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Coastal Bend Cold Storage started operating the Port of Corpus Christi's cold storage warehouse earlier this month. Port officials announced the transition on Thursday after both parties completed it.

Paul R. Higginbotham, Coastal Bend Cold Storage's owner, expects to develop new international markets and expand business with large domestic grocers and retailers. He formerly was a principal with Virginia-based Corrugated Container Corp. and resides in Aransas Pass.

The 100,000-square-foot cold storage facility is being leased with an option to purchase. It offers chilled and frozen space 60 feet from the dock and near rail and highway connections.

Jack in the Box is opening a new location at the corner of Everhart Road and Saratoga Boulevard. Construction on the eatery has begun and it is expected to open for business later this year.

NAI Cravey Real Estate Services represented the parcel owners, Saratoga Village Partners. Ferguson Bean and Evans represented the corporate chain in negotiating the sale of the 27,000 square feet, Cravey services announced last week.

The new Jack location sits on the property of a former H-E-B grocery store, which Cravey services announced last month will become a charter school. For more information, visit www.CraveyRealEstate.com.

ComNet will provide a phone service that routes call traffic to the Internet, promising productivity and lower operational costs.

A division of Corpus Christi-based Probedo Technologies, ComNet has partnered with Virginia-based nexVortexInc., a telecommunications company. The services will be available to businesses in South Texas.

ComNet offers businesses a way to take advantage of the inherent IP capabilities of the IP PBX and route outbound traffic via the Internet. Doing so can lower phone toll charges by as much as 40 percent, officials said in a written statement.

When using nexVortex services, ComNet customers gain access to business-grade Voice over IP, a wide variety of inbound and outbound calling features, toll-free number capability, emergency services, audio conferencing, real-time billing, disaster-recovery routing, and caller-ID management.

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