

# TEX REPORT



## Tex Report 3

**Alligator problems in South Baldwin County.** Bad, but not what you think. The folks at Alligator Alley in Summerdale have a unique problem. They have over 200 gators, and feeding them a steady diet of chicken would cost them a pretty penny. They receive a good bit of road kill and take donations from hunters. A large source of meat comes from wild boars and pigs. They lost 3 mature alligators last year. The problem being, gators and cats are not alike. DUH!! A cat can cough up hairballs. Gators can't. The brittle bristles of the wild hogs accumulate in the stomach of gators. They block the digestive system and death occurs. This season, an answer has been provided. All wild hogs will be shaved before being fed to the critters. And now you know.

I've been trying to follow up on the old logging in Baldwin Co. There was a narrow-gauge railroad extending from Marlow to the shoreline of the county. ( The exit of Black Water River into Perdido harbor. ) There are remains of pilings for boats and staging areas as well, at the entrance of the river. I think more species than just pine was cut at that time. I am interested in the possibility of harvesting sunken logs that might be in the area. I think I will drive over that way for a look see before too long. It sure would be nice to see a locomotive place on the old grade just South of the Shell station at Hwy 32.. Add a couple cars and a caboose on the curve behind the Summerdale MARBLE SIGN, and there you have modern history. *The Cross Project* will be located 1 mile East.

I would like to see a couple people with deep pockets, convert the feed store behind the Gatlin Lumber Company in Foley. Be it seafood or steak house, it represents the last existing potato shed in town. It would be more than a labor of love, I'm sure. I had a friend in that area, could name every business on the tracks from the old armory down to the turn around close to Reynolds Ace. That info would be great for the old town. The clock and chime tower is really nice. It does chime programs, but I don't know the schedule. A highway crossover is planned for 59 going from close to the coffee shop, across to the parks north end.

Ground is being moved at the warehouse North of Bob's Discount. Good chance its another retailer. Zaxby's and the Healthcare Center are coming along. The space between was set aside for MURPHY OIL. That's all good. Loxley got their turn signal

Back at McDonalds neat I-10. The State charged them \$12,000 for the wiring. I hope that included the new yellow flasher for turning mode plus green. Flash!!! Loxley and R'dale are both getting new Mexican Restaurants. Where will the Taco Bell and What-A-Burger be in R'dale. The city needs to find a head hunter or two... How about teaming up Joes Crab Shack, a Rustlers steak house, using the Stock yard pens, and a Candy Mountain food and entertainment where the auction barn was? Good getting to talk with you. "Thank God, I'm an American." Tex