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By Dale Rankin

More than three years ago Islanders began regular complaints to the City of Corpus Christi about houses on Padre Island being leased out for Short-Term Rentals. The complaints ranged from noise, to parking, and the case of one home two shooting incidents.

Short-Term Rentals at the time were not legal but enforcement by the city was non-existent except for calls to police at specific locations. There was no monitoring nor registration in place. It was the Wild West.

After a survey by the Padre Isles Property Owners Association that found near unanimous opposition to Short-Term Rentals in residential neighborhoods on Padre Island by homeowners, a public hearing was held at Doc's Seafood & Steaks in November 2021 and a packed house of Island residents made it clear to city officials, including several City Council members, that action was needed. As a result in January 2022 a city ordinance was passed requiring registration of Short-Term Rental properties on Padre Island and in Flour Bluff. Applications for registration in areas zoned RS-6 Residential were denied because Short-Term Rentals are not allowed there under city zoning.

The problem seemed to be behind us until Tuesday at the Corpus Christi City Council meeting when only two of the nine council members spoke out against allowing Short-Term Rentals in Island neighborhoods during the first hearing on an ordinance scheduled to be voted on by the council in July that will apply to Short-Term Rentals across the city including Padre Island.

Council members Greg Smith, District 4, and Michael Hunter, At-Large spoke in favor of continuing the ban on Short-Term Rentals on Padre Island under the new ordinance—the prohibition does not include Mustang Island north of Packery Channel which has had Short-Term Rentals for decades. The remainder of the council was either silent, non-committal, or spoke in terms that favored allowing Short-Term Rentals anywhere on Padre Island including residential neighborhoods.

District 3 Council Member Roland Barrera and At-Large Council Member John Martinez were especially outspoken concerning the "rights of property owners" to lease out their Island houses and At-Large Councilman Mike Pusley spoke at length about his concern for not allowing owners of Island homes who have been paying a Hotel Occupancy Tax while operating illegally to continue to operate under the new ordinance. No one mentioned the "rights of Island homeowners" who bought in residential neighborhoods with the expectation they would stay that way.

This comes only four months after the same council approved the first ordinance banning Short-Term Rentals in Island neighborhoods; so what changed? Pressure and greed.

Follow the money

To see where the pressure is coming from you only had to watch Tuesday's meeting as a spokesperson for the Corpus Christi Board of Realtors rose to speak in favor of Short-Term Rentals in all neighborhoods across the city including Padre Island. As we have clearly seen in Port Aransas where Short-Term Rentals have proliferated they drive up prices and sales commissions. They also drive

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Short-Term Rental Rules get First Hearing at City Hall

Prohibition in residential areas of Padre Island questioned by council

By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council got its first look at the draft of a Short-Term Rental ordinance for the city on Tuesday and the response from members was a mixed bag.

The city staff outlined a potential ordinance that could allow for fifteen percent of the homes on city blocks across the city to operate as Short-Term Rentals even in residentially zoned areas.

The first Short-Term Rental ordinance in the city was passed on January 11 after multi-complaints from Island homeowners of STR operating illegally in neighborhoods. The new ordinance required registration of STR properties on Padre Island and Flour Bluff and prohibited them entirely in in areas zoned RS-6 Residential there. Since that time the city staff said that 916 permits have been approved in non-residential areas of Flour Bluff and Padre Island.

At-Large City Councilman Michael Hunter said in speaking with

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The areas outlined in yellow are RS-6 Zoning that excludes use a Short-Term Rentals.

The area outlined in orange is zoned Multi-Family and will allow Short-Term Rentals

Future single-family zoning included in Plan Use Development will allow Short-Term Rentals.

Whitecap Preserve PID approved

Clears the way for construction to begin

By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a Public Improvement District (PID) for the planned Whitecap Preserve development on 242 acres at the site of the former Island waterpark.

Approval of the PID clears the way for the digging of canals and construction of bulkheads at the site in the first phase of the project which as currently planned will include 604 homes.

The PID as approved allows the developers, Diamond Beach Holdings, to issue up to \$100 million in bonds which will be repaid over thirty years by the eventual buyers of the property on the site. The PID does not create any obligation for city taxpayers nor for Island residents who live outside the district boundaries.

The project as described in documents in the PID application will bring about \$800 million in new construction over the next seven to ten years.

The Resolution passed by the council on Tuesday allows for funds from the PID to be used for a variety of items. They are as follows:

- (1) design, construction and other allowed costs related to street and roadway improvements, including related earthwork, sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage, and rights-of-way;
- (2) design, construction and other allowed costs related to storm drainage improvements;
- (3) design, construction and other allowed costs related to water, wastewater and drainage (including detention) improvements and facilities;
- (4) design, construction and other allowed costs related to erection of fountains, distinctive lighting and signs, and acquisition and installation of pieces of art;
- (5) design, construction and other allowed costs related to parks,

open space, and recreational improvements, including trails, landscaping, and irrigation related thereto;

- (6) design, construction and other allowed costs related to off-street parking facilities, including related sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage and rights-of-way;

- (7) design, construction and other allowed costs related to projects similar to those listed in subsections (1) - (6) above authorized by the Act, including similar off-site projects that provide a benefit to the Property within the District;

- (8) design, construction and other allowed costs related to special supplemental services for improvement and promotion of the District, including services related to advertising, promotion, health and sanitation, water and wastewater, public safety, security, business

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Short-Term Rental Stakeholder Advisory Group

The city staff kicked off Phase 2 of the Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance process with a first meeting of the 13-member STR Stakeholder Advisory Group on Friday, February 18, 2022. Since then, staff has added additional members to make representation more equitable, resulting in a 17-member group. The group has met a total of six times over the last 12 weeks.

According to information presented to the city council Tuesday over the course of the six meetings, the STR Stakeholder Advisory Group has completed an area review of Corpus Christi, looking at sections of the city that may or may not be appropriate for STR use; discussed different ordinance frameworks including density/saturation options as well as tiers/types of STRs; reviewed other Texas municipalities' STR distributions and best practices; and deliberated over the most appropriate options for the Corpus Christi ordinance.

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Beach to Bay Saturday

The Beach to Bay Relay Marathon will kick off at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 21 north of Packery Channel at JP Luby Beach then proceed to the beach at Zahn Road before heading through the SPID/Commodores intersection. From there it runs to the JFK Bridge.

If you are driving in that area Saturday morning expect delays.

Time to Vote!

Early Voting in both Democrat and Republican runoffs continues at Island Presbyterian Church through Friday, May 20. Voters can also cast ballots on Election Day, Tuesday, May 24.

As of Tuesday a total of 154 voters had cast ballots at the Island site; 27 Democrats and 127 Republicans. Voters who cast ballots in the March Primary Election must vote in the same party runoff as in the Primary. Across Nueces County at total 1456 ballots had been cast by Tuesday.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A little Island history



The Island in 1951

In 1951 the Soviet Union announced they had the atomic bomb, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of passing nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union, and General Douglas MacArthur was relieved of command in Korea.

But what was happening here on The Island? Thanks to a publication called Padre Island News and Corpus Christi Tourist Guide we can take a look back at Island events in May, 1951.

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Beachcombing—
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Padre, and stopped there to do a sketch, which will appear soon in the publication.

The driftwood shack is the central item in the painting.

The Mayfields have found many interesting things on Padre—chunks of raw rubber that have drifted across the gulf from Central America, or the Amazon River basin; large cowrie and hand shells, fantastic pieces of driftwood, canned goods, a case of beer, a drum of oil, articles of clothing—and a skeleton!

Writes from All—
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The best manuscripts submitted, The Woods, passed, chairman announced. There will be prizes for books, articles, poems.

Writers have received many thousands of dollars for manuscripts that first saw the light at the writers assemblies in Corpus Christi. Books, articles and poems have been purchased by publishers attending the meetings, and many beginning writers have been guided on successful careers.

Padre Island has found its way into books, magazines, songs and poems during the last year, and will, no doubt, be given a new push toward national renown through the writers scheduled to visit it early in June.

Still primitive and undeveloped, with its miles of gleaming beaches and dunes, fringed by the blue waves of the Gulf of Mexico, ideal for beachcombing, treasure hunting and fishing, Padre offers attractions and lanes for artists in every field of endeavor.

Left to Right: Huiusss Kasi, Jewell Gibson, Col. James Fisher, Director De Woods, Jackson, Sakewick, Fred Clasen.

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Blast From the Past



The aerial above was taken of the Island in 1970.

Nesting Egrets



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Letters to the Editor

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Property Tax Propositions Pass, But Will They Make a Difference?

Saturday, Texas voters took to the polls to consider two statewide constitutional propositions, local elected offices, and various bond proposals.

As the results came in, there appeared to be some very promising news for conservatives, especially in school board elections where more conservative candidates swept candidates advocating for things like CRT and child grooming in the classrooms.

As expected the statewide propositions related to property taxes also passed with overwhelming support. Both propositions passed with about 85% support. Proposition 1 was a carveout for the elderly and disabled and Proposition 2 was an increase in the homestead exemption from that of \$25,000 to that of \$40,000. The likely reason that these two proposed constitutional amendments passed so easily is that Texas taxpayers are being crushed under increased property tax burdens. Sadly, these propositions represent yet another example of the Texas Legislature's typical approach to property tax relief in the last decade, giving us gimmicks and no real relief at all.

The first proposition, the carveout for the elderly and disabled, is one of many types of "relief" legislation the legislature has passed in the last few legislative cycles. Why do they continue to pass the same type of "do nothing" legislation repeatedly? Because lawmakers want to keep the bulk of their voter base happy and it is no secret that the elderly currently make up the majority of voters in Texas. This is simply an effort by swindling politicians to keep the majority of their voters placated at the expense of the rest of us. The problem is that these types of carveouts do not actually provide relief, they simply slow the growth or freeze taxes at a certain level, ultimately raising taxes on those that do not qualify for the exemption. In no way can this be considered true property tax relief.

The second proposition increases the homestead exemption. To some, this might seem like a reasonable reform. If you watched the Senate Finance Committee hearing last week, however, you might feel differently. In this hearing, it was suggested that we stop tying homestead exemptions to static dollar amounts and instead use a percentage. This is because in high inflation environments, like the one we find ourselves in today, it necessitates constant adjustments to the amount of exemption. If it was based on a percentage we would have no need for lawmakers to come to rescue us every 5 years. This is why the homestead exemption is increased periodically, to keep up with inflation, making this time no different, with nearly double-digit inflation the \$25k exemption has simply lost its original value as home prices skyrocket due to a myriad of bad policy decisions at the federal level.

Sadly no one will experience any significant property tax relief because of these two passed amendments. The best anyone could hope for is for your property taxes to stay the same, and that will not be the case for most people. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (TFR) has been warning of this outcome for nearly a year, ever since the legislature decided to gut 2 property tax relief bills that would have actually provided significant relief for Texans and instead replaced them with shiny trinkets designed to appease low-information voters.

TFR has advocated for the use of surplus dollars to pay down M&O compression rates since the last Summer. However, since that time our surplus has only continued to grow! The estimated \$8 billion surplus is now estimated to be nearly \$15 billion when the State Comptroller releases his update BRE (Biennial Revenue Statement) sometime this summer. That amount, in combination with our bloated ESF fund (\$13 billion) would equate to roughly \$28 billion that is available for something like property tax relief. To give you an idea of how significant this amount is, it takes roughly \$32 billion to run school M&O (Maintenance & Operations) state-wide in a year. With this amount, we could almost pay down an entire year of M&O property taxes in Texas (even if we decided not to make any budget cuts at all). In a biennium, this would result in a nearly 50% reduction in M&O property taxes if we dedicated the entire amount of surplus dollars and the ESF.

In the past year, TFR has advocated giving the surplus back to whom it belongs, you the taxpayer, in the form of actual property tax relief. The tax relief could be even more significant if we decided to cut our bloated budget, which has nearly tripled in the last 20 years, or if we banned the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying which steals tens of millions from taxpayers every year to pay lobbyists who work against your interests.

Rest assured that we not only have the money to provide significant property tax relief, but we also have the ability to eliminate the M&O portion of the property tax completely. All that is needed is courageous lawmakers that are willing to be consistent with their "conservative" label. Real conservatives actively shrink the size of government and cut taxes significantly, neither have which have occurred in Texas in decades. We have never had a revenue problem in Texas,

we have always had a spending problem.

As always, TFR will continue the fight against big government and support fiscal sanity here in the Lone Star State. We are here as a resource for anyone that needs us, please reach out if you have questions we can help with. Remember there are Primary Runoff Elections coming at the end of May which will be reporting on shortly. This is one of the best ways to have your voice heard on things like property taxes. Work to vote out fiscally irresponsible incumbents and vote for candidates that will commit to eliminating things like property taxes completely.

Tim Hardin

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

Change Our World by Hosting an Exchange Student

Islanders, NOW is your chance to make the world a little smaller by hosting a high school exchange student for the 2022-2023 School Year. For several years

Islanders have been successfully hosting high school students from a rich variety of other countries. Both the hosts and the students have positively raved about the value of hosting an exchange student. You too can have and provide this exciting experience through Greenheart Exchange.

Greenheart Exchange, the well-respected, nonprofit student exchange organization, seeks volunteer Host Families to host international exchange students for the upcoming 2022 high school fall semester or 2022-23 high school year. Students hosted on Padre Island or on Flour Bluff will attend Flour Bluff high school in August, and within a short amount of time after beginning their stay will become part of YOUR family.

Each year, Greenheart Exchange provides over 800 exchange students from over 60 countries the opportunity to study in local public high schools for a five-month semester or a ten-month Academic High School Year.

"Host families make all of the difference," said Connie Dean, Executive Regional Director of High School Programs. "They influence a young adult's life, changing world views and making dreams come true. When the family is so willing to give, they have just as many rewarding and enriching experiences as the student."

Current Greenheart Exchange policies are relatively inclusive as Volunteer host families come from varied economic, religious and racial backgrounds and include working parents, empty nesters, singles and single parents.

Host Family responsibilities are very simple and straight forward. They are to provide: Open communication, Encouragement, Patience and Sound Advice, a separate bed (which can be in a shared room with a host sibling of similar age and same gender), a quiet place to study, three daily meals, transportation to school and school-sponsored events (students are not permitted to drive while on the program) and a welcoming home that includes the student as a member of your family!

Students are fully vaccinated, have their own accident and health insurance and bring their own spending money. Students are encouraged to participate in school-sponsored activities, community service and environmental programs as well as pursue academic excellence in the classroom.

There are several student exchange programs that offer both International and American students opportunities to spend a school year studying in another country. All of those programs promote exchanges designed to promote understanding as well as memorable experiences for both hosts and students. But Greenheart Exchange has established a successful footprint on North Padre Island and in Flour Bluff after years of providing locals with positive and unforgettable hosting opportunities.

Greenheart Exchange's mission is to promote cultural understanding, academic development, environmental consciousness and world peace. Since 1985, Greenheart Exchange has offered cultural exchange programs in the U.S. that connect Americans with international students, such as high school exchange, short-term group homestay, internships, and seasonal work. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of State as an official exchange visitor program sponsor.

As the leading nonprofit cultural exchange

sponsor that blends service learning and volunteerism into all of its programs, Greenheart Exchange is effectively creating a community of compassionate and conscious global citizens. Greenheart Exchange is one of three branches of Greenheart International, a nonprofit committed to connecting people and planet to create a more peaceful and sustainable global community.

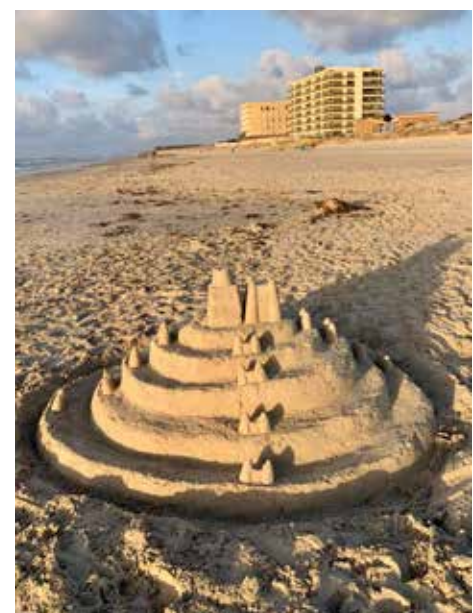
Area Coordinator John Lembo, who lives on Padre Island, will provide regular communication and support to both host families and students. For more information, please contact John Lembo at 361-704-4920 or email him at padreisland.greenheart@outlook.com and visit the web at <https://www.hostwithgreenheart.org>

Brent Rourk

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Writers From All Over America
Will Visit Padre In June

Writers, artists and publishers from all sections of America will be guests of the Padre Island Convention and Park authorities in June, when they convene in Corpus Christi for the English Island Southern Writers Conference and the activities of the Corpus Christi Fine Arts Center.

Discussed during the week, marine artists, artists and writers are on the program of the five-day conference. Among the featured Continental writers and literary artists will be: Herman, Ramo, J. Frank Dobson, Fred Gossett, Southern Book and Book Center, Robert G. Taylor, Cathy will spend the writing contest in the Corpus Christi studios, according to Mrs. Harold Ward. The Corpus Christi studio opens in June and art or craft or writing with writing coffee given to students. Friday, June 15, will be the opening of the writing contest. Local authors, poets: Elton O'Hara, water color, and book reviews.

The Southern Conference will also have more than \$1,000 in prizes this year too.

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BEACHCOMBING IN A MAGIC SETTING

Down Padre Island, about three miles from the Gulf Park fishing pier, there is a beachcomber's shack built of driftwood. It is the home of Jerry and Jean Mayfield, and the last outpost on this land of "magnificent distances."

Jerry is a World War II veteran. Jean is a poet. Nothing could induce them to leave Padre. They live a contented and inspiring existence, fishing, shell-collecting, beachcombing, writing--watching the moon come out of the gulf and spread its enchantment over the dunes.

"There is a dune near our place from which one can see a thousand changing views," Jean says. "The sky, sea and dunes all change from hour to hour, and day to day. Coyotes sometimes surround us at night. . . . This would frighten some people. It's a bit rugged, but after living in big cities, it has compensations."

The artist for Ford Times magazine spotted this particular dune recently when he was doing some water-color sketches of (Continued on Page 15)

Land Mines Saved Corpus Christi

So we think land mines are a necessary evil? It is true that our country of the United States has land mines and that they are used to defend our shores. But it is not the land mines that saved Corpus Christi. It was the land mines that saved the city from the hands of the enemy.

The beautiful site upon which Corpus Christi is today, located upon the dunes, was made possible and saved by the land mines that were laid down in 1849. The land mines were laid down by the United States Army. They were laid down to protect the city from the hands of the enemy.

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NEW PADRE ISLAND SONG PUBLISHED

The song, "My Padre Island Dream," was introduced during the Surf Day celebration on Padre Island, May 21

The song was written by Mrs. Marjorie Fuson, former Hebronville resident who recently moved to Three Rivers.

The first public performance of the song was part of the Surf Day program. Mary Clemmer Boeckman, Corpus Christi soloist introduced it over a radio broadcast emanating from the Gulf Park.

The words and music for the song were completed by Mrs. Fuson some time ago, final piano arrangements being made by members of the music school at Del Mar College. Allen McCord, Padre Island News staff artist, drew the sheet music cover design. Copies of the song are available at music stores and at the Padre Grill in Padre Island Gulf Park.

AMATEUR CAMERA CONTEST STILL OPEN

Camera-like etching on the wind-ridged slope of a Padre dune, taken by Carl Graf, Caller-Times staff photographer.

Amateur camera fans will be pleased to learn that the Padre Island photo contest, sponsored by radio station KRIS has been extended until June to allow more entries. Any subject is acceptable, but it must be taken on Padre Island. Mail entries to Jack Lozier, c/o Radio Station KRIS, Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Famous Padre Island Causeway

Built in less than a year at a cost of nearly \$1 million, the Padre Island Causeway has become one of the most important transportation routes in the entire Southwest. It connects the Naval Air Station and extends across the shallow waters of Laguna Madre for approximately four miles.

It opened on June 17, 1950, and 195,000 cars, carrying a half million people, have rolled over it.

The causeway is a marvel of modern engineering. It is a single, continuous concrete structure, built by the use of a new method of construction. The causeway was constructed from sand, silt and shell dredged from the bottom. The length of the causeway is 1,500 feet, and the width is 12 to 20 feet in depth.

The first bridge the visitor comes to cross is the Hebronville Causeway. This is an impressive concrete bridge with walls and dikes and connecting with the International Causeway. The second bridge is the International Causeway. This is a concrete bridge, built by the use of a new method of construction. The causeway was constructed from sand, silt and shell dredged from the bottom. The length of the causeway is 1,500 feet, and the width is 12 to 20 feet in depth.

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"Doc" McGregor, one of the best known and liked photographers in this area, has recently installed new "color" camera equipment in his studios. With this equipment (which is exclusive with the McGregor Studios in Corpus Christi "Doc" takes "true-color" photographs glowing with the rich harmonies of real life colors, almost as inexpensively as old style black and white pictures.

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This family made the trip from Waxahachie near Dallas to enjoy the beach. Photo by Mary Craft.

Short-Term cont. from A1

Island residents the prohibition on STR in Island neighborhoods is popular with Island homeowners.

"I can tell you right now they (the people on The Island) like what you've done," Hunter said.

Concerns were raised during the council discussion Tuesday regarding restrictions of property rights in areas of the city other than Padre Island and Flour Bluff where the number of STR would be allowed but only in limited numbers.

District 4 City Councilman Greg Smith said that the new ordinance is an expansion of property rights in those areas since no STR are currently allowed to operate legally.

"What we're talking about is an expansion of property rights since it is now not legal," Smith. "Allowing them in the areas that want them is an expansion on what they are allowed to do now."

Since the beginning of the STR discussions at city hall in early 2021 Smith has consistently emphasized to council members that Island residents do not want them in residentially zoned neighborhoods.

City Attorney Miles Risley was asked why STR could be prohibited entirely in Island residential neighborhoods while allowed in other similar neighborhoods across the city under the new ordinance.

"The Island is unique and different and one of the things is that The Island is against it (in residential neighborhoods). The Island is a tourist destination and Short-Term Rentals could change the lifestyle there," Risley said.

Under the parameters of the new ordinance as outlined Tuesday STRs would continue to be allowed in areas of Padre Island zoned for multifamily use, even if they are surrounded by residentially zoned areas. The new ordinance would not affect residences located inside Planned Use Developments such as multifamily developments nor on the east side of SPID where STR would continue to be allowed in non-residentially zoned areas.

STR operations in the remainder of the city are currently regulated by Section 5.2.24 of the

Unified Development Code which states: *Single-family units in a single-family zoning district cannot be rented for less than a one-month period.*

UDC does not prohibit STR use in other zoning districts, therefore the use is permitted in all multifamily and commercial districts.

The proposed ordinance drew a cross-section of comments from council members.

"My concern is how we enforce this," At-Large Councilman Mike Pusley said. "If you add an exception policy (to increase the number of STR in a given neighborhood) that just opens a can of worms. Where to you stop? Why is The Island exempt? How can we just say Padre Island gets a pass? Couldn't the homeowners in my neighborhood do that? It is important for us to get this right and we need to be fair to our friends in the hotel and motel business who are paying the Hotel Occupancy Tax and the operators of Short-Term Rentals are not."

At-Large Council Member John Martinez and District 3 Council member Roland Barrera spoke against allowing a percentage of houses in residential neighborhoods.

"I don't see how we can keep track of that," Barrera said.

Under the current schedule the comment period for the new ordinance runs through June 6 with a final reading by council on July 11.

PID cont. from A1

recruitment, development, recreation, and cultural enhancement;

(9) payment of expenses incurred in the establishment, administration and operation of the District; and

(10) payment of expenses associated with financing such public improvement projects, which may include but are not limited to, costs associated with issuance and sale of revenue bonds secured by assessments levied against the Property (collectively, the Authorized Improvements). These Authorized Improvements shall promote the interests of the City and confer a special benefit on the property with the District.

Sources say that crews are expected to begin excavation at the site in early June.

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Stakeholders cont. from A1

The city staff is now working on a draft of the ordinance, taking into consideration the feedback received from the STR Stakeholder Advisory Group and best practices from Texas and across the country.

The members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group are as follows:

- Harris, Alex
- Real Estate Developer
- Gonzalez, Elke
- Realtors Association
- Balzer, Polly
- ISAC Representative
- Bliss, Amanda
- STR Property Operator
- Villagran, Denise
- Texas Association of Benefit Administrators
- Dunne, John
- STR Property Operator
- Suggs, Robert
- STR Property Operator
- Agan, Barbara
- Laguna Madre Cove Resident
- Salazar-Garza, Cynthia
- Planning Commission Member
- Cantu, Ruby
- STR Property Operator
- Taubman, Andy
- STR Property Operator
- Husby, Hannah
- Visit Corpus Christi
- Duffley, Charles
- ISAC Representative
- Jones, Marvin
- PIPOA President
- Tiffin, Thomas
- Woodraver
- Barber, Mike
- Kings Crossing
- Kasprzyk, Gene
- Morningside

Around cont. from A1

up taxes for residents forcing many to leave; something not mentioned by the spokesperson for the Corpus Christi Board of Realtors.

The second source of pressure – more quietly – comes from backers of the expansion of the downtown convention center which is currently under study and will come up for a council vote by the end of 2022. They see dollars signs in Island Short-Term Rentals through the Hotel Occupancy Tax and the money can be used to fund the convention center. Neither of these groups has the interest of Islanders at heart and they are putting pressure on the City Council to turn Island homes into weekend party hostels in spite of our clear and stated objections and they have stacked the city's advisory committee on Short-Term Rentals with their backers to give council members political cover when the vote on the new ordinance comes up in July.

Keep in mind that as we sit here today more than 600 new houses are coming to the old waterpark site on Padre Island and most will be Short-Term Rentals that will generate funds for the Hotel Occupancy Tax. At some point in the not too distant future the Commodores Cove II development across Aquarius Drive will do the same, as will the development around Lake Padre. Islanders have no objection to Short-Term Rentals at any of those locations where buyers know what they are getting when they purchase. The same goes for the entire area of Padre Island on the Gulf side where Short-Term Rentals have been in place for years and no one is objecting there either. In fact, under the new ordinance there will be a Short-Term Rentals in multi-family properties that are surrounded by residential neighborhoods all over Padre Island. No one is objecting to those.

So there will be no shortage of Short-Term Rental accommodations on Padre Island and they will generate more than the one-quarter of the \$20 million in Hotel Occupancy Tax across the city which they now do. But for the usurpers of the Island lifestyle that is not enough. They want more and they are putting pressure on the city council and based on what we saw Tuesday almost all of the council is waffling.

We are also not objecting to Short-Term Rentals in neighborhoods in other parts of the city. We don't care. Let the residents there decide for themselves just like we have done and hopefully the city council will pay more attention to them than they are to us.

Participatory Democracy only works in a Republic if the people elected to office listen to the people who put them there and after what we saw Tuesday that process has broken down at city hall under the pressure of money.

This comes down to a very simple question that we need to pose to each and every council member and the mayor right now: Will you vote in favor of any ordinance that allows Short-Term Rentals in areas of Padre Island zoned for single-family use? This is visceral and existential. Nothing less than our lifestyle is at stake.

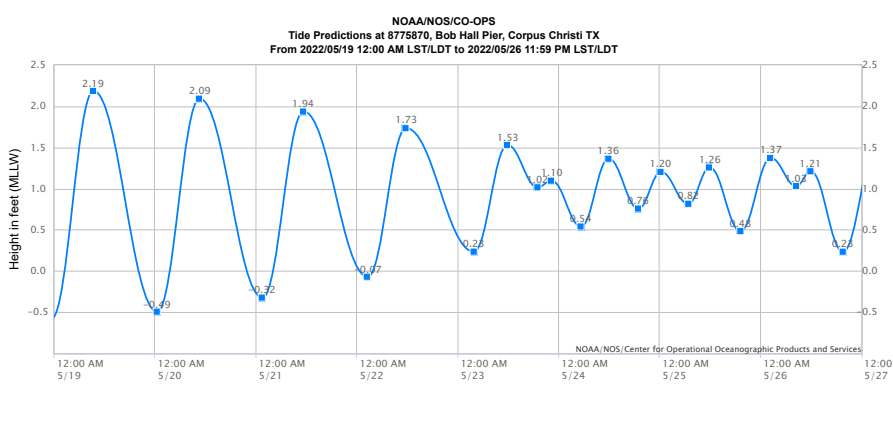
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Tides of the Week

Tides for Bob Hall Pier May 19 - May 26

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon	Time	% Moon Visible
Th 19	High	9:13 AM	2.3	6:38 AM 8:13 PM	Set	9:52 AM	90
F 20	Low	12:14 AM	-0.6	6:37 AM 8:14 PM	Rise	12:30 AM	82
F 20	High	10:21 AM	2.1		Set	11:00 AM	
Sa 21	Low	1:19 AM	-0.4	6:37 AM 8:14 PM	Rise	1:21 AM	72
Sa 21	High	11:15 AM	2.0		Set	12:08 PM	
Su 22	Low	2:31 AM	-0.2	6:36 AM 8:15 PM	Rise	2:05 AM	61
Su 22	High	11:49 AM	1.8		Set	1:13 PM	
M 23	Low	3:51 AM	0.2	6:36 AM 8:15 PM	Rise	2:43 AM	50
M 23	High	12:03 PM	1.5		Set	2:15 PM	
M 23	Low	6:40 PM	1.0				
M 23	High	9:53 PM	1.1				
Tu 24	Low	5:16 AM	0.5	6:36 AM 8:16 PM	Rise	3:17 AM	39
Tu 24	High	12:04 PM	1.3		Set	3:13 PM	
Tu 24	Low	6:45 PM	0.7				
W 25	High	12:21 AM	1.2	6:35 AM 8:16 PM	Rise	3:48 AM	29
W 25	Low	6:44 AM	0.8		Set	4:10 PM	
W 25	High	12:00 PM	1.2				
W 25	Low	7:06 PM	0.4				
Th 26	High	2:18 AM	1.4	6:35 AM 8:17 PM	Rise	4:18 AM	20
Th 26	Low	8:15 AM	1.0		Set	5:05 PM	
Th 26	High	11:53 AM	1.2				
Th 26	Low	7:34 PM	0.1...				



25 Years Ago this Month in the Island Moon



Seawall Bill Passes in State Senate

The Texas Senate last week passed and sent on to the Governor, a bill which should finally solve the tangled problems resulting from erosion of the beach in front of the seawall.

Under the bill, property owners along the seawall agree to set aside a portion land on the wall near Portofino Condominiums for public parking and public access to the beach and seawall.

In exchange, the owners are guaranteed the right to legally build and repair properties along the seawall which have become too close to the mean tide line as a result of beach erosion.

The agreement was described as a "win-win" situation for both property owners and the public. The Governor is expected to sign the bill into law.

Kemp's Ridley Turtles Begin Nesting In Seashore

by Mike Ellis

Donna Shaver, research biologist at the National Seashore, reports that the first sea turtle nest of the year was found in the National Seashore on May 8th. The endangered Kemp's ridley eggs were discovered by Cynthia Rubio, a member of the Seashore Turtle Patrol, who found tracks leading to the nest on the beach, about 1/4 mile north of the 15 mile marker in the 4-wheel drive area.

A total of 102 eggs were removed from the nest and taken to the incubation center at the Ranger Station, where they will remain until they hatch around the first of July. At that time, the baby turtles will be taken to the beach in the protected area of the Seashore and released at sunrise. The public will be invited to watch the release of the fledgling turtles, which are roughly the size of a half dollar, as they scramble toward the rising sun and into the water.

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Donna Shaver, research biologist at the National Seashore is shown here last summer releasing baby Kemp's ridley sea turtles hatched from a nest found on the Island. In about six weeks, this scene will be repeated when the hatchlings from the eggs found two weeks ago are released at the Seashore.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

For the nearly 10,000 permanent residents of Padre Island the home they bought here is often the largest single purchase they have ever made. The usual concerns apply; property taxes, streets, traffic, and in our case beaches.

So as we drive over the first half of the newly completed Water Exchange Bridge and get a bird's eye view of all that is going on our Island it is natural, and in my opinion a natural right, to know what is coming. If the good information vacuum goes unfilled it is filled with chat room speculation that enters the echo chamber and over time the speculation become accepted fact that is in fact error and produces counter-productive and often damaging discourse.

I say that to come to this point; a lack of transparency policy has developed at the City of Corpus Christi that continues to contribute to this problem and needs to be addressed as our Island moves forward. Specifically, the secrecy that has sprung up around applications for Planned Use Development permits by private developers. Let me be clear, the fault is not with the private developers, it is with the way information they present to the city staff is kept secret.

A two-pronged approach

First the process. There are currently three large developments going through permitting at the city; the Lake Padre area, the Whitecap Preserve at the old waterpark site, and the area between Aquarius and the Laguna Madre known as Commodores Cove II.

The first step in the process is to submit platting documents showing where streets, water and sewer lines, and lots, etc. will be located. These documents are not required to include plans or drawings for vertical structures, only where streets and lots will be located. This allows site work to begin which is the status of the work around Lake Padre underway now. That platting plan was submitted several years ago and has been in the city's possession since but not made public.

Across the road from there the two property owners at the Whitecap and the Commodores Cove II developments have submitted those same platting documents as part of their applications to establish a Public Improvement Districts (PID) which allow them to levy a tax on the future buyers of their property to pay for infrastructure. The first of the PID for the Whitecap project was approved this week and the fee to begin the application process for the Commodores Cove II was accepted. These are the first two PIDS ever created in the City of Corpus Christi and as a result of being new have created a de facto policy that we will get to in a second.

A PID and a PUD...

What is not new is the use of Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning which allows for mixed-use zoning inside a designated geographic area. These have been in use for years and in fact already exist for some of the Island land about to be developed, but the old PUDs will be replaced by new ones to allow for changes in plans for the various sites.

The new wrinkle is that applications for PIDs, because they are fiscal instruments and do not pertain to zoning, go straight to the Corpus Christi City Council while applications for PUDs must go the Planning Commission before going to the council. The question at hand is when to release the platting documents submitted with the PID applications to the public. As stated above the city staff currently holds platting documents for all three of the developments but by policy does not release them to the public when the PID applications go to the council. Instead, they hold them secret until the application is submitted for the PUD, which in the case of the Commodores Cove II development could be years leaving the Islanders in the dark about what is coming.

In the case of the Commodores Cove II an old plan drawn up by the previous owner prior to the land changing hands in 2018 bankruptcy proceedings has surfaced and believed by some to be the plan for the site; it is not. That plan was scrapped and a new one drawn up the new owners Axys Capital, and filed as required with the city as part of the PID application accepted this week. The problem is the city refuses to release it unless and until a PUD application is filed with the Zoning Commission.

Public Information

Two months ago I submitted an Open Records Request with the city for the PID filings for the Whitecap Preserve project. Several weeks later I received a copy of a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's office stating that the PID documents were public and I got a copy about the same time they were included in a city council agenda that made them public anyway. But the PID documents are legalese describing the structure of the PID but the platting documents, showing the footprint of what is planned, were not included in the released information because the city staff considers them part of the PUD application and therefore held private.

Let me digress here to say that the developers of the Diamond Beach Holdings to their credit released a copy of their plans for the Whitecap Preserve early in the process and that has proven to be a good plan and has prevented misinformation from taking over. It is the action of a good neighbor. But the platting document included in their eventual PUD application - submitted as part of the PID application but considered by the city staff to be part of the PUD application - has been kept secret by city staff.

You can't see it

Last week I went to the city's Development Services offices and asked to see the platting document for the Whitecap Preserve. I was ushered into an office and allowed to look over the shoulder of a city employee while he scrolled through the sixty-plus page document. I can confirm a few things; number one it exists, number two it shows the location of the new canals to be cut and the array of the lots surrounding them. Beyond that I can't say because I was instructed that I could not scroll through the document on my own, I could not get a copy, and I was not allowed to take photos of the plan from the computer screen. I was informed it would become public when the application for a Planned Unit Development application is filed with the Zoning Commission.

So this week I filed an Open Records Request for the documents filed for both the Whitecap Reserve, Commodores Cove II development, and for Lake Padre all of which include the platting documents. We will see what comes back.

A matter of policy

Again, this is not a problem with the private owners, they are submitting what is required and it is up to the city to decide when to tell the public what is coming and right now the answer seems arbitrary. What I am not clear on is who exactly made this policy; if it came down from the City Manager's office or whether it grew up organically from the city staff which does not want to do something that could blow up in their face. Specifically the question is whether platting documents submitted for whatever reason can be held secret until a PUD application is submitted. Right now the answer is that they are held secret and that leaves homeowners on Padre Island wondering what some of the new neighborhoods are going to look like. This is a matter of policy and by design policy is made by the Corpus Christi City Council and not by staff.

As we sit here today the policy is not one of transparency.



Sunny Side Up By Lu Ann Kingsbury.

Senior Moments



By Dotson Lewis
Special to the Island Moon

The Lewis and Clark Story Part 1

Dotson's Note: In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson won approval from Congress for a visionary project that was to become one of American history's greatest adventure stories. Jefferson wanted to know if Americans could journey overland to the Pacific Ocean by following two rivers, the Missouri and the Columbia. Both rivers flowed from the Rocky Mountains, he knew; the Missouri flows east from the Rockies and the Columbia flows west to the Pacific Ocean. If the sources of the rivers were near one another, Jefferson reasoned that American Traders could use that route to compete with British fur companies pressing southward from Canada.



President Thomas Jefferson

On February 28, 1803, Congress appropriated funds for a small Army unit to explore the Missouri and Columbia Rivers. The explorers were to make detailed reports on the land's geography, climate, plants, animals, as well as to study the customs and languages of the Indians. Plans for the Expedition were almost complete when the President learned that France had offered to sell all of Louisiana Territory to the United States. This transfer, which was completed within a year, doubled the area of the United States. It meant that Jefferson's army Expedition could travel to the crest of the Rockies on American soil, no longer needing permission from the former French owners.



Meriwether Lewis

Jefferson selected an Army captain, 28-year-old Meriwether Lewis, as the Expedition's leader. Lewis was born August 18, 1774, as a boy, he had spent time in the woods acquiring a remarkable knowledge of native plants and animals. In 1794, he joined the Virginia Militia. He had a successful army career when, in 1801, the newly elected Jefferson summoned him to work as his private secretary in the "President's House."



William Clark.

Lewis chose a former Army comrade, 32-year-old William Clark, to be co-leader of the Expedition. Clark was born August 1, 1770, in Caroline County, Virginia. At the age of 14, his family moved to Kentucky, where they were among the earliest settlers. William served under General "Mad Anthony" Wayne during the Indian wars in the Northwest Territory.

In preparing for the Expedition, Lewis visited President Jefferson's scientific associates in Philadelphia for instruction in natural sciences, astronomical navigation and field medicine. He also was given a list of questions about their daily lives to ask the American Indians that they would meet. During these preparations Lewis, for \$20, purchased Seaman, his "dog of the Newfoundland breed" to accompany him to the Pacific.

Lewis and Clark reached their staging point at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers near St. Louis in December 1803. They camped for the winter at the mouth of Wood River, on the Illinois side of the Mississippi, opposite the entrance to the Missouri River. The two captains recruited young woodsmen and enlisted soldiers who volunteered from nearby army outposts. Over the winter final selections were made of proven men. In the spring, the Expedition's roster comprised of approximately 45 people, including some military personnel and local boatmen who would go part way up the Missouri with the Expedition. Lewis recorded that the mouth of Wood River was "to be considered the point of departure" for the westward journey.

The Expedition broke camp on May 14, 1804. Clark wrote in his journal: "I set out at

4 o'clock P.M. and proceeded on under a jentle brease up the Missouri." The party traveled in a 55-foot-long keelboat and two smaller boats, called "pirogues." Through the long, hot summer they laboriously worked their way upriver. Numerous navigational hazards, including sunken trees called "sawyers," sand bars, collapsing river banks, and sudden squalls of high winds with drenching rains slowed their progress. There were other problems, including disciplinary floggings, two desertions, a man dishonorably discharged for mutiny, and the death of Sgt. Charles Floyd, the only member to die during the Expedition. In modern day South Dakota, a band of Teton Sioux tried to detain the boats, but the explorers showed their



Fort Question

superior armaments and sailed on.

Early in November, they came to the villages of the Mandan and Minitari (Hidatsa) Indians, who lived near present-day Washburn, North Dakota. On the north bank of the Missouri River, they found a grove of stout cottonwood trees for construction of a log fort. Standing close together, the trees also offered protection from the prairie winds.

In four weeks of hard work, the men built a triangular shaped fort. Rows of small huts made up two sides; a wall of upright cottonwood logs formed the front. They named it Fort Mandan, in honor of the local inhabitants. The party was now 164 days and approximately 1,510 miles distant from Wood River.

The explorers spent five months at Fort Mandan, hunting and obtaining information about the route ahead from the Indians and French-Canadian traders who lived nearby. The Expedition's blacksmiths set up a forge and made tools and implements, which were traded for the American Indian's garden crops of corn, melons and beans. A French-Canadian named Toussaint Charbonneau visited the captains with



Lewis and Clark keelboat

his young pregnant Shoshone wife, Sacagawea.

Sacagawea's tribal homeland lay in the Rocky Mountain country far to the west. She had been kidnapped by plains Indians five years before, when she was about twelve years old, and taken to the villages of the Mandan and Minitari, where she was eventually sold to Charbonneau. Sacagawea spoke both Shoshone and Minitari, and the captains realized that she could be a valuable intermediary if the party encountered the Shoshones. They also knew that she and Charbonneau could be helpful in trading for the horses that would be needed to cross the western mountains. In addition, Sacagawea and her baby would prove to be a token of truce, assuring the Indians that the Expedition was peaceful.

TO BE CONTINUED

Dotson's Other Note: Clark later noted this while descending the Columbia River, "No woman ever accompanies a war party of Indians in this quarter." As a result, the captains hired Charbonneau, who was joined by Sacagawea and their infant son Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, born at Fort Mandan, February 11, 1805. The boy became a favorite of Clark, whom he nicknamed "Pomp," citing his pompous "little dancing boy" antics. Your comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or dlewis1@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Weekly Veterans Round Table Meetings are on Tuesdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 - 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397...It's your two hours, please let us hear from you.



By Del Smith

I am sure all you folks enjoying all this current hot spell that has suddenly dropped in on us these past few days. – Oh!, You aren't, huh? --- Welcome to South Texas and it's constant summer time swelter as evidenced by something I wrote back in 1998;

Man, oh man! Has it ever been hot lately. But I am quite sure that I need not inform you of this very obvious situation. However, I do suppose that there are people that who could be unaware of this sweltering heat. Those few whom that forever live in an air-conditioned environment and never ever leave the same. It would seem to me that these few cool souls would have to be conscious of the increased noise of constantly running compressors and such. Would not the sharply rising cost of these electrical bill give them a clue to the existence of this oppressive heat? And, somehow, I cannot visualize any of these few not being aware, from all the available news medias, with all the tales of heat stroke death, parched farmlands, numbers of days without rain and days with plus 95 degree temperatures. To be this unaware, almost sounds like someone that is in solitary confinement in an air-conditioned prison! Doesn't it? ---- Well not really, for those solitary folks don't have to pay for those expensive electric bills. ----- Let alone pay for anything else. – Time is the only currency in those prison cells.

Now listen people I don't anybody getting ideas about this and I start to hear about a sharply rising crime wave of people wanting to languish in the cool, quiet comfort of a solitary cell, just to save money! --- Trust me! You can take the heat. Stay out of jail! It just isn't worth it. ---- Humm? But, then again you would be able to get away from all this Bill and Monica stuff. ---- Nah, I think that would be too drastic way to beat the heat. I'll take the freedom and live with all the sweat. -- And apply a deaf ear to all the tales of stained dresses and improperly used cigars. Thank you, very much!

The Barnacle Line

Actually, surprising as it may seem, this is the type of weather that I really enjoy sailing my boat. Light Easterly breezes, that make for very relaxed passages and calm anchorages. Should the daytime breeze be too light to cool you off, a little "going-to-weather" can always increase the wind over the deck and through the bimini shaded cockpit, where I would be residing.

But am I doing that now? – No, instead I am standing in an "under-construction" hatch on the bow of the boat, with the sun beating down on my head, looking frantically around for a way to wipe away the sweat that is pouring into my eyes. Knowing that the last thing I want to use is my epoxy and sawdust covered hands. And the need to ignore this stinging, burning fluid flooding my orbs is brought on by the knowledge that that pot of epoxy is about to "kick" off, completely destroying the last four hours of work, if it is not completely applied!

MOMMA! AM I HAVING "FUN", YET?

Also, I have this sneaking suspicion that somehow this current weather pattern is all my fault. You know, just because I want to be cruising in weather like this, the weather gods are giving me the right stuff to make all this sawdust so I can apply this pot of epoxy, making the boat look like a construction site for a skyscraper. I have this firm belief that as soon as I have the boat completed enough to take it out sailing, the skies will open up, pouring rain and the winds will blow strongly from the direction that I want to sail to. ---- BUMMER!!

You don't suppose that I am being a little paranoid here? Do you? ---- Nah! Just being realistic.

But, in the meantime, I will still be slaving away in this sun and heat, like some desert slave, with the goal of going sailing before the cold, winter winds howl. And when they do howl we will have a whole other weather topic of conversation to while away our time. ----- Won't we now?



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Did Ya Hear?

By Mary Craft
mkay512@aol.com

Business Briefs

Chick-fil-A is coming to Flour Bluff at the corner of Flour Bluff Drive and Frontage Road. The fast food chain purchased the property several years ago and demolished the Mexican restaurant that was there. A construction bid was accepted in late March so I would assume the permit process has begun.

The Marker 37 Marina food trailer will be serving oysters smoked, grilled and raw this weekend. These dishes will be on the Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar menu. Hours are Friday 4 - 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am - 6 pm. Country singer Kelly Kenning who has released two albums and one single will be onstage Friday 7 - 10 pm with no cover charge. While at the marina you can enjoy corn hole, giant Connect Four game, deck shuffleboard, horseshoes and volleyball.



Connect Four game at Marker 37 Marina.

Chef Joe Brock who has appeared on the Food Channel is now at Scuttlebutt's and you can enjoy his personal specials like the Viet Cajun Clam Linguine. They have a new bar on the patio that is pet friendly and you can grab a water bowl and get pet treats.

The 10.3 acres at the southwest corner of Whitecap and SPID is zoned resort commercial and is for sale for \$2.5 million. There is 7.73 acres of designated wetlands. Also, a road right-of-way is not included. I'm not sure what that means to be not included. A right of way is that the public have a right for passage through your property.



12 acres for sale on Whitecap & SPID

The Island Blast Fireworks will hopefully take place on Sunday, July 3rd but that depends on donations. The cost has more than doubled since our last display. The funds are being handled by the non-profit organization Island Foundation. Donations can be made online at <https://givebutter.com/islandblast>. Let's make it happen!

The Delite Food Truck in front of the Island Market IGA is now open and hours are 8 am - 4 pm Thursday - Monday and closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Mediterranean dishes and breakfast items are on the menu.

The Padre Island Art Gallery was started by Debra Nichols about two years ago and has become part of our Island community. Debra and her husband have sold their home and are moving the end of June. She is looking for someone to take over the gallery so if you are interested call 817-279-2167. The gallery is having their Fiesta Sip & Shop on Friday, May 20th 5 - 7:30 pm with Margaritas, munchies and music.

Padre Island Farmers Market will be at the Island Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 19th 4 - 9 pm.

Sandi from Sandi's Diner is renting the former Hamlin Pharmacy & Fountain and hopes to open by July 1st. The grill line and counter seating will remain. Sandi's Diner on Ayers opened in 2013 and looks like a 1960s diner with retro items throughout. The new location will be called Sandi's Diner: A Step Back in Time.

Jurassic Quest is the largest and most realistic dinosaur exhibit in the country and some of them are rideable. It will be at Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds June 10 - 12. Buying tickets in advance is recommended and don't forget it to bring socks for the kids if they would like to go in the inflatable's.

The Peddler Show Tour is in its 45th year and will be at RMB Fairgrounds in Robstown on May 20 - 22. Admission is \$5.

The outlet mall in Robstown goes on auction May 20th and bidding starts at \$7.5 million.

The 74th Annual Shrimporree in Aransas Pass will be held June 10 - 12. There will be food, vendor's carnival games and much more. The featured musical guest is Pat Green.

CC Public Library in conjunction with the Padre Island/Flour Bluff Rotary Club is hosting a mobile library at St. Andrew by

the Sea parking lot 3 - 6 pm on Thursday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 25th. After that it will be held every other Wednesday. Books can be checked out for two weeks and library cards can be issued there.

Diana Homes is one of three finalists in the state for "Best Whole Home Renovation" by the Texas Association of Builders.

Laguna Shores Road is now fully open.

Cody Jinks will be at Concrete Street Theater on Friday May 20th 6 pm. Tickets start at \$30.

Hurricane Alley Waterpark is open weekends and starting May 29th will be open daily. The hours are 11 am - 8 pm.

Clem's Marina has the only piers on the Island that you can fish from. It is located under the bridge. The fee is \$3/ person and \$1/rod and they sell bait, snacks and souvenirs. Paradise Pier at Marker 37



Clem's Bait Shop piers.

Marina is to enjoy experiencing but just fishing events are done there.

The May Padre Island Poker run benefits the Riley P Dog Park and the theme is Plants for the ark. Now that the city has given the park access to free water they can begin planting trees and shrubs. Drought resistant easy to grow plants like esperanza, plumbago and lantana as well as Palo Verde trees would be best suited. There will be some plants at the event to purchase and donate to the park but gift cards to plant nurseries are also welcome. The event is next Thursday May 26th.

The 25th Rockport Wine Festival will be held on Saturday, May 28th 2 - 11 pm on the grounds of the Texas Maritime Museum.



Rockport Wine Festival at the Texas Maritime Museum.

There will be wine tasting, live music, and local cuisine and specialty vendors.

The 5th Annual CC Food & Wine Festival will be held at Heritage Park on Saturday, November 19th and the music headliner will be Stoney LaRue.

The 45th Annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon will begin at 7 am on Saturday, May 21st but drivers will start bringing runners to the start of the race before that. The race starts on the beach at Zahn Road. -There will be more than 15,000 runners so stay home.

The Island Subway hours are still reduced to 10 am - 7 pm and closed Sundays due to staffing issues. They do not serve breakfast at this location.

Island Market IGA will now carry sushi rolls regularly. They come with wasabi, ginger and soy sauce and are in the Grab & Go back corner.

The Waterline under Doc's musical guests are Dave's Duo on Friday and Flat Broke, who play some reggae type music, on Saturday. Both nights the entertainers play 7:30 - 10:30 pm.

Smugglers Cove is a 44 unit condo development being built at the end of Windward Drive near Access Road 3A. The last sections to be started are the two story units at the corner. Expected completion is around the end of the year depending on supplies coming in.

Island History Tidbit:

Isle Mail & More opened in 1991 in Big Shell Plaza where the Island Time Restaurant is now located. The owners were Jerry and Gladys Choyke who were very involved in the Island community. It has changed hands about five times since then. In 2006 Vida Dulce Gift Shop was added and in 2008 it was expanded and a coffee shop was added.



Isle Mail & More opened in 1991. Original owner Gladys Choyke is second from the left.

Island Carpet went into the Big Shell spot after Isle Mail & More left and remained several years. A small grocery store was next but that was short lived.

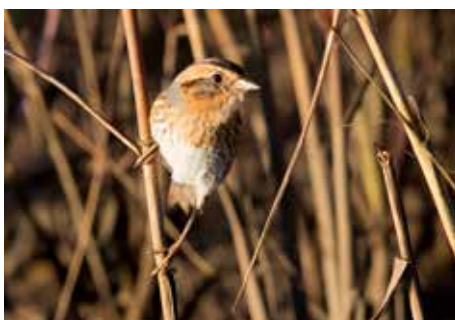
Nature Notes

Hidden Bird Life in the Coastal Marshes

by Martin Hagne

The habitats of the coastal areas along the Gulf of Mexico are diverse with wildlife, and bird species in particular are very abundant. From the ever-present gulls to the much less noticed wrens, the ancient looking Brown Pelican and the tall and stately Great Blue Heron. Just a bit further inland lives a whole different group of birds such as the raptors and songbirds. This huge species diversity is due to the several "layers" of habitat types that starts with the ocean at the Gulf and moves inland from there.

It goes something like this: the ocean waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the beach shoreline, the sand dunes, the coastal marshes and wetlands, the coastal prairies, and eventually the bottomland forests. The coastal marshes and wetlands, coastal prairies, and bottomland forests are also intersected by numerous bayous, sloughs, and rivers adding more habitat types. No wonder our birdlife is so diverse.



Nelsons Sparrow.

One type of habitat that is less known is the coastal marshes and wetlands. Unless you are a biologist or you birdwatch, hunt, or explore, there is not much reason to visit such places. They may even look uninviting, and most are privately owned and off-limits. But in them live many bird species that thrive in these harsh environments.

As you move inland, the salty coastal environment is eventually mixed with fresh water from the bayous, rivers and rainfall. Here the habitat changes into the freshwater

marshes with ponds and winding bayous. The freshwater and slight elevation change allows for an entirely different plant life to thrive. The dominant species are smooth cordgrass and sea ox-eye daisy. Others include sedges, rushes, grasses, and small woody shrubs.

As hostile as this environment seems, many bird species call it home. These are often very secretive birds, never leaving the confines of the marshy land and very thick plant life which they use for cover. With a little luck and knowledge, you can spy some of the following species.

Sedge Wrens and Marsh Wrens are some of the tiniest birds here. They sport cryptic brown plumages and flit deep in the grasses, at times landing in the open for a brief glimpse. As with most of these coastal marsh birds they are best detected when they call or sing. There are several species of rails here also. In sized order they are King, Clapper, Virginia, Sora, Yellow, and Black Rail as the smallest. The last two are super hard to find as they are the most secretive. Very few birders ever get to add them to their life list of birds seen.

A few sparrows also call these places home. Nelson's Sparrow and Seaside Sparrow are about as cryptic as wrens and behave much the same. Once again, the call alerts you to their presence. One warbler, the Common Yellowthroat, is fairly common in these environs and it can be seen along the edges near water at times. Even with it being common and quite colorful, it can be hard to find due its cryptic and skulking behaviors.

These are just a few of the many bird species that thrive in the coastal marshes, which just shows how diverse such habitats are. With increasing development, we humans are encroaching into these "bad lands" along the coast. As we study these birds at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory we see less and less suitable habitat for them, and it's important to conserve large tracts of these lands for our avian friends, and all the other important creatures, living an already tough life.

Turtles are Nesting, Eggs are Incubating and Hatchling Releases are in Sight

by Maureen Hurlow

Friday the 13th was a lucky day for Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Starting at 8:08 in the morning, reports of sea turtle tracts and nesting turtles began arriving at the turtle lab. A synchronous nesting event called an Arribada had begun. At times reports were coming in 10 to 15 minutes

When an arribada occurs and many nests are laid, then 50 or so days later these nests hatch at various times throughout the night and early morning. When many nests are on the cusp of hatching, public releases are most likely. The approximate release dates for the Lucky Friday the 13th arribada are June 27-July 2.



The first group of mother turtles that nested in early May have a potential release window of June 16-20. So as of right now those are your two best windows of opportunity to be able to see the results of decades of conservation work at Padre Island National Seashore when baby Kemp's ridley hatchlings will be ready for their life's journey. More mother turtles will be nesting in the coming weeks through mid June. So more windows of opportunity will occur.

Hatchling Hotline automated telephone number is: (361) 949-7163. Also check

Facebook on Texas Sea Turtles Collaborative. The number of hatchling releases is likely to be significantly curtailed this year.

Watch for nesting turtles when you visit our beaches. If you see a turtle emerge from the water, stand back. Please do not disturb her or she may go back into the water without nesting. Help protect her from vehicles - she will be hard to see and cannot move out of the way. Immediately flag down a turtle patroller, park ranger or call us at 361-949-8173 ext. 226 or 228. If she digs a hole, wait until she starts crawling back toward the water and then carefully put something on top of the sand to mark that spot. Take photos or video if you can. Look for any metal tags on her flippers.

Turtle Count

As of 4:00 pm on 13 May, 14 Kemp's ridley nests were documented on the Texas coast, 4 on South Padre Island and 10 on North Padre Island at PAIS.

Total numbers of nests found this year, by species and area, have been updated below.

KEMP'S RIDLEY TURTLE

So far this year, 76 nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast including (north to south in state):

- 1 Bolivar Peninsula
- 0 Galveston Island
- 1 Brazoria County, N. of Surfside
- 0 Surfside Beach
- 0 Quintana Beach
- 0 Bryan Beach
- 0 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
- 0 Sargent Beach
- 2 Matagorda Peninsula
- 0 Matagorda Island
- 4 San Jose Island
- 4 Mustang Island
- 42 North Padre Island, including 40 at Padre Island National Seashore

- 18 South Padre Island
- 4 Boca Chica Beach

LOGGERHEAD TURTLE

So far this year, 1 nest has been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 1 North Padre Island, including 1 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 0 South Padre Island

GREEN TURTLE

So far this year, 0 nests has been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 0 North Padre Island, including 0 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 0 South Padre Island

LEATHERBACK TURTLE

So far this year, 0 nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 0 North Padre Island, including 0 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 0 South Padre Island

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



The Tragic Real-Life Story of Joe DiMaggio - Part 1

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Because of his intense work ethic and accomplishments on the field, DiMaggio was held to a high standard. As sportswriter Ryan Ferguson wrote, "the great DiMaggio was a construct of fable, a portrait of perfection created by an awestruck media and enriched by an adoring citizenry." For years, people saw the highlights, the winning scores, and the person that DiMaggio allowed them to see. On the field, he was a legend, but off the field, he suffered tragedies and made mistakes: He was flawed like any other person. Thanks to Branden C. Potter, Ben Cramer, Ryan Ferguson and the Baltimore Sun, for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio



There have been many great baseball players over the years who have reached the pinnacle of their talent and made a name for themselves in the game. However, there's only a handful who have left a legacy as memorable and a record as high as the New York Yankees' Joe DiMaggio. Nicknamed "Joltin' Joe" and "the Yankee Clipper," DiMaggio achieved a level of success many baseball players can only dream of by winning the Yankees nine World Series and ten pennants, and setting a record with his 56-game hitting streak, as per the Chicago Tribune.

Joseph Paul DiMaggio was born Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio on November 25, 1914, and was the son of Giuseppe and Rosalie DiMaggio, two Italian immigrants who came to America in 1898. According to Ryan Ferguson, when Joe was still a baby, the DiMaggio's moved to San Francisco, where his father, Giuseppe, worked hard as a fisherman. Giuseppe had hoped all his sons would follow the family's tradition of working as fishermen, but his children had different aspirations. Joe and two of his brothers, Vince and Dominic, would spend their time at the neighborhood sandlots and dreamed of making it as baseball players.

Joe would do anything he could to get away from having to smell dead fish and clean his father's boat. Giuseppe resented his sons' desire to work in another field, which went against the family's traditions and seemed unrealistic. Giuseppe would often call Joe "good for nothing" and did all he could to encourage him to be a fisherman. Eventually, Vince was signed to the San Francisco Seals and began making money as a baseball player. With some encouragement from Vince, Joe would prove himself on the field and eventually outshine his brother after being added to the team. Joe went on to get national attention and got signed to the big leagues, becoming a New York Yankee.

Joe DiMaggio Kept Quiet and Kept To Himself



Joe DiMaggio -- 1941

According to The Baltimore Sun, Richard Ben Cramer, who won a Pulitzer Prize with the Philadelphia Inquirer and set the standard for

political reporting with What it Takes (1992), revealed a side of Joe DiMaggio that was ultimately hidden from the public in his book Joe DiMaggio: The Hero's Life. Cramer wrote about how DiMaggio kept quiet around others most of his life. Many thought it was a sign of humility, but it was actually due to him worrying that he'd embarrass himself or make a mistake. DiMaggio was a perfectionist on the field, and that same quality crept into his personal life. He would rarely say a word around friends, family, or his teammates.

In 1936, DiMaggio rode in a car for 3,000 miles with his teammates Tony Lazzeri and Frank Crosetti from San Francisco to Florida for spring training and never said more than "I don't drive" when it was his turn. DiMaggio spoke his first words to Mickey Mantle after the latter injured his knee during the World Series, saying, "Don't move. They're bringing a stretcher." Joltin' Joe's best way of talking was by winning for the Yankees, making the fans roar in the stands while the press printed their own version of his life.

Joe's Father Was Mistreated During World War II

During World War II, the United States was under fear of an attack from enemy forces and went to great lengths to protect its citizens. However, hysteria was built up by the press and government, which led to many horrible mistakes being made, such as hundreds of thousands of Italians, Germans, and Japanese being declared "enemy aliens." Joe DiMaggio's father Giuseppe was considered an "enemy alien" and wasn't allowed to visit the family restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf. The government also restricted his ability to travel, saying he couldn't go more than five miles from home without permission.

General John DeWitt, leading officer in the Western Defense Command, wanted to have Joe DiMaggio's father arrested. DeWitt believed there were "no exceptions" and felt he could make a point by arresting Giuseppe because he didn't have citizenship papers. The government



went to even greater lengths when they seized Giuseppe's fishing boat. Months later, he was able to return to the fishing dock, and not long after, a leading newspaper reported on his mistreatment.

World War II even affected the sports leagues, causing many professional athletes to serve in different branches of the military. Joe DiMaggio served in the Army and missed three years of his prime. Many fans say DiMaggio might have had an even more impressive record if he hadn't been taken out of the game.

TO BE CONTINUED

Dotson's Other Note: While he never saw combat or got deployed overseas, DiMaggio served as a physical instructor in the Army's Special Services and played in Army baseball games. According to the New York Post, Army documents indicated that DiMaggio had a "defective attitude" toward military service, which isn't hard to believe when you take into account how his father was mistreated. According to reports, DiMaggio felt he was being exploited by the Army because they were using his status as a professional baseball player for public relations. You are invited to join us on Tuesdays at the Veterans Round Table at the Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development 9-11 AM. All are welcome and the Coffee and Donuts are free! You might even learn something. Questions/comments and or Letters to the Editor are welcome. My Email: dlewis1@stx.rr.com and Phone: 530-748-8475.

-30- Have fun and hang in there



By Andy Purvis

Take Us to Pittsburgh

On April 10, 1953, Mickey Mantle hit a home run over the 100 foot high grandstand wall at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. Up until that time, only two players had ever done that, Babe Ruth and Ted Beard; but the greatest accomplishment that day may have been just getting to Forbes Field in the first place. You see, on April 9th, the Yankees were riding a train north playing exhibitions games. When they arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was bitterly cold but they played anyway and, after the game, Whitey Ford, Billy Martin, and Mickey Mantle headed out on the town to have some fun before catching the train to Pittsburgh. They had to be back at the train station by 10 PM to ride all night and get to



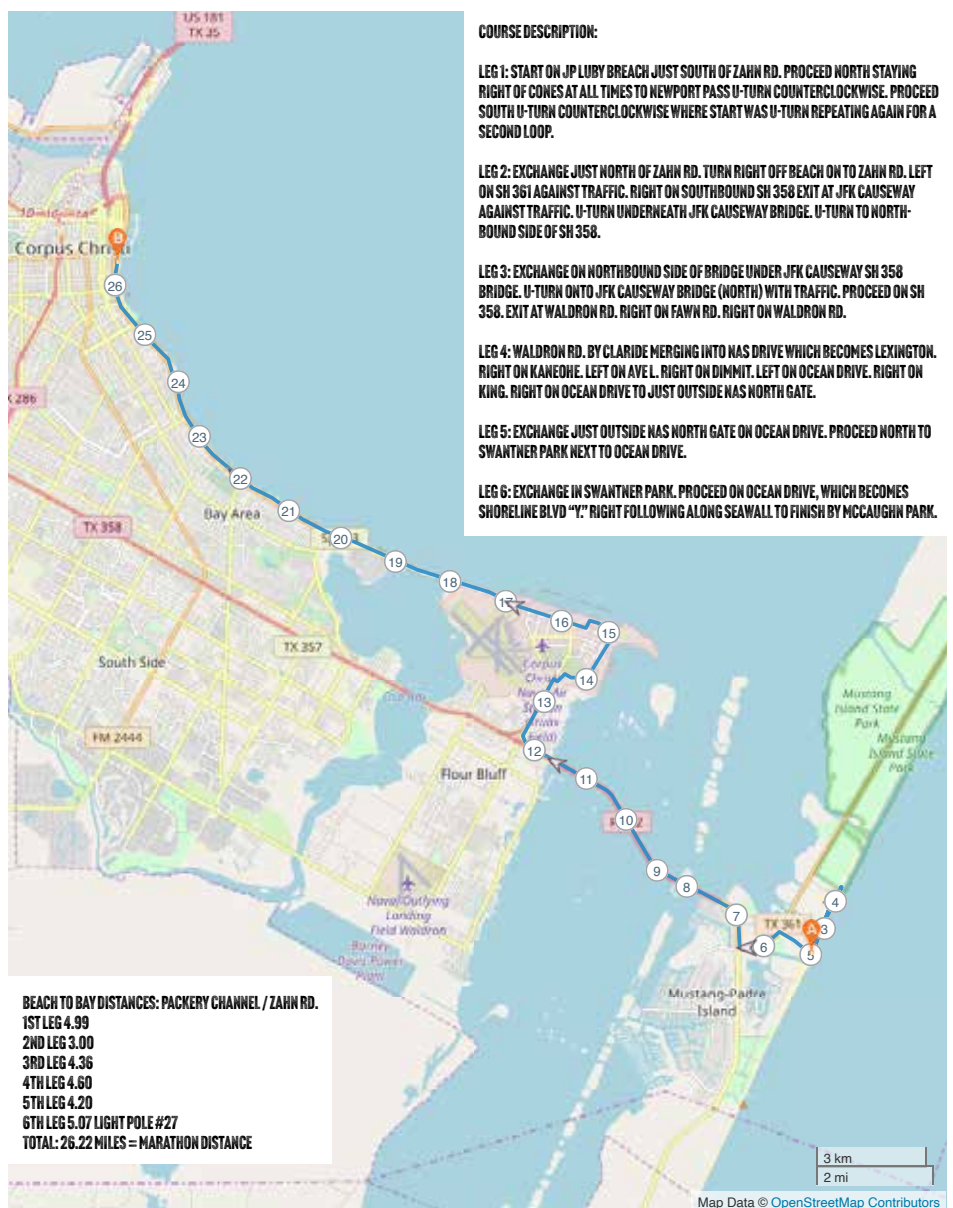
Mantle, Ford and Martin.

Pittsburgh the next day for batting practice. At 9:30 PM, Mantle started looking for the other two. They finally all hooked up at 11 PM, too late to catch the train. Mantle says, "To hell with it, let's stay and catch a plane tomorrow

in the morning." So they get up at dawn and it's snowing. They get to the airport an hour later and all the flights have been cancelled. So Ford says, "No problem, let's take a cab." Ford and Martin piled in the backseat as Mantle slides into the front seat and says to the cab driver, "Take us to Pittsburgh." The cab driver says, "Get out of my cab; I hear that crap all the time." Finally Mantle convinces him they are for real, so the cab driver calls his boss and says "What's the charge to take these guys to Pittsburgh?" \$500.00 is the answer, and off they go. Somehow they get to Forbes Field, and the team is already taking batting practice. Ford wasn't pitching, so all he had to do was run in the outfield. Mickey and Billy are in the locker room trying to get their socks on as fast as they can and praying that the manager, Casey Stengel, had not noticed they weren't on the train. Mantle is bent over tying his shoes and whispering to Billy out of the side of his mouth, when a hand is placed on his shoulder. Martin is nowhere to be found and Casey is standing there. He says, "I don't know where you jerks have been and I don't know what you have done, but I wanta know. You two are going to play the whole game," and then Casey storms out. So Billy is hiding in the bathroom laughing and they go out to the field and batting practice is over. The first time Mantle comes to the plate he hits that long home run over the grandstand. "Nice hit Mickey," says Casey. "Take the rest of the day off." Martin is beside himself and ends up playing the entire game.

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Beach to Bay 2022



Beach to Bay will take place on May 21, 2022 with a 7 a.m. start

Leg 1 = 4.99

Start: JP Luby Beach S of Zahn Rd

Exchange Point: Packery Channel Park

Bus Service

Park: The Sunrise Mall (5858 South Padre Island Dr)

Boarding Time: 4:45 a.m. until 5:15 a.m.

Return Service: Yes, From Exchange Point back to Sunrise Mall

Leg 2 = 3.00

Start: The Beach at Zahn Road

Exchange Point: North Side of Causeway Bridge Below

Bus Service

Park: The Sunrise Mall (5858 South Padre Island Dr)

Boarding Time: 5:15 a.m. until 6:00 a.m.

Return Service: Yes, From Exchange Point back to Sunrise Mall

Leg 3 = 4.36

Start: North Side of Causeway Bridge Below

Exchange Point: Waldron Road near N.A.S. Drive "Y"

Bus Service

Park: Security Drive just off of First National Drive in Flour Bluff.

Boarding Time: 6:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.

Return Service: No! Exchange Point is within walking distance to parking.

Leg 4 = 4.60

Start: Waldron Road near N.A.S. Drive "Y"

Exchange Point: Outside of N.A.S. North Gate

Bus Service

Park: Security Drive just off of First National Drive in Flour Bluff.

No Boarding time: Parking is within walking distance to leg 4 start point

Return Service: Yes, From Exchange Point back to parking.

Leg 5 = 4.20

Start: Outside of N.A.S. North Gate

Exchange Point: West Side of Swantner Park on sidewalk

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Park: Texas A&M University on Ocean Dr.

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Debby and Doug Seefeldt were staying in Cozumel this week and Jim and Marie Tipton stopped for the day on a cruise ship. The Islanders had a great day together and took this picture of Jim and Marie with the Moon on the east side of Cozumel.



Island residents Judy Worsham and Sharon Thomas just returned from Paris, France where they proudly posed with the Island Moon.



Pete Moreno, Denise Estachy, Sonya Becker, and Mike Teitle in Lake Charles, Louisiana with the Island Moon.



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Catch of the Week



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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures

Summer Time Fun is here on the Beach, in the Bay, and in Traffic! This matches the fishing around the Island exactly. In the beginning of summer everyone is FRANTIC!! In a hurry, stressed out, impatient, and in a rush. It won't be until after the 4th of July that those lazy days of summer seem to slow everything down. Take a day off and go fishing!

Live bait flags have been whipping in the afternoon breeze lately and with the availability of live croaker there are an army of boats and fishermen rushing out to use them. Croakers are 12-15\$ a dozen this summer!!! Do you need those to catch three trout per person? Don't get too far from the love of fishing that you find yourself not enjoying the fishing. We have had a great season using soft plastics and many days out fishing the boats with live bait. I'm always in control of the quality of my bait and its presentation. If your live bait isn't very alive then you usually are not catching fish!

The magic depth for trout numbers right now is 4 feet. For big mature female trout, we are finding them up shallow along grassy shorelines and flats. Larger soft plastics and top-waters have brought some really nice big fish to hand. The DOA 5.5" jerk bait with a 1/16th ounce jig head has been an excellent choice when you fish



This gorgeous trout was caught and released on a DOWN SOUTH SUPER MODEL purple reign. We were in the Laguna Madre' drifting in 4' of water.



Lots of great fishing exploding as The Gates of Summer bust open! These anglers used soft plastics to land a bunch of quality gamefish.

shallow. The redfish have been attacking the darker colors while the trout have wanted brighter baits like glow and chartreuse. The shoreline south of Bird Island is a great place to wade right now either by boat or by walking south of the wind surfing place at the park. Walking the white sand and throwing out to the drop off and scattered sand pockets will amp strikes from quality trout, reds and even some flounder here. There are some black drum up shallow on that white sand but they will eat peeled pieces of shrimp on a small hook.

Watch out because as soon as those winds die it's going to be hot enough to fry your brain! Let's find YOUR DAY on the water this summer! Follow all of our hookups on Facebook and Instagram @jfarah72 and Joseph Farah on Facebook!

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Knuckle-Cracker

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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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Brain-Buster

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Friday, May 20

Xanadu Jr. the Musical at Seashore Middle Academy

Students at Seashore Middle Academy are staging the musical Xanadu Jr. on Friday, May 20.

Xanadu Jr. follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California, on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creations of all time – the first Roller Disco!

There are sixty students involved in the production which is family friendly and free.

The show is at the SMA gym, doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the show starts at 6.

Kate Burrill is the Choreographer/Director, Art Design and Props are by Nancy Kneupper, Music Director is Rocio Skinner, and the Assistant Choreographer is Kaitlyn Walency.

The show is put on by students from Dance, Music, Theater and Art design classes.



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Across

- Maximum limit
- Grocery cart rider, often
- Grave letters?
- Ludacris output
- Sports legend from Kentucky
- Stark
- Univ. Web letters
- He was the first image aired over TV
- 10th anniversary material
- Corp. hotshot
- Bowery denizen, perhaps
- Mr. Maverick
- Kuwaiti official
- Brutal
- He thinks it's not easy being green
- They may be designated for rest or play
- "Thereabouts"
- Like Gen. Wesley Clark
- Pawnshop sign, perhaps
- Word with light or line
- Thesis counterparts
- Snaky character?
- Ireland, e.g.
- 1976 Olympics name
- Noted public safety crusader
- Female reunion attendees
- Mint or sage, e.g.
- Clothes hanger option
- Starter for legal or graph
- Merry undertaking
- Deep Throat's employer
- Mascot with a N.J. gravesite
- Crowd-sized server
- Late parties
- Señora Perón
- Trail
- Play on words
- Eco hazard
- Cubby hole?

Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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Down

- Outdoor eatery
- Yankee slugger Rodriguez
- Carpet thickness
- Push to the limit
- Circumvent
- One place for a slogan
- Patient's goal
- 401(k) supplement
- Obedience school attendee
- Go backward
- Debussy's farewell
- Eschews a fourth-and-long pass
- Sum of the first three prime numbers
- He cometh in a title
- Part of a speaker's intro, often
- The Alamo, once
- Hypotheticals
- Bing Crosby or Harry Connick, Jr., e.g.
- Cabbage variety
- Mythical Greek archer
- Confidence-boosting
- Obviously contrived
- Kazan of Hollywood
- Peter or Ivan, e.g. (Var.)
- Takes a morning off
- Unruly crowd
- Bouncy Jamaican music
- Montmartre Mrs.
- Having height, width and depth, briefly
- Like some arguments
- Ghastly
- The Scales, to astrologers
- Make public
- Passed handily
- Move around
- Olympic skating medalist Michelle
- Seer's skill
- Hulk portrayer Ferrigno
- Successor to F.D.R.

Police Blotter

May 10 - May 16

SPID/West

Crimes against Person

- 14300 block SPID 11 a.m. May 11 Assault/Threat
- 7100 block SPID 10 a.m. May 12 Assault on Emergency Services Personnel
- Aloha/Sea Horse 2 a.m. May 15 Assault
- 100 block Aloha 2 a.m. May 15 Assault with Injury

Crimes against Property

- 13800 block Doubloon 4 p.m. May 11 Theft \$100-\$750
- 14200 block SPID 11 a.m. May 12 Theft of Services
- 14200 block SPID 6 a.m. May 12 Theft \$100-\$750
- 15600 block 10 p.m. May 13 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle
- 14500 block SPID 7 p.m. May 13 Theft of Services

Disturbances

- 14200 block SPID 7 a.m. May 12 Trespassing
- 15800 block Gypsy 5 p.m. May 14 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 13700 block Three Fathoms Noon May 16 Gypsy/Whitecap 2 a.m. May 16 Possession of a Controlled Substance

Suspicious Person

- 15500 block Finistere 6 p.m. May 12
- 13300 block SPID Midnight May 14

Traffic

- 59 Traffic stops
- 13300 block SPID 6 p.m. May 11 6 p.m. May 11 DWI

- 14400 block SPID 3 p.m. May 12 Crash
- 13400 block Whitecap 7 p.m. May 14 Crash
- 13300 block SPID 10 p.m. May 15 DWI
- 14200 block SPID 3 p.m. May 16 Crash
- 14200 block SPID 1 p.m. May 16 DWI

East of SPID/Gulf side

Crimes against Person

- 15400 block SPID 7 p.m. May 10 Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Family Violence
- 14800 block Leeward 9 p.m. May 14 Assault
- 14800 block Windward 2 a.m. May 14 Assault
- 7300 block SH 361 3 a.m. May 16 Assault by Contact
- 15400 block SPID 7 p.m. May 10 Building Fire
- Whitecap/Windward 7 p.m. May 10 Other Fire
- 100 Zahn Road 7 p.m. May 15 Public Intoxication

Traffic

- 20 Traffic Stops
- 11500 block Gulf Beach May 14 7 p.m. May 14 DWI
- 11300 block Gulf Beach 2 p.m. May 15 Damage to Vehicle
- SH 361/Beach Access Road 3 DWI
- 6300 block SH 361 9 p.m. May 15 DWI

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PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



As always, let me have your thoughts. You can reach me at marvin@pipoa.net or call me at 469-231-3485. You can also call the Padre Isles Property Owners

Association (PIPOA) office with any questions you have at 361-949-7025.

Short-term Rentals (STRs)- On Monday, May 16, 2022, the City's stakeholder committee held another meeting. The meeting was called on very short notice. The purpose of the meeting was to preview and discuss the City's staff presentation for the City Council on Tuesday, May 17. The meeting degenerated into bashing the Island for opposing short-term rentals in the RS-6 zoning (single-family residential). The President and CEO of the Corpus Christi Board of Realtors were especially vehement in pushing her agenda to have unfettered short-term rentals in the RS-6 zoning. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is in contrast to what I have been told by local real estate brokers and agencies. It is all about the money!

Port Aransas is awash in short-term rentals. The problems Port A residents are having with STRs are becoming legendary. Port A recently had a City election in which large sums of money from outside the City poured in to support candidates in favor of STRs. The short-term rental industry has reached the point where big money outside the Corpus Christi area is now buying influence. The outside money is now pushing influence on our Island to promote short-term rentals.

Tuesday, May 17, I watched the City Council meeting as the Council received a briefing from City Staff regarding the STRs. This was the same briefing I spoke of above. The briefing contained a City Staff provision for prohibiting short-term rentals in the RS-6 zoning for the Island. However, the City Council questioned at great length why the Island should be excluded from the broad-based inclusion of STRs. I found two issues several Councilpersons put forward to stand out. The Council clearly wants the hotel/

motel tax that STRs would generate in the RS-6. The second issue that stood out was the concern by the Council regarding tourists having a positive experience on the Island in STRs. That is, the Council wants to make sure the tourist's experience on the Island is as positive as possible. Noticeably lacking in the Council's discussions was concern about the property owners, taxpayers, and voters' experience on the Island. It seems the Council has less concern for Island residents than it does for the transient tourists.

The City has, according to City Manager Peter Zanoni, suspended enforcement of the RS-6 prohibition against STRs in the City of Corpus Christi. I specifically asked Mr. Zanoni if this included suspending the enforcement of the new registration ordinance. He did not answer this question. Instead, he moved on to another topic.

The Council and City Staff are well aware of Islanders' objection to STRs in the RS-6 zoning. The thousands of property owners that are opposed to STRs must unite and present a unified, aggressive voice to the City Council. If Islanders are apathetic and fail to present their position to the Council, there is no doubt that many Islanders will have the opportunity to live next door to STR party houses.

Whitecap Development- At the City Council meeting, the funding for the development was discussed. The developer's request for a PID (Public Improvement District) is moving along. The development is not a gated community; it is open to the public. One issue that seems to be overlooked in the funding is, City money may be used for improvements such as parkland, sidewalks, and so on because these are open to the public.

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger.

Memorial Day- The PIPOA office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022.

Gulf Shrimp Season Closed on Sunday, May 15

The Gulf of Mexico commercial shrimp season for both Texas and federal waters closed 30 minutes after sunset on Sunday, May 15, 2022 until a still-to-be determined date in July. While the statutory opening date for the gulf season is July 15, the Coastal Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will be sampling shrimp populations this summer to determine the optimum opening date.

In order to allow brown shrimp to reach a larger and more valuable size prior to harvest, the shrimp fishery is closed annually off Texas. This helps prevent the waste of brown shrimp that might otherwise be discarded due to their small size.

The May 15 closing date is based on samples collected by biologists using trawl, bag seine

and information gathered from the shrimping industry. Data collected includes bag seine catch rates of brown shrimp, mean lengths of shrimp in April 2022, percent of samples containing shrimp, and periods of maximum nocturnal ebb tidal flow.

"The goal of this closure is twofold. It allows shrimp to migrate into gulf waters so they can reach a larger, more valuable size before they are harvested. And it ensures our shrimp stocks are sustainable in the future," said TPWD's Coastal Fisheries Division Director Robin Riechers.

The Texas closure applies to gulf waters from the coast out to nine nautical miles. The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced federal waters out to 200 nautical miles also will be closed to shrimping to conform to the Texas closure.

Science and the Sea

Social Distancing by Spiny Lobsters

It feels like ages ago that the entire country buckled down at home for months, keeping distance from others to avoid catching COVID-19.

While those months of self-isolation may have felt unnatural, humans aren't the only species that uses social distancing to stop a virus from spreading through a population. Take, for example, the Caribbean spiny lobster. These lobsters are normally social, sharing dens because there's safety in numbers when predators come along. But if a healthy lobster discovers a sick one in a den, the healthy crustacean will clear out, taking its chances with predators on its own before exposing itself to a disease.

a lab experiment, scientists let spiny lobsters choose between an empty den and one occupied by another lobster. If the occupying lobster was healthy, the newcomer joined them. If the resident lobster was sick, the newcomer opted for the empty den. But when infected lobsters faced the same choice, they joined the sick lobster as often as the healthy one.

How can healthy lobsters tell who's sick? The urine of infected lobsters contains chemicals that alert other lobsters to the infection, even before any symptoms appear. When scientists temporarily blocked the nephropores—organs that release urine—of sick lobsters, their healthy companions joined them, none the wiser. Of course, people don't have antennae



Healthy Caribbean spiny lobsters avoid sick lobsters. Photo courtesy of NOAA

Scientists observed this behavior both in the wild and in the lab. Underwater surveys found that 93% of spiny lobsters infected with the deadly Panulirus argus virus are solitary, compared to only 44% of healthy lobsters. In

that can sense another's infections, as lobsters do. But we can use our heads in other ways—like social distancing and developing vaccines and medications—to avoid illness just as well as spiny lobsters.

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Seashore Happenings



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Holiday Prepping



City crews began preparing beaches this week for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Photo by Evelyn Pless-Schubert.

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Three Chords and the Truth

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Just to state the obvious...

Just to state the obvious, we had a total lunar eclipse on Sunday. So, I wanted to know exactly what is a "total lunar eclipse" anyway. So I went digging for info and an astronomy scholar on the interweb filled me in, "A lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon moves into the Earth's shadow. This can occur only when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are exactly or very closely aligned with Earth between the other two, which can happen only on the night of a full moon. The reddish color of totally eclipsed Moon is caused by Earth completely blocking direct sunlight from reaching the Moon, with the only light reflected from the lunar surface has been refracted by Earth's atmosphere." I watched this rare occurrence from the front porch at Shorty's and it was mesmerizing and I kept thinking of that Joe Ely song, "Look At That Big Yellow Cornbread Moon". It looked like a big ole skillet of cornbread.



Look at that big yellow cornbread moon.

On the local front...

Bron's, the all encompassing feel good complex in Port A, has announced Wednesday, May 25th as the "soft" opening date for their new "Bar and Grill Menu" orchestrated by none other than the infamous Jimmy Jam. They should be hitting on all cylinders here shortly. Jimmy plans to beef up their live music offerings and has already started their cornhole tournaments for cash money every Wednesday at 6:00. I've been watching Bron Doyle build



Jimmy Jam has announced their May 25th opening by posting their Bar and Grill Menu.

his little empire for about 15 years now and I must say, "Congratulations" are in order! It's family and pet friendly and is a very cool place to hang, listen to live music under the stars and (soon) dine from their tasty new menu... oh, and of course rent beach buggies. I'll even give them my coveted ataboy for a job well done.



Trisha Lynn with Chris Zavala on keys played Shorty's on Saturday.

Mike also fronts the rockabilly band, Riptide who plays every Wednesday at the VFW. On Saturday afternoon we caught Danny Herrin



Mike Isbelle put on an amazing Elvis tribute at PalmFest and plays every Wed at the VFW with his band Riptide.

from Fredericksburg and were pleasantly surprised by his own brand of country/Americana music. On Saturday night we saw the **Aerosmith Tribute Band**, which was good for a little trip down memory lane. They had the Aerosmith show down to the last detail. I salute **Lee Harper** and **Winston Caraker** for organizing this music fest and BBQ cook-off. There were a lot of working parts going on there and the work they put in was a huge task. We also made it out to *Island Wine* to see the **Free Beer Band** with our pal, **Daddy Dale West**, taking over **Colorado Bob Reed's** spot. And later we ran down to *Shorty's* to see the **Trisha Lynn Experience** with local standouts **Chris Zavala** on most excellent keyboards and **Lalo Garza** bringing up the bottom. I gotta say, that gal is good. She's got a dynamic singing voice and a tow sack full of soul. And her stage presence is strong.

DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...



Joe King Carrasco will play Brewster Street on Friday.



The mighty mighty Ruben V will play Shorty's on Friday.

Things are definitely picking up around here with summer right around the corner and *Memorial Day* on the near horizon. Here goes: **Billy Snipes** will be covering a cancellation at *Island Wine* on Thursday. On Friday check this out: the *King of TexMex*, **Joe King Carrasco**, will make a stop at *Brewster Street* on his journey around the universe. I hope you know by now that this is a big deal. The **Chanklas** will open with some island beat. Also on Friday **Tumble Dry Low** will play *Treasure Island*, the **Wayward Gypsies** are at the *VFW*, the mighty, mighty **Ruben V** will blow the roof off *Shorty's*, **Logan Blake** is at *Bron's* and **Coach Jim Dugan** plays the *Gaff*. On Saturday **John Elijah & Padrinos** play *Shorty's*... that's



Billy Snipes will play Island Wine on Thursday.

definitely a **DO NOT MISS**, **Chica and the Man** play *Bron's*, **Da Guy** is at *Island Wine*, **Marco Ramirez** is at the *VFW*, **Justin & Niki** play *Bron's* and **Rex Allen McNeil** will bring some real country, as in "with a fiddle in the band", to *Treasure Island*. On Sunday look for **David & Barbara Brown** at *Island Wine*, **Brandon Michael** at *Bron's* and finally *Shorty's* will host their weekly *Sunday Funday* with **Rudy Llanes** playing the afternoon and brother **Ty Dietz** taking the late shift... plus the have free food. I also want to mention that *Red's Riviera* will begin their Tuesday night *Steak Night* ala *Neptune's Resort*. You bring the steak and they will grill it and provide all the fixin's.



The Wayward Gypsies will play the VFW on Friday.

On the horizon...

I'm about out of space here but I want to mention that the storied *Kerrville Folk Festival* celebrates their 50th anniversary with three big weeks of top shelf entertainer going from May 26 through June 12th. The lineup is stellar with big names such as **Shinyribs**, **Ray Wylie Hubbard**, **Terri Hendrix**, **Shake Russell**, **Shawn Colvin**, **Edie Brickell**, **Walt Wilkins**, **Bill Hearne** and on and on. Next week I'll flood you with a massive *Memorial Day Weekend* offering. Be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Rex Allen McNeil will play Treasure Island on Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, May 19
Kevin Kurtz @ Gaff
Marco Ramirez @ Treasure Island
Selfie @ Shorty's
Billy Snipes @ Island Wine
Sierra Dawn @ Red's at Palmilla Beach
Art Barrera @ Packery Bar
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian
Jerry Ward @ Doc's
Eli Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Southside
Sonny Salinas @ Rockit's
Garrett Wieland, Alex Blacksmith, Glitch @ House of Rock
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Friday: Karaoke 7pm- close

Saturday: Da Guy 7-10

Sunday: David & Barbara Brown

Friday, May 20
Joe King Carrasco, Chanklas @ Brewster Downtown
Tumble Dry Low @ Treasure Island
Wayward Gypsies @ VFW
Ruben V @ Shorty's
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Logan Blake @ Bron's
CBDB's @ The Exchange
Chainlinks @ Pelican Lounge
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar
Jerry Ward @ Doc's
Dave's Duo @ Waterline
Alonzo Cruz @ Salty Dolphin
Sierra Dawn @ Cinnamon Shore
Trisha Lynn @ Angry Marlin
Joseph Martinez, Falco & the Wolf @ Rockit's
Cody Jinks, Lucas Nelson @ Concrete Street
Jerry Ward & the Dirty Birds @ Brewster Southside
Art Barrera @ South Texas Icehouse
Red Tide @ Sugar Shack
John Cortez @ The Exchange
Swimming With Bears @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Crawdaddy's Downtown
Eli Brown @ Mo Meaux's
Billy Snipes @ Rockport Market Days (1 PM)
Billy Snipes @ Parrot Head Event, Island Hotel (5:30)
The Orphanz @ Sunset Hideaway

Treasure Island

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RED TIDE	MAY 26
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Independent Thieves @ Boathouse
Gann Band @ Doc's
Flatbroke @ Waterline
Downtown Eli Brown @ La Linea Wine Beeville
Mettalica & Pantera Tribute @ Brewster
Downtown Meza Band @ Brewster Southside
Splendiferous @ Rockit's
John Cortez @ The Exchange
Crosstown Expressway @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Afterglow @ CC Well
Jim Dugan @ Hook & Ladder, Aransas Pass
Lady Kat & Matt @ Sunset Hideaway

Sunday, May 22
Rudolph Llanes, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
David & Barbara Brown @ Island Wine
Brandon Michael @ Bron's
Jerry Ward @ Salty Dolphin
Orlando Herrera @ Waterline
Gann Band, Sierra Dawn @ Doc's
Dam Right Duo @ House of Rock
Adrian Taylor @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Eli Brown @ BUS

Monday, May 23
Stevie Start @ Doc's
Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's
Chuck Almaraz @ Blackbeard's on the Beach

Tuesday, May 24
Open Mic @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Stevie Start @ Waterside
Billy Snipes @ Doc's

Wednesday, May 25
Singer-Songwriter Open
Mic w/ Jay Springer @ Island Wine

Riptide @ VFW
Rich Lockhart, Kitchen opens @ Bron's
Kevin Kurtz @ Packery Bar

Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21
Aaron Jacob @ South Texas Icehouse
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