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Overlay, special use development tools

By Fred Weller

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen (MBOA) have elected to permit an RV park in an area zoned as R-1, Single Family Residence. The approximately 11 acres between Marcie and Markham and facing Highway 90 is undeveloped. The owner, California-based Golden Bay Investment Ltd., was awarded the “Special Use” status by the MBOA to begin development of vacant property, where the zoning would not allow.

The Planning and Development Commission (P & D), an entity of appointed volunteers with power to recommend actions to the MBOA, has recently been investigating the use of “Overlay” as a development tool. Overlays have been used in Santa Fe, New Mexico to preserve historic buildings and a specific cultural and architectural ambiance.



Part of the Attendees

Photo by Fred Weller

Water retention to avoid flooding and erosion downstream is accomplished in Wisconsin by Overlay. Environmentally sensitive natural resources have been protected when Overlays

are implemented. Urban parking was developed by use of Overlay with sharing of parking lots.

Overlays have benefits, but residents of Long Beach say they want to know what it means

to them. An estimated 60 people attended the Planning and Development Commission open hearing to find out firsthand. Chairman Frank Olaivar introduced the Commission members and the Consultant, Bill Hessel. The Commission has been tasked by the MBOA to find tools and mechanisms to allow the development of undeveloped properties.

Hessel described the conditions and processes required of developers before obtaining a permit to proceed. The text of the Overlay conditions were discussed, but Hessel announced the map of the affected area would not be presented until another public hearing and after the map had been approved by Commission vote. Hessel’s interaction with the attendees led to Chairman Olaivar opening the floor to speakers for three minutes each

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Long Beach Schools consider a new high school

By Fred Weller

The last time Long Beach voted on funds for a new high school was April 2005. The effort failed by thirty votes, and then came Hurricane Katrina. Recovery from storm damages and loss of student population made funding a new high school a moot point until this year.

School officials say increasing maintenance costs and safety concerns with the current Long Beach High School’s aged infrastructure, which has forty-seven

entrances and an increased student population, necessitate the existing multi-building campus be consolidated and modernized.

In March of this year, the Long Beach School District (LBSD) Board President Tim Pierce asked LBSD Superintendent Jay Smith to update the Board on school safety and options available to the LBSD for funding to build and update their facilities.

Smith reported he invited Jim Young, Jr. with the Young Law Group to discuss the options. The enumerated possibilities include a

three-mil note, capital lease and bond issue. Young distributed materials, and Pierce requested Young send additional information, to be reviewed and discussed in a work session the following week.

On April 3, Pierce recognized Taylor Guild (Eley Guild Hardy Architects) and Warren Greenlee (Young Law Group), who were in attendance. Board members are collecting data regarding updating district campuses for safety, with urgent emphasis on the high school campus. Board members

requested that Guild and Greenlee or Young provide additional information in future meetings.

On April 10, permission was granted to authorize Guild to begin meeting with Long Beach High School administration regarding facility needs.

Since the LBSD does not have sufficient cash on hand to finance the construction, the State Bond Commission authorizes an election be held to allow residents to determine if a tax can be levied to pay for the bonds. Proponents of

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LB Hall of Fame award



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Pictured (l to r) are front row: Sarah Jane Bishop, Gracyn Taylor, Abby Zink; middle row: Eli Dykes, Anna Schruoff, Kathy Rorabaugh; and back row: Superintendent Ramsey and Principal Lock.

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The Long Beach High School Hall of Fame consists of six seniors selected yearly by the high school faculty from a pool of those meeting the minimum GPA

requirement. The students chosen are those the teachers feel have demonstrated leadership and have contributed the most to LBHS through their involvement with sports, clubs and services to their school.

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There will be a bounce house for the kids, a 5K run and a 1-mile walk and live music when Kelsey Moran takes the stage from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 3HG entertains the crowd from 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. There will be family friendly events. Lawn chairs and blankets can be brought to spend the day on the grass at the Town Green.

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Pickleball becomes popular activity for Coast

By Fred Weller

Pickleball started in a backyard on a rainy weekend in Washington State. Ping Pong paddles, a badminton net and whiffle balls were the initial equipment. Originally designed to keep kids entertained outside, rules were made up as needed. Court dimensions were determined by available space.

Pickleball evolved and was not designed. Eventually, the rules were established with the court dimensions of 44 feet by 20 feet with a three-foot-high net separating the two equal play areas. The game has been described as “tennis light” and represents a combination of tennis and ping pong played on a badminton court.

Pickleball arrived on the Coast when Ron Feldman and Anita Giani brought it to Pass Christian after they returned six years ago from a vacation in Baja California with friends from Arizona. Feldman and Giani secured the Fleitas Street courts in Pass Christian as the first location to include pickleball courts on the Coast. The Boy’s and Girl’s Club also offered a limited and temporary location. The original 25 players, coast wide, has increased to 270 since the fall of 2014. There are 15 indoor and 14 outdoor courts along the coast from Pass Christian to Ocean Springs.

Hot, humid summers and unpredictable rain made indoor courts attractive. Darryl and Shirley Maxwell from Long Beach took the lead and obtained permission from the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department to temporarily configure the indoor basketball court for pickleball. The number of players grew from five or six to twelve or fifteen and with four players to every court, three courts were used three days a week for three hours each day.

After every day, the temporary



Lobouy Group

Photo by Fred Weller

tape boundaries had to be removed and reset the next time. The nets had to be rolled and removed to be reset. During the summer months, the basketball courts were used for youth activities and conflicted with pickleball. The Long Beach Middle School gymnasium was made available during summer vacation until another site could be located.

With the support and guidance of Marlin Ladner, District three Supervisor for Harrison County, the Lobouy Senior Center, 9505 Lobouy Road, Pass Christian was made available from the Maxwells’ efforts. The Lobouy Senior Center pickleball courts are all self-funded by the players. Play is scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Up to forty players have attended an afternoon session, resulting in a wait for an open court.

There is a social element to the activity, while waiting on open courts or playing mixed doubles. The play is mildly strenuous, and volleys are played with a tempo. The Maxwells agree, “The exercise and social connections are contributing to everybody’s good health.”

Lobouy is the closest court to Long Beach, but there are courts at Donyl Snyder Community Center, Gulfport; Herbert Wilson Recreation Center, Gulfport; Kroc Center, Biloxi; Popp’s Ferry Recreational Area, Biloxi; and Inner Harbor Park, Ocean Springs.

The Maxwells comment, “To help organize the Lobouy players’ donations to the Long Beach Food Pantry every fall is just another way we pay back the community.”

For more information, contact Shirley Maxwell at: Shirleymaxwell06@gmail.com

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New development tools

to express concerns. One speaker, a twenty-four-year veteran Commissioner of the Planning Board in Milwaukee, spoke in favor. The balance of the speakers expressed concerns about their property. One speaker voiced the opinion that insurance costs, not zoning, were responsi-

ble for the lack of development. Hessell recommended that another workshop be publicized, and communications be open and direct to interested parties. The P & D Commission voted to have open workshops following the next two regular meetings on May 24 and June 14.

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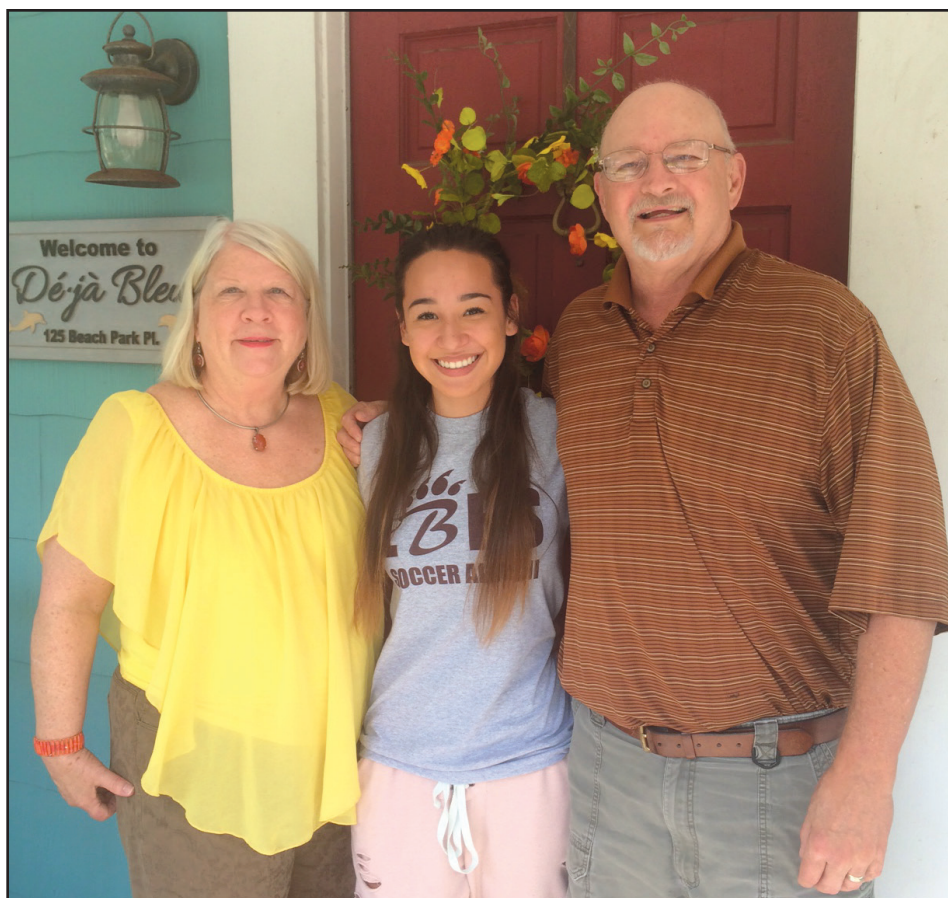
Long Beach exchange student falls in love with U.S.A

By Fred Weller

Ken and Gail Walker raised one family and became sponsors for a foreign exchange student through the International Cultural Exchange Service (ICES). Julieta Abramovich Masuyama from Spain has become a part of the Walker family. Gail said, "I knew from the first introductory letter Julieta wrote, she was the one for us." Abramovich did not have the same impression of Mississippi when she researched on the internet. "There were only stories about Katrina and how Mississippi was a poor state. But I said, 'it can't be that bad.'"

Walking down the street, Abramovich encountered a lady who said, "I just love your shoes." "That would never happen in Spain nor Michigan to meet a person being that friendly," remarked Abramovich, "I was sold on Mississippi after that, and it only got better."

Ken and Gail Walker are the host family. Ken is retired and consults, while Gail is a counselor. The Walkers attended a training session by ICES to become familiar with involving foreign students in high school in to American society. The pro-



Pictured (l to r) Gail, Julieta and Ken

Photo by Fred Weller

ocol to graduate from LBHS was facilitated by Marsha Bishop. "I can't say enough about the way everybody at LBHS helped," Gail said.

The conduit to personal relationships for Abramovich was

playing soccer for the first time. Even though she had played co-ed field hockey in Spain, soccer was new. Coach Neil and the team named her "most improved" and awarded the number "1" jersey to take as a

memento.

A first day in high school for a new student can be challenging, but when you are from a foreign country, it can be daunting. Fortunately, the LBHS spirit manifested itself, and Abramovich found her way to classes with help. That same spirit spilled over into pep rallies and out of town trips with the soccer team.

Math was always a challenge for Abramovich, but she credits the LBHS teaching style as allowing her to reach high levels never attained. English, U.S. History and creative writing were favorite subjects.

Gail and her "Spanish daughter" took several "girl road trips" to visit family and friends. These included a Thanksgiving in Illinois with Gail's college roommate, and another was Christmas with Ken's family in Texas.

Gail said, "Julieta has become a true family member in every way. Ken and I plan to visit Spain in twelve to eighteen months and meet Julieta's other family."

The vivacious Abramovich said, "It's not 'if' I come back but 'when.' That's my biggest goal. I love this country."

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Harper McCaughan wins the Art in the Pass contest



Photo by Christy Peterson

Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Jordan Vannarath-Smith (won first prize overall), Morgan Juarez, Seniah Field, Genevieve Webber, and Angelina Beer; back row: Jamie Flowers, Art Club Sponsor, Brooklyn Hudson, Kylie Best, Meagan Milliet, Allyson Bianco, Rashellie Crawford, Alexa Pate, Gabriella Marasco, Amelia Lipski, and Jennifer Fruge, Art Club Sponsor.

By Jennifer Fruge

Each year, Harper McCaughan 4-H Art Club enters Art in the Pass Contest for students to express views of the Mississippi Gulf Coast through art.

The annual Art in the Pass was held in Memorial Park, overlooking the beach and gulf waters, in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The vetted fine

arts and crafts event attracted about 100 artists from 14 states and approximately 10,000 visitors from Pensacola to Baton Rouge. The area is known for Southern hospitality and a coastal location. The Gulf Marine Education Festival was concurrently celebrated this year as an added science component.

Levens is honored by the Mississippi Business Journal

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Jenny Levens of Long Beach was honored at the *Mississippi Business Journal's* Top 50 under 40 awards ceremony in Jackson at the Old Capitol Inn. Levens is the City of Long Beach Community Affairs Director.

Mississippi Business Journal's Top 50 Under 40 program seeks to identify and recognize individuals working at local levels and making significant contributions to Mississippi's overall economic progress.



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Pictured (l to r): Construction Mechanic Constructionman Theo Womack and Equipment Operator 2nd Class Connor Hawkinson.

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Two SeaBees assigned to Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 and members of the Institute of Marine Mammals Studies (IMMS) in Gulfport push a dolphin tank from a K-loader onto a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) truck. The dolphins were transported from Keesler Air Force Base to IMMS. Navy program handlers and veterinary personnel transported three dolphins from the Navy's facilities at the Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific in San Diego to Keesler to be loaned to IMMS for extend breeding and studies to further marine mammal science. "IMMS" is

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1984 for the purposes of public education, conservation, and research on marine mammals in the wild and under human care. Located in Gulfport, IMMS has been an active participant of the National Stranding Network since its inception. IMMS is the premier stranding organization in the Mississippi-Louisiana-Alabama region of the Gulf Coast with the capability and expertise to care for sick and injured marine mammals. IMMS serves as an important educational outlet for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, incorporating programs for conservation, education and research of marine mammals and their environment.

Long Beach girl golfers



Photo by Andy Kanengiser

Pictured (l to r): Russ Bloom, pro at the Oaks Golf Course in Pass Christian, Long Beach High Golfers Sierra Morrison, Gracie Holley, and Samantha Gundlach, along with team head Coach Jed Kanengiser. Holley was ranked fifth best in the 5A field prior to the state tournament.

By Andy Kanengiser

The Canton Country Club in Madison County hosted the 2018 Mississippi high school golf championship. Competing in the 5A field, the Long Beach High Lady Bearcats

golf team was one of the schools represented. Others included: Germantown, South Jones, Gautier, West Jones and Pearl River Central. Long Beach was ranked number six prior to the two-day state tournament.

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First Friday in May

By Fred Weller

Not only was it May 4, but once again it was "First Friday," and the celebration was evident on Jeff Davis Avenue. The "Cruisers" were back, and the people were admiring the show, strolling the sidewalks, visiting with friends and neighbors, sitting in lawn chairs and on park benches while acknowledging neighbors, family and friends walking by "to see who they could see." The music from the Town Green gave listeners and dancers a reason to tap their feet, clap their hands and dance. It was another celebration in Long Beach for "First Friday."



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Summer starts at the library

By Renee Rayburn

For patrons interested in the Royal family, a display case with items of interest were donated to the library by longtime patron Nancy Stewart. The items will be on display from May to June.

Parents can register children entering grades K – 7 for the Summer Reading Program beginning on Monday, May 21, at 9 a.m. in the children’s wing. All events will be posted on the library’s

website, or schedules can be picked up at the library. The first program is on Tuesday, May 29, at 2 p.m. and is open to all who registered.

If you have any questions regarding one of the library events, please contact a staff member at 228-863-0711.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Renee Rayburn is the Director of Youth and Technology Services for the Long Beach Public Library.

June Library Events

Parents’ Coffee Break

Tuesday, June 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Preschool Story Time

Every Tuesday and Thursday | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Registration Programs

Every Tuesday - Grades K - 2 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday - Grades 3 - 4 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Every Thursday - Grades 5 - 7 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Long Beach Schools want to consider a new high school

the bond financing hope to justify the debt financing to voters by explaining how the future of education and student safety necessitate the improvements. Tax rate changes for individual households will be established and published.

In a special meeting on April 26, the Board discussed the various funding mechanisms for a general obligation bond and setting the bond limits. The Board’s tentative schedule calls for the Bond Election Commission to set a date for the election. The amount available to the LBSD, based on the Long Beach total assessed property value, will not allow funding of a completely new school.

With the funds made available,

district officials say a deconstruction/construction program will begin in a step-wise manner. Providing the bond is approved, the first phase is projected to begin in the summer of 2019 with the demolition of an existing building on the Long Beach High School campus, followed by the construction of a replacement. The buildings will be demolished and rebuilt one at a time rather than leveling the site. Officials say this will allow for the financing to be incremental. Eventually, the new buildings will form a courtyard surrounded by one and two-story classrooms, creating a secure campus with controlled access. The projected completion date is 2021.

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Long Beach seniors stay active with local programs



Pictured (l to r) are: Judy Satchfield, Donna Hudson, and Joy Necaie. Photo by Fred Weller

By Fred Weller

Seniors rock in Long Beach when they participate in the Seniors' Program funded and operated by the City of Long Beach. Both the Senior Citizens Center and Parks and Recreation Center are at 20257 Daugherty. The building was dedicated to the Citizens of Long Beach after Hurricane Katrina. The facility is available for participants in the Senior Citizen Program, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. except for City

holidays.

The program is managed by Donna Hudson, a 22-year employee with the City of Long Beach. Donna and one employee prepare meals for the seniors who participate in social, handicraft and fitness activities.

Tai Chi classes are taught by volunteers Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The low intensity of Tai Chi makes the ancient Chinese exercise suitable for maintaining balance and relaxation for seniors. Currently, thirty

seniors participate in Tai Chi.

The exercise program can be intensified by using the stationary bicycles and treadmills. For those who enjoy walking, there is an indoor walking track. An outside track is also available for those who prefer a vigorous walk and/or jog. The outdoor track accommodates bicycles.

Handicrafts are supervised by Joy Necaie. The handicrafts are ceramic and bottle painting. The ceramic figurines are greenware that is fired twice in kilns and then hand painted. Each participant acquires an object to be kiln-fired and painted. For a small fee, according to the size of the figurine, paint and brushes are sup-

plied. Bottle painting is performed as a popular medium, crafted the same as ceramics.

Each object must be fired twice for ten to twelve hours and then cooled for ten to twelve hours. Necaie has three kilns to fire multiple objects in each firing. The kilns stay in use Monday – Friday. There are from ten to twenty-five participants, with Christmas the busiest time.

Social activities include board games, dice, cards and puzzles.

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Now in its eighth year, the rankings factor in the results of *Military Times'* annual survey, the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement.

"We continue to work closely with our Hattiesburg and Long Beach campus faculty and staff leaders to grow in developing new, and unique opportunities for our student-veterans, service members and their families, said Maj. Gen. (ret) Jeff Hammond, director for Veteran

and Military Affairs at USM. "We appreciate the care of our local communities in supporting our military students and the many wonderful individuals and USM alumni who have reached out in sponsoring scholarships and the Textbooks for Troops Program. Our ambition is to ultimately be the "University of Choice" for our nation's credentials - our veterans, service members and their families."

As with all *Military Times* rankings, Best Colleges 2018 is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that help make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. More than 600 colleges took part in this year's detailed survey.

"Of the hundreds of schools that applied, fewer than half received the *Military Times* Best: Colleges designation this year. Only the best made

the cut," said George Altman, *Military Times* editor in charge of the rankings. "For the past eight years, we've seen colleges and universities consistently increasing their resources, revising their policies and improving their academic outcomes for military and veteran students. The *Military Times'* Best Colleges ranking, showcase the best of these efforts."

Military Times' annual Best Colleges survey, asks colleges and universities to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommoda-

tions and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus.

Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

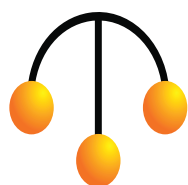
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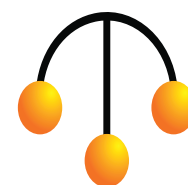
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