Knife fight on East Bay sends two to hospital

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon/Publisher

A lover’s quarrel turned ugly and resulted in a bloody scene at the East Bay Park covered amphitheater and sent two people to the hospital with multiple stab and slash wounds.

On Feb. 18, Palacios Police responded to a call of a fight at the East Bay Park. Upon arrival discovered Palacios locals Oscar Ray Mata, 45, and his wife Dora Lee Rivera, 40, both covered in blood from multiple stab and slash wounds. Both individuals sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Mata was taken by ambulance to Palacios Community Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Rivera was also taken by ambulance to Palacios Community Medical Center, where she was treated for her injuries and released.

Emergency medical personnel and Palacios Police helped transport a 45-year old Palacios man to Palacios Community Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

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Providing some clarity on PISD’s $83-million bond initiative

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST
Palacios Beacon

Matagorda County head to the polls on Tues. (March 3) for the first election of the new decade with citizens armed with the right to vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary election from county races up to the highest office in the land, the President of the United States.

Voters in precinct 3, which covers all registered voters residing in the City of Palacios, will ballot at the County Annex on Commerce St. Those in Precinct 4, will vote at the Palacios Community Center.

For more information contact the Municipal Court at 972-3325.

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BRIEFS

Local oystermen ask MCND for assistance

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon/Reporter

In recent years, oyster fisherman and boats from out-of-town have been descending on the local bay and depleting most of the oyster in a week or 10 days” according to Gary Seaman.

Last Thursday, Seaman and Scooter Mackie asked the Board of Commissioners of Matagorda County Navigation District 1 for help with the situation they view as unfair to local oyster fisherman. They were speaking in reference to an item on the agenda, Discussion of Seafood Tariffs, and the commissioner vowed to consider solutions to the problem.

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Changes in store for Municipal Court

Changes are on the way to the City of Palacios Municipal Court with Judge Harold Garrett presiding over the court.

Court will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every other month beginning the 2nd Tuesday of Aug. 2020 and the 2nd Tuesday of Oct. 2020 as well as Friday’s from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The addition of Tuesday night court will give another opportunity for those who work during the day to make their appearance and not miss a day of work.

Judge Garrett also stated Tuesdays are the only days he has available to hear small claims.

The Municipal Court will also now be open from daily 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information contact the Municipal Court at 972-3325.

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New Deadline for Articles, Classified & Display Ads 4:30 p.m. Friday

RETAIL

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Taking home the night’s top honors were Wayne Dodd - Man of the Year; Carol Carney - Woman of the Year; and The Point - Business of the Year.

After an hour of socializing, guests were treated to a prime rib dinner, courtesy chef extraordinare Carlos Duran and his catering crew.

Siegler took the stage and captivated the audience with a program begin-

ning with her humble upbringing in Bexar County, followed by her career as a prosecutor and an unsuccessful run for District Attorney of Harris County.

The election loss wasn’t the closing of

door one but the opening of another as she embarked on the start of her television career and subsequent hit show Cold Justice.

Following Siegler’s program, the evening’s attention shined upon the hon-

ors that were to be bestowed.

The following are the introductions to this year’s award recipients as presented at last week’s banquet.

2020 Man of the Year

He was born in 1972 in Salinas, California where his father was in the Air Force and they traveled a lot until they settled back down on the family homestead in Stockdale, TX in 1980.

He was 1 of 3 siblings, with an older brother and a younger sister. But he was never the typical middle child. When he was 14, his father and older brother were both stationed abroad during the Korean War, so to help his mother, he got his hardship driver’s license enabling him to drive back and forth to the military base.

Every football player’s first job in

Stockdale is hauling watermelons “Coach Russell said I keep these strong and out of trouble.” His grand-
father, a farmer, helped shape his character.

Wayne severely injured his knee his senior year playing football, and to this day – he is partially bionic – and always knows where he’s going to be.

He first noticed the title of his life at the Wilson County show barn, work-
ing with her lamb – and we’ll let him tell you the first impression she made on him. But they got to know each other a little better, when his school bus broke down on her road, and her mother, a Fontevre School teacher, gave all the kids a ride to school in Stockdale.

They’ve been married together since they were 15 Years old and determined not to get married until he was 21 and after high school in 1970 he moved to Austin and his wife to be moved to San Antonio.

The long distance relationship

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**Suspected illegal cash seized at U.S. 59 stops**

They lived and worked happily in a small travel trailer at Serendipity, and in 1976 they had their first child. Shortly after the local conflicts within the shrimping industry, they headed north and landed in Wyoming, living in Wright and Gillette. They both worked in the coal strip mines; He was a real-life train conductor working in the environmental department counting flowers and antelope while she ran the mining office. When they were expecting their second child, they decided to head back to warmer climate, and returned to Wilson County where they raised their family in Sutherland Springs, Texas. He ran his father-in-law's Old Town Store for a while. He also began a rural garbage pick-up business with a small Datsun pickup with homemade sideboards. He and his young family were heavily involved in the Sutherland Springs community and church. Believe it or not…he even played the Sheriff in a production of “Our Town”. As pleasant as life was—healthy kids, happy community, and all—something was missing. A strong force was always nagging at them, pulling them out of Wilson County, away from their childhood homes…It was the water – the Tres Palacios Bay to be exact! In 1991, they followed their passion, sold the garbage business and closed out the real estate dealings to return to their beloved Palacios! It’s always about the water – this is where they feel at home!

He worked in a Haz-Mat oil spill clean-up company while he waited for an opening back at his dream job – the Texas Parks and Wildlife Field Office in Palacios. When the time was right, he rejoined the ranks of some of his favorite people, doing his life’s work as a Wildlife Fisheries Tech, and retired from there in 2012.

In the meantime, he became involved in the City by the Sea in every way he could. Church, Rotary Club, school activities, and even opening a seafood restaurant, which was a tourist attraction and source of great food and community for 15 years!

He and his wife now have 6 grandchildren, and they’re semi-retired—staying quite busy. This year, they’ll celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary. They still live on the water and follow their passions, which includes...
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QUARREL

Individuals listed have been arrested and/or charged with an offense. Inclusion in this report does not imply that

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As we approach these final days of voting, I’d like to remind you:

DO YOU WANT TO SEE WHO WAS ARRESTED & FOR WHAT?

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From the Police Chief

By Police Chief Bond Miles

DOING THEIR PART...and then clicking on the link under the photo,

To be eligible for cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to authorities us-

by clicking the “SUBMIT A TIP” link (under the “About” section).

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vided a tip number instead of using a name.

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Pd Pol Ad by Dennis Smith, Treasurer, 104 Main St. Palacios, Tx 77465

DEMOCRATIVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, was later transported Galveston for treatment to damaged tendons and ligaments sustained in the altercation.

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I am the Candidate who promises a monthly “Commissioners Report” and a “Yearly Open House.” Be assured, you will know “first hand” what’s going on in Precinct 3 and the County.

I am the Candidate who says, “I work for you” and will always be available, not the other way around.

Further, I will be a Commissioner, “like no other”, dedicated to a solemn promise to enrich our Precinct 3 and Community by being “a good steward with your vote”, and a Commissioner you can rely on.

Be mindful, I have no private agenda. I have no businesses to promote. I am solely involved and dedicated to my Church and hold no alliances whatsoever but to serve you.

As a veteran, I’m a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the Palacios Chamber of Commerce, and support the business community.

I’m the one, you can rely on, to keep your county property taxes as low as possible, as today the overall County property values are in excess of “Seven Billion dollars”.

You can see why ‘I’m the Right Candidate’, Your Candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 3!

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