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Texas Crab Festival Finds New Home New Venue Offers Expanded Opportunities

The Texas Crab Festival has announced plans to kick off the 34th annual celebration of Gulf Coast style Music, Art and Crabs with an exciting change of venue. The 2019 Texas Crab Festival opens Friday, May 10, 2019 at its new permanent home at 1605 Highway 87 in Crystal Beach, and runs through Sunday, May 12, 2019.

The new site, now named "Festival Park" sits on 51 acres formerly occupied by Texas Frog Fest, and features a huge performance stage, dedicated dance floor, beer garden, and plenty of room to grow. The Crab Fest makes the move from Gregory Park, its home since the festival began in 1985. The new location provides expanded growth opportunities for Texas Crab Festival Charities 501(c)3, which gives 100% of net proceeds from the festival back to the community in the form of scholarships, job training, youth camps and initiatives for residents of Bolivar Peninsula.

All the traditional Crab Fest favorites will still be on board – Texas Crab Festival 5K Run, Crab Gumbo Cook Off, Crab Legs Contest, Weiner Dog Races, tournaments, contests and games; Carnival midway, RV and Boat shows. Sample tasty crabby creations and local seafood favorites from a variety of vendors while browsing booth after booth of coastal arts and crafts, gifts, beach wear and décor.

2019 music entertainment headliners Wayne Toups, Sunny Sweeney, Bag of Donuts and Sandy G y los Gavilanes take the new main stage along with Paul Childers, Tennessee Jet, Andy & the Dreamsicles, Treble Soul, The Cadillacs, Haley Comeaux, Heaven's Love, and the Bolivar's Got Talent Show. Keep the little ones entertained with Crab Races, games at the Crab Arcade, carnival rides, and fun activities at the Kid's Stage.

The Texas Crab Festival runs May 10-12, 2019. Tickets are \$10 for Friday or Saturday admission; kids 15 and under are free.. Everyone gets in free on Sunday, and parking is free all weekend. Carnival ride wristbands are halfprice at \$10 on Sunday.

For the full entertainment lineup, schedule, latest news and updates follow Texas Crab Festival on Facebook or visit txcrabfest.org. #txcrabfest2019

Jose's Cantina Has Moved Ribbon Cutting Re-Opening



Jose's Mexican Food Restaurant has moved to new location, where you can now enjoy Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Mexican Food, Seafood and Steaks all in one location at 1021 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach 409-684-8612, "Seafood and Steaks with a Mexican Twist"

They are located in the old Coconuts building with all of his daughters working with him at the restaurant. Jose's is open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

U.S. Attorney Warns of Potential Charges for Interfering with NTSB Investigation

HOUSTON – Anyone that knowingly removes, conceals or withholds a part of a civil aircraft involved in an accident could face civil penalties, criminal charges or both, announced U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Atlas Air Flight 3591 left Miami at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time Saturday, Feb. 23, bound for Houston. At approximately 12:40 p.m., the twin-engine Boeing 767 cargo jetliner crashed into Trinity Bay near Anahuac.

The FBI has urged anyone with information, photos or videos regarding the incident or with knowledge of debris from the crash to call 1-800-CALL-FBI.

"It should be obvious to everyone, but do not pick up or remove pieces of the wreckage. It can interfere with the investigation and could lead to criminal charges," said Patrick. "If you do come across debris on your property, please contact the FBI. Additionally, the NTSB and FBI have asked that area residents and businesses check security cameras for possible video of the crash."

It is a federal crime to withhold part of a civil aircraft involved in an accident. If convicted of knowingly and without authority removing, concealing or withholding a part of such an aircraft, or property on the aircraft at the time of the accident could face up to 10 years in prison, if convicted. The charge could also carry a fine of up to \$250,000.

The NTSB is leading the investigation with cooperation and assistance from FBI, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Department of Public Safety, sheriff's offices in Chambers and Harris Counties and the Houston Police Department, among others.

Vapor Town Grand Opening



GRAND OPENING/Ribbon Cutting, March 9 2018 at Vapor Town, 2275 Hwy 87 Crystal Beach Texas in Crystal Beach Plaza at 11am!

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The team will be present to greet everyone before and after the Ribbon Cutting.

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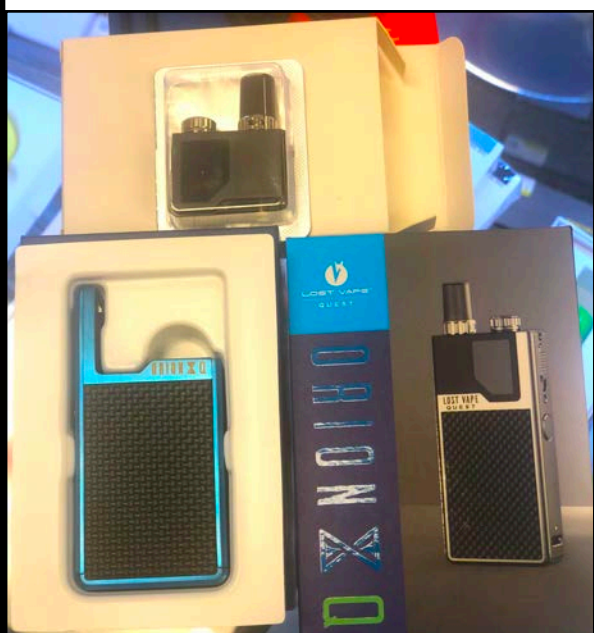
The grand opening is on 9th of March, in association with Bolivar Tourism.

On the same day a raffle with fantastic giveaways, including 43" 4K HDR Smart TV and Digital Mods will be drawn, with almost 100 people in and around town already participating and looking forward for the results.

Not just the vape products, Vapor Town has variety of offerings, including best quality extracts of Kratom, CBD's and Premium Cigars. If you are wondering what Kratom and CBD are, the team is really knowledgeable and happy to share the right information.

Talking with the promoter it is evident that customer relation and service is their priority, though we, too, expect nothing less.

We wish Vapor Town all the best for their future success.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10, 2019



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Monday, Wednesday, Friday

BIBLE STUDY
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CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesday - 5:00 PM

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Honors for District 29A Girls Basketball:

Faith Berger - 1st team
Baja Guidry - MVP offense
Laynee Barrow - Newcomer of the Year
Kira Barrow - 2nd team
Ahkaylah Barrett - Honorable Mention
Not Pictured- Cayleigh Loop - 1st team
Finished Season 2nd Place with 22-11

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS:

HS Counselor has Due Dates and most applications-some

scholarships are on-line application only

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Houston Livestock Show rodeohouston.com
Texas Six Man Coaches Association Scholarships
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Bolivar Peninsula Lions Club Youth Scholarship
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Minute Maid Grand Slam for Youth Baseball www.gsfiyb.com
Texas Rice Festival Academic Scholarship www.texasricefestival.com
Al's Formal Wear College Sch. Alsformalwear.com/scholarships-apply.asp



Please remember that students' selected college scholarships are also available based on acceptance and class ranking. FAFSA must be completed.



Proud of the Junior High Cardinals Boys Basketball Team.

Finished their season 10 - 4.

As High Island School continues to grow, so does the athletic success. We would like to thank Coach Previte and Coach Moore and the boys for a great season. Way to go Cardinals!

*Pictured in Back Row: Jordan Grubbs, Blake Walker, AJ Lowe, Jesse Palmer, Caden Strimple, Caden Perea, Drake Barrow
Front Row: Hunter Semens, Aiden McDowell, Reese Goebel, Quentin Malinchalk, Deuce Guidry, Gavin Warren, Henry Larson
Coach Previte and Coach Moore*

March 3, 2019

An open letter to the Bolivar community:

As you may have heard, the 2019 Texas Crab Festival will be moving from its long-time location at Gregory Park to a new permanent home at 1605 Hwy 87, former site of the Texas Frog Festival. Along with the congratulations that followed that announcement were a number of questions and concerns voiced from the community, which I would like to address here.

The first question many are asking is why we've decided to relocate the Texas Crab Festival from Gregory Park – its home since it began in 1985. What began as the brainchild of a group of Bolivar friends and business people looking for a fun way to promote the area has grown into an annual event pulling in over 8,000 visitors over the course of a Mother's Day weekend. Through the tireless efforts of countless volunteers and supporters the festival has continued to expand, and so too have the demands for visitor parking and accommodations.

In a happy twist of fate, just as the Crab Fest was facing additional challenges with an aging pavilion and the loss of surrounding areas used for parking to new home development, the former site of the Texas Frog Fest became available for purchase. The non-profit Texas Crab Festival Charities was offered the opportunity to obtain the property at a discounted price, and a generous, private investor who believes in our mission to serve and support the Bolivar community provided long-term, no-interest financing. The 51-acre site, now dubbed "Festival Park," features a larger, better equipped performance stage, a dedicated dance floor, beer garden, ticket booth, skybox viewing stands, increased parking space, and plenty of room to grow. It is our intention that Festival Park will eventually become a "community park," hosting a variety of events throughout the year in addition to the annual Texas Crab Festival.

Some of the concerns I'm hearing stem from muddy memories of the site during the early days of the Texas Frog Fest. Access, parking and site elevation have been much improved over the years. The need for further improvements is being accessed and addressed as we make plans to kick off the upcoming 2019 Texas Crab Festival in the new location, May 10-12.

Another issue is the lack of golf cart access to the new site. True, we will now be located on the north side of the highway, and there are no cross streets nearby. We are looking into possibilities for visitors wishing to travel to and from the site via golf cart, and hope to eventually have a solution.

Lastly, folks are wondering if the Texas Crab Festival 5K/1K race will be relocated as well. As of now, the race will continue to be held at the original location of Gregory Park and its surrounding neighborhood. It is a familiar, certified course, and at this point we do not have time to lay out and certify an alternate course. Racers will still receive a ticket to the festival with their registration.

While the move will have its challenges, this is a very exciting opportunity for Texas Crab Festival Charities to grow the Crab Fest. Texas Crab Festival Charities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves to improve the lives of those who call the Bolivar Peninsula home. Since its creation in 2013, TCFC has awarded almost \$400,000 to help support local residents and organizations. Proceeds from the annual Texas Crab Festival and donations from our patrons are reinvested in the community and help fund youth scholarships and camps, local schools and volunteer fire departments, and various outreach initiatives.

We value the insight, input and support of the Bolivar community and all of our faithful festival patrons as we work to build a permanent home for the Texas Crab Festival and continue our mission to "Turn the Tide for a Brighter Future" for residents of the Bolivar Peninsula.

Sincerely,
Tom Osten
President, Texas Crab Festival Charities
info@texascrabfestival.org

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MARCH 29 & 30

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Happy New Year! That would be Happy Lunar New Year which started on February 5, 2019 and is The Year of The Pig. The Pig is twelfth in the 12 year cycle of Chinese zodiac signs. Lucky colors for Pig Year are yellow, gray, brown and gold, and good numbers are 2, 5 and 8.

Folk born with this zodiac sign are said to be considerate, responsible, independent and optimistic. They are generous and forgiving of other's mistakes which helps them form harmonious interpersonal relationships. However, they will sometimes be lazy and not very active.

I do not know into which sign Kevin Le was born, but he is definitely not lazy or inactive. The owner of I LOVE NAILS works constantly to expand the services of his fine establishment. Kevin is a true example of The American Dream. He arrived in Alabama from Viet Nam in 1980. He opened Island Nails in Winnie in 2010, and in 2014 came to Crystal Beach. With the help of his lovely wife Mai, Kevin's endeavors have been most successful.

Owners of businesses celebrate a ceremony to show respect for their land on the first day of each Lunar year. Chicken, fruit and various foods are laid out to honor and show gratitude. Since red is traditionally a color for luck, watermelons and red flowers are often part of the celebration. Mai is a believer in tradition. The first person to step on the land determines what type of luck you will have for the year. Mai and Kevin have invited me for 3 years to be their first customer. I guess they have had good fortune. Of course, they also gift me with tasty foods and presents.

Visitors to I LOVE NAILS must take time to visit with Junior. Junior is the fancy Flower Horn fish in a special aquarium. He hails from South Africa and is like a member of the Le family. Attention should be paid to the Kim Tien money tree. The number of leaves on a branch determine how well your year will progress. Usually there are 6 to 7 leaves on each stalk, but this year, Kevin's money tree has a limb that sprouted 9 leaves.

The Year of the Pig, 2019, should be a very good year for Kevin and Mai. We wish them great success and a most CHUC MUNG NAM MOI!



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March 9 - John Thibodeaux
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March 15 - David Joel
7:30 - 10 PM

March 16 - Chris Colton
7 - 10 PM

March 22 - The LineUp
7 - 10 PM

March 23 - The Cadillacs
7 - 10 PM

March 29 - Bobby Enloe & the Texas Hold'em Band
7 - 10 PM

March 30 - Treble Soul
7 - 10 PM

April 5 - Chris Bergeron
7 - 10 PM

April 6 - Max Stalling
7 - 10 PM

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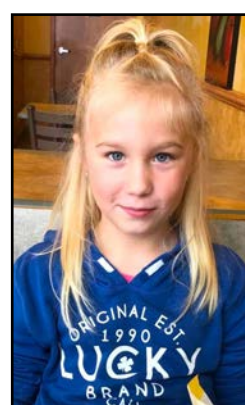
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Happy Birthday!
Presten Gau
March 28



Happy 6th Birthday!
Lincoln Palmer
March 5



Happy 6th Birthday!
Alannah Rodriguez
March 7

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 as it relates to the Bolivar Peninsula

Photography Contest
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Poster Contest
 OPEN TO KIDS GRADES K-4
 PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH AGE RANGE
Winners Will Be Announced at the Texas Crab Festival!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES APRIL 26 2019 BY 2:00PM
 All submitted photographs and posters must be original works. Digital Photography: Email image file (.jpg) to info@texascrabfestival.org, or bring an 8"x10" print to the Chamber of Commerce office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm. Posters must be 14" x 22". Name, Grade and School should be written on the back of the poster. Bring poster to the Chamber of Commerce office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

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2019 TEXAS CRAB FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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Also Featuring:
 ★ Andy & the Dreamsicles ★ Treble Soul ★ The Cadillacs ★
 ★ Haley Comeaux ★ Heaven's Love ★ Bolivar's Got Talent ★

Friday, May 10
 4:00 pm - Festival Opens
 6:00 pm - Opening Ceremony
 6:15 pm - Haley Comeaux
 7:45 pm - Paul Childers
 8:30 pm - Two-Step Dance Contest
 10:00 pm - Wayne Toups
 12:00 Midnight - Festival Closing

Saturday, May 11
 8:30 am - 5K/1K Fun Run
 10:00 am - Festival Opens
 11:00 am - Wiener Dog Races
 11:00 am - Crab Gumbo Cook Off
 11:45 am - The Cadillacs
 1:00 pm - Washers Tournament
 1:00 pm - Treble Soul
 2:00 pm - Crab Legs Contest
 3:14 pm - Andy and the Dreamsicles
 5:30 pm - Tennessee Jet
 7:45 pm - Sunny Sweeney
 9:15 pm - Live Auction
 10:00 pm - Bag of Donuts
 12:00 Midnight - Festival Closing

Sunday, May 12
 10:00 am - Festival Opens
 11:30 am - Bolivar's Got Talent!
 1:00 pm - Cornhole Tournament
 1:45 pm - Sandy G y los Gavilanes
 2:00 pm - Scavenger Hunt
 4:00 pm - Heaven's Love
 6:00 pm - Closing Ceremony

Festival Hours
 Friday: 4:00 pm to 12:00 am
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The Beach Bum said he was shocked to find out all his cows had Bluetongue. "Heck", he said, "I didn't even know they had mobile phones!"

The Beach Bum's wife decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

Why Wal-Mart?
 Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week.

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Kimberly Kotz
March 2 | Happy Birthday!
April Mears
18 | Happy Birthday!
David Ewing
March 17 | RIP
Daisy May
March 3 |
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Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 8, 2019

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; Chris Makin, Treasurer; Wayne Turk; Kurt Ploeger DJ Hutchinson Hollis Gassen, President Maria Skewis, Secretary

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

Others Present:

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

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

Item 3 Approve minutes of the December 11, 2018 General Meeting: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Item 4 Committee Reports: Audit & Finance: Wayne Turk reported the Audit and Finance Committee had met earlier today and reviewed the District's invoices, check registers, investments, and bank statements for December and found everything to be in order.

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

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

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

2) Review System Operational Reports:

* District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water loss through December of 5% and 18.6% loss for the month.

* The District has 5099 active accounts through December. In December, 2 accounts were liquidated and 57 were shut-off for non-payment.

* Total water sales for December were \$278,159.00.

* Average monthly water bill for December was \$60.18 and for 2018 the average was \$62.00.

* Water pumped was 22.5M gallons and water sold was 9.5M gallons with a loss difference of 13.0M gallons. There was 1 leak repaired.

* There was 0 reportable accident/incident for the month.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: Discussions continue with TXDOT on options for relocating the District's 20" main line at highway 124 and 87 intersection. The District is in discussions with GLO on a new water tower project with additional information to be provided.

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

5) Personnel: One new employee hired.

6) Finances: Net income for December was \$69,759.

Item 7 Consideration and possible action to approve Health Insurance for 2019: The Board reviewed a proposal for an employee UTMB Health Multi-Share Plan. Further information is needed. This item is tabled until the February meeting.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action to approve Health Insurance deductible buyback program for 2019: The item was tabled until the February meeting.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action on Coastal Barrier Project: A draft letter to US Army Corp of Engineers regarding BPSUD comments on Coastal Barrier Project was discussed. Motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to send the letter as presented to the US ACOE. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 Consideration and possible action to approve acquiring bids for new truck and excavator per Capital Budget for 2019 Jo Ball provided an update on the details for new truck and excavator. Bid process has started. No action required at this time.

Item 11 Consideration and possible action to approve Quarterly Investment Report The Board reviewed the District's Quarterly Investment Report for period ending 12/31/2018 that was

presented by Wayne Turk. The item was tabled until the February meeting.

Item 12 Consideration and possible action to approve 2019 TRWA dues A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by Chris Makin to approve TRWA 2019 Membership dues renewal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 Directors Comments regarding future committee meetings

- 1) Audit and Finance Committee. External audit has begun with inventory reconciliation.
- 2) Personnel and Policy. None.
- 3) Plant and Product. None.
- 4) Public Relations Committee. None.

Item 14 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) UTMB Multi-Share plan and buy-back program
- 2) Review Quarterly Investment report
- 3) Update on highway 124 and 87 intersection
- 4) Update new water tower progress
- 5) LNVA options
- 6) New truck and excavator bids

Item 15 Set the date for next regular Board meeting for February 12, 2019

Item 16 Adjournment: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Maria Skewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Anton Nelsen

General Contractor

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Blast from the Past

**Bryan Wolf
March 1985**

As per the County Health District Rabies Controls Laws, it is necessary to have your dogs and cats licensed after they have been vaccinated. If you live inside the city the license fee is \$5.00 and available now through the Crystal Beach City Hall.

Gladys Meynig of Crystal Beach looks over someone the over 100 acres of land she has owned for years and has now decided to sell. Mrs. Meynig says she is sure she is the oldest living resident of Crystal Beach, having moved there from Walla Walla, Washington with her family in 1911.

Mrs. Meynig's grandfather, T.W. Hines moved his family to what was then known as the town of Patton and built a hotel, near the beach and adjacent to the old railroad tracks that ran parallel to the water. The hotel was known as the Patton Depot and Walter destroyed by the 1915 storm. The railroad was rebuilt closer to Hwy 87 and in later years Mrs. Meynig says she built and operated the first cafe in Crystal Beach.

At one point her grandfather wanted to re-name the town Keystone, but Mrs. Meynig's oldest son, Cecil kept insisting it should be named Crystal Beach and he painted and erected signs on each end of town. Mrs. Meynig says her grandfather was so impressed with the 14 year old's determination that he agreed to let the area be known as Crystal Beach. She says it took 35 years before it was finally placed on local maps.

Lee and Dee Pitts display some of the fresh baked goodies available every morning at Roadside Grocery and Bakery on Hwy 87 in Port Bolivar. Lee and Dee will be operating the bakery full time in the summer.

The Crystal Beach Volunteer Fire Department Saturday night bingo games will start up in April.

The flag was flown at half mast in honor of L. A. French of Gilchrist on the day he was buried.

Betty Barrow is this year's Bike-A-Thon Chairman in High Island to be held in March. The Bike-A-Thon is to benefit research done at St. Jude's Children's

Hospital, founded by entertainer, Danny Thomas.

Children participating in the Bike-A-Thon and collecting at least \$25.00 will be paraded a T-shirt and Betty will personally give a prize to the child who collects the most money.

Bill Murphy of Port Bolivar Material and Supply is organizing a Boy Scout troop for the Bolivar Peninsula.

J. Dudley Brown's idea for real estate people to ship copies of The Beach Triton with his article in it extolling the virtues of the Bolivar Peninsula to prospective renters, people looking for real estate, etc., is a good one, we think. We'll furnish the copies free if you will pay the postage.

Barbara Byrom is opening the Land Mart in Crystal Beach. Barbara has been to several markets this winter and she plans new lines for the spring and summer stock.

Be careful when you knock on the AARP Library door in Crystal Beach in the late afternoon. If there is a certain group of ladies in there playing cards, you can bring back an arm with no fingers. Those ladies take their card playing very seriously and don't always want to be disturbed. In fact, judging from past experience, it might be best to send a telegram a few days ahead of you.

Shelly Strimple and her daughter, Britany, of Port Bolivar are moving to Galveston.

Gardner Byrom has many telephones for sale at Gardner's Phone Service in Crystal Beach. Gardner has a phone that should be of particular interest to local residents - it can be converted with the flick of a switch from rotary dial to touch tone, eliminating the expense and confusion of having to own two phones if you subscribe to one of the long distance services. Seashells and whimseys, Mike Osten's Gift Shop in Crystal Beach. If you have handcrafts, art work, etc., that you would like to sell contact Mrs. Osten about placing these items in her shop.

New service at Murdock's Grocery in High Island. You can now phone ahead and have your grocery order ready and handed to you from their new drive up window.

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The Beach Bum says behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

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The Beach Bum's wife says if anyone has big size clothes, don't throw them away. I've quit smoking and will come begging.

**Happy Birthday!
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March 25**

**Happy Birthday!
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The Beach Bum's wife and her friend were boarding a plane, the friend was heard to tell the pilot, "Don't go faster than sound; we want to talk."

**Happy 56th Anniversary!
Frank & Mary Raney
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The Beach Bum says you'd never know some people had been on vacation if they didn't come back.

The Beach Bum defines conscience as the still small voice inside you that makes you feel still smaller.

**Happy Anniversary!
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BLAST continued

Bad weather dawned at least one tornado resulting in damage to several homes on the Peninsula and a number of trailers.

Chris Eubanks who used to work at Stingaree Marina and left to go to Pennsylvania for awhile, says there were no good looking men up there. And because of the cold, she was sick all the time. She says some people may have left their hearts in San Francisco, but she left her tonsils in Pennsylvania and they can keep 'em.

Seems like the young mothers have chosen the Gilchrist Post Office as a favorite delivery room. Thanks to Dr. John Blum of the Bolivar Peninsula Medical Clinic, Debbie Devine, our EMT and AI and Robin Huber of Fisherman's Church, both babies and the mothers are fine.

You can have photostatic copies made at Marie Thompson Realty.

Laura Huddleston of Laura's Shear Fancy is now stocking a line of Ocean Pacific sun wear; T-shirts, shorts, sun glasses, etc., in her beauty shop.

Big doings at Claud's in Gilchrist (the Western Auto - True Value store). They are doing a major overhaul of the old furniture show room next door and will have a big display area for appliances, TVs, plumbing supplies and a garden center with lots of lawn mowers, lawn furniture and such.

High Island High School Senior, Richard Howarton, signed to play football at the University of Mississippi, while his mother, Linda looked on. Howarton received a four year scholarship.

Monte Potter of Crystal Beach has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a public fishing barge on Hanna Reef in Galveston Bay.

The proposed barge would be 30 X 110 foot and would be located about 2 1/2 miles out of Sievers Cove on Bolivar Peninsula. Live bait, food and drink, restrooms and other conveniences would be available and Potter says he would hope the barge would "develop into a pretty good night fishing spot for specks," as well as other fish.

Tentative plans have been made to take potential customers, to the barge with a 27' houseboat, making a trip every three hours.

The barge would be equipped with sanitary holding tanks that would transport treated sewage. Potter said the treated sewage would have less bacteria than the water surrounding the barge, but would still be transported to land to be emptied.

No permits will be issued until after a meeting with the Texas Department of Land Management.

Remodeling and adding on is finally finished at Annette's Package Store on Stingaree Road in Crystal Beach. The Brown's have greatly increased the size of the store and the stock and are now ready for the big spring and summer season.

The Chamber meeting says they are acting pursuing putting signs p at either end of the Peninsula that will advertise there IS a peninsula and that very nice things await the person who travels just a little farther down the road.

The Chamber will also be looking into and forming committees to sponsor some special events here. Individual membership is \$12.50 per year.

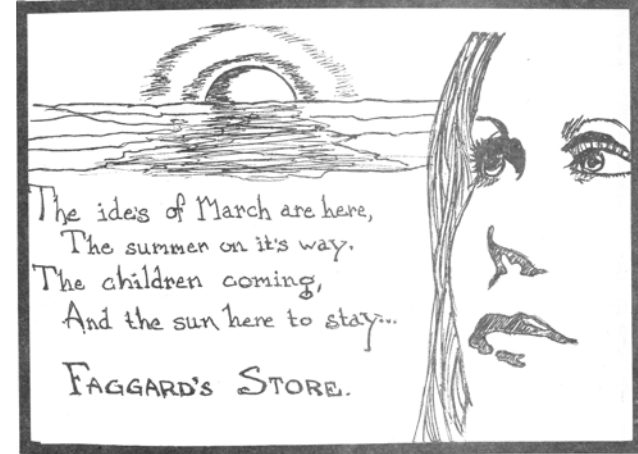
All winter long George Vratis at the Gas Light Restaurant in Crystal Beach has been coming up with. Unusual things to keep your interested. Now, George is planning a dwarf throwing contest to relieve the boredom until the busy summer season.

The object of the contest is to see who can throw a dwarf the farthest. George says this is being done in other parts of the world and he sees no reason why it couldn't become a popular sport her on the beach. If enough dwarves apply, he could be talked into extending the sport into the summer.

Marsha Scott of Takeout Junction is remodeling and adding on to her cafe. She says she plans a whole new concept for Takeout Junction.

Mama Teresa's in Crystal Beach is opening. Carmen Melilli, son of the restaurant's name sake is running it and featuring the same great Italian food from peppers to pizza.

Jack's Pak-It on the east end of Crystal Beach is open 7 days a week and sells money orders for just .35 cents.



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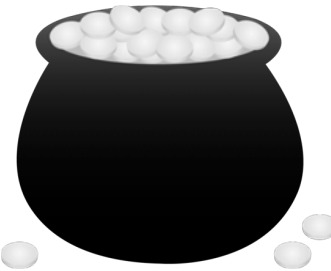
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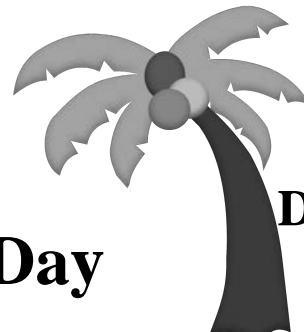
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Companies can be nominated by any Chamber member business and/or companies may nominate themselves. This award is available only to Chamber members. All nominations must be submitted on the Business of the Month Nomination form. All verified nominations will remain for consideration for three months from the date of submission.

Eligibility Criteria: Be in good standing and fit at least one of the following selection criteria: Have demonstrated outstanding support to the community and the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Provide superior customer service and/or products; Be Considered a successful and professional business by peers.

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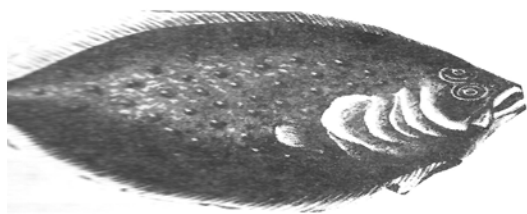
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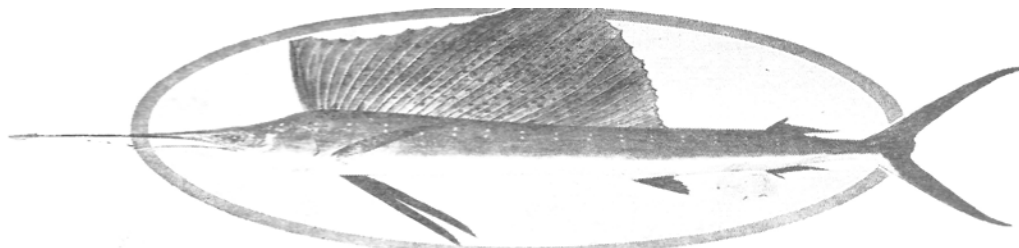
A man is not deceased while his name is still spoken

Bryan Wolf's Famous Map

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



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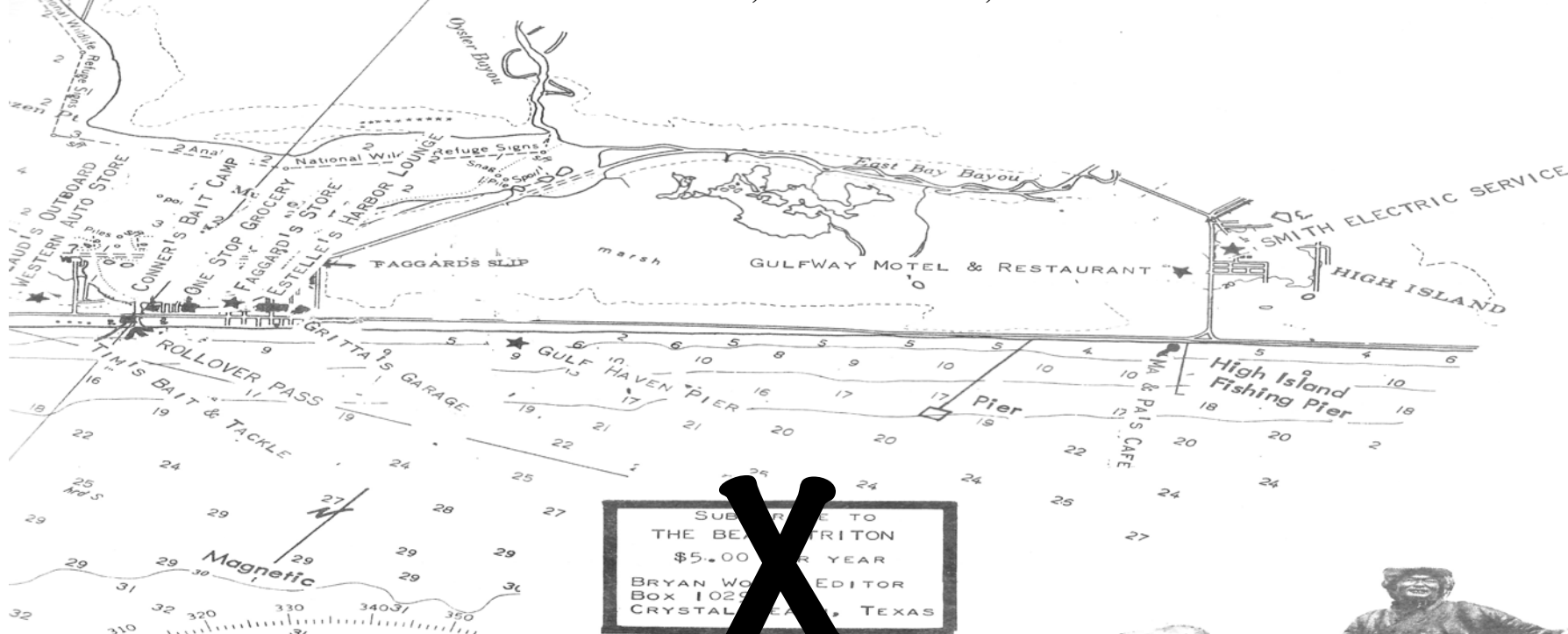


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COMMENTS ON BRYAN WOLF'S FAMOUS MAP

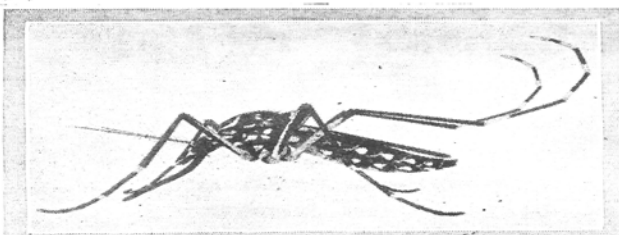
"WE DID NOT HAVE ONE LIKE IT." (SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE.)
 "IT IS RARE. I HAD NEVER SEEN ONE." (EMPEROR OF JAPAN)
 "IT IS SOME OF YOUR BEST WORK, WHICH SHOULD GIVE EVERYONE AN IDEA OF HOW YOU FARE IN OTHER FIELDS." (LORRAINE WOLF)
 "IT IS PRINTED ON VERY WHITE PAPER." (QUEEN OF ENGLAND)
 "YOUR MAP SHOULD BE AIR-MAILED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ACUTE SHORTAGES OF BATH ROOM TISSUE." (AMERICAN CARTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION.)
 "I HAVE NEVER MET YOU, BUT AFTER RECEIVING YOUR MAP, I WILL LAY ODDS YOU ARE A DEMOCRAT." (RICHARD NICKSUN)
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 "IT IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS ON WHICH I CANNOT GIVE A WRITTEN OPINION." (CITY ATTORNEY)
 "IT SHOULD SOME DAY BE FAMOUS FOR THE SAME THING FOR WHICH MY ESTABLISHMENT IS FAMOUS." (ZAM)
 "IT IS THE BEST MAP I HAVE EVER SEEN." (JOE LABLANK, LIFETIME RESIDENT, RUSK STATE HOSPITAL)
 "THANKS FOR THE MAP, WHICH HAS COME IN VERY HANDY SINCE WE LOST OUR DART BOARD." (THE CLERKS AT PIER 37)

THIS MAP IS RECOMMENDED BY DUNCAN RINES, JOE FAGGARD, LEON SMITH AND ONE OF THE DEPUTIES



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Saltwater Inn Grand Opening

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Jan Kent

In September 1998 Tropical Storm Frances washed over the peninsula causing a great amount of damage.

We were the owners of the Dirty Pelican Fishing Pier in Gilchrist and we were immediately out of business, plus the loss of a couple of rent houses.

But I was tired, the pier was 24/7 during season with a cafe, fishing bait and tackle and lots of night and day fishermen with a little chaos on the side, I was very tired.

Then it sinks in, what are you going to do? How are you going to make a living? What's going to happen?

It goes like this:

The Coast Guard came with a helicopter and plucked my mom off the pier with her little Wal-Mart bag filled with her costume jewelry and of course, clean underwear. That's the rule, always have clean underwear.

We all moved to High Island, right, higher ground.

My cranky, sometimes obnoxious friend and owner of the Beach Triton passed away in October 1998. His wife, Lorraine, had been told if she ever sold the paper to sell it to Jan. And she did.

We took over the paper in January 1999.

The Triton had 20 pages, very little or no color and lots of an old Marine's opinion, sometimes very harsh.

And we have been blessed. We've had better days and no days, but God has always opened another door, you just have to step through it.

We have been blessed with our writers donating their time and energy, consistent and long time advertisers, history and knowledge of the peninsula and way too much gossip to share (or is it?).

This little ole paper has been in business for 50 years thanks to the Bolivar Peninsula.

So hats off to Bolivar, Thank you!



Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce honored The Saltwater Inn with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony announcing the opening of their new motel wing, featuring 12 brand new rooms. Pictured are owners Susan and Lloyd Wells with their grandkids, and Chamber of Commerce Members

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

Mosses, Back of the Beach Part 2 Becoming a Moss Collector

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Last month we took a look at one of the most fascinating but little-known groups of plants that a naturalist might encounter in Texas coastal environments: the true mosses. "Little-known" is actually a misnomer, because in other parts of the world (particularly Europe) mosses have been extensively collected and studied for several hundred years. Happily, much of the knowledge obtained by hard-working European naturalists and botanists has spilled over into North America, since many moss species can be found in both places due to their use of spores for dissemination. In this column, I'll talk about collecting and examining mosses, with the view of starting your own collection.

Unlike many natural objects such as flowers, insects, and birds, mosses have several tremendous advantages for a collector. There are almost no regulations (other than property rights) for collecting them, quite unlike birds which enjoy both federal and state legal protection that limits their collection by amateurs to picture-taking. Mosses can be dried and stored in small paper envelopes (I use coin envelopes) that take up almost no space; you can store a large collection in a shoe box. Mosses are almost completely immune to the biological agents such as moths, mold, and silverfish that can quickly destroy regular botanical or insect collections. As long as they are kept dry, they will last basically forever. When needed for examination, a small piece of a dried moss can be rehydrated in hot water. In a few moments it will be as almost as useful as when fresh.

In the beginning, it is a good idea to limit your collections to palm-size patches of moss that have mature spore capsules growing out of them. These capsules are borne on stalks called setae and look like tiny street lamps sticking up from the green moss "bed". Mosses that lack these structures are referred to as "sterile"

and are often very difficult to identify, even by experts. In many cases, you will find two or more species of moss growing together that are distinguishable by having very different capsules.

Always write down the state, county, nearest city, and habitat notes of any species you collect directly on the envelope. Add the date and your name, and you'll have a properly-labeled field collection. The actual collection process will be aided if you can scrape the moss away from its substrate with an old butter knife so as to bring over as little of the soil or tree bark as possible.

Some moss should always be put into a jar for observing while alive. I like to use hand-size jars like the ones used to package party dips and okra pickles—always plentiful in my family! Many species will continue to grow for long periods in such a micro-terrarium if a thin, moist layer of the original substrate is included with the collection. By doing this, collections that have green, immature capsules will often mature to the point where their identification becomes easier.

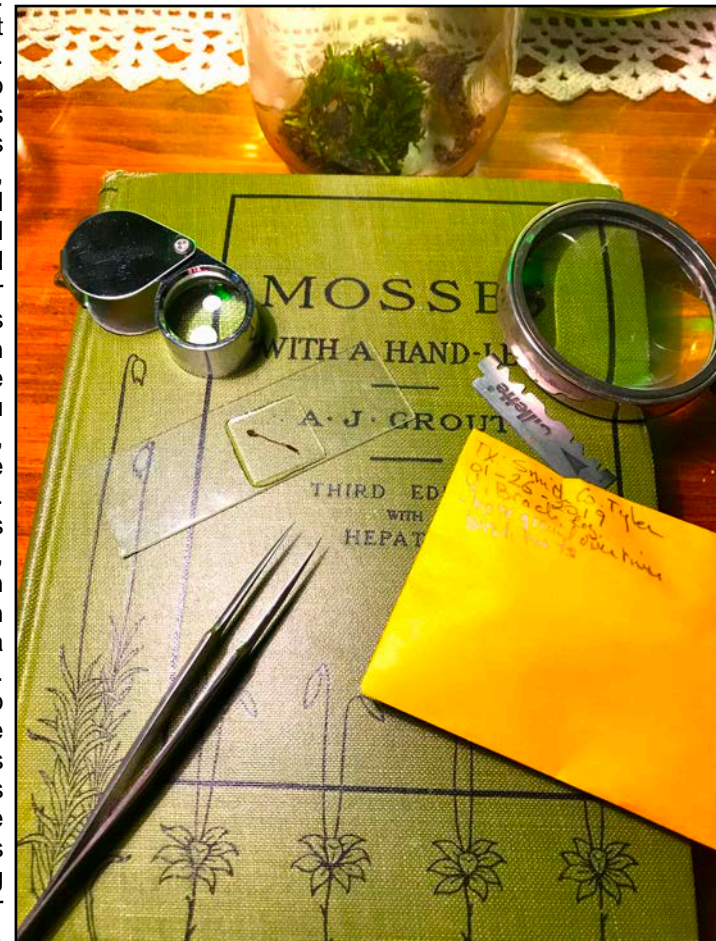
As I mentioned last month, while much can be done with a good hand lens, you will eventually want to acquire a compound microscope if you want to identify mosses. These are no longer prohibitively expensive and can often be purchased second-hand in good condition. I prefer the nostalgic look, excellent optical quality and mechanical sturdiness of the older brass medical microscopes such as the Bausch & Lomb and Spencer Optical 1918 models. However, these require an outside light source and do not usually come with a scanning, or 4X, lens which is one of the more useful magnifications. If you are unfamiliar with microscopes you may want to visit a nearby college science department and get some hands-on advice from a friendly biologist before investing in one.

Some moss collectors are less interested in making collections of dried moss than they are of making moss gardens. While this is a fascinating branch of horticulture that has great potential for enlarging our understanding of moss growth requirements, be warned that most mosses are rather picky about where they will live and may not thrive if transplanted to a site where the substrate, moisture, and light conditions are not just right. Contact a Texas Master Gardener for more help on this interesting sideline.

In my column last month I mentioned a few older books that will help you in moss lore and identification. Probably the best for a beginner is H. S. Conrad's *How to Know the Mosses and Liverworts* (Wm. C. Brown, 1956), which is full of helpful illustrations and techniques for preparing mosses for examination under the microscope. If you can find one, another must-have book is A. J. Grout's *Mosses with a Hand Lens*, 2nd or 3rd edition (1924—try to get an original, not a facsimile reprint). Once you begin to examine the beautiful structures that moss plants have, especially the capsule and its fascinating mechanisms for letting the spores out only a few at a

time, you will be hooked.

Mosses grow anywhere there is enough moisture and (usually) subdued light to sustain them. However, it will not be long before you find yourself "stumped" on the identification of what may be a very common moss that grows all around you. A good place to look for someone who can help is the website of the American Bryological and Lichenological Society. This organization is one of the oldest biological associations in America and can take you as far as you wish to go. Good luck exploring in the fairyland of the mosses!



Getting started with mosses is easy

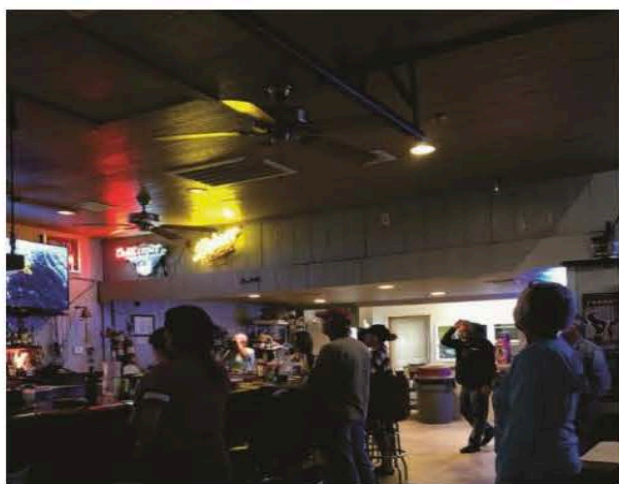
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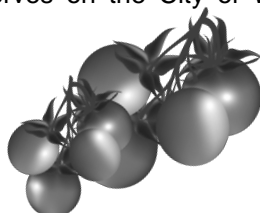
Do you want to learn how to grow great tomatoes? This is the third in a series of three programs by Galveston County Master Gardener Ira Gervais on how to grow great tomatoes in the Galveston County area. The program will provide an overview on identifying various tomato diseases and insect stress factors and how to minimize them to increase yields.



SNAKE SENSE

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, March 23
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This seminar presented by Tom Wilks will include identification of area snakes, snakebite prevention and first aid, snake handling techniques and equipment, snake conservation, venom research and medical advances, and snakes as pets. Wilks has been collecting, studying, and photographing reptiles for over 50 years. He has worked as a zookeeper in the Reptile Department in the San Antonio Zoo and as a wildlife guide at the Bayou Wildlife Park in Dickinson. He is a certified Texas Animal Control Officer, a member of the East Texas Herpetological Society, and serves on the City of Webster Animal Control Board.



BUTTERFLIES & NATIVE PLANTS

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, March 30
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Butterflies have been called jewels of the garden. They can be enjoyed in Galveston County almost year 'round! Galveston County Master Gardener Lisa Nicklow Davis' presentation will cover different butterfly species that can be found in our area and what native plants to use in your garden or in containers to attract them.

BENEFICIALS IN THE GARDEN

email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
Saturday, March 30
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. William M. Johnson, Galveston County Extension Agent for Horticulture, will give a program on beneficial insects and other types of beneficials commonly found in Galveston County home landscapes and gardens. Knowing your garden friends can remove the anxiety of "Do I need to spray an insecticide?"

Happy Birthday!
Tina Flores-Hartcock
March 14

Happy Birthday!
Haiden Riley
March 7

Happy Birthday!
Dakota Marvin
March 25

Happy Birthday!
Amy Perrella
March 5

Happy Birthday!
Mark Forey
March 5

Happy Birthday!
Haiden Cantrell
March 22

Happy Birthday!
Isabella Wendt
March 17

Happy Birthday!
Betty Miller
March 21

Happy 7th Birthday!
Abbi Grace
March 19

Happy Birthday!
Shawn Wallace
March 21

Happy Birthday!
Orbin Thompson
March 16

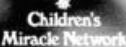
Happy Birthday!
Kyle Hall
March 10

Happy Birthday!
Key Trevino
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Happy Birthday!
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William Bouse
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Help with Unpaid 2018 Property Taxes

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For those paying the 7% penalty and interest to establish quarter installments and those whom have already paid at least one-fourth, the remaining three coupons and return envelopes will be mailed within the next two weeks. The second installment must be postmarked by April 1, third by May 31 and final one-fourth by July in order to be timely.

Property owners may pay in person at GCTO branches in Galveston, League City, Santa Fe and Texas City Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00 and in Friendswood Thursdays and Fridays (closed Noon to 1:00 for lunch). Yellow payment drop boxes are located all full time locations and payments are retrieved at 8:30 am daily (and stamped received the previous business day). A black payment box is also located at the back of the side driveway at Friendswood City Hall.

Payments may also be made online (www.galcotax.com) via electronic check (\$1 fee) or credit card (2.5% fee) or through Chase Bank's Payment Processing Center via telephone at 1-866-865-1433 (English) or 1-866-865-1435 (Spanish). If online banking is your preferred method of payment, expect a 3-5 day delay for paper check to be prepared and mailed to our office which could result in penalty and interest if the bank does not prepare the check the same day.

For directions to office locations call (toll free) 1-877-766-2284. Those with property tax questions or concerns should call the Property Tax Department directly at (409) 766-2481 (or call the toll free number and ask for a Property Tax Specialist). Email any GCTO Department at galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us.

The Beach Bum's house is so small, he ordered a pizza and had to eat it outside.

The Beach Bum was on the beach and saw a bumper sticker on a parked car that read... "I miss Chicago." So he broke the window, stole the radio and left a note that read "I hope this helps."

The Beach donated an organ and a piano to charity, now he calls himself a live organ donor.

The Beach Bum saw a sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck that read: "Caution - This Truck is Full of Political Promises"

The Beach Bum says if you ever get the urge to run around naked, you should sniff some Windex first. It will keep you from streaking.

The Beach Bum says I hate all this terrorist business. I used to love the days when you could look at an unattended bag and think to yourself, "I'm going to take that."



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CRENSHAW SCHOOL NEWS



Kudos to Parker ChuBa for representing Crenshaw School at the citywide spelling bee!

March 11 - 15
Spring Break
March 20
Student Early Release
April 19
Good Friday
April 24
Student Early Release

Fundraiser

The fundraiser is for Lacye Tedder, a Junior at Ball High. Her grandparents, Doyle and Betty Ray own Bear Country Concessions and are graciously doing this for their granddaughter.

The trip is sponsored by Ball High School for top students taking dual credit English 3

Lacye will be leaving for England and Scotland along with 14 other students in July. The trip is for 9 nights and 10 days.



Spring Break Treats
Bear Country Concessions
Will be open at
The Fun Spot Waterslide
on Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach
Saturday, March 9, 2019 – Sunday,
March 17, 2019 11 AM - 6PM Daily
All proceeds benefit Lacye Tedder's summer trip to
England & Scotland
with Ball High School in Galveston, TX

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REGISTRATION

PreK 3 & 4 Enrollment Packets Available 4/22/19

Happy Birthday!
Fran Christian
March 3

Happy Birthday!
Caleb Leon
March 23

Happy Birthday!
Dakota Martin
March 18

Happy Birthday!
Kera Teel
March 10

Happy Birthday!
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Happy Birthday!
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Happy Birthday!
Kyle Hall
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Happy Birthday!
Debra Hughes
March 6



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Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

We often get blueberries, frozen sweetened strawberries, and a variety of meats at Food Fair. This month I want to share with you recipes that use some of these wonderful food items.

THE BEST SLOW COOKER PULLED PORK

4 pounds pork shoulder
2 tablespoons paprika
(Try smoked paprika for more of that smoked flavor)
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
3/4 cup water

Mix together all of the dried spices and rub into all sides of the pork.

Place vinegar and water in bottom of slow cooker.

Carefully add pork (so you don't wash off spices).

Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours.

Remove pork and shred (Remove any large fatty acids and discard),

Add juices from slow cooker as desired.

Notes:

Tip 1: Save a bit of seasoning and toss it with cooked pulled pork to add extra kick (but just a tad, you don't want to ruin the delicious flavors of the meat).

Tip 2: If you want brown crispy ends you can put shredded meat on foil lined baking sheet and broil for a couple of minutes in the oven (watch carefully).

PULLED PORK SHEPHERD'S PIE

5-6 cups pulled pork
2 cups barbecue sauce
1 cup frozen peas
1 cup frozen corn
3-4 pounds potatoes
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup milk
1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Peel potatoes and, if they are large, cut in half. Place in a pot and fill with water. Boil until tender. Drain the water. Add the butter and milk to the potatoes. Mash until the potatoes are creamy.

Toss pulled pork with barbecue sauce until evenly coated. Spread on the bottom of a 13" x 9" baking dish (lasagna pan).

Sprinkle frozen peas and corn on top of the pork.

Spread the mashed potatoes on top of the frozen vegetables.

Top with grated cheese.

Bake in the oven for 45-60 minutes.

The cheese should be starting to brown and some barbecue sauce should be bubbling up the sides.

BLUEBERRY ICE CREAM

2 cups blueberries (picked, rinsed, and drained)
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup half-and-half or whole milk
2 cups heavy whipping cream

Freeze ice cream bowl for 24 hours.

Combine blueberries and sugar in a medium sized sauce pan over medium heat. Do not cover but mashed blueberries with spatula and stir until sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and pour into a large bowl. Stir in half-and-half and cream. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Place frozen bowl on base of ice cream maker and turn it on. Pour chilled mixture into frozen bowl and churn until desired consistency, about 15 to 20 minutes.

If you prefer a firmer consistency, transfer ice cream to a container and place in freezer for a couple of hours.

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN BREAD

1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup salted butter
2 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup milk
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease a 9-inch loaf pan.

Cream together the butter and sugar.

Add the eggs, vanilla and milk beating well.

Add the dry ingredients and beat until well combined.

Add blueberries and mix by hand gently with a spatula being careful not to crush the berries. Pour batter into your loaf pan and bake for 60-75 minutes or until a cake tester (toothpick) comes out clean.

Allow to cool in pan for 10 minutes before removing to finish cooling.

Note:

Reserve a small handful of blueberries for after the batter is poured into the loaf pan.

Gently press them into the top to make the loaf look prettier.

LEMON BLUEBERRY PULL-APART BREAD

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
zest of 1 lemon
1 - 16 ounce tube refrigerated biscuits (like Pillsbury Grands Flaky Honey Butter)

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

FOR GLAZE:

zest of 1 lemon
juice of 1 lemon
1/1/2 cups - 2 cups powdered sugar

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BREAD:

In a large bowl, stir together sugar, butter, and lemon zest.

Cut each biscuit into 4 pieces.

Toss the biscuit pieces with the sugar mixture.

Spray a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray.

Scatter half the blueberries in the bottom of the cake pan.

Arrange the biscuit pieces in the cake pan.

Sprinkle with remaining blueberries.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown, and the center doesn't feel doughy when lightly pressed.

Remove from the oven, and immediately invert onto a serving plate.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GLAZE:

In a small bowl, whisk together lemon zest, lemon juice, and 1 cup powdered sugar.

Depending on how juicy the lemon was, you may need more or less powdered sugar. Add enough that you have a thick glaze, but that it still drizzles.

Drizzle over the warm bread. Serve immediately.

STRAWBERRY BREAD

FOR THE BREAD:

3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup oil
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract*
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups diced strawberries (If you use the frozen sweetened, strawberries, just measure 2 cups.

Each container as 1/2 cup of strawberries, undrained)

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

FOR THE GLAZE:

2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/3 cup finely diced strawberries (I measured 1/3 cup of the frozen, sweetened strawberries--the used the rest for a garnish on top of the glaze).
1/2 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract
1-2 tablespoons heavy cream or milk** (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar, milk, oil, egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir until just combined.

In a small bowl, toss together the strawberries and the 2 tablespoons of flour to coat the strawberries.

Fold the floured strawberries gently into the batter.

Pour the bread batter into a greased 9" x 5" bread pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes. A toothpick inserted in the center of the bread should come out clean. Allow the bread to cool for 10 minutes, then remove the bread to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the glaze, combine the powdered sugar, melted butter, diced strawberries and extract in a small bowl. Mix until it is smooth.

Once the bread is cool, spread the glaze on top of the bread. Slice and serve.

NOTES:

**I always add double the amount of vanilla or almond extract to bread or cake batter (along with the wet ingredients) for an extra boost of flavor--especially if I am not putting the glaze on top. The bread has the most flavor when you use about 2 cups.*

***You may not need any milk or cream to make the glaze spreadable, depending on the juiciness of your strawberries. The glaze will be very thick and look like it is not mixing up, but if you need mixing, it should create a nice creamy pink glaze. If it doesn't, add milk or heavy cream 1 tablespoon at a time. The glaze will soften as it sits too since the sugar pulls out juices from the strawberries. If you use the frozen, sweetened strawberries, you probably won't need the milk at all and it will be a nice consistency.*

See **OBLER** page 36

Hey, Hey, We're Monkees and Not Wagner!

Mack Hall

February 21, 2019 a 77-year-old man named Peter Tork died. 77-year-old men have been known to die from time to time, but this man was quite famous in his youth as a member of the musical group The Monkees (sic) and continued to work until his death.

The Monkees were cobbled together in the 1960s by television producers as a weekly series to profit from the popularity of The Beatles (sic). A popular nickname for The Beatles was the fab four, and so a snarky nickname for The Monkees was the pre-fab four. And that was true enough, but the scheme became more popular than anyone imagined it would be, and The Monkees, through their popular television series, records, screaming-teenie tours, movies, and reunions, made themselves a significant cultural artifact.

Through a series of casting calls and tryouts four young men - Peter Tork, Micky Dolenz, Michael Nesmith, and Davy Jones - were hired to grow bowl haircuts and play the monkees in

the weekly series broadcast from 1965 - 1968. The producers employed the quick cuts, jerky movements, and minimal plotting of the Beatles' movies with great success. The WannaBeatles were harmless good fun with the assembly-line teenie-bop music put upon them, and for a while the world sang along to "Hey, Hey, We're the Monkees!"

Y'r 'Umbler Scrivener remembers an occasion in the middle of the night when the jolly Viet-Cong treated us to their own special music, and among the racket (as with Wagner, the V.C. liked it LOUD), a friend's voice sang in a somewhat quavering but decidedly defiant counterpoint: "Hey, hey, we're the Monkees..."

Back in the U.S.A. the sometimes Fractious Four were musically ambitious and wanted to make more serious music that the programmatic tinkerty-tonk promoted for the show. They often did not get along with each other and they certainly did not get along with the men who made them

stars. Apparently none of their songs at that time featured gratitude as a topic.

Due to squabbles the show was canceled in 1968, and the lads continue to squabble as a group until 1971 when they pulled the metaphorical plug and pursued their own musical interests.

In the 1990s re-runs of the show on cable and satellite channels made The Monkees popular again, and for decades they made a number of reunion shows and fresh albums.

Y'r 'umble scrivener was vaguely aware of popular music only because he couldn't escape it in the a.m. radio subculture of the times, but could not distinguish The Monkees from The Beatles from The Eagles (let the reader react with shock and then disdain). Indeed, in his declining and/or golden years he has developed a fondness for German opera, and is happy to drive along to the tune of bellowing Wagnerians. His family is not happy about that, but his

dachshunds, being good Germans, are cool with all the sturm und drang.

However, success must be applauded, and musical people advise me that The Monkees aren't bad at all, and occasionally pretty good.

In sum, The Monkees were fun, and in a world where there is too much sadness, a bit of fun is good enough.

It is a truism that for those of a certain generation "I'm a Believer," "Last Train to Clarksville," "Pleasant Valley Sunday," and "Hey, Hey, We're the Monkees!" are essentials for the American road trip. For their grandchildren, nah, that's MeeMaw and PawPaw music, and they retreat behind the cultural safety of their ear buds listening to God alone knows what beatnik-hippie stuff, eh?



Peter Tork

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Beachcombing with Stefanie

“Lionfish”

Stefanie Voss

Recently Beckie Sosa and I found a Lion-fish washed up among the Hydrilla. Squealing with delight and curiosity, Beckie picked up the spiky fish while I snapped pictures.

The Lion-fish (pterois) is indigenous to the Indo-Pacific Ocean. It is ruby hued with long showy fins, stripped patterned, with venomous spines. It's a truly beautiful fish.

In the mid 80's, aquarium owners in Florida released Lion-fish into the Atlantic, after the ravenous beauties ate all the other fish in their tanks. From there, they took over the entire east coast of the United States, the Caribbean's and have made their way into the Gulf of Mexico.

These invasive predators have no natural enemies and an appetite for anything that swims. Their stomachs can extend up to 30 times their normal size to accommodate their unquenchable hunger. Lion-fish are known to eat up to 70 different species of fish, as well as crabs and shrimp. They are also known to be cannibalistic. A single Lion-fish can eat up to 5,000 fish per year, with a life span of 30 years.

Lion-fish have an insane reproduction fate. Females lay up to 30,000 eggs every 4-5 days or 2 million eggs a year.

If stung by a Lion-fish, soak the area in hot water for 30-90 minutes. The sting is extremely painful and can cause breathing problems which is when medical attention should immediately be sought.

Texas Parks and Wildlife urges fishermen **NOT** to release them if caught.

Lion-fish are delicious and easy to prepare, once the venomous spines have been removed with kitchen scissors.

Broiled Lion-fish with Garlic and Basil Butter

6 small Lion-fish fillets
2 Tbs melted butter
Salt
Pepper

Place fillets on lightly greased broiler pan. Brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Broil about 4 inches from heat until fish flakes easily with fork about 4-5 minutes. Serve with garlic basil butter. Serves 6

Garlic Basil Butter

1/2 c softened butter
1 tsp pressed garlic
1 tsp finely chopped fresh basil
1 tsp fresh lemon juice
1/8 tsp salt
In small bowl combine and mix all ingredients. Allow to stand 1 hour for flavors to develop. Spread over warm fillets.

Spicy Lion-fish with Dill Sauce

2 tsp lemon juice
1/4 c sour cream
2 Tbsp mayo
1 Tbsp fresh dill
1 Tbsp fresh chives
1 Tbsp capers
1/4 tsp salt
8 Lion-fish fillets
1 Tbsp creole seasoning
2 Tbsp butter

In a small bowl squeeze juice from 1 lemon. In medium bowl combine 2 tsp lemon juice, sour cream, mayo, dill, chives, and capers. Blend until well combined. Sprinkle creole seasoning on fillets. Heat butter in skillet. Pan fry fillets 2 minutes each side until browned. Place cooked fillets on a plate and serve with dill sauce.



Lion-Fish

County Line Meeting

A word from our state representative, Mayes Middleton.

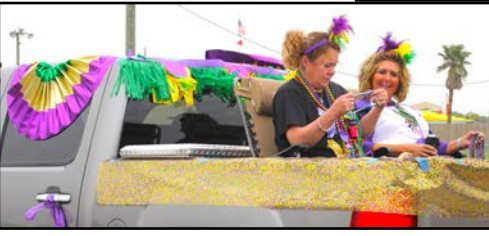
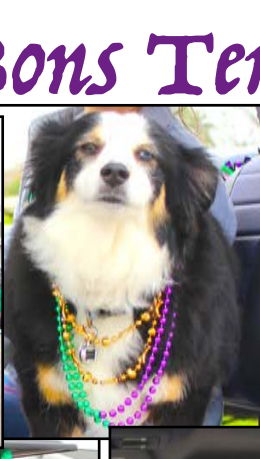
“I had the privilege of meeting with constituents on the Bolivar Peninsula at the Stingaree Restaurant in Crystal Beach to discuss the possibility of a voter-led effort to move the Bolivar Peninsula and High Island into Chambers County, and to hear the community's thoughts on the issue. Among the hundreds in attendance were several officials from Chambers and Galveston Counties to discuss several aspects of the move in detail. I was pleased to see that so many in our community participated in this important discussion.”

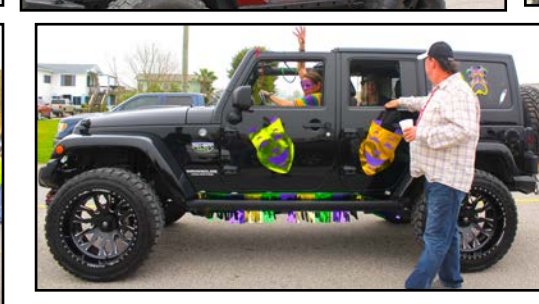
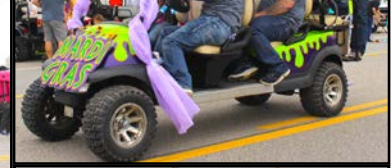
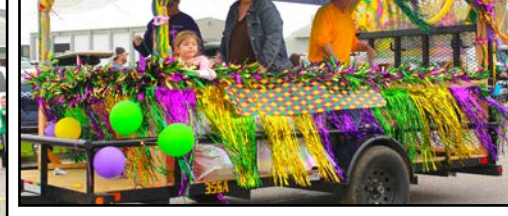
A few of the Chambers County elected officials attending the meeting were County Judge Sylvia and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, along with Congressman Randy Weber. Seth Collins attended representing Galveston County Commissioner Darrell Apffel.

There was a large turnout, with Middleton sharing a huge amount of information and much more to be determined. This was a follow up to requests Mayes received during his campaign.

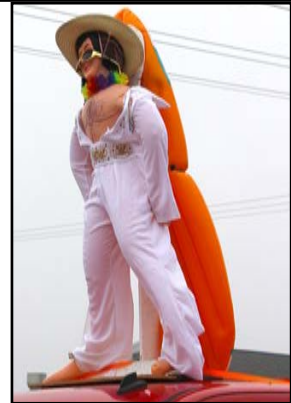
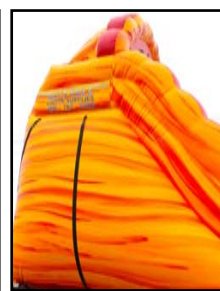


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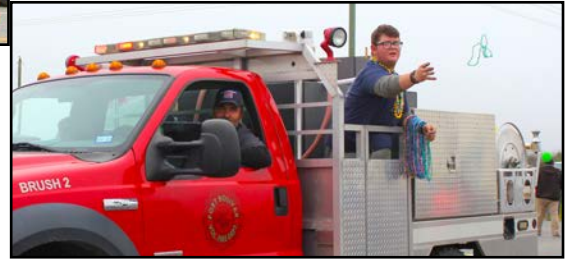




....Et Roulet



....Et Roulet
...La fin



NURSE ON THE BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Enlarged prostate, new surgical options!

Despite the medications you take to treat your enlarged prostate gland, a condition known as benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) – you will still have difficulty urinating. Your doctor most likely will say the next step is a surgical procedure to remove prostate tissue that's obstructing urine flow through the urethra.

Most commonly, the procedure is performed using a small surgical instrument inserted through your urethra. The chart below can help you compare the main options that are available to you. (Mayo Clinic).

TYPE and DESCRIPTION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<i>Bipolar transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP)</i> - uses small tools to trim the tissue. Newer version of the traditional monopolar TURP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most common, established procedure Prostate tissues can be examined for the presence of prostate cancer. Small risk of needing a repeat procedure in 5-10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or two-day hospital stay often needed Urinary catheter may be needed a few days Risk of blood transfusion, development of stricture of urethra, and erectile dysfunction is higher than with laser ablation or HoLEP
<i>Holmium laser enucleation of the prostate (HoLEP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate symptom relief Prostate tissues can be examined for the presence of prostate cancer Very low risk of bleeding Done as an outpatient procedure with only one night in hospital Re-treatment is extremely rare Risk of erectile dysfunction is lower than with TURP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urinary irritation can occur, but is less likely than with TURP or laser ablation With smaller prostates, risk of contracture or scarring at bladder opening is higher than with laser ablation Leakage of urine early on is possible, but usually goes away Semen will go into the bladder during climax (retrograde ejaculation)
<i>Laser Vaporization (ablation) of the prostate</i> - High-energy laser ablates overgrown prostate tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate symptom relief Outpatient procedure or with only one night in hospital Less risk of bleeding, urethra stricture or erectile dysfunction than with TURP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissues can't be examined for cancer Only an option for smaller prostates Re-treatment may be needed in five to 10 years Urinary frequency, urgency, and burning more common than with TURP or HoLEP
<i>Prostate lift implant (UroLift)</i> - sutures compress the prostate, making a wider opening for urine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient or office procedure with quick recovery time No erectile or ejaculatory dysfunction, few complications Can do TURP or HoLEP in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newer procedure; durability after three years not well-studied Improvement in symptoms not quite as good as with TURP or HoLEP Cost issues, limited insurance coverage

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<i>Steam therapy (Rezum)</i> - Device injects jets of steam into prostate, killing tissue that's later resorbed by the body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short, outpatient or office procedure with quick recovery time Low risk of erectile or ejaculatory dysfunction, few complications Can do TURP or HoLEP in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newer technology; results after one year not well-studied Improvement in symptoms, not quite as good as with TURP or HoLEP
<i>Transurethral incision of prostate (TUIP)</i> - Grooves cut where bladder, urethra, prostate meet, widening area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient procedure or with only one night in hospital Improvement similar to TURP Lower risk of bleeding and ejaculatory problems than with TURP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must meet certain criteria Need for re-treatment common Takes longer to return to normal activities than with UroLift or Rezum May have only a small improvement
<i>Water-jet dissector</i> - Jet cuts away tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process quickly removes tissue Done under live image guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promising, but little long-term data May not be covered by insurance

The normal prostate specific antigen (PSA) – a protein produced by the prostate and found mostly in semen, and some goes into the bloodstream.

If you are in your:	Your normal PSA range should be....
40s	0 - 2.5 ng/ml
50s	0 - 4 ng/ml
60s	0 - 4.5 ng/ml
70s	0 - 6.5 ng/ml

Every time you see your doctor for a checkup, have a conversation about prostate health and prostate cancer screening.

See you next month for more health tips!

Congratulations to Gary and Jan Kent for their 20 years publishing THE TRITON!!!



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By Jay Camp

On the morning of 14th August 1719, five passengers boarded the small ship "Marechal D'Estrees" in the port of La Rochelle, France.

Our main character is named Francois Simars De Belle Isle. Simars came from Fontenay-Le-Comte in the Province of Poitou, France.

On the voyage to New Orleans the inexperienced Captain and crew showed they were not cut out to be transatlantic veterans. Once in the Gulf of Mexico, the ship stopped another vessel to ask directions to the mouth of the Mississippi River. They were told they had past the mouth by three leagues (90 miles) after being lost for twenty days.

When the ship turned around to head back to the east, they put in at the mouth of a bay they had seen before to go ashore for fresh water. The ship ran aground on a sandbar and got stuck. Instead of working out the problem, the Captain locked himself in his cabin and went to bed. When this happened the ensign locked himself in his cabin praying to God, if he was delivered, he would never set sail again. Someone had to take over, so the ship's pilot decided to have the crew and passengers to run from side to side of the ship to rock it loose from the bar. When the ship broke loose, the Captain came out of his cabin and took over.

The passengers decided they had had enough and put to shore to walk back. They were told it would take for or five days to reach New Orleans and to send a more confident captain and crew to take over the ship.

Among the five passengers were Simars, Duclos, Legendre, Courbet and Abain. These five took along with them their swords, guns, ammunition, and sea biscuits to last five days. After the first night on the beach, they walked to the east for four days. On the fifth day, they found themselves in an impassable swamp, turning around they found a small boat that had washed ashore, and they dragged it to the mouth of a small river. After a day's worth of cutting a path to launch it, being hungry, they killed and ate an entire deer.

The next day they rowed about twenty miles before they found the river ended into a small pond. Leading nowhere else, they drifted back down stream. They ended up at the same

spot they had first come ashore. With no food except a bird or two, the first passenger "Courbet" died of exhaustion.

The four left decided to take the boat out into the Gulf. After the first day of rowing, the second passenger "Legendre" died of exhaustion. The three left took the boat across the bay to explore the other side to the west. Simars and Abain left Duclos in the camp to explore inland. Duclos was too weak to follow his companions. After a few hours Abain gave up and set out to return to Duclos. Simars kept on for four more days, coming to a river too wide to cross. Simars went back to the camp to tell the other two men the news and found them both dead, leaving him alone.

For two days he ate nothing but oysters, grass and worms. After seeing Indians across the bay, he rowed over to meet them. They took his guns, swords, and clothes. They gave him some bird eggs to eat while he sat there naked. The next day they went to their village, where he was put on display.

He spent the summer scrounging for food. The men hunted bison and deer and the women dug roots to eat. When winter came, they forced him to gather firewood and water while beating his naked body with sticks.

Simars wrote a letter to send for help and gave it to a visiting Indian from another tribe. The letter went from tribe to tribe on display.

Once on a hunting trip, he had to run by their horses because he was not allowed a horse. The Indians would beat him with sticks if he stopped to remove thorns from his barefeet. On one trip they killed an enemy and brought the body back to their village where they ate him.

By chance, Simars' letter made it to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where an expedition was formed to find him. After fifteen months with the Attakapas Indians in Galveston, he made it to Natchitoches on 10 February 1721 wearing only an animal skin robe.

Simars was sent back to the shore where he first landed to build a fort. But it was not successful, the Indians were too hard to deal with. No one returned to the spot until 1735.

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The Beach Bum was at an wedding recently when someone yelled, "All the married men, please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was crushed to death.

The Beach Bum says the things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.

The Beach Bum says why, in a country of free speech, are there phone bills?

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Girl Scout Investiture Ceremony

An investiture ceremony welcomes all new members to Girl Scouts, while a rededication ceremony is a great way for returning members to kick off the troop year and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Both ceremonies, at their core, are traditions that allow the girls to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and the empowering journey girls—and the millions of Girl Scouts who came before them—will undertake. A combination ceremony was held at Crenshaw in February for the girls joining and those rededicating to the Girl Scouts.

An investiture ceremony itself doesn't need to be formal or elaborate; in fact, it has only three requirements. New members must:

- Recite the Girl Scout Promise, either individually or as a group.
- Receive the appropriate membership pin—the Girl Scout Daisy pin, Girl Scout Brownie pin, or Traditional Membership pin, depending on the girls and their troop.
- Be verbally welcomed into their troop and to Girl Scouting. A troop leader may choose to give the welcome to new members, or returning girls might want to collectively give the welcome.

The young ladies participating in the Girl Scout Investiture Ceremony were”

Brownies Group

- * Maritza
- * Camila
- * Mary Claire
- * Yaremy

Juniors group

- * Bradley
- * Melany
- * Sarita
- * Kaydence

Troop Leaders

- * Sheila Marvin
- * Stephanie Chu-Ba
- * Angelica M Botello

Congratulations to all the young ladies.
Pictures of the ceremony are pictured below



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 "Vegetarian" is an old Indian word meaning 'lousy hunter'". The Beach Bum says a wife who puts her husband in doghouse will soon find him in cathouse.

The Beach Bum says a man who scratches his butt, should not bite fingernails. The Beach Bum says I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.


The Beach Bum says he is fluent in 3 languages, English, sarcasm, and profanity. The Beach Bum says if love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?



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BLAST continued



Shown above is Galveston Architect Jack Morris' preliminary plan of the new Gulf Shores Bank to be built in Driftwood addition on Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach. The structure will be temporary one and later a larger, permanent building will be constructed on additional property at Driftwood. A charter was approved by the State Banking Commission, the city of Crystal Beach granted a building variance and bids will be let shortly, according to Larry Eason at the Bank of the West, one of the parent banks for the new establishment.



Gardner Byrom is shown above displaying some of the many telephones he has for sale at Gardner's Phone Service in Crystal Beach. Gardner has a phone that should be of particular interest to local residents - it can be converted with the flick of a switch from rotary dial to touch tone, eliminating the expense and confusion of having to own two phones if you subscribe to one

of the long distance services. He also has many decorator type phones, footballs, antique replicas, etc., for sale at prices ranging from \$9.95 to \$79.95 and he can do repairs on the phones you already have or install new phones for you. Gardner opened the business after retiring from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after 37 years.



Gladys Meynig



Bad weather spawned at least one tornado on Sunday, February 10, resulting in damage to several homes on the Peninsula and a number of trailers. One example, in Gilchrist, is shown above. The small trailer was rolled several feet toward the beach and the picture tells the rest.

OBLER continued

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL DESSERT

- 2 cups crushed pretzels (about 10 ounces)
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar, packed
- 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 16 ounce container Cool Whip, or other non-dairy whipped topping, divided use
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 ounce package strawberry gelatin, or two small packages
- 2 cups boiling water
- 3 cups frozen strawberries, thawed

Mix crushed pretzels, brown sugar, and butter.

Press into greased 9" x 13" baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Cool completely. You may place in freezer for about 30 minutes to speed cooling time.

Mix sugar, cream cheese, and half the Cool Whip and place on cooled crust.

Bring water to a boil.

Add Jello and stir until dissolved.

Then add strawberries.

Stir until thick.

If necessary, put in freezer for a half hour or so until mixture thickens.

Spread over cream cheese layer.

Freeze until firm--about 30-45 minutes.

Cover with foil (NOT PLASTIC WRAP!). Plastic wrap will adhere to the frozen surface and take off the beautiful finish.

Refrigerate overnight before serving. If desired, serve with remaining Cool Whip--either spread over the strawberry layer or dollop on individual servings.

NOTES:

You may substitute cans of pie filling for strawberry mixture, although this is really good. May use raspberry and blueberry pie filling as a substitute for the strawberry-Jello mixture. You could also use fresh blueberries or blackberries and Jello to match and it would be fantastic, too.

The original name for this recipe calls it a salad--but it is really a dessert, NOT a salad.

Don't use plastic wrap to cover this salad/dessert. It will adhere to the strawberry topping and make a mess.

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Jesus "Chuy" Mendieta

December 27, 2004 - February 23, 2019

Jesus "Chuy" Mendieta, 14, of Winnie, died Saturday, February 23, 2019, in an unexpected accident with his cousin and best friend, Fernando Vela, by his side. He was born to Marina and Oscar Mendieta, on December 27, 2004, in Galveston.

Jesus had been a resident of Winnie since 2009, formerly living in Port Bolivar. He was an 8th grade student at East Chambers Junior High in Winnie. He ran track and played football. Jesus was loved by his friends, teammates, and coaches. He was Catholic by faith, attending San Louis Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Sonia and Karla Mendieta; grandparents, Graciela Munoz, Ignacio Vela, Esteban Tovar Mendieta, and Juana Mendieta; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A gathering of Jesus' family and friends will be from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with a Rosary recited at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2019, at St. Louis Catholic Church, 315 West Buccaneer Drive, Winnie. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2, 2019, at St. Louis Catholic Church, Winnie, under the direction of Broussard's, 134 West Buccaneer Drive, Winnie. His interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Winnie.

Jesus will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Wayne R. Hester

January 22, 1978 - February 1, 2019

On 2/1/19 God gained an amazing angel, Wayne R Hester. Born on 1/22/78 in Galveston, Tx to Deniese D. Hester. Wayne was an amazing daddy and friend. He made a lasting impression on anyone's life who had the pleasure of knowing him. Always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked and did not know the meaning of no and never complained about doing so.



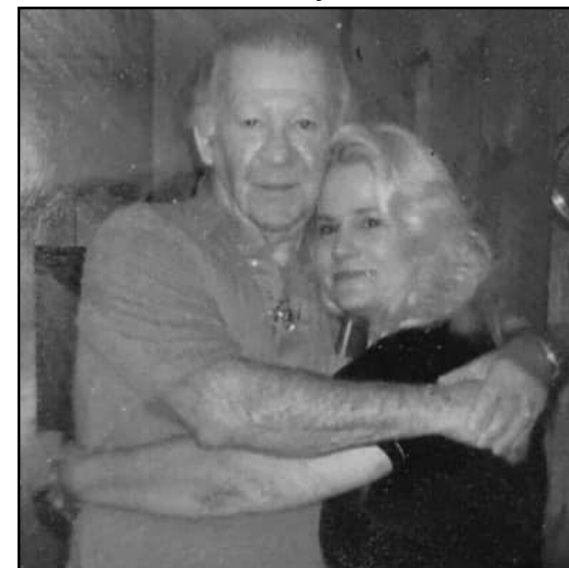
He is survived by his mother Deniese Hester, father Wayne Johnson, Uncles Robert Hester, Donald Hester, and Claude Barrow. Brothers WH Lowe and Dewayne Johnson. Son Brandon Hester, step son Keenan Shiver. Daughters Kristen Hester, Cameron Hester, and Ariana Hester. Grandson Keaton Hester-Hall. As well as many other relatives. Preceded in death by grandparents Robert and Geraldine Hester and Aunts Connie Barrow and Nannette Hester.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support through this tough time. Services will be held for family and a public memorial will be held and announced once arrangements have been made.

Wayne you will never know how much you are loved. We know you are in heaven smiling down on all your family and friends. The lives of everyone you have touched will forever be changed. Fly high.

Roy Scott

1935 - January 28, 2019

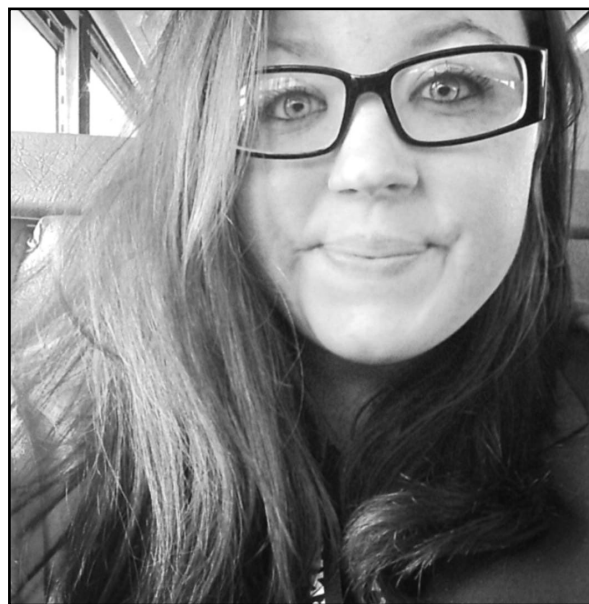
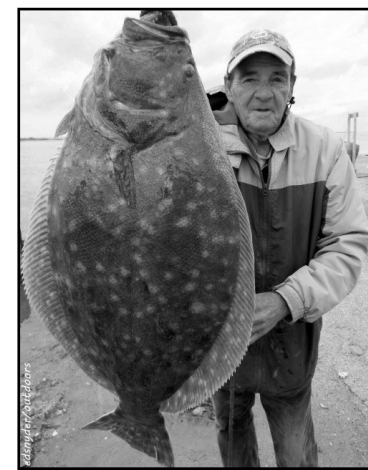


Leslie Roy Scott, age 83, passed away on January 28th 2019 in his home surrounded by his family and loved ones has left our world, to be in heaven with his daughter Leslie Scott. Roy was a kind hearted parent, and grandparent to his two grandchildren, Randy Long, Brittany Holder, and great grandson Jimmy Holder. Roy also leaves behind two sons, Christopher Scott, and William Scott. Roy was originally from the Crystal Beach, Louisiana to be with his family. Roy enjoyed gardening and being outdoors, playing his guitar and listing to country music. Roy was retired from the electric company where he worked as a lineman for many years. He was a hero who fought valiantly in the Korean war for the United States Army. Later in his life he gained a passion for animals and spent many nights watching football with his two companions, Arthur and Roxanne, the family dog and cat. Although gone, he will never be forgotten as his memory and love will forever live on in our hearts. A memorial service has already taken place at Fort Travis Park in Crystal Beach, Texas with close friends and family. Any letters, cards, and flowers can be sent to his family in Louisiana to the address below.

Brittany Holder & Randy Long
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Robert Goodman

Ronald Goodman of Gilchrist passed away February 11, 2019



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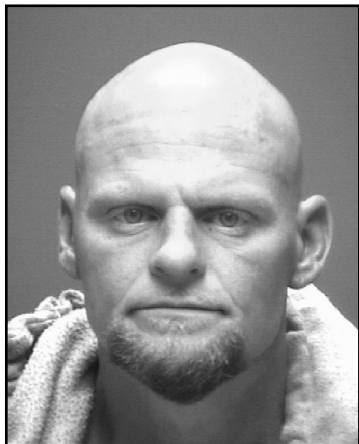
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Wise, Brent Ray (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (Hardin County So) (M), at 3000 Harborside Dr, Galveston, TX, on 2/1/2019 18:05.



Reed, Tony Levon (W /M/49) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz, M (M), at 5700 Ave H, Galveston, TX, on 2/6/2019 15:54.



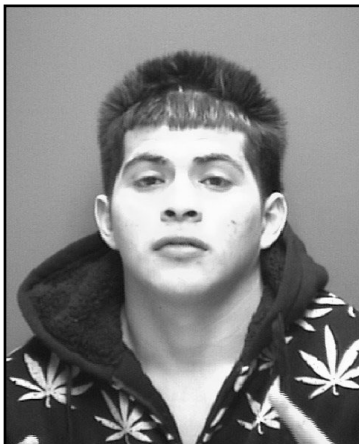
Smith, Zack Andy (W /M/37) Arrest on chrg of Walked On Hwy With Traffic-no Sidewalk, M (M), at 3100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/7/2019 02:05.



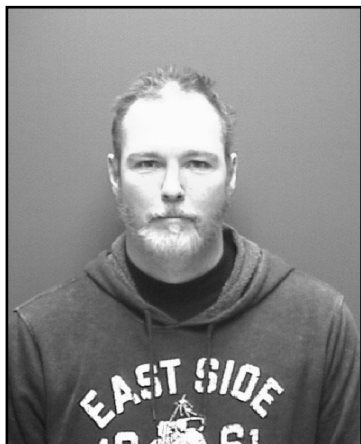
Custer, Dalton Conley (W /M/18) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Drug Paraphernalia (M) and 2) Poss Drug Paraphernalia (M), at 1901 Sea Glass Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 2/8/2019 10:01.



Carranco, Raul . (W /M/37) Arrest on chrg of 1) Open Container (M) and 2) Public Intoxication (M), at 706 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/10/2019 18:43.



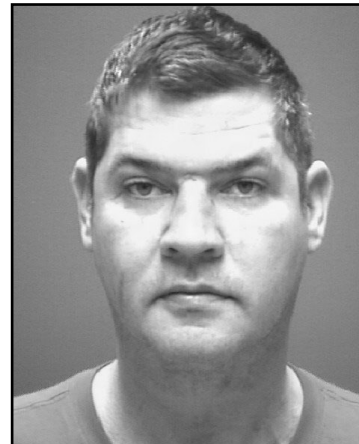
Sosa, Roberto . (W /M/21) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Marij <2oz (M) and 2) Reckless Driving (M), at 706 Hwy 87, Bolivar, TX, on 2/10/2019 18:40.



Steele, Shane . (W /M/43) Arrest on chrg of Sex Offenders Duty To Register 10yrs, F (F), at 715 Hwy 87, Gilcrest, TX, on 2/12/2019 10:38.



Foster, Zachary Kent (W /M/23) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 >=200g<400g (F), Arrest on chrg of Unl Carrying Weapon (M), at 5700 Avenue H, Galveston, TX, on 2/14/2019 02:19



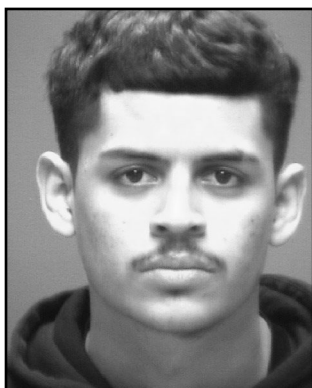
Zimmerman, Patrick Allen (W /M/39) Arrest on chrg of Injury Child/elderly/disable W/int Bodily Inj (F), at 989 Smith Drive, Crystal Beach, TX, on 2/15/2019 22:54.



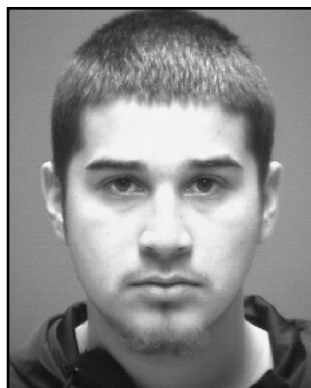
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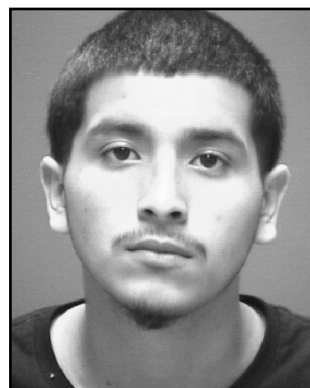
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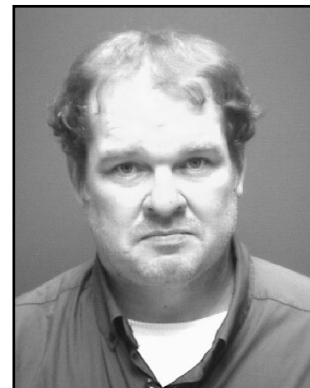
Serrano, Ary . (W /M/18) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant-harris Co, F (F), Arrest on chrg of Harris Co - Criminal Mischief \$2,500<\$30k, F (F) at 149 Hwy 87/ frenchtown Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/24/2019 16:03.



Chavez, Juan Antonio (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of 1) Jumping Ferry Line (M) and 2) No Drivers License (M), at 149 Hwy 87/frenchtown Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/24/2019 16:03.



Zepeda-mondragon, Pedro Alex (W /M/17) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz, M (M), at 149 Hwy 87/ frenchtown Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/24/2019 16:03.



Keith, Adrian Matthew (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Burglary Of Habitation, F (F), at 600 59th St, Galveston, TX, on 2/28/2019 12:30.



Casimere, Whitney Joseph (B /M/35) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at 69 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 2/28/2019 16:35.

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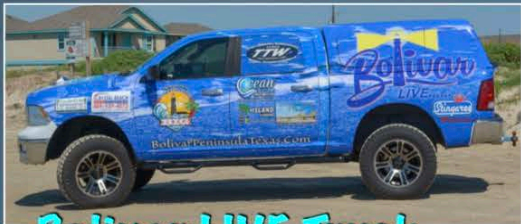


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