

BRIEFS:

MAYES MIDDLETON SWORN IN



On Tuesday, January 12th, Mayes Middleton, State Representative, took his oath of office for the 87th Legislative Session in the Texas House.

LOCAL PRIORITY LEGISLATION FILED

Recently, several bills were filed by Rep. Middleton that directly impact Galveston and Chambers Counties. These bills are vital to the community's public safety, economy, and freedoms, and are driven by issues facing this area. The bills are listed below:

HB 1181 allows Chambers and Galveston Counties to permit the operation of golf carts and off-highway vehicles on county roads.

HB 1182 penalizes drivers who use fraudulent medical passes for priority boarding on the Galveston-Bolivar Ferry.

HB 1507 allows the Port of Galveston to access the state's ship channel improvement revolving fund to finance dredging for the port.

HB 1508 allows the Chambers County Commissioners Court to remove the tolls from State Highway 99 due to public safety concerns on nearby roads like SH 146. These bills are straightforward ways our state legislature can make a positive difference for Galveston and Chambers Counties.

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SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER APPREHENDED

Recently, a local resident wrote to the Seabreeze News with a problem about keeping the neighbor's cat out of his garden. He stated that he was tired of the cat causing all manner of problems such as pooping in his garden, terrorizing his dogs, and getting into his shed and marking its territory just to name a few. He loved to garden but had read that the cat poop can contain parasites and is afraid they will infect his vegetables. The poor man feels like he has to be a garden guard! The next garden will be planted soon, and he wondered if the Seabreeze had any tips.

Well, he's in luck. After consulting with our extensive Outdoor Division, the Seabreeze does, indeed, have some advice for any of you out there with similar problems. First, your garden is basically an invitation to the neighbor's feline. It looks just like a beautiful spa-like cat box. Do some things that will make it less attractive to the rascal. Citrus. They hate the smell of citrus. The Seabreeze recommends that you eat oranges while working in the garden and throw the peels in there as you go. Next, drink tequila and beer (the beer is for a project later). Throw the lime wedges in with the orange peels.

Brewed coffee grounds are another deterrent and after your day of sitting in the garden drinking beer and tequila, you will probably need three pots of coffee to get off the patio chair. If you run short on coffee grounds, you can tip (heavily) your favorite Gilhooley Girl and they'll save their daily haul for you. Vinegar, banana peels, and mustard are some other scents that cats don't like.

Cats like a nice smooth surface to walk on. Put pine cones down, lay chicken wire before planting, old lattice, sticks twigs, and old chopsticks from last night's Chinese delivery.

Cats don't like noises. Get some small rocks and put them in the beer can mentioned earlier, put some duct tape over the top. This is a family activity. Get the kids involved. Have them hunt first for empty beer cans and rocks. You'll be spending quality time outside family time in the yard. Another preventative measure is to put human hair in the soil. WTH? Don't even want to investigate this any further.

Another study said that the non cat owner could build a cat box on the other side of the yard and of course, it would be your responsibility to keep it clean, so you may not want to do that.

If the gardener would do any or all of these things, his neighbor's spring and summer will go something like this. February, garden planted. In March, the gardener will be out weeding and throwing pine cones, twigs, and chopsticks and pulling the lattice of his wife's she-shed to put in the garden. April, the gardener will be eating oranges, drinking beer, taking tequila shots and tossing the lime wedges in the dirt as he yells, "Hey, you lil rugrats! Go find me some rocks for my beer can!" By May our poor gardener will be heavily tipping Michelle at Gilhooley's on a regular basis for coffee grounds, leftover lime wedges, mustard packets, and Italian vinaigrette, and drinking more beer and tequila shots. When June rolls around, the neighbors will all hear the sounds of multiple windchimes, rocks rattling in beer cans, hammering and sawing as the sandy poop box is being built and drunken hollering, "Them Sumbeaches!!@!" The gardener's wife left months ago as a result of the vandalism to her she-shed and the poor treatment of the children.

The Seabreeze Outdoor Division has provided the public with these helpful hints, but the easiest way might be to consult a well-known cat trapper here in town who will trap it in February and put it back on its owner's porch with a note reading: I refuse to turn into a vandalizing drunk that loses his wife and children for being obsessed over your damn cat.



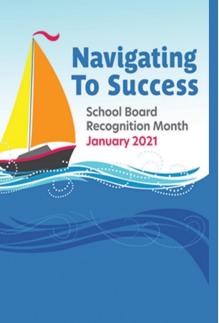


Willie Nelson had a bay house in San Leon back in the late 60's early 70's. It was located in the 1200 block of Ave. A . At the time he and Jerry Robinson (A.K.A. Rotten Red) were good friends. Rotten Red was the main entertainer at the Red Barn in Kemah. It was a very big dance hall and bar.

Willie would come down as a guest singer occasionally. They drank and smoked a lot. As it was next door to Kemah Hardware owned by Jim Clawson, he would let the bar use his parking lot at night as Jim had the lease on the Red Barn. It was located where the Texas First Bank is now.

In 1968, Red bought the property on Bayshore between 1st and 2nd. streets on the north side and he and his wife Janet built a ten-unit motel. Red acquired the property on 1st. Street, water side, and built the Castaway's dance hall and bar.

At the time it was the biggest dancehall in San Leon. Lots of people came down from Houston and it was always packed on Saturday night. They always had good bands and entertainers like John D. Hardy on the piano and sounded a lot like Willie Nelson when singing.





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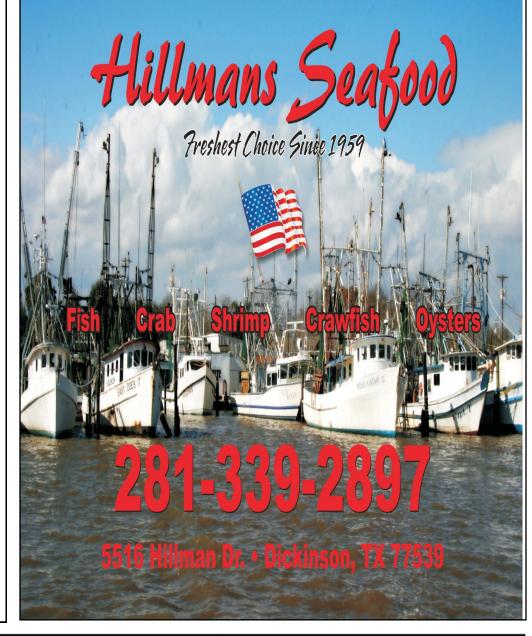
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Dear Editor,

I want to know how to STOP the phone calls for my 2014 pick-up truck. I have no warranty. I don't want to sign up for any of that crap. I just want to get off work and not take the annoying calls. **Signed,**

Enough in Texas City!

Dear Enough,

I also get those calls! I have said "You have the wrong number." I have said, (shouted) "PUT ME ON YOUR DO NOT CALL LIST." It doesn't work. I thought about just not answering the calls from numbers I don't recognize. Well, I have family and three jobs, so I have to answer the phone. I did receive a call today. When they said they were from the auto warranty department, I said, "Hello, this is the U.S. Marshal's Fraud Department, can I help you?" Just like that they hung up and probably will not call back.

And when they call trying to sell you solar panels, all you have to say is, "Great. I have been wanting solar panels for my RV."

Dear Editor:

I read on one of the neighborhood sites that snakes fart.. I was kinda freaked out with the thought of snakes even being around, me but farting? Is this true? Do snakes fart?

Signed,

Weirdly Curious in an Undisclosed Location

Dear Weirdly,

I saw that same post. LMBO! I did google it and, yes, ma'am, snakes fart! I have now found myself googling snakes farting and watching the videos on Utube all day. They do! I saw a snake blow sawdust! I am shocked that they do that. So now when I see a snake, I will sit there and wait for a poot or hit it with a hoe.

Dear Editor,

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a critical decision. For some time now, I've suspected that my wife is cheating on me. All the signs are there...if I answer the phone, the caller hangs up. She's been having Girls Night Out a lot lately but when I ask her the names of her friends she just says,

"Oh, just some girls from work. You don't know them. I have been staying awake to try to see who drops her off after these late nights, but she gets out down the street and walks home. Last night when she went out again, I decided to find out what's really going on. So I parked my Harley Davidson XR1200 Sportster by the garage and hid behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came It was at that moment, home crouching behind the bike, that I noticed that the valve covers seemed to be leaking a little oil. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the dealer?

Suspicious in San Leon

Dear Suspicious,

Signed,

This sounds like a very distressing situation for you. After all the time and effort and care you've put into the relationship to be paid back this way. You would think that with the loving way that you've taken care of her, that bike should have no problems whatsoever. I wouldn't recommend fixing it yourself, you could potentially make it worse. If you need work on any of your motorcycles, I highly recommend Boyd's Cycle Stop in Webster, Texas. You only want a pro working on your best girl and I hear they have a panda there sometimes. Now, what was the other part of your question?????

Dear Editor,

I really like this girl at work. How can I get her to notice me? **Signed**,

Needy in League City

Dear Needy,

This kind of question is really out of my area of expertise, so I asked another member of my household. Violet says: When in career mod, it can sometimes be difficult to stop thinking about work and start thinking about romance. Help force her to take a break from her duties by crawling up onto her desk and laying on top of her keyboard. Also, Violet is a cat. Hope this helps. Good luck!

Editor's Note:

We at The Seabreeze News lost a brother, a friend, and an icon of San Leon. Go fly high my brother till we hang out again. Mary and Jan



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San Leon Don's FISHING TIPS Don is on a first name basis with most of the local fish...

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I know it's hard to believe but I've had some reports of fishermen catching fish in this windy and cold weather. Some trout, reds, and pan fish are being caught. The trout are barely legal.

I'm looking forward to February 14th, as the weather usually settles a bit by then. Hopefully.

Be sure to start your boat engine and run it about ten minutes making sure the water is on before you start it. It's also a good time to remove the prop and check to see if there is any monofilament (fishing line) on the shaft as it can damage the seal and let water into the lower unit. If you'd like pictures of your catch in the paper, send to www.theseabreeze2020@gmail.com

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✓ Mardi Gras, French for Fat Tuesday, is also known as Shrove Tuesday.

- ✓ Mardi Gras Day is the last day of Carnival season.
- ✓ Carnivals include balls, parties and parades with floats and costumed dancers.
- ✓ The colors of Mardi Gras are purple (justice), gold (power) and green (faith).
- ✓ Social clubs called "Krewes" organize the parades, and host balls and parties.
- ✓ Beads and coins called doubloons are thrown from the floats to the spectators.
- ✓ Mardi Gras is a state holiday in Alabama, Florida and eight parishes in Louisiana.
- ✓ Festivities have been canceled 13 times before, most often during wartime.
- ✓ Mobile, Alabama, was the first place in the U.S. o celebrate Mardi Gras, and now holds one of the largest celebrations after New Orleans.

DEAR STEVE'S WIFE TRAINING SCHOOL TIPS FROM A GRADUATE



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VALENTINE'S DAY

Welcome to February. The month of love, flowers, chocolate, and all those other girly things we women have come to expect from our husbands on Valentine's Day.

But, ladies, should Valentine's Day be all about us? Should not we, as good wives, put forth extra on this special day for our husbands? Take the stress and cost of the traditional rush to send the biggest bouquet off our husband's already busy day of work and drinking with his buddies?

This year make it all about him. Let him know you will be giving him Valentine's Day off this year. Now, ladies, at first this will confuse your husband. He will think it is trickery. You may see a look of confusion on his face as he tries to figure out your angle. He may even become slightly angry thinking you have assumed once more he has forgotten that it's around the corner. Just assure him it is important to you that this year is for him.

Here are a few suggestions for gifts you can give your husband that were on the top of Dear Steve's list:

Gift cards to his favorite sporting goods store.

Gift cards to his favorite drinking hole.

Gift cards to Whataburger

And, finally, the gift that never fails to say, "I love you,"

A good ole "drive by."

Please join us next month as we discuss the do's and don'ts of The Man-Cave.

And don't forget to pick up your very own DSWTS t-shirt at our famous San Leon Liquor store.

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Funny Bones

Math Teacher: If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?" Student: A drinking problem.

Johnny's mother greets him at home, and he tells her, "I know the whole truth." His mother quickly hands him \$20 and says, "Just don't tell your father." Quite pleased, the boy waits for his father to get home from work, and greets him with, "I know the whole truth." The father promptly hands him \$40 and says, "Please don't say a word to your mother." Very pleased, the boy is on his way to school the next day when he sees the mailman at his front door. The boy greets him by saying, "I know the whole truth." The mailman immediately drops the mail, opens his arms, and says, "Then come give your Daddy a great big hug!"

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A young boy came home from school and told his mother, "I had a big fight with my classmate. He called me a sissy." The mother asked, "What did you do?" The boy replied, "I hit him with my purse!"

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than a sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

A lawyer is standing in a long line at the box office. Suddenly, he feels a pair of hands kneading his shoulders, back, and neck. The lawyer turns around. "What the hell do you think you're doing?" "I'm a chiropractor, and I'm just keeping in practice while I'm waiting in line." "Well, I'm a lawyer, but you don't see me screwing the guy in front of me, do you?"

A bear walks into a bar in Bacliff. He bangs on the bar with his paw and demands a beer. The bartender approaches and says, "We don't serve beer to bears in bars in Bacliff." The bear, becoming angry, demands again that he be served a beer. The bartender tells him again, more forcefully, "We don't serve beer to belligerent bears in bars in Bacliff." The bear, very angry now, says, "If you don't serve me a beer, I'm going to eat that lady sitting at the end of the bar." The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Bacliff." The bear goes to the end of the bar, and as promised, eats the woman. He comes back to his seat and again demands a beer. The bartender states, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Bacliff who are on drugs." The bear says, "I'm not on drugs!" The bartender says, "You are now. That was a barbitchyouate."

A man is drinking in a bar when he notices a beautiful young lady. "Hello there and what is your name?" "Hello," giggles the woman, "I'm Stacey. What's yours?" "I'm Jim." "Jim, do you want to come over to my house tonight?" "Sure!" replies Jim. "Let's go!" At Stacey's house, Jim notices a picture of a man on Stacey's desk and asks, "Is this your brother?" "No, it isn't, Jim!" Stacey giggles. "Is it your husband?" Stacey giggles even more, "No, silly!" "Then, it must be your boyfriend!" Stacey giggles even more while nibbling on Jim's ear. She says, "No, silly!" "Then, who is it?" Stacey replies, "That's me before my operation!"



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Schedule:

Hours: Saturday, Feb. 27th Event #1 Starts at 8:30 • #2021291512

Saturday, Dec. 19th Event #2 Starts at 12:30 • #2021291513

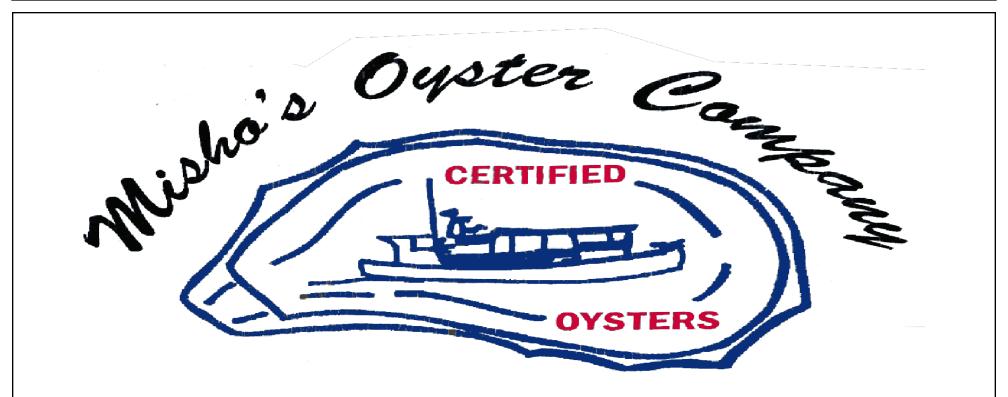
Hours: Sunday, Dec. 20th Event #3 Starts at 8:30 • #2021291514

Sunday, Dec. 20th Event #4 Starts at 12:30 • #2021291515

Exhibitors Briefing Starts Saturday: 8:15am and 12:30pm

Sunday: 8:15am and 12:30pm Inspection of Dogs:

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San Leon MUD Update



President Joe Manchaca

It is with heaviest of hearts that we acknowledge the recent passing of our board President, Joe Manchaca. An active member of the American Legion & Steve's Organized Bunch, Joe served on the San Leon MUD board for nearly 15 years. He was a pillar in the community, caring for his neighbors and doing his part to improve the quality of life for everyone. He strongly advocated for our veterans and was a staunch supporter of our first responders and county officials. While he has left behind an immense legacy to carry on, we will do our best to mirror the generosity and leadership that he demonstrated in everything he did.

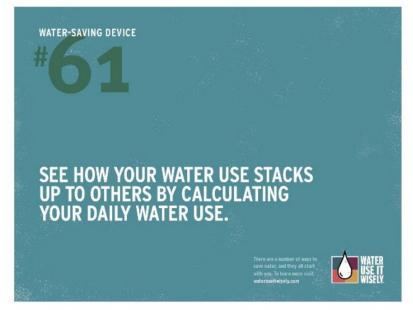
Gulf Coast Water Authority

Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) is a regional agency that operates and maintains surface water facilities and distribution networks for much of the Galveston region, including San Leon. They are currently assessing their critical infrastructure (some of which dates back to the 1930s!) to determine the best time to improve the equipment and pipelines. While the bonds for the projects are close to \$100 million, that will be prorated based on each District's consumption and should not result in an exponential increase for the individual customers. More details will be discussed as they draw closer to the actual sale of bonds.



The District will be evaluating state and local recommendations to determine whether this month's meeting will be held in person or virtually; keep an eye on our website and social media as we get closer. In the interest of public safety, we will not be holding townhalls until the COVID crisis has subsided.

Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't forget! The MUD meetings are open to the public & are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at <u>www.slmud.org</u> Page 11

Catch Of The Month





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- A. Kaylee, 10, with a monster at Crystal Beach.
- B. Chase, 12 with a nice red.
- C. Shelton with a nice haul in West Bay.
- D. Anthony with a Big Ugly, caught at Texas City on dead shrimp and tequila.
- E. Letha with a drum almost as big as she is.
- F. Joe's granddaughter, Amelie, 10, with her second of the season in Crockett. Great job!

Send your photo + caption to: Theseabreeze2020@gmail.com

Please do send your fishing & hunting pictures. We need you to tell us who the people are in the picture, who and where they caught the fish, how much it weighed, when it was caught, what kind of fish it was, what kind of beer and bait the angler was using, and any other pertinent information you want to see printed in the paper.

per. Ever since our crystal ball got lost in Hurricane Ike, we have no way of knowing these vital facts unless you tell us!

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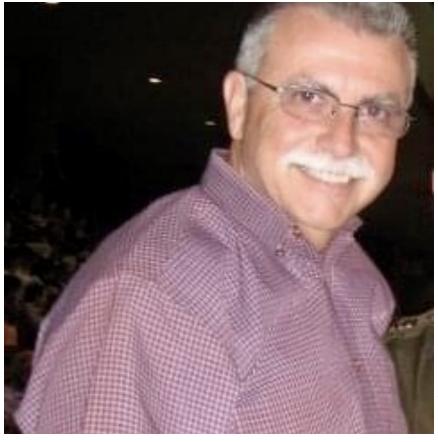
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My name is Tyson Kennedy, I write you, San Leon, with this note to the Seabreeze News as San Leon has lost the epitome of a friend, a leader, a family man, a contributor who dedicated so much to San Leon. In the 14 years as President of the San Leon MUD Board Joe constantly gave back to his community. Active in so many ways. He pushed hard for our veterans and their sacrifice with his time. Joe was a staunch supporter of our First Re-



erans and their sacrifice with his time. Joe was a staunch supporter of our First Responders and Fire Department. Words cannot describe the level of sacrifice and effort Joe gave this community. Some of us behind the scenes are aware of what all Joe did, but Joe was quiet about it. I am fortunate to call Joe Manchaca my friend for the past 17 years, and each of us had the distinct privilege of serving San Leon in the capacity of Directors in the San Leon MUD. Words will never give Joe justice for all that he did for the San Leon community – but let's share a few. Joe Manchaca possessed the exquisite combination of business acumen with extreme compassion. A get it done mentality and the willingness to give you the

treme compassion. A get it done mentality, and the willingness to give you the shirt off his back if needed. Joe didn't mince words, he told you like it was, popular or not. He didn't sugar coat it. His sincerity and integrity as a man overcame even the steepest of objections. Joe listened, considered, and then acted. He didn't like the word inaction. Joe had a gift of defusing situations with the bluntest of honestly and is one of the most effective communicators we have ever seen.

In May of 2006, Joe Manchaca and I were elected by San Leon onto the San Leon Board of Directors to put an end to a debauchery of Annexation activity by Texas City. We were successful in stopping it, although I will say that we thought these were elected 2-year terms. They were actually 4-year.

And that 4 years turned into 14 years and only once did Joe Manchaca have opponents that ran against him. Not bad for small town politics I would say, Joe was that good at what he did.

Joe as President of the MUD had quite an effect. Galveston County elected officials began to not just head to San Leon to enjoy some fantastic food, but they also began to show up and do what they were elected to do. Previous boards did great work, Joe just took it to the next level, the irreplaceable level.

Joe loved our San Leon Fire Department. He absolutely loved you guys and gals. Joe loved our Veterans. He was front and center always supporting those that gave so much to our great country.

Joe loved our San Leon MUD Water Department Employees. Those guys and gals move mountains on occasion, literally, to get service restored from line breaks etc. Joe was always pointing that out to the board of directors, nothing but praise for the guys and gals in the trenches making it all happen. And I know I'm only talking about Joe's involvement with MUD today, but my goodness you should hear his co-workers, the President of the company he worked for, his direct reports talk about Joe Manchaca. Joe is a man who gave his family, his creator, his employer, and his community his all. You might not know this, but Joe is also a celebrity in a few places. You can find a signed portrait of Joe Manchaca at 42 Longwater Drive, Norwell, Massachusetts. (You can.) It's unframed and stapled to a dart board there at A Very Big Chemical Disposal Company's Corporate Office. This is after Joe gave them hell for wanting to dump what they wanted to dump in our Bay. Joe got after them just a little, and they changed their plans accordingly into something much better for our Bay ecosystem. You can't stop big business from doing their corporate mandates, but you can keep them in check and make sure that if it's going to be done it's done taking into account the community it impacts.

There might also be another picture of Joe, stapled to a dart board, at 2450 Louisiana Street, Houston TX. When that Oil Company tried to take San Leon's most precious resource, our ground water, out of our underground water table, in the form of about 25 million gallons, Joe took a little issue with that. He put a stop to it, made them buy our surface water instead that comes out of Texas' rivers not our underground water table resource. This was quite a memorable meeting, Joe drove his red golf cart to the MUD office, the Oil guy in his convertible Mercedes, and to summarize that meeting, it was the Oil guy telling Joe what they were going to do and how they were going to do it. The meeting ending in 5 minutes, Joe with nothing but a kind smile trying to keep it civil. Funny thing, Joe knows people, people know Joe. Joe made a phone call to the subsidence district at the TCEQ and let's just say a stop work was issued and within about 2 hours the Oil company suddenly had a change of heart. They were calling Joe's cell phone asking for quote for a water tap and a 6-inch supply line, which they would absolutely pay for and pay the expedite fees accordingly.

After Ike, The San Leon MUD, through the brilliance of Government rebuilding spend, was granted money for a new office building. But we had zero input into its design or capabilities, and further we had to shell out some of the costs of relocating some little things that might be important like controls and motor control centers and that important thing called electricity. Joe, somehow, was able to get that changed. The bank-like vacuum tube payment system they had planned for San Leon and all the fun that would have been, and the 20ft above sea level concrete ramps to get to the tube payment system that frankly looked like Evil Knievel jumps (they really did) those became something a little more sensible once Joe was done doing what he does. The hardening of our water department so that our equipment, our MCC's, the critical components are protected from Cat 5 storms so if and when the next storm arrives San Leon is more than prepared.

These were just a few examples of what Joe Manchaca did for our community in his 14 years as the San Leon MUD President. There is so much we are leaving out, volumes of Seabreezes, if we talked about everything. Although Joe did shoot down my zipline to the Bay idea from the top of the water tower, I always thought it was brilliant personally... Retrospectively, I wish we could all put a pencil to the number of ways Joe saved the San Leon Taxpayers money.

I spent a lot of time talking about Joe and the MUD here, and I hope I have represented all of the fantastic board members we have had over the years well in these comments, I know we all share the same feelings. I'm no longer on the board, but I think it's important to talk about what Joe did, so many contributions Joe made to the betterment of San Leon, but there's one part I left out.

Marlene was there by Joe's side throughout. Lord knows how she could sit through those boring meetings month after month. I mean talk about stimulating stuff. Right? But she was there more often than not. Here's what I'm going to miss. Joe's infectious smile every time we saw him. His compassion for others. Joe and Marlene together – and I gotta tell you for a married couple y'all enjoyed spending time together. You know? You kind of broke the old married couple mold the two of you. And we love you for it – we're going to miss you, Joe.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Manchaca family. May God bless you during this time. Sometimes God takes the good ones too soon, we don't always understand his plan. Marlene and family, please let San Leon know if there is anything we can do to help you during these difficult times, and forever in the future as that's how Joe would handle it too. God Bless You. God Bless you Joe Manchaca. Tell Hoyland, Heinz, and Abbitt that San Leon misses y'all.

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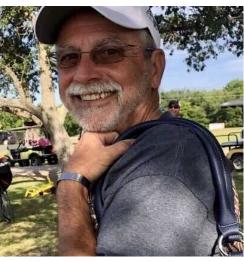
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Joseph Lynn Manchaca

Joe first saw the light of day on March 9th, 1953 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Now, having come from the oldest town in Texas it is easy to understand how Joe was a man of old and tested values and morals. Joe set his moral compass by these values and never veered from that course during his

life. He would pass these same traits on to Marlene and their sons, Troy, Jake, and Chris. Then on to their ten grandchildren. What a great legacy to leave your family and to be so blessed as to have a patriarch such as Joe.

Everyone here in attendance today I'm sure knows Joe for his tireless efforts in serving our small community with his big heart. From the formation of the SOB's to helping send the right people to represent us in government positions. Not one to shirk his own civic duties, Joe



has guided our local water department to its current modernization and success that we all enjoy today through clean water and up-to-date fire department to this day.

Touching on civic duty and with the mentioning of the SOB's, AKA Steve's Organized Bunch that Joe and one of his partners in shenanigans, Steve Hoyland, formed have helped out countless residents of our community. Then you add some Dwayne Caldwell, Don Wimberly to that mix, shake it up and Bam! you now get the Marine Corps birthday party with free food and beer. Then you take that same roux, ya add in some Kelly Abbitt, throw in a generous portion of Jaton Liner, now you have another wonderful organization, SHS or Sisters Helping Sisters.

Joe was not only instrumental in forming these community-oriented organizations, he was also the driving force in making each event held have a successful outcome.

Whether for the Fire Department, Cemetery Committee, American Legion, Joe was there to offer his organizational skills, tapping his seemingly endless sources of benefactors, setting up tents, tables, chairs, cleaning up and handing out thanks and accolades. Trying to keep up with Joe was a task in itself.

Always a diplomat for San Leon, whenever San Leon would be asked to put its best foot forward there'd be Joe, smiling, courteous, and with the right words at the right time.

It is mind boggling for us mortals to imagine Heaven in all its glory. Now we are being asked to re-imagine one of two things, how the reunion of Caldwell, Hoyland, Abbitt, and Manchaca has changed the landscape of heaven for eternity or how Heaven has improved them. One thing is certain, we'll all find out in our own time.

You know when you try to sum up a person's life such as Joe has lived you could be here all day. So just let me end with this: Whatever the endeavor would be, during the most hectic moments of it, there would be Joe. Just as cool as the middle seed in a cucumber, leading the way to a successful completion.

God bless you and watch over you, Marlene, and thank you for unselfishly sharing your husband and best friend with all of us for these years. We all know that you have a wonderful family, however, if you are ever in need of anything, anytime, you feel free to call upon any one of us. We love you and will always keep Joe in our hearts. All of us will be your stand-in for Joe. He'd do it for us.

Eulogy for Joe Manchaca. Written and Read by Boyd Thomure



NEWS & VIEWS

Valentine's Sip & Shop

February 5th, 6:00 to 9:00. Treats, free drinks, craft vendors, extended evening shopping. The Burds Nest—430 Grand Ave. Bacliff.

Yachty Gras Boat Parade

February 6th—Kemah Boardwalk—Live Music—Yachty Gras Boat Parade.

Bolivar Mardi Gras Parade

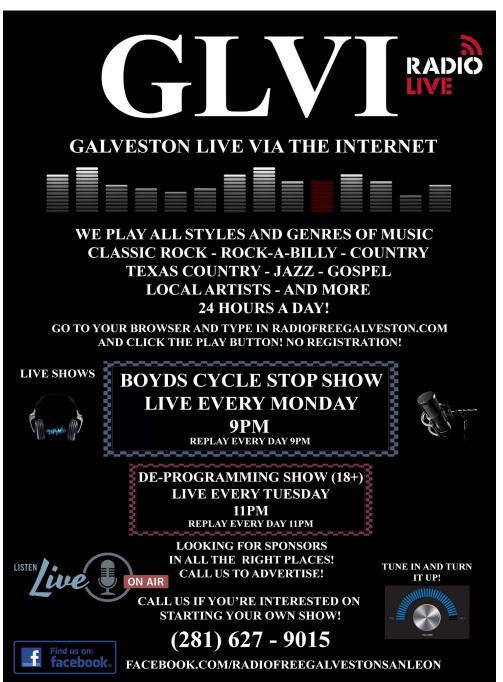
February 13th beginning at 11:30. Crystal Beach.

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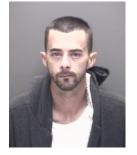


POLICE BLOTTER RECENT LOCAL ARRESTS

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Kyle Ellsworth (33)



Felony arrest for Possession of Controlled Substance. 4717 11th - Bacliff. Multiple burglary and assault charges. Bond Denied.

Jeremy Carter (44)



Felony arrest for Possession of **Controlled Substance at 4400** 4th—Bacliff Bond Denied.

David Johnson (51)

Felony arrest for 3 charges of Possession of Controlled Substance at 1460 Highway 146. Multiple previous drug charges. Bond Amount:: \$42,000

Floyd Thompson (42)



Arrested on 4 charges of sexual assault on a child. \$100,000 bond for each charge. Total Bond Amount: \$400,000



Felony arrest for Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance. 4612 17th—Bacliff. Two prior drug charges. **Bond Denied.**

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Felony Arrest for Assault Peace Officer. 4102 Warren-Bacliff. Multiple previous assault charges. Total Bond Amount: \$25,000

Carla Hewett (52)



Felony arrest for Possession of Controlled Substance. 4510 18th St. - Bacliff. **Total Bond Amount: \$4,000**







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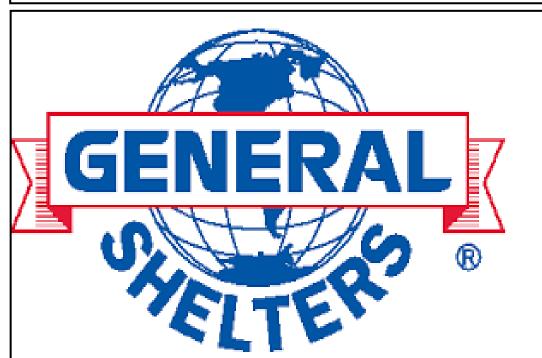
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