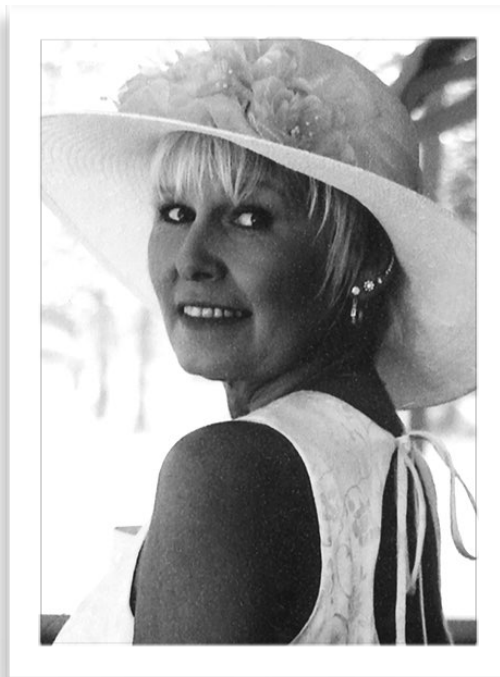
A memorial service in honor of Bill will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 AM in Bay Vue United Methodist Church, Crystal Beach, Texas. A luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Raquel extends her love and gratitude to Dr. Hughes and Texas Home Health for their continuous support and help. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Bay Vue UMC or Community Church of Crystal Beach.

**Ernest Finch**

Ernest passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Ernest was a resident of Crystal Beach, Texas at the time of passing.

**SHARI RUTH (BLOOMFIELD) HARRIS**  
January 22, 1955, November 17, 2018



Shari was born to Ruth Marie and Jules Melton Bloomfield in Daisetta, Texas. She was the "baby" of the family, which included an older half-sister and her big brother, Wayne Bloomfield. The family moved to Nederland in 1955 and settled there.

Shari's mother always said that she was headstrong and fearless, which led her to some wonderful adventures in her life – and a few mistakes... you know who you are! Ha. Ultimately, Shari lived a full life and enjoyed her time on earth.

Waiting to greet her in Heaven is her mother, Ruth (Smith), her father, Melt Bloomfield, her step-dad, Chuck Smith, and her in-laws, Betty and Lynn Harris.

She is survived by her loving husband, Terry Harris, her brother, "dear" Wayne Bloomfield, her daughter and best friend, Mondie Hebert, and husband, Clay, of Nederland, her stepson, Lynn Anthony Harris, grandchildren, Daxton and Marley Hebert and Remi Harris, her sister-in-law, Carolyn Harris, her "favorite" uncle and aunt Sidney and Carolyn Kelly, of Richardson, her niece, Cody Marie Cassham, of Albany, New York, and her "forever friend", Toni Willey Forey.

In lieu of flowers plant a tree or a rosebush where it is needed – or donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 4 Bayoubrandt Drive, Suite B, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

**BOBBIE LETEFF**  
December 12, 1938, November 09, 2018



Bobbie Leteff, 79, of Winnie, died Friday, November 9, 2018. She was born on December 12, 1938, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Myrtle Lee Wilson Leteff and Joseph Cornelius Leteff.

Bobbie enjoyed helping people whenever she could. She enjoyed cooking and fishing and loved baking and eating cakes and pies. Bobbie was proud that she was part Indian.

Survivors include her Children, Willie J. Knoblock of Winnie; Peggy S. Elmore of Kirbyville; Billie L. Knoblock and his wife, Patricia, of Silsbee; Carolyn L. Reinders and her husband, Carroll, of Fannett; Barbara J. Knoblock of Winnie; Glenn T. Knoblock and his wife, Becky, of Orange; Earl R. Knoblock and his wife, Carolyn, of Sour Lake; Lydia L. Bundick and her husband, Jeff, of Warren; and Roy C. Strickland and his wife, Lynn, of Edina, Missouri; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrtle and Joseph Leteff. Bobbie was one of nineteen children and had eleven brothers and seven sisters.

Memorial contributions for Ms. Leteff may be made in her memory to American Cancer Society, #4 Bayou Brandt Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

*In Memory of*  
**Warren Adams**  
*December 20*



*In Memory of*  
**Kelly O'Brien**  
**December 19 1955- October 5 2011**  
**Happy Birthday, Daddy!**  
**Love Kat, Ryan and Bizzy Wizzie**



*In Memory of*  
**JACOB KENT**  
**12/20/82**  
**4/2/05**

*He was our "Little Man"*  
*Nana's "Jacob Israel"*  
*Everyone's Best Friend*  
*The most sincere Hugger*  
*My "Baby"*



**Jesus**  
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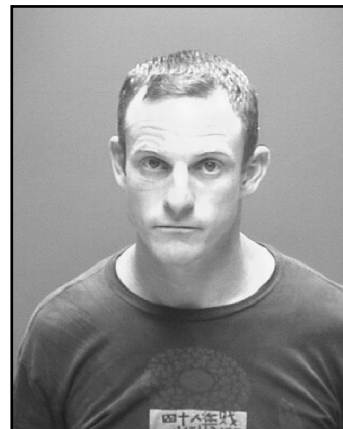
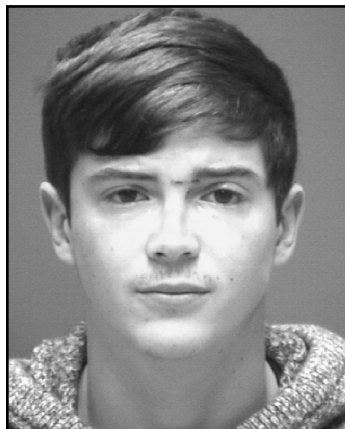
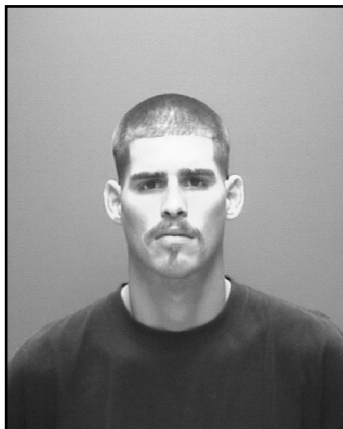
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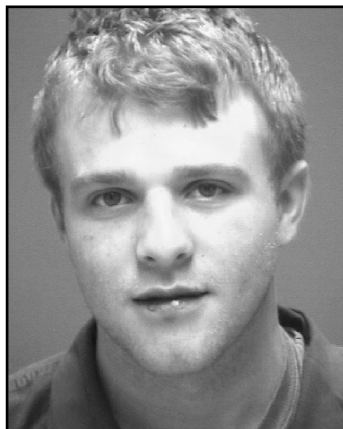
Rossel, Joseph Cathrino (W /M/25)  
Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M), at 1166 Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/7/2018 16:46.

Lilley, Kamrin Drake (W /M/20) Arrest on chrg of Duty On Striking Unattended Vehicle, M (M), at 1366 Hwy 87/ Surfview Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/13/2018 07:28.

Douglas, Marty Lynn (W /M/26) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass (M), at 943 Palm Ridge Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/17/2018 20:19.

Norris, Hillary Dane (W /M/41) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence, M (M), at 1762 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/20/2018 13:42.

Gutierrez, Michael Shane (W /M/21) Arrest on chrg of Viol Relating To Handling Used Oil, F (F), at 1347 Hwy 124/ 6th St, High Island, TX, on 11/24/2018 16:11.



Dejong, Joshua Michael (W /M/30) Arrest on chrg of Driving While License Invalid Class "c" (M), at Hwy 87/ Sea Spray, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/30/2018 14:04.

Barker, Amanda Nicole (W /F/38) Arrest on chrg of Theft Prop >\$2,500-<\$30k, F (F), at Hwy 87/ Sea Spray, Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/30/2018 14:25.

Bristow, Luther Chase (W /M/22) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 2296 East Crab, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/1/2018 04:11.

Danna, Jordan Lee (W /F/29) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass Habit/ superfund/infrastructure, M (M), at Hwy 87/waterways, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/1/2018 06:59.

Morton, Wesley David (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/ prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at Hwy 87/waterways, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/1/2018 06:59.

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