

LETTERS...

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Re: Specks contaminated?

Dear Steve,
I am not a marine scientist but have years spent on this beautiful Galveston Bay. In various capacities learned the damage of commercial by-catch. The oil spills. And the stink of rich political interests. - I am going to broil my next "SPECK" with butter and lemon pepper! Thanks Steve
Dennis Brennan

Dear Dennis,
I'm with you. I can't see how anyone can say that only the specks are unsafe to eat - since all of the fish swim in the same water. It's sad to see such an important issue turned into a political football.

Questions about Dickinson:

Dear Editor
Is Dickinson using grant monies as a slush fund and what will happen when this money runs out? Will Chief Morales be able to run the police department? Will Keep Dickinson Beautiful (KDB) keep our city looking nice for developers? Will our City have the money to pave our streets or fix our old sewer system? Why does KDB need its own room at our new City Hall? Will KDB pay rent? Why does the new City Hall need bullet-proof glass, or a \$45,000 arched window? What is the City Administrator's salary? How many raises has she received since her starting salary of \$97,500/yr. + \$600/mo. car allowance? If we're paying her that much, why does she need an Assistant City Administrator? Was grant money used to pave a street (Sunset) to improve the value of property owned by our mayor's family? What will our city do when we can no longer afford general obligation bonds or if the citizens ask for a tax rollback election?

Dickinson must bring the City back into the black. If citizens must cut back, so must our City. Call your council members: Wilson, Dunbaugh, Neves, etc.

Kenneth Post, Dickinson

Dear Editor,
Is it true that mayor Julie Masters of Dickinson would like a dishwasher for our City Hall? Is mayor Masters asking the citizens/taxpayers to pay for a social club for the city employees and staff? Or, is she asking her citizens to build her a "shrine" for the developers? Maybe our mayor and elected council should build a good-working City Hall on the General Obligation Bond money that she and council agreed to. The major question for everyone to ask is "What if the bank calls this bond money in early?" Does the city have the money to cover it? If not, who will pay the price?

Again, this is your money, and our city's credit rate is at risk here. Get your voice heard! Was the 580 votes in the last election a message to our mayor? Also, is it true that Dickinson Beautiful wants their own room in our City Hall? Should that club not go to the Historical Railroad station? And, is this club another hidden slush fund for grant money? God Bless,

Bridget Long,

Dear Bridget and Kenneth,
I would be careful about attacking a small-town mayor, as she may soon be running for vice president.
Seriously, I do not know the answers to the questions you have both raised.
If the City of Dickinson is living beyond its means in these tough economic times, that

wouldn't make sense.

On the other hand, many cities and towns promote development and growth in order to increase revenues. There is nothing inherently "wrong" with this unless corrupt bargains are struck in secret, as we reported on recently in articles about what was happening in League City.

The mayor and city council ought to always represent the best interests of the voters who elected them. All of the voters - not just the ones who contribute to campaigns.

In so doing, it is inevitable that there will be people who are disappointed - you can't please everyone.

There are some valid points in your letters that ought to be responded to. I invite Mayor Masters to respond in the Seabreeze to the questions raised by these two voters.

Abandoned shrimp boats:

Hi Steve,
Read your article on the abandoned shrimp boats, and I am curious, do these boats have bank liens on them, and if they are available to the public.

Who would I call or talk to about acquiring one. To be used in a non-commercial capacity.

Any info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you, Robin

Dear Robin,
As you can imagine, these boats are in a variety of conditions. Some have bank liens, others do not. Some have good engines, others not so good. Some are in good condition, others are hulks.

Shrimp boats in general make excellent conversions to private craft. They are seaworthy (as a rule) and typically built on a good hull, and equipped with powerful engines. It must be noted that they are not designed for speed or fuel economy.

I recommend (if you are really interested) that you first pick out which boat you might be interested in. Then the folks at the facility can put you in touch with the owner.

I am sure that a quality boat can be found for pennies on the dollar, however it is no simple matter to turn this workhorse into a yacht. It has been done, as you can see by visiting our neighbors in Clear Lake Shores.

Evacuation advice:

Dear Editor,
Your sarcasm in reporting about Edouard indicates you are one of those idiots who would stay in town for a Category 5 storm. Evacuating is for sissy-boys, you might say. I think that is simply stupid.

All of your manly-man talk won't keep you from drowning in a 20 foot storm surge.

Better Safe than Sorry in San Leon

I would evacuate to high ground if I needed to, but ten miles inland is far enough. I'm not going to go all the way to Dallas when Dickinson is safe.

I'm not against evacuating when necessary, but it seems like people go too far away too soon. There are people who evacuate a week before the storm could get here - and drive all the way to Oklahoma!

I think you're a scaredy cat!

Have something to share?

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