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## Bayside BRIEFS:



### Murder Charges in Bacliff

41 year-old Jason Harrington is in the county jail after being charged with the murder of 52 year old Larry Colton at a home in the 4400 block of 7th Street in Bacliff. The shooting happened at about 9 pm on Sunday, May 31st.

Witnesses told responding deputies who the shooter was, and he later turned himself in. His version of what happened did not agree with what witnesses had to say about the incident. He is being held on \$250,000 bond.



Harrington

### Toddler Shot, Parents Uncooperative

A 2 year-old boy was shot in the back in San Leon on the evening of Saturday May 9th. Police reports indicate it was a robbery gone wrong.

The shooting occurred in the 500 block of 24th Street at about 11 pm. The child was taken to the hospital and is recovering.

According to the sheriff, the parents of the child were "Not too cooperative" and no arrests have been made.

### Murder and Assault in San Leon

On Saturday, May 16th, just before midnight, county deputies responded to the 800 block of 26th Street in San Leon, where an altercation had just taken place.

Officers found one man killed and two men critically injured with blunt force trauma that appeared to have been a pipe or baseball bat.

Juan Antonio Baez, age 30, was pronounced dead. The other two victims were placed in the intensive care unit in critical condition.

Police are seeking what they have referred to as a "person of interest" in the case.

### Moody Vs Moody

Robert L. Moody Jr. has hired mega-lawyer Tony Buzbee to pursue his lawsuit against his brother, Ross Moody. The suit seeks \$100 million. Moody Foundation lawyer Buddy Herz is also named as a defendant in the action.

The lawsuit involving members of the area's most prominent family accuses Ross and Buddy of enriching themselves after the death of family patriarch Robert Moody Sr. It alleges that the pair have "gained control of the Moody fortune" to the detriment of Robert Moody Jr.

## Dog Fighting Raid In Dickinson

On the afternoon of May 27th, officers with the Dickinson Police Department and animal control officers served a search warrant at a home in the 2600 block of Timber Drive. There have been recent reports of dog fighting at the location.

At the property, officers found 34 dogs. According to reports, they were living in "deplorable" conditions, some locked up in tiny crates, in their own feces. Most of the dogs had wounds that were infected, collars that were embedded in their skin, and scars from old wounds they had suffered. Some of them were tied up with heavy chains.

Animal control officers found items known to be used by those who breed and train dogs to fight: A treadmill, heavy chains, and medications commonly found in such places.

Along with police, animal control officers from Bayou Animal Services, SPCA, Galveston Island, Texas City, and League City responded.

No arrests were made at the time, but the investigation is continuing. All of the dogs have been removed from the scene, and are receiving treatment.

Can they be rescued and rehabilitated? We hope so. Sadly, once the dogs have been trained to fight, it is difficult or impossible to get them to learn to be non-aggressive. Ultimately, a high percentage of dogs rescued from dog fighting end up being "put down" because they can't unlearn their bad habits.

Unfortunately, most dog fighting offenses in Texas are still misdemeanors, and jail sentences are rare. In a horrific case in San Antonio four years ago, a man found guilty of 36 counts of animal cruelty which caused some dogs to die was sentenced to one year in jail, the steepest sentence for such crimes in state history.



It looks like a dog fighting ring has been broken up in Dickinson, where over 30 dogs were seized last week. The investigation is still underway, and we will let our readers know if and when charges are filed. The dogs taken were all living in deplorable conditions, some of them without food or water.

## Gangs At War, Shootings Continue in TC & LM

Last month, the LaMarque/Texas City area continued to experience what can only be described as a violent crime wave. The working theory is that drug gangs are at war over territory.

On Monday, May 11th, a man sitting in his car at the Valero Station on FM 1765 at Vauthier Road in LaMarque was shot. After being shot, he crashed into two other vehicles. He was taken away by an air ambulance and was reported to be in critical condition at the hospital. No one has been arrested.

The next shooting was in Texas City on Tuesday, May 19th at about 6 pm. Two men got into a fight on 9th Street that continued for several blocks. One of the men pulled a pistol and started shooting. He struck the other man in the arm, and shot holes in several houses. The victim survived, but the shooter got away.

Late the next evening, there was a drive-by shooting at FM 1765 and Bernice Street in LaMarque. Police said 27 rounds struck the house from two different weapons. Two people inside the house took cover and were not injured. No arrests have been made.

Then, on the morning of Saturday, May 23rd, a man was shot several times inside a Texas City apartment in the 3400 block of 9th Ave. N. Witnesses described it as a drive by shooting, but shell casings were found that may indicate otherwise. The wounded man refused to allow police to enter his apartment and was uncooperative with police, who obtained a warrant and entered anyway.

Three days later, on the 26th, a man sitting on his porch on Sara Lee Street in LaMarque was gunned down by someone using a semi-automatic rifle. Numerous rounds struck the house. The man was pronounced dead that night. It was described as a drive by shooting. No arrests have been made.

A source familiar with the shootings has told the Seabreeze that they believe most of these recent shootings are tied to gang activity by drug dealers fighting over territory. Police believe seven shootings during the past month are gang related.

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