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# Guidry News Gazette

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## Sand and Seafood Are Fine on Texas Gulf Coast

### Officials and Stakeholders in Gulf of Mexico Industry Hold News Conferences

County Judges from Brazoria, Harris and Galveston counties led a news conference last week at the Galveston County Courthouse; which was followed a few days later by a similar news conference at the Port Arthur International Seafarer's Center.

"We want to make sure the public is



aware and assured that the coastal counties will be prepared in the event that

circumstances change and we begin to see some of the impacts and effects of the oil spill off the Louisiana coast," said Galveston County Judge Jim Yarbrough.

Yarbrough said that not only has Texas not seen any impact from the oil spill, the Upper Texas Coast reported a pretty good Memorial Day holiday.

However, concerns about the impact on the seafood industry were evident in Port Arthur.

"First, our Texas fishermen may be punished by the reduction of fertile fishing grounds, and therefore the reduction in their catch and income," said a media statement. "Second, our Texas fishermen may be punished by the loss of the reputation for their shrimp and fish from one that is clean,

safe and delicious, to one that is tainted and unhealthy."



Following the Port Arthur news conference, reporters were treated to Gulf

seafood that was caught after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Webio coverage of both events is posted on [GuidryNews.com](http://GuidryNews.com).

#### Houston City Council

Houston City Council last week voted to approve a \$537,500 increase in the maximum amount for a contract with Hahn Equipment Company, Inc. for submersible pump repair services.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the formation of a panel to advise the city on the economic impact of the proposed Continental/United Airlines merger.

#### Port Arthur City Council

Port Arthur City Council last week voted unanimously to deny an 18-month extension to Lange Brothers, Inc. for the construction of facilities at the Spur 93 Business Park, also known as the Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation Business Park.

Lange Brothers requested the extension, claiming the company

would be unable to complete construction by January 2011 due to economic conditions.

#### Texas City City Commission

The Texas City City Commission last week voted unanimously to authorize an employment contract with Lyons & Plackemeier, PLLC, for Ronald Plackemeier to continue to serve as City Attorney.

#### Bayou Vista City Council

Bayou Vista City Council last week voted unanimously to approve a proposal for canal water testing by the Galveston County Health District.

The health district will take samples from the canal in June, July and August, for a total of 13 samples. The samples will be tested for bacteria levels and public notice will be given if high levels of bacteria are found in the water.

#### Friendswood City Council

Friendswood voters on Saturday chose Dierdre Carey Brown over Jeff Moser in a runoff election for Friendswood City Council Position 6.

Brown will replace Andy Rivera, the incumbent in the race, who finished in third place in the May 8 municipal election..

## Hitchcock City Commission

The Hitchcock City Commission, in a special meeting last week, voted unanimously to approve five members to the Building Standards Commission as nominated by Mayor Anthony Matranga.

The commission named Samuel Boyd, Mark Cook, Mary Demby, Coleen Laine and James Smith to the board, which reviews and determines the status of substandard structures.

## Taylor Lake Village Council

Taylor Lake Village City Council last week voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the city's ordinances to incorporate changes made in 2004 and 2007 in Chapter 10 of the codified ordinances, and prohibiting the use of wood roof coverings on residential structures and garages.

## Pasadena City Council

Pasadena City Council last week voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the \$296,751 purchase of high definition television equipment.

## Clear Lake Shores Council

Clear Lake Shores City Council last week voted 4-1, with Tami Perkins opposed, to select United Health Care for employee health insurance coverage.

The city selected a plan with a \$1,500 deductible, as opposed to its previous plan with United Health Care, which carried a \$500 deductible. Proposals were also submitted by Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Aetna.

## Seabrook City Council

Seabrook City Council last week voted to name Paul Dunphey as mayor pro tem.

## Webster City Council

Webster City Council last week voted unanimously to award a \$51,480 bid to R2K Contracting for repairs to the Public Works Service Center.



## Galveston County Court

Galveston County Commissioners Court last week voted unanimously to award a contract to Burke Assets, doing business as Direct Mail Partners for the printing and mailing of property tax statements.

County Judge Jim Yarbrough announced that Rufus Crowder has been named Purchasing Agent for the county.

## Gulf Coast P&R District

Former Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, who is president of the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District, Inc., last week told county judges and surrogates from six coastal counties that there were nine responses to requests for proposals for a general engineering consultant to the corporation.

"We received some very strong RFQ responses and I was very impressed with the folks that we have in this community," Eckels said.

## Port of Houston Authority

Port of Houston Authority Chief Executive Officer Alec Dreyer last week presented his report on the first four months of 2010 to the PHA Board of Commissioners.

"April is the first month where we have seen a lull in the speed of the recovery in our leading indicator activities," Dreyer said, referring primarily to the port's container volumes. "We had a quirk of a schedule on a number of our ship rotations into our container facilities

that resulted in eight fewer ship arrivals in the month of April."

## Hurricane Season 2010

The 2010 Hurricane officially began on June 1.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, both working in a joint effort to help ensure the metropolitan area is ready for this year's hurricane season, urged Houston and Harris County residents to remember four important steps: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Stay Informed and Know Your Neighbor.

## Galveston Beach Band

Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and County Judge Jim Yarbrough participated in a birthday presentation to Frank Incaprera, leader of the Galveston Beach Band at last week's concert.

Jaworski took the baton to lead the band in a John Phillip Sousa march. The Galveston Beach Band will perform at the Sealy Pavilion behind Ashton Villa each Tuesday throughout the summer.

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## Deaths

**Anna Mae Glass** (81) died Wednesday evening, June 2, 2010, in Webster.

**Peggy Jo Jordan** (82) of Galveston passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at her residence.

**Maxine Ray Mullen** (79) of Galveston, passed away Monday, May 31, 2010, at Mainland Medical Center in Texas City.

**Jim Tom Speer** (81) of Waco died Monday, May 31, 2010 at Christus St. John's Hospital in Nassau Bay.

**Stella Garcia** (56) of Galveston died Monday, May 31, 2010 at her residence surrounded by family and loved ones.

**Donna "Joanne" Alvarado** (78) of Galveston, passed away Friday, May 28, 2010, at Gulf Health Care Center in Galveston.

## Meetings and Events

### Monday, June 7

1:30 Jefferson County Commissioners Court  
7:00 Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees  
7:00 Friendswood City Council  
6:45 Kemah City Council Joint Meeting with the Kemah Community Development Corporation  
7:00 Kemah City Council

### Tuesday, June 8

9:00 Brazoria County Commissioners Court  
10:00 Harris County Commissioners Court  
10:00 Pasadena City Council  
1:30 Houston City Council  
1:30 Beaumont City Council  
5:30 Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees  
6:00 League City City Council  
6:00 Friendswood Independent School District Board of Trustees  
6:00 Dickinson City Council Workshop  
7:00 Dickinson City Council

7:00 Dickinson Independent School District Board of Trustees

7:30 Texas City Independent School District Board of Trustees

7:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

7:30 Boeing-Boeing (Preview), Alley Theatre

7:30 Galveston Beach Band Concert, Sealy Pavilion

### Wednesday, June 9

9:00 Houston City Council

9:30 Galveston County

Commissioners Court

5:30 Galveston College Board of Regents

7:30 El Lago City Council

7:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

7:30 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

### Thursday, June 10

12:00 Houston Downtown Management District

4:00 Galveston City Council

5:00 Houston Independent

School District Board of Education

7:00 Santa Fe City Council

7:00 La Marque Independent School

District Board of Trustees

7:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

7:30 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

8:00 Spinning into Butter, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

8:00 This Must Be the Place, Bay

Area Harbour Playhouse

### Friday, June 11

8:00 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

8:00 Spinning into Butter, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

8:00 This Must Be the Place, Bay

Area Harbour Playhouse

8:00 Trip to Bountiful, Clear Creek

Community Theatre

8:00 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

### Saturday, June 12

2:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

2:30 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

8:00 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

8:00 Spinning into Butter, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

8:00 This Must Be the Place, Bay

Area Harbour Playhouse

8:00 Trip to Bountiful, Clear Creek

Community Theatre

8:00 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

### Sunday, June 13

2:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

7:30 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

2:30 Spinning into Butter, College of the Mainland Community Theatre

2:30 This Must Be the Place, Bay Area Harbour Playhouse

2:30 Trip to Bountiful, Clear Creek Community Theatre

7:30 Intelligence-Slave, Alley Theatre

7:30 Boeing-Boeing, Alley Theatre

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