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# THE BEACH TRITON

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MAY 2018

## Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards



### Citizen of the Year

GEORGE! Strong with Presented by Linda and Marcel Elissalde  
Brenda Flanagan Chamber President - Center



### Guest Speaker Terry Jung

*Honored to be in a position with the Lone Survivor Foundation to serve and give back in any way he can to those worthy veterans of the USA affected in combat*



### Business of the Year

Coastal Outdoors Group ~ Bolivar Peninsula Tourism and Visitors' Center ~ David Harris  
Presented by Keith Zahar



### Volunteer of the Year

Tracy Barnett  
Presented by Donna Singer



### Educator of the Year

Dana Ashbacher ~ Crenshaw School  
Presented by Traci Camp



### Honorary Citizen of the Year

A.J. Larson Presented by Jan Kent  
*Pictured above in the orange shirt greeted by the High Island Food Fair Volunteers*

## Grand Opening Nauti's Beer and Liquor Barn



Nauti's Beer and Liquor Barn held their grand opening May 5 in grand style complimentary of a grand opening. Mona and Bill Palmer were joined by many friends and family sharing their celebration.

They are located at 1701 Hwy 87 and you don't even have to get out of your vehicle. Drive on up and drive on thru Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

As one customer stated, she can come in her pj's to stock up on her adult beverage and ice.

Grand opening brought to you by Bolivar Peninsula Tourism and Visitor's Center along with The Beach Triton.

## THE BIG STORE TREASURE HUNT

The treasure this year has grown to \$1000.00. It is a Crab Festival/Big Store Treasure Hunt. The boundaries are in Galveston County, from Chambers county line to the Ferry Landing.

Clues are posted daily in the morning at opening of The Big Store and on their Facebook page shortly after. One a day will be posted until it is found or until Saturday, May 12. If not found, you will be told where it is and the first one to it wins. The treasure is on public land or in a right of way. There is always something or part of it showing. Do not dig up someone's front yard.

A tip for the nobies: This is not for the timid. These hunters take this seriously. Many take the week off to hunt. After a few days of reading the clues you will realize we're all crazy. But that's how we roll  
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**May 27th**

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*May 13*



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Crystal Beach  
Community Church**  
 936-404-3401 or  
 281-728-8408  
**Mondays, Thursdays &  
Saturdays  
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## June 2018 Galveston County Master Gardener Educational

**Classes for Interested Gardeners**  
*free to the public*  
 The following class will be offered at this  
**NEW LOCATION:**

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 930 Noble Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, TX 77650

For course reservations, telephone 281-309-5065 or  
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Check the Website for details and updates, Website:  
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

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**Saturday, June 2  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Galveston County Master Gardener Herman Auer, a  
 vegetable specialist with 50 years of hands-on  
 experience growing vegetables, will discuss how to plan  
 and start a vegetable garden, its location, and the best  
 plant varieties for Galveston County.  
 He will also include pollination, mulching, the effects of  
 full-sun and shade on leafy and fruiting vegetables, and  
 garden failures.

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# High Island Cardinals

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## *Running to State*

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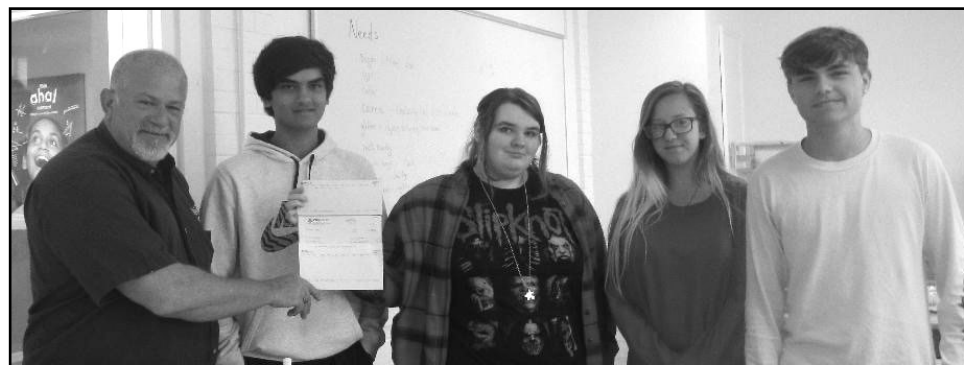
### FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES:

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Boys 4x100M relay team, Regional Champions, advanced to State. Billy Palmer, Nate Jackson, Kade Meyers and Derek DeMoss, center, Coach Jackson. Boys 100M Dash, 2nd Place, Nate Jackson, advance to State.

Boys 4x200M relay team, 2nd Place, advance to State. Nate Jackson, Derek DeMoss, Billy Palmer, Kade Meyers



Mr. James Buchanan of Tri-Con presented the Biology Class with a donation of \$500 from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program. These funds are used for lab and science fair supplies. Thanks to Tri-Con, High Island Food Mart and ExxonMobil for their support of our science classes.

## Upcoming School Events

### State Track Meet in Austin

May 10 - 12

### Lady Cardinals Playoff

Friday, May 11th vs Moulton at Brookshire-Royal High School  
 Game time is 6:30 PM

**May 28 - Memorial Day**

**May 31 - Last Day of School**

The High Island 5th Grade class became entrepreneurs participating in a lemonade stand, partnering with local businesses as investors and paying back their loans with interest. A well taught business class for the young students.

The lemonade sale was held in front of the Ocean Grille in Crystal Beach May 6.

Students built their stand and made promotional signs advertising their business.

The response for local businesses to participate as investors was overwhelming and encouraging for the young entrepreneurs.

Congratulations on a class well learned and a job well done.





# May 2018 Galveston County Master Gardener Educational Programs for Interested Gardeners

# Fraternal Order of Eagles #3719

Bill Agnew

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

Location: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, exceptions are noted in the class description  
4102 Main Street (FM 519), La Marque, TX 77568

For course reservations, telephone 281-309-5065 or email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com  
Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

### WHAT IS AN ORCHID? Saturday, May 5 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The orchid family is perhaps the largest and most diverse family of flowering plants. Orchids range from plants only a fraction of an inch high with flowers about the size of pinheads to some with 5-10 foot stems whose flower stalks are 15 feet long. Galveston Bay Orchid Society past presidents and Galveston County Master Gardeners members Clyde Holt and Joyce McMillan will present this program about the basics of orchid growing, including descriptions of the types of orchids, environmental and feeding requirements, and common diseases. The presenters will bring a variety of orchids to show, as well as potting media specific to orchids.

Dickinson, a sizable home orchard in Santa Fe, and the Galveston County Master Gardener Discovery Garden in Carbide Park in La Marque. Each site will be open 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon, and sites may be visited in any desired order. Galveston County Master Gardeners will be available at each location to support home owners in guiding you and answering your questions. There is no rain date for this event, it will take place rain or shine, so wear appropriate shoes and bring rain gear, if needed. No pre-registration is needed.

#### Orchard locations:

- Wilson and Renee Hillman's Fruit n Such Orchard at 6309 Avenue U, Dickinson 77539; located off Bowerman Road and FM 517; ph. 832-443-6733
- Galveston County Master Gardener homeowner at 5202 Highland Road, Santa Fe 77517
- Galveston County Master Gardener Discovery Garden orchard in Carbide Park at 4102 Main Street (Hwy 519), La Marque 77568

### TURNING DIRT INTO SOIL Saturday, May 19 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Building great soil is the most important step to take for successful gardening. Galveston County Master Gardener Jim Gilliam will present a program that includes soil structure and characteristics, pH, nutrients, sources and strategies for soil amendment, testing, and cultural practices, with an emphasis on how to improve your existing soil.

### BENEFICIALS IN THE GARDEN Saturday, May 5 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. William M. Johnson, Galveston County Extension Agent for Horticulture, will present 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?"

### HOME ORCHARD TOURS Saturday, May 19 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

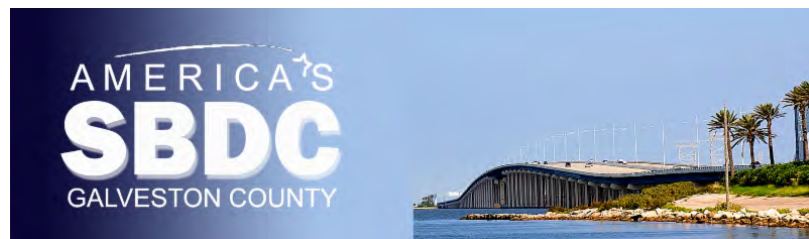
Three fruit orchards are on the tour this year. Vegetable gardens at each site may also be explored. The sites contain a wide variety of fruit trees, ranging from a peach orchard in

First off, the men's aerie had the honor of hosting our Worthy State President John Ray for our Sunday initiation on April 22. He observed our initiation, spoke to our new and current members and then hung around for breakfast when it was over. We initiated 9 new members: Josh Sciarrilla, Tillman Richey, Chris Bean, Tom Kojak, James "Dallas" Rounsavall, Jared Barela, Matt Pace, Mike Tilton, and Frederick Hutson.

We are co-hosting the blood Drive May 4, 2018 with the United Methodist Church at their building, which is better to accommodate parking and the bus.

For mother's day, May 13, the Men's Aerie is going to serve free breakfast to any mothers that shows up for our breakfast. The bar will open at 10:00 a.m., we will start serving food at 9:30 a.m. until noon or we run out. We hope to see all you mothers for breakfast on Mother's Day. We started the observance of Mother's Day so we feel we should do something special for all the mother's of Crystal Beach.

As always, anyone who would like to come in and find out what we are all about, we would love to see you. We hope to have more events this summer downstairs, so keep an eye out for us.



### May 2018

New Business Orientation Seminar - League City Location  
**05/02/2018**

New Business Orientation Seminar - League City Location  
**05/15/2018**

New Business Orientation Seminar - League City Location  
**05/30/2018**

### June 2018

New Business Orientation Seminar - League City Location  
**06/14/2018**

New Business Orientation Seminar - League City Location  
**06/26/2018**

Happy Birthday!  
Gary Lambert  
May 5

Happy Anniversary!  
Cheryl & Jr. Revia  
May 15

Happy Birthday!  
Neil Spiller  
May 7

Happy Birthday!  
Paula Lowry  
May 14

Happy Birthday!  
Ann Milby  
May 21

Happy Birthday!  
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The Beach Bum says Moses had the first Tablet that could connect to the Cloud.

The Beach Bum says most all professional athletes are bilingual. The speak English and profanity.

The Beach Bum says all my life I thought air was free until I bought a bag of potato chips.

The Beach Bum's wife says the only difference in her life when she is on a diets is instead of saying, "I ate nachos," is she says, "I accidentally ate nachos."

The Beach Bum says I managed to lose my rifle when I was in the army. I had to pay \$855 to cover the loss. I'm starting to understand why a Navy captain always goes down with his ship.

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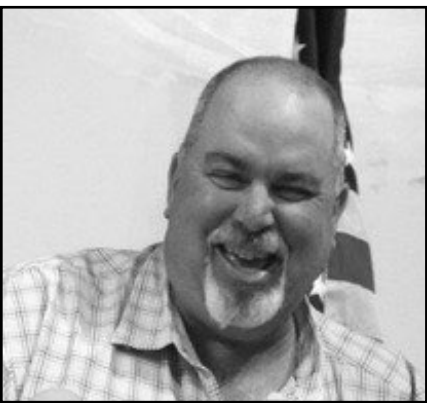
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# The Business of the Year

# Honorary Citizen of the Year

Jan Kent



Bolivar Peninsula Tourism and Visitors Center created by David Harris, has connected with locals and visitors on Facebook and other social media avenues, bringing daily pictures, videos, news, and contests. His mission is to educate Vacationers, Winter Texans, Future Home Owners and Future Business Owners on our

27 mile strip of paradise, activities and points of interest, the businesses, vacation home rentals, real estate sales, restaurants, builders and the scenic beauty Bolivar Peninsula, Texas and Crystal Beach, Texas has to offer on the Upper Texas Gulf Coast. Videos, photos and more show casing Bolivar and Crystal Beach Texas.

His information includes news, events and information on Crystal Beach and Bolivar Peninsula, Texas. He encourages everyone to use his site to stay up-to-date, find out where the best live music is this weekend or the best place to eat, or just learn more about Bolivar Peninsula and everything we have to offer.

David felt the drive to market and promote Bolivar and the local businesses. As a spinoff of Coastal Outdoors Group, he developed Bolivar Peninsula Texas on Facebook and built up Bolivar Tourism through advertising in the magazine and different places online. "I had a different vision. I ran with it and it took off," recalls David. And he needed the backing of the local businesses, understanding he couldn't do it without the support of the community.

Bolivar Tourism began online with their site BolivarPeninsulaTexas.com. It is an informational site attracting visitors and locals to Bolivar. Anything Bolivar related can be found on the website. With its growth, they gained followers and "Friends of Bolivar Tourism". Through the website and its affiliated site on Facebook, Bolivar Tourism keeps the attention of followers with updated news, events, and the various webcams around town. The webcams feature views of the beach, Rollover Pass, waters near Stingaree Restaurant, and Fort Travis.

<https://www.bolivarpeninsulatexas.com>

Picture this – August 2017 Hurricane Harvey explodes rapidly from tropical depression to a major hurricane – High Island becomes a true and for real island

While Harvey is pounding the area – my phone rings – it's AJ Larson, the Galveston County food bank truck driver. AJ asks if he can get thru to High Island from Winnie. I tell him I don't think so, but will try to check out the water and I'll call back, I drive to the High Island bridge and see the rushing waters crossing Hwy 124. I call AJ and tell him no way. for 3 days he calls me every day asking the same question. On the 4th day, which was Labor Day, he calls and says, I'm Coming Thru, what do you need?

He did make it through and he brought a truck load of food and water for all of High Island and we cooked hamburgers with all the trimmings and fed anyone and everyone that came by the ag building in High Island, thanks to donations received by the food bank, distribution of the food and one determined truck driver.

I believe this is called WAY above and WAY beyond the call of duty.

Every Monday is Christmas for a whole lot of peninsula folks when that decorated food truck shows up with our thin Santa driving and it is loaded with new gifts, unexpected gifts and an abundance of hugs and smiles. AJ makes 4 stops on the peninsula, High Island, Gilchrist, Crystal Beach and Port Bolivar

Every Monday we begin our distribution of food by thanking God for the food bank, volunteers and AJ. AJ tells me, that's his job. I tell AJ I know a whole lot of people who have jobs, and only a few that smile and hug and really enjoy their job and even fewer who spread true Christian spirit with a hug, prayer or time to find out what you really need.

AJ is a foreigner, yep, he's from up north somewhere, but we've forgiven him and welcomed him and adopted him

It takes a lot of people working and volunteering to help the peninsula residents in need, but it's my opinion that AJ is the one that brings it to full circle.



Presented by Jan Kent & Brenda Flanagan  
Accepted by Michele Walling

He told me the other day that the Apostle Paul said whatever you do in thought, word, or deed, do it all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God and those are the words he tries to live by

And I say if it weren't for Jesus shining through AJ, AJ wouldn't be the AJ we all love and the AJ we are honored to have in our lives.





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# May 2018

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<b>11</b>	Friday	Bobby Enloe and the Texas Hold'em Band 6:30 - 10 PM	<b>19</b>	Saturday	Crossroads Band 6:30 - 10 PM
<b>12</b>	Saturday	Al White 6:30 - 10:00	<b>25</b>	Friday	South Austin Moonlighters 6:30 - 10 PM
			<b>26</b>	Saturday	Secret Party Band 6:30 - 10 PM





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# Cinco de Mayo

Mack Hall

When in the middle of the 19th century France decided that the conquest of Mexico would compensate for the loss of its previous North American empire, the Austrian empire provided one of their extra archdukes to serve as a sock-puppet emperor. Both the French and the Austrian governments expected to enrich themselves by looting, exploiting, and taxing Mexicans, a program which anticipated our own Internal Revenue Service.

President Lincoln was opposed to the scheme, not from any love of the Mexican people but from fear of French intervention on the Confederate side in the Civil War. There is a possibility that the Confederacy meant to seize Cuba from the Spanish and create an empire centered on the Gulf of Mexico, a Southern Mare Nostrum. Beyond all this, the Spanish, the English, and the French were already involved in Mexico and the Gulf for their own purposes. And beyond yet all this, Mexico, after years of civil war, was divided, with many considering government by the French better than ongoing violence, starvation, and economic collapse. Some of the quarreling Mexican factions invited France and Archduke Maximilian to Mexico.

In sum, everyone was against everyone. The French army had not lost a battle in over fifty years (anyone who dismisses the courage, character, and aggressiveness of the French soldier is ignorant of history), and through superior organization, technology, and numbers, and poor intelligence from its spies, assumed that they would be victorious in Mexico.

Marching from Vera Cruz to Mexico City in the spring of 1862, the French were assured by spies and propagandists that the citizens of Puebla de los Angeles would welcome them with flowers.

Instead of flowers, Mexicans welcomed the French army with archaic Brown Bess muskets sold them by the English long before as war surplus. The Mexican victory was wholly unexpected, and the whole French invasion timetable had to be re-set.

The invaders reorganized, and with reinforcements and craftier leadership occupied Mexico City within a year and set the Hapsburg upon his throne for a brief reign that ended before a firing squad in 1867.

The theme of this first Battle of Puebla (there were two others) on the 5th of May, 1862 was that it showed that a poorly-organized but determined Mexican militia and populace could defeat a modern European army. This gave the people hope, and led eventually to their victory over the occupiers in 1867.

Maximilian was a liberal in the old-fashioned sense, and proposed reforms for agricultural laborers and the poor which in the end could not be carried out. Too bad Juarez had him shot instead of employing him; Maximilian had restructured the Austrian navy into a real battle force, and could have done the same for the Mexican navy.

On the fifth of May this year we have important elections in Texas, free elections. Maximilian, a monarchist, disapproved of government of the people, but Benito Juarez, a republican-with-a-small-r, said people should show up and vote for their leaders. He would be disappointed to see that most Texans don't vote at all. They listen to the a.m. radio boys and complain about their several governing entities, but seem to think that self-government is a spectator sport.

Maximilian would have been okay with that sort of passivity.

We have many reasons to think about Cinco de Mayo this year.

The Beach Bum says happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.

The Beach Bum says all the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

The Beach Bum says fortune does not change men. It only unmasks them.

The Beach Bum says any housewife, no matter how large the family, can always get some time to be alone by doing the dishes.

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# Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 13, 2018

**Directors Present:** George Strong, Vice President; Steve Barnett; D.J. Hutchison; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President.

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

**Others Present:**

**Item 1 Call to Order:** At 6:30 PM, President, Hollis Gassen, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

**Item 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 February 13, 2018 general meeting:** A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by D.J. Hutchison to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes as presented with the noted corrections. Motion unanimously passed.

**Item 4 Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on February 26, 2018:** A motion was made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by Steve Barnett to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on February 26, 2018 as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

**Item 5 Committee Reports:**

**Audit & Finance:** Mr. Dennis Stafford reported the Audit and Finance Committee had met earlier today and reviewed the District's invoices, check registers and bank statements for February 2018 and found everything to be in order.

**Item 6 Public Comments:** A handwritten note was submitted by Theresa Potter to the Board for consideration. "To the Bolivar Peninsula SUD Board: Please forgive a \$75.00 reconnect fee and \$100.00 deposit fee billed on March 28, 2018. I got the flu in February about the time I pay bills and ended up in the hospital with

diabetic ketoacidosis because of it we already have a \$200.00 deposit with the SUD. Respectfully submitted, Theresa Potter. "The Board agreed to deny the request, based on the District's policy. There are various means for customers to pay their monthly bill via automatic bank drafts, paying online, using a credit card."

**Item 7 Manager's Report:** The manager's reports was presented by Mr. Jody Ball and the following items were reported and/or discussed:

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

**2) Review System Operation Reports:**

- \* District Water Losses. The District experience a four-month average water loss through February of 14%
- \* The District has 4,871 active accounts through February. In February, 2 accounts were liquidated and 69 shut off for non-payment.
- \* Total water sales for February were \$276,162.00
- \* Average monthly water bill for February is \$56.70
- \* Water pumped was 18.5M gallons and water sold was 10.7M gallons with a lost difference of 7.8M gallons. There were 2 leaks repaired.
- \* No reportable accidents or incidents during the month of February.

**3) Review current infrastructure projects:** The District has not received a notification of the 100% completion of the elevated storage tank design from the county. The design completion was scheduled to be submitted by the county to the District in late February. The new date is prior to the end of March.

**4) Rollover Pass:** Nothing new to report.

**5) Personnel:** The District is fully staffed.

**6) Leak Adjustment Policy:** The District's new lead adjustment policy was placed into effect after Hurricane Harvey. It was received positive comments from the customers that took advantage of the new policy.

**Item 8 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Installation of a Culvert and Driveway (New Elevated Storage Tank):** The property owner of the land behind the Singing Sands plant has a perpetual right of way to the property, since the District has allowed him to access this property through the District's plant for twenty plus years. The District could pay for this "improvement" with the land owner releasing the District from release of easement through Bolivar Peninsula DUD's property. The District estimates the costs of installing the culvert and driveway of \$4,500.00. A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Steve Barnett to approve the installation of culverts and a driveway just west of the Singing Sands Plant to allow access by the property owner to his land behind the plant at a maximum cost of \$5,000.00 with the District performing the work. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Item 9 Discussion and Possible Discussion and possible action on 2009 Bond (TWDB):** No action required. \$718,428.34 will be transferred to the bond holding company on April 6th to pay off this bond. The District will save \$304,273.00 in interest over the life of the bond.

**Item 10 Discussion and Possible Action on LNVA Budget:** A meeting was attended by Jody Ball, Dennis Stafford and Hollis Gassen with LNVA representatives to discuss their 2018 budget. It was noted during the meeting that 32% of the District's annual budget is paid to LNVA. LNVA has agreed to extend a \$300,000.00 invoice to allow

the District to pay it off in five (5) years. This invoice is the result of LNVA having to cleaning out the two sludge settling ponds at their surface water treatment plant in Winnie. The District has asked LNVA to review their budget for possible cost reductions. After they have reviewed their budget, they state there were no times that could be reduced. LNVA is working on a ten (10) year maintenance plan. This plan will be shared with the District to allow the District to plan for future expenses. LNVA and the District will meet quarterly to review their budget and expenses.

**Item 11 Discussion and possible action on General Manager Contract Extension:** This time is tabled until the April meeting.

**Item 12 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings:**

1) Audit and Finance Committee. None  
2) Personnel and Policy. General Manager's contract and 2017 performance review.

3) Plant and Product. None  
4) Public Relations Committee. None

**Item 13 Directors' Comments regarding future agenda items:**

1) Annual audit report  
2) LNVA  
3) Breaks Subdivision  
4) Quarterly Investment Report  
5) General Manager's Performance Review

6) General Manager's Contract Extension

**Item 14 Sent the Date for the Next Meeting**

Next meeting date is set for April 10, 2018

**Item 15 Adjournment:** At 7:06 pm, a motion was made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by Steve Barnett to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

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# Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

Nothing is more American than Apple Pie. In 1815, Jane Austen wrote: "Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness." I could not find an actual recipe used by Jane Austen herself, but I did find a historical recipe for Apple Puffs from a family friend of Austen.

## JANE AUSTEN APPLE PUFFS

8 ounces puff pastry  
1 pound cooking apples (like Granny Smith)  
1/2 cup water  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 teaspoon lemon rind, finely grated  
1 tablespoon orange blossom water\* or 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)  
1 tablespoon fine-cut orange marmalade, plus more for topping  
Castor sugar for sprinkling\*\*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease and flour a baking sheet, or cover with parchment or a silicone baking sheet.

Peel, core, and slice the apples. Stew them in 1/2 cup of water until tender. Drain well and reserve the cooking juice.

Allow to cool completely.

Put the cooked apple in a bowl and mix in brown sugar, lemon rind, marmalade, and optional orange blossom water or cinnamon.

Taste and adjust flavoring as needed.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry to 1/8 inch thick and cut the pastry into 8 4-inch squares.

Divide the apple puree between them, placing it in a line across the center of each square and stopping well short of the ends.

With a pastry brush, use the reserved apple cooking liquid to dampen the edges of the pastry.

Fold the two edges parallel with the line of filling over the puree. Pinch and seal the edges together with a fork, forming a tube.

Pinch and seal the ends of the tube together and use a fork to seal shut.

Brush the pastry lightly with the reserved apple cooking liquid and sprinkle with castor sugar.

Using a sharp knife, gently cut vents into the top of the pastries.

Place the puffs on the greased or lined baking sheet and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serve warm, topped with a little extra marmalade or candied orange peel.

\*Orange Blossom Water is a scented water. You can buy it online or substitute any orange extract, flavoring, or orange juice concentrate if desired.

\*\*Castor sugar is mainly found in the UK. It is finer than granulated sugar but not as fine as powdered sugar.

You can pulse about 1/2 cup in a blender which will yield about 1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon if desired, or just use granulated sugar.

## APPLE PIE

Here is the recipe we used in Home Economics class at High Island. It is from a Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook.

6 cups thinly sliced, peeled cooking apples (2 pounds)  
1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
dash ground nutmeg  
Pastry for Double-Crust Pie  
1 tablespoon butter

Oven 375 degrees

If apples lack tartness, sprinkle with 1 tablespoon lemon juice, if desired. Combine sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

(For a very juicy pie, omit the flour.) Add sugar mixture to the sliced apples; toss to coat fruit.

Fill a pastry-lined 9-inch pie plate with apple mixture; dot with butter. Adjust top crust. Seal and flute edge.

Sprinkle some sugar atop, if desired. Cover edge of pie with foil.

Bake in a 375 degree oven for 25 minutes. Remove foil; bake for 20 to 25 minutes more or until crust is golden. Cool.

Serve with cheese, if desired. Serves 8.

To avoid messy spills in the oven, set the pie plate on a baking sheet on the oven rack. The pan will catch the juice if the pie bubbles over.

## APPLE CRUMBLE

(Serves 4-6)

### TOPPING

2/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup rolled oats  
3 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

### FILLING

4 large apples, such as Granny Smith, Empire, or Jonathan are good choices because they are tart and firm.  
2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease a 2-quart baking dish.

For the topping, place the flour, rolled oats, granulated sugar, and butter in a large bowl. Mix well.

For the filling, peel, core, and slice the apples. Layer the apple slices in the prepared baking dish.

Sprinkle the brown sugar and cinnamon over the apple slices. Sprinkle the topping mixture over the top.

Bake until the apples have softened and the crumble is lightly golden, 20-25 minutes. Serve warm.

## APPLE PIE DESSERT PIZZA

Mix dry yellow cake mix with a can of apple pie filling. Pour over pre-made pizza dough and bake at 350 degrees for about 20-25 minutes.

## EASY FRIED PIES

Press 2 biscuits together on floured surface. Roll to 7" circle. Place 2 tablespoons canned apple pie filling\* in center, moisten edge, fold in half. Seal edge with fork. Prick top with fork. Fry in 1/4" oil (375 degrees), about 4 minutes on each side until it is deep golden brown. Drain. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 5.

\*Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Raisin, Peach, Apricot or any favorite pie filling may be used.

## RITZ MOCK APPLE PIE

This pie uses Ritz crackers and no apple but tastes just like Apple Pie.

Pastry for two-crust 9-inch pie  
36 Ritz crackers, coarsely broken (about 1 3/4 cups crumbs)  
1 3/4 cups water  
2 cups sugar  
2 teaspoons cream of tartar  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
grated peel of one lemon  
2 tablespoons margarine or butter  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Roll out half the pastry and line a 9-inch pie plate. Place cracker crumbs in prepared crust; set aside.

Heat water, sugar and cream of tartar to a boil in saucepan over high heat; simmer for 15 minutes.

Add lemon juice and peel; cool.

Pour syrup over cracker crumbs. Dot with margarine or butter; sprinkle with cinnamon. Roll out remaining pastry; place over pie. Trim, seal and flute edges. Slit top crust to allow steam to escape.

Bake at 425 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until crust is crisp and golden. Cool completely.

Serves 10.



Enjoy!



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May 8

Happy Birthday!  
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# C.S.S. Denbigh

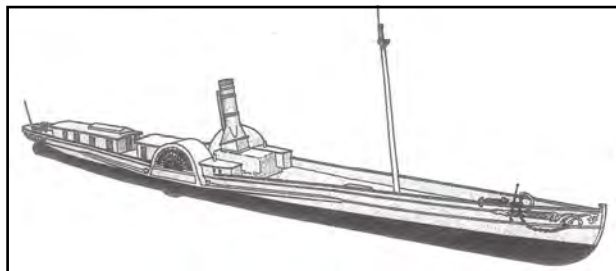
Jay Camp

During the War of Northern Aggression (Civil War to the uneducated) the Federals already had in place a very large navy to control the ports in the South. In order to continue trade with Europe, the South used "Blockade Runner" ships like the C.S.S. Denbigh to get past the federal blockades. Although this ship had steam powered paddle wheels on each side, it also had sails to be used in the dark of the moon to slip past the enemy at night.

The Denbigh's life started on 28 January 1860 when Robert Garder, Esq. of Manchester, England, commissioned the ship to be built by Laird, Sons and Company of Liverpool, England to build their hull Number 268. The order was confirmed 15 May 1860 at a cost of 10,150 British pounds.

Named in honor of a Welsh coastal market town, Dinbych, which founded in the 13th century. The iron hull ship was 182 feet long and has a displacement of 258 tons. Her crew

consisted of one master, two mates, two engineers, six seamen, one cook, one steward and seven firemen, who would shovel the ten ton coal capacity to fire the twin steam engines. She could cruise at 13.7 knots in only five feet of water.



C.S.S. Denbigh

Sometimes between 18 August 1860 when she was completed and 19 October 1863, the Denbigh was bought by the Confederate Navy and was sent to Havana, Cuba. In Havana she was converted to a blockade runner because it was illegal to have this process done in neutral European ports.

On 10 January 1864 the Denbigh's crew of 20 made her first run from

Havana to Mobile, Alabama. After several successful trips to Mobile the Federals increased their presence to keep out these blockade runners. After this the route changed to the less guarded port of Galveston.

The Havana to Galveston route was made six times. On her seventh trip to Galveston, she was spotted by Captain Benjamin F. Sands from Fort Jackson after the C.S.S. Denbigh ran aground between Bolivar and Bird Key Bird Key was a small sandy island just off the coast of present day Fort Travis. This small island disappeared sometime between 1865 and 1895, due to it being a navigation nightmare or was simply washed away.

Captain Sands sent the two federal ships, the "Seminole" and the "Kennebec", to destroy this enemy ships. On the night of 24 May 1865 (after the war was over) forty rounds were fired on the Denbigh as she sunk.

In mid December 1997 the wreck was found and excavated 1500 feet south of Fort Travis just off the west

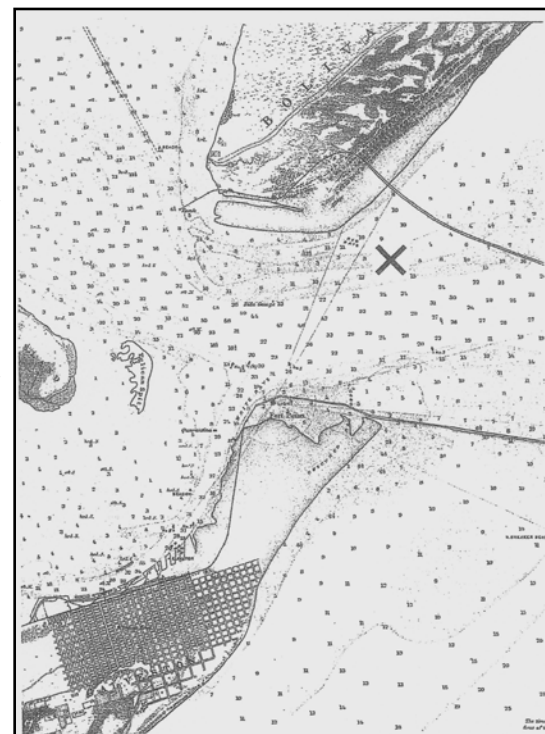


Figure 2. Research area map, a section of the U.S.C.&G.S. #520, Galveston Entrance, 1897. X marks the approximate position of the Denbigh wreck. North is at the top of the chart. For scale, the distance between Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island is 1.75 miles (2.85 km). The jetties shown are of post-Civil War vintage. The Denbigh's intended route was through the inshore channel along the beach of Bolivar Peninsula. On her last trip she was too far offshore and grounded fatally on a sand bar.

X marks the approximate position of the Denbigh wreck.

coast of the North Jetty. At very low tide, parts can still be seen about half way down the jetty.



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## Coastal conference to include sessions on beach operations

Restoring our country's coast is crucial, but it's often easy to overlook the daily efforts needed to make those coasts accessible and enjoyable. One group is taking a closer look at the operations side of your favorite beach.

The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association's (ASBPA) annual National Coastal Conference will expand beyond science and policy in 2018, to include special sessions on day-to-day beach operations. The conference, in Galveston, Texas, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, is actively soliciting proposals for topics that involve lessons or successes in operating beach parks; proposals will be accepted until May 4th.

"ASBPA's conference has long been the go-to source for sharing knowledge on maintaining the health of our nation's beaches and coastlines. But what about when the dredges leave? What happens when you've already got a restored coastline?" said Reuben Trevino, Director of Operations of the Galveston Park Board of Trustees and ASBPA Conference Co-Chair.

"We want to help beach and coastal managers operate beaches that are beautiful, provide great recreation for locals and tourists, and balance environmental values with human use."

The theme of the 2018 conference is "Resilient Shorelines for Rising Tides." It will include presentations on how coastal communities are improving their physical resilience to coastal hazards, with a special emphasis on the 2017 hurricane season. But resilience is more than just having wide beaches, high dunes and elevated infrastructure; it means communities that rely on beach tourism dollars are up and running again as soon as possible after a storm.

"Beach and coastal managers need to understand both the physical properties of their beach, but also what keeps people on the beach and revenue coming in. This can be by maintaining the width of the beach or making sure bathrooms are clean, trash is removed and parking is priced right," said Derek Brockbank, ASBPA's executive director. "This year's National Coastal Conference will help coastal professionals understand how to do both."

ASBPA invites parks and recreation professionals who manage beaches and coastal areas and are responsible for their general upkeep, profitability and community engagement to present on their successes and challenges. We hope that the scientific, engineering and restoration community can learn about the challenges of managing a coastline after restoration or between nourishments, and coastal managers can learn more about the physical and biological processes that impact their coastline.

### Coastal Operations topics may include:

- Community Outreach and Education
- Day to Day Coastal Operations
- Managing the public (e.g., keeping people off dunes, pet issues, hazard warnings)
- Creating and managing revenue streams (e.g., parking, concessionaires, etc.)
- Marketing
- Waste/litter management
- Health and Safety (e.g., lifeguard issues, rip current, ADA accessibility)
- Access issues

The Beach Bum's wife says I can't wait to drink with my kids instead of because of them.

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**Happy Anniversary!**  
**Jeffrey & Lisa Day**  
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**Bill & Mona Palmer**  
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**Happy Birthday!**  
**Madison Peek**  
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## Announcing Rennin Schroeder

Announcing the arrival of Rennin Ray Schroeder born April 13, 2018, Friday the 13th at 2:13 am, weighing 7 lbs and measuring 19 inches.

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## Volunteer of the Year ~ Tracy Barnett

Donna Singer

Tracy Tindall Barnett was awarded with the "Volunteer of the Year award" by the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. I was given the privilege to speak about some of the amazing things she has done for our area and I thought I'd share that with those of you who could not be there.

I first met Tracy through Facebook when 5 dogs were dumped at the High Island Bridge and she used her amazing networking skills to reach out to the community to help me get assistance in capturing and re-homing those rescues.

To those of you who know Tracy, it comes as no surprise that helping the voiceless comes as easy as breathing to her... To those who do not know Tracy I am excited to be able to give you a sneak peek into just a few of the things she has accomplished for our community.

Around 4 years ago Tracy created a Facebook page called, "Lost and Found Pets of Crystal Beach." With so many pet lovers in our area along with vacationers who travel to our beach, she quickly saw the need to help reunite countless lost pets with their families. In creating this page it also

spotlighted an ever growing need our Peninsula has... Spaying and neutering. Unfortunately the lack of spaying sometimes leads to a situation of unwanted puppies and abandoned dogs. These unwanted pets are later found to be dumped on our streets and beaches. When you couple that with where our animal control facility is located at in Texas City, it often times can take anywhere from 2 to 3 days before they can get to our side to help an injured or abandoned animal. Another unfortunate situation for us is that the Galveston Animal Humane Society has not been willing to take any animals from this side of the ferry.

So once again, Tracy saw a need and without hesitation jumped into action. Through her efforts the "Cade Fund" was established to help those who cross her path. Named after a sweet dog who was found in need, on Cade street, he was vetted and found his forever home all because of the hard work of Tracy and those alongside

her trying to make a difference. Tracy has an amazing ability to raise funds, network and giving a voice to the voiceless of literally hundreds of dogs.

Now, don't think it stops with Tracy working away at a computer or behind her cell phone helping dogs and cats. I've seen her down in the trenches as well. I've seen her cry tears as she helped more than one family carry their pet that has been ran over that didn't make it. I've listened to her as her heart broke because of the neglect a dog named Daisy saw before reaching Tracy. When there was nothing else that could be done for her, Tracy had to make the decision to let Daisy go peacefully through the care of the Winnie Vet. Because of her efforts and those of Darby with Broussard Ranch And Rescue, Daisy found love and comfort in her last days.

I've also watched Tracy scrabbling to find fosters for rescued puppies that could have ended up in the wrong hands but because of her diligence she was able to get them help that lead to a

rescue up north through different agencies. The funniest and scariest thing I've seen this woman do was chase a 200 pound English mastiff through waist high marsh grass because the owner dumped it in a field.

If you haven't had to the opportunity to be a part of what Tracy has started there is always room for you to help. You can volunteer to foster pets that she is trying to help. The Cade Fund could always use a helping hand and no amount is too small. You can also take a moment and share one of the many posts of Tracy's that showcases a hurt or abandoned dog in our area to help find a new family.

With all this being said,

Tracy, saying "thank you" to you just doesn't seem to be enough with everything you have set out to do for our 4 legged friends. So I would like to thank the people who made it possible to recognize the heart and soul of such an amazing person with this award.

I've typed it out more than once on Facebook and I type it out again; This world would be such a different place if we only had more "Tracys" in it. We are so very blessed to have her in our little part of the world. Thank you, Tracy. ♥



  
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## INTRODUCING GEORGE

Linda Elissalde with Assistant Marcel Elissalde

It is such an honor to be invited to introduce this year's Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. However, because he is so outstanding, I will need the help of this august body of folk. When my assistant holds up a sign with a name on it, please holler out that name. I will give a clue. He will hold up the name, and we will all shout it out. Ready?

Who does Bay Vue's minister call upon when she ask for sage advice,  
And who helps with Children's Church because little kids think he's nice?  
This is done by George!

Who does Emerald 1 depend upon as their secretary of note,  
And as former treasurer of the Bolivar Chamber received majority vote?  
This was done by George!

Vice President of the Water Board called upon day and night  
By loyal residents who query, "Are you sure this bill is added right?  
Done by George!

If you need him on a Monday, this is where he can be found  
Volunteering at the food truck handing groceries round and round.  
It's done by George!

Who serves as treasurer of ESD #2 commissioned by County Court  
To make sure our emergency service and fire departments never come up short.  
Done by George!

And for we 1, 2, 3 about 10 Democrats who live upon this beach.  
Who is the man that we go to when we need a noble speech.  
It's by George

Who is this acting thespian who is our shining star  
When he trods upon the boards as Mirabeau B. Lamar?  
Why it's George?

Who is the citizen extraordinaire for all along the coast,  
And the person that all agree, they always trust the most?  
That is done by George!

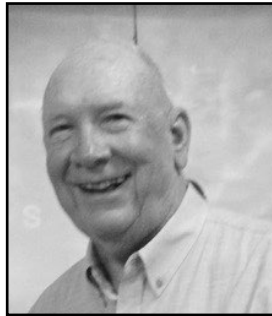
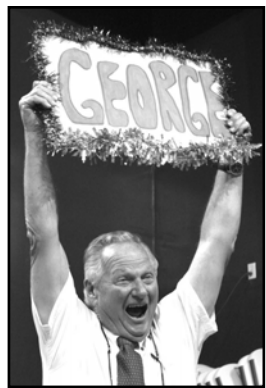
You have answered very well. I think that you now have a clue as of whom we speak. George Strong started out in South Dakota and ended up in Crystal Beach. He and his dog Clinton are the welcome wagon for new comers. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University and has a master's degree from the University of Denver.

George owned and operated George Strong and Associates in Houston. GS&A provided lobbying, campaign consulting, grassroots lobbying and communication services. George served his country as a Major in the US Army.

George is an entrepreneur, raconteur, volunteer - a "Man for All Seasons," Citizen of the World, And, this year, he is the most deserving recipient of the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award.  
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(L.B. Hunt)

**Let's hear it for GEORGE STRONG!**



Jessica Sue Nobles and Bryan James Angelo of Galveston, Texas were united in marriage at 2 pm April 28, 2018 in Spring, Texas. The Ceremony was held in the lawn of the new OTS Border Haus in Old Town Spring. The groom is the son of Jake and Shari Angelo of High Island, Texas. The bride grew up in the Houston area. The happy couple currently reside on Galveston Island.

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May 3

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# NURSE ON THE BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN, BC

Do you have lactose intolerance? Here are some tips to help you eat right so you don't suffer the symptoms that lead to digestive problems. Does dairy bother your belly?

Lactose is a natural sugar found in dairy products like milk, cheese, and ice cream. People who are lactose-intolerant cannot digest these dairy products. Symptoms of lactose-intolerance are one or more of the following:

Bloating, swelling of the abdomen, stomach ache, cramps, diarrhea, nausea and gas. Some people notice the symptoms within minutes, while others don't notice it for a few hours.

There are different levels of tolerance and varies from person to person. Some people can eat a small amount of dairy without a problem. For instance, they may be able to eat a piece of cheese or a serving of yogurt. Others, may notice bloating and discomfort when they drink a few sips of milk.

Finding out your tolerance level can be a bit of trial and error. If you notice symptoms after eating two pieces of pizza that has cheese on it, try a smaller serving next time until you don't notice any problems.

Can I still eat dairy? Many people with lactose intolerance can still eat dairy products.

- Start with small amounts. Most people can tolerate dairy if they eat small portions and gradually, increase the amounts over time.
- Eat dairy only with meals. This will help to digest it.
- Choose lactose-free milk. Many lactose-free milk and ice cream products can be found in grocery stores.
- Consider lactose supplements. The enzyme lactase helps digest lactose. Ask a doctor before using these. They may not be safe for everyone, including small children.

Talk to a doctor or dietitian if you have ongoing stomach pain or diarrhea. If you aren't eating any dairy products, ask about seeing a dietitian who can give you diet advice to get the nutrients your body needs, especially calcium and vitamin D.

See you next month for more health tips! Wear sunblock and use a good amount, every two hours, after all, it's your skin!

The Beach Bum says when a man has a 'pet peeve' it's remarkable how often he pets it.

The Beach Bum says children are a great comfort in your old age and they help you reach it faster, too.

The Beach Bum asks Optimist or Pessimist? Do you call traffic signals go-lights?

The Beach Bum says mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.

The Beach Bum says living is like licking honey of a thorn.

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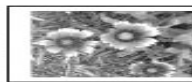
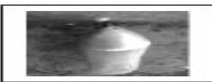
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## BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS

Galveston County AgriLife is reaching out to Bolivar Peninsula. On Saturday, June 2nd, 9am - 11:30am at the Crystal Beach Fire station, 930 Noble Carl Dr, Beach Bloomers Garden Club will host a free seminar on Successful Vegetable Gardening Galveston County Master Gardener Herman Auer, a vegetable specialist with 50 years of hands-on experience growing vegetables, will discuss how to plan and start a vegetable garden, its location, and the best plant varieties for Galveston County. He will include aspects of Square Foot Gardening.

Registration in advance will help us with planning but walk-ins will be accommodated. To register call 281-309-5065 or e-mail galvcountrymgs@gmail.com

If we get a good turnout Beach Bloomers will host more seminars from Galveston AgriLife. I appreciate that the extension office has offered this service to Bolivar Peninsula. They present many informative programs, usually at Carbide Park in La Marque. Check them out at <https://galveston.agrilife.org>.

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

### You may be interested in the following links:

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

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

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

Monthly Quote: *"I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow."*

– David Hobson

### Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

Tip for this month is don't give up too early on freeze damaged plants. Some can still come back from ground level well into June.

One more reminder as we get into spring gardening mode: Water LONGER, DEEPER, LESS OFTEN to establish healthy root systems. A couple months to go. We and most of our tropicals are gonna survive!

### Ange Scheibel

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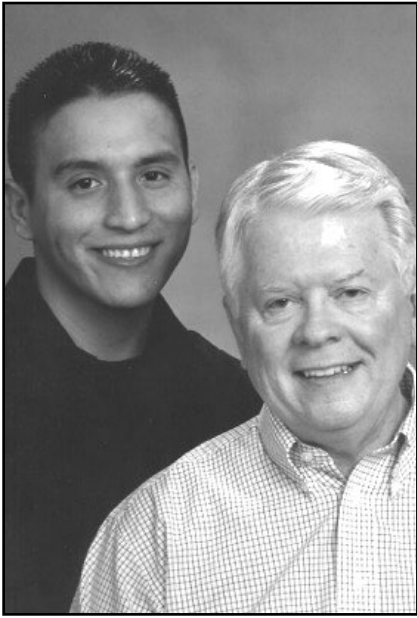
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# FROM POVERTY TO PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS!



Rev. W.C. Hall has many ties to the Bolivar Peninsula. He was a seminary student in 1963 when he was assigned to a new church in Crystal Beach, Texas. That was Bay Vue United Methodist Church on Bay Vue St. Today that building is Second Going Resale Store, and Bay Vue UMC has its own church home on HWY 87. Rev. Hall spent his life in sharing love and service to others. He preached as an active pastor in the

Texas Conference for 40 years and continues to speak, when invited, to area churches. Pastor Hall still enjoys his hobbies of playing piano and organ, hunting and fishing. However, one of his greatest gifts is his commitment to helping those in need. He assisted in bringing a Cambodian family to the United States, fostered seventeen children and adopted two.

This article by Luis Hall-Valdez shows what can happen when someone cares enough. Luis told W.C., "If it hadn't been for you, I would have wound up in jail." Luis is now a graduate with a successful future. This is his testimony.

I would like to share this with you. I am full of joy!

**W. C.**

## From Poverty to Professional Success, Engineering Grad Shares Story

Luis Hall-Valdez is graduating this week with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and a minor in marketing. He has competed and won student competitions, which helped him land a coveted internship at Texas Instruments. And, between his coursework and internship, Luis served as a peer advisor, helping students navigate the tricky waters of college life.

On the surface, Luis' achievements seem to come easy, but his journey to walking the stage at UT Dallas' Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science graduation ceremony has been full of false-starts, obstacles and sacrifice.

In high school, life for Luis was a constant state of change as he moved from city to city, state to state. He attended seven different schools in total.

"I come from a very poor background," Luis said. "I used to wear the same thing to school every day. My refrigerator was an ice chest and my house was a little beat up trailer."

With the chance to work full-time, Luis dropped out of high school his senior year. He took physically demanding

jobs in construction and at an oil refinery. Luis recalls how he almost passed out while hammering on a roof.

"I wasn't as hands-on as my coworkers, and it was pretty noticeable. Construction workers are tough – very tough," Luis said.

He might have continued down that path, testing the limits of his body in the Texas heat, if his co-workers hadn't convinced him to give school another try.

"At the refinery, there was one older man, Pablo, who never had the opportunity to attend school like I did. He encouraged me on a daily basis to return before it was too late," Luis said.

Luis took the advice of his older coworkers and earned his diploma.

Like all high school graduates, Luis was faced with the choice of what came next. For him, it would be a short stint in the military. Although he was medically discharged from boot camp, the structure and intensity was something Luis found he could put to use. Within months, he started a military-inspired fitness organization. His small business would quickly expand and grab the attention of many. News reports called his company the "hottest fitness program in Southeast Texas."

"I found myself on TV weekly, flying to different places to meet people, partnering with big name gyms," Luis said.

The success of the fitness program, however, came at the sacrifice of a college education. Luis had enrolled at Lamar University, whose campus is near Houston, with the intent of studying engineering.

"The success of my fitness program consumed me in a way where my grades were suffering and I was no longer focused on my education. I decided to take digital media courses instead of engineering to market my new business," Luis added.

It wasn't a degree in engineering, but Luis finished at Lamar with a bachelor's in general studies, and he could have been content with his accomplishments: he had finished high school, started a successful company and earned a college degree.

But, Luis wanted more. He closed his business and went back to Lamar to study engineering.

"It was really difficult for me to walk away from a fruitful venture. After watching others achieve their transformational goals – goals that changed their life for the better – I made a sacrifice to achieve my own personal goals," Luis said.

Luis' return to engineering landed him an internship in the oil and gas industry. He was, once again, working at an oil refinery – albeit in a different capacity this time around – but he wasn't completely satisfied. He wanted to explore opportunities in the tech industry, so he took a drive to Dallas.

Luis drove directly to the Texas Instruments (TI) headquarters. There, he asked the security guard if he could talk to someone about working for the global company. The security guard didn't grant him entry, but Luis learned about UT Dallas and the internship opportunities afforded to students in the Jonsson School.

Luis decided to transfer to UT Dallas immediately and left the comforts of his home to pursue his goal of working at TI. He discovered this goal would be the most challenging yet.

"Studying engineering at UT Dallas has been the hardest thing I have ever done. I spent many nights curled

up in the fetal position because I had homework due that morning and was stuck on the first problem," Luis said. "But, you stay up all night because you want to improve. You want to win."

Fortunately, Luis found IEEE UTD, the student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which offers mentorship and guidance from fellow undergraduates and doctoral students. The volunteer tutors helped Luis understand difficult concepts and turned his sleepless nights into moments of clarity.

"Keith Hernandez, a doctoral student and one of the founders of the IEEE UT Dallas chapter, helped immensely. All he wanted was for me to succeed," Luis added.

While mastering his engineering coursework, Luis wanted to take on more. He decided to minor in marketing in the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

"In my minor, I learned about the formal process to selling. With the help of professors, mentors, seminar presenters and many talented students, I discovered the beauty of the process and how to use it while remaining true to the values that are important to me," Luis said.

Luis quickly mastered his sales skills and won UT Dallas' Pro Sales Challenge, a student competition. He also competed in the Rookie Preview competition and placed 12th.

With his combination of engineering expertise and sales abilities, Luis had discovered his calling.

"After these sales competitions, I discovered the career field of 'sales engineering,' which entails travel, networking, presentations, nurturing client relationships, and so much more that excites me," Luis added. "In this field, I'm able to combine years of entertaining and motivating people with the understanding of complex products. The sales program helped me put it all together into a process that works. It all started to make sense."

As for Luis' goal of working at Texas Instruments, he achieved that, too. The internship offer came while he was studying for finals in the library. He accepted the position of product marketing engineer and shouted aloud after he hung up the phone.

"My time at TI was spent with a child-like fascination. I loved it. From co-producing marketing material, researching market trends and understanding product success to leveraging that success and working directly with companies to find the best solutions, work was fun," Luis said.

Looking back over his long journey to graduation, Luis credits many for his success, particularly his foster father, W.C. Hall, who took Luis in after high school.

"My foster dad encouraged me to go after what I really wanted in life and made it financially possible to do so," Luis added. "He has been my biggest champion, and even wrote to donors to help me secure scholarships."

In recognition of the great opportunity and care his foster father provided, Luis has made Hall his last name.

Luis hopes that as he walks the stage this weekend, his story will encourage and inspire others.

"Anything is possible if you embrace the opportunities and the struggles that come with pursuing what you truly desire in life," Luis said. "I owe a lot of credit to this university, too. UT Dallas has really changed my life."

After graduation, Luis will be working at IBM as a Technical Sales Engineer.

The Beach Bum's wife goes on a diet, the first thing she loses is her temper.

The Beach Bum says, "When you talk, you ought to make sure what you say is an improvement over silence."

The Beach Bum's wife and her friend boarded a plane. The Bum's wife told the pilot, "Don't go faster than sound, we want to talk."

The Beach Bum says the only dates I get these days are software updates.

The Beach Bum says arguing with a woman is like buying a lottery ticket. You know you're not gonna win, but you're sure as heck gonna try.

The Beach Bum told his wife she wasn't fat, she was just easier to see.

The Beach Bum says some girls get beat up by their boyfriends and stick around and say, "I see something in him." Really? Like a rematch?

The Beach Bum says one thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

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## CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST!

Victor Emanuel



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In the midst of this is a celebrity that some people do not know. Victor Emanuel is a world famous ornithologist. Mr. Emanuel has gone birding with many high-profile clients such as Laura Bush, Prince Philip, Terrence Malick, Henry Paulson, George Plimpton and Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann. However, you don't have to be a star because Victor will bird with anybody.

Emanuel lives in Austin and operates one of the oldest ecology tour companies in the world. He has observed more than six thousand species during travels that have taken him to every continent. To him all birds are beautiful. One of his favorite spots is right here on the Bolivar Peninsula. He owns a house near the Bolivar Flats and arises early each morning to watch the migration of our local birds.

He has now written ONE MORE WARBLER, A Life With Birds that traces his love and fascination with birds. The Bolivar Cultural Foundation recently hosted a bird watching/book signing gathering for Peninsula folk. Victor shared a bit of his history and passion for birding. Of course, if he heard a certain twitter, he would stop, grab his binoculars, point to where the charming creature was sitting and tell us its name.

One of his happiest achievements is the camps he has started in several states for youngsters from 14 to 18 years of age. These kids spend time in an environment that promotes interest in, and love for, not only birds but all aspects of nature. Some campers grow up to return as counselors.

Mr. Emanuel spoke of his great enjoyment on the Bolivar Peninsula. He complimented the Audubon Society for their stewardship of the lands. He also pointed out the importance of keeping green spaces so that we can take pleasure in the gifts of Mother Nature.

It is such a delight to have this fine gentleman in our midst. You just never know. You may be out walking someday and run into him. He will gladly stroll along with you to share the beauty that can be found right on our own Gulf Coast. I hope we are all lucky enough to go birding with Victor Emanuel.

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# Revenge

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I never thought of myself as a murderer. That is until the day when I walked into my bedroom at home and found Charlie in bed with my best friend Amy. Oh, sure, I had thoughts that Charlie might have played around. His late-night "work" sessions and his three day business trips didn't seem quite right, but everyone's husband worked long hours and traveled for business so maybe there wasn't anything wrong. But that afternoon in April, I returned early from my own job at Richmond's Office Supply and had a whole hour to myself before I drove carpool to pick up my twin sons from Adams Elementary. I walked into the home to grab a jacket and get a bottle of G2. As I hurried down our hall, I thought I heard voices. Maybe someone had left the TV on in the den beyond the bedrooms. I would turn it off later. I rounded the corner heading through my bedroom door to the closet. There they were - so busy with each other - at first, they didn't see me. Then Amy let out a startled cry, and Charlie actually jumped up and hurriedly put on his tan trousers over his bare body. They seemed to be speechless, too. I was stunned. I turned and ran back up the hall, grabbing my purse, jumping into my blue Camry and driving away. After that terrible day, things began to fit into place. Charles's weekly late nights at work; that trip in March to California to check out a new company site; the hang up calls at home.

Charlie moved out for a month. He promised "Never again!" and pleaded for a second chance. Well, we had the kids to think about, and

honestly, did I really want to be alone and on my own for the first time since we married 15 years ago when I was 22? So Charlie moved back in. Amy wasn't around in either of our lives anymore. Things might get better.

And for a while they did. Then six months later, my dear sister Gwen took me aside. She had known about Amy and Charles. Blonde, friendly, pretty and smart, Gwen had stuck through it with me during this terrible time. But when she asked me to go have a glass of wine with her after my work, and we entered the small French café next to the old movie theater, I realized that Gwen had more to say than just "How is work?"

"Charlie," Gwen began, "has been seen with two other women-one an acquaintance of ours and the other a stranger. Their kissing and touching in public outside Winston's Lounge doesn't look like a business meeting."

Gwen hadn't known if she should tell me, but finally, she decided that I deserved to know. And after all, we were sisters and close sisters at that. I put on a brave face and mumbled some line about "Men will be men." But then and there I decided to hire someone to get me more information. Knowing nothing about this, I googled "Detective" and read the reviews. Isn't that what you do when you want to try a new Thai restaurant or catch your husband playing around?

The detective told me to save my money. "Lady, it's always another woman," he said. I needed to be sure so I paid his fee, and when we met again, he had information and

even pictures. There weren't just one or two. No, there were three, and one was Amy. That's when I decided not to get mad but get even. Killing wouldn't hurt Charlie enough, I decided, but what if I eliminated Amy or even Charles's sweet sister, Ellen. His grief would last a lifetime. "Yes," I thought, "I want Charlie to feel pain for the long, long time." Maybe I was a little crazy at that point or just hurting like Hell.

There was a Thanksgiving Parade coming up, and thousands of people would line the downtown street to see it. That would be the perfect time to make my move. Since it was a family tradition to attend, all I had to do was play dumb to Charlie for a week and invite his sister, Ellen, and my sister Gwen, to join us and the kids for the viewing of the hour-long parade. Ellen and Gwen were friends. They were both blondes in their 30s, both were teachers at different high schools. Even their favorite color was blue. They would have been friends even if they hadn't been related through our marriage. I liked Ellen, but I hated Charlie more. My twin boys were excited about the parade. Mainly, they were glad for a few days off from fifth grade.

I saw on TV that more people than usual were expected to watch the parade along the route. They estimated about 10,000! That was a big crowd, and fit my plans perfectly.

On the morning of the parade, the weather was mild; not even a coat was needed. We were all dressed casually in shirts and pants. Ellen had on blue and the twins wore their

football jerseys; Charlie liked green and Gwen had on a blue t-shirt. I wore a red shirt and navy pants. Ellen had remembered to wear a tan baseball hat for the sun. It was going to be a hot day.

We drove down early together in the Chevy Tahoe and got a place to park for \$10 in a lot. It was a little crowded in the car, but I guessed it wouldn't be on the way home. When arrived at the main parade route, people were already lining the street with folding chairs and a row of those standing had just formed. This was perfect. We would be stuck in the middle of a standing packed crowd. Just what I wanted. People poured in laughing and drinking coffee and soda. We were caught between the early birds and the late crowd, all pushing forward to see the parade.

The music began up the street, and a high school drill team and band marched our way. I had read that there would be four bands today and about 15 floats. The cymbals, horns, drums and bassoons beat against our eardrums. A large "turkey" float passed by with all ages aboard smiling and waiving. Next came the biggest band, 50 high schoolers playing loudly as they marched. Just what I've been waiting for! I slowly pulled a kitchen knife out of my purse and held it out of sight. I had decided to kill Ellen and leave Charlie wondering "Why" and "If only" all of his life. With this huge crowd, I could do it, slip away, and Ellen would be pressed against all the people, maybe even held up by onlookers. She might not collapse for a minute.

I yelled out, "I'm going to find a bathroom-too much coffee this morning. Be right back." I think Charlie and Gwen heard me and nodded. It was hard to see everyone as the crowd pushed forward to see. I moved closer to Ellen and Gwen, their blonde hair blowing slightly in the wind. Ellen was wearing her tan baseball hat.- easy for me to spot. All eyes were on the parade, and I quietly held my knife and plunged it into Ellen's side and up through her heart. Her moan was barely heard above the noise, she stood dying, wedged in the crowd. I quietly slipped away towards the bathroom. When I return, I thought, Ellen would be dead, and Charlie would be living with his grief.

As I returned from the bathroom toward the parade, I heard a commotion. An ambulance came into sight. Paramedics were futilely working on the body. I ran to Charlie who was frantic. "What happened? What happened?" I cried. Charlie looked at me with trembling lips. He started to speak, but no words came out. Then he said the words I will never forget. "Just as Ellen lent Gwen her hat for the sun, someone stabbed your sister. I think she is dead."

They never found who did it. Gwen's murder remains unsolved in police files.

Charlie and I are still together, but we don't talk much.

I never thought of myself as a murderer. But I am, and my grief will never end.

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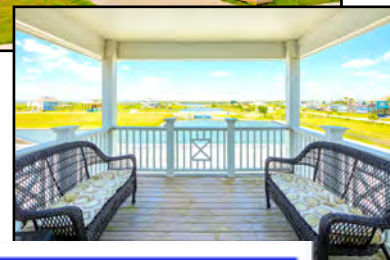
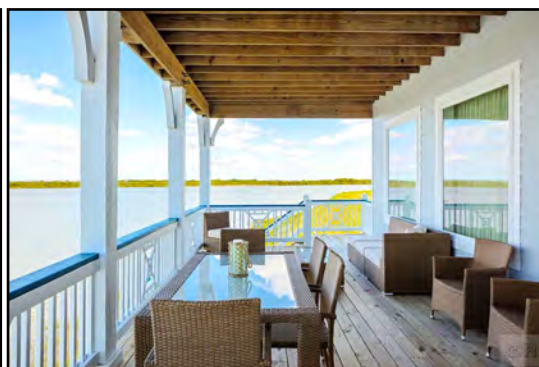
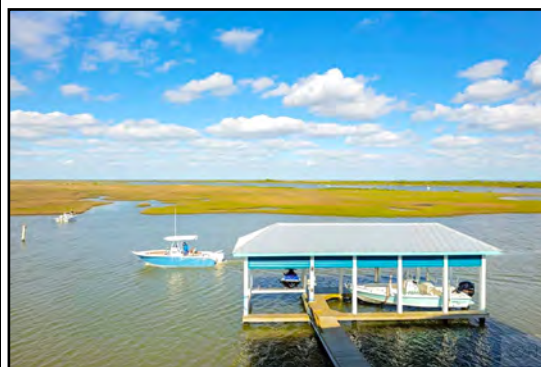
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# May Fishing Report

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April started to look like it was going to be a great month, boy was I wrong. Front after front hit the month of April bringing with them dirty water, high winds, high pressure, and low conditions all across the Galveston Bay system. This made for tough fishing conditions and weather dependent fishing trips.

Looking to the future, East Bay looks to be the stereotypical fishing for seasons like this. A lot of the fish will be caught on the main bay reef systems that dot the bay floor. Drifting these reefs will be the best way to fish the reefs. This month will also bring a lot more traffic on the water as the summer season begins to kick off, so be safe out there.

West Bay will probably be the most consistent bay to fish. The same tactics can be implemented on the reefs but also look to the north shoreline to be a big producer when the south winds allow it. Fishing San Louis Pass guts will also be a big player as the migrating forage begins to start their annual pilgrimage back into the bay system.

Remember, no matter where you decide to wade, wear your lifejacket at all times, use safety precautions, and be aware of your surroundings! Email a picture of your next great catch to jeffreykdaniels@gmail.com with your name and fish info to be featured in next month's article. Go visit justonemorecastblog.com. Be sure to follow and share on Facebook, Instagram, and twitter. Thank you to all my wonderful sponsors. Tight lines and smooth drag.



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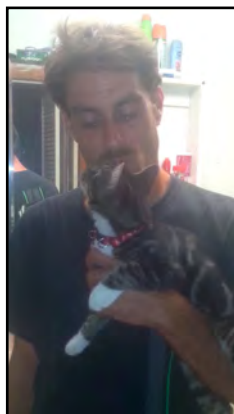
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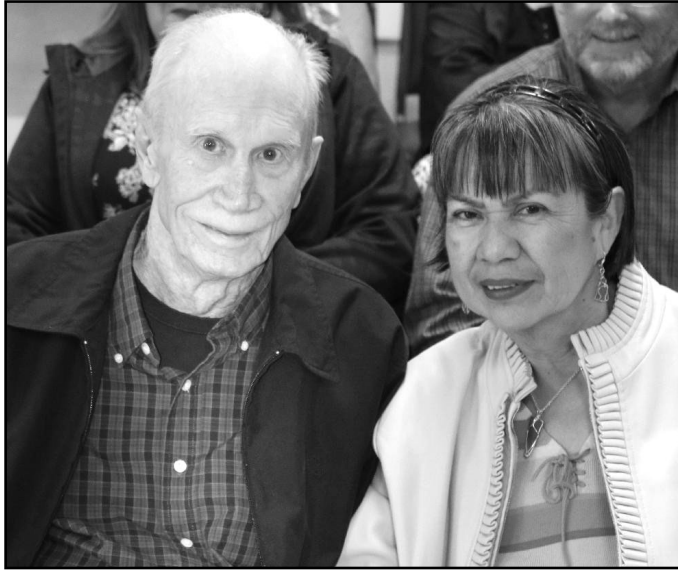
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## SOLD OUT SHOW! STELLER CAST! STUPENDIOUS AUDIENCE!



*Bill and Raquel Silverberg were honorees at JANE LONG AND THE 2ND GOING STYLE SHOW! They have been actors in the Way Off Broadway Ensemble Players since 2003.*

It may have been way off Broadway, but the sparkle certainly reached New York City. JANE LONG AND THE 2ND GOING STYLE SHOW delivered on all of its promises. Mother of Texas Jane Long (Dr. Melanie Wallace), the handsomest man in the whole wide world James Long (Doug Romero), Mirabeau B. Lamar (George Strong) and Sam Houston (Bob Morgan) successfully reprised their roles from past productions. The Bolivar Ukulele Society (BUS) composed of Paula Isenblatter, Fran Griffin, Rita Moseley and Linda Hollier opened the evening with an overture that had the sold out crowd of 90 singing and clapping along. Bolivar's favorite tapper Rita Moseley once again brought joy with her effervescent dance to the tune of "Five Foot Two," accompanied by talented BUS

leader Paula. Pastor Valerie Hudson held everyone spellbound with her beautiful rendition of Elton John's "Your Song".

WOW! You should have seen those models who wore the Second Going Resale Store fashions!! They strutted; they pranced; they danced as Gail Abbey and L.B. Hunt provided just the right musical improvisations for each number. Models Betty Foreman, Nathan Foreman, Moody Fredenburg, Annalia Garcia-Burk, Mike LeBlanc, Caleb Martin, Bunnie Meyer, Sherry Morgan, Mary Raney, Melody Romero, Becky Stafford, Dennis Stafford, and Charlotte Stirling added their own personalities to augment each outfit. Actually, just about everyone connected with the show sported some clothing from this great store.

A style show was the brainstorm of manager Fran Griffin. She collaborated with Linda C. Elissalde to bring two elements of the Bolivar Peninsula together: Jane Long who became a symbol of survival for post IKE victims and the resale store. Second Going's profits are used in myriad charitable ways for the peninsula. These include the weekly food truck, low cost clothing, free medical rehabilitation equipment and many more community programs to help the poor. Profits from this venue went to Bay Vue United Methodist Church.

There is no business like show business. This show, dedicated to Bill and Raquel Silverberg in honor of their long acting careers with The Way Off Broadway Ensemble Players, ended with everyone enjoying homemade desserts provided by members of Bay Vue UMC. Two lucky people went home with cakes by Co-Chairpersons Rita Moseley and Elaine Rollfing. Actors, musicians and models received two standing ovations. Well, one time this fantastic audience stood to sing the state song, but the second was a genuine standing ovation for JANE LONG AND THE 2ND GOING STYLE SHOW. Well done!

## JANE LONG AND SECOND GOING STYLE SHOW! CAST

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### Make Up Specialist:

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### Announcer:

Linda C. Elissalde

### Sign Man:

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Trish Smith

### Jane Long:

Dr. Melanie Wallace

### Dr. James Long:

Doug Romero

### Stage Hands:

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### Mirabeau B. Lamar:

George Strong

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Linda Hollier

### Tap Dancer:


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# SAYING FAREWELL

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

Mary Ellen Smith and Linda and Marcel Elissalde gathered to bid a sad, but loving, farewell to Bosco Smith. Bosco was the fine Lhasa Apso who became a part of Mary Ellen's family after Hurricane Ike. She adopted him from Buster's Angels Rescue, and he quickly endeared himself to friends and family.

The Lhasa was bred as an interior sentinel in the Buddhist monasteries of Tibet. Today's Lhasa is primarily a family companion who loyally protects his family from danger. Their temperament is defined as steady, fearless, devoted, energetic, assertive, lively, spirited, obedient, playful, alert, intelligent and friendly. Bosco certainly showed most of these characteristics. (We are not too sure about the obedient part.)

Both of Mary Ellen's family dogs had passed away. Bosco arrived full of energy and sparkle. The Elissaldes met him when they dog sat him one afternoon. He announced his presence at their door with loud barking. Once he entered their house, he never woofed again. Bosco was friendly and lively. The only thing he disliked was riding in the back of Mary Ellen's car.

We love all our pets. Yet, every now and then, one will gain a special spot in our hearts. Such was Bosco. Dogs unfortunately don't have the same lifespan as we do. Mary Ellen kept him as long as he was happy and not in pain. Eventually she had to bid him farewell.

Bosco's friends gathered as his ashes were placed in a designated spot within Mary Ellen's yard. His tag, leash and sympathy cards were buried with him. Marcel planted a Little John Bottlebrush chosen by Mary Ellen to commemorate this place. Linda Elissalde delivered the eulogy.

It was a sad moment, but the three friends also laughed as they shared fun remembrances. Yes, Bosco was indeed a fine and much loved fellow. So, farewell, dear friend. You will always live in our memories.

## Lauren Marie Brim


Lauren Marie Brim, of Crystal Beach Texas, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus, on the morning of March 27th 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born in Houston TX, lived in Lewisville TX til 2007, then moved to Crystal Beach. She attended Crenshaw School, graduated from Galveston Ball High 2015 and attended Galveston Community College.

She is survived by her son Aiden Christopher, mom C. Marie Schulz, dad Michael W Brim, stepdad Jim Vratiss, Brothers Cory and Noah Brim, Step Brothers Brad, Thomas and Curtis, Mamaw Carmen Schulz, Grandparents Gary Brim and Kathy, Aunts, Uncles, cousins and many friends all whom she loved dearly.

Her parents would like to thank all her doctors, nurses and others who provided her care during her illness. A private service will be held for her family and a celebration of life for friends will be held in Crystal Beach at a later date.

Lauren loved her son with all her heart and he was a blessing in her life. She loved her family dearly. She was a beautiful, kind-hearted, caring, young lady with big beautiful blue eyes who passed too early from this life. In lieu of flowers, the parents would like donations be made to her son Aiden C. Richardson at Texas First Bank or to the Galveston Humane Society in which Lauren enjoyed visiting. Our Biscuit will truly be missed.





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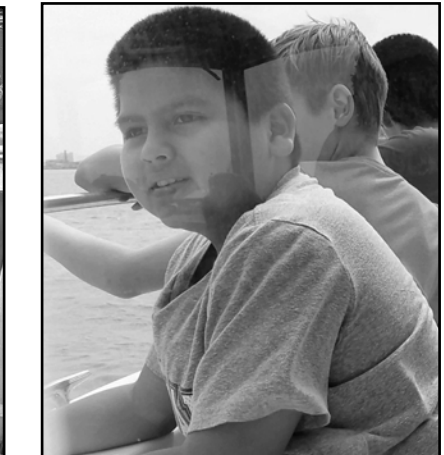
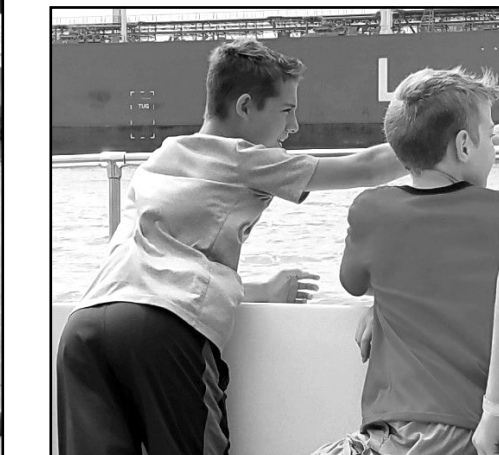
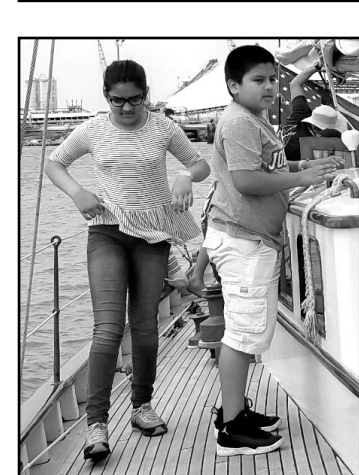
# Crenshaw School News

The Crenshaw 5th grade class earned the opportunity of a lifetime to attend the Galveston Historical Society's Tall Ships Festival and sail on one of the ships.

They prepared a report and drawing of the ship for a contest and won first place. This included an all-day field trip to the festival and an excursion on the "When and If" Sailboat which was commissioned by General George Patton in 1939. They even got to shoot the cannon!

The contest and field trip was underwritten by donor Lynda Barry from Waco, TX.

Special thanks to Laura Bryan our substitute teacher who helped with the project and supervised students on the field trip.







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

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

## Turtles in Trouble

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Few creatures on Earth have the misfortune to be as "born to trouble" as the sea turtles. All sorts of animals, including humans, relish their savory flesh. Their eggs are treasured by everything from wild hogs and raccoons to armadillos and (formerly) to commercial bakeries. Their tiny floating babies are regularly eaten by dorados, sharks, and predatory birds, so much that relatively few grow to breeding size.

With all the hazards facing the less than ten living species of sea turtles, it is almost miraculous that any survive at all. Happily, the plight of sea turtles has been recognized internationally. Many intergovernmental agencies are now cooperating to reduce the effect of human activity on sea turtles. Good progress has been made by applying the findings of sea turtle biology to the deployment of special release devices in the design of shrimp and flounder trawls. Called Turtle Excluder Devices or TED's, these escape mechanisms are now mandated by the U.S. government under the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service for large offshore trawlers. Smaller inshore trawlers may opt to reduce their net towing times as an alternative to the use of TED's, since research has shown that trapped turtles can usually survive a 30-minute immersion. Other studies have suggested that TED's effectively reduced sea turtle trawler mortality by 84% in offshore Gulf of Mexico waters and 27% in inshore waters.

Texas sea turtle conservation efforts also extend toward the rehabilitation of stranded turtles and the protection and/or relocation of sea turtle nests. Informational signs regarding sea turtle "finds" (see the photo above) are common along much of the Texas coast and should be heeded. While more American sea turtle nesting occurs south of Corpus Christi and to the east in Florida waters, an occasional turtle nest will turn up in our area. Left undisturbed, such a nest can send over 100 baby turtles scrambling down the beach into the surf.

In Texas and most of the United States, the commonest sea turtle is the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*). A relatively small sea turtle, loggerheads average about 23 inches (90 cm) long at maturity. They are fairly common along jetties and protected coves in our area, and fishermen occasionally spot them when they surface for air. I have seen them along North Jetty and in the bay waters near the Bolivar lighthouse.



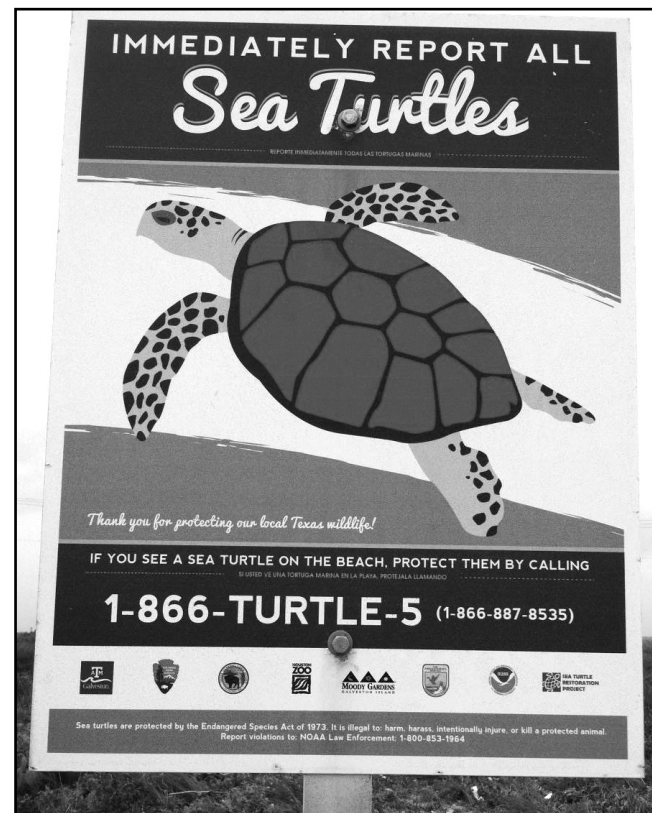
*The loggerhead turtle, *Caretta caretta**

Loggerhead hatchlings have been proved to be able to sense and orient to both the Earth's magnetic field and to the direction of the ambient light once they reach the water. They spend their first few years floating at the surface, often in masses of sargassum weed, and may cross the ocean. Others hatched in Texas or Florida may stay in the Gulf, or they may be swept up in currents that take them far away from their hatching sites--even across hemispheres. One tagged specimen released in Florida turned up off Africa's west coast seven years later!

A loggerhead's diet consists mostly of invertebrates such as sponges, crabs, sea snails, and jellyfishes, which they crush with their powerful jaws. The movements of tagged loggerheads have shown that these turtles have a seasonal but loose migration that tends to follow warmer water and more abundant food. All of their food is obtained from the sea, from which they only leave to lay their eggs.

Of all the marine reptiles, only the tropical sea snakes are more completely adapted to a marine life than the sea turtles. Following a way of life that they have known since the age of dinosaurs, the troubled sea turtles know nothing of the dangers they face in the world of man. It is up to conservation-minded humans to keep them from following the dinosaurs into extinction.

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*Sea turtle warning sign posted on Crystal Beach*

If that were not enough, human activities threaten sea turtles in an amazing number of ways. Coastal real estate development and maintenance reduces and destroys sea turtle nesting sites, while hopper dredging to keep Corps of Engineers projects open causes many turtle deaths. Shrimp and summer flounder trawling results in the drowning of thousands of sea turtles every year. Pelletized plastic industrial waste often winds up in sea turtle stomachs, with fatal results. Sea turtles frequently mistake indigestible plastic bags and balloons for jellyfish, one of their favorite foods. Still others become entangled in discarded monofilament fishing line and are crippled or drowned.



## Reports of Sexual Assaults Aboard Aircraft on the Rise

The FBI is alerting the public about a serious federal crime that is on the rise: sexual assault aboard aircraft.

Compared to the tens of millions of U.S. citizens who fly each year, the number of in-flight sexual assault victims is relatively small, "but even one victim is unacceptable," said FBI Special Agent David Gates, who is based at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and regularly investigates these cases. "We are seeing more reports of in-flight sexual assault than ever before," he said.

Sexual assault aboard aircraft—which usually takes the form of unwanted touching—is a felony that can land offenders in prison. Typically, men are the perpetrators, and women and unaccompanied minors are the victims. "But at LAX," Gates said, "we have seen every combination of victim and perpetrator."

In fiscal year 2014, 38 cases of in-flight sexual assault were reported to the FBI. In the last fiscal year, that number increased to 63 reported cases. "It's safe to say that many incidents occur that are not reported," said Gates, one of the FBI's many airport liaison agents assigned to the nearly 450 U.S. aviation facilities that have passenger screening operations regulated by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). In larger airports such as LAX, multi-agency task forces are on location to investigate a variety of criminal and national security matters, from sexual assaults to terrorism and espionage.

Crimes aboard aircraft fall within the FBI's jurisdiction, and in the case of in-flight sexual assaults, agents describe elements of these crimes as being strikingly similar. The attacks generally occur on long-haul flights when the cabin is dark. The victims are usually in middle or window seats, sleeping, and covered with a blanket or jacket. They report waking up to their seatmate's hands inside their clothing or underwear.

One victim, a mother of two who was attacked in 2016 on a flight from the West Coast to Africa via Europe, recounted her ordeal. "I fly overseas often," she said. "The flights usually leave around 6 p.m. I have dinner, watch a movie, and go to sleep. I was dozing off toward the end of the movie, and all of a sudden I felt a hand in my crotch."

The woman instinctively said, "No!" and pushed the man's hand away, but he came at her two more times before she was able to remove her seatbelt and get away, even as her attacker used the full weight of his body trying to detain her. As the assault was

happening, she recalled, "it didn't make sense to me. It was all so disorienting and confusing."

She ran toward the bathroom. Seeing her condition, passengers thought she was experiencing a medical emergency. Barely able to breathe, the woman explained what had happened and that she needed a flight attendant. After the crew responded, while she was waiting to be reseated away from her attacker, she was told by members of the crew that sexual assaults in the air were fairly common. One sympathetic flight attendant said that she, too, had been groped in the past.

"I was horrified," the veteran flyer remembered thinking. "How can this be and I have never heard about it?"

"Unfortunately, people don't think things like this happen on airplanes," said Caryn Highley, a special agent in the FBI's Seattle Division who investigates crimes aboard aircraft. "There is a perception on an airplane that you're in a bubble of safety," Highley said. But particularly on overnight flights, where people may consume alcohol or take sleeping pills, and a dark cabin and close-quarter seating can give the perception of privacy and intimacy, offenders are tempted by opportunity.

That is one of the reasons why the FBI is trying to raise awareness about this issue—so people can protect themselves and report incidents immediately if they do occur. "There are all sorts of people in the air, just like on the ground," Gates said. "Flyers need to be aware of their surroundings and take a few simple precautions to stay safe."

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David Gates, special agent, FBI Los Angeles

Among suggested precautions:

Trust your gut. Offenders will often test their victims, sometimes pretending to brush against them to see how they react or if they wake up. "Don't give them the benefit of the doubt," Gates said. If such behavior occurs, reprimand the person immediately, and consider asking to be moved to another seat.

Recognize that mixing alcohol with sleeping pills or other medication on an overnight flight increases your risk. "Don't knock yourself out with alcohol or drugs," Gates said.

If your seatmate is a stranger, no matter how polite he or she may seem, keep the armrest between you down.

If you are arranging for a child to fly unaccompanied, try to reserve an aisle seat so flight attendants can keep a closer watch on them. Highley has seen victims as young as 8 years old.

If an incident happens, report it immediately to the flight crew and ask that they record the attacker's identity and report the incident. "Flight attendants and captains represent authority on the plane," Gates said. "We don't want them to be police officers, but they can alert law enforcement, and they can sometimes deal with the problem in the air." The flight crew can also put the offender on notice, which might prevent further problems.

If alerted in advance, FBI agents can be on hand when the plane lands to conduct interviews and take subjects into custody. FBI victim specialists can respond as well, because victims of federal crimes are entitled by law to a variety of services.

"It doesn't matter when you report an in-flight sexual assault—we take it seriously, and we will pursue it," Gates said. "But after the fact, these cases are much more difficult to prove."

In most cases, when assaults are immediately reported to the flight crew, law enforcement on the ground will be notified and will be waiting to respond when the plane lands. If law enforcement is not able to respond on the ground, victims are encouraged after landing to contact the nearest FBI office.

Investigators point out that offenders take advantage of the fact that some victims might not report an incident because they are embarrassed, don't want to cause a scene, or try to convince themselves the assault was accidental.

"These are not accidents," Gates said. "We see the same pattern of behavior over and over again."

The victim of the 2016 attack—whose case remains open—has used social media to raise awareness about in-flight sexual assaults and has heard the stories of many victims. She agreed that assaults should be reported immediately.

"A lot of women don't come forward because they are embarrassed," she said. "It is embarrassing in the moment. It's awkward when the flight crew starts asking you all these questions and passengers are staring at you. The burden has been placed on you instead of the person who just inflicted this on you," she explained. "Recognize and understand that. People should not be able to get away with these crimes."

## Know What's Below – Call 811 Before Digging

*Stay safe by knowing where underground utility lines are located in advance*

Spring is here and so are extended daylight hours, floating butterflies and stinging bees. As you start planting that garden, be aware of underground utility lines that your shovels can hit but your eyes can't see. Since April is National Safe Digging Month, Entergy Texas is reminding you to call 811 before digging into your spring-cleaning list.

The focus of Safe Digging Month is on preventing serious consequences that could occur from digging without knowing what's below the surface – not only now, but year-round. Regardless of what you plan to do, how deep you plan to dig or even if you've called before for a similar project, every job requires a call first.

The depth of underground utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in one common area. The risk of striking underground utility lines exists even when digging only a few inches.

Texas has its own 811 call center that can help you stay safe while digging. Call center representatives can advise you on how to submit requests to learn what utilities may be buried beneath the ground, such as natural gas pipelines, electric power lines and other services.

All utilities must respond within 48 hours after you make the call to 811. Professional locators mark the approximate locations of underground lines at the requested digging site with flags, paint or both. Markings show the location of underground lines and help prevent undesired consequences such as injury, service disruptions or costly fines and repair costs.

If you suspect utility damage of any kind, leave the area immediately and call 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749) or call 911. For more information, visit the call811.com website or entergy.com.







# Galveston County Sheriff's Office

## APRIL Arrest Report

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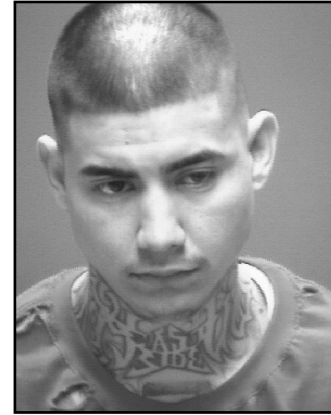
Gomez, Marea . (W /F/19) Arrest on chrg of Fail To Identify Fugitive Intent Give False Info (M), at 985 Surfview/skyline Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/1/2018 01:58.



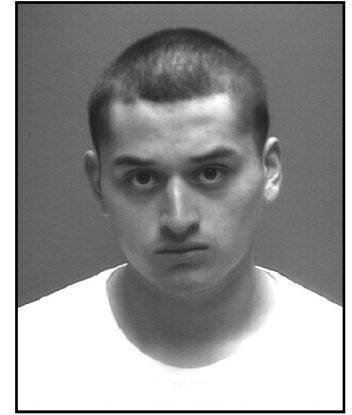
Trevino, Andrew Armand (W /M/ 20) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (brazoria Coso), M (M), at 800 Monkhouse, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/1/2018 14:00.



Escutia, Guillermo (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 900 Emerald Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/1/2018 02:13.



Bermudez, George . (W /M/26) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 985 Surfview/skyline Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/1/2018 01:58.



Escobar, Alberto . (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of Deadly Conduct Discharge Firearm (F), at 800 East Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/1/2018 04:09.

## *And...the cameras are down*

Gamble, Jimmy Charles (W /M/ 48) Arrest on chrg of 1) Out Of County Warrant (harris Co So) (F) and 2) Out Of County Warrant (harris Co So) (F), at 800 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/5/2018 10:07.

Dearmore, Joshua Roy (W /M/ 26) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at BB73 Beach, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/6/2018 16:15.

Inman, Justin Patrick (W /M/25) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant- Harris County (F), at 1035 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/6/2018 19:38.

Luksha, Justin Mathew (W /M/ 36) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Beach @bb 31, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/7/2018 17:26.

Noel, Jeremiah Daniel (B /M/17) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Drug Paraphernalia (M), 2) No Drivers License (M), and 3) Traffic Offense (M), at 2100 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/9/2018 20:50.

Forrest, Tamrah Renee (W /F/ 49) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 900 S Monkhouse Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/10/2018 01:07.

Lucier, Donald Edward (W /M/ 42) Arrest on chrg of 1) Out Of County Warrant(chambers Co) (F) and 2) Out Of County Warrant(chambers Co) (F), at 988 Mae St, Gilchrist, TX, on 4/10/2018 12:44.

Pender, Bryce Daniel (W /M/23) Arrest on chrg of Assault, M (M), at 1295 N Stingaree Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2018 19:26.

Baer, Brandi Roseann (W /F/ 35) Arrest on chrg of 1) Public Intoxication (M) and 2) Fail To Identify (M), at 971 Saiffish, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2018 06:44.

Brown, Matthew Louis (W /M/ 35) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Mischief <\$50 (M), at 971 Sail Fish, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2018 06:10.

Dela Rosa, David Alan (W /M/ 52) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant-harris County, M (M), at 1342 Hwy 124, High Island, TX, on 4/14/2018 22:00.

Swaim, Christopher Lee (W /M/ 30) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 2 >= 4g<400g, F (F), at Beach Barrel 70, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/20/2018 14:44.

Hettinger, Austin Chase (W /M/ 21) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 2100 Hwy 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 4/21/2018 07:09.

Lycans, Tanner Michael (W /M/ 19) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1065 Hwy 87/o`meal Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/27/2018 14:33.

Raymond, Leoncio Donjohn (B /M/42) Arrest on chrg of 1) No Drivers License (M), 2) Operate Motor Vehicle W/o Financial Responsibility (M), and 3) Operate Motor Vehicle Without Plates (M), at S Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/28/2018 22:00.



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