



### **Volunteers are great!**

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Adopt-a-Beach was a wonderful success last month and now that all the paperwork is done, I have more volunteers to recognize for their efforts with tallying all the clean up cards.

From Calhoun High School: Ethan Bowman, Devian Cantu, Jacqueline Cantu, Logan Carlock, Monica Carpenter, Steven Castaneda, Tyler Critendon, Carlos Duenez, Fratisha Evans, Santiago Gonzales, Reven Hernandez, Colton Hummel-Steffler, John Hunt, Shay Kneupper, Taquan Miles, Isabel Munoz, Kade Neuman, Johnathan Pitonyak, Kayla Roznovsky, Gerard Sakyi, Nancy Sepulveda, Dustin Snider, Jody Stratmann, Matt Tijerina, Sean Tynes, Erik Vallejo, Joseph Villalobos, Madison Wakefield, Matthew Warzecha, Brooke Young, and Devra Hunter.

From Hope High School: Michael Garcia, Josh Ybarra, Shaquai Barns, Haley See, Tyler Wright, Jalen Torres, Timothy Stewart, Raven Jones, Angela Contreras, Catrina Garcia, Skye Melancon, Nakayla Alford, Connie Wooldridge, and Laurie Weaver.

More volunteers helped with a variety of projects, including:

Karen Lyssy, Herb Wittliff, Norman Boyd, Jim Munro, Theresa Dent, Leslie Hartman, Sherrie Krause, Shelly Crow, Joe Surovik, Mike Mitchell, Mary Kay Belter, Chris Scroggs, Ryan Damborsky, Jack Labarge, Debbie Dugan, Morris Sadleir, Charlie Jones, John-Michael Sadleir, Erin Dent, and Teri Austin.

**UPDATE on Monofilament Recovery and Recycle Program (MRRP): A total of 54.25 pounds of used fishing line has been shipped from my office to the Berkley Conservation Institute in Iowa.**



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*HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

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### *Andira galeottiana*

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Monkey brain, Donovan's Brain, Brain Bean, or Brainfruit are all common names for the interesting item found on Texas beaches. The trees that bear this fruit are native to southern Mexico. The fruits wash down rivers to the Gulf of Mexico and are durable enough to make the float to Texas, still intact. Longer distances traveled show rapid deterioration; only portions of specimens end up on Florida's shores... even then, only rarely.

[http://www.seabean.com/guide/Andira\\_galeottiana/](http://www.seabean.com/guide/Andira_galeottiana/)

From <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/WhatWeDo/online%20publications/ShrimbandPeaSalad.html>

## SHRIMP & PEA SALAD

- 2 pounds peeled and deveined Texas shrimp, 31-35 count
- 1 purple onion, sliced
- 3/4 cup prepared herb, vinegar and oil or Italian dressing
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen green peas
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds

Add shrimp to boiling water. Return to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 3 to 4 minutes. Shrimp should be opaque throughout. Drain and cool immediately. In a large bowl combine shrimp, frozen peas and onion. In a small container mix dressing with celery seeds. Stir into shrimp mixture. Serve on lettuce as an appetizer or as a main dish. Peas will be sufficiently thawed by serving time. Serve with crackers or bread sticks. Makes 6 servings.



### America's Top Ten Favorite Seafood Species

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The National Fisheries Institute (NFI) has released a list of the most popular fish eaten in the U.S. Shrimp tops the list with 4.2 pounds per capita based on raw NFI data. Canned tuna came in second with 2.6 pounds. Salmon, Alaska Pollock, tilapia, pangasius, catfish, crab, cod, and clams round out the list. You can see all the numbers and more information online at <http://www.aboutseafood.com/press/press-releases/nfi-top-ten-list-familiar-school-fish>

### Gulf of Mexico Initiative

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The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working with landowners as part of the Gulf of Mexico Initiative (GoMI) which will provide \$50 million over the next three years for technical and financial assistance to farmers and ranchers in six states. This voluntary effort with private landowners will help to improve water quality, increase water conservation and enhance wildlife habitat within priority watersheds draining into the Gulf of Mexico.

For information on NRCS technical and financial assistance, contact the Port Lavaca NRCS field office or Tony Resendez, at 186 County Road 101, in the Agricultural Building Room 107, or call (361) 552-2969 ext. 3 or e-mail [tony.resendez@tx.usda.gov](mailto:tony.resendez@tx.usda.gov). The Refugio

NRCS field office or Sam Schiwart, can be reached at 603 E. Empresario, or call (361) 526-2531 ext. 3 or e-mail [sam.schiwart@tx.usda.gov](mailto:sam.schiwart@tx.usda.gov).

### Marine Litter Video

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Jim Toomey, whose comic strip *Sherman's Lagoon* appears in more than 150 North American newspapers, has partnered with UNEP RONA to create a series of six two-minute videos intended to raise awareness of the importance of oceans and the coastal environment. The first video, which dealt with Blue Carbon, was launched on World Oceans Day on June 8th in Washington D.C. at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The topic of the second video in the series is marine litter. The video can be viewed [here](#).

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