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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Hwy 87 Project



During tropical storms, hurricanes, and even just a steady rain shower, the highway is submerged under water at the intersection of Hwy 87 and Hwy 124 in High Island. On August 16, 2018, there was a groundbreaking ceremony held to mark the official beginning of a project that will raise HWY 87.

The project proposes that the road height will increase from 5.5 ft to 7.5 ft, from Rollover Pass to HWY124; and that the curve at the interchange of

HWY 124 into HWY 87, will be restructured, bringing it inland, away from the shoreline significantly.

Although many of the communities along the Bolivar Peninsula have rebuilt since Hurricane Ike, Harvey showed us once again, the first route off the peninsula, is also the first to be under water and impassible. This will help the residents have a vital lifeline off of the peninsula in times of eminent danger and necessary evacuation.

Special thanks is in order for Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin for allocating the \$25 million for this project to get underway. Thanks to Eliza Paul, and Jamal Elahi for their leadership to bring this project to life.

The projected completion of this project will be late 2019, and is funded by tax dollars.

See Hurricane Ike pictures page 12

Shark Bite on Bolivar Peninsula

Bolivar Island, TX – A beachgoer was bitten on the leg by a shark while swimming off of the second sandbar near Stingray Road the morning of Thursday, August 9th, 2018. The injury was not life-threatening, and the victim is in stable condition; being treated at UTMB. The Galveston County Sheriff's Office and PEMSI responded to the call.

For further inquiries, contact Chief Deputy Darrell Isaacks at 409-766-2302.

See picture inside page 15

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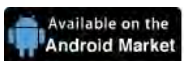
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Varsity Football Schedule

9/7	Orange Community Christian	H	7:30 PM
9/14	Lake Jackson Brazosport	H	7:30 PM
9/21	Logos Prep	H	7:30 PM
9/28	Chester	H	7:30 PM
10/6	Emery Weiner	A	6:00 PM
10/12	Baytown Christian	A	7:30 PM
10/19	Fruitvale (Homecoming)	H	7:30 PM
10/27	Union Hill	A	3:00 PM
11/3	Leverett's Chapel (Senior Night)	H	3:00 PM
11/10	BYE		

Junior Varsity Football Schedule

9/6	Damon	A	5:00 PM
9/13	Sanchez Charter School	H	7:00 PM
9/28	Damon	H	5:00 PM
10/18	Emery/Weiner	H	5:00 PM

Junior High Football Schedule

9/7	Orange Community Christian	H	5:00 PM
9/14	Lake Jackson Brazosport	H	5:00 PM
9/21			
9/27	Emery/Weiner	A	5:00 PM
10/4			
10/12	Baytown Christian	A	5:00 PM
10/18	Chester	A	5:00 PM
10/25	Alvin Living Stones	A	5:00 PM
11/1	Alvin Living Stones	H	5:00 PM

Lady Cardinals Varsity/JV Volleyball Schedule

9/4	Hamshire-Fannett	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/6-8	YMBL Tourney	A	V	TBA
9/7	Spurger	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/11	Hull	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/14	Deweyville	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/21	Sabine Pass	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/25	West Hardin	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
9/28	Burkeville	H	V	4:30 PM
10/2	Spurger	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/5	Hull	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/9	Deweyville	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/12	Evadale	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/16	Sabine Pass	A	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/19	West Hardin	H	JV/V	4:30 PM
10/23	Burkeville	A	V	4:30 PM

VolleyBall



Lady Cardinals JH Volleyball Schedule

9/4	Hull-Daisetta	H	4:30 PM
9/10	Deweyville	A	4:30 PM
9/17	Burkeville	H	4:30 PM
9/24	Evadale	A	4:30 PM
9/29	Pasadena Tournament	A	TBA
10/1	Sabine Pass	H	4:30 PM
10/9	West Hardin	A	4:30 PM
10/15	BYE		
10/22	Devers	H	4:40 PM

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Ingenuity goes awry

Rickey Thibodeaux

Americans are known for their ingenuity. When faced with an adversity, Americans will think through the challenge and derive a plan, solving the problem. This is called American ingenuity. That's why I wonder if my old childhood friend Stinky Sawyer isn't a space alien—cause his ideas are far out.

We were halfway through our teen years whenever Stinky almost killed himself. Riding our bikes one day, we happened upon two of our colleagues attempting to kick-start an old Indian motorcycle. The Indian looked ancient enough to have fought in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Stinky pointed at our friends and laughed. "Hey, boys, ya'll already kicked it to death, maybe you should think about buying it a burial plot and putting it to rest."

PeeWee Boudreaux looked up from his task; sweat dripping profusely from his brow. "Don't-need-your-smart-aleck-remarks," huffed PW.

Shorty Longfellow, an oxymoron of stature, filled us in on the situation. "My brother left for Viet Nam gave me his bike. We're having trouble getting it started."

I didn't say a word. Stinky apparently had all the vocabulary needed to fix the old Indian. "Should try and push start it," said Stinky. "Yup, if it were my bike, that's what I'd do. Push start the sucker."

PW and Shorty looked at each other and shrugged. Shorty jumped on the seat and PW pushed the motorcycle down the street, the worn-out motor rewarding them with only a couple of benign coughs.

PW wiped his face with his shirt-tail. "So much for your idea," he said to Stinky.

Stinky hooked his thumbs in the pockets of his trademark bib overalls, leaned back on his heels and quipped, "Now, boys, there's more than one way to skin a cat. It's time for plan B."

Stinky's plan B involved 50-ft. of rope and the use of PW's brother's car. PW, the only one old enough to have a driver's license was confident his brother wouldn't mind him borrowing his vehicle for such a worthy cause. So, he snuck the keys out of his sleeping brother's pant pocket and high-tailed it back to the scooter.

Stinky tied one end of the rope to the handlebars of the bike, and the other end he knotted around the rusty bumper of the car. We endured a momentary crisis as Stinky and Shorty argued about which one of them would ride the Indian and garner the glory of getting the thing running. After

a one-potato-two-potato selection process, Stinky clambered on the bike, smiling from ear to ear.

"PW," said Stinky, "the first thing you do is take out all the slack in the rope. Then I'm gonna give you a thumbs up and you're gonna drive straight down the road. As soon as this ole gal kicks over, then I'm gonna cut the rope with my knife and take myself a little cruise. You boys are about to witness a resurrection."

PW, Shorty, and I climbed into the car. PW eased forward just enough to tighten the rope. After Stinky's thumbs up, PW slowly pressed the accelerator. The bike began trailing the car like Kit Carson following buffalo tracks. We watched as Stinky worked the clutch, trying to coax life back into the old engine. After less than a mile, Stinky reached down and gave the distributor a hard rap. Like a successful faith healer, Stinky's touch brought the Injun's engine back to life. Unfortunately, Stinky had forgotten to release the throttle when he tapped on the distributor. So as soon as the engine fired, the little scooter ate up the 50-ft. of rope quickly.

"Wasn't that Stinky who just passed us?" asked PW.

"He's behind us," I said, glancing behind the car. "Hey, he's gone."

"There he goes!" shouted Shorty, pointing in front of us.

We watched as Stinky whacked at the rope with his knife. He had almost cut through, but alas, he hit the end of the rope and we watched as the Indian pulled a wheelie, flinging Stinky to the ground. Our friend hit with a skidding thud. He kissed the asphalt a good ten yards before coming to a halt. PW stopped the car and we ran over to check on our friend. His introduction to the asphalt had resulted in the destruction of the seat of his britches and the removal of a small patch of hair on the back of his head.

After determining Stinky would live, albeit the next week would be a painful reminder of his doomed ride and flight, I couldn't resist saying, "Looks as if that old Indian scalped you good."

Well, he finally quit chasing me after I begged his forgiveness. And that's the last time I used Native American humor in the presence of someone who has so little regard for American ingenuity.

C'est la vie!

In reference to cleaning the beaches on the Bolivar Peninsula: Turtle Island Restoration Network

Joanie Steinhaus
Program Director, Gulf of Mexico

The tire tracks and movement on the beach make it impossible to locate a nesting turtle tracks.

Anyone working on the TX coast must have state and federal permits to work in the agencies jurisdiction.

The GLO manages the dunes, USFWS the land from the dune to the mean high tide line and the USACE the mean high tide line to the active water line.

Hand picking of trash is all that is permitted by the City of Galveston, so this is normal practice.

Trying to Reason With Hurricane Season

June 1st - November 30th

The Beach Bum says General Mills is coming out with an organic Twinkie, isn't that called a sponge?

The Beach Bum says the four most beautiful words in our common language: *I told you so.*

The Beach Bum says the best thing about good old days is that were neither good nor old.

The Beach Bum's wife says women spend more time wondering what men are thinking that men spend thinking.

The Beach Bum says a diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

The Beach Bum says time may be a great healer but it's also a lousy beautician.

The Beach Bum says the question isn't at what age I want to retire, it's at what income.

The Beach Bum says I grew a beard thinking it would say "Distinguished Gentleman." Instead, turns out it says, "Senior Discount, please!"

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Big Thicket National Preserve Hunting Permit Registration

Opens September 1, 2018

KOUNTZE, Texas – Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz announced today that the preserve will start issuing this seasons free hunting permits on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Available 2018/2019 permits will be issued until February 28, 2019.

Permits will be issued at the preserve visitor center from 9 am until 5 pm daily. The visitor center is located 8 miles north of Kountze at the intersection of US 69 and FM 420 at 6102 FM 420 Road. Big Thicket hunting permits allow hunters to take white-tailed deer, squirrel, rabbit, feral hog, and waterfowl, except those for the Lake Bayou Hunting Unit, which is a waterfowl-only area. The preserve observes the state of Texas hunting seasons from October 1, 2018, until January 6, 2019. Additional feral hogs may be taken during the extended hog-only season, which runs from January 2, 2019 until February 28, 2019. Waterfowl hunting at Lake Bayou will also remain open until February 28, 2019.

Everyone who hunts in Big Thicket National Preserve must have a Big Thicket hunting permit.

You must show your current Texas Hunting License to obtain a Big Thicket hunting permit.

All hunters must apply in person and may hunt in only one unit. Parents or guardians are no longer be able to get permits for their children. All hunters must be present to get a permit.

Be advised that hunters who failed to return their harvest cards for the 2017/2018 season will not be eligible to hunt in Big Thicket National Preserve during the 2018/2019 hunting season. The deadline for returning hunter harvest cards after the 2018/2019 season will be April 1, 2019. There will be no grace period.

The number of permits issued for each hunting unit varies based on the size of the unit and wildlife management goals for that unit. The following numbers of permits, by hunting unit, are available: Beaumont Unit–200; Beech Creek Unit–150; Big Sandy Creek Unit–400; Jack Gore Baygall Unit–400; Lance Rosier Unit–900; Neches Bottom Unit–150; Lake Bayou Unit–50.

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

“Hey, Guys, Hold My Texas A & M Diploma and Watch This!”

Mack Hall

A Georgetown, Virginia branch of the D.C. Public Library has closed temporarily due to an infestation of snakes.

Well, hey, Washington, right?

The snake allusion is obvious; the surprise here is that the citizens of Georgetown occasionally read at all, taking a little literary time off from power golf, power tennis, power lunches, and power schmoozing with mysterious foreign powers.

One imagines The Honorable Maxine Waters curling up with John Milton’s Paradise Lost after a full day of inciting riots. Or maybe just curling up and hissing (Book X, line 508).

With snakes on a shelf President Clinton is not yet able to turn in Viktor Frankl’s Man’s Search for Meaning.

Alexandria (not Alexandra) Ocasio Hyphen Cortez is reputed to know what a book is.

President Trump checked out How to Win Friends and Influence People, and concluded that he had written better books than that.

F.B.I. agents wiretap the audio books instead of taking them home, the C.I.A. spookies investigate Goodnight, Moon (one of Prime Minister Trudeau’s favs) for coded messages from Iraq, the superannuated Secret Service frat boys study all the books about how to throw good parties, and Congress investigates the librarians, threatening them with prison if they don’t admit under oath that they have read Dostoyevsky, Solzhenitsyn, and Yevtushenko.

We continue our reptilian theme near Beaumont, Texas, where a young woman had herself photographed in her Texas A & M graduation costumery while posing with an alligator said to be fourteen feet long.

Some have suggested that A & M is at fault for not teaching students that alligators eat pets, children, and the occasional adult, including vegetarians and Aggies.

Reptiles are all fun and games until someone gets eaten, okay?

But, really, teaching children about dangerous animals should happen at home. A reality is that lots of children no longer learn ordinary human behaviors at home. Even if they have a home. The authority figure cooking meth doesn’t get around to cooking for the children. Kiddie-garten and first-grade teachers must teach many of their charges about when and where to poo-poo and wee-wee, washing one’s hands, eating with utensils, and all the other usages that help distinguish (not always successfully) humans from reptiles.

Snakes get to skip the lesson on washing hands.

Even so, the Board of This and That who constitute the governing body of Texas A & M probably never considered as a topic for fish camp the basic mummy-doesn’t-want-you-to-be-popped-into-a-pie-by-Mr.-McGregor idea that fooling around with a fourteen-foot alligator is unwise.

To paraphrase an old wheeze, the joke is now “Hey, guys, hold my Texas A & M diploma and watch this!”



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2 Sunday	Zach Gonzales 6 - 8 PM	15 Saturday	Cajun Harmony 7 - 10 PM
7 Friday	Jamie Bergeron 8:15 - 10:30 PM	21 Friday	The Crossroads Band 7 - 10 PM
8 Saturday	Danny Dillion 7 - 10 PM	22 Saturday	John Thibodeaux 7 - 10
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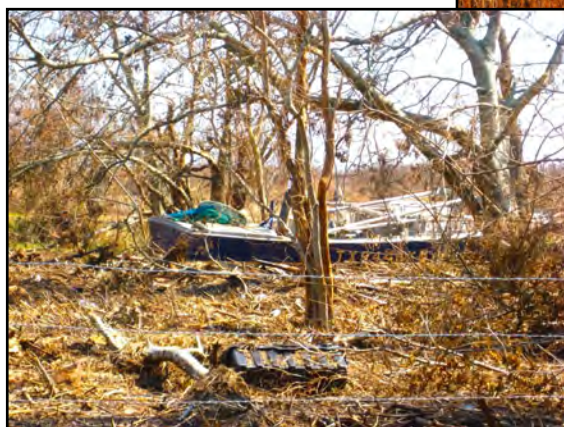
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Hurricane Ike

September 2008

Why we need a better evacuation route?



The featured pictures were taken the first day the public was permitted on the Bolivar Peninsula following the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike. The majority of these pictures were taken in the vicinity of Hwy 87 and the curve at Hwy 124, Gilchrist and High Island. At the of junction of Hwy 87 and Hwy 124, the oilfields seem to provide a cemetery for abandoned vehicles, many were in the process of transporting residents out of harms way.



Hurricane Ike

September 2008

10 Years Ago



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September 2018 Galveston County Master Gardener Educational Programs for Interested Gardeners

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

Unless otherwise specified in individual event, location will be: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park

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For course reservations, telephone 409-281-5065 or email: galvcountymgs@gmail.com

Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>

BACKYARD CITRUS

e-mail: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, September 8

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Robert Marshall's presentation in the Friendswood Public Library will feature the following topics: variety selection of citrus trees that grow well in this area, root stocks, nutrients, disease (citrus canker and citrus greening), insect problems, control of birds and critters, and freeze protection. Marshall has years of experience in many facets of growing and propagating citrus trees in this area. Many of the citrus trees included in the presentation will be offered for sale as transplants at the Galveston County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale on October 20. Location: Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood

FALL BULBS

e-mail: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Saturday, September 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Margaret Cherry, bulb and colorscape expert, will present "Fall Bulbs 101: A Recipe for Success." The program will cover the do's and don'ts of growing bulbs, planting techniques, annual combo plantings, growing in pots, and much more. She will include information about the bulb varieties that will be available for purchase at the Galveston County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale on October 20, 2018.

KITCHEN GARDENING

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Saturday, September 15

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Mary Demeny will present vegetable gardening in the back yard with an emphasis on gardening on a smaller scale close to the back door, as well as and making use of

inter-planting vegetables in flower beds and in pots. Attendees will benefit from her 60+ years of vegetable gardening experience. Bring a notebook as she will be providing a lot of practical information from her years of experience.

COMPOSTING

Saturday, September 22

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9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Jim Gilliam's presentation will teach you how to compost, what factors to measure and monitor, and how to use the finished product to the best advantage. Compost is the most important addition gardeners can provide to improve their garden soils.

A PASSION FOR PLUMERIA (Frangipani)

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Saturday, September 22

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Loretta Osteen will present information about the history of Plumeria and tips for growing them in our area. She will include methods of propagation, winter storage, and care. Information about flower shapes, fragrances, and colors of Plumeria that grow in our area will be provided.

T-BUD GRAFTING OF CITRUS & FRUIT TREES

Saturday, September 29

e-mail: galvcountymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

You must pre-register to attend. Galveston County Master Gardener Sue Jeffco will present a hands-on workshop on T-bud grafting. This is the method used on small citrus, peach, plum and other fruit trees. Class is limited to 24 participants in the workshop, but others are welcome to observe.

SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday, October 20

**Galveston County Master Gardener
Fall Plant Sale**

8:00 a.m.- 8:50 a.m.

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Second Going enjoyed a banner year. Jane Long and The Second Going Style Show was a smashing success, and sales of clothing and household goods are at an all-time high. So, Manager Fran Griffin drove to High Island and Crenshaw Schools to bring them special gifts for the new school year. Fran presented High Island Superintendent Travis Grubbs and Crenshaw's Representative Terry Ward (Principal Terri Camp was unavailable) with \$100 Gift Cards for each full time teacher. Teachers may spend the money on supplies they feel will best benefit the needs of their pupils.

Second Going Board Members Fran, Dennis Stafford, Tom Kruft and Jane Loose were thrilled that the store could help Bolivar Peninsula students. You can say, "Second Going really is the gift that just keeps on giving!"



Coast Guard interdicts lancha crew illegally fishing in US waters



Lancha Boat

Coast Guard law enforcement crews detected and interdicted a Mexican lancha boat crew engaged in illegally fishing in federal waters off southern Texas, August 14.

Coast Guard crews stopped a lancha with four Mexican fishermen engaged in illegal fishing. The lancha had 15 Snapper and 59 shark totaling 643 pounds aboard the vessel. The Mexican fishermen were detained and transferred to

border enforcement agents for processing.

"The illegal fishing of red snapper causes over 11 million dollars in lost revenue each year to U.S commercial fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico," said Cmdr. Charles Hawkins, the chief of response at Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi. "Deterring this and other illicit activity on the U.S./Mexico maritime boundary line is one of our top priorities."

A lancha is a Mexican fishing boat approximately 20-30 feet long with a slender profile. Typically the lancha has one outboard motor, is capable of traveling at speeds exceeding 30 mph and is frequently used to fish illegally in the United States' Exclusive Economic Zone near the U.S./Mexico border in the Gulf of Mexico.



Poached sharks and red snapper

Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi has detected 166 lanchas, 54 of which were interdicted north of the U.S./Mexico Maritime Border since Oct. 1, 2017.

If you witness suspicious activity or illegal fishing in state waters (out to 9 miles offshore), please contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's "Operation Game Thief" at 1-800-792-GAME (4263). For all suspicious activity or illegal fishing occurring in federal waters (out to 200 miles offshore), please contact the U.S. Coast Guard at 361-939-6393.

Shark Attacks

Here are some tips to prevent you from becoming a shark snack.

Tip One: Act Big

If a shark thinks you're bigger and more aggressive it will turn tail and bolt.

Tip Two: Don't Play Dead

Don't let the shark think it won. Fight back with what you have, even your bare hands.

Tip Three: Hit them where it hurts

Aim for the sensitive areas of the shark, his eyes, gills, and the nose.

Tip Four: Get Help

Get out of the water because the attack will attract other sharks, especially if you are bleeding.

Pictured to the right, victim's knee in a recent attack on the Bolivar Peninsula.



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Hardening the System After Historical Harvey

Elevation of substation control houses and other equipment is ongoing

BEAUMONT, Texas – Even before the clouds passed, the rain ended and the final power outage was restored, Entergy employees came together to plan. First, Entergy worked to help customers and employees rebuild stronger communities. Entergy employees also worked to rebuild a stronger electric system. In the past year, Entergy Texas has taken steps to protect electric infrastructure, and improve restoration efforts following extreme weather.

Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Gulf Coast last year on Aug. 25. For eight days the storm lingered over Entergy Texas' service area, resulting in power outages to approximately 41 percent of Entergy Texas customers. Within 14 days, Entergy had restored 324,300 outages.

"Harvey was unlike any storm that Entergy Texas has faced," said Sallie Rainer, president and CEO of Entergy Texas, Inc. "Thanks to the hard work

of our employees, we were able to get the power back on so our customers can get on with their lives. But our commitment to our customers doesn't end there. We are hard at work on strengthening our infrastructure for future storms."

Harvey's floodwaters impacted 17 substations, with significant damage to six substations.

Since Harvey, Entergy has restored all flooded substations and is working to prevent future flooding at the substations that suffered catastrophic flooding. This includes elevating control houses to above historic flood elevations. Substation control houses contain the advanced technology to manage power flow for thousands of customers.

The work is underway at the hardest-hit substations: Vidor Substation in Vidor, Viway Substation in Rose City, Bevil Substation in Bevil

Oaks, Amelia Substation in Beaumont and McDonald Substation in Silsbee.

Beyond elevating control houses, other critical substation equipment is being raised. Entergy is also evaluating more substations for flood mitigation.

Additionally, Entergy has taken steps to prepare for future storms, including:

- Joining the industry group Regional Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage Restoration. RESTORE aims to more efficiently cooperate and share equipment such as transformers and mobile substations for faster recovery from disasters.

- Participating in several Public Utility Commission of Texas task forces on hurricane restoration best practices. These efforts strengthen the collaboration between other Texas electric utilities and the State of Texas during future extreme weather events.

- Ordering an additional mobile substation – a piece of equipment that

played a crucial role in quickly restoring power to affected customers. Entergy also has ordered other equipment to divert floodwaters from critical infrastructure.

Using data analytics to improve response efforts. The company has conducted flood forecasting based on publicly available information that will better predict water levels, so Entergy can deploy emergency protection at vulnerable equipment in a timely manner.

"Harvey's impact on our communities didn't end a year ago. We know that customers and communities continue the rebuilding process, and we want to be there for them," Rainer said. "Entergy Texas is working to fund grants for nonprofit organizations and educational initiatives that will brighten the lives of so many who were affected by this tragic storm."

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FBI Reminds Students, Parents to #ThinkBeforeYouPost

As students across the country go back to school, the FBI would like to remind them and their parents of the consequences of posting hoax threats to schools and other public places.

Hoax threats are not a joke, and the FBI and our partners follow up on every tip we receive from the public.

Issuing a threat is a federal crime that carries a penalty of up to five years in federal prison.

Hoax threats also drain law enforcement resources and cost taxpayers money.

When an investigation concludes there was a false or hoax threat made to a school, or another public place, a federal charge could be considered. If a federal charge is not warranted, state charges are possible.

Public assistance is crucial to curb these hoax threats.

In an effort to get the word out to as many people as possible, the FBI earlier this year launched a social media campaign using the hashtag "ThinkBeforeYouPost."

The following are some tips students and parents can use to stay out of trouble online and assist law enforcement:

- Don't ever post or send any hoax threats online...period.
- If you are a target of an online threat, alert your local law enforcement immediately.
- If you see a threat of violence posted on social media, immediately contact local law enforcement or your local FBI office. Members of the public can always submit a tip to the FBI at tips.fbi.gov.
- Notify authorities, but don't share or forward the threat until law enforcement has had a chance to investigate—this can spread misinformation and cause panic.
- If you are a parent or family member, know that some young people post these threats online as a cry for attention or as a way to get revenge or exert control. Talk to your child about the proper outlet for their stress or other emotions, and explain the importance of responsible social media use and the consequences of posting hoax threats.

Again, contact law enforcement to report any potential threats or suspicious activity. If there is any reason to believe the safety of others is at risk, we ask that the public immediately reach out to their local police department by calling 911.

As always, members of the public can report a tip to the FBI Albuquerque Division at (505) 889-1300.

Early intervention can prevent a situation from escalating by identifying, assessing, and managing the threat.

Remember, if you see something, say something. Hoax threats are not a joke, so think before you post!

Big Thicket National Preserve Announces Fall & Winter 2018 Ranger-led Program Schedule

KOUNTZE, Texas – Cooler weather is right around the corner! What do you and your family have planned this fall? The staff at Big Thicket National Preserve would like to invite you to explore your local national preserve by taking advantage of the many ranger-led programs being offered this coming season.

Park rangers will offer a variety of free programs, from canoe trips on Village Creek to full moon hikes and special off-trail excursions,. Some programs require participants to pre-register. Be sure to consult the 2018 Fall & Winter Ranger-led Program Schedule for details. Information on all of the public programs is available on our website at <https://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BigThicketNPS.

Species from all of these different vegetation types come together in the thicket, exhibiting a variety of vegetation and wildlife that has received national interest.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #3719

Bill Agnew

August was a terrific month for us at the Eagles. We have added new cooks to our Saturday lunches, which has been a real treat. Thanks to all who cooked and helped with our lunches. The Second Sunday breakfast was our first "back to school" breakfast. As a token of thanks, the breakfast was free to any teacher, administrator, or employee of a school on the peninsula. We had a good turnout of school employees and were able to present a \$150 gift card for the teacher's lounge to Crenshaw Principal Traci Camp.

On August 18, we had a team representing the Eagles at the Port Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department cook off. We did not win anything, but we had a great time and it was for a great cause. We look forward to participating again next year.

We are still looking for more volunteers to cook on Saturdays. Anyone who is willing to cook please get with

either Lou Lou or myself. We have 5 Saturdays in September, and we would like to fill them up.

Football season is back. Please come and enjoy the games at the Eagles. We have football pots every week and we still have our Nascar pots going until the season is over. Get with any of our bartenders during the week if you want in on the action.

I have my bi-annual golf tournament I put on at the Ranch to help raise money for the golf course. We hold our Friday night dinner at the Eagles. If anyone would like to play in the tournament, it is 2 man teams and \$40 a person. All the money goes to the Eagles. They provide the alcohol and Diana and I provide the food.

Pictured holding the check is Bill Agnew and Lou Lou Montgomery. Seated are teachers and faculty from Crenshaw School



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Man Sentenced to 11 years in Prison for September 2016 Aggravated Robbery of Newspaper Delivery Driver



Daniel Radford

GALVESTON – On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Daniel Radford, was sentenced to 11 years in prison for the 1st degree felony offense of Aggravated Robbery. The Defendant faced a range of punishment of a minimum 5 years in prison to a maximum of 99 years or life. The defendant previously pled guilty to the offense on May 22, 2018, and a punishment hearing was held in the 122nd District Court on June 29, 2018.

In the early morning

hours of September 29, 2016, Kenneth Crookshank was delivering the morning paper to homes and local businesses on the Bolivar peninsula. After dropping a load of papers at a local convenience store Crookshank noticed a white van follow him into a residential neighborhood. Crookshank told the court that he heard a loud gunshot and observed the white van that he had seen earlier pull alongside of his vehicle. It was later discovered by Galveston County Sheriff's Deputies that Crookshank's vehicle had been struck by a bullet on the driver's side behind the driver seat. The defendant then pointed a gun at Crookshank and demanded money. Crookshank did not have any money and pleaded that he

would not tell anyone if the defendant would let him go unharmed. Crookshank testified that he was afraid for his life and thought he was going to die. When the defendant learned that Crookshank did not have any money he fled the area. Galveston County Sheriff's Office Deputies located the van attempting to cross Galveston Bay on the ferry. Deputy Monterrubio testified that he and another deputy conducted a felony traffic stop and detained the defendant. Inside the van deputies located multiple firearms, knives, a machete, and drug paraphernalia. The defendant was identified through eyewitness statements and surveillance video showing the defendant following Crookshank just before the Robbery.

Chief Assistant District Attorney James Haugh presented evidence showing that the van used and multiple firearms possessed by the defendant during the robbery were stolen. Photographs of Crookshank's vehicle showed damage from a bullet that struck inches from where Crookshank was sitting in the driver's seat.

On July 2, 2018, the judge ruled that the defendant would be found guilty and sentenced to 11 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The defendant was sentenced by the court on August 7, 2018. The defendant will be eligible for parole after he serves one half of his sentence. Radford was prosecuted by Chief Assistant District Attorney James Haugh and Assistant District Attorney Neha Casturi in the 122nd District Court, with Judge John Ellisor presiding. The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Galveston County Sheriff's Office for their excellent work in investigating this case.



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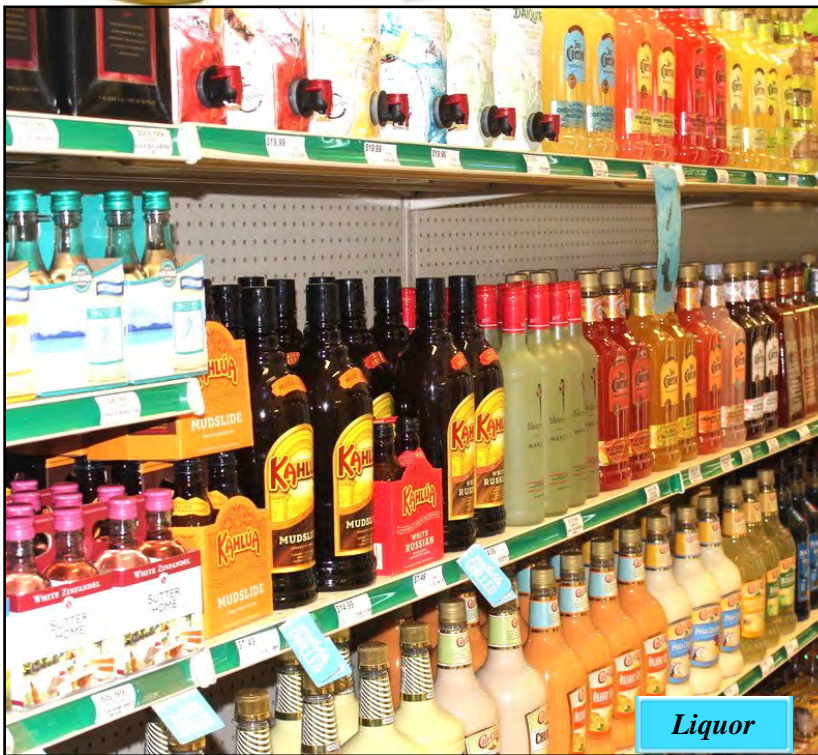
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Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

Eating the Bait: Three Tasty, Non-Game Fish

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Long-time fishermen know that there is little relation between the amount of "fight" shown by a hooked fish and its suitability for food. In Texas, two of our most renowned gamefish—the Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) and the Black Drum (*Pogonias cromis*) put up a wonderful fight but leave something to be desired as far as meat texture and flavor. On the other hand, the Southern Flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*) and its flatfish relatives act like wet rags on the line but are blessed with wonderfully flaky, delicately-flavored white meat and few bones. The Redfish (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) provides a good balance between fight and flavor, although a fish of legal size provides a whopping amount of meat!

I usually fish by myself and rarely need to serve up a party-size amount of broiled fish for guests, so although I love a good fighting fish I usually release seatrout and redfish for someone else to catch. Instead, I often concentrate on three smaller species that are often used as bait: the pinfish or "piggy perch" (*Lagodon rhomboides*), the Atlantic Croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*), and the Southern Kingfish or Whiting (*Menticirrhus americanus*). All of these rather small fish are delicious eating, and a good catch of half a dozen average-size specimens of the latter two will make a good meal for anyone.

Pinfish might be thought of as "saltwater bream". They are small (a big one is the size of your hand), tend to congregate around bayside rocks and oyster reefs, and are consummate bait-stealers. Most fishermen catch juveniles in minnow traps for redfish and seatrout bait, but big ones are tasty (if bony) fried whole as panfish. I often catch palm-size youngsters to fish as cut bait.

Pinfish enjoy notoriety among naturalists because one of them partially blinded noted ant biologist and writer E. O. Wilson as a boy. Writing about it in his popular autobiography "Naturalist", Wilson recalls jerking the fish from the water in Alabama and accidentally stabbing himself in the right eye with the fishes' sharp forward dorsal spine. If you have ever handled a pinfish, you will know that these dorsal spines can easily stab your hand and produce burning, itching wounds—so beware!



A Pinfish, showing sharp dorsal spines

Juveniles of the Atlantic Croaker are commonly netted for redfishbait by commercial trawlers and sold live in bait camps. Larger fish are common along the oyster reefs and jetties in our area and can be taken readily with a #12 hook baited with shrimp or other cut bait. These pinkish, yellow-finned fish are in the drum family (Scaenidae) along with redfish and seatrout and look a bit like miniature redfish (minus the tail spot). They put up a fair fight for their size, but their real fame is in their flavor: in a word, delicious! After cleaning, I like them pan-fried whole with garlic butter and lime juice, char-broiled, or steamed whole Chinese-style for dipping in sauce. After carefully lifting up the

cooked meat on the top side with a fork, you can remove the spine from the other side by picking up the flaky meat beneath. Four or five fish make a good meal.



A Southern Kingfish or Whiting



An Atlantic Croaker

Anglers who like to fish in the surf may find themselves catching the Southern Kingfish, popularly known as the Whiting, or its close relative the Gulf Kingfish (*M. littoralis*). These fast-swimming bottom feeders often take mullet and other bait intended for redfish and put up a surprising fight. Any kingfish over a foot long is large—but occasionally a Southern Kingfish will come in at 18 inches. A good rig for these current-loving fishes is a #12 snelled hook anchored to a half-ounce "spider sinker" that tends to "grab" the sand and prevent drifting in the current. I use 8 or 10-pound monofilament line on a medium-weight spinning rod and reel capable of casting about 75-100 feet with this weight of terminal tackle. Cook these the same way that I described for Atlantic Croaker, and you won't be disappointed!

All three of these relatively small "bait" fishes are considered non-game fishes by the Texas Department of Fish and Wildlife, so you need not be concerned with limits or minimum lengths. They nevertheless require valid licenses with saltwater endorsements. When your objective is good eating, and/or you are teaching a youngster how to fish for the first time, setting your sights on these smaller fishes might help you cinch a really great day at the beach.

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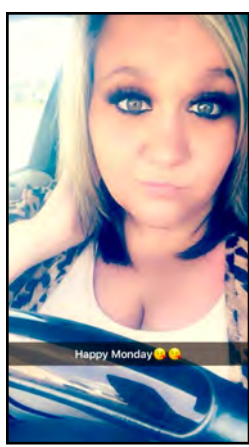
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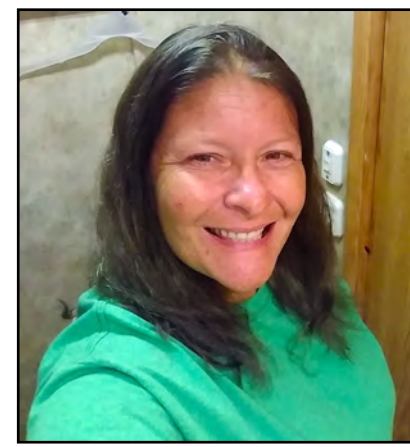
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OUR UPS MAN! AARON SPRINGER



What a magical night! The standing room only crowd provided a rousing ovation as AARON SPRINGER, our United Parcel Service man, entered the room. Family and friends packed Jose's Cantina Cajun Steakhouse to honor everyone's favorite "Man in Brown." People lined up to taste Jose's fine buffet, but the really long line was one of people waiting to shake hands with, or get a hug from, our UPS man.

Aaron worked 40 1/2 years for UPS, and 40 of those were spent serving the Bolivar Peninsula. Now Aaron has retired. While folk are happy for him, there is great sadness for all of those who have delighted in their contacts with this remarkable person. Albums, pictures, and comments from residents were displayed throughout the banquet area. A money tree, gifts and cards boxes overflowed with gratitude while voices overlapped with shared personal memories of Aaron's myriad good deeds.

The UPS motto is United Problem Solvers. Mr. Springer certainly lived up to that. Mailing to physical addresses in this area can be confusing. Aaron could find any recipient. He took the time to help whenever, and wherever, help was needed. Aaron was so trustworthy that some residents gave him their house keys when they were gone. Several reminisced about waiting for him when they were children. He is the only UPS man they have ever known. Elaine Rollfing told how even the day after he retired, Aaron hunted down a lost package and carried it by hand straight to her door.

Aaron is so loved by the Bolivar Community that he was named Honorary Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce on two different occasions.

There is so much more to tell about this fine man. Aaron and his lovely wife Drusilla (Dru) have fostered over 50 children and adopted 8. Their love is boundless for their family and for their community. However, many of us will always be grateful for those times when he delivered purchases to our homes, and visited for a few minutes. Always happy, always sparkling, always making you feel that you were the most special delivery he had made that day.

Aaron, thanks for the memories. May you find as much joy in your retirement as you have given to us over the years. Our community will miss you. We all honked and waved whenever we saw one of those brown trucks delivering items on the peninsula. We were so excited if the driver waved back because then we knew it was OUR UPS MAN, AARON SPRINGER!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MAKE PLANS

Bay Vue United Methodist Women (UMW) met August 13 to plan for their fall mission. Although they are officially the UMW, they could be called the Galvanizing Gals (GG). These ladies never stop. President Cindy Hunt sets the pace with her well planned meetings.

The group made and delivered baby blankets to UTMB so that all newborn babies could be bundled up warm when they went home. Elaine Rollfing stated, "We have lots of material. There will be more blankets." Elaine made enough to fill a large box. Now the cause has been extended to the Texas Department of Justice. Relatives and foster parents of incarcerated mothers can wrap babies in warm blankets of love for visiting times.

Sherry Morgan presented a way that these Galvanizing Gals could continue to help. "While You Wait Bags" are their next project. These will contain items that are useful to

people spending time in ICU, Emergency Area or Surgery waiting rooms. A UMW Committee of Three will meet with Carol Arvie-Gooden to make a list of what items will go in these bags. The women will create an assembly line to fill them up when the list is finalized.

October 21 is United Methodist Women Sunday. Ushers, announcements, Scripture Reading, and every aspect of this service will be handled by the ladies. All men and women are invited to enjoy this unique experience.

UMW closed with a quick review of Christmas plans and set the date for their next gathering. This upbeat and inspiring group will meet on September 10 at 10:00 AM. Their enthusiasm is a motivating force for everyone at Bay Vue United Methodist Church. Thank goodness for the Galvanizing Gals of United Methodist Women!



UMW members Jeanette Kuhn, Sandi Covington, Jane Loose and Sherry Morgan deliver a box load of baby blankets to UTMB Director of Volunteer Services Carol Arvie-Gooden.

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By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Tips to prevent gum disease!

A little blood on your toothbrush could be an early sign of gum disease. Not only does gum disease cause bad breath it can lead to serious dental problems later like bone loss in the jaws holding the teeth.

Gum disease (periodontitis) happens when plaque – a sticky film of bacteria builds up on the teeth and hardens. At first, this can cause gums that look red, swollen or that bleed (gingivitis). As this condition gets worse the gums begin to pull away from the teeth and that begins tooth loss. This can cause infections of the mouth. Gum disease may also be linked to heart disease and diabetes.

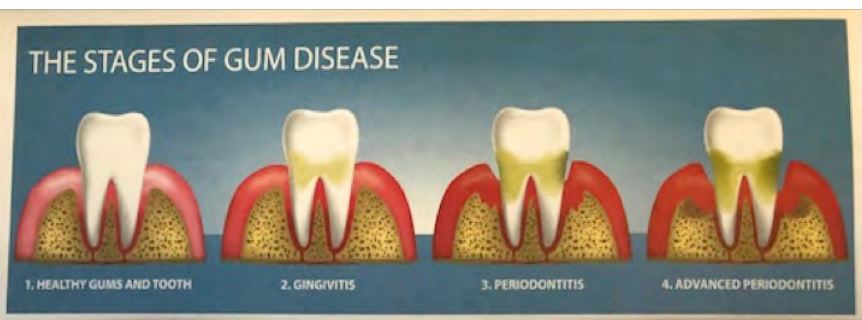
Tips to prevent gum disease:

- Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste for at least two minutes. Also, brush your TONGUE! There are bacteria on the tongue, as well as the teeth. Replace your toothbrush when it shows wear.
- Floss once a day. Plaque hides between teeth where the toothbrush cannot reach. When plaque builds up it causes tartar to form. Tartar is hard like the teeth and must be removed by a dentist.
- Don't smoke. More than 60 percent of smokers have gum disease. This is one reason why quitting is important to your health.
- See your dentist every six months. A dentist can remove plaque and tartar and will check the health of your gums. Gum disease can be reversed if caught early.
- Ask about mouthwash. Some mouthwashes reduce plaque and tooth decay. Those at higher risk for gum disease may need to talk to their dentist.

If your gums look red or tend to bleed, see your dentist. Early treatment can save your gums and teeth.

Even if they are in good shape, regular visits to the dentist will help you keep them that way. Your smile will thank you!

See you next month for more health tips! Don't forget your sunblock.



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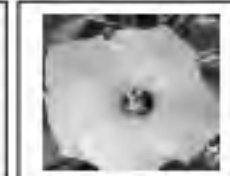
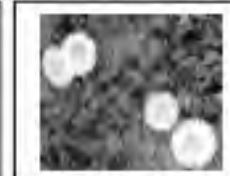
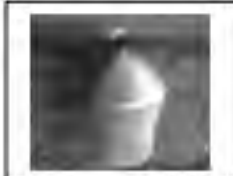
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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS AND ANGIE SCHEIBEL

I thought July was very hot this year but August has been sweltering! Very little rain in August hope September brings some rain storms for us but not in the way of tropical systems please. We need the rain badly everything is so dry that Galveston County has issued a burn ban.

The Bolivar Beach Bloomers plant sale at the Eagles in August was a success thank all of you who purchased plants, hope you enjoy them.

Galveston County AgriLife, sponsored by the Bolivar Beach Bloomers, next free seminar will be October 6, 1pm-230pm, at the Crystal Beach VFD. The topic is growing plants in full sunlight,

maximizing the production of vegetables by growing them upward/vertically, and growing fruit trees in the small urban backyard. Please plan on attending, the information they provide is excellent.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday September 5, 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:

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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: "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." Luther Burbank

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

I know it's still hot but we've survived the worst of summer. Now is the ideal time for planting perennials. Plants are on sale, they'll be able to establish healthy roots before the killer heat of summer and the fall temps should be kinder for the gardener.

I've been concentrating on hydration (for plants & MYSELF) while attacking weeds that run amuck at the end of summer. Remember the definition of 'weed' is any plant that volunteers where you don't want it. I find some volunteers quite desirable. Bolivar Peninsula has wildflowers that give the most blooms with the least care. They don't always volunteer just where we want them but, especially when young, they can be relocated.

I pull weeds selectively. I try to leave what I can't identify until I understand its nature and how it might benefit a landscape. I prioritize which weeds to be removed most urgently. There are many weeds that I recognize as not welcome in my gardens. Weeds with seeds are first priority! If they haven't formed seed heads I can delay removal until time permits. I generally leave them lying where I pulled them IF they don't have seed heads. Obviously undesirables with seeds have to be disposed of; I won't even put them in my compost pile. Weeds without seeds will decompose and return organic material with the soil. If you have room on your property for a brush pile it is actually beneficial to wildlife.

I am always battling with ragweed. It is producing seeds NOW. Even in mowed lawns ragweed can produce seeds and take over a lawn.

When not mowed they can reach 4 ft. tall. I pull everyone I see BEFORE they go to seed! The leaves look kind of like marigold but the blooms are virtuously unnoticeable. Learn to recognize ragweed and don't allow it in your landscape.

Another important note on pulling weeds is always TRY to get the roots. Many weeds pull easily roots& all. Some require a tool to get roots. Many weeds tend to snap off leaving a root system that will regrow. If you miss getting roots, at least you can discard seed heads; just know that the weed WILL BE BACK. Usually grabbing the weed close to the ground is more likely to remove roots. A little more effort for no weed to return.

If you will be planting trees & shrubs in the fall, hydration is still important. Water maybe once a week but try to give them a deep soaking. You want new planting to establish DEEP roots. Shallow watering will cause shallow roots! Plants with shallow roots will always require more watering more often and are more susceptible to wind events. Always water LONGER, DEEPER, LESS OFTEN.

Ange Scheibel
Texas Master Naturalist
Galveston Bay Area Chapter
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Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

This month, we have been blessed with more bananas. Here are some recipes I hope will become favorites of your family.

PEANUT BUTTER BANANA BARS

Makes 16 2-inch bars

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
1/2 cup peanut butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan.

Whisk together the flour, oats, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

Using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter, sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the egg and vanilla, and mix well. Mix in the bananas and peanut butter, mixing just until combined.

Reduce mixer speed to low. Gradually add the flour mixture, mixing just until combined.

Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake 40-45 minutes, or until edges are

browned and a pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan before cutting into bars.

NO BAKE BANANA SPLIT DESSERT

Serves 12-16

1 stick butter, melted
1 box graham cracker crumbs
1 - 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
4 bananas, sliced
1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 (16 ounce) container Cool Whip, thawed or
1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries, stemmed
1 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
hot fudge sauce, slightly warmed
1 tablespoon rainbow sprinkles

In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter.

Firmly press into a crust in the bottom of 9" x 13" glass or porcelain dish. Let it chill in

the freezer about 10 minutes to firm up.

In a medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese 1/4 cups butter, and the powdered sugar until creamy, about 5 minutes.

Don't be tempted to add milk. It will take a few minutes, but the mixture will blend up perfectly.

Add a layer of sliced bananas over the cream cheese mixture.

Spread pineapple chunks evenly over the bananas.

Evenly spread the Cool Whip over the pineapple-banana layer using a rubber spatula.

Garnish with the pecans/walnuts and maraschino cherries.

Drizzle the chocolate fudge over the dessert and then sprinkle the rainbow sprinkles over the surface.

Chill for at least 4 hours before cutting to allow the layers to set.

Banana Bread (from Hawaii)

3 cups granulated sugar 1 1/2 cups shortening
9 ripe mashed bananas
6 eggs, well beaten
3 3/4 cup cake flour*
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking soda

Cream sugar and shortening. Add bananas and eggs. Sift flour, salt, and baking soda together 3 times.

Blend wet and dry ingredients, but do not over mix. Bake for 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes 3 loaves**

**For each cup of all-purpose flour you measure, remove 2 tablespoons to have the equivalent of cake flour.*

***I bought a pan that makes 21 individual loaves of bread. This recipe is great for making many loaves at one time.*

BANANA-BUTTER BRICKLE

3 cups diced bananas
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 1/4 cups sifted flour
1 cup rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
1/3 cup shortening

Mix bananas, white sugar and nutmeg. Place mixture in bottom of greased 10" x 6" x 1 1/2" baking pan.

Combine brown sugar, sifted flour, oats and salt in bowl. Cut in butter and shortening as for pastry and sprinkle over bananas.

Bake in 375 degree oven for 40 minutes or until crisp and browned. Serve warm with cream, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

ORIGINAL NILLA BANANA PUDDING*

Serves 12, 2/3 cup each.

3/4 cup sugar, divided
1/3 cup flour
dash salt
3 eggs, separated
2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
45 NILLA wafers, divided
5 bananas, sliced

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix 1/2 cup sugar, flour, and salt in top of double boiler. Blend in 3 egg yolks and milk. Cook, uncovered, over boiling water

10 to 12 minutes, or until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla.

Reserve 12 wafers for garnish. Spread small amount of custard onto bottom of 1 1/2 quart baking dish. Cover with layers

of 1/3 each of the remaining wafers, bananas and remaining custard. Repeat layers 2 times.

Beat egg whites on high speed of mixer until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in remaining sugar until stiff peaks form.

Spread over custard, sealing well to edge of dish. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly.

Top with reserved wafers just before serving.

**This is the recipe off the Nabisco Vanilla Wafer box that most of us grew up eating.*

RECIPE TIPS

A double boiler helps to keep custards, such as the pudding filling for this recipe, smooth. If you don't have a double boiler,

you can make your own by placing a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water on top of the stove.

Be sure to use a bowl that fits snugly over the pan. Most importantly, do not allow the simmering water to touch the

bottom of the bowl. Use pot holders when removing the bowl of cooked custard from the saucepan as it will be very hot.

Make it easy: Use an egg slicer to quickly and uniformly slice the bananas.

Special extra: Garnish with additional banana slices just before serving.

One friend of mine put coconut in hers and it was good also.



Todd Prieur

October, 20, 1973 - August 7, 2018

Coming Soon! Dollar General



The map to the right represents locations of the Dollar General Stores surrounding the Bolivar Peninsula area and the star marks the approximate location of a new store opening soon.

In the Fall of 2018, Dollar General will host a Grand Opening of their new store located on the Bolivar Peninsula, directly next door to the Crystal Beach Post office.

Dollar General's mission is **Serving Others**, and this commitment comes to life through Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants that will impact thousands of students across the country.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded more than \$3.4 million in youth literacy grants to 915 schools and nonprofit organizations to support a successful 2018-2019 academic year throughout the 44 states Dollar General serves.

If you are interested in employment with Dollar General, visit their website: www.dollargeneral.com/careers.



Todd Prieur was born on October 20, 1973 and passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

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SCAM COMMONALITIES:

Extortion attempts vary widely, but there are a few common indicators of the scam. The following list of commonalities is not exhaustive, but intended as examples of red flags. It is import to remember these extortion scams change to take advantage of current events such as high profile breaches or new trends involving the Internet to add authenticity.

- The extortion attempt comes as an e-mail or letter from an unknown party.
- The recipient's personal information is noted in the e-mail or letter to add a higher degree of intimidation to the scam. For example, a recipient's user name or password is provided at the beginning of the e-mail or letter.
- The recipient is accused of visiting adult websites, cheating on a spouse, or being involved in other compromising situations.
- The e-mail or letter includes a statement like, "I stumbled across your misadventures," or "I installed malware on the adult video site" as an explanation of how the information was supposedly gathered.
- The e-mail or letter threatens to send a video or other compromising information to family, friends, coworkers, or social network contacts if the ransom is not paid.
- The e-mail or letter provides a short window to pay, typically 48 hours.
- The recipient is instructed to pay the ransom in Bitcoin, a virtual currency that provides a high degree of anonymity to the transactions.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Do not open e-mail or attachments from unknown individuals.
- Monitor your bank account statements regularly, as well as your credit report at least once a year for any fraudulent activity.
- Do not communicate with unsolicited email senders.
- Do not store sensitive or embarrassing photos of yourself online or on your mobile devices.
- Use strong passwords and do not use the same password for multiple websites.
- Never provide personal information of any sort via e-mail. Be aware that many e-mails requesting your personal information appear to be legitimate.
- Ensure security settings for social media accounts are turned on and set at the highest level of protection.
- When providing personally identifiable information, credit card information, or other sensitive information to a website, ensure the transmission is secure by verifying the URL prefix includes https, or the status bar displays a "lock" icon.

The FBI does not condone the payment of extortion demands as the funds will facilitate continued criminal activity, including potential organized crime activity and associated violent crimes.

VICTIM REPORTING:

If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, you should reach out to your local FBI field office, and file a complaint with the IC3 at www.ic3.gov. Please provide any relevant information in your complaint, including the extortion e-mail with header information and Bitcoin address if available.

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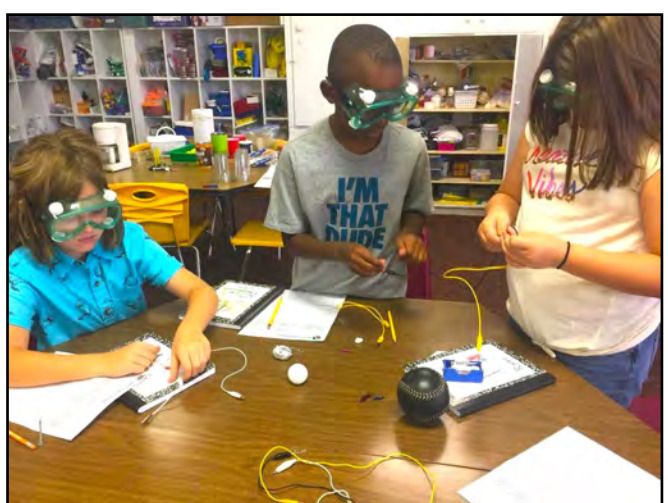
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BAY VUE UMC HONORS TEACHERS!

It's that back to school time of year! Bay Vue United Methodist Church honored teachers who were starting a new school year. Principal Traci Camp and Crenshaw teachers were thanked for their contributions to Bolivar Peninsula pupils. Nursery and Children's Church Superintendent Trish Smith and teaching volunteers took part in a special ceremony where members pledged their support.

Pastor Valerie Hudson planned the music and service for Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Cat Holtzclaw decorated the altar to look like a blackboard with, "It Takes A Big Heart To Shape

Little Minds," written in chalk. Members and guests wrote thank you, or encouraging thoughts, on a large sheet of paper that will be posted in Crenshaw. Since teachers are often given apples in appreciation, members passed out shiny red ones to the educators in attendance.

Teachers illuminate our lives. Some are professionals and others are folk who have taken time to teach us the lessons of life. Their love, compassion, knowledge and spirit of giving have shaped hearts and minds for centuries. Bay Vue UMC delighted in thanking all teachers for their efforts.





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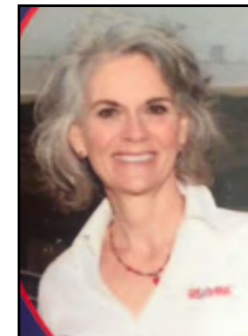
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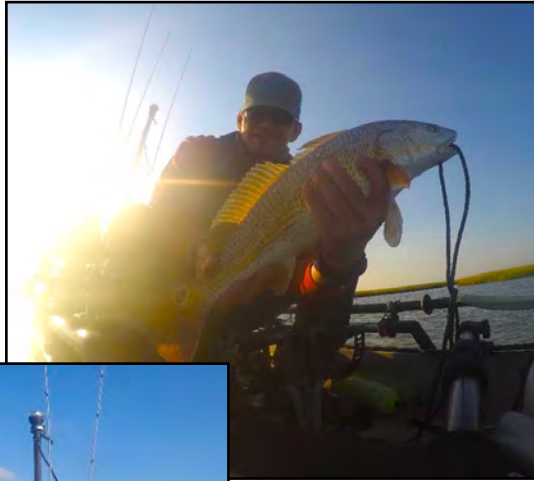


September Transitions

Jeffrey Daniels



Jeffrey Daniels



the same game plan of early day, and late evening wades with drifting in the middle.

The bull redfish run is on also, this brings those big females to the passes and schools the reds in the marsh up for their annual spawning. This will make the shorelines and any structure near the passes prime real-estate to catch these huge brutes. The Trinity well pads have been holding some inconsistent trout and West bay has been

holding reds along the north shoreline and in the back lakes.

The surf has been the best place to be over all. Tons of big fish have been caught in the muddy areas of Bolivar Pocket, and the guts in the surf have been full of anything that calls the Gulf of Mexico home. 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.

August was a steamer... With the extreme heat the water in the back of the bay is a lot warmer than the normal, and with that there has been multiple different shad kills in the marsh. Some areas of the marsh have reached triple digits some days. I have also seen multiple different red fish kills, but I can not be certain of the cause. The trout action has been slow to say the least, but the surf has held the majority of the trout action for the month.

Looking to the future, the month of September is traditionally a transition month for the fish, but with the higher water temperatures and the amount of bait that is still holding in the marshes I wouldn't look for the fish to start their typical transitions till the end of the month. Until then it is

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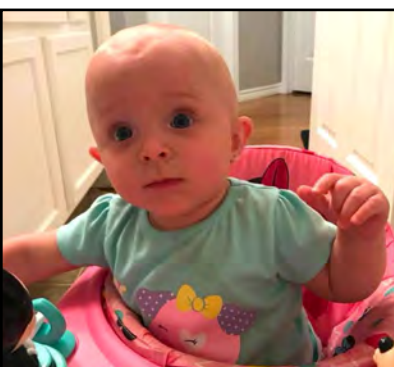
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Jacoby, and Kingston
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September 15th, 2018

Bolivar Rig Run - Registration

The Bolivar Rig Run started 4 years ago to promote sailing on the Bolivar Peninsula. The race to the rig and back will be decided by the first to the back to the beach, and to the sailors who sail the fastest elapsed time based upon the Portsmouth rating for their boat. Boats should be on the beach by 10AM September 15th to reserve their starting position. The race begins at Noon with the traditional "10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1" crowd countdown and Airhorn blast. This is first and foremost a fun event but bragging rights will last for the entire year! Awards to be presented by Hardheads following the race.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 10, 2018

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

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

Others Present: Tony Perea

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

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

Item 3 Approve minutes of the June 12, 2018 General Meeting: A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by George Strong to approve the June 12, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item 6 Recognize Tony Perea: The Board recognized Bolivar Peninsula SUD employee Tony Perea

for 10 years of dedicated service. Tony is Lead Plant Operator. He currently holds a Class "B" Water license and is working to earn a Class "A" Water license. Congratulations, Tony.

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

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

2) Review System Operational Reports:
* District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water loss through June of 13% and a water gain of 5.2% during June.

* The District has 4,969 active accounts through June. In June, zero accounts were liquidated and 34 were shut-off for non-payment.

* Total water sales for June were \$353,755.75

* Average monthly water bill for June was \$71.19 and for 2018 the average water bill was \$62.00.

* The District pumped 37.7M gallons of water and sold 34.5M gallons of water with a loss difference of 3.1M gallons. There were 5 leaks repaired.

* There was 1 reportable accident/incident.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: Progress continues with the GLO and county for construction of a new elevated water tower project for the Singing Sands Plant.

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

5) Personnel: The District is fully staffed.

6) Finances: Net income for June was a negative \$431,911 due to LNVA debt service payment.

7) LNVA: Continuing discussions with LNVA on their maintenance budget, the District is waiting LNVA's 5 to 10 year maintenance plan.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action to approve election contract with Galveston County:

A motion was made by George Strong to approve a joint election contract with Galveston County and seconded by Wayne Turk. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action to approve the District election order:

A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to approve the District election order. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10 Discussion and possible action to approve the Quarterly Investment report:

The quarterly investment report for the period ending June 30th was presented by Dennis Stafford and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to approve the Quarterly Investment report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11 Discussion and possible action to approve the changes to the District Personnel policy:

Personnel and Policy committee has reviewed and updated the personnel policy. A motion was made by Kurt Ploeger and seconded by Chris Makin

to approve the changes to the District Personnel policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 Discussion and possible action to approve two waterline extension agreements for Linda Young and Richard Stroud:

The customers applied and provided the necessary information for extensions of waterlines to their properties. These customers will be reimbursed in the future should other customers utilize the extensions per District's policy. A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Dennis Stafford to approve the two waterline extension agreements for Linda Young and Richard Stroud. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings

- 1) Audit and Finance Committee. None.
- 2) Personnel and Policy. None.
- 3) Plant and Product. None.
- 4) Public Relations Committee. None

Item 14 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) Public hearing to be held on water quality report
- 2) LNVA update
- 3) District Conference

Item 15 Set the Date for the Next Meeting:

Next meeting date is set for August 14, 2018.

Item 16 Adjournment: A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Chris Makin to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. The motion unanimously passed.



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Utility Bill Scammers Hard at Work in Beaumont Area

Customers should be alert for fraud

BEAUMONT, Texas – Entergy has received multiple reports recently of attempted bill payment scams from customers in the Beaumont and surrounding area.

In the five reports Entergy received on Friday, the customers reporting the scam attempts didn't fall for the scheme and instead, reported the attempt to Entergy.

In each of the cases, the con artists instructed customers to put money on a pre-paid card, such as a "Green Dot" or other third party card, and then call back with immediate payment. If payment was not made, the scammers threatened to cut off the customer's electricity.

Entergy will never call and demand immediate payment over the phone. If customers get such a call, hang up and call Entergy at 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3729) to ensure that their account is up-to-date.

Here is some additional information that might help:

- Credit card payments over the phone are made ONLY through BillMatrix, a third-party vendor we use for this purpose.
- Never give your personal information to strangers. If a call sounds suspicious, hang up immediately and call 1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749) directly to speak with an Entergy customer service representative.
- Manage your Entergy account and review account alert options by downloading the free Entergy

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o Pay online – For no additional charge, you may securely log in to myAccount at entergy.com to conveniently pay your bill online.

o Pay by phone – You may pay your bill by credit card, debit card or electronic check by calling Entergy's pay-by-phone provider, BillMatrix, at 1-800-584-1241. BillMatrix charges a \$2.95 service fee.

o Walk-in payment centers – Want to pay in person? You may pay your bill by cash, check or money order at an authorized Quick Payment Center in your community. A convenience fee may apply.

o Bank draft – You can avoid late fees by having your Entergy payment automatically deducted from your checking account each month. Entergy will mail a monthly billing statement to you for your records, showing the bill amount and bank draft date.

o Pay by mail – You can send a check by U.S. Mail to the remittance address shown on your bill.

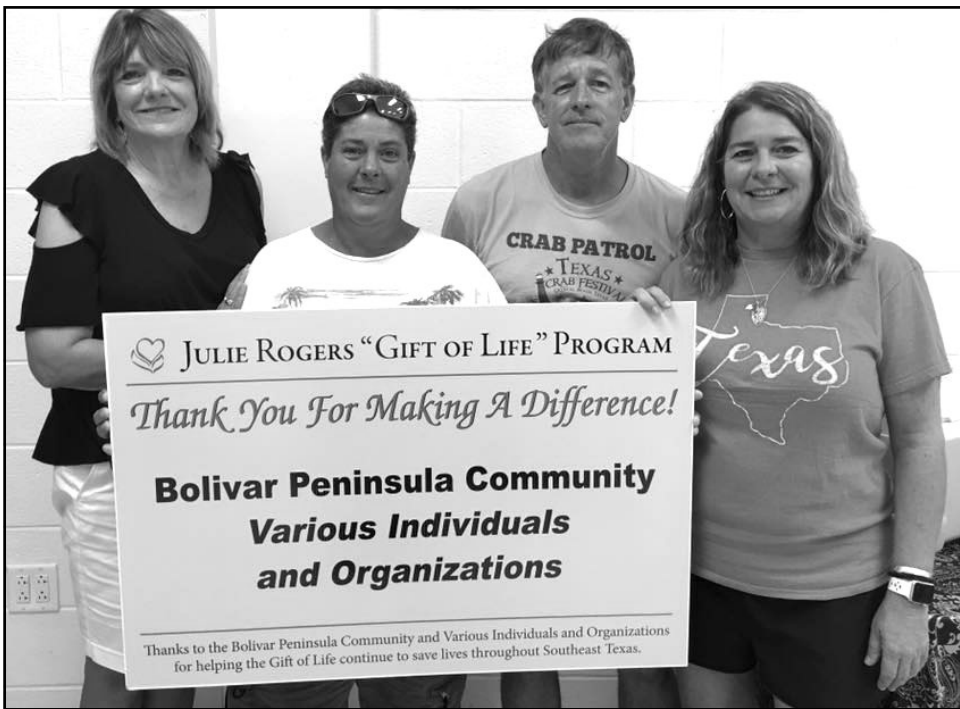
If you believe you are a victim of this scam, you should notify the proper authorities, such as the local police or the state attorney general's office. If you believe your Entergy account has been affected, call 1-800-ENTERGY (1 800 368 3749) to speak with an Entergy customer service representative.

Mother of "Baby Jacob" Indicted by Galveston County Grand Jury in Death of Jayden Alexander Lopez

GALVESTON – On Tuesday August 7, 2018, a Galveston County Grand Jury indicted Rebecca Suzanne Rivera, for the first degree felony offense of Injury to a Child by Omission Causing Serious Bodily Injury and the second degree offense Tampering With Physical Evidence. Rivera was indicted in relation to the death of Jayden Alexander Lopez, her four year old son.

The indictment of Rivera is the culmination of a multi-agency investigation spearheaded by the Galveston Police Department. Jaden's body was located on the beach in Galveston, Texas in the afternoon of October 20, 2017. Because Jayden's identity was originally unknown, the Galveston Police Department enlisted the help of the public to identify the child. Jaden was given the name "Baby Jacob" during the search to discover his identity and was ultimately identified through information gained from tips submitted by the public.

If convicted Rivera faces a range of punishment on the Injury to a Child charge of five years to ninety-nine years or life in prison, and a range of punishment of two to twenty years in prison for the charge of Tampering with Physical Evidence.




A huge thanks to Crab Fest Charities , Gift of Life and others for making the Free Mammograms at the Crystal Beach Fire Station a huge success. — with Kurt E Ploeger.

Happy Birthday!
CJ White
September 26

Happy Birthday!
Lou Leonard
September 29

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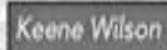
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- 23 - Magnolia
- 30 - Boys Road
- 37 - Atkinson
- 39 - Honeysuckle
- 44-47 Rancho Carribe
- 52 - Tinkle/Jacks
- 53 - O'Neal
- 55 - East
- 58 - Seaspray
- 59 - Townsend Emerald 1
- 60 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 61 - Holiday Emerald 1
- 62 - Wests Lane/Mr.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

The Beach Bum's wife says I hope when I inevitably choke to death on gummy bears people just say I was killed by bears and leave it at that.

The Beach Bum says time waits for no man, time is obviously a woman

The Beach Bum says sleep is my drug...my bed is my dealer and my alarm clock is the police.

The Beach Bum says all the problems fade before a hangover.

The Beach Bum says they should build the wall with Hillary's emails because nobody can get over them.

The Beach Bum says I entered what I ate today into my new fitness app and it just sent an ambulance to my house

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County Tax Office Announcements & Eminent Deadlines

Electronic Tax Statements

The deadline to sign up to receive 2018 property tax statement via electronic mail (email) is September 17th. Visit the GCTO website at www.galcotax.com and click the large red button to search for your account(s). At the account homepage, scroll to the bottom and click on Register to Receive Electronic Tax Statements. This feature is especially beneficial for anyone who recently purchased a property or refinanced. Many lenders request tax statements midsummer so property owners who either paid off a loan or refinanced may not receive a tax statement without taking advantage of this option.

This feature is especially important because failure to receive a statement is not a reason to be forgiven the penalty and interest attached to all accounts February 1. Add to that benefit the fact that electronic statements save about fifty cents in postage and printing costs. Those cents add up to common sense government!

Unclaimed Property Tax Refunds

Updates have been made to the Unclaimed Refunds listing and process including an online form that may be completed and emailed. Visit the GCTO website at www.galcotax.com and click on the large green button, read the information provided and check the pdf file listing. Addresses of the properties,

year and owner of the refund and amount are all included. This listing is being fully updated throughout the summer to include all returned refund checks in our possession.

We recently updated our processes and have been reaching out to prior owners throughout the summer. Once all returned checks are researched and listed, we will begin to list all returned refund checks by the 15th of each month so put that quick review on your calendar and see if we owe YOU money!

Truth in Taxation Notices Released

Truth-in-taxation is embodied in the Texas Constitution and requires local governments to make property owners aware of tax rate proposals and provide an opportunity to attend public hearings and voice their opinion about government spending. The first step in this process is creation of a budget, approval and then adoption of a tax rate necessary to generate the revenue to fund the budget. Different governments have different notice and advertising requirements. School districts are limited to a four (4%) percent increase in revenue each year with an automatic election trigger. All other governments are limited to eight (8%) percent and voters must petition for an election to rollback proposed rates to a lower level.

Historically, Galveston County governments adopt slightly below or within pennies of the effective tax rate – the rate that is needed to generate the same revenue as the prior year on the same properties. Added to this is the value of new improvements and voter approved debt to establish the rollback rate.

The Legislative requires counties to publish a summary of all government rates on its website each year but that is after assessment is over and bills are in the mail – far too late for you to speak up or out. Thus, for the first time ever, GCTO is releasing all public notices online at www.galcotax.com under the Property Tax Information link. Dates, times and locations of all government meetings are included with the notices in the event you miss them in the newspaper.

Navigating Property Taxes in Texas

The Texas property tax system is fairly simple but differs from many other states, thus a new power point show has been posted to the GCTO website at www.galcotax.com under the Press Releases and Important Information link. Navigating Property Taxes When Owning a Home, Avoiding Tax Gaffes will help new Texas residents, future and brand new homeowners navigate the system successfully and proactively.

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Jan Kent



As a child what sounded 'nasty' to you then, doesn't mean it was actually 'nasty', maybe misunderstood and sometimes the tone of voice presented 'nasty'.

There was a couple that lived across the street from my Granny who became family friends. They had no children, yet they tolerated the neighborhood kids and their nieces and nephews, or better yet, we tolerated the husband, Uncle Dave.

My best recollection of Uncle Dave is him, lying on the couch in his den, as all the kids ran through the front door into the living room, passing him on the couch in the den and out through the kitchen's back door, jumping over the concrete stairs and landing in the yard.

Usually he would stick his arm out trying to trip us or slow us down or just plain agitate us because he was laid back Uncle Dave.

Uncle Dave always tried to embarrass me, he did a very good job of actually mortifying me and making me totally uncomfortable with his one continual question, "How's your Ninky Honky doing?"

I thought he was the nastiest thing I had ever known and why would he ask me such a personal question? Like I knew what a "Ninky Honky" was.

I would get so flustered and my answer to him was always, "None of your business." Such a private question, not to be asked or answered

or discussed in public. My thoughts were "you, nasty old man!"

Over the years, I buried his shameful question in the far back of mind, only thinking of his inquisitiveness when someone mentioned Uncle Dave, or Uncle Dave asked me, "How's your Ninky Honky doing?"

Then one day my mom and I had heard Uncle Dave was in the VA Hospital in Houston so we decided to make a special visit to say our goodbyes. There he was, in his usual position, laid back, and hanging his arm off the bed as to catch someone when they went running by.

I was grown and married and had not seen Uncle Dave in years, but I had one question for him, one that I had carried for years and was to embarrassed to ask about or discuss with anyone.

We entered his hospital room and I boldly approached his bed and firmly asked, "How's *your* Ninky Honky doing?"

There was a pause in his movements followed by complete silence, an inquisitive look crossed his face and it seemed like minutes passed. Finally Uncle Dave says, "Little Jan, is that you?"

"Yes, Uncle Dave, it's me."

We shared a few old neighborhood stories, hugged and we said our goodbyes.

As my mom and I walked down the hospital corridor, she asked, "What was that all about?"

I told her as a child he was always asking me about my Ninky Honky and it used to embarrass me.

Mom asked, "Do you know what a Ninky Honky is?" Well, NO.

My parents were the parents of the 1950's where sex was not discussed or explained. Their idea of sex education was calling all the neighborhood kids into an area where the neighborhood cat decided to have kittens. Well, watch this and there you go, and we are now formally educated and are qualified for a diploma in sex education.

She begins to explain Uncle Dave was a big fan of the Dick Tracy comics and Ninky Honky came from the comic strip. Clear and simple, it was no big deal.

WHY, didn't someone explain this years ago? I had spent most of my life thinking Uncle Dave was the neighborhood pervert, when it was his tone of voice asking about an mysterious unknown object that sounded nasty but wasn't.

Editor's Note: I am not sure of the correct spelling of Ninky Honky. Years ago I contacted the Dick Tracy Museum to find out exactly what a Ninky Honky was. The museum did answer and yes, it was part of the Dick Tracy comics, but years have passed and I have forgotten their explanation.

Blast from the Past

**Bryan Wolf
September 1988**

The Beach Bum says a child will benefit from a pat on the back, especially if it is given often enough and low enough.

The Beach Bum says you can lose a lot of weight by simply keeping your mouth shut.

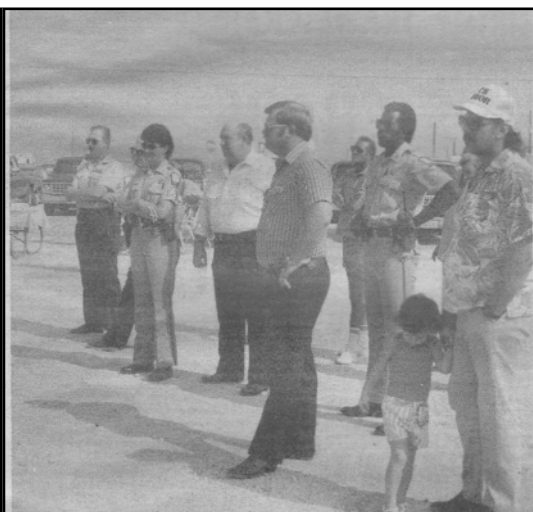
The Beach Bum says add one small bit to the truth and you inevitably subtract from it..



The Gulf Coast Rod, Reel and Gun Club, Inc., of Beaumont, owners of the popular Rollover Fish Pass, located at Gilchrist, leased the Pass to the Galveston County Beach

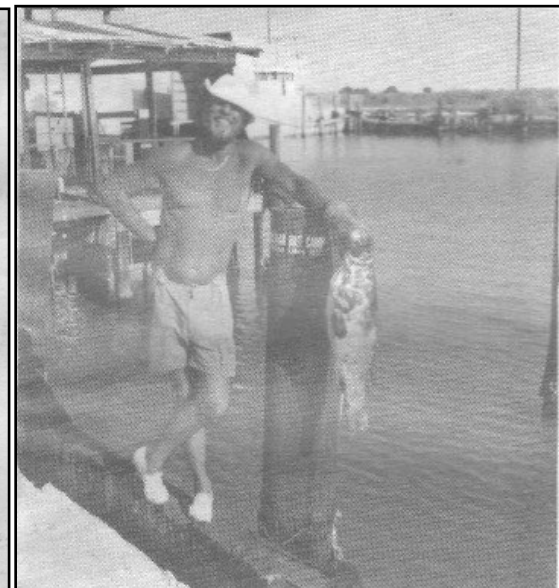
Parks Board for operation as a county park. According to spokesmen, this combined effort is aimed at enhancing the recreational opportunities offered by the facility.

A signing and dedication ceremony was held at the Pass August 27 with many county residents attending. Shown above are officials as they sign the lease agreement.



The signing and dedication ceremony when the Gulf Coast Rod, Reel and Gun Club leased Rollover Pass to Galveston County drew a crowd of at least a couple of hundred peo-

ple. Among those present were law enforcement officials and Emergency Medical Service personnel from Gilchrist, Crystal Beach and Galveston County.



Ir! Unruh of Beaumont and Crystal Beach is shown above at Bolivar Bait Camp with a

grouper caught on an offshore fishing trip in August.

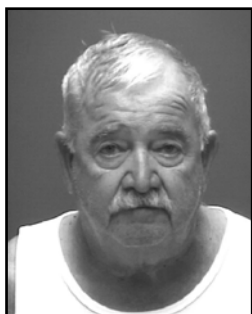


Galveston County Sheriff's Office

AUGUST Arrest Report

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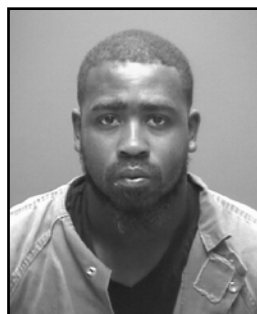
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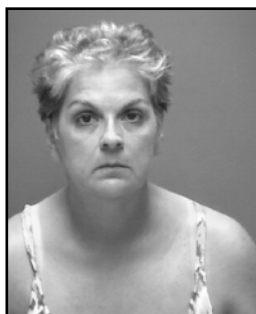
Bozeman, Charlie Ronny (W /M/71) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Hwy 87 @ Magnolia Ln, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/2/2018 18:20.



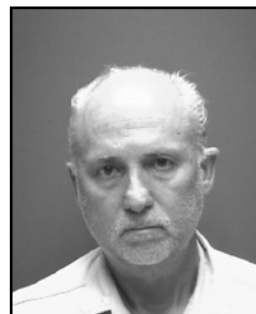
Watson, Forrest Tanner (W /M/24) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 800 Eastview, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/4/2018 21:15.



Harris, Joshua Duane (B /M/24) Arrest on chrg of No Drivers License (M), at Hwy 87 & 15th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/4/2018 20:52.



Spano, Robyn Renee (W /F/55) Arrest on chrg of 1) Driving While Intoxicated Bac >= 0.15 (M) and 2) Duty On Striking Fixture/hwy Landscape >=\$200 (M), at 2751 Tradewind Ln, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/6/2018 15:23.



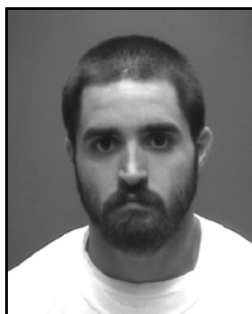
Meyers, Gary Ray (W /M/61) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 801 Kenlyn, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/10/2018 17:00.



Gilliam, Brian Lane (W /M/38) Arrest on chrg of 1) Driving While License Invalid Class "c" (M) and 2) No Motor Vehicle Liability Ins (M), at Beach @ Bb71, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/11/2018 18:05.



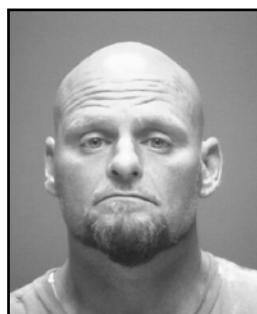
Fox, Rachel Marie (W /F/51) Arrest on chrg of Disorderly Conduct-indecnt Exposure, M (M), at 1061 O'neal Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/11/2018 17:05.



Jamison, Brandon Lane (W /M/22) Arrest on chrg of Waiver Of Extradition (oklahoma), F (F), at 2996 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/11/2018 06:40.



Hall, Kenny Keith (W /M/42) Arrest on chrg of Parole Board Warrant, F (F), at Beach @ Bb 88, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/12/2018 14:27.



Wise, Brent Ray (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Assault (M), at 2100 Noissey Waves, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/15/2018 01:19.



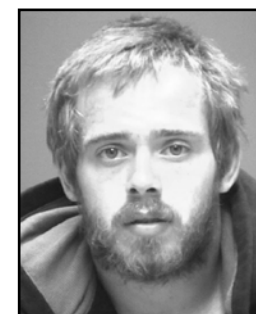
Wilson, Christina Lynn (W /F/44) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 1945 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/16/2018 13:34.



Ellis, Landon Ferrone (W /M/26) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated, M (M), at 2500 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/17/2018 10:26.



Nugent, April Anne (W /F/52) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More (F), at 500 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX, on 8/17/2018 23:09.



Lycans, Tanner Michael (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of Walked On Hwy With Traffic-no Sidewalk, M (M), at 800 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/18/2018 19:05.



Moffett, Tracey Kaye (W /F/36) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence, M (M), at 2200 Trinidad Dr/ Bb82, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/18/2018 22:07.



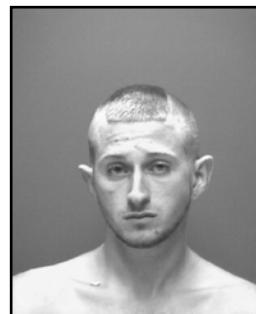
Dugan, Jordan Joe (W /M/21) Arrest on chrg of 1) Burglary Of Habitation (F), 2) Unl Carrying Weapon (M), 3) Evade Arr Det W/veh/wtrcft W/prev Conv Or Sbi (F), and 4) Crim Trespass Habit/shltr/supfund/infstr (M), at 2633 Whitecap, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/18/2018 20:30.



Ovalle, Jose Giovanni (W /M/23) Arrest on chrg of 1) Burglary Of Habitation (F) and 2) Evading Arrest Detention (M), at 2633 Whitecap, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/18/2018 20:30.



Richison, Kenneth Brent (W /M/30) Arrest on chrg of Unserve Bond Condition Hold (F), at 400 Hwy 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 8/18/2018 16:58.



Foster, Zachary Kent (W /M/23) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unl Carrying Weapon (M), 2) Poss Cs Pg 1 >=200g<400g (F), and 3) Poss Dangerous Drug (M), at Sh 87 And Barbudas, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/19/2018 17:41.



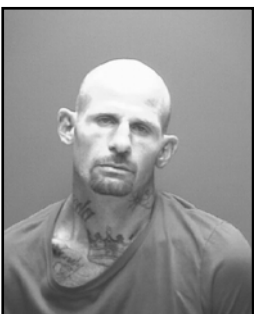
Vidrine, Rory Allen (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 87th At Barbados, Texas City, TX, on 8/19/2018 17:41.



Harkins, Amanda Lynn (W /F/27) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (randall Co.), M (M), at 1855 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/23/2018 09:23.



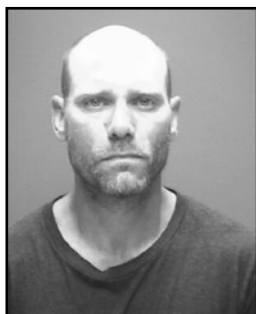
Serrano Garcia, Jose F (W /M/40) Arrest on chrg of Driving While License Invalid Class "c" (M), at 380 Atkinson, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/24/2018 19:32.



Larocca, Jeffry Patrick (W /M/34) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 87 @ Island Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/25/2018 14:03.



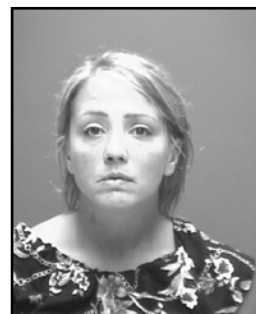
Clark, Cassie Helen (W /F/49) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Beach @ Bb 111, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/25/2018 20:30.



Viator, Jaason (W /M/42) Arrest on chrg of Unauth Use Of Vehicle (F), at 87 @ Island Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/25/2018 14:03.



Leonard, Amanda Lee (W /F/34) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 87 At Island Dr, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/25/2018 14:03.



Ruppert, Patricia Mary (W /F/36) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M), at 800 Kahla Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 8/26/2018 05:47.



Warnock, James Billejon (W /M/37) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g, F (F), at 1530 Anderson Ave/ 16th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 8/27/2018 13:44.



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