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**FOURTH OF JULY**

## Biloxi will get new fireworks display

Sun Herald

A weekend of fireworks, including a new display in Biloxi, will make South Mississippi's Independence Day dazzling.

The IP Casino Resort will present a new fireworks display on July 3 over Biloxi's Back Bay. The free 15-minute display will be seen from locations around IP and on the top floor of the IP parking garage. The community is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets, but no outside fireworks will be allowed at IP.

Pyro Shows fireworks, the company that has orchestrated the show at the end of Biloxi Shuckers games, is in charge of the show.



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### Fireworks and Independence Day celebrations

**July 1-3**  
 Our Lady of the Gulf Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday. Details: 467-6509

**July 2**  
 Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier, 9 p.m., Waveland. Details: 467-134

**July 4**  
 Third annual Spark at the Park at Muddy Joes, 1260 Road 326 Kiln.

Necaise Crossing Ball Park, 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. 603 and 53

Gulfport Harbor, 8:45 p.m.

Beach Park, Pascagoula, 9 p.m.

Independence Day fireworks display at MGM Park, Biloxi, after Shuckers game. Game against Jacksonville will start at 7:10 p.m.



**CRIME**

### FUGITIVE TAKES A DIP IN BAYOU

Ocean Springs police are looking for a fugitive who jumped in Davis Bayou after a Thursday traffic stop. 5A



**CRIME**

### 25 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

Baton Rouge man arrested in Harrison County when police find pot in car, locker. 5A



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### STRAWBERRY AT OHR-O'KEEFE

Former MLB All-Star Darryl Strawberry spoke about faith, his ministry and baseball. 1B

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

## Man acquitted of stabbing relative 12 times in Bay 'birthday-party killing'

**Fight began after someone removed a fuse from car of man stabbed to death to prevent him from driving drunk**

**Juror said prosecution didn't prove case beyond a reasonable doubt**

**Acquittal comes 'bittersweet' to defendant**

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A Hancock County man charged with murder in the "birthday party killing" of a family member in 2015 was acquitted of all charges Thursday after a trial that lasted three days.

After several hours of deliberation, a jury found 33-year-old Clinton Michael Dryer not guilty in the fatal stabbing of 29-year-

old Kenneth Fanning, Fanning's then-fiancee is Dryer's sister-in-law.



Dryer

Old Kenneth Fanning, Fanning's then-fiancee is Dryer's sister-in-law.

Dryer admitted to killing Fanning but claimed he did so in self-defense. His attorneys, Donald Rafferty and Damian Holcomb, argued a justifiable homicide defense.

Dryer stabbed Fanning 12 times just after midnight on April 12, 2015, in the front yard of

Dryer's house on U.S. 90. Family members had gathered at the home to celebrate the birthday of Dryer's 7-year-old daughter. Both men had been drinking that day and got into an argument that turned physical, law enforcement officials have said.

The argument began after someone removed a fuse from Fanning's vehicle to prevent him from driving while intoxicated. Witnesses testified the two men exchanged punches until Fanning managed to subdue Dryer with a chokehold.

After the fight, Dryer retrieved a hunting knife from inside the house and then went back outside. The men resumed fighting and Dryer fatally stabbed Fanning.

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**CRIME**

### PURSUIT SPANS THREE COUNTIES

Vancleave man arrested after police chase that started in Biloxi and ended in Lucedale. 5A

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