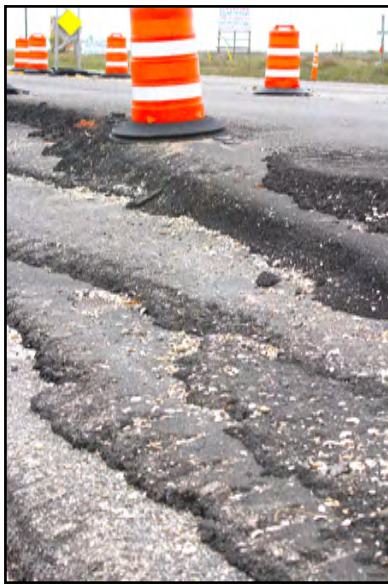


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Hwy 87 and Hwy 124 Update



Pictured above from left to right, Picture 1 shows layers and layers of asphalt that have started to crumble causing the beachside traveling lanes to become more narrow.

Pictured 2, the area between the old barricades and newer barricades, showing deteriorating layers of asphalt.

Picture 3, a side view of the layers of asphalt sitting under a new barricade, layers seem to crumble under top layers

Picture 4, shows the placement of the pole barricades on top of crumbling asphalt and a new concrete barricade starting to lean.

Picture 5 is another view of the asphalt under the new pole barricades, while chunks of the highway break off and fall towards the new leaning concrete barricades.

Traveling east on Hwy 87 at the curve, a visible layer of asphalt over the old asphalt. New barricades have been set in front of metal and pole barricades, with another layer of barricade below and in front of the old barricades.

The TxDOT website posts the estimated construction cost at \$18,956,286 for a project length of 6.738 miles and up to 4 years for completion.



The Lighthouse Krewe

Terry Molloy and BB Young model the new 2019 Lighthouse Krewe T-Shirts at the Big Store.

The Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe Official 2019 Mardi Gras Shirts will be on sale at Steve's Landing at the Krewe Brunch to be held February 3, 2019. Sales will be held at other pop up times and places around Crystal Beach.

Proceeds from the shirts sales help with the Mardi Gras Parade each year. Cost is \$20.00 for short sleeve and \$25.00 for long sleeve.

Contact Terry Molloy at 409-370-7252
The Lighthouse Krewe parade will be held March 2, 2019 and the parade theme is "Island Fever".

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

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so please know we miss all of our customers and the good times as well
and we are working hard to give y'all the best drinking destination

So out with the Old and in with the New and Happy New Years to all of You

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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HIGH ISLAND CARDINALS

Chambers Enlists with Navy

HIGH ISLAND CARDINAL'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2019

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
JAN 4	Burkeville	HIGH ISLAND	VG 6pm
JAN 8	Zavalla	HIGH ISLAND	JV/VB 5pm
JAN 8	Chester	Chester	VG 6pm
JAN 11	Goodrich	HIGH ISLAND	VG/VB 6pm
JAN 15	Leggett	Leggett	VG/VB 6pm
JAN 18	Spurger	HIGH ISLAND	JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4pm
JAN 22	Burkeville	Burkeville	VG/VB 6pm
JAN 25	Chester	HIGH ISLAND	VG/VB 6pm
JAN 29	Goodrich	Goodrich	VG/VB 6pm
FEB 1	Leggett	HIGH ISLAND	VG/VB 6pm
FEB 5	Spurger	Spurger	JVG/JVB/VG/VB 4pm
FEB 8	Burkeville	High Island	VB 6pm
FEB 12	Chester	Chester	VB 6pm

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



Congratulations to High Island Senior, Trey Chambers, for enlisting with the U.S. Navy.

Pictured above from left to right are David Reber (Trey's grandfather), Kristy Chambers (Trey's mother), Trey and Navy Recruiter, Jacob C. Hackfeld



Cardinal Calendar

School resumes Monday, January 7, 2019

Free Lunch and Breakfast!

We are pleased to announce/inform you that High Island ISD has qualified under the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) to provide free breakfast and lunch for ALL High Island students for the next 4 years!

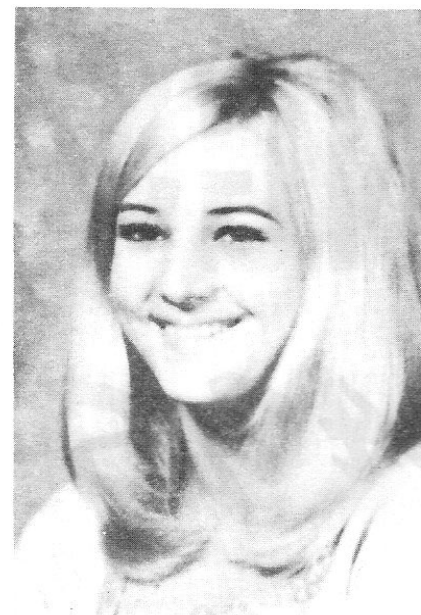
HIGH ISLAND CARDINAL'S JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2019

Jan 12 Colmesneil Tourney	Colmesneil	G & B TBA
Jan 14 Colmesneil	High Island	G 5PM/B 6 PM
Jan 19 High Island Tourney	High Island	G TBA
Jan 21 Spurger	Spurger	G 5PM/B 6 PM
Jan 28 Colmesneil	Colmesneil	G 5PM/B 6 PM
Feb 4 Spurger	High Island	G 5PM/B 6PM



HIGH ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

BY
CONNIE RAKE



CONNIE

ON NOVEMBER 12, REANNE FAGGARD OF GILCHRIST WAS CROWNED HOMECOMING QUEEN OF 1971, DURING THE HALFTIME ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH ISLAND SABINE PASS GAME.

REANNE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES FAGGARD.

THE CANDIDATES WERE: DEBBIE HARRIS - SENIOR, CONNIE RAKE - JUNIOR, REANNE FAGGARD - SOPHOMORE AND CORKIE SULLIVAN - FRESHMAN.

REANNE WAS CROWNED BY VICI SMITH, QUEEN IN 1970.

HIGH ISLAND WON THE SABINE PASS GAME WITH A SCORE OF 28-30.

THE STUDENT BODY PICKED THEIR "WHO'S WHO".

- MISS HIGH ISLAND - MELANIE NEICHROY
- MR. HIGH ISLAND - KELVIN FALK
- MOST POPULAR GIRL - MELODY FOREMAN
- MOST POPULAR BOY - KELVIN FALK
- MOST BEAUTIFUL - CONNIE RAKE
- MOST HANDSOME - DAVID DAVIS

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|------------------------|------------------|
| DONNA BERGERON | CHARLES DAVIS |
| JUNIOR FAVORITES | |
| CONNIE RAKE | LARRY SMITH |
| SOPHOMORE FAVORITES | |
| REANNE FAGGARD | PAUL RILEY |
| FRESHMAN FAVORITES | |
| CORKIE SULLIVAN | ALLAN KANE |
| MOST DEPENDABLE | |
| DEBBIE HARRIS | JOE SMITH |
| MOST ATHLETIC | |
| MELODY FOREMAN | KELVIN FALK |
| FRIENDLIEST | |
| MELANIE NEICHROY | DONALD JOE SMITH |
| MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED | |
| DEBBIE HARRIS | STEPHEN DENBY |
| MOST STUDIOUS | |
| SHIRLEY ADAMS | STEPHEN DENBY |
| WITTIEST | |
| SHIRLEY ADAMS | CLAUDE BARROW |
| MOST TALENTED | |
| MELANIE NEICHROY | MIKE ORENDAR |
| BEST DRESSED | |
| CONNIE RAKE | CHARLES DAVIS |
| MOST BASHFUL | |
| DONNA BERGERON | LARRY HENDON |

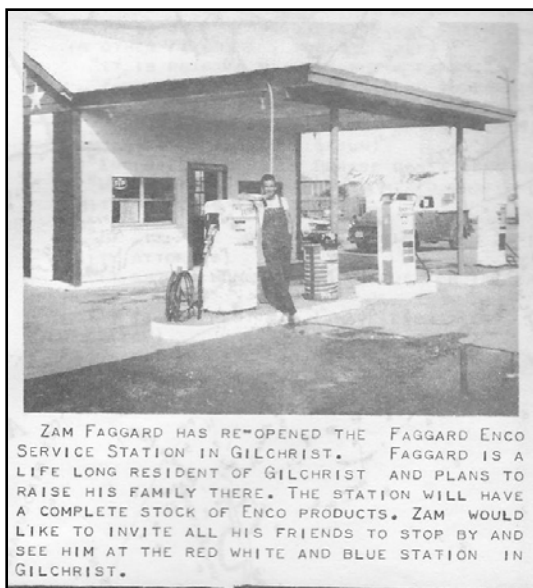
BAND SWEETHEART WAS DEBBIE SULLIVAN ESCORTED BY LARRY SMITH. THE CANDIDATES WERE: CORKIE SULLIVAN ESCORTED BY DONALD JOE SMITH, AND KAY SMEATHERS ESCORTED BY CHARLES DAVIS. DEBBIE WAS CROWNED BY LAST YEAR'S QUEEN ROBBIE HARTINGTON.

petitions authorized Democratic Precinct Chairman, Mrs. Joe H. Kahla, to respectfully request the County Commissioners Court to retain the Justice of the Peace Court in Precinct Eight on the Bolivar Peninsula.

A delegation headed up by Judge Richard A. Black along with Constable Joe Faggard, Mr. and Mrs. Jester Smith, Mrs. Sophia Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ann Kahla, Andrew Johnson, Harry Hughes and others attended the Commissioners Court to present the petitions.

Bud Rice reports he called for Constable Joe Faggard the other day and was told he was busy and had more business than he could take care of. Bud claimed he went up to see wha was keeping Joe so busy and caught him with his feet up on the desk reading The Beach Triton.

Jerry Starke is a drummer with Sly and the Family Stone. This group has a record out called "Family Affair" and an album, "There's a Riot Going On."



ZAM FAGGARD HAS RE-OPENED THE FAGGARD ENCO SERVICE STATION IN GILCHRIST. FAGGARD IS A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF GILCHRIST AND PLANS TO RAISE HIS FAMILY THERE. THE STATION WILL HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK OF ENCO PRODUCTS. ZAM WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL HIS FRIENDS TO STOP BY AND SEE HIM AT THE RED WHITE AND BLUE STATION IN GILCHRIST.

Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
January 1972

Direct dialing came to Bolivar Peninsula on December 19, 1971.

Crystal Beach Town Marshal, Joe Willis, indicated that series of break-ins, vandalism and robberies had ceased following the arrest of Timmy W. Williams, 19, of Florida. Willis reported more than twenty beach houses vandalized during the week of January 11.

Avi Lou Faggard and Ray Lee Dubois were married in High Island on December 29.

The Crystal Beach town council has placed an open discussion of a proposed sales tax on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Estelle Scott of Estelle's Harbor Lounge in Gilchrist said everyone had a great time New Year's Eve.

The coastal tanker, Halcyon Sun, went around about 100 yards from Black's Pier in High Island. It was reported that the vessel "lost its steering". Just a few more feet and Judge Richard Black, who owns the pier would have 'lost his pier'. The Glen Sanfords, who have the Bar-B-Que place next to the pier took the whole thing in stride. Glen said they have had helicopters land on the beach so the occupants could have a cup of coffee and a sandwich, and they've fed the passengers from stranded boats, so why not a tanker?

"We've met the enemy and he is us." Thus, said the councilman who really knew what he was talking about.

Petitions were circulated on the beach during December and reportedly gather over 800 signatures in a short time. The signed

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George Jetson's Landfill

Mack Hall

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All of this plastic and electronic junk was promised to us as The Future in capital letters, the solution to all our educational, economic, and cultural problems, the Jetsons™® come home to us at last.

Now all that stuff is landfill, the same old human problems of food, clothing, shelter, and peace still obtain, and there is not a Jetsons™® or Star Wars™® rocket sled to be had.

In my desk-drawer landfill is an original 2009 Barnes & Noble Nook™®, no longer supported but for now still able to take a charge so that I can read all the free books I busily loaded while I could. When its battery or screen fails at last it will be useless because the books on board will be gone.

And then there is the Ipod™® on which are stored (CD to computer to Ipod) all my music which I can no longer play because the charger port decided it no longer wanted to charge, and which Apple™® orphaned.

Next to it is the FitBit™®, which motivated me to walkies like a good boy until its second Christmas, after which it, too, failed, and which FitBit™® won't acknowledge.

Spinning in the wind outside my window is the La Crosse™® rain and wind gauge, which also survived only two years and which now sends only lines to the screen inside the house. It was a booger to coax into working in the first place, and now that it has winked out the tech support at La Crosse™® doesn't do tech support. There's a YouTube™® on the subject which I'm going to try.

Someday your grandchild will be proud to own your well-worn but still sturdy made-in-the-U.S.A. pocket knife, and the 1939 Oxford Book of English Verse will still be printed on paper as real books, but all those little made-in-China plastic boxes that once upon a time lit up and made noise and called attention to themselves will be as long-gone as gentlemen's celluloid collars.

Hey, anyone for a rousing game of Video Pong™® or Space Invaders?™®

Happy 21st Birthday!
Kelly Murphy
January 6

Happy Birthday!
Betty Williams
January 4

Happy 15th Birthday!
Keegan Mason
January 25

Happy Birthday!
Morgan Alphonso
January 19

Happy 21st Birthday!
Austin Isaacs
January 13

Happy Birthday!
Harold LeBlanc
January 11

Happy 21st Birthday!
Caylin Crawford
January 6

Happy 21st Birthday!
Ethan McAlpin
January 4

Happy Birthday!
Casey Frey-Dean
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The Beach Bum says in the Texas Navy I am an Admiral; on my shrimp boat, I am a Captain; in the kitchen, I am Intheway.

The Beach Bum's wife says she has advanced to the 'cough until you pee' group, one cough and you've peed.

The Beach Bum says behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

The Beach Bum says a shrimper must be half preacher and half sailor because he is frequently seen walking around with a fractured boat part in his hand and shouting hell and damnation.

The Beach Bum says life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade, and try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party.



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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS AND ANGIE SCHEIBEL

Happy New year from The Beach Bloomers! Hope your holidays were merry and bright!

Galveston County AgriLife, sponsored by the Bolivar Beach Bloomers, next free seminar will be January 12, 9am-11am, at the Crystal Beach VFD, 930 Nobel Carl Dr. The topic is Backyard Citrus trees. Please plan on attending, the information they provide is excellent.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday January 2, Bolivar Beach Bloomers meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month 10:30am at the Joe Faggard Community Center, 1750 Highway 87, Crystal Beach. All are welcome and encouraged to come check us out!

You may be interested in the following links:

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

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

The Lazy Gardener Newsletter <http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1112503958110>

Monthly Quote: "God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures." – Francis Bacon

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

I had a request from a reader to write about container gardening. I have TOO MANY plants in containers! Most of these are meant to be happy campers in my landscape. My goal is to keep them ALIVE until I can set them free in the earth. Every now and then the roots from one of my captives will escape into the earth. I first notice how happy the plant looks then I realize it has made contact with the earth; no wonder it's happy.

I WILL have a few plants that remain in containers. Just a few because I consider container gardening higher maintenance than plants that thrive in the earth with little effort. A plant in a container is totally dependent on YOU. If you don't give them water they have no chance of getting it from the water table in the ground. Plants with a lot of foliage may not even get hydrated when it rains as water tends to roll off the foliage outside of the pot. Remember plants absorb zero water through the leaves. They only release moisture through the leaves. Make sure to water the SOIL. I use saucers under the containers to catch run through water and allow water to wick back up into the soil; especially helpful during the heat of summer. I also use mulch on potted plants. Mulch holds in moisture and adds nutrients to soil, just as it does for plants in the ground.

Plants outgrow their containers and require an upgrade in pot size or release into the earth. I spend so much energy upgrading pots I don't have time to get them into the ground. Once in the ground there is a natural ecosystem that provides nutrients for the plants. Plants in containers generally need feeding; by YOU. I don't use plant food unless the plant isn't looking healthy. Struggling plants are more susceptible to insects. MiracleGro is my go-to plant food. I usually have earthworms working for me in my potting soil. I read that MiracleGro is like putting salt on a slug to an earthworm so I am reluctant to use it on plants that don't need it. As a plant becomes root bound the need for feeding increases. I prefer an upgrade at that point.

Plants in pots are more vulnerable to heat and cold since the roots aren't below ground level. When freezing temps are expected make sure the soil is moist. Moist soil fairs better than dry! Protect as best as you can. Sometimes, south side, out of north wind is enough. For extended hours of freeze more protection is needed. Covering the plants will do little without a heat source. Even a light bulb can make a difference with covering. Remember if you go to great effort to protect plants from cold they still need sun and water. Might have to drag them in and out more than once. Hoping for no freeze this winter but be prepared; have a plan.

Ange Scheibel Texas Master Naturalist
Galveston Bay Area Chapter
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The Youth Giving Back to the Community that Gives to the Youth!

Steve Arthur

The youth from The Remnant Student Fellowship has been very busy this year. From Christian conferences, concerts, celebrating birthdays at Elise's Family Fun Center to going to the Houston Zoo Lights with family. And we can't forget about Hot Hearts and Youth Camp at 360 in Palacios, Texas. But the most rewarding of all of these events are when the youth gives to others on mission trips to Arlington, Texas, and especially to the people in there own community who invests in them!

The youth wants to give a special thanks for those of you in the community for believing in them by supporting them and giving of yourselves at the student fundraisers. This would include the Crabfest, the Thanksgiving pie bake sale, and other small fundraisers. Because of you they are able to, not only go to fun events, but they are able to give of themselves to others on mission trips as well as those here on the peninsula! What I mean is they were able to adopt a family for Christmas this year by purchasing gifts and wrapping them for the Ramirez family who had one of the most amazing Christmas!

Again, The Remnant Student Fellowship would like to thank everyone who participated in whatever capacity to help these kids grow in many ways!



The Ramirez family

Pictured from left to right back row: Rachael, Lacye, Mary, Hailey, Donovan, Joya, Ben, Henry, Zack, Chloe, Charlotte, Lukas, Mariana.

From the left front row: Ethan, Tyler, Destanie, Mason, Serinity, Madison. Not in photo: Colton and Devon.

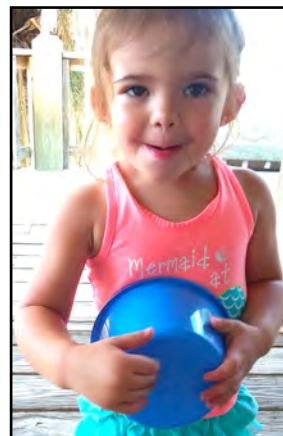
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Happy 3rd Birthday!
Emma Grace
January 28



Happy Birthday!
Kathy Hammond
January 23



Happy Birthday!
BB Wilson
January 5



Happy Birthday!
David Loop
January 2



Happy Birthday!
Christy Duhon
January 21



Happy Birthday!
Candy Spiller
January 23

Texas Crab Festival Announces 2019 Music Entertainment Schedule

The Texas Crab Festival has just released the entertainment schedule for the 34th annual Mother's Day weekend bash, featuring a "Who's Who" of Crab Fest favorites. The 2019 celebration of Gulf Coast style Music, Art and Crabs takes place May 10-12 at Gregory Park in Crystal Beach. Bring your lawn chairs and settle in for a full weekend of fun for the whole family.

The Texas Crab Festival features a carnival midway, crab gumbo cook off, RV and boat shows, coastal arts & crafts, and booth after booth of delicious crab creations, fresh local seafood and traditional festival favorites. Dive into the fun by signing up for the Two-Step Dance Contest, 5K/1K Fun Run/Walk, Washers and Cornhole Tournaments, or Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy exciting events like the Crab Races, Crab Legs Contest, and Wiener Dog Races as well as games, auctions, prize giveaways and great live music on stage all weekend long.

Friday, May 10



Paul Childers (7:45pm - 9:15pm) accepted our invitation to perform on the evening of his debut performance at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We literally spoke

to him as he walked off the stage. Blending Pop, R&B, and Soul, Childers is leading a new breed of singer/songwriters and guitarists. Hailing from Nashville, he finds a way to blur the lines cast between Stevie Ray Vaughn and Jimi Hendrix styles of guitar playing. He performed at the Grand Opening of the Songbirds Guitar Museum and has opened for Vince Gill and Robert Cray.



2013 Grammy Award Winner and Louisiana and Gulf Coast Museum Hall of Fame member **Wayne Toups** (10:00pm - 11:30pm) returns to the TCF stage with his unique brand of

Cajun, Zydeco, R&B, and Rock music. Wayne has toured the world but has always found a home here at Crystal Beach. He has long been dubbed "the Cajun Springsteen" or others simply call him "Le Boss". You won't want to miss his "Cajun fusion with a Rock and Roll attitude".

Saturday, May 11



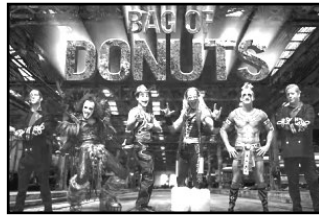
Full of grit, soul, and even some tenderness, **Tennessee Jet** (5:30pm-7:00pm) is one talented musician. Nashville based Tennessee Jet and his band play music

described as powerful, badass, and influenced by artists as diverse as Dwight Yoakam, The White Stripes, and Kurt Cobain. TJ McFarland was raised in Oklahoma with both parents rodeo performers. He is currently touring with popular acts Cody Jinks and Ward Davis. Tennessee Jet is no stranger to Texas with performances at Austin City Limits and the Woodlands in the coming weeks.



Texas Country Artist **Sunny Sweeney** (7:45PM-9:15PM) is the headliner for Saturday evening. Described as the quip that makes you laugh and the truth that makes you cry; she was

raised in Longview, Texas and pursued acting and comedy before taking her musical talents seriously. She has since built a tremendous following starting with the Music Capital of Texas where she was named one of Austin's most notable local artists. She was nominated in 2013 as the New Female Artist at the American Country Music Awards.



Back by popular demand, Saturday night ends with the New Orleans Party Band **Bag of Donuts** (10:00PM-11:30PM) with their flair for kabuki make-up and extravagant costumes. Welcome the

boys back for their cover songs performed in a style they have branded "Super Pop"; any song for any era. Now in their 31st year, Bag of Donuts delivers New Orleans traditions and ultimate showmanship to festivals from Texas to Florida. To quote the band, "It's like Mardi Gras all year long".

Sunday, May 12



Who did not fall in love with Sandy G and the Latin group from Houston **Sandy G Y Los Gavilanes?** (1:45PM-3:15PM) They are welcomed back as the Sunday afternoon

featured entertainment. Sandy and the band offer a high energy professional performance with a full brass section that will only have you wanting more.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of local volunteers and the generous support of our sponsors, 100% of the net proceeds from the Crab Fest go to fund support programs, scholarships and grants that help better the lives of residents of the Bolivar Peninsula. Since 2013, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Texas Crab Festival Charities has granted over \$300,000 to fund youth scholarships and camps, local schools, volunteer fire departments and various outreach initiatives.

The 2019 Texas Crab Festival is May 10-12, 2018 at Gregory Park, located at 2292 Highway 87, Crystal Beach, Texas. All-day admission is \$10 Friday, \$10 Saturday and FREE on Sunday. Kids 15 and under are always FREE. Parking is also FREE. For more information "like" the Texas Crab Festival on Facebook or visit www.texascrabfestival.org.



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Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 13, 2018

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; Steve Barnett; Wayne Turk; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President; Maria Skewis, Secretary; DJ Hutchinson

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

Others Present: Ted Moor

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 October 9, 2018 General Meeting: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Dennis Stafford to approve the October 9th meeting 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 October and found everything to be in order.

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments. Oath of office was administered to newly re-elected officers Dennis Stafford and DJ Hutchinson.

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 Trial Balance Report, Comparative Budget Report and the Account Balance Summary through October and found everything to be in order.
- 2) Review System Operational Reports: * District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water gain of 1% through October and a 3.4% water loss for the month. The water gain was due to draining and taking the south Highland Plant out of service for cleaning and

inspection. Five leaks were detected and repaired, * The District has 5034 active accounts through October. In October, 1 account was liquidated and 30 were shut-off for non-payment. * Total water sales for October was \$300,554.00 * Average monthly water bill for October was \$59.87 and the average water bill for 2018 is \$63.00. * Water pumped was 26.2M gallons and water sold was 17.2M gallons with a loss difference of 9.0M gallons. * There were 0 reportable accident/incidents for the month.

- 3) Review current infrastructure projects: * The District continues to provide information to the GLO regarding the new water tank and discussions are ongoing. * Developers of Pelican Point subdivision are continuing to implement their infrastructure project. * TX Dot's project to elevate and relocate highway 124 and 87 intersection has buried the District's twenty inch main water line under eight feet of asphalt. Additional research and discussion with principal parties on potential solutions are continuing.
- 4) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available.
- 5) Personnel: Hired 2 meter readers. 6) Finances: Net income for October is \$79,489.

Item 7 Consideration and possible action to approve Property insurance for 2018- 2019: A presentation by Ted Moor of Higginbotham on a property insurance proposal was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Steve Barnett to accept property insurance proposal with the addition of adding three generators. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action on Financial forecast: Dennis Stafford presented an update for District's financial forecast through 2038. No action required.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action on Investment Policy: Item tabled until December's meeting to allow review of current policy to reflect recent training information.

Item 10 Review and possible action on draft 2019 budget: A draft of the District's 2019 budget was provided to the Board for review prior to next meeting. No action required.

Item 11 Consideration and possible action to approve Employee Health Insurance for 2019: The Board reviewed insurance quotes for employee's health insurance premiums. The current health plan is not being offered by the insurance company. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Item 12 Discussion and possible action on electing new Board officers: Motion made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Dennis Stafford to retain current officers: Hollis Gassen as President, George Strong as Vice President, Chris Makin as Treasurer and Maria Skewis as Secretary.

Item 13 Executive Session: Meet in closed session pursuant to 551.074 Personnel The general session ended at 7:45 pm and the executive session began at 7:46 pm.

Item 14 Reconvene in open session: The executive session ended at 8:12 pm and the general session resumed at 8:13 pm.

Item 15 Consideration and possible action regarding Executive Session: No action required.

Item 16 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 17 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) Investment Policy review
- 2) 2019 Budget
- 3) Employee Health Insurance
- 4) Update on water line at 124 and 87 highway intersection
- 5) Update on water tower project
- 6) Update on LNVA discussions

Item 18 Set the date for next regular Board meeting for December 11, 2018

Item 19 Adjournment: A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by George Strong to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:19 PM.

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ROLLOVER PASS UPDATE

Motion denied; Reversed in Part and Remanded, and Memorandum Opinion filed December 21, 2018.

In the Fourteenth Court of Appeals NO. 14-17-00681-CV GILCHRIST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, Appellant

v.

COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, Appellee
On Appeal from the County Court at Law No 2

Galveston County, Texas

Trial Court Cause No. CV-0076026

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This appeal involves a condemnation suit brought by Galveston County against the Gulf Coast Rod, Reel and Gun Club (the Club) and Gilchrist Community Association (GCA). GCA challenges the trial court's judgment in two issues. First, GCA contends the trial court erred by concluding it lacked standing. Second, GCA contends the trial court erred in granting summary judgment in favor of Galveston County because Galveston County lacked statutory authority to condemn the property. The Club does not itself appeal the trial court's judgment but has submitted a brief challenging GCA's appeal. Galveston County moves to dismiss GCA's appeal for lack of standing. We deny the motion, reverse in part, and remand.

I. BACKGROUND

Rollover Pass is a piece of property on Bolivar Peninsula. In March 2016, Galveston County filed a petition in condemnation seeking to condemn the property. At the time Galveston County filed suit and for many years prior, the Club owned the property while GCA managed and maintained it. In its petition, Galveston County named the Club as the owner of the property. GCA filed a notice of appearance in the suit, claiming to be a tenant of the property.

The trial court appointed special commissioners, and GCA appeared at the special commissioners' hearing on the condemnation. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the special commissioners awarded the Club \$1,600,000 for the property. The special commissioners made no award to GCA. GCA objected.

After GCA's objection, on August 16, 2016, Galveston County amended its petition to include GCA as a defendant. The petition described GCA as "an entity which either owns, possesses, or claims some interest in title to the land described[.]"

On August 24, 2016, Galveston County deposited the amount awarded by the special commissioners into the court's registry.

On March 21, 2017, Galveston County filed a motion for summary judgment regarding its right to take. In a footnote, Galveston County noted that it disputed GCA's claim to any ownership interest in the property. Both the Club and GCA responded to the motion for summary judgment. On April 19, 2017, the trial court granted partial summary judgment on Galveston County's right to take and granted possession to Galveston County.¹ The value of the property had yet to be determined.

Subsequently, Galveston County filed a Motion to Require Proof of Standing or, Alternatively, to Preclude the Offer of Evidence ("Motion to Require Proof of Standing"). In the motion, Galveston County argued that GCA lacked standing to seek affirmative relief, or alternatively, should be precluded from offering evidence at trial. Galveston County asserted that GCA lacked standing because GCA had "no personal stake in the litigation at the time the condemnation was filed." In its reply in support of its motion, Galveston County prayed for the trial court to "dismiss the GCA as a party" after "find[ing] the GCA lacks standing." On July 21, 2017, the trial court signed an order granting the motion "in all respects," ordering that GCA "lacks standing in this cause, and in the event of trial, shall be precluded from offering evidence of any kind."

On July 26, 2017, Galveston County and the Club entered into an agreed final judgment in which the court found Galveston County was entitled to condemn the property and the Club should be awarded \$1,750,000 as compensation. In addition to awarding condemnation to the County and the settlement payment to the Club, the amended agreed final judgment stated that GCA was not entitled to any compensation for the taking of Rollover Pass because of the trial court's finding that GCA lacked standing:

See **ROLLOVER** page 33

Calling all Fourth Grade Students Join the Every Kid in a Park Program

KOUNTZE, Texas – Big Thicket National Preserve encourages all fourth graders to visit a park this year as part of the Every Kid in a Park program. This program gives fourth grade students, and those accompanying them, free access to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters. Visit www.EveryKidinaPark.gov to download the pass and obtain more information.

Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz said, "There are many things to discover at Big Thicket, and we're excited to welcome fourth graders and their families. We hope that our young visitors learn and have fun in the great outdoors and develop a lifelong connection to their parks."

The Every Kid in a Park pass – which features a new design for this year's students – is valid for a full calendar year starting September 1. The pass grants free entry for fourth graders and up to three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) to most federally managed lands and waters, including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and marine sanctuaries.

The newly expanded Every Kid in a Park website has links to educational activities, trip planning, field trip options, the downloadable pass, and additional information in both English and Spanish. After completing a fun, educational activity, the child can download and print a pass. The paper pass can be traded for a more durable

pass at participating federal sites nationwide.

Every Kid in a Park is a crucial component of a multi-pronged approach to inspire the next generation to discover all that our nation's public lands and waters have to offer, including opportunities to be active, spend time with friends and family, and serve as living classrooms to build critical skills.

Big Thicket National Preserve is located in southeast Texas, near the city Beaumont, 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.

For more information, please visit www.everykidinapark.gov and follow the program on Twitter @everykidinapark, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. For additional information about Big Thicket National Preserve, visit www.nps.gov/bithor call the preserve visitor center at 409-951-6700. Visit us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @BigThicketNPS.



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Bolivar Peninsula Christmas Bike Drive

William Comeaux

2018 marked the 20th year of our annual Christmas bike drive. It started in 1999 when peninsula resident Jack Harmon hopped from bar to bar collecting money to purchase bicycles for kids on the peninsula. He partnered up with our new Constable, Doug Considine, to deliver the bikes just before Christmas. The program was a hit. There were changes throughout the years to make the drive more efficient and effective, but the generosity of our donors was always constant. After many years of being handled by the Constable's Office, the program was turned over to Texas Crab Fest Charities, but the same people were still involved. It has been a great run, but after 20 years, I am turning the reigns over completely. I am confident that the Crab Fest Charities board will take care of this program and continue to make it grow. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars to provided thousands of bikes and countless smiles for our local kids. There are so many people to thank and I cant remember them all, but here are just a few that I can think of from over the years.

Jack Harmon, Constable Doug Considine, Chief Deputy Rodney Kahla, Deputy Marty Ermis, Deputy Richard Loftin, Deputy Chris Smith, Judge Pat Vondra, Judge Penny Pope, Sandy Elder, Stormy Barrow, Jennifer Jackson, Judy Livingston, Marian Sullivan, Susan Free, Brandi Best, Tom Osten, Georgia Osten, Sherry Morgan, Conrad Cooper, Talisa Comeaux, Danielle Perea, Academy, The Bolivar Chamber of Commerce and Texas Crab Fest Charities.

As someone new steps up to keep this program going, I ask that you continue to support them and the bike drive as you did with me and even more.

THE "FUNC" IN DYSFUNCTIONAL

Jan Kent

I don't sleep, I have a terrible time telling my mind to stop and take a break. I write notes, make lists, put my thoughts on paper, anything to clear my mind. I wake up in the night, I write and write. Next morning, can't read what I wrote, so a lot of good that did.

I, truly, understood Michael Jackson's quest for sleep.

Finally, I was given a prescription for Ambien, oh, yeah, I do love this little pill, even though I usually only take half of a dose. But, a few weeks back I took the 1/2 dose, and found myself wide awake for several more hours. I decided to take the other 1/2 dose and off I went to the most pleasant, deep sleep a body craves.

Usually, I am awake long after Gary goes to bed, but on this particular night, he was still awake.

I had fallen asleep in the living room recliner watching TV. Gary comes into the living room because he says I sound like I hurt myself and he grabs my toe and tries to wake me up. I'm not having it, just let me sleep.

He circles around me like a buzzard waiting on their feast, I would get a glimpse, take a sec and tell him to leave me alone. Obviously, I'm not as responsive as he thinks I should be.

He threatens me, he is calling 911 if I don't wake up, in my mind, I have told him I'm not waking up and do what you have to do, so he does.

Well, in a very brief while, I open my eyes and I'm surrounded by medics and five different people with their hands down my shirt, holding my hand, feeling for a pulse, shaking my toe.

I laughed and asked if we were having a party. I definitely felt like I was the 'party favor' with all the attention and handling.

After an EKG, slight conversation and having to stand up (should have taken a bow) to show my balance, I was finally left to sleep.

The next morning I have a slight recollection of the 'party' we had the night before, then I saw the stack of little EKG stickies and found a few on my body in hiding places, I realized it was true. Great Scott, Gary, can't even get a good night's sleep without scaring people.

That day I went to the doctor to see about changing by prescription from the Ambien since poor old Gary almost had a heart attack. I can still hear him saying, "I've never seen her like this." What? Asleep? Please!

New prescription says take 1 or 2 at night. I'm very careful about dosages. 9 PM I take one pill. Midnight, I take the second pill. 3 AM, forget this, I take 1/2 an Ambien.



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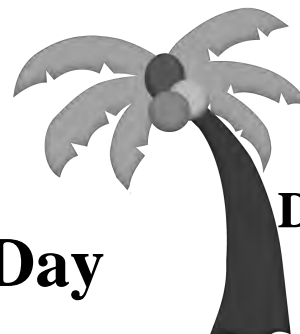
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What Were You Doing When You Were Nineteen?

Mack Hall

The late President Bush was a teenager when he enlisted in the Navy in 1942. He was selected for flight school and earned his wings despite being given mediocre marks by his instructors. When he was nineteen he was the skipper of a three-man torpedo bomber and flew over fifty combat missions in the Pacific against real Fascists who would have joyfully cut off his head.

Had young lieutenant Bush been snatched out of the water by the Japanese instead of the crew of the USS Finback after his plane was shot down, there are perhaps some, who never made the first day of recruit training, who would dismiss the memory of a young aviator tortured to death as that of a loser who got captured.

But 1942 was a busy time for teenagers, and one does not imagine that any young man was permitted to flake out on a couch, play games, be supported by others, and whine about the unfairness of life.

There were nineteen-year-olds serving as mount captains on warships, and other nineteen-year-olds who with new sergeant's stripes led other teenagers against the Wehrmacht. Nineteen-year-olds steered landing craft ashore against direct fire so that other nineteen-year-olds could take a beach, and often die there.

Lieutenant Bush was spared to return home, not to therapy and self-pity but to a lifetime of work. And so it was with the other young men who came home from the wars: no safe spaces, no coloring books, no emotional support squirrels. Seeing-eye dogs, though, all too often.

In our time there are still nineteen-year-olds in the military, and nineteen-year-old firefighters and EMTs who pull the wounded from burning cars and burning buildings, sometimes under fire from the local village idiot (who of course is a sensitive and misunderstood victim of meany-ness). There are lots of nineteen-year-olds even now who know death very well, and who also know how to save lives amid the chaos and racket of a firefight or a fire.

I am sure that when a nineteen-year-old man or woman gets off duty at the fire station or the emergency room after a long, hard shift of danger and of service to humanity, he turns on the car radio to hear some fat old man dismissing the nineteen-year-old's generation as snowflakes.

Well, okay, I was pretty snow-flakey.

When I was nineteen I was hopeless and clueless, and Texas A & M agreed and advised me to make fresh arrangements for my future.

Shortly thereafter I was in recruit training being called – bellowed, really – insensitive things by some mean old man (who was probably around thirty-five). I used to joke that if my mama could hear what he was yelling at me she'd certainly have some things to say to him about how he was treating her little boy.

But the reality is that my mother had been a war-widow at nineteen after her young husband's oiler, the Muskogee, was torpedoed off the Carolinas in 1942. Given how callow I was at nineteen, she would have probably suggested to CPO Davison that he was being entirely too nice to us lads.

What does someone do at nineteen?

Happy Birthday! Jj Wray January 23	Happy Birthday! Kelli DeMoss January 25	Happy Birthday! Marc Neichoy January 22	Happy Birthday! Cynthia Guidry January 3
Happy Birthday! Vivian Conner January 6	Happy Birthday! Varla DeMoss January 15	Happy Birthday! Christy Duhon January 21	Happy Birthday! Chris Barrow January 18
Happy Birthday! Laken Simmons January 10	Happy Birthday! Mildred Fountain January 1	Happy Birthday! Keith Zahar January 19	Happy Birthday! Kyle Rodriguez January 3
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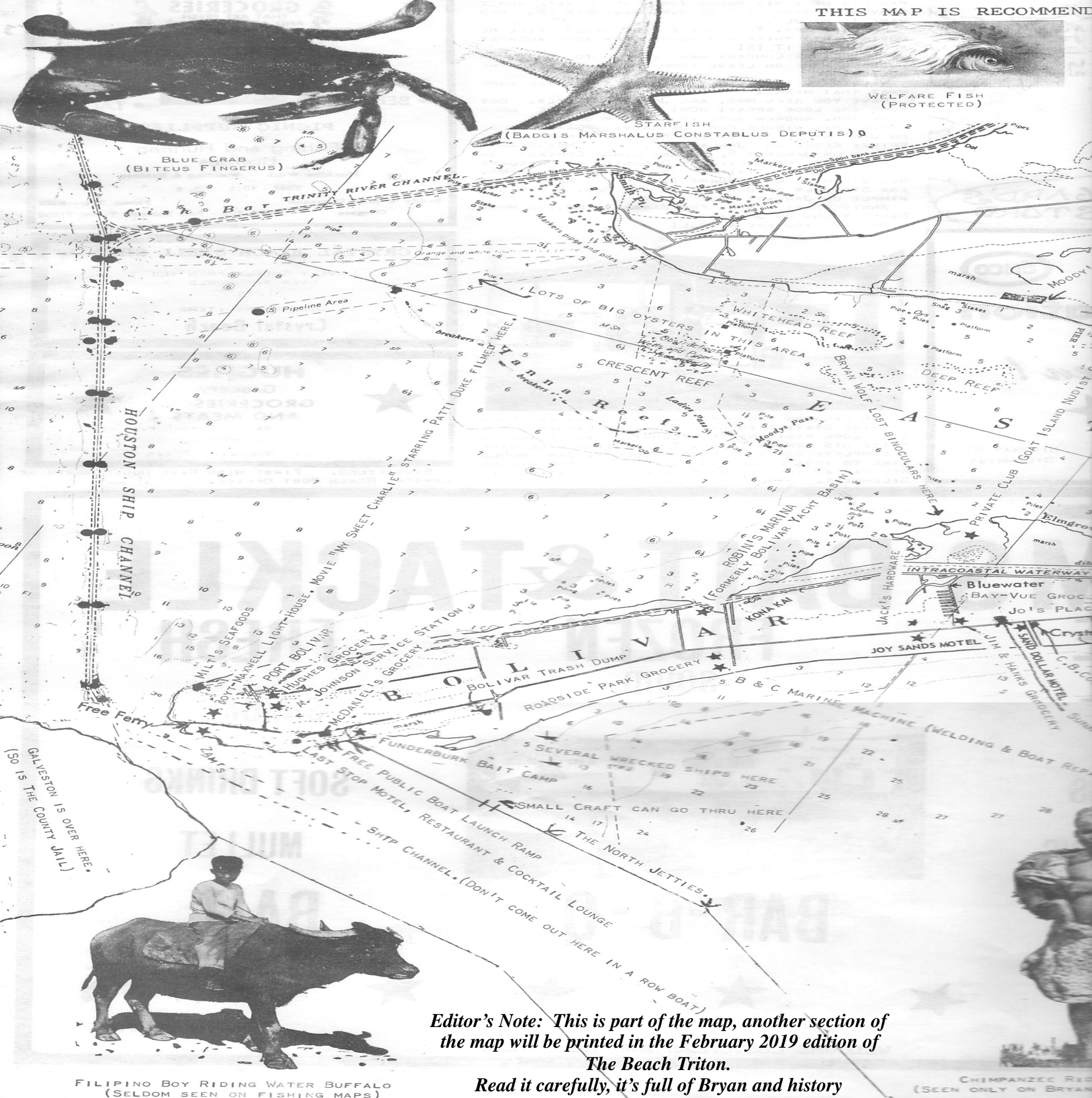
Bryan Wolf's Famous Map

(This map was printed in the January 1972 issue of The Beach Triton)

THIS MAP IS RECOMMEND



WELFARE FISH (PROTECTED)



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STARFISH (BADGIS MARSHALUS CONSTABLUS DEPUTIS)

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GALVESTON IS OVER HERE.
(SO IS THE COUNTY JAIL)



FILIPINO BOY RIDING WATER BUFFALO (SELDOM SEEN ON FISHING MAPS)

Editor's Note: This is part of the map, another section of the map will be printed in the February 2019 edition of The Beach Triton.

Read it carefully, it's full of Bryan and history

CHIMPANZEE RID (SEEN ONLY ON BRYAN)



FOE #3719 Crystal Beach

Bill Agnew

As the year winds down, we, at the Eagles, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. December is a fun month for us because every year we have Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause for the local kids to meet. They hand out presents to the children who show up, and are provided food and drinks. It is a big deal for us and it is something that we will continue to do every year. A big thank you goes to all the ladies who took the time to wrap all of the presents and for all of our members who donated presents for the kids.

On December 16, we had our annual "White Elephant" party, which is always well attended by our members and a very festive and fun evening. There is very spirited strategy by everyone to not only get the gift of their choice but to also be able to keep it. As you will see, we all got into the Christmas spirit, some more so than others!

We still have dart tournaments on Thursday and Friday nights, as well as pool on Saturday and Sunday nights. We have been drawing nice crowds, which means the winning are bigger.

On New Year's Eve, we will have Joe Mendoza and the Shuffle Kings starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 a person, \$25 a couple. It includes Midnight Supper, appetizers and party favors. We still have a lunch most Saturdays and we post on our Facebook page what we will be serving by Wednesday when we do.

From all of us at the Eagles, we hope you had a great Christmas and have a Great New Year!



White Elephant:
Dana
Dekerlegand,
Mark Liddell,
Robert Hoelzer



Darts: James Ferguson, Allie Pace, Billy Tomlinson, Robert Hoelzer, Dana Dekerlegand, Mark Liddell, Lisa Dietch-Day, Kathy Woods, Anna Liddell, Eden Simmons.



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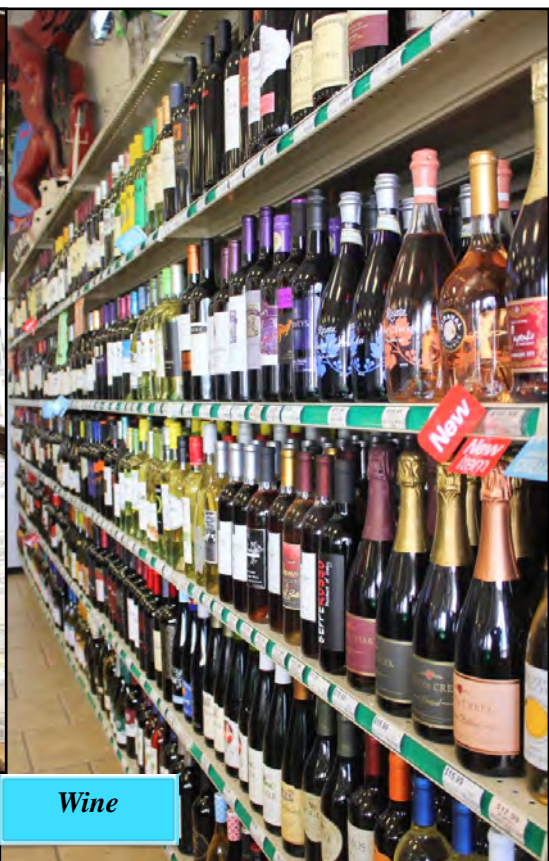
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Vince Brach is a semi-retired naturalist, writer, and science teacher who divides his time between Tyler, TX and his getaway on Crystal Beach. Vince earned his BS in biology from USC in Los Angeles and his Ph.D. from the University of Miami, Coral Gables. He has published over 100 articles in magazines such as Texas Highways, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and Highlights for Children. We hope you enjoy his monthly column for The Beach Triton, "The Seaside Naturalist".

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

Gobies - The Frog-Faced Fishes

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Whenever I am gathering oysters for a meal of oyster stew on the bayward side of the Bolivar Peninsula, I always make a point of examining any discarded sunken glass bottles that I find. Poured out slowly through a fine-mesh net, all sorts of interesting creatures come to light that had commandeered the bottle for a home. Snapping shrimps (*Alpheus* spp.), small crabs, worms, and even fish often take over bottles as if they were tiny caves. One especially interesting group of fishes that utilize these glass houses are the gobies (Family Gobiidae).

represented in our area by the Spotfin Goby (*Gobionellus stigmaphopus*), often share burrows symbiotically with alphaeid (snapping) shrimps. The shrimps, practically blind, do all the work of hollowing out their tunnels in the muddy sand, while the gobies keep a watchful eye out for predators and provide an "escort service" for the shrimps to make sure they do not lose their way outside their burrows.

Several species of goby, including the Neon Goby (*Gobiosoma oceanops*) are known to provide a "cleaning service" to larger fishes and will actually be allowed to enter the fishes' mouths to remove ectoparasites. Another species, the Yellowline Goby (*Gobiosoma horsti*) from the Caribbean and south Florida, is never found far from tubular and other massive sponges and is adapted to live in these strange, living mansions.

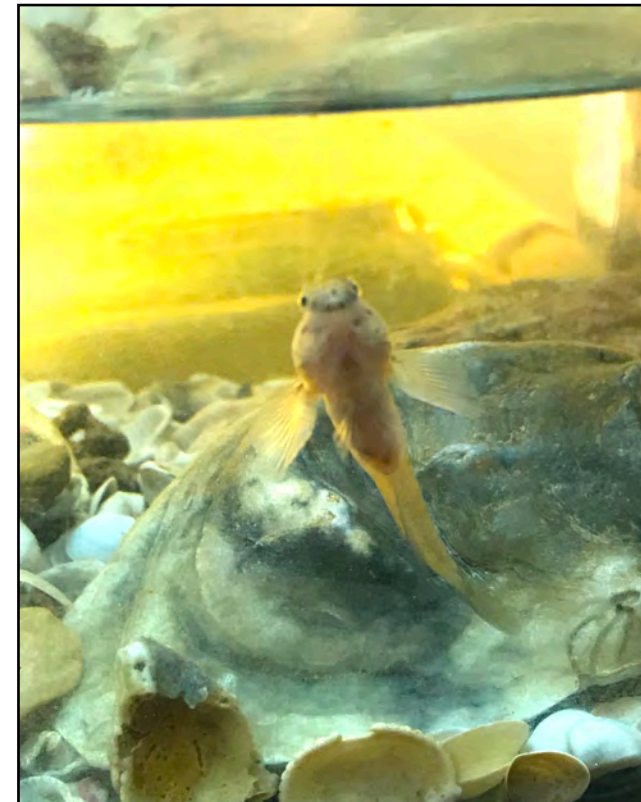
Of the dozen or so species of gobies commonly found in the northern Gulf of Mexico, I have personally collected only three: the Freshwater Goby (*Gobionellus shufeldti*), the Naked Goby (*Gobiosoma bosci*) and the Frillfin Goby (*Bathygobius soporator*). All three gobies are common on the mud bottoms and in the rubble surrounding low-salinity oyster reefs. The lower salinities of their preferred habitats should be reflected in their aquarium water. I use a 1:1 ratio of standard 1.025 specific gravity sea water to distilled or deionized water when keeping them.

With a bit of patience, the tiny Freshwater and Naked Gobies can easily be spotted by aquatic naturalists. If you sit in a chair at the bay's edge in very shallow water, hidden gobies of these species will appear after a while and begin to take up their normal activities as if you were not there. However, catching them is rather difficult, as they tend to dash to cover at the slightest movement. I have found that by making an umbrella net out of dark 1/8" or finer netting, laying this flat on the bottom and chumming with crab meat or broken shellfish, it is possible to get adventurous gobies to move out onto the netting. They can then be caught by pulling straight up on the net strings.

Another strategy relies on the tendency of these fishes to hide when their surroundings are disturbed. By using a large dip net as a sort of dredge, many small gobies can be caught inside their shell shelters. They can then be separated from them by emptying the dredged shells into a bucket of sea water.

Both Freshwater and Naked Gobies, as well as many other kinds, do very well in small aquaria with shelly sand bottoms

and mild aeration. Although they prefer tiny portions of chopped fish and oysters, they can be trained to accept flake tropical fish food in about a week.



Freshwater Goby attached to the glass by its sucker fin

The much larger Frillfin Goby reaches a length of three inches and will require a tank without tiny gobies, which it would probably eat. These fish are territorial and are probably best kept alone, although I have not experimented with this. A somber-looking species that most often shows three dark, distinct saddles set against a khaki-or greenish-brown background, the frillfin sports a curious frilled border along the forward surface of its pectoral fins. This interesting goby is happiest if it is provided with a cave-like retreat such as a curved oyster shell, from which it will launch attacks at any pieces of fish or shellfish that are dropped in front.

I have noticed that frillfins much prefer dark surroundings at first, suggesting that they are nocturnal or crepuscular fishes. However, with patience they can be trained to come out in the light when the aquarium cover is lifted during feeding. Mine adapted to flake tropical fish food within a few days, but small bits of earthworm, fish meat, and other more natural foods are certainly beneficial.

I would love to hear from any of you who have captured and observed any of our native gobies! My email address is vbrach@sbcglobal.net.



Face of a Frillfin goby

Gobies are an enormously successful group of largely marine fishes. They are found all over the world and are thought by many scientists to be the largest group of fishes. Many colorful tropical reef species are popular in the marine aquarium trade. A few brackish-water species such as the colorful Indonesian bumblebee gobies (*Brachgobius* spp.) find their way into freshwater tanks.

The goby "trademark" is a pair of fused abdominal fins that forms a sort of suction cup on the ventral side, allowing the fish to climb and cling effortlessly to smooth surfaces. However, aside from their fused abdominal fins and rather frog-like faces, gobies are enormously varied. In addition to their often beautiful coloration, gobies have interesting personalities and habits that endear them to aquarists. One group,

"IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS," AT THE BIG STORE!

Sparkles, snow and trees aplenty festooned Gulf Coast Market on December 15, 2018. The Big Store was ready for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Santa (Debbie Magliolo) welcomed children of all ages and handed out candy canes and pencil jingle bells. Destination was Santa's Winter Wonderland located inside, somewhat south of the North Pole.

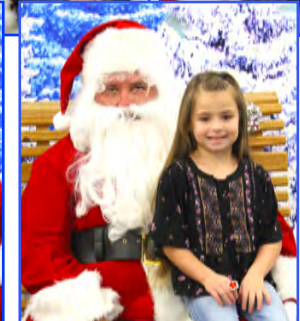
Santa Claus (Michael Stark) and his assistant elf Sparkle (Britney Stark) greeted all comers with hugs and gifts. While Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas" may be sad, the glowing blue trees of Santa's home and Big Store blue

shopping bags filled to the brim with myriad toys, including big stuffed animals, made visitors feel merry and bright. No sad faces here! People received even more gifts as they left Wonderland. Then they were directed to the cookies and punch bar run by Jo Della and Larry Netterville.

Guests climbed right up with Santa for a snapshot by store photographer Danny Norrid. Age was not a factor because just about everybody wanted a picture with genial old Santa Claus. Anna Malone drove all the way from Woodville just to have her photo made sitting on Santa's lap.

Winter Wonderland included many busy elves. Elf Shelley Harris was one who assisted in helping line up petitioners so that Santa could hear each and every request. Mr. Claus assured them that he had checked his list twice, and they were definitely on the Nice List.

Gulf Coast Market glowed with shiny and sparkling decorations. However, the big shine was on the face of each child, and the sparkle was in their eyes, as they exited. Thanks for another great time at The Big Store where it really was beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



JANUARY 2019 Galveston County Master Gardener Educational Programs for Interested Gardeners

The following December 2018 Master Gardener Programs are free to the public.

Unless otherwise specified in the individual event, location will be:

Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park

4102 Main Street (FM 519), La Marque TX 77568

GPS location: 29.359705,-95.003591

For course reservations, telephone 409-281-5065 or email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com. Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

GROWING BLUEBERRIES

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, January 12. ~ 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Galveston County Honorary Master Gardener Dr. David Cohen, an accomplished home-grower of blueberries by avocation and practicing physician by trade, will present this educational program. He has an impressive "blueberry patch" as part of his home landscape and has gained considerable hands-on experience with successfully growing blueberries under the Gulf Coast region growing conditions. Topics presented will include variety recommendations for this area, site selection and preparation, planting, spacing, fertilizing, and pruning requirements. Also, harvesting and understanding the problems and costs of growing blueberries in this region will be covered. Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque TX 77568; GPS location: 29.359705,-95.003591

BACKYARD CITRUS

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, January 12 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Robert Marshall's presentation will feature the following topics: variety selection of citrus trees that grow well in this area, root stocks, nutrients, diseases (citrus canker and citrus greening), insect problems, control of birds and critters, and freeze protection. Marshall has years of experience in many facets of growing and propagating citrus trees in this Gulf Coast area. Many of the citrus trees included in the presentation will be offered for sale as transplants at the Galveston County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale on February 16, 2019. Location of presentation: Crystal Beach Fire & Rescue, 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach TX.

KITCHEN GARDENING

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, January 19 ~ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Mary Demeny will present vegetable gardening in the backyard with an emphasis on gardening on a smaller scale close to the back door, as well as making use of inter-planting vegetables in flower beds and pots. Attendees will benefit from her 60+ years of experience with vegetable gardening. Bring a notebook as she will provide a considerable amount of practical information from her years of experience. Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque TX 77568; GPS location: 29.359705,-95.003591

"TEXAS TUFF" PLANTS

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Saturday, January 26 ~ 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Marie Leal's presentation will cover plants that grow well in our Gulf Coast area. Discussion topics will include how to choose healthy, hearty plants for your landscape, as well as planting and caring for them. Location of presentation: Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, TX 77550

HERBS FOR THE GULF COAST

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, January 26 ~ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardeners Nancy Langston-Noh and Briana Etie will present herbs that grow well in the Gulf Coast garden, growing tips, propagation, and uses. Location of presentation: Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, TX 77550

WEDGE GRAFTING

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, January 26 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Sue Jeffco will teach wedge grafting, a simple and easy grafting technique. Rootstock and bud-wood preparation, taping technique, after-care, and insider do's and don'ts will be included. This class will be entirely hands-on with plenty of practice time and one-on-one instruction. Tools and grafting tape will be supplied, but if you prefer, you may bring your own sharp knife and pruners. Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque TX 77568; GPS location: 29.359705,-95.003591

SAVE THE DATE for

GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday, February 16

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m. – Informational presentation about plants for sale

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Plant sale

Choose from thousands of plants adapted to the Texas Gulf Coast growing area. Volunteer certified Master Gardeners will be present to answer your questions. Customers are urged to bring their own wagons to transport their chosen plants. Location: Galveston County Fair Grounds in Jack Brooks Park – Rodeo Arena (large covered arena), Hwy 6 and Jack Brooks Road, Hitchcock, TX. For additional details and updates visit <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>



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Galveston Bay Foundation announces milestone: 850 tons of recycled oyster shells

Houston, TX – Galveston Bay has lost a significant amount of oyster reef over many years due to a combination of natural and man-made forces. To help restore the Bay's oyster population, keep our water clean, and provide habitat for aquatic life, Galveston Bay Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program collects shucked oyster shells from local restaurants and returns them to the Bay where they will form the base for new oyster reefs. The program, which began in 2011, recently reached an exciting milestone: 850 tons of oyster shells recycled.

"Instead of ending up in a landfill, the shells we recycle from local restaurants are returned to Galveston Bay where they can make a real difference for the health of our Bay," said Michael Niebuhr, Galveston Bay Foundation's Habitat Restoration Coordinator. "We're thrilled to have reached 850 tons of recycled oyster shells and to continue to grow this program to create an even bigger impact on Galveston Bay habitat."

All the recycled shell is destined to be put back in the Bay. To date, more than half of the recycled shell has been returned to Galveston Bay. This shell has been used in restoration projects big and small around the Bay. Most recently, a large-scale restoration project was completed in Dickinson Bay using 200 tons of the recycled shells. The recycled shells will not only become home to new oysters, but will also create fish habitat. In addition to large-scale projects, thousands of Galveston Bay Foundation volunteers have helped create 1,400 feet of reef utilizing the recycled shells at its Sweetwater Preserve in Galveston.

To learn more about Galveston Bay Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program, visit galvbay.org/oysters.

The Beach Bum walks into a bar and the bartender asks for ID. "You've got to be kidding," he said. "I'm almost 60 years old." The bartender apologized, but said he had to see the license.

The Bum showed his ID, then paid and told the bartender to keep the change. "The tip's for carding me," he said.

The bartender put the change in the tip cup.

"Thanks," he said. "Works every time."

Happy 20th Anniversary!
Chris and Evie Brindley
January 16

Happy Anniversary!
Ed and Ange Scheibel
January 11

Just as she was celebrating her 80th birthday, Nana received a jury-duty notice. She called the clerk's office to remind them that she was exempt because of her age.

"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," the clerk said.

"But I filled them out last year," she replied.

"You have to fill them out every year."

"Why? Do you think I'm getting younger?"



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CMR. BUSH ANNOUNCES 23RD ANNUAL TREASURES OF THE TEXAS COAST CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the 23rd Annual Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest. The deadline to submit artwork is Friday, March 1st, 2019. Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and should depict why the Texas coast is important or special to Texas students.

"The Texas coast is critical to our environment and ecosystem," said Commissioner Bush. "The 'Treasures of the Texas coast' children's art contest is a fun and educational opportunity for kids across the Lone Star State to learn about the coast and demonstrate their creative abilities. As a father and former teacher, I encourage young Texans, from kindergarten to sixth grade, to pick up their favorite art supplies and use their imaginations as they express appreciation for our coast's natural beauty and wildlife."

Commissioner Bush will select the grand prize winner. This year's grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two tickets to the Houston Zoo, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, prizes and a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Winning artwork will appear together in a 2020 calendar, which will be distributed across the state. The Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Program. The annual competition encourages Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned through their art.

Open to students in grades K-6 across Texas, the contest motivates thousands of young artists each year. Only one entry per student is allowed, and all entries must have a completed parental release form taped to the back. Parental release forms may be printed from the Land Office website located at TexasAdoptABeach.org. Each contest entry must be postmarked by Friday, March 1st, 2019. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Original artwork must be displayed on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2-inches by 11-inch paper. The size should not include a mat or border. Entries may not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the art. Three-dimensional art or artwork displaying logos, product brands and/or store names will be deemed ineligible. Artwork containing collages, computer printouts, photography, or photocopies are not eligible. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the front of the artwork in any way. Students are encouraged to color copy their artwork prior to submission- all artwork becomes property of the Texas General Land Office and cannot be returned. This year's contest sponsors are Royal Caribbean International, United Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, the USS Lexington and the Texas State Aquarium.

For more information and contest guidelines on the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" 2019 Children's Art Contest, please contact the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our website at TexasAdoptABeach.org. Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasAdoptABeach> or follow us on Twitter @TXAdoptABeach.



Drunks and Louts and Screammers (oh, my)

Mack Hall

If there are any stockings hung by the chimney with care in the Oval Office, they were surely blown askew last week by the circular temper-tantrums of the President, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. A life-like statue of harmless Vice-President Michael Pence was also present.

If junior high school students were to misbehave as badly as the leaders of the Republic they would be sent to the assistant principal's office for a reprimand.

The statue of the vice-president, however, would be taken for the new mascot and draped with a toboggan cap and scarf in school colors.

The cranky old people who reign and rule over us can also nyah-nyah at each other while high in the sky:

The presidential aircraft fleet includes (but is not limited to) two BUFF modified Boeing 747s. There is also a number of helicopters crewed and served by some 800 – yes, 800 – Marines (<https://www.airplanesofthepast.com/united-states-presidential-aircraft.htm>).

The vice-president has access to two modified Boeing 757s so that the president can say that his is bigger.

The Speaker of the House enjoys, by presidential fiat after 9.11.2001, access to military jets for himself or herself, staff, and family. The once and future Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, is well known for her sense of aviation privilege.

The Speaker of the House does not rate a government aircraft, only free rides on commercial aircraft. The current speaker

once indulged in the house privilege of calling a flight attendant a b**** (<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/plane-rude-sen-charles-schumer-refers-female-flight-attendant-b-word-article-1.436069>) for asking him to turn his me-phone off as if he were one of (harrumph) The People.

Officials of the Justice Department and other functionaries also enjoy access to luxury aircraft at your expense (<https://www.thoughtco.com/who-flies-on-the-taxpayers-dime-3321451>).

Generals and admirals, too, can snap their fingers (or at least their office phones) and summon planes and helicopters for themselves, their families, and their special friends (<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2012/06/25/generals-not-disciplined-in-misuse-of-aircraft.html>), (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-generals-demotion-idUSBRE8AD06620121114>), and (<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/petraeus-wife-holly-furious-affair-article-1.1200586>).

When commercial flying became popular in the 1950s and 1960s air travel long remained an occasion of decorum – men wore coats and ties, women wore dresses, gloves, and hats, and courtesy was a given.

Flying now is like being shoved into an old bus crowded with drunks and louts and screaming children. Given that Proletarian reality, government officials ought to give up the luxury aircraft and join us in cattle class – they'd fit right in with the other drunks and louts and screamers, and it would help the national budget.

Former Congressional Staffer Sentenced to Prison for Extensive Fraud and Election Crimes Scheme

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A former congressional staffer was sentenced today to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay \$800,000 in restitution, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for participating in a multi-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 campaigns for federal office.

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

Thomas Dodd, 40, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas by Chief U.S.

District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal. Dodd was also ordered to forfeit \$153,044.28 in illicit gains. Dodd pleaded guilty on 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. As part of his plea, Dodd admitted that he participated in a scheme led by former U.S. Representative Stephen E. Stockman, 62, who 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 Federal Election Commission, making excessive coordinated campaign contributions, money laundering, and filing a false tax return. Another of Stockman's former congressional staffers, Jason T. Posey, 48, of Tupelo, Mississippi, pleaded guilty on Oct. 11, 2017, to one count of mail fraud, one count of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering.

According to the evidence presented at See **TODD** page 28

Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

Here are a few simple party ideas that you can enjoy any time of the year.

BACON, EGG AND CHEESE MONKEY BREAD* (This can also be served as a breakfast dish)

1-16 ounce can refrigerated biscuits
4 tablespoons salted butter
6 large eggs
1/2 pound bacon
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons fresh chives

For sauce:

1/4 cup low fat mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook bacon and eggs; set aside.

Remove biscuits from package and cut into sixths.

Place biscuit pieces in a gallon size ziplock bag and toss with 4 tablespoons melted butter.

Add scrambled eggs, bacon, shredded cheese, and fresh chives to the bag and shake to distribute.

Pour mixture into a greased 6 cup bundt pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

While bread is baking, combine sauce ingredients in a small saucepan and heat, stirring, over medium heat until smooth.

Cool in pan 5-10 minutes, then use a knife or spatula to loosen edges.

Invert bread onto a plate and drizzle with sauce before serving.

*Ingredients listed are for a 6 cup bundt pan.

TACO PINWHEELS

1 package puff pastry sheets (where should be two)
1 pound ground beef
2 tablespoons Homemade Taco Seasoning (recipe follows)
1/4 cup water
1 large tomato, chopped
2 cups Mexican or cheddar cheese, shredded
1 handful chopped cilantro for garnish
guacamole, sour cream, ranch dressing, salsa for serving

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Allow the puff pastry to defrost on the counter with a towel over it.

In a pan over medium heat, add the ground beef and cook until almost completely browned.

Drain any fat and add the taco seasoning and water, stirring to combine. Bring the mixture to a simmer over medium heat and allow to cook for another 2-3 minutes or until thickened slightly. Remove from heat.

Sprinkle a little flour on the counter and roll the puff pastry in a rectangle. Repeat with the second sheet.

Spread the meat mixture over the top and sprinkle with tomatoes, then cheese. Starting with the small end, tightly roll into a log and seal the seam.

Using a serrated knife, slice into pinwheels and arrange on a lined baking sheet.

Bake at 375 for 10 minutes.

Remove and cool for a minute before arranging on a platter with guacamole, salsa, etc. for dipping or garnish them as you'd like before serving.

This is not a great recipe to make ahead of time or freeze.

HOMEMADE TACO SEASONING

7 tablespoons chili powder
1 1/2 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons oregano
1/8 teaspoon coriander
2 teaspoons onion powder
1 tablespoon plus 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
2 teaspoons fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon cayenne

Add all ingredients to a jar and shake or stir to combine.

Store in a dark, cool cupboard for up to 2 years.

Makes 1 small mason jar. Serving Size: 1 tablespoon

CHEESY CORN DIP

6-8 strips of bacon
2 - 15 ounce cans of corn, drained (or 3 cups frozen corn, thawed)
1 - 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
1 teaspoon salt
dash of cayenne pepper
1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
Tortilla chips for serving

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cook bacon in a skillet over medium heat until crispy.

Drain on paper towels, then crumble. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine half of the bacon, the corn, cream cheese, mozzarella, salt, cayenne pepper, and half of the chopped basil.

Mix well and spread into a lightly greased 8" x 8" pan, or round dish. Bake for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Remove from oven and garnish with remaining bacon and basil.

Serve hot with tortilla chips.

JALAPENO POPPER DIP

2 (8 ounce packages) cream cheese, softened
6-8 slices bacon, cooked until crispy and crumbled (You can use precooked bacon too)
1 cup mayonnaise (or sour cream or Greek yogurt)
4-6 jalapenos, chopped and seeds removed
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/4 cup diced green onion

TOPPING

1 cup crushed Ritz crackers
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Blend cream cheese until smooth and creamy.

Combine bacon, mayonnaise (or substitute), jalapenos, cheddar cheese, Mozzarella cheese and diced onion into a bowl. Stir well.

Transfer mixture to deep dish pie dish or 8" x 8" casserole dish. Spread evenly in dish.

In a small bowl combine Ritz crackers, Parmesan cheese and butter.

Sprinkle all over the top of the dip.

Bake the dip for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly.

NOTES

Serve with Ritz crackers or Wheat Thins as a dip or spoon some on to each cracker and serve.

If making this ahead of time, assemble the dish and refrigerate. Cover for 30 minutes prior to even and serve hot.

Serves 20.

CHERRY CHEESECAKE DIP

1 tub of Cool Whip
1 box of Jell-O No Bake Cherry Cheesecake
1 1/2 cups milk
honey graham crackers

In a large mixing bowl, mix the milk and cheesecake filling mix together for 3 minutes until stiff. Fold the tub of Cool Whip in. Refrigerate at least one hour.

To serve, place a big amount of the cheesecake mix in the center of a serving plate, then top with the cherry pie filling. Place the graham crackers all around the dip and serve

STRAWBERRY AND LIME MOSCATO PUNCH

1.5 liter of Moscato wine
1 can frozen limeade concentrate defrosted
1 cup strawberries diced, plus 1 cup strawberries, sliced
1 lime sliced into wheels
2 liter 7 Up or lemon-lime soda

Place a cup of diced strawberries and 1/4 cup if limeade in a blender and puree.

Run through a strainer to remove most of the seeds

Pour puree into a pitcher.

Add remaining limeade and Moscato into the pitcher.

Garnish with strawberry and lime slices.

Chill in fridge.

When ready to serve, pour punch into serving glasses, and then top each glass with 7 Up.

GALVESTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS DESERVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Call to Action

County Judge Mark Henry

This past summer, Galveston County was the victim of a scam that led to the wrongful payment of over \$525,000 of hard-earned taxpayer dollars. [See KHOU story on the scam] Commissioners Court hired an outside fraud examiner to do a complete analysis on not just how this happened, but why it happened. [Galveston County Approves Outside Investigation of \$525K Scam, Houston Public Media]

Earlier this month, the Commissioners Court received the final report and analysis. The report specifically stated that "a department or individual cannot be held accountable for noncompliance with processes that may not have been properly designed or that did not exist." The report continued, "a lack of understanding/training of these types of attacks, a lack of vendor information establishment/change validation processes and a lack of understanding as to which office/department had the responsibility for validation of vendor information...contributed to the accomplishment of the attack." In other words, the fraud examiner's report didn't blame one single department or employee because the lack of policies, procedures, and training in all departments involved contributed to the theft. The individuals in charge of the

departments that did not have the procedures, policies, and training in place were County Auditor Randall Rice and County Purchasing Agent Rufus Crowder - both appointed officials who are responsible to and answer to boards primarily made up of state district judges. To date no one has been fired, no one has been reprimanded, and no one has been held accountable. As your County Judge, I find this completely unacceptable and do not agree with this idea that since all the departments involved had culpability, then we can find nobody at fault or accountable.

I believe in fiscal responsibility and that is why yesterday in Commissioners Court, I called for the resignation or termination of Galveston County Auditor Randall Rice and Galveston County Purchasing Agent Rufus Crowder.] It is abundantly clear based on the facts and evidence that the lack of policies, procedures and training in their respective offices are directly responsible for the loss of over \$525,000 in taxpayer money.

To not have any clear policies or procedures in place on how to change vendor payments is a clear dereliction of duty. This is 2018 and electronic payments have been common business practice for

well over a decade. These two officials should have had protections in place far before this attack ever occurred. Neither of them report to Commissioners Court and unfortunately, all we can do is ask the boards that oversee these departments to do the right thing and vote to terminate them immediately.

The elected officials of this County were elected to protect the taxpayers, and now we must call on them to do what they were elected to do and fire the individuals responsible for losing over half a million in tax dollars. Therefore, I call on the public to contact the the boards in charge of these men and demand that they be held accountable and restore faith in the leadership of our county financial system. A list of the each board and the elected officials along with their contact information is listed below.

Note: I am one of the 5 members on the County Purchasing Board and will be asking for a meeting so I can cast the first vote to terminate the County Purchasing Agent, Rufus Crowder. However, such action will require a total of 3 votes.

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Rickey Thibodeaux

I know of two absolutes when speaking of Canker Adams, the old curmudgeon, who lived in the ramshackle house four blocks from where I grew up. Number one: he grew the sweetest watermelons in the county. And number 2: ghosts terrified him. And because of this, Stinky Sawyer, my old childhood friend decided to use these truths against the old, retired railroad engineer.

"Got an idea on how to get us some free watermelons," said Stinky.

I sighed. "If you're thinking about stealing melons from Canker again, count me out. We almost got our britches filled with rock salt last time we tried."

Stinky chortled. "Ain't gonna have to steal them. Cankers gonna give us melons. Sticky reared back on his heels, hooking his thumbs into his trademark bib overalls. If you ain't a scaredy cat, meet me at midnight by the twisted oak."

Against my better judgement and my parents' admonitions about sneaking out at night, I met my friend by the twisted oak at the midnight hour. Stinky arrived with a water hose slung across his shoulders and a large tin funnel in one hand. I recognized the hose as the one that hung on the outside of Stinky's house, which we used as a convenient thirst quencher on hot summer days.

After a brief walk, we soon arrived at Canker's watermelon patch, and Stinky went to work immediately on the water hose. He shoved the large funnel into one end of the garden hose. "I call it a mega hosa-phone," whispered Stinky. "I'm gonna set the funnel end in the watermelon patch, stretch the hose to that old ash tree and when I speak into this other end, my mega hosa-phone will amplify my voice. Sure as shootin', we're gonna have us some free melons."

I had faith in Stinky's invention, but not much confidence in what the outcome would produce, and I told my friend just that. He ignored my pontifications and set about propping up the funnel end against a fence post in the watermelon patch. The rest of the hose stretched far enough to reach the ash tree where we both took refuge in the darkness.

Stinky giggled. "You ready for free melons? Watch this." My buddy placed his mouth to the end of the hose and started moaning ghost-like. "Woo! Woo!" he said. "Canker step into your garden."

The door on the old house flew open, spitting out an underwear-clad Canker and his giant mutt, Rufus. "Who's out there?" hollered Canker, shotgun cradled in his arms. "Woof! Woof!" barked Roofus.

Stinky stifled a laugh. "Woo! Woo! It is I, the headless ghost. Woo! Woo! You must obey my every command," his words bouncing around a garden of ripe, juicy melons.

I could hear Canker's knees knocking over the mega hosa-phone's amplified ghost noises as he cried out, "Mr. Haunt, I'll do whatever you say. I promise. Just don't hurt me or ole Roofus."

Stinky whispered to me, "This is where I order him to give us free melons." Stinky jammed his mouth against the hose. His ingenious plan would have worked too if Roofus hadn't spoiled everything by hiking his leg in the direction of the fence post which held the maga hosa-phone funnel end. The dog's aim proved true and gravity did the rest. Stinky's next demand sounded like, "Canker, you must give every kid in town a pppptttt! pppptttt!"

Stinky jumped up, slammed into the ash tree, spit out a thick yellow stream of Roofus urine, regained his bearings and then scurried home. Abandoned by my friend and afraid of being discovered, I grabbed the patent pending mega hosa-phone and made my getaway with Canker's screams and Roofus' barks trailing me in the night air.

And because of this attempt at free melons, I know of two absolutes when speaking of that summer. Number one: Canker kept his promise to the Haunt. From that day on, every time a kid passed his house, he would stick out his tongue and give a Bronx cheer, sounding identical to the noise that reverberated from Stinky's mega hosa-phone. And number two; we never used that garden hose as a thirst quencher again.

C'est la pee!

TODD continued

at Stockman's 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 that 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 investigated the case. Deputy Chief Robert J. Heberle and Trial Attorney Ryan J. Eilersick of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Annis of the Southern District of Texas are prosecuting the case.



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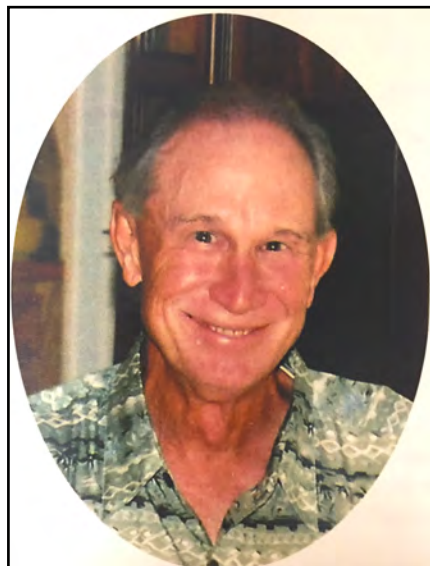
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IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Silverberg

(June 14, 1944 – November 24, 2018)

*All the world's a stage... And one man in his time plays many parts...
William Shakespeare*



I don't think anyone ever referred to William Shakespeare as Bill, but William Silverberg, who played many parts in his lifetime, had quite a few. Bill, Bubba, Bubby, Brother, and Billy to state a few. No matter the nickname, all agree that Bill, as a member of the Way Off Broadway Ensemble Players, strutted across a stage with great form and style. Of course, always supported by his lovely costar, Mrs. Talk To The Hand – Raquel Silverberg and first mate – Nathan Foreman.

Bill was a star from Biblical Joseph, through hapless Jubal ("Uh! Uh! Sheriff, I didn't mean to shoot the preacher. It was just an accident."), Fashionable Jubaldi ("Walk, the way I walk."), A Knight Of No Respect, Feckless Wyatt URP whose greatest

accomplishment was to not shoot himself in the foot, vain newscaster Ted Taxter who was more concerned about his hair than reporting the weather, and that sweet scarecrow who didn't think he had a brain in The Wizard Of Odd. A role that defined his abilities was that of CAP E TAN JEAN LAFITTE SPELLED L A F F I T E. The only Jean Lafitte to have trod the boards wearing sunglasses.

Yet while he portrayed many characters, the part he played best wasn't acting on a stage. It was the way he portrayed himself on the reality stage of life. Always a gentleman; funny, kind, generous, loving and giving anonymously to help others. Even now Raquel hears from folk whom he quietly aided during his lifetime. Oh, how we will miss him.

Yet, as the curtain falls on all these Oscar and Tony worthy events, his Oscar award winning local shows, a curtain is rising on his Heavenly stage. Family and friends who have been waiting for this performance are eagerly taking their places to enjoy his ethereal venue. And, there are reserved seats for loved ones who will later join him there.

Bill, by any name, thank you for the standing ovation life you lived. Well done. BRAVO! BRAVO!



CHRISTMAS JOY AT THE ARBORETUM!

"Music, love and laughter poured out!" Lead Organizer Gerry Lang summed up the 12th annual Bolivar Peninsula Community Winnie Arboretum Christmas program on December 8, 2018. Maria McMillen was present to lend a gracious helping hand to all. There were bells ringing, choirs singing, reindeer and elves dancing all over the place. That weather outside was frightful, but the joy inside was sunny and delightful.

Assistant planners Rita Moseley and Susan Shafer helped arrange this annual event. Gifted pianist Susan, along with the Bolivar Ukulele group, musicians and singers from Bay Vue United Methodist Church, Community Church and myriad peninsula volunteers, struck up the band and led Arboretum residents in song and dance. Pastors Kaye Sims and Valerie Hudson added their musical talents. Millie Coffee's lovely voice soared on solos. Anita Lynch and Rita Moseley (The Tapping Cousins) led others to hit the floor. L.B. Hunt provided uplifting percussion beats to bring out even more sparkle. Of course there were gifts for all.

While adults provided a grand show, I must admit that the young folk were the hit of the proceedings. Now, we older folk sometimes decry the youth of today. Well, if you had seen the fine youngsters from Community Church, you would have to change your mind. They were thoughtful, helpful, patient, talented and loving young people. Old eyes really did light up when they were near. If these kids represent our future, we need not worry.

Then what happens every Christmas show at the Arboretum happened again. When the inhabitants begin to sing, tap their feet and clap their hands to remembered carols, some special enchantment created a change in the dynamics of this event. It was the residents giving back to the performers. As the program continued entertainers and entertained inspired each other to new heights of joy. This magic carried singers down the hallways and into rooms to share Christmas happiness with those unable to attend the program.

Performers packed up their instruments at the end of the show. Excitement reigned as they compared notes. "Wasn't this one the best time ever?" queried each to another. They may not have been sure of that answer, but as always, they agreed on one item. The entertainers came to give a gift to the residents, but it was the residents that gave a better gift to the entertainers. It truly was a morning of Christmas Joy at the Winnie Arboretum.



CRENSHAW SCHOOL NEWS



January 8
 School resumes from Holiday Break
 March 11 - 15
 Spring Break
 March 20
 Student Early Release
 April 19
 Good Friday
 April 24
 Student Early Release

Crenshaw Middle School Basketball Schedule 2019

Jan 10	Collegiate Academy	5:30 PM	There
Jan 17	Odyssey MS	5:30 PM	Home
Jan 22	Austin MS	5:30 PM	Home

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- Treasurer: Cely

Important Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year

The Application Process will be accessible online and the link will be active on the dates listed below.

January 14 - February 15, 2019

Open Application Period - 1

The link will be made available on GISD.org on January 14th at 8:00 a.m. and will close February 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Who:

Current 4th graders requesting Austin Middle School

8th graders apply for High School
 The link will be active on gisd.org on January 14th at 8am and will close February 15th at 4:00p.m.

March 4, 2019

Notification:

Parent(s) receive school assignment by mail/email the week of March 4, 2019

February 25 - March 25, 2019

Open Application Period - 2

The link will be made available on GISD.org on February 25th at 8:00 a.m. and will close March 25th at 4:00p.m.

Who:

Elementary Application for students going into Kindergarten 2019-20 School Year

Current Elementary requesting to move to a different campus
 Current 4th graders applying for Central Middle School or Collegiate Academy ONLY

The link will be active on gisd.org on February 25th at 8:00 a.m. and will close March 25th at 4:00p.m.

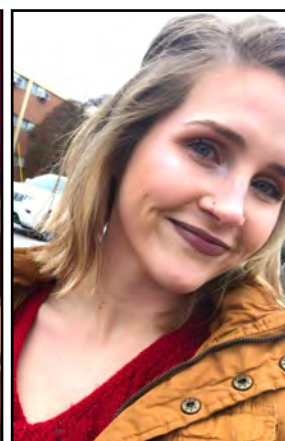
April 8, 2019

Notification:

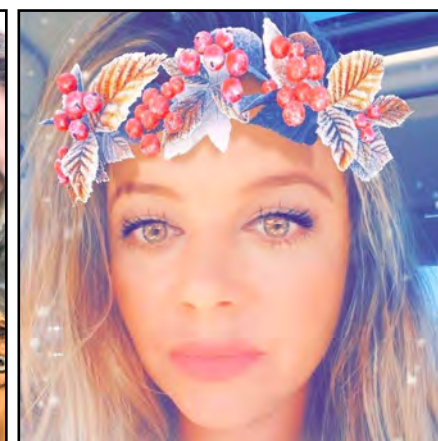
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in light of this Court's ruling on July ____, 2017 (sic), granting Petitioner's Motion and Supplemental

1 GCA filed a notice of appeal on April 25, 2017, seeking to appeal the trial court's partial summary judgment. This court docketed the appeal as cause number 14-17-00348-CV, but later dismissed the appeal because the partial summary judgment was unappealable as an interlocutory order.

Motion to Require Proof of Standing or, Alternatively, to Preclude the Offer of Evidence, and finding Defendant, Gilchrist Community Association, to lack standing in this proceeding, any claim by Defendant, Gilchrist Community Association, for adequate compensation for the taking in this proceeding; reasonable and necessary fees for attorneys, appraisers, experts, or other expenses; or any other request for affirmative or monetary relief of any kind is DENIED.

This appeal followed.

II. ANALYSIS

GCA argues that the trial court erred in holding that GCA lacked standing. GCA also argues that the trial court erred by granting summary judgment on Galveston County's right to take because Galveston County's "declared purpose of building a park was a subterfuge for assisting the [General Land Office of Texas] in closing Rollover Pass." Galveston County moves to dismiss the appeal contending this court lacks jurisdiction because GCA lacks standing to bring the appeal.

A. Standing to appeal

As a threshold issue, we must determine the matter of this court's jurisdiction. Galveston County's motion to dismiss GCA's appeal asserts that GCA has no standing to appeal because GCA does not have an ownership interest in the property at issue. This argument is without merit.

Generally, a named party to the suit can bring an appeal. See *City of San Benito v. Rio Grande Valley Gas Co.*, 109 S.W.3d 750, 754 (Tex. 2003). To appeal an alleged error, a party must show that the error injuriously affects it. *Torrington Co. v. Stutzman*, 46 S.W.3d 829, 843 (Tex. 2000). Contrary to Galveston County's assertion, ownership of property is not required to make this showing in a case involving property. *Id.* at 844 ("We held that Bi-Ed could 5 appeal despite the fact that it asserted no ownership interest in the property, reasoning that it had a 'justiciable interest' in pursuing the case. . . . This is in accord with our well-established rule that, to appeal an alleged error, a party must show that the error injuriously affects it."); *Bi-Ed Ltd. v. Ramsey*, 935 S.W.

2d 122, 123 (Tex. 1996) (plaintiff had standing to appeal judgment against it in action against city and owner of adjacent property for alleged wrongful obstruction of access to road on adjacent property, since trial court's judgment refused to grant any of relief sought by plaintiff).

Galveston County's contention that GCA has no standing to appeal because GCA does not have an interest in the property is one of the very issues that GCA appeals. To support its argument that the trial court erred by granting Galveston County's Motion to Require Proof of Standing, GCA argues that it has a justiciable interest in the property. This court has jurisdiction to review questions of standing and jurisdiction. *State v. Naylor*, 466 S.W.3d 783, 787 (Tex. 2015) ("We always have jurisdiction to resolve questions of standing and jurisdiction."). Because GCA is a named defendant in the underlying suit and because GCA appeals the trial court's standing determination against it, we reject Galveston County's argument that GCA has no standing to appeal.² We deny Galveston County's motion to dismiss and proceed to address the merits of GCA's appeal.

B. Standing before the trial court

2 We are likewise unpersuaded by the arguments of the Club and Galveston County that GCA lacks standing because the Club withdrew the condemnation award from the registry of the trial court. *Tejas Gas Corp. v. Herrin*, as well as other cases the Club and Galveston County cited in support of this proposition, states the principle that after the landowner has withdrawn an award from the registry of the court or advocated for its withdrawal, he cannot thereafter contest the taking. See, e.g., 716 S.W.2d 45, 45-46 (Tex. 1986). Courts have reasoned that the withdrawal or advocacy for withdrawal effectively constitutes consent to the taking. See, e.g., *id.* GCA neither withdrew any money from the registry nor advocated for the Club to withdraw the money. Therefore, Tejas and its progeny are inapposite.

GCA makes several arguments in support of its contention that the trial court erred by granting Galveston County's Motion to Require Proof of Standing.³ Because of the unique posture of this case, we need not reach most of the arguments raised by GCA.

Standing is implicit in the concept of subject-matter jurisdiction, and subject-matter jurisdiction is essential to the authority of a court to decide a case. *Tex. Ass'n of Bus. v. Tex. Air Control Bd.*, 852 S.W.2d 440, 443 (Tex. 1993).

We review standing under the same standard by which we review subject-matter jurisdiction generally. *Id.* at 446. Whether the trial court has subject-matter jurisdiction is a question of law that we review de novo. *Tex. Dep't of Transp. v. A.P.I. Pipe & Supply, LLC*, 397 S.W.3d 162, 166 (Tex. 2013); *Tex. Dep't of*

Parks & Wildlife v. Miranda, 133 S.W.3d 217, 226 (Tex. 2004).

The question of standing applies to a plaintiff or a party seeking affirmative relief. The standing inquiry "focuses on the question of who may bring an action." *Vernco Constr., Inc. v. Nelson*, 460 S.W.3d 145, 149 (Tex. 2015) (quotation omitted); see *Lazarides v. Farris*, 367 S.W.3d 788, 796-97 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2012, no pet.) (same); see also *Lewis v. Aurora Loan Servs., No. 01-15-00362-CV*, 2016 WL 887176, *3 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Mar. 8, 2016, no pet.) (mem. op.) ("The defendants are not the plaintiffs in this case.

3 First, GCA argues that it had a justiciable interest in the condemnation of Rollover Pass because before the condemnation suit commenced, it had "provided supervision over the property." Second, GCA states that many of its members "had property or livelihoods which depended, in some degree, on the continuing success of Rollover Pass as a public attraction." Third, GCA suggests that it may have associational standing as a "public interest group." Fourth, GCA argues that Galveston County's standing argument is precluded by estoppel. GCA complains that Galveston County raised its standing argument "after the GCA had participated in the litigation for about a year, with the tacit approval of the County." GCA points out that in Galveston County's First Amended Petition, the County identified the GCA as a defendant. Finally, GCA asserts standing as a leaseholder of a Rollover Pass. *Lewis is*. Thus, the issue is not whether defendants have standing to maintain this action.").

Condemnation of private property involves a two-part process prescribed in sections 21.012 through 21.016 of the Texas Property Code. *Tex. Prop. Code Ann. § 21.011* (West 2018). During the first phase, the party seeking condemnation initiates an administrative proceeding by filing a petition for condemnation in the trial court. *Tex. Prop. Code Ann. § 21.012* (West 2018); *Hubenak v. San Jacinto Gas Transmission Co.*, 141 S.W.3d 172, 179 (Tex. 2004); *Amason v. Nat. Gas Pipeline Co.*, 682 S.W.2d 240, 241 (Tex. 1984). Once a petition is filed, the trial court appoints three disinterested individuals as special commissioners to assess the damages. *Tex. Prop. Code Ann. § 21.014* (West 2018). The special commissioners conduct a hearing to determine the amount of damages. *Tex. Prop. Code Ann. § 21.015* (West 2018). If either party files objections to the special commissioners' award,⁴ "the . . . award is vacated and the administrative proceeding converts into a normal pending cause in the court with the condemnor as plaintiff and the condemnee as defendant." *Amason*, 682 S.W.2d at 242. In the judicial proceeding, the burden of proof regarding the right to take is generally on

4 Only "owners" are entitled to share in condemnation award. See *Tex. Prop. Code Ann. § 21.042* (West 2018) (referring to property owners as those entitled to compensation). However, the See **ROLLOVER** page 34

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term "owner" is broadly defined in the eminent domain context. The term "owner," as used in the statutes governing eminent domain, embraces not only the owner but also a tenant for life, a lessee for years, and any other person who has an interest in the property that will be affected by the condemnation. *Houston North Shore Ry. Co. v. Tyrrell*, 98 S.W.2d 786, 793 (Tex. 1936) ("The term 'owner' as used in condemnation statutes, embraces not only the owner of the fee but a tenant for life, a lessee for years, and any other person who has an interest in the property that will be affected by the condemnation."); see *Elliott v. Joseph*, 351 S.W.2d 879, 884 (Tex. 1961) ("The term 'owner' in this sense includes a lessee for years as well as any other person who has an interest in the property."); *State v. Fiesta Mart, Inc.*, 233 S.W.3d 50, 55 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2007, pet. denied) ("Unless a contrary provision exists in the lease agreement, a lessee is entitled, as a matter of law, to share in a condemnation award when part of its leasehold interest is lost by condemnation.")

the condemnor, while the burden to prove the value of condemned property is on the condemnee. *Religious of Sacred Heart of Tex. v. City of Houston*, 836 S.W.2d 606, 613 (Tex. 1992).

We conclude that because GCA is the defendant in this condemnation cause of action, GCA is not required to establish standing. As the plaintiff, condemnor Galveston County, not the defendant condemnee GCA, sought affirmative relief in the court below. Galveston County amended its petition to add GCA as a defendant, and Galveston County asserts that GCA is bound by the trial court's resulting judgment that GCA has no leasehold interest in the property and is not entitled to compensation. Thus, there was a real controversy between Galveston County and GCA regarding whether GCA had a compensable interest in the property, and that controversy was actually determined by the relief Galveston County sought and obtained from the trial court. See *Austin Nursing Ctr., Inc. v. Lovato*, 171 S.W.3d 845, 849 (Tex. 2005) (explaining these two requirements for standing). GCA did not intervene in the suit or file any counterclaim. Other than a motion for new trial, GCA did not file any motion for affirmative relief.

Galveston County argues, "when a condemnation case reaches the compensation stage, a party nominally called a Defendant becomes more like a Plaintiff." We disagree that this observation affects the standing analysis. As a condemnee, GCA filed objections to the special commissioners' award and GCA had the burden to prove the amount of adequate compensation for the taking. *Religious of Sacred Heart of Tex.*, 836 S.W.2d at 613. However, neither its objections nor the shifted burden converted GCA into a plaintiff. See *Collin Cty. v. Hixon Family P'ship, Ltd.*, 365 S.W.3d 860, 866–68 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2012, pet. denied) (holding neither objections nor shifting of burden to prove adequate compensation causes condemnee to become plaintiff in trial court) (citing *Denton 9 Cty. v. Brammer*, 361 S.W.2d 198, 200 (Tex. 1962)); see also *Duncan v. Calhoun Cty. Navigation Dist.*, 28 S.W.3d 707, 709 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2000, pet. denied) (holding that issues of "right to take" and "just compensation" are components of single, indivisible condemnation cause of action). If GCA failed to carry its burden to prove it had a compensable leasehold interest, the consequence would be a binding judgment that GCA is not entitled to compensation from Galveston County, not a dismissal of Galveston County's suit against GCA for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. Galveston County cannot have it both ways.

Moreover, even if GCA could be analogized to a plaintiff, its failure to prove entitlement to compensation would not deprive the court of subject-matter jurisdiction. See *Dubai Petroleum Co. v. Kazi*, 12 S.W.3d 71, 76–77 (Tex. 2000) ("The right of a plaintiff to maintain a suit, while frequently treated as going to the question of jurisdiction, has been said to go in reality to the right of the plaintiff to relief rather than to the jurisdiction of the court to afford it." (quoting 21 C.J.S. Courts § 16, at 23 (1990))); *Mitchell v. Turbine Res. Unlimited, Inc.*, 523 S.W.3d 189, 197 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017, pet. denied) (holding that whether property belongs to party is question going to merits of court's order, not court's jurisdiction). For these reasons, the trial court erred by determining that GCA lacked standing.

Galveston County points to the decision of this court in *Mayberry v. Kinder Morgan Crude & Condensate, LLC*, No. 14-16-00523-CV, 2018 WL 456709 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Jan. 18, 2018, pet. denied) (mem. op.), as a case where this court determined that a condemnee lacked standing. In *Mayberry*, *Mayberry* himself (the condemnee) asserted in trial court filings that he had no interest in the property being condemned. *Id.* at *2–3. *Mayberry* also asserted in various trial court filings that the court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case because he was the 10 "wrong defendant." *Id.* at *3. As such, *Mayberry* judicially admitted he was not a proper party to the case. Nonetheless, the case was called to trial and *Mayberry* was permitted to testify regarding his ownership interest in the property at issue before a determination was made with respect to his "standing." *Id.* The trial court signed a final judgment only after hearing evidence at trial. The judgment stated that *Mayberry* failed to meet his burden to prove that he had an ownership interest in the property. *Id.* Although this court ultimately held that *Mayberry* lacked "standing" because he had no compensable interest in the See **ROLLOVER** page 35

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property at issue, the holding was based on Mayberry’s judicial admissions and his failure at trial to establish any ownership interest in the property. Id. at *4–5; see also id. at *1 (“Because we conclude that Mayberry lacks an ownership interest in the condemned property, we affirm the trial court’s judgment.”). As such, Mayberry does not properly support Galveston County’s assertion that a condemnee has the burden to establish standing, much less that its failure to do so deprives the court of subject-matter jurisdiction yet does not prevent the court from issuing a judgment binding the condemnee. We decline to extend Mayberry to support such holdings, which would be contrary to the decisions cited above.

Even if a condemnor could properly assert a condemnee lacks standing to participate in a condemnation suit initiated by the condemnor, a condemnor’s right to dismiss a condemnation proceeding is generally limited after the condemnor has taken possession of the property. *Hooks v. Fourth Court of Appeals*, 808 S.W.2d 56, 60 (Tex. 1991). After a condemnor takes constructive or actual possession of a property, the condemnor may dismiss the condemnation proceeding only if the owner is not prejudiced or harmed as a result. Id. at 60–61; see *Fort Worth Concrete Co. v. State*, 400 S.W.2d 314, 315–17 (Tex. 1966) (rejecting request for dismissal of party based argument that party had no interest in land sought to be 11 condemned where condemnor had already taken possession); see also *Mount Vernon United Methodist Church v. Harris Cty.*, No. 14-16-00590-CV, 2017 WL 1512251, *2 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Apr. 25, 2017) (mem. op.) (quoting *Fort Worth Concrete*, 400 S.W.2d at 317, and applying its principles to a lienholder).

Here, it is undisputed that Galveston County deposited the commissioner’s award into the court registry and thereby gained constructive possession of the property. See *Hooks*, 808 S.W.2d at 61. Whether GCA was prejudiced by Galveston County’s constructive taking is a factual matter the trial court did not address. See id. For this reason and because GCA is not the plaintiff in this action and seeks no affirmative relief other than the “just compensation” that is part and parcel of Galveston County’s condemnation cause of action, the trial court erred by granting Galveston County’s Motion to Require Proof of Standing. We sustain GCA’s first issue.

C. Summary judgment on right to take

GCA’s second issue challenges the trial court’s ruling on Galveston County’s motion for partial summary judgment on the “right to take.” Analysis of this issue is premature. Galveston County argues GCA waived the issue “because it was never raised in response to the County’s summary judgment motion on the right to take.” However, the motion for partial summary judgment was not clearly asserted against GCA.

At oral argument, counsel for Galveston County took the position that the motion was asserted against both defendants. In its partial motion for summary judgment on the “right to take,” however, Galveston County took the position that GCA had no ownership interest in the property. In a few instances in the motion, Galveston County referred to “Defendants,” plural, but the motion was based on 12 the landowner’s inability to show fraud, bad faith, or arbitrary and capricious acts, and Galveston County did not acknowledge, or even argue in the alternative, that GCA was a landowner. Instead, Galveston County relied upon its Motion to Require Proof of Standing to eliminate GCA from the case. Although GCA joined the Club’s response to the partial motion and other related briefing, it is not clear that the trial court ruled on Galveston County’s right to take the property from GCA.

We conclude that in this circumstance, the appropriate course is to remand the case to the trial court for further proceedings. See *Associated Air Ctr. v. Tary Network Ltd.*, No. 05-13-00685-CV, 2015 WL 970664, at *7 (Tex. App.—Dallas Mar. 4, 2015, no pet.) (mem. op.) (“As long as there is a probability a case has for any reason not been fully developed, an appellate court has the discretion to remand rather than render a decision.”); see also *United States Fire Ins. Co. v. Carter*, 473 S.W.2d 2, 3 (Tex. 1971) (holding remand is appropriate when a case, for any reason, has not been fully developed); *Scott Bader, Inc. v. Sandstone Prods., Inc.*, 248 S.W.3d 802, 822 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2008, no pet.) (same); *De Monet v. PERA*, 877 S.W.2d 352, 361 (Tex. App.—Dallas 1994, no writ) (“Addressing . . . independent grounds not considered by the trial court usurps the trial court’s authority to evaluate and rule on issues before it and denies the appellate court the benefit of the trial court’s decision.”).

On remand, Galveston County will have a full and fair opportunity to assert its claims regarding GCA’s ownership interests, or lack thereof, on summary judgment and, if necessary, its right to take with respect to GCA. We think this result best comports with the interest of justice. See Tex. R. App. P. 43.3(b).

III. CONCLUSION

We reverse the trial court’s order granting Galveston County’s Motion to Require Proof of Standing and reverse its judgment as to GCA. We remand the case to the trial court for further proceedings.

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

The Beach Bum says if women ruled the world there would be no wars. Just a bunch a jealous countries not talking to each other.

The Beach Bum says relationships are like fat people. Most of them don’t work out.

The Beach Bum says when I was young, old people at weddings always poke me and say “you’re next”. So I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

The Beach Bum says we are all here on each to help others; what on earth the others are here for, I don’t know.

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It's been said that a person isn't a local until they have been through at least three winters here. Work grinds to a halt for most locals during this time. Construction jobs all but stop, as well as all tourism related jobs, such as bar and restaurant work, beach house rentals, and cleaning services, to name a few. Businesses cut back to wintertime hours. Hell, even the fishing sucks after the flounder run.

Oh, but the glorious beach combing! Sand dollars are abundant for the next couple of months, especially between the old piers in Gilchrist.

On the days when the north wind has the tide at an extreme low, giant conch shells can be found in the mud slews between the freshly exposed sand bars, with only the tip of the shell exposed while the rest of it hides in the mud. These giant treasures can be found from the orange octagon house in Gilchrist, to beyond the curve in High Island.

The low tides are also a shark tooth hunters dream, with newly exposed gravelly shell beds as far as the eye can see. From Cade road in Caplan, to behind Shell oil is always a favorite place to hunt.

Neighbors tend to visit more in the winter, checking on each other, sharing that big pot of chili.

Heaven forbid we get a freeze, everyone's calling the other to see if their pipes had froze or burst.

The quiet of it all in the winter is priceless. It's comforting. The only real traffic on hwy 87 is the couple of minutes that the ferry traffic comes through.

Shopping here in winter can be like attending a family reunion. There's not many people in our stores, yet we know them all, and we take the opportunity to catch up with each others lives on aisle 3.

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The mosquitoes wear scarves and mittens while swarming.

Ah, wintertime on the beach!

The Beach Bum asked his fishing buddy if he had any bites today? His buddy replied, "Twenty-six mosquitoes and one fish!"

The Beach Bum says mosquitoes are an insect that make you like flies better!

The Beach Bum says when you really want to slap someone, just do it and then say, "Mosquito!"

The Beach Bum says if you think you are too small to make a difference try to sleep in a closed room with a mosquito.

The Beach Bum's wife says I wish I lived in a world where mosquitoes would suck fat instead of blood.

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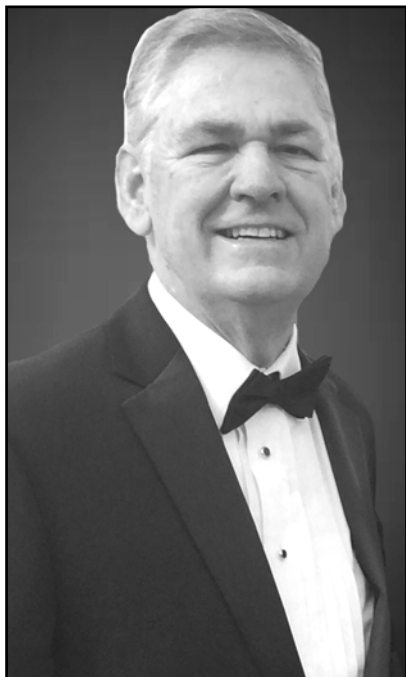
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JAMES GREGORY COBB, JR.
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James Gregory Cobb, Jr., 65, of Beaumont, died December 6, 2018, surrounded by his loving family, under the care of Harbor Hospice. A native and lifelong resident of Beaumont, he was born September 27, 1953, the youngest of the three children of the late Aleene Bernice and James Gregory Cobb, Sr. Greg attended Forest Park High School and Lamar University, where he was a proud member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Greg is survived by his wife of twenty-four years, Paulette; his sons, James Gregory Cobb, III, of Los Angeles, California, and Tyler James Coco, his wife, Worley, of Beaumont; his daughter, Audrye Cobb Hodges, her husband, Chris, of Winnie; his grandchildren, Wyatt James Coco and John Oscar Coco, of Beaumont, and Charlotte Bernice Hodges of Winnie; his sisters, Dianne Cobb Walker, her husband, Haywood, and Patty Cobb Maida, her husband, Pete, all of

Beaumont; his parents-in-law, B.B. and Larry Devillier; his brothers-in-law, Buddy Devillier, his wife, Sheri, and Dean Devillier, his wife, Pam, all of Winnie; his uncle, Howard Cobb of Beaumont; his aunt, Joy Busbee, her husband, Guinn, of Vidor; his eight nieces and nephews; and his twelve great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother and father, Greg was preceded in death by his daughter, Lauren Coco.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Crystal Beach Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 2086, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650; or St. Anne Catholic School, 375 North 11th Street, Beaumont, Texas 77702.

Complete and updated information may be found at: broussards1889.com

DORIS RICKE ROBINSON
Dec. 31, 1922 - Dec. 9, 2018

Doris was born in Galveston, Texas, where she lived with her parents, Louis and Hildegard Herbst Ricke, who preceded her in death. Doris graduated from Sacred Heart in 1940 and entered the Dominican Convent in Houston in 1942. While with the Dominicans, Doris earned her BA in Education and later received a Masters of Music degree from the University of Texas in Austin. As Sister Mary Louis, Doris taught music in various Houston and Beaumont Catholic schools in the 1940s & 50s.

After 25 years with the Dominican Sisters, Doris requested and received a dispensation from her vows. She taught music in Houston Public Schools. In 1969, Doris married John Robinson, the love of her life. Together they retired and moved to Crystal Beach on the Bolivar Peninsula, where they lived for 30 years and were longtime members of Our Lady By the Sea Church in Port Bolivar. After John died, Doris moved to Galveston and most recently lived at the Meridian until her passing.

Doris is survived by one niece, Paula Siegel and husband Michael of Gretna, NE, and many cousins and friends in Galveston. She will long be remembered for her beautiful singing voice, sparkling blue eyes and enthusiastic love of life.

Services will be held Fri., Jan. 4, 2019. 10am, at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, 2011 Church St., Galveston, TX.



William Scott Robb
January 24, 1955 - November 30, 2018



William loved life and he had many amazing stories of his experiences and travels. He loved his family, and his friends and he loved his job as a longshoreman at the Port of Houston.

William was smart and kind, he was generous with both his time and his money, he was funny and witty with a great sense of humor and he will be sorely missed. William was incredibly brave during his battle with cancer, and his courageous fight taught us that life is precious and that a strong faith is by far the greatest medicine of all. He had no fears and no regrets and he knew that death was merely a part of his grand adventure called life.

William is survived by, Nancy Joy Diamond, his best friend and partner of many years, his three children, Chris Robb, Thompson Robb and Devin Despres, his sister, Kathy Hammond, brothers Douglas Robb and Alan Robb and sister-in-law, Barbara, his nephew, Cody Hammond and family, nieces, Alex Robb and Sydney Maxwell and family, his friend Julia Thompson and a host of other friends and relatives.

We would like to thank all of the people that helped William through this part of his journey, Eddie Hammer, the doctors and staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center, the Silverado Hospice, the I.L.A. and all of his wonderful friends.

HEIGAN GOELOE
December 08, 2017 - December 26, 2018

Heigan Goeloe, 1 year old infant son of Heidi Goeloe and Lewis Rodriguez, Jr., died Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

Heigan is survived by his parents, Heidi Goeloe and Lewis Rodriguez, Jr.; grand parents, Carrie and Morris Goeloe; great grandmother, Debbie Potter; and Aunt Summer Chavez.

A gathering of Heigan's family and friends will begin at 9:00 a.m., with his funeral service to follow at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at Broussard's, 2000 McFaddin Avenue, Beaumont. His interment will follow at Live Oak Memorial Park, Beaumont.



Juanita Elaine Dailey
February 16, 1960 - December 27, 2018

Juanita (Red) Elaine Dailey passed away December 27, 2018 with the love of family Margie Shanley and Thomas Dailey being the last of the five siblings, Son Skylor Dailey, Daughter in law Jackie Dailey, many Nieces and Nephews and many friends.

She was born and raised in High Island, Texas and little later on she moved to Winnie Texas. She was the type of person to always put others before herself.

Her Favorite hobbies were fishing at Rollover Pass, crabbing, just being outdoors, visiting with family and friends, and watching the Texans game when it came on.

She lived a fun and crazy life, everyone loved her and she will be very missed by the love of her family and friends.

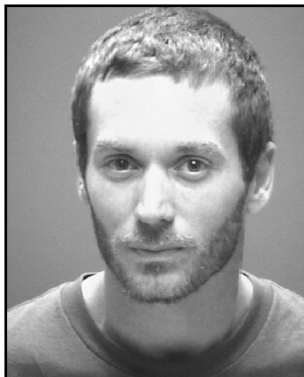




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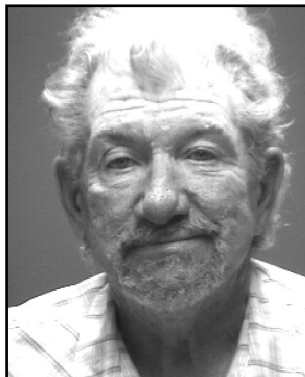
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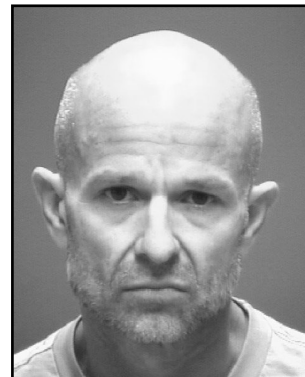
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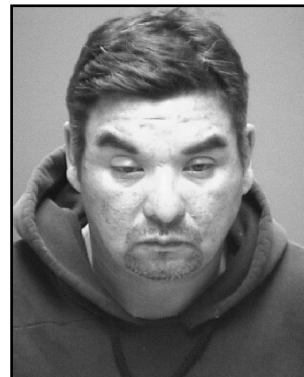
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Intoxicated 3rd Or More, F (F),
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the last one and could only take twelfth place.

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