

# Applause

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## OUR PLAUDIT

# The thanks are all ours, Story Tellers

This week, The Daily News received a wonderful letter. Indeed, its wondrousness is such that it deserves to be presented to a wider audience than the editorial staff to whom it was addressed.

That's because it came from a group of young people who have been doing sterling work encouraging the people of Galveston Island to



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rise to the challenge of rebuilding their homes and lives at present.

That group styles itself the Hurricane Story Tellers, the Ball High students making a documentary portraying, in their own words, "how Galveston has

found hope in the wake of Hurricane Ike."

It's a group to whom islanders are enormously grateful, but perhaps there's no easy way of expressing their collective gratitude other than by flocking to see the film whenever it's shown.

Generously, the students wrote to us: "Your aid in educating the public of our endeavors is greatly appreciated ... helping us inform the greater public of the determination and strength found in our community."

We are humbled. We thank the students profusely for their wonderful film and hope it wins many prizes as it tells the world of Galvestonians' fortitude in the face of adversity.

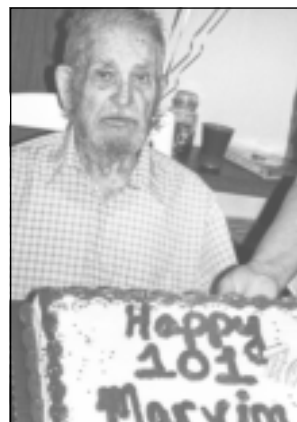
Ian White is editor of Applause.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOTE

### Marvin's a marvelous 101 years old

**Marvin Smith** celebrated his 101st birthday with family, friends and a special guest.

Dickinson Mayor Julie Masters visited him and presented him with a proclamation declaring the day, June 20, as "J. Marvin Smith Day" in the city.



Marvin Smith

### Actress Batts named to UIL's Elite 100 list

**Teagan Batts**, a member of the cast in Friendswood High School's University Interscholastic League one-act play, was named to the UIL Elite 100 during a leadership conference for Texas' brightest students.

Batts played Mrs. Joe in this year's state championship AAAA one-act play, "Great Expectations."

### McDougal named top Santa Fe employee

**Kim McDougal** received Santa Fe's employee of the month award from Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce.

McDougal, who has worked for the Santa Fe Independent School District for 10 years, is an "intervention specialist," helping teachers with struggling students at Cowan Elementary, Barnett Intermediate and Santa Fe Junior High schools.

### Clear Lake debaters compete at state

Clear Lake High School debate student **Brian Berger** placed second in the state competition for Lincoln-Douglas debate.

He missed winning by the narrowest of margins, a 2-1 decision after being called upon to argue against the proposition "Resolved: Federal government bailouts of major corporations are just."

**Sibo Wang** competed in current issues and **Shalott Cecchini** competed in informative speaking.

**Martha Anne Pier-son** is the speech and debate coach at Clear Lake High School.

### 'Chicken Soup' stirred by Jill's Ike account

The story of Texas City resident **Jill Eisnaugle's** encounter with Hurricane Ike, titled "Humor + Faith



Teagan Batts

= Recovery," has been selected for publication in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Tough Times, Tough People."

The book was released in June.

### Tibaldo makes the Centenary dean's list

**Kayla Tibaldo** of Santa Fe was named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at Centenary College in Shreveport, La.

### Outstanding sales teams at Del Papa

Beverage sales company Del Papa Distributing has named its best sales teams of 2008.

Winner of the company's off-premise team award was the team led by **Markie Zimmerman** and **Ramiro Ramos** and including **John Pesek**, **Larry Morgan**, **David Chapiewski**, **Marcus Rangel** and **Ralph Gonzales**.



Brian Berger and Martha Anne Pier-son

In second place was the team led by **Russel Sullins** and **Daniel Hernandez** and including **Chris Doreck**, **Tina Johnson**, **Bob Hinson**, **Henry Nallie** and **Greg Crowe**.

Winner of the on premise advanced sales award was the team led by **Billy White** and **Roland Ortega** and including **Javie Salinas**, **Jake Humphreys** and **Brian Mejia**.

### Island after-school program is a model

Galveston Independent School District's 21st Century Learning Center before- and after-school program is one of the top 20 programs in the nation and a model for similar programs, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The program is overseen by GISD's director of special initiatives, **Marcia Proctor**, and led by program coordinator **Louise Powell**.



Dominican girls are, from left, Lucy Trocheset Shaw, Roberta Powers Lewis, Louise Schmidt Gilder, Sister Barbara Ann Cernosek, Mary Ann Matrangola, Mary Bridget Mulkey Gardner, Doris Daily Lee and Carol Ann Mozara Case (The Diva thinks about you often, Carol Ann, remember those 8 a.m. Masses at the cathedral?).

## SCENES

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Powers Lewis, planned and enjoyed a weekend to remember. See pix.

### Cool picnic is hot stuff at the A Club

The Artillery Club found its fabbo pool SRO (can that be?) for its glorious Fourth family picnic. To the sounds of Nite Energy, members played, swam, chatted and c'brated our liberty.

The water slide was a big hit for cuzzins Conner O'Donohoe and Nicholas and Andrew O'Donohoe; Billy Garrison and Dominguez twins Zoe and Berkley — the tots watched carefully by always wonderful Frank and Jennifer Dominguez Berkley.

Enjoying the pool were Jim and Cindy Earthman, Addie Earthman Pappous and her Norman and kiddos, Jim and John David Marion and 2-year-old Richard, there with Laura Del-Papa Murray.

Gayle Monsour and Bill and Kriste Monsour Garrison were there with young Bill, Brent and Ann Masel with Meredith and Todd Masel and their tow headed Zack enjoying the Americana foodstuffs — hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon etc. — while Barbara Thompson and her family were visiting with Sonny Vaiani with his family and friends, the McLeods, Ansells and Janeks rounding out the very patriotic crowd.

The entire Clan



Catching up on good old times (and maybe more challenging recent times) are Sandra Celli Harris and Ida Jo Tabarracci Morse.



Kirwin guys are, from left, first row, Tom Ely, Joe "Bud" Haney, Conway Shaw, Raymond Quebe; second row, George Conner, Eugene "Sonny" Martini, John Hildebrand, Roland Voigt, Eugene Morse, Eddie Gilbert and Louis Trocheset.

O'Donohoe, led by David and Monica and featuring the newest little Irishman, Sean, and Wendy's new baby Ryland and big bro Connor.

Also there were Jerri O'Donohoe and Robin Robinette, Nick O'Donohoe and his two boys, Nicholas and Andrew. More to come next Scenes — tune in.

### Coming up...

A special reunion of olde Catholic school ties.

Aaannndddd, Divafaves out there — if you or your club has holiday parties or reunions, let the Diva tell the county how much fun you have.

We'd like to meet your new babies and c'brate your special occasions too.

D'ya wannabe Divafied, folks? If so, send deets 'n' pix of your parteez 'n' proceedings to have your name made part of The Diva's Scenery. Call ahead and we'll help with the pix. E-mail divascenes@aol.com or call her at 409-744-6540.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Special-needs students with benefactors from Coastal Community Federal Credit Union, Galveston Island Rotary Club and Galveston Fire Fighters Local 571. See "A special thank you."

### A special thank you

Galveston special-needs students who received "Hurricane Ike" gifts from Coastal Community Federal Credit Union, Galveston Island Rotary Club and Galveston Fire Fighters Local 571 said thank you to their benefactors by holding a reception at Austin Middle School.



Sheila and Eyndia Biggs. See "A great meal."

### ...A great meal

Sheila and Eyndia Biggs of Galveston cooked a delicious meal for families at Ronald McDonald House in Galveston.

### ...And funds for 15

Galveston Bay Oyster Club's annual Sea Camp Scholarship fundraiser, hosted by McDaniel Construction, raised \$12,332 for 15 students who otherwise would not be able to attend camp.



From left, back row, Matt McDaniel, Laurie Mark McDaniel, Mike McDaniel, Faith and Morris McDaniel, front row, David Keister, Sammy "Papa Smurf" Ray and Bay Oyster Club's Sea Camp founder and world renowned oyster biologist Trish McDaniel. See "And funds for 15."

## ON PARADE

### Talley completes Army training

U.S. Army Pvt. **Robert Talley** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of **Cristina Talley**, of Galveston, and a graduate of the Seaborne ChalleNGe Corps in Galveston.

### Crisp completes Army basic training

U.S. Army Pfc. **Matthew Crisp** has graduated from Army basic

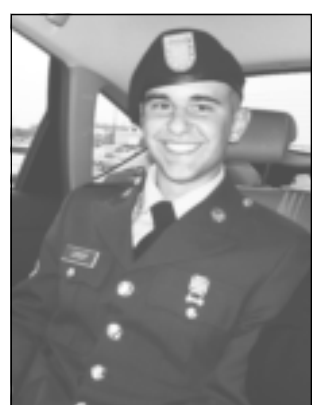
training in Fort Sill, Okla.

Crisp, who attended Santa Fe schools and graduated from the Texas ChalleNGe Program, is now attending radar repair training in Huntsville, Ala.

He is the son of **Patty Trimmingham**, of League City, and **Steve Crisp**, of Santa Fe.

### Arellano graduates Air Force training

U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman **Michelle Arellano** has graduated from basic military



Matthew Crisp

training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

She is a graduate of Galveston Ball High School.