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By Dale Rankin

Summer officially arrived on Tuesday with the solstice which marks the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere. The wind has finally laid down and the heat has risen. It's been too hot for good dogs.

This was the week of the car crash on our Island with ten of them reported by the time we went to press, not including the fatal wreck on State Highway 361 and one at SPID Jackfish on Tuesday evening. Weekday traffic has been even heavier than we normally see in the 100-day tourist season. Crossing SPID anywhere but at the lights is taking your life in your hands, especially in the stretch of road from Aquarius to Commodores. It's going to be a long summer.

Padre Sound?

As we have mentioned in these pages in the past the water body we have always called Lake Padre is no longer a lake; so what are we to call it? Ultimately it will be up to the private owners of the "lake," including the bottom, to label it as they see fit. But in the common vernacular it seems somehow wrong to keep calling it a lake. The best we can discern the best label is a "sound." Merriam Webster defines a sound as a: a long broad inlet of the ocean generally parallel to the coast. b : a long passage of water connecting two larger bodies (i.e. sea with an ocean) or separating a mainland and an island. That may not fit because the canal system on the west of the "lake" isn't really larger than the "lake," or maybe it is...

The definition by Funk and Wagnalls (stored in a mayonnaise jar on their front porch since noon today) defines a sound as a smaller body of water typically connected to larger sea or ocean. That one seems to fit since the completion of Packery Channel. Maybe our readers have some suggestions and we would like to hear from you. We will post this on our Facebook page theislandmoonnewspaper and print the results next week.

Paper streets

Mary Craft has an item in her Business Briefs this week that should not fly under the radar. A lot is for sale on Sand Dollar Street for \$75,000. In and of itself that isn't much news but what is man-bites-dog is that in there is in fact no Sand Dollar Street; it exists only on paper hence the term paper street. In the original design for Island streets the area on the east side of SPID behind the Pelican Lounge was supposed to be our downtown. Twelve square blocks located there which are platted there and have utilities in the ground but no actual streets.

Each time a bond issues is put before voters putting new streets there falls between the cracks because in the political world fixing old streets is a lot sexier than building new ones; at least in an area where there are no houses or buildings. But in the Island World we need more retail space and by design that is where it is supposed to be. The original drawings show Aquarius Street going through the traffic light on SPID southward past Verdemar then through the area of Sand Dollar Street and connecting to State Highway 361 before Packery Channel; an alternate route to Port Aransas. That route is now impossible due to development but the idea that the area around Sand Dollar is designed for retail development is still relevant. Putting streets there won't make it on the bonds for 2022...but as we say on The Island... one of these days...

Until then stay cool and say hello if you see us Around The Island.

Why is State Highway 361 not Four Lane?

Obstacles to widening the road from Padre to Port Aransas

By Dale Rankin

An analysis

The fatal accident on State Highway 361 this week has Islanders asking why the road is not four-lanes. The same question arose in 2015 when Corpus Christi Police Chief Floyd Simpson was killed in a motorcycle accident on the same road not far from this week's crash.

A year after Simpson's death State Representative Todd Hunter found \$6.5 million as a final piece of the funding puzzle to make SH 361 from

Port Aransas to Padre Island a four-lane roadway all the way. A total of \$11.9 million was needed and it was part of \$1.74 billion in road funds approved by voters to come from the state's oil and gas revenues.

"The traffic numbers were going up and we saw the need," Hunter said this week. "Then we ran into problems."

The problems can be summed up in two words; wetlands and bridges.

As the permitting process got underway it was soon discovered that the U.S. Corps of Engineers considered the bar ditches along the 16-mile roadway were by their definition wetlands. This came as a surprise at the time because the term "bar ditch" derives from borrow ditches since the soil from them is "borrowed" to raise the roadway. To widen the road and eradicate the bar ditches would mean buying mitigation wetland property to turn

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On review...

Whitecap Preserve Project

242 Acres, 12,000 feet of new canals, Public Parks, Retail and Hotel Complex

By Dale Rankin

As work begins on the 242-acre White Preserve project at site of the former Waterpark on Padre Island several readers have requested that we re-visit plans for the site which we published in a previous edition.

Crews have been working at the site for two weeks and officials from the project developer Ashlar Development told the Corpus Christi City Council in April they expect to have work on the canals at site far enough along that work on the utilities can begin by the end of 2022.

With that in mind, here is an overview of the sweeping \$755 million plan which includes a master

planned community with a Four Star hotel on a fifty-acre site, mixed use retail and residential area with 638 residential lots, and fifty acres of parks and green space bordering on 25,000 linear feet of new shoreline cut into the site.

Ashlar Development officials, said in a presentation to the city council in May the project will be rolled out in four phases beginning

with Phase I which will see the building of residential property in the northwest section of the site, running from Dasmarrinas, along Aquarius Drive to Commodores Drive. The plans provided to the city council show that section of the development will be

private homes along \$18 million worth of new bulkheads approved by the city's Developmental Services Department in March.

The project as presented to the council will include up to \$100

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Snapper season is in full swing.

A little Island history

New island development awaited

Hopes are high as Gulf Isles officials struggle to clear up title problems

Editor's note: an oft-asked question by Island resident who arrive in the past three decades is why the first round of development which began in the late 1960s stalled? Canals were dug and the Padre Island County Club and golf course were built, along with the first round of homes, then things stalled out. This story we found in the Moon archives - cardboard boxes full of stuff left to use by Island Moon Founder Mike Ellis - is a good backgrounder that updates events through late 1991. Much of the information has direct relevance to our Island in 2022.

By Grady Phelps

Business Writer, Corpus Christi-Caller Times September 22, 1991

After 15 months, Gulf Isles Limited, the development

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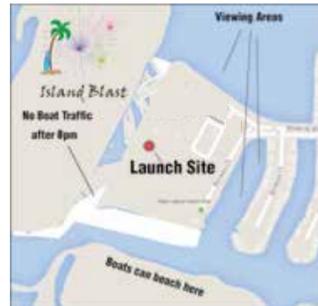
Westinghouse Credit and Gulf Isles Limited Executives Gary Wilkinson (seated), William Fennell (left) and James DiGregory are by the pool at the Padre Isles Country Club.

Fire in the Sky on the Third of July!

Island Fireworks Show Ready to Launch

By Dale Rankin

In early April the chances of having a Fourth of July fireworks show on Padre Island looked bleak. No money had been raised and time was short. Since the first Island Blast show was staged in 2014 almost half the money raised came through notices sent to members of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association who sent donations with their votes for board members in March, but with no one heading up the effort that window was already closed.



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But as of this week, thanks to Islanders Nick Colosi and Todd Hunter, Jr., we can report that come sundown on Sunday, July 3 if Islanders looking west into the sunset wait a few minutes they will see a full 30 minute fireworks show with a 60-second finale that will be second to none. Donations are still being taken, and needed, but a generous donor stepped up this week with enough money to ensure that the show will go on. Yes, Virginia there is a Fireworks Santa Claus...or something like that.

Last year the show was compressed into a seven-minute flash due to incoming weather, but this year Nick says that if the weather is too bad too shoot up the entire show on Sunday, July 3, it will be delayed a day until July 4.

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By the numbers

Padre Island Real Estate Activity

June 1 - June 15

By Cindy Molnar
Coldwell Banker Island Realtors.

Interior Lot Homes Sold

- 13938 Windjammer Drive
- 15726 Finistere Street
- 15934 Cabo Blanco Drive
- 139 65 Ketch Street
- 13953 Main Sail Street
- 13853 Laffite Drive
- 15838 El Socorro Loop
- 15710 Dyna Street
- 14333 Scallop Street
- 15745 Cuttysark Street
- 15629 Escapade Street
- 13845 Eaglesnest Bay Drive
- 13946 Whitecap Blvd.
- 15901 Cozumel Drive

26 Interior Lot Homes
Listed From \$299,900.00 to \$785,000.00

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Catches of the Week



Left: Carter Tate with the big red snapper of the day 6/18/22 caught on O-fish-al-bizness.



I've been visiting Port A. my entire life, literally since I was in the womb, from SA. I now live in Dallas with my fiance Sandi. First point of business after the engagement was to introduce her to the Island. It's my special place, my happy place and a sentimental place. On her inaugural trip to the Island this past week we hit pay dirt in the flats. Sandi is now a lover of the Island and an angler at heart. Bryan Levy

July 16 & 17

Make Promises Happen Surf Camp



The Texas Coastal Bend Surfrider Foundation is proud to be hosting the 23rd annual MAKE PROMISES HAPPEN SURF CAMP for friends with disabilities July 16th & 17th, 2022

3 - 5:30 pm each evening.

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We have plenty of participants, but are still welcoming volunteers. If you're interested, come a little early and we'll set you up. No surfing experience needed and all surfing equipment will be provided. Surfboards provided by Texas Surf Camps

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Parent roseate spoonbill looking at its juvenile offspring. Did you know that younger spoonbills have blue eyes and a lighter shade of pink? They also may have black on their wing tips which eventually fade away. The adult has reddish eyes and darker feathers. In breeding season the pink is very vibrant and the tail feathers have the orange sherbet coloring. Photo by Lu Ann Kingsbury.



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I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



The Night Before Hatching (A Kemp's Ridley Story)

by Carol Dark
(Night Before Christmas Mashup)

Twas the night before hatching, when all through the lab
Not a creature was stirring, not even a crab.
The hatchlings were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of ocean tides danced in their heads.
The workers were working with nary a care
With no sign of what was to happen in there.
When out in the lab there arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their desks to see what was the matter.
Away to the lab door they flew like a flash,
Tore open the door and ran in a dash.
When what to their wondering eyes should appear,
New hatchlings acrawl, some there and some here.
They clawed and they scrambled and moved all about.
They pushed and they clambered; they wished to go out!
So off to the beach the workers all rushed
The sunrise just starting, the sand and dunes hushed.
The tiny Kemp's ridleys were safe in their care
But somehow they knew what waited them there.
They struggled to go, set foot on the beach,
The ocean in their eyes at last within reach.
The sun on the water, the workers did call,
"Now swim away, swim away, swim away all!"
They lowered the containers, the hatchlings ran out,
They tumbled, they struggled, they ran all about.
They clambered and scrambled and ran for the surf,
Their eyes on the shimmer, their backs to the turf.
As they reached the warm waters, they heard someone say,
"Be careful, swim far, and when you're all grown,
Come back to this beach that you can call your own.
Nest here when with eggs you are finally rife,
Good morning to all and to all a good life!"

Upcoming Port A. Arts Center Events

July 1-9

- 1/ Friday- First Friday Reception 5:30-7:30 New Exhibit -- "Wildlife in Focus"
- 2/ Friday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 5/ Tuesday -Acrylic Fluid Pour w/ Vanessa 12-3:00 \$65/70
- 6/ Wednesday- Express Your Inner Self Workshop w/Sharen & Karen 9:30-1:30 \$85/90
- 8/ Friday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 9/ Saturday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 9/ Saturday- Family Art Day w/Anita - Fun with Watercolors 1-3:00 Free

July 11-16

- 11-15- Kids Camp 1-4:00
- 15/ Friday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 16/ Saturday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00

July 18-23

- 19/ Tuesday -Acrylic Fluid Pour w/ Vanessa 12-3:00 \$65/70
- 21/ Thursday- Watercolor w/ Jane Gillette 10-1:00 \$25/30
- 22/ Friday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 23/ Saturday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 23/ Saturday- Paint Party w/Kaleigh Glover 5:30p-8:00 \$40/45

July 24-30

- 24/ Sunday- Whine, Wine and Design W/ Greta Watkins- 5:00-7:30 \$40/45
- 26/ Tuesday-Acrylic Fluid Pour w/ Vanessa 12-3:00 \$65/70
- 27/ Wednesday- Express Your Inner Self Workshop w/Sharen & Karen 9:30-1:30 \$85
- 29/ Friday- Weekend Wine Down Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art Center 12-5:00
- 29/ Photography with John Morris 9-11:00 \$25/30

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By Mary Craft
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Business Briefs

Glow Row Kayak Tours leave Marker 37 every Friday at 8 pm and 10:30 pm. The guided tours last about 60 - 90 minutes and cost \$30 - \$40. The colorful illuminated clear 2-man kayaks have enough room for the all important cooler. You can view the marine life and see blue crabs and fish. One reviewer said that tossing goldfish crackers in the water attracted more fish. The tour



Glow Row kayaks.

is available on Thursdays in Port Aransas at the Lakes Lighthouse Launch, Redfish Bay Causeway. Reservations are required. Call 702-720-4569 or go to their web site.

Giggin with Greg Guide Service offers trips for up to six people and all ages are welcome. Greg designed the custom boat he takes out. My son and daughter-in-law took a trip and they can't wait to do it again. Call 793-6706.



Giggin Greg's custom boat



Giggin with Greg Guide Service

South Coast Weddings & Occasions provides everything for a wedding on the beach so basically the bride and groom just need to show up. Krista worked for a beach wedding planner in Port A and decided to open one on Padre Island with her best friend Jennifer. Wedding packages range from \$650 - \$2300 and include an officiant to marry the couple. They also arrange a beach setting for special occasions.



Southern Coast Weddings & Occasions

A property came up recently for sale recently on one of the Island's "paper streets." It is between La Qunita and Padre Island Storage but is not on SPID behind it. It is a long rectangle tract on Sand Dollar selling for \$75,000 next to the 44 acres that sold recently.



Lot for sale behind PI Storage.

The City Council will vote on the STR ordinance on Tuesday, June 28th that reads Padre and Mustang Island cannot have STRs in R-6 residential areas. District 5 Council member Gil Hernandez voiced that the ordinance should be the same city-wide and will vote against it. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. and public comments can be made around noon. A good Island presence would make an impact so voice your opinion and help keep our neighborhoods neighborly.



Padre Island Surf Camp early morning stretch.

Padre Island Surf Camp offers one day camp, five day camp and Saturday camp 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The instructor to camper ratio is 4:1. Call 774-2264.

Another Turtle Hatching Release at PINS behind the Visitor Center is on Friday, June 24th 6:45 am.

Texas Sealife Center will be releasing seven turtles on Sunday, June 26th 11 am at Mile Marker 217 near the seawall parking lot.



At&T store in the Bluff.

AT&T in the Bluff recently had their grand opening. The staff there is friendly and helpful. I thought my iPhone screen was cracked but turned out it was my screen protector. Since I am a customer it was only \$8 to replace instead of \$40. They also handle DirecTV at this location.

Murphy Gas on Flour Bluff Drive next to Walmart is often around 25 cents less per gallon than other gas stations. A good spot to stop after you go to Quick Quack Car Wash.

Scoopy's new summer flavor is coconut ice cream and it can be served in one of their waffles that are handmade daily. They also serve sandwiches, quesadillas, paninis, salads and assorted desserts.

Chick Fil-A had a ground breaking ceremony this week in the Bluff. The opening should be by the end of the year.

M00n's Padre Shuttle is great for airport trips and many other activities. A dozen of us used it for a trip to Alamo Drafthouse to watch Top Gun. The owner is Paul Haynes whose nickname is Moon. The group during the ride were like kids let out of school to go on a field trip. The food that is served at your table in the theater was great. Our next trip planned is to go bowling at CM Lanes in Aransas Pass that opened about 18 months ago. Also thinking about possibly a trip to Rockport to check out the new restaurants and bars that have opened there since Harvey. Paul also does group trips to Progresso. Call 947-7444.

Fishing Guide Joey Farah is at Marker 37 Marina most days 1 - 2 pm if you want to talk about fishing. While there you can enjoy a cold one or order lunch from Snoopy's.

Grow Local Farmers Market is at the Corpus Christi Art Center every Wednesday 5 - 8 pm with lots of produce and food trucks to enjoy dinner.

Wind & Wave Facebook page posts a daily surf report. The surf/skate kayak store has been on Frontage road at 10721 SPID for 35 years. They offer kayak and surf rentals and lots of apparel.

The June Padre Island Poker Run will be benefitting the Surfriider Foundation on Thursday, June 30th 6 - 9 pm. It will begin at the PI Art Gallery, then Padre Pizzeria, Black Sheep, Joyride Rental and end at Angry Marlin.

Litter Critter will be at the Briscoe Pavilion on Saturday, July 9th 9 am - 3 pm.

Port A Business Briefs:

Port A Express Bus is run during the peak season between now and Labor Day. The cost is less than \$3 round trip and has priority boarding at the ferry. It is available in town, Aransas Pass and Ingleside. It is a great addition for employees of the businesses there.

A new Port Aransas Law Enforcement Center is going to begin with the demolition of the old building that was destroyed by Harvey. It housed the police department, municipal court, EMS office and constable which have been in a temporary facility since March 2018. Immediately after Harvey they were in the Civic Center. The project estimate is \$1.2 million.

6 Towne Center is a three story project with retail on the first floor and condos above being constructed on Market Street at Cinnamon Shore. The 25,000+ square foot project cost is approximately \$6 Million.

Island History:

The Padre Islander was published by the Padre Island Development Corporation 1972 - 1987. Initially it came out every two months but as Island development grew it was issued every month. I have many of these but I am missing some. If anyone has access to any I would love to know if I can scan them. Any other Island memorabilia or photos would also be appreciated. I am putting together items to be eventually housed in an Island museum. I will be pitching for it to be located in the future community park.



The Padre Islander.

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company which replaced bankrupt Padre Island Investment Corp., isn't making any sales or profits.

It doesn't even have a marketing plan.

But in a plodding, determined fashion, officials say they are committed to completing the island residential project.

A new marketing plan is still several months away from being announced.

"Our project is in a formulation stage again," said Gary Wilkinson, vice president of Westinghouse Realty Advisors Inc. "We hope in one to two years to begin generating a positive cash flow."

In the meantime, Westinghouse Credit Corp., the principal investor in the massive development, has contributed an additional \$4 million this year to subsidize operations and make improvements.

During the past 15 months, Gulf Isles has been digging out of a mountain of title problems, the legacy of the past.

To date about \$4 million has been paid in partial refunds to purchasers of undeveloped lots who invested cash but never received any land. Some planned to build retirement homes here.

Under a reorganization plan approved by Bankruptcy Court Judge Richard Schmidt of Corpus Christi that took effect June 1, 1990, heavily indebted Padre Island Investment Corp. was dissolved. It was splintered into several new operation entities with Pennsylvania-based Westinghouse Credit Corp. retaining a strong interest in all restructured activities.

Gulf Isles Limited took possession of the assets of Padre Island Investment Corp., founded in 1965 as a 4000-acre master-planned community of canal-dredged home sites, condominiums, townhouses, and commercial businesses called Padre Isles. In addition to the new Gulf Isles Limited name, the project has been renamed Padre Island-Corpus Christi by Westinghouse.

These assets consist of 1400 acres, including 915 acres that are undeveloped; a country club and 18-hole golf course on 220 acres; a two-story office building, and an inventory of 324 developed residential lots.

Sharing a 50-percent interest with Gulf Isles is a liquidating trust, comprised of 1650 undeveloped lot owners from around the world who won a 1989 class action lawsuit settlement against Padre Island Investment. These investors had paid for and received deeds to 2150 undeveloped residential home sites.

While 1250 lots were never delivered, another 5300 lots were completed and turned over to owners.

The court settlement actually involved the uncompleted lot owners and Westinghouse Credit, which had loaned money to Padre Island Investment in the 1970s. Westinghouse was owed more than \$26 million on its loans when the private development corporation sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March 1986.

Under the settlement, Westinghouse paid \$8 million into a former property buyers' trustee escrow account. The lot owners also joined Westinghouse as partners in future Gulf Isles Limited sales profits.

According to William Fennell, vice president of Wesland Inc. general managing partner of Gulf Isles Limited, \$4 million has been distributed by an Austin trustee to approximately 1600 undeveloped lot owners.

A big hang-up in final funds distribution has been delays in getting former landowners to surrender their previous warranty deeds, thus entitling them to share in the new limited partnership and receive initial proceeds amounts to about 20 cents on the invested dollar.

About 500 deeds are still outstand, Fennell said.

"We are dealing on an international basis with language difficulties, deaths and heirs of original title holders, divorces, tax and judgment liens, name similarities which have required name affidavits and in some cases individual bankruptcies where the lots were put up for collateral," Fennell said.

"Most folks don't realize how entailed this (settlement process) has been and of the complex title problems," Fennell said.

"It is important that the public realizes our problems," said Wilkinson. "They can't be overcome immediately but attorneys and the company are actively continuing to pursue the resolution."

James DiGregory, vice president of First Westinghouse Equities Corp., said: "We are preparing marketing and development plans to coordinate our activities on sales of property (lots) after we clear up the title problems and make final distribution of funds under the settlement agreement."

DiGregory said Westinghouse "is very committed" to the Padre Island project and has spent more than \$50 million in development loans and investments here since 1972.

Under terms of the court settlement, after the \$8 million is paid out to former lot owners, proceeds from lot sales will be divided – 25 percent to the property owners and 75 percent to Westinghouse until Westinghouse recoups the \$8 million. After that, the division will be 50-50.

DiGregory said Westinghouse has invested \$4 million since January to subsidize Gulf Isles Limited operations and finance improvements in the country club, golf course and Lake Padre residential development. It has also paid \$700,000 in past due property taxes it inherited from Padre Island Investment during its four years in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and completed

a \$500,000 wetlands mitigation project.

The 457-acre Lake Padre residential and commercial development venture is owned by FW/RD Associates Limited. First Westinghouse Equities is the general partner with an 80-percent interest while Ralph Durden Co. owns a 20-percent stake.

Lake Padre, centered around a 175-acre man-made lake currently has a 200-unit Beach Club Apartments, developed by Ralph Durden Co. and the (Roger) Staubach-Breunig Group, and the Bridgeport subdivision, a 70-homesite development being built by Austin-based Waterloo Homes.

"I think the additional \$4 million investment this year clearly demonstrates we have a serious ongoing commitment to complete Padre Island-Corpus Christi," DiGregory added.

"We are optimistic about the potential of the island. It is unique and we think people will continue to buy there," he said. "Our goal is to sell and develop the property and make it a success. We would like to be able to improve the absorption process, but his is a long-term development."

DiGregory said there is no timetable for when Gulf Isles Limited will begin developing and selling new residential plots.

How much additional money the limited partnership shareholders may receive "depends on the overall market sales development," DiGregory said. "They will receive additional funds, but how much or when is too difficult to speculate."

"Of the remaining underdeveloped acreage, we don't have an accurate count of how many lots that would yield for potential sale at this time because we intend to replot some of the them to provide for larger lots," DiGregory said.

Most of the undeveloped land is to be in two subdivisions, named Cape Summer and Harbortown.

"We are developing a builder sales program to that we can market lots to homebuilders." He added. "The Waterloo development was our first step. We hope to increase this effort with other builder prospects and activity within six months."

Fennell, who is also president of Padre Isles Country Club Inc., said the country club membership is being built back. It slipped from 400 in the early 1980s to a low of about 200 members in early 1990. There currently are 310 members.

"Our objective is 450 members by December 1992," Fennell said. "At that level we should be able to operate at a profit and stabilize golf course maintenance costs."

Improvements within the past year have been to the clubhouse, pro shop, the pool area, the purchase of 48 new golf carts, a restored irrigation system, new air conditional units, the planting of 650 palm and yucca trees and other items.

"Westinghouse has been subsidizing the operation of the country club since the settlement and has been funding improvements because we feel it is an important amenity that benefits the rest of Padre Island-Corpus Christi," Wilkinson said.

Currently there are nearly 1000 single-family homes on the north Padre Island development and 1025 multi-family units.

The existing island development improvements are currently valued at \$300 million for tax purposes, Fennell said.

Island channel lots ranging in size from 8700 to 9200 square feet sell for prices from the mid-\$30,000s to in the \$60,000s, depending on locations. Interior lots sell for \$10,000 to \$20,000.

DiGregory said the island property, in his opinion, is very affordable compared to other similar areas.

"I saw a new 3000 square-foot house the other day that was priced at \$220,000. In most resort developments in Florida or California it would be twice that much and the lot would be priced in the six figures," DiGregory estimated.

DiGregory also said the value of the island property will increase significantly if the Packery Channel boat pass connecting Corpus Christi Bay and the Laguna Madre to the Gulf of Mexico is opened.

From its inception in 1965 until the mid-1980s more than \$115 million worth of property was sold on the north Padre Island development. At one time promoters were spending \$1 million annually to fly prospective investors into the area, many of them foreigners, in buy-now, deliver-later promotions.

A great deal of the sales proceeds went into developments such as home-site subdivisions, condominiums, and the country club and golf course.

Originally the plan was to sell lots at a price to cover construction costs and yield a profit and then dredge the lot locations. But in the 1970s runaway inflation and high interest rates put the development in a position where the cost of completing lots was higher than expected.

The company raise prices and sales went down in a soft real estate market.

"They got into a squeeze of price versus cost and there were some cash flow problems," said former Padre Island Development president David Coggins, now a Gulf Isles consultant. "The rate of building committed lots was slowed."

The company stopped the practice of selling undeveloped property in 1977. But the then there were 2150 lots that have sold without being developed and the owners were the ones who filed suit.

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into permanent wetlands and that was beyond the \$11.9 million budget.

Rick Adams, Director of Developmental Services for the City of Port Aransas, said in general terms wetlands have been defined as water bodies which are effected by tidal flow and rightly or wrongly the determination had been made by the Corp's rules that the bar ditches fit the bill.

However, in a 5-4 decision, on April 6, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated a previous provision of the Clean Water Act regulation that limited state authority in the permitting process for projects in their jurisdictions that appears to apply that would remove the ditches from the definition of wetlands. No firm determination has been made on what the ruling means, but Adams said this week that city officials there are now taking a look at what it would take to expand to four lanes for the entirety of the roadway.

"It's on our radar," Adams said.

Passes

But that is only part of the problem. Even if the problem with the ditches is removed from the equation it does not affect wetlands at Mustang Island State Park where there are some deed restrictions that could come into play even if

Preserve cont. from A1

million in public financing through a Public Improvement District approved by the Corpus Christi City Council which provides the private developers with the ability to issue bonds for construction of infrastructure, passing the cost of the bonds on to the eventual private purchasers of the developed

property. Ownership and maintenance of the canals and bulkheads will not be undertaken by taxpayers.

Once completed the developers said they expect it to produce \$23,325,000 in tax revenue each year.

The developers have stressed throughout the approval process at city hall that the waterways, parks, public spaces, and pedestrian

and cart paths that are part of the Public Improvement District will be open to the public. An Island Mobility Study is currently underway by the Island Strategic Action Committee and the private owners of the land on both sides of

Fireworks cont. from A1

"We're not going to do an abbreviated show," Colosi said. "The weather forecast is good for Sunday, but if that changes we will hold off until Monday and do the whole show."

Other than rain about the only thing that could cause a day, Colosi said, is if the wind shifts to the west which would blow the fireworks toward Island houses, a rare occurrence. The show will consist of 1400 shells from three to five inches, larger than past shows so hide the dogs.

Thank you

Nick and Todd want to thank the following:

Precinct 4 Constable Bobby Sherwood who will have four officers on hand to direct traffic.

Sheriff John (Chris) Hooper who will have the department's boat in the water, as will the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to assist with handling boat traffic, as well as

Numbers cont. from A1

Waterfront Homes Sold

14226 San Felipe Drive

15250 Isabella Court

13738 Cayo Cantiles Street

28 Waterfront Homes Listed From \$548,900.00 to \$2,950,000.00

Interior Condominiums/Townhomes/ Duplexes Sold

15010 Leeward Drive #207

15010 Leeward Drive #602

14721 Whitecap Blvd. #186

14521 E. Cabana Street #206

14521 E. Cabana Street #405

15103 Dory Drive

15110 Leeward Drive #404

42 Interior Condominiums/Townhomes/ Duplexes Listed From \$207,000.00 to \$559,900.00

Waterfront Condominiums/Townhomes/ Duplex Sold

14428 Compass Street #207

14428 Compass Street #307

13910 Mingo Cay Court #202

15405 Grass Cay Court #704

14810 Windward Drive #407

13 Waterfront Condominiums/Townhomes/ Duplexes Listed From \$181,000.00 to \$895,000.00

Waterfront Lots

18 Waterfront Lots Listed From \$250,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00

Interior Lots Sold

13958 Ketch Street

14939 Leeward Drive

14943 Leeward Drive

14947 Leeward Drive

24 Interior Lots Listed From \$39,000.00 to \$159,900.00

the widened roadway were to be restricted to the current Texas Department of Transportation right-of-way. And further, the two passes on the Corpus Christi side of the city limits would continue, under current rules, to fall under the definition as being affected by tidal fluctuations and would have to be mitigated with offsite wetlands – and the expense of buying them.

The money would most likely come through TxDot whose policy measures traffic volume in terms of daily commuters, not weekend visitors and that has been an obstacle to addressing the need for more lanes and would likely have to be addressed through the political process.

Bridges

The other problem is that of widening the existing bridges which is primarily a funding issue. If permitting can be done to address the wetlands issue widening the bridges would simply be a matter of paying for the construction.

The last time this process happened after Simpson's death the end result was construction of the passing lanes that exist on the roadway today. The question now is whether there is enough push to overcome the bureaucratic inertia and lack of sufficient funding that blocked the road to four lanes last time in 2016, and if not how many deaths it will take to create it.

the Water Exchange Bridge on SPID to connect the private developments on both sides to the bridge, providing a multi-modal means to traverse from city streets west of SPID, through the Lake Padre development, and to the beach at the Michael J. Ellis Seawall.

A key aspect of the plan is the construction of a bridge over the now dead end canal at Commodores Drive which would allow water flow and fourteen feet of clearance for boat passage through the newly developed area. Also under discussion is the use of a mix of public and private funds for improvements at the 19-acre Commodores Park adjacent to the #15 Corpus Christi Fire Station, as well as replacing the water-exchange culverts that currently run under Encantada Drive with a bridge which

would have a similar amount of boat clearance; fourteen feet which is the same as the Water Exchange Bridge.

We include design drawings for the project in this issue.

Texas Parks and Wildlife whose officers have arrest authority.

Corpus Christi Fire and Emergency Services District #2 will be on hand if needed. The spoil island behind the launch site was burned off last week so the annual July Fourth Brush Fire should not be part of the show this year.

Seashore Charter Schools for helping to handle the donations. This show is entirely funded by donations from Islanders, there is no public money involved.

Jerry and Sharon Watkins for starting this great event way back in 2014.

And on behalf of the show's spectators we thank Nick and Todd for taking this on so late in the process. It wouldn't be the Island Fourth of July without some fire in the sky, and this year's show looks to be the best ever. When the sun sets on July 3 look West.

Commercial Lot Sold

17 Commercial Lots Listed From \$110,000.00-\$3,000,000.00



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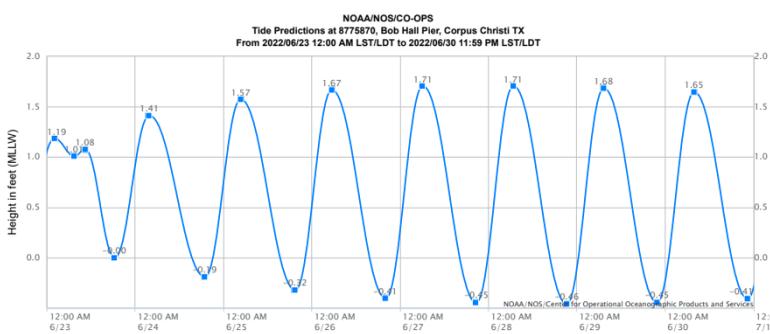
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Tides of the Week

Tides for Bob Hall Pier June 23- June 30

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Th 23	High	1:50 AM	1.2	6:35 AM	Rise 2:52 AM	33
23	Low	7:04 AM	0.9	8:28 PM	Set 3:57 PM	
23	High	9:57 AM	1.0			
23	Low	6:22 PM	-0.1			
F 24	High	3:22 AM	1.4	6:35 AM	Rise 3:23 AM	24
24	Low	6:57 PM	-0.3	8:28 PM	Set 4:52 PM	
Sa 25	High	4:21 AM	1.6	6:35 AM	Rise 3:57 AM	16
25	Low	7:33 PM	-0.5	8:28 PM	Set 5:48 PM	
Su 26	High	5:08 AM	1.7	6:35 AM	Rise 4:34 AM	9
26	Low	8:07 PM	-0.5	8:28 PM	Set 6:43 PM	
M 27	High	5:49 AM	1.7	6:36 AM	Rise 5:15 AM	4
27	Low	8:41 PM	-0.6	8:28 PM	Set 7:39 PM	
Tu 28	High	6:27 AM	1.7	6:36 AM	Rise 6:01 AM	1
28	Low	9:15 PM	-0.6	8:28 PM	Set 8:31 PM	
W 29	High	7:03 AM	1.7	6:36 AM	Rise 6:51 AM	0
29	Low	9:49 PM	-0.6	8:28 PM	Set 9:21 PM	
Th 30	High	7:36 AM	1.7	6:37 AM	Rise 7:44 AM	0
30	Low	10:22 PM	-0.5	8:28 PM	Set 10:06 PM	



Port Aransas Art Center Events for July 2022

July 2022 – “Wildlife in Focus” 2022

Submission Date-N/A – Opening Date 07/01/2022
 ELIGIBILITY- Participating Photographers in the Wildlife in Focus Program (Juried Show- N/A)

The mission of Wildlife in Focus (WiF) is to preserve and protect the native wildlife and their habitats in South Texas. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, we strive to create an atmosphere of cooperation among businesses, private landowners, and wildlife photographers where all participants benefit while promoting the conservation and protection of wildlife and habitat.

Tuesdays in July - Acrylic Fluid Art with Vanessa.

75h, 19th, and 26th TIME: 12-3p FEE: \$65/70

Supplies are provided. You can sign up online, by phone or in person. Tuesdays are all about fluid art and feeling the flow of colors and paint. Vanessa will teach you several techniques during this class and how to mix paints to get the look you want. Students will be guided to make their own fluid art painting on a 16x20 canvas then after it is dry they will be able to take it home.

Thursday in July - Watercolor with Jane

21st TIME: 10-1:00p FEE: \$25/30

Explore the magic of watercolor with Jane on Thursdays. Hobby artist to experienced painters are welcome. Class size is limited so it's a good idea to sign up as soon as the dates are released. We are happy to help with supplies, just let us know when you sign up. You can sign up online, over the phone or in person.

July 9th - Family Art Day 1-3:00 FREE - with Anita

All about having fun with watercolors. Take a break from the heat and enjoy some relaxing family time being creative at the art center and learn how fun watercolors can be.

Two lessons will be available for your child to create a small watercolor picture. Explore using plastic wrap as a texture-maker and underpainting in watercolor and practice wet-on-wet watercolor skills. The underpainting is then transformed by outlining a leaf and adding a layer of color to the edge of the image. The second lesson will use a wet brush to drag over evergreen trees that you have added to your watercolor paper. By dragging a flat brush over the trees you will soften the colors and create an illusion of water. Learn how to lift lines and add splatters to give another layer of texture.

July 23rd - Paint Party w/ Kaleigh Glover

5:30-8:00p \$40/45 - Come to the Port Aransas Art Center and enjoy a fun evening painting with Kaleigh while sipping on a glass of wine and kicking back island style. She will help guide you through painting an 11x16 canvas that will remind you of visiting Port Aransas. You will then get to take your masterpiece home with you and enjoy for years to come.

July 24th- Whine, Wine and Design w/ Greta Watkins

5:00-7:30 \$40/45

Join Greta and let her guide you through painting a cute beach scene while enjoying a glass of wine.

July 6th and 27th Express Your Inner Self Workshop - An Intuitive Journey Of Creativity

Facilitated by Sharen Chatterton and Karen Rester TIME:9:30-1:30p FEE: 85/90
 bring snacks/sack lunch/ beverages 5 minimum 12 maximum



Invite yourself to emotionally relax, let whatever you need to know come out in colors, shapes, designs and imagery. Let go of your everyday, accomplishing mind, so that those hidden parts of self can arise and open your heart to aspects of yourself through art. Keep your mind and body open to intuitive insight. Practice playing, loosening up, freeing and opening up your creativity. Join Sharen Chatterton and Karen Rester, as they lead you along this path of expressing those feelings, emotions and thoughts through painting in various mediums.

July 29th - How to take better pictures with John Morris



TIME: 9-11:00 FEE: \$25/30
 Regardless of what kind of camera you have and the intended use of your picture, John Morris will help guide you through some simple steps to get better shots. For this

class, you will meet in the classroom and get a few classroom instructions and then head out to photograph the beautiful Port Aransas area of landscapes and wildlife guided by John.

Weekend WINE Down



Our Sip and Shop happens every weekend at the art center. Stop in from 12-5:00p on Friday or Saturday and enjoy a glass of wine while viewing beautiful art. This is a great way to get your weekend started.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

Three years ago when complaints about Short-Term Rentals in Island neighborhoods started to reach a crescendo most citizens of Corpus Christi and, in fact, most members of the Corpus Christi City Council were not even aware of the problem. Now, at the next city council meeting on Tuesday, June 28 the council is set to vote on Phase II of a citywide Short-Term Rental ordinance that will continue the system we currently have in place on Padre Island which, with some expected increase in enforcement, is working fine.

In a nutshell, any legal STR currently operating on Padre Island will be able to continue operating, and any STR operator operating illegally in neighborhoods zoned RS-6 Residential – single-family homes – will continue to be illegal.

There is some eleventh-hour push back from the Corpus Christi Realtors Association whose representative this week sent the following letter to members of the Corpus Christi City Council.

Dear Council Member,

I am concerned with phase II of the STR ordinance. We urge you to VOTE NO and seek amendments that will protect private property rights.

Specifically, phase II is unfair and arbitrary. The government should not impose restrictions on property owners that infringe upon their ability to generate income. Phase II will ban STRs on the island, while allowing them in other areas. This has a significant impact on property owners' right to rent out their properties on a short-term basis.

As a constituent, I am against city ordinances that arbitrarily infringe on the basic right of the individual to acquire, possess and freely transfer real property, and shall protect private property rights as referred to in the 5th and 14th Amendments of the United States Constitution. Private property rights include the right to gain income from property and the right to rent out property on a short-term basis.

While the city has substantial discretion in establishing, implementing, and enforcing zoning requirements, such requirements must be based upon factual basis. They cannot be arbitrary or capricious. I believe that the city has failed to define any factual basis for the proposed zoning restrictions.

I urge you to VOTE NO, seek amendments to the ordinance that will protect the private property rights for all residents of Corpus Christi.

*Sincerely,
 Susan Barrett
 Riviera Dr.
 Corpus Christi, TX 78418*

Notice there is no mention in there of “arbitrarily infringing” on the property rights of those of us who bought in a residential neighborhoods for a reason and don’t want a hotel next door. Make no mistake, this is not about concern for property rights, this is about money and the Corpus Christi Realtors Association spreads theirs around to the political class. Maybe it’s time for Island realtors, who are working in the hottest section of the local real estate market to form their own association.

The irony here is that if the council were to vote down the ordinance on Tuesday STR in Padre Island neighborhoods would still be illegal, and further, since the current ordinance which calls for registration of STR on Padre Island does not include a way for STR to operate legally in the remainder of the city (with the exception of Flour Bluff which would be allowed to operate STR under the new ordinance) if the council votes down the new ordinance the old ordinance will remain in place which means property owners all over the city will not be able to operate STR; Mrs. Barrett doesn’t mention their property rights.

Struck out looking

The only council member who has said publicly he will vote against the ordinance on Tuesday is District 5 councilman Gil Hernandez who, unfortunately, we can’t vote against – at least not now. He cites the same concern for property rights and wants to jam STR down the throats of Island homeowners who apparently in his world don’t have the same said property rights. But Mr. Hernandez often finds himself on the skinny end of council votes for dubious reasons – in this case check his financial reports and see who is paying the freight.

Councilman Hernandez reminds me of the kid who struck out looking in Tee-Ball because he overthought the pitch. If we’re going to have a council member voting against us he’s not a bad one to have. A year from now when complaints start coming in about noise from STR in neighborhoods in his district he’s going to say he voted against it, but I doubt he’ll be mentioning property rights.

In the time I have been living on Padre Island and observing the goings on at city hall I haven’t seen an issue that is as vital to us as this one. It is existential. If you live in a peaceful neighborhood on Padre Island and have never been to a council meeting this is the one to attend, even if you don’t speak during the noon window for citizens to be heard go down there and show the flag.

We don’t want to strike out looking in this Tee-Ball game.

Island Farmer's Market



Photos by Mary Craft

Senior Moments



The Korean War and The Nation of North Korea

By Dotson Lewis
Special to the Island Moon

Dotson's Note: Nuclear missiles is a term that has become abundant in headlines covering North Korean news over the past several years. Most people may simply chalk Kim Jong Un's obsession with nukes to his distrust of other world leaders and the general madness the entire Kim regime projects. But what drives Kim to incessantly up the nuclear ante almost 70 years after the end of the Korean War? A look at the history of the Korean peninsula tells a story of a nation divided while fighting against outside reign and with two outcomes that couldn't be more different. Thanks to Bobby Coen, Doug Bandon and Brookings Institute, for the facts contained in this report and to the US Army Signal Corps and Brookings Institute, for the photos.

North And South Korea



Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula ended with the victory of Allied forces in World War II. Four countries (US and the Soviet Union, the UK and China) agreed to divide Korea at the 38th parallel and accept Japanese surrender on both sides. Korea was to remain under this Four-Power Trusteeship for up to five years while a system of autonomous rule was established for a unified Korea. After several years of failed discussions between the US and the Soviet Union, two separate governments came into existence in the north and south in 1948.

The northern region (present-day North Korea) established a communist government, backed by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union while the southern region (South Korea) established a democratic government with US support and with the UN closely monitoring. With the backing of two global superpowers, the two states started to operate independently. This period that split the nation laid the foundation of anti-US sentiments in communist North Korea.

The Korean War

Just five short years after the end of World War II, the relationship between the two Koreas deteriorated further when the North invaded South Korea in 1950 (the beginning of the Korean War), which triggered a US retaliation within days. The United States sent about 90% of the troops that were sent to aid South Korea while China fought on the side of North Korea, with the Soviet Union providing military equipment.



Artillery 1950

After three years of a bloody war that cost over a million lives, fighting ceased on July 27, 1953, with the signing of an armistice agreement between Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Chinese People's Volunteers and the UN. It also drew the demilitarized zone (DMZ) across the 38th parallel, which has come to be known as the most dangerous border in the world. No peace agreement has been signed as the two countries are technically still at war.

United States Military Presence



Pyongyang 1950.

The United States has had a military presence in South Korea since the Korean War. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), present day South Korea has the third highest deployment of US troops anywhere in the world. Additionally, neighboring Japan is host to more US forces than any other nation, with over 47,000 deployed, the majority being naval personnel,

and an aircraft carrier permanently deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

In 2017, following North Korea's missile tests near US bases in Japan, the US installed its controversial Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile defense system at Seongju in South Korea. The THAAD in South Korea is operated by the US Army and is a transportable, ground-based missile defense system which could shoot down North Korean short and medium range missiles in the event of war.

American Imperialism

North Korea teaches its citizens that the United States started the Korean War, and only the Kim family can protect them against the US. North Korea views the US as an imperialist and capitalist colonizer with a long history of exploitation and has reinforced this by way of censorship, control of access to information, and anti-US propaganda.

Fast forward to present day, South Korea's economic prosperity has brought this once war-torn country within reach to be the world's seventh greatest in income per capita. All the while, just north of the DMZ, sanctions brought on by Kim Jong Un's incessant nuclear threats and a global COVID-19 pandemic has global watchdogs concerned about a repeat of the devastating famine of the 1990s. Yet, due to North Korea's extensive brain-washing and control over information and media, those on the inside are clueless to this massive disparity.

For the North Korean regime, America is to be blamed for the Korean War and all of the aftermath. The anti-American narrative is inescapable and indoctrination begins as early as kindergarten. Through it, Kim Jong Un is able to justify billions in nuclear weapons to protect his dictatorship against this American "bogeyman" while his people starve and his nation remains trapped in the past. Sadly, this kernel of hate still drives Kim's nuclear ambitions today.

The Price for Peace for the United States and North Korea

The main concern of the US is its influence. The US Navy has bases in Japan and South Korea as well strategic locations throughout the Indian Ocean. American forces have been present in East Asia since World War II. Almost 78 years have been dedicated to maintaining the US military in East Asia - this includes its influence throughout and following the Cold War. Because the US maintains extensive peacekeeping forces half a world away, the US has a voice on the other side of the globe. The US also currently conducts a considerable amount of trade with China, South Korea and Japan, as well as many countries in South and Central Asia. If war were to break out in East Asia and a world power like China were to be involved, the US's influence would be disrupted.



Kim Jong Un

North Korea is in a different position altogether. Although North Korea wants peace in East Asia, the regime knows its survival is entirely dependent on the regime holding onto power. With the UN Commission of Inquiry looming over their heads for human rights violations and abuses, the North Korean leadership knows that the only way to avoid international criminal courts for crimes against humanity is by maintaining absolute power in North Korea. This is ultimately what motivates the country's seemingly erratic behavior, calculated displays of military force and weapon tests. This motivation drives the North Korean dictatorship as it comes to the negotiating table with US officials. While North Korean leaders want peace and prosperity for their people, they certainly will not give their own power or lives in the process.

Dotson's Other Note: The fear that North Korean leaders have is understandable. Consider a scenario where North Korea becomes more like China. While prosperity in North Korea may skyrocket with trade and increased international influence, its citizens would be exposed to Western-style consumerism and some freedom to access outside information. This is a dangerous scenario for North Korea's leadership. An influx of the very same foreign investors and ideas that bring it more wealth and influence may spark realization, discontent, and violent upheaval. 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 Pastor Kris Bair

Today's stimulating Facebook Meme is titled "Mum's Clothes Line Rules."

Having been intimate with a clothesline during my youth (back in the day, you know), my interest was immediately piqued.

With four kids, Mom did laundry all the time, and the two-string, short clothesline, sufficient for the previous elderly owners, just didn't get it.

So Dad bought her a clothesline with a revolving square of lines, enough to hold several loads of clothes at once.

And Mom proceeded to teach us how to hang the clothes. It was an art form, I admit.

However, I have never been introduced to Rule #1: "The clothes line must be wiped before hanging clothes."

I suspect this rule evolved due to birds that sat on said clothesline. However, those birds sit on the clothesline with their heads positioned forward from the line and their rears balance behind the line.

Birds generally don't roost and poop on the line!

Some might argue that their little feet would despoil the clean clothes, but if they did, we didn't notice it.

And they rarely perched atop the clean laundry hanging there, except in mulberry season, when they also did fly-bys in order to poop purple on the clean clothes. The mulberry tree was unfortunately situated near the clothesline.

In Kansas, there's always enough wind to keep that laundry moving, discouraging bird-sitting.

Rule #2, "socks must be hung by their toes," is only logical. Gravity pulls the water in them down towards the ground. I'm pretty sure the open end will drain and dry faster than the downturned toes.

Rule #3 was a non-factor: "Hang sheets and towels on the outside line to hide your 'unmentionables.'"

When you live miles from anywhere, nobody but your family will be exposed to the potential perversion of actually seeing the unmentionables.

And Rule #4, "Hang your clothes in order—whites with whites, hung first," is a silly one, since you wash a load of whites and then hang them. You don't mix your colors in the wash!

At this point, I became highly suspicious that a male wrote these rules.

The 5th Rule is just plain wrong—"Shirts must always hang by the tail—never the shoulders." Huh? We ALWAYS hung shirts by the shoulders. Period.

The 6th Rule would have us "Line up the clothes so each item shares the clothes pegs with another item."

Well, if you're hanging shirts by the tails, this is workable, and it works with flat items like sheets and towels. But it definitely will NOT work with some of the stuff that needs to dry. Like the unmentionables.

Clothesline Capers

Another example might be Dad's pants, for which Mom purchased a special pair of pants stretchers. The stretchers fit down his pants legs and adjusted to stretch them out to dry without wrinkles. She hung them from some nails on our porch.

Rule #7 notes that "It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside, the clothes will go out and just freeze."

While it's true that we hung out clothes when it was really cold, usually they froze unexpectedly on the line when the temp suddenly dropped. In sub-zero weather, Mom had two indoor clothes racks and we jostled our way around them when she did laundry.

The final rule says, "Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes—never leave them on the line." We gathered our clothespins when we took the clothes down, not because it was the rule but because they deteriorated if you left them out.

I had suspected this was a British meme when I saw the "Mum" in the title, and I became even more suspicious when I saw "unmentionables."

But I realized it was undoubtedly so when I saw the word "pegs" for "clothespins," and that "clothes line" had been written as two words, instead of one.

Trust the Brits to have rules for everything (including drying clothes) and to codify them.

In such cases, it is always our patriotic duty to deliberately break them or ignore them.

Well, maybe not ALL of them. Like our founding fathers, I grudgingly accept several of them.

Dryers have made this a non-issue, but there's

Mum's Clothes Line Rules

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Socks must be hung by their toes.

Hang sheets and towels on the outside line so you can hide your 'unmentionables'.

Clothes must hang in order - whites with whites and hung first.

Shirts must always hang by the tail - never the shoulders.

Lining up the clothes so that each item shares one of the clothes pegs with another item.

It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside, the clothes will go out and just freeze.

Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes - never leave them on the line.



still some merit in hanging wet clothes outside. They smell so good!

We love the smell of salt water and hot sand at Island Presbyterian Church's Beach Worship, 8 a.m. each Sunday on the beach at the end of Whitecap. Bring a chair, your coffee, and pets on a leash. Or join us in our sanctuary at Fortuna Bay and Gypsy at 10 a.m.

No unmentionables about us!

Parrot Head Donation Presentation



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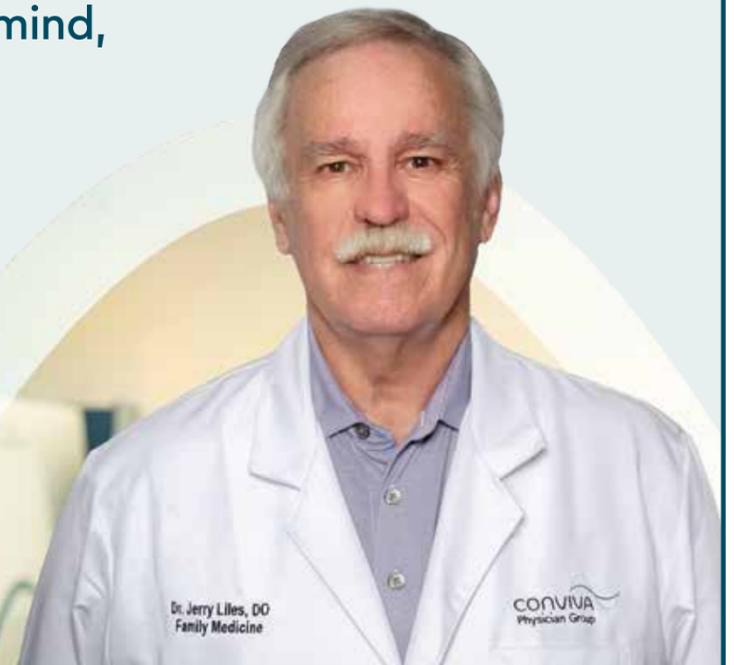
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Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



Wilcy Moore: Baseball's Forgotten Pioneer

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: I believe that if you ask anyone who has ever been a fan or has been associated with Major League Baseball what the greatest team of all time is, you're likely to hear a common answer: the 1927 New York Yankees. "They just beat our brains out," said Hall of Fame outfielder Al Simmons after absorbing one of the Yankees' 110 wins that season. The Murderers' Row Yankees featured, count 'em, four Hall of Fame players in their lineup, including two of the top hitters all time, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Joey Corso for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

To this day, most experts still recognize the 1927 Yankee offense as the best of all time, justifying its well-documented nickname.



George Pipgras.

They could pitch as well, evidenced by their league-leading 3.20 team ERA. The rotation was anchored by another pair of Hall of Fame players in Waite Hoyt and Herb Pennock, who were each in the prime of their careers. Even their back-end guys, Urban Shocker, George Pipgras, and Dutch Reuther, were so good they could have been No. 1 or No. 2 starters on nearly any other team in the league.

As great as all of these players were, no player was arguably more indispensable than a 30-year-old pitcher named Wilcy Moore.



Wilcy Moore.

During the 1927 spring training, Moore was easily the Yankees' most effective pitcher. However, the rotation was already rock solid, which forced yet another Hall of Famer, manager Miller Huggins, to get creative.

Huggins came up with the first "fireman." The job wasn't a one-inning closer, but a far more valuable commodity whose job usually called for coming into a game with men on base, getting out of the jam, and then closing the game.

From the beginning of the season until the end, it was a match made in heaven. One writer noted Moore "specializes in treating ailing ball games and putting them back in healthy condition," which led to the nickname "Doc."

What made Moore so unbelievable? After breaking his arm two years earlier, he was forced to throw sidearm. As a result, he developed a deadly sinker that moved down and away on lefties and up and in on righties. Hitters were flummoxed by the pitch all year as Moore went on to finish the regular season with a league-leading 2.28 ERA and 13 saves in 213 innings over 50 appearances (including 12 spot starts).



Murderer's Row-1927 Yankees.

Well, Moore was not exactly the first of his kind, but a close second. Washington Manager Bucky Harris had employed relief ace Firpo Marburry in a similar role that helped the Senators win back-to-back pennants in 1924 and 1925. Yet neither of those seasons were as remarkable as Moore's, as his came about on the most legendary team in baseball history.

Moore continued dominating in his unusual but highly effective role during the World Series against the Pirates, picking up a complete-game win in a rare start and a save in a Yankees' sweep. Although nearly all the press went toward Ruth and Gehrig, who continued to mash during the entire series, it's clear Moore had an enormous effect on the team's success.

Even if few noticed what a historical season Moore was having, you can count the Babe, who hit a well-documented 60 home runs during the season, as one who did. "I don't



Bucky Harris.

know where Moore was when all the scouts were gum-shoeing around those parts, because he was just about the best pitcher in our league in 1927," Ruth said at the time.

More than 80 years later, the role Moore once dominated is quite frankly nonexistent. We are in an era of specialists and one-inning closers, surely a sight that makes some old-timers cringe.

Yet for a long stretch in time after that trailblazer season, truly remarkable fireman emerged, including Hoyt Wilhem and Goose Gossage, who each now have a plaque in Cooperstown.

Moore never duplicated his 1927 success and was out of the majors for good after the 1933 season. In retrospect, Moore's season not only pushed his team over the top to legendary status, but you could say it was the birth of the modern relief pitcher as we know it.

Yes, the job has evolved over the years, but the original purpose is the same: Put in a fresh arm to get out of a jam in a close game and then go finish out the victory.

Ask the casual baseball fan about what made the 1927 New York Yankees so magnificent and they will probably mention the hitting of Ruth and Gehrig. A Yankee fan who knows his history would mention the majority of Murderers' Row from the season and could then rattle off a starting pitcher or two.

Yet only those very knowledgeable few would mention Moore, a one-year fireman wonder. Forever, though, Moore will have a place in baseball lore—the pioneer of the relievers.

Dotson's Other Note: One day when I was about fourteen and a real baseball nut, my dad and I were talking hitting after he had finished throwing me about 30 minutes of batting practice. (As I recall I had hit every strike he threw). Knowing that he had been a semi-pro catcher and a pretty good hitter, I asked him who he thought was the best pitcher he had ever seen....his answer, without hesitation, "Wilcy Moore." He also said that Wilcy was the best pitcher he had ever caught. That was a shock...I had never heard of Wilcy Moore. Did I get a lecture that day! It was a step by step lesson on why Wilcy was the best. Also I was informed that he had no idea why Wilcy's pro career was so short. Question of the week, who were the two Yankee hitters on "Murderers' Row" who were Hall of Famers, besides Gehrig and Ruth? 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

Visiting With Dickie V.

Love him or hate him, over the last 41 years, he has become the face of NCAA College Basketball. With his high-energy delivery, unmistakable hollow voice and unlimited enthusiasm for the game he loves, he has also become an incredible public speaker. This guy demands attention when he enters the room and the players love him. He's funny looking, nearly bald and has only one eye that works. And like most Italian men, if you cut his hands off he wouldn't be able to speak. Meeting him is like going to the circus or being in a parade. You just know he has a peach basket hanging somewhere in his backyard at home. His catch phrases like: "he's a diaper dandy" (young player), "he's the "Windex man" (can rebound), "dipsy-dodunk-rue" (slam dunk), "he can flat-out shoot the 'J' (he can make a jump shot), and many others have become trademark slogans.

In the summer of 1990, Pizza Hut announced they would become a major sponsor of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. Mini-basketballs would now be a giveaway with the purchase of your favorite pizza. I was in Phoenix, Arizona, for a Pizza Hut rollout meeting and the guest speaker was the godfather of round ball himself, Dick Vitale. Dickie V. would also be signing his newest book (one of nine). Dick and I had several neat things in common. We were both huge college basketball fans, enjoyed the history of the game, and we were both friends of N. C. State basketball coach, Jim Valvano. In fact, my mom worked in the ordering department for all the sports athletic equipment used by the university. When I met Vitale, we began to talk about Valvano and Atlantic Coast Conference basketball. He asked me to sit with him, while he signed books for his fans. It was quite an afternoon.



1999 Dick Vitale and me.

Richard John "Dick" Vitale was born June 9, 1939, in Passaic, New Jersey. His father, John, was a security guard and clothing press operator. His mom, Mae, worked in a factory as a seamstress. Dick lost the vision in his left eye due to an accident with a pencil in kindergarten. Dick graduated from East Rutherford High School. He attended Seton Hall University, graduated in 1963, and later earned his master's degree in education from William Paterson University. In 1959, Vitale's first coaching job occurred at an elementary school located in Garfield, New Jersey. He would later become the head coach of Garfield High School and then East Rutherford High School. By 1971,

you could find Vitale at Rutgers University as their assistant basketball coach. He was hired in 1973 by the University of Detroit, to be their head coach. Vitale led his 1977 Detroit team on a 21 consecutive-games winning streak and the NCAA Tournament. Dick Vitale was hired by the Detroit Pistons of the NBA for the 1978-79 seasons. They finished 30-52 and Dick was let go the following year, twelve games into the 1979-80 season, on November 8, 1979.

Scotty Connal of ESPN offered Dick his first TV job as a broadcaster. Vitale said, "No thanks." He knew nothing about television. His wife, Lorraine, talked him into accepting the job on a temporary basis. By December of that same year, Vitale was working as a color commentator on college basketball games with Jim Simpson. By 2004-05, Dick was calling 40 games a year on television, for ESPN and ABC. He is signed through the 2017-18 college basketball season with ESPN.

His broadcast partners have been many. He has also worked with Dan Shulman, Rece Davis, Jay Bilas, "Digger" Phelps, Bob Knight, Keith Jackson, Brent Musburger, and Tim Brando, as well as the late Jim Valvano and many others.

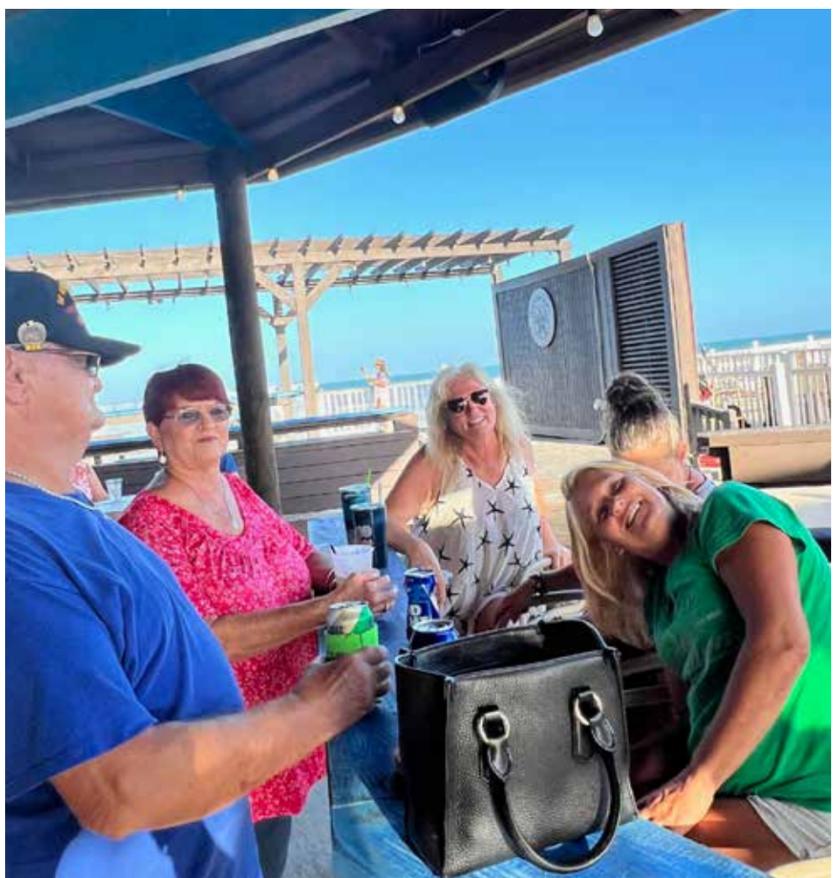
After Jim Valvano's death, Dick Vitale became the spearhead of the Jimmy V. Foundation for Cancer Research, which raises money in Valvano's honor. As mentioned, Dick has authored nine books and has also been a part of several movies. He continues to travel and speak to students and professionals. Dick and his wife, Lorraine, live in Florida, and they have two grown daughters.

Dick Vitale was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, as a contributor to the sport. He is also in the College Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2011, the University of Detroit named their basketball court in his honor. On August 18, 2012, Dick was inducted into the Little League Museum Hall of Excellence.

Dick Vitale is awesome, baby, with a capital "A." I cannot begin to tell you how nice and genuine this guy is. He is the same guy in person that you see on TV. His enthusiasm is contagious, and he realizes that he has been blessed. He just has that something that connects with fans and it cannot be taught. At 83 years old, he's no "diaper" dandy. One day the world will go on without Dickie V., but I can promise you, it will not be as much fun. Happy Birthday Dick.

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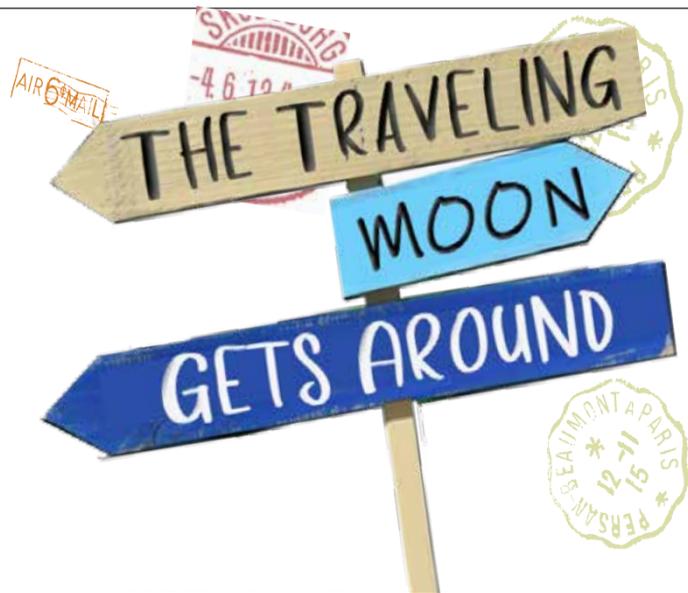
Sandbar Reopens



The Sandbar at The Island Resort has finally reopened after three years of being closed after damages sustained by Hurricane Harvey. It has been a favorite spot for locals for decades. Photos by Doc Mc Gregor II.



Conrad and Lillie Mae Cazalas took their granddaughters Millie and Perrie to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky to celebrate Perrie's 10th birthday. They also visited were the Creation Museum and the Newport Aquarium in Cincinnati.



Greg and Cheryl Webb went to Negril Jamaica and took Island Moon with them.



Good day from England!

I thought you might like to see your newspaper on holiday - this time it's taken a trip to Colchester, in north Essex on the east coast of England. Colchester is famed for being the oldest town in England - the Romans landed here in 43 AD.....and the rest is history!

My family and I live in England and visit North Padre Island most years for a week or so each time. We fly in to Houston or Austin, rent a car or sometimes an RV, then head for the coast. Your fabulous island has something for all of us.

My husband James is a keen windsurfer and discovered Padre Island whilst in Houston with spare time on his hands. He'd drive down, rent a room and then head for the National Seashore and Bird Island Basin to Worldwinds Windsurfing. Don ran it for many years and Olivier is now in charge, both fantastic guys, generous with their time and advice. Whilst James and our eldest son windsurf, my younger son and I love the wildlife and we watch the birds and animals and paddle a kayak round the Laguna. Sometimes we do a tour with the rangers at the PINS, this year we took the Spring Rookery trip with Rockport Birding Adventures out of Fulton.

We often rent a condo on the canals and the boys love to fish from the dock. On arrival, our first stop is usually Cos Way Bait and Tackle to stock up! One of our best nights out is Snoopy's - the sunset, the bay and the crunchy, crispy fried fish, shrimp and fries is just an unforgettable combo.

Over the years we've followed the Schlitterbahn saga, enjoyed the Bob Hall Pier (much missed this year), eaten cakes and cookies at the German Bakery (also gone now), stocked up with favourites at CVS, watched hummingbirds at the South Texas Botanical Garden and visited all the Aransas nature reserves. We are now watching with interest any progress on the Whitecap Preserve Project.

So thank you North Padre, thank you Texas - we have spent some of our most memorable family holidays with you.
~Sue Devereaux

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On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony the other day for Laguna Shores Road. You loyal readers know that the team and I have spent the past 3-4 years working on getting that project down the road so to speak. The mayor and several council members were in attendance and spoke, as did City Manager Peter Zanoni.

Councilman Greg Smith, Mayor Paulette, I, and many others grew up driving that road, and there was a lot of cheering that it was finished. Peter remarked that Laguna Shores was one of the first roads he drove down when he first started with the city, and he was amazed both what it was when he started, and how it is today. It's a testament to the current council and city staff's efforts to get these kinds of large street projects done. Our mitigation plan was mentioned, and I'll write about the magic of Redhead Pond next time.

"Seasonal upwelling on the Western and Southern Shelves of the Gulf of Mexico"

Right about the time I wrote last week that the upwelling was staying slightly offshore, the reports started rolling in that indeed, we were experiencing upwelling on the lower beach. The water got chilly and dirty, and we started to see hydroids, bryozoans, (the stuff that looks like clear glass/Thai noodles), seagrass sheaths, comb jelly fish, and all kinds of stuff washing up. This is due to the changing of the north to south nearshore currents to south to north. Daniel reached out the other day in an email and told me that he's been reading my writing about this phenomenon for years, but he wanted to know where to find some additional sources. Well, a lot what I learned was from talking to Dr. Tunnell, but there's a really good, short paper that was put out and very findable on the internet, titled "Seasonal upwelling on the Western and Southern Shelves of the Gulf of Mexico" by Zavala-Hidalgo, Martinez-Lopez, Gallegos-Garcia, and Morey back in 2005. It's fairly simple, look it up and enjoy! The short story is that it happens every year to varying degrees and should taper off in July.

Anchored down in Brazos Santiago

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Either the two eddies that are breaking apart off our coast, or from South Padre. Sargassum actually is anchored (not rooted) at the South Padre Island jetties at the Brazos Santiago pass. Many people don't associate Sargassum as being attached, but it will attach to coral reefs, breakwaters, and yes, jetties when it comes in contact. The sargassum growing on the rocks at South Padre has been there for as long as I can remember. Next time you're down there, look on the channel side of the north jetty right about opposite of the waterline at the beach. That is as far north as I've seen it anchored; however it is common in the Caribbean.



Under the JFK

City staff is trying to organize a meeting to discuss the Bond 2018 project under the JFK Causeway, and last week I wrote that the main issue is that they claimed that they can't build improvements on TxDOT right of way; but then I'm wondering how they are rationalizing spending Bond 2014 and TIRZ #2 monies on the PR 22 bridge? Things that make you go "hmmmm..." More on that as it develops.

Well folks, I don't need to tell you that someone needs to get serious about their rain dance. If things don't change quickly, we'll be headed into Stage II drought conditions before you can blink. I did one of those sleep studies the other day, where you go into an office and get all kinds of electrodes taped to you and then you're supposed to fall asleep. I'm not sure why they called it a "sleep study", because I never did fall asleep with all that stuff on me and I'm not sure we learned anything useful except that I don't have sleep apnea. Stay cool, go see a local show, drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and we'll see you next week here On the Rocks.

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These perhaps are those few moments that make everything you worked for, traveled across, and left on the mainland, well-worth it. Summertime fishing here in the Coastal Bend can be some of the best inshore fishing in the world. Many of the guided trips and sport fishermen are using live bait anchoring up, watching the end of a pole. Spark some excitement and make a summer drift throwing lures or live shrimp and get lost in the rolling waves and the undersea world alive under the surface of the crystal clear waters of our back bays.

Carpet of grass



Mature specks have changed their diet to mostly baitfish, thus sporting large "catch teeth" and that Ol Mustard Mouth.

The carpet of grass was thick under the flashing mirror of the sun rising over my shoulder. I could see mullet and perch darting through the sand pockets as I slowed the boat to a stop. The light morning breeze lapped the boat in a rhythmic symphony, and my long cast seemed to melt into the glow of orange and yellow in the sky. I was flickering a DOA 5" Jerk bait

across the surface, like a fleeing ballyhoo it bounced over the waves.

About my sixth cast I was already slipping off into thought when a flash appeared behind the bait. I slowed the bait down and watched a thick maroon fish swirl over the dancing bait and felt a thump shock through my rod. He flashed gold when he bolted out and across the flats singing my drag and bringing a morning glow all over my face. Baitfish bolted and flew from his charging burst against the waves, then he turned and quartered the boat. The big redfish ran us around three times before he laid his golden edge towards us.

The song is never the same when you're drifting

A few casts later, a glowing sand pocket appeared and my guest landed his soft plastic just beyond, slipping it into a few of the trout bedded along the edge of the thick grass. We watched a silver strike, and white gills flare from the frothy water irrupting out of the sandy pothole. She darted and torpedoed the boat, turning at the last moment to show her black spots and purple and silver sides. As we drifted along we seemed to all be hypnotized by the aquarium in front of us. Soon we started to see trout, skip jacks, and perch all following our baits up to the boat and sometimes attacking the lures within just a few feet from the boat's side. I softened my strokes and teased the marauding pin perch, letting them tap the tail of my lure. A giant black log burst from the thick grass and in a second the DOWN SOUTH LURES Super Model disappeared before my eyes, and the rod bent double from a giant trout racing off to the horizon. The song is never the same when you are drifting. There is always a new target to cast at, or even lost in thought blind casting as far as you can, go with the flow.

Where to fish

Windless mornings are the hardest for anglers throwing lures and wanting to drift. Stay close to deep water! The edges of the ICW are the best after morning traffic. The deep grass lines out along the King Ranch Shoreline are my second choice. Even if you don't have a trolling motor one can cast in a 360 pattern; start the motor get some momentum built at a slow idle then glide into new water. As soon as you get some wind pull a drift over changes in depth. I have been catching most of my redfish in two feet of water and trout in depths of 2-5 feet. A wind of 10-15 mph is best for drift fishing and I start to throw out a drift sock to make us drift strait and slow us down in a stiff wind. Don't make the mistake of running through your drift while making another run. Circle well around your fishing area so that you don't spook any fish in that area. Use a grid pattern to cover the flats - do not just line up the exact same line each time. As you drift over sand pockets, note changes in the bottom and big groups of sand pockets, and mark them on your GPS. Reference marks will make future drifts easier to make when the sun is up high or we have windy rough conditions with bad water visibility.

What to fish with

We have been easily catching 20-60 trout a day on lures drift fishing the flats. A 1/8th or 1/4 ounce jig head from the boat is best. A length of clear mono leader is a must, I use 20-30lb. Casting with the wind with DOA 5" Jerk Shads, and the DOA 3" Cal Shad is a pair of baits you can't go wrong with. The jerk bait is my favorite for dancing across the upper water column creating almost a top-water presentation. The



Lynn Roman holds a beautiful over slot trout caught this week on a DOWN SOUTH LURES Super Model/ midnight hour. We were drifting in two feet of water in the Laguna Madre.

3" Cal Shad is the little workhorse of plastic baits, hood with the 1/4ounce jig head and hood fast retrieve. Another hot bait to try right now is the DOWN SOUTH LURES Bone Diamond. This lure has a fantastic tail flutter and perfect Mid-Body movement that sends trout into a strike, even when they will not eat anything else. Bring this bait up towards the surface and create a controlled fall as you bring but slowly back towards the angler. They always nail this bait as it falls.

Drift away this summer, even if you just go out for a few passes in the afternoon. The only thing you're going to hurt is a few fish lips. Afternoons have been on fire for big redfish as the winds pick up around 4-5 p.m. Take it easy and drift away into summer fishing. Follow all of my hookups on Instagram at jfarah72 and Facebook at Joseph Farah! Get wet.

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- Across**
- Elaborate tapestry
 - Roller coaster maneuver
 - Armchair athlete's channel
 - River of Tours
 - Viscount's superior
 - "Take ___ Train"
 - Classic Marx Brothers film?
 - Grass-covered plains
 - Ninja's asset
 - ___ carte
 - Hallow ending
 - Sound judgment?
 - Bishop of old TV
 - Cookout in Honolulu
 - 5th qtrs.
 - Dame of Paris?
 - Schedule board abbr.
 - Grand celebrations
 - Pt. of a nest egg
 - "If I Only ___ Brain"
 - Outlandish
 - Shrewd bargainer?
 - Faddish disk of the '90s
 - Clay of the past
 - Outcasts
 - Changed from green to red
 - Hit for America?
 - Word with bucket or hot
 - Away from the wind, nautically
 - Hebrew school
 - Nigerian singer with one name
 - Luke's mentor
 - "The Constant Nymph" girl

Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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- Down**
- Charitable donations
 - Trounce
 - Near the surface
 - Sketching material
 - The "Spruce Goose," e.g.
 - Chicken choices
 - Bumbling one
 - Metals in the rough
 - Something to reach
 - Natural gas component
 - Writer / artist Silverstein
 - Saucy
 - Partner of Crosby and Stills
 - Patricia of "Hud"
 - Their sole purpose is to have a ball
 - Now, in Mexico
 - Hibiscus feature
 - City on the Allegheny
 - Go one better
 - Nasser's successor
 - "Cape Fear" actor
 - Beatle on a stool
 - First word of North Carolina's motto
 - Scissors cut
 - One of two at a football game
 - It laughed at Seinfeld
 - It can be divided
 - Poppy plant derivative
 - Distress indicator
 - Kind of check
 - Quarterback option
 - Word with disaster or dining
 - It can be private
 - Patriot's home?
 - Ostrich relative
 - Slangy negatives
 - Ostrich relatives
 - Boxer Oscar ___ Hoya
 - Newsman Koppel

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June 14 - June 20

JFK Causeway/Aquarius

Disturbance
SPID/Waldon Exit Ramp 11 a.m. June 15 Warrant

Suspicious Person
13500 block SPID 3 p.m. June 17

Traffic
46 Traffic Stops

13500 block SPID 3 p.m. June 18 Crash
14000 block SPID 1 p.m. June 18 Crash
13300 block SPID 6 a.m. June 15 Crash

SPID/West

Crimes against Person
14300 SPID 3 a.m. June 20 Assault on Public Servant with Injury
14700 block Dasmarrinas 10 p.m. June 18 Assault
14700 block Dasmarrinas 3 p.m. June 18 Assault
15000 block SPID 2 a.m. June 17 Assault

Crimes against Property
15400 block Grass Cay 3 p.m. June 20 Theft of Services
15200 block Cartagena 7 p.m. June 18 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
15300 block Bounty 7 p.m. June 18 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
15200 block Caravel 10 a.m. June 16 Credit Card Abuse

SPID/Whitecap 2 p.m. June 14 Reckless Damage or Destruction

15200 block SPID 2 p.m. June 14 Theft of Services
15800 block Punta Espada 7 a.m. June 16 Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500

Disturbance
13900 block Mingo Cay 9 p.m. June 18
14800 block Quarterdeck 9 p.m. June 18 Noise Ordinance Violation
14500 block Cabana East 5 a.m. June 18 Noise Ordinance Violation/Trespassing
14000 block Fortuna Bay 8 a.m. June 17 Found Paraphernalia/Found Narcotics
15000 block SPID 2 a.m. June 17 Public Intoxication

Gypsy/Whitecap Midnight June 17 Warrant
14400 block SPID 10 p.m. June 16 Warrant
14800 block Dasmarrinas 10 p.m. June 15 Violation of a Court Order
13900 Mingo Cay 9 p.m. June 18
15900 block Socorro 11 a.m. June 17 Noise Ordinance Violation
15800 block Punta Espada 7 a.m. June 16 Mental Disorder

Suspicious Person
14300 block SPID 1 a.m. June 19

Traffic
114 Traffic Stops
15300 block Mutiny Noon June 20 Parking Violation
Commodores/Aquarius 11 p.m. June 18 DWI
Commodores/Aquarius 11 p.m. June 18 DWI
Cruiser/Whitecap 11 p.m. June 18 DWI
SH 361/SPID 2 a.m. June 18 DWI
SPID/Commodores 10 p.m. June 17 Crash
14300 block SPID 10 p.m. June 17 DWI
14300 block SPID 8 p.m. June 17 DWI
Commodores/SPID 8 p.m. June 17 Crash
14300 block SPID 8 p.m. June 17 Crash
15400 block Gun Cay 6 p.m. June 17 Crash
SH 361/SPID 4 p.m. June 17 DWI
14400 block Aquarius 7 p.m. June 16 Crash
15100 block SPID 6 p.m. June 16 Parking Violation
Whitecap/SPID 1 p.m. June 14 Crash
15800 block Punta Espada 8 a.m. June 16 Crash

East of SPID/Gulf side

Crimes against Person
15500 block Gulf Beach 11 a.m. June 16 Assault
15200 block Leeward Midnight June 19 Assault

Crimes against Property
15300 block Leeward 2 p.m. June 18 Burglary of a Vehicle
15200 block Windward 9 a.m. June 16 Theft of Services

Disturbance
14900 block Leeward 5 a.m. June 20 Noise Ordinance Violation
15200 block Windward 3 a.m. June 19 Public Intoxication/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Controlled Substance/Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon
11300 block Gulf Beach 4 p.m. June 18
15000 block Windward 2 a.m. June 18 Noise Ordinance Violation

Suspicious Person
Zahn Road /SH 361 1 a.m. June 17 Warrant

Traffic
44 Traffic Stops
15000 block Leeward 6 p.m. June 16 Hit and Run
SH 361/Newport Pass 7 p.m. June 18 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 Tuesday, June 28, 2022, the Corpus Christi City Council will discuss and vote on the City's staff-recommended City Ordinance regarding short-term rentals. This is a highly passionate issue for many people. Therefore, it is extremely important that members of the PIPOA who oppose short-term rentals in the single-family residential RS-6 zone attend this Council meeting. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to speak before the council on this issue. However, those who do not wish to speak should attend the meeting and let the council know that the vast majority of PIPOA members do not want commercialized mini-hotels located in their neighborhoods. PLEASE ATTEND THE COUNCIL MEETING, BE IN THE COUNCIL ROOM BY 1:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022. THE ADDRESS OF CITY HALL IS 1201 LEOPARD STREET.

Boat Ramp- The Caravel boat ramp should be reopened by Friday, July 1, 2022. The crew was pouring cement at the site on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Towing- Last week, seven vehicles and trailers were towed. There has been a significant increase in the number of vehicles and trailers that have been towed over last year's summer season. The number of sticker sales is above last year's pace. It appears that the growing number of tourists visiting the Island has caused the increase in tows. Reminder, the PIPOA makes no money from the towing of vehicles. You can purchase your sticker for \$10 at the PIPOA Office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Drive.

Grass clippings and other items- Do not put grass clippings, trash, sand, dog poop, or any other substances in the canals. The PIPOA tries to maintain the canals in an as natural state as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Aerators- The PIPOA maintains several aerators throughout the canal system. The purpose of these devices is to put oxygen in the water. Thus, the oxygen prevents stagnating water that kills fish. The PIPOA also does water testing for oxygen levels as requested by the State of Texas. It appears we are in for a hotter than normal summer. The heat causes algae. One form of algae is the red tide.

Dog poop- Complaints continue to come in regarding people allowing their dogs to poop in the parks, on the streets, and in people's yards. The complaints state many people do not pick up after their dogs. PLEASE, clean up after your dogs!

Chickens- It is rumored that PIPOA members are keeping chickens in their backyards. The covenants strictly prohibit chicken and other fowl. If the PIPOA office receives a complaint you have chickens in your yard, the PIPOA will be forced to make you remove them.

Litter Critter- According to the City website, the next Litter Critter is scheduled for July 9, 2022, at the Briscoe King Pavilion off Park Road 22. The time is usually from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please see the City website for items accepted. <https://www.ctexas.com/solid-waste/community-cleanup-programs>

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. The start of the Board meeting may be delayed due to Board Members attending the City Council meeting.

On Monday, July 4, 2022, the PIPOA Office will be closed for the holiday.

Padre Isles Property Owners Association Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday June 28, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting location is Padre Island Baptist Church 14253 South Padre Island Dr. and it is streamed to the PIPOA Facebook Page.

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Board during Public Comment. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. Your presentation will be limited to three minutes. Please sign in prior to the meeting with your name, physical address, email address, and the subject to be addressed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. RECEIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT(S)

1. PRESENTATION: MR. DAVID HEIZMAN, CHAIR ACC

1. MEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 minutes, per member)

1. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Short-Term Rentals

1. Boat Ramps

1. Whitecap Development

1. Other

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – The Board will receive a report of important topics since the previous meeting.

1. Next Board Meeting: July 26, 2022

1. Billish Park Irrigation Restoration

1.1. Significant Gopher Damage to Wiring

1. Sea Pines Entrance Monument Refurbishment (6/9/22)

1. Caravel Boat Ramp Parking Lot Resurfacing Update

1. Compliance Enforcement Update

1.1. Current Open Violations / Closed Violations Reports (Enclosed)

1. Bulkheads

1. Repair Activity Report (Enclosed)

1. CONSENT AGENDA: (Routine items; acceptable without further discussion)

1. Secretary's Report: May 24, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Votes via Email:

1.1. Approval of Billish Park Irrigation Repairs

1. TREASURER'S REPORT – FINANCIAL REPORTS: (The Board will review, discuss, and then accept all financial reports, with possible motions.)

1. May 2022 Treasurer's Reports & Approval of May 31, 2022, Financial Statement

1. OLD BUSINESS (with possible motions):

1. Rogue Dock Builders / Waste Dumping on POA Common Area

1. NEW BUSINESS (with possible motions):

1. Private Watercraft Fueling Operations at Boat Ramps

1. Use & Proper Permitting of Use of Boat Ramps by Vacation Rentals

***Usage Policies & Permit Sticker Policy**

***Boat Ramp Signage**

3. Sand Replenishment / Billish Park Volleyball Court

4. Kiddie Mulch Replenishment/ Billish Park Playground

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Legal Matters

1. Personnel Matters

1. Contract Matters

2. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

1. ADJOURN

July 1,2,8,9

Deep in the Heart at the Port Aransas Community Center

The Port Aransas Community Theatre (PACT) is screening a limited showing of one of the year's most acclaimed "big screen" nature films... "Deep In The Heart". <https://www.deepintheheartwildlife.com/>

Deep in the Heart is a visually stunning celebration of what makes Texas unique — its diverse landscapes and remarkable wildlife behavior that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Told through the eyes of wildlife species ranging from the mysterious blind catfish to the elusive mountain lion, the story follows our ever-changing relationship with the natural world and showcases our ability to destroy, conserve, and recover wildlife and the habitat we mutually depend on.

Narrated by Matthew McConaughey and featuring state-of-the-art cinematography, this

family-friendly film journeys from the highest peaks in West Texas, through our aquifers, rivers, and bays, and deep into the Gulf of Mexico. Deep in the Heart aims to conserve our remaining wild places, to show the connectivity of water and wildlife, and to recognize Texas' conservation importance on a continental scale.

Although still at local theaters on the big screen, Fin and Fur Productions along with the generous support from James and Tammy King and others have arranged for PACT to present this amazing film on July 1, 2 and 8, 9. Friday showings are at 7 p.m. and Saturday showings are at 3p.m. and 7p.m.. Ticket prices are \$6 (plus convenience fee) and tickets become available 6-21-22. Tickets available at www.portaransascommunitytheatre.com or call 361-749-6036

The City Wide Cast and Crew Call for Corpus Christi 7 Day Film Project

The Corpus Christi 7 Day Film Project connects local creatives with the film community at House of Rock on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The City Wide Cast and Crew Call brings actors, screenwriters, directors, boom operators, musicians together with one sole purpose: LET'S MAKE A MOVIE!

The City Wide Cast and Crew Call is designed to connect all interested parties in filmmaking together so that they can create their own dream team for the annual filmmaking contest that highlights Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend as a premiere film destination.

Affectionately known as CC7D, the Corpus Christi 7-Day Film Project is an annual filmmaking competition and screening. The contest was founded in 2007 and was designed to celebrate area filmmakers, both veterans and amateurs; create an avenue for more filmmaking activity in our area; boost the skill set and create resume experience for local filmmakers, actors and crew; have a lot of fun in the name of independent filmmaking.

Filmmaking teams have one week to make a short film from start to finish. The entire process must occur within that 7 days. Filmmakers must incorporate four essential elements - a line of dialogue, a character and a prop, as well as a mysterious fourth element - into their film to have their film screened at the Annual Screening.

Over the course of the summer, the Corpus Christi 7 Day Film projects will host the following events:

- Cast and Crew Call, held on June 22, 2022 at House of Rock, 511 Starr Street at 6:00 pm. The Cast and Crew Call is open to everyone in the community and serves as

an opportunity for filmmakers to find team members, or gives interested creatives looking to join a team the chance to find one. Team leaders and filmmakers can sign up for a table by emailing infoc7d@gmail.com. Actors and crew members are encouraged to bring a resume to the event. This is a FREE event.

- CC7D Kick-Off, held on July 6, 2022 at House of Rock, 511 Starr Street at 6:00 pm. The CC7D Kick-Off is the official start of the competition. Team leaders gather at the Kick-Off, register their team, and receive their essential elements for the 2022 year. The turn-in time is announced and the film race begins. Entry into the event is FREE, but teams pay a \$50 registration fee to participate.

- CC7D Turn-In, held on July 13, 2022 at House of Rock, 511 Starr Street at 6:00 pm. Teams rush to turn their film in time and beat the countdown. The official deadline will be announced at the Kick-Off on July 6. Filmmakers swap stories and experiences of the filming week. This is a FREE event.

The CC7D Screening will be held on September 4, 2022 at Alamo Drafthouse, Corpus Christi at 1:00 pm, with an Awards Ceremony to follow at House of Rock.

For more information on CC7D, please visit www.cc7day.com.

About CC7D: CC7D is an annual filmmaking competition and screening where filmmaking teams have one week to make a short film from start to finish. The entire creative process from writing a script to editing a final cut must occur within the 7-day period.

Boater Education Class

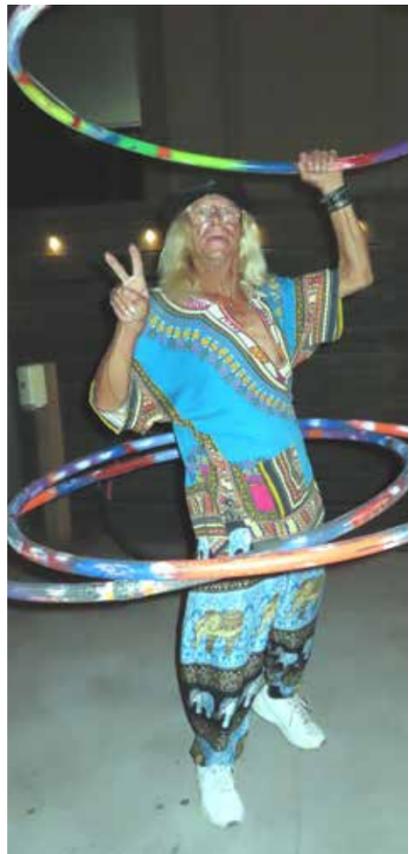
Saturday, July 16, Padre Island Yacht Club

If you don't know your keel from your kellick, your deadrise from your deadhead, or if you're just dead in the water The Padre Island Yacht Club can help you.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Volunteer Instructor Steve Chaney is holding a Boater Education Class for new and experienced boaters alike from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, at the Padre Island Yacht Club · 13403 Whitecap Blvd (N 27° 36.055' / W 097° 14.983').

Lunch will be provided and the fee is \$25.

For questions contact Stephen Chaney at 361-533-2860



Thor the God of Thunder not Lightning hooped it up at Treasure Island on Saturday.

Saturday, June 25

S.T.E.M. Day at Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for the family

Get ready for another exciting Valero S.T.E.M. Day on Saturday, June 25th, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the C.C. Museum of Science and History! Valero Energy Foundation will present this family-friendly event featuring science-powered fun, interactive activities with Valero's engineers, and impressive Museum Shows!

All ages will enjoy engaging S.T.E.M. activities, including Build-a-Catapult, DIY Ice Cream, Slime-Making, Circuitry Flashlights, and a Museum Scavenger Hunt! Additional features include Science Shows, Guided Planetarium Shows, Tesla Coil Presentations, and Museum LIVE! Interactive Theater. Museum doors open at 10 a.m., and Valero S.T.E.M. activities will begin at 11 a.m..

Event Activity Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. - Science Show #1
- 12:00 p.m. - Tesla Coil Presentation #1 / Planetarium Shows by Dr. Chuck begin (Noon thru 5 p.m.)
- 1:00 p.m. - Science Show #2
- 2:00 p.m. - Tesla Coil Presentation #2
- 3:00 p.m. - Science Show #3
- 4:00 p.m. - Tesla Coil Presentation #3
- 5:00 p.m. - Museum Closed, Event Ends



Entry for the Valero S.T.E.M. Day event is General Admission for all visitors. Museum Members and children ages two and under are free. Concessions will also be available for additional purchase. Beat the line and pre-purchase tickets online at ccmuseum.com/ValeroSTEMDay.

The Museum's location is 1900 N. Chaparral St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

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By Del Smith

The Barnacle Line

I am sure you have noticed just how warm it has been lately. --- WARM? Heck it's been the Doors of Hades HOT! So here's something from the winer time of 03 to help you, at least, THINK about cooler weather;

By Del Smith

Golly, gee-whizz, --- can you believe it? Here it is, mid December, about ten days before Christmas, and you could have wore your cut-offs yesterday! --- Are we lucky or what? Lucky to be down here where the cold fronts have a tough time reaching, losing all of their steam by dumping copious amounts of snow and other forms of icy cold water on all of those folks, way up there in Yankee Land. No possibility of shorts for those guys.

However, today is not what you could call one of your I-can-be-comfortable-in-shorts days, with that chilly north wind outside. We got lots of sunshine, but the wind has me scrambling for my long pants. Of course, I suppose you could still wear the leg exposing pants if you did it like our old friend "Tag" did it. (miss ya, buddy). You know the routine, --- go from heated house to heated car, --- then from heated car to heated business, --- heated business to heated car, --- heated car to heated store, ---heated store to heated car.--- Well, you get the idea. You can wear shorts all year around if you cut down the chilly, wind blown time to an, on-a-flat-out-leg-pumping-run, experience. This type of behavior does have added benefits in that you do get a lot of added exercise. --- Keeps the old heart pumping merrily away, it does.

No, we are lucky, here at latitude 27 with normally mild to warm winters. For it to be any better you got to get to one of those latitudes with a first digit of one, or less. Something further south this cold wind, out side, has gotten me thinking about today. --- Ya, eighteen, --- eighteen is good. Very good, with those palm studded beaches and clear warm waters. Great

latitude, that eighteen.

But, today I am not there and this cold wind makes you want to huddle by a fireplace. Now, seeing as how I haven't got a fireplace, (couldn't fit it into the boat), I may have to wander over to Ernie Buttler's SNOOPY'S and have a fish sandwich and a cold one by their mysterious old boiler-fireplace and warm my feet up.

While there I might get into a discussion with "Pete" about the mystery of it all. --- The fireplace, that is. Pete first brought up this topic last year, wondering about the origins of this massive iron construction that was turned into the fireplace of today.

When was it originally made? --- It has to be very old, for the method of construction has not been used since the early part of last century.

Who made it? --- And where? --- Was it made here locally, or did it come from somewhere in the industrial northeast? --- Or another country? --- Maybe.

What was it used in? What was the steam that this old apparent boiler used for? Was it an old iron wheeled tractor. Or maybe it might have been heat for a building. Do you suppose that it could have powered the dragline that used the gear, that is now the base of the fireplace? But, as Ernie hopes, the best of all is that it could have powered an old paddle wheel steamboat that saw it's last days here on the coastal bend.

As to how it got to it's current location, residing in the main part of SNOOPY'S, is known. The original builder had dreams of a floor to ceiling, rock fireplace on the south wall. A dream, that went by the wayside, due to money and personality conflicts. Hence the boiler-fireplace that was put in its current location and the building constructed around it.

The mystic and the ambience is always there, waiting for cold, winter days to hear, once again, the old tales and the birth of new legends. While basking in the flickering fire light.



By Katie Galan | Regional Director, BBB.

BBB Tip: Buying and servicing your heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems

Texas residents are already experiencing triple-digit temperatures this year, with meteorologists forecasting a continued heatwave across the majority of the Lone Star state. Whether recently arriving to Texas or a seasoned resident, it will be important to stay cool during record-breaking temperatures this summer. With approximately three months remaining of summer, chances are high that the current heatwave will not be the last of this year. Unfortunately, many Texans are finding out that their air conditioning units are unable to keep up with their needs and may be searching for a reputable business to either service their current unit or install a new one. While many considerations consumers should take into account when hiring a HVAC contractor are similar to when hiring any other contractor, there are a few that are specific to heating and cooling.

Heating and cooling systems are among the largest energy expenses in a typical home, which makes it important to ensure they are working as efficiently as possible. The cost for any appliance, including air conditioning units, includes three components – the purchase price, the cost of repairs and maintenance, and the cost to operate it.

HVAC purchase and installation tips

Before purchasing a new unit, conduct an energy audit to help you detect energy waste, gauge the efficiency of your current system, and determine if conditioned air is moving properly. Many utility companies offer free or low-cost energy audits, but you can also hire a specialist to do a more comprehensive audit. Keep in mind that hiring a specialist will most likely cost more money, but their experience is often invaluable when purchasing new systems.

Take steps to weatherize your home to keep cold air in and hot air out, or vice versa in the winter. Check the caulking and weather stripping around doors and windows, as well as wall and ceiling insulation. Weatherizing your home may be all you need to help your air conditioning unit maintain a cool temperature indoors and will help reduce energy demands. A properly weatherized home may also enable you to install a smaller, less expensive system to achieve the same results.

Consider energy efficiency from the start of your decision-making process. All air conditioning units must meet minimum energy

efficiency standards set by the Department of Energy, but many products beat the standard resulting in less energy used to operate and run the system. Be sure to check if your energy provider offers a cash rebate or tax break for buying and using energy efficient products and take that into consideration when comparing the energy efficiency and operating costs of different systems.

After installing your new system, the contractor should provide at least one call-back service free of charge to check it is operating properly. Double-check that this service is included in the written agreement. Many contractors also offer service contracts which often includes a limited number of service calls per year and emergency repair service. If you decide to participate in a service contract, be sure that it describes what parts and services are provided and that it doesn't duplicate coverage that you already have under the warranty of your new system.

HVAC maintenance and repair tips

Keeping your system well maintained will prolong the life of the system and save you money. Spring or early summer are the best time for servicing cooling systems, while summer or fall are the ideal times for servicing your furnace. You can also do some routine maintenance yourself by replacing disposable filters or cleaning permanent ones. Before calling a HVAC contractor, check your system's model and spend the time to understand the license and insurance requirements for contractors. Find more information about licensing requirements and verify your contractor has a valid license, as recognized by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, by searching the contractor's name at TDLR.Texas.gov.

If you need repairs, be sure to get multiple written estimates for the job. BBB recommends obtaining an estimate from a minimum of three contractors before settling on a final decision to help consumers understand the standard price for the project and have an informed discussion with their chosen contractor. Estimates should include a full description of additional work required for the installation of ducts, registers, electric wiring and any other work needed.

Find trusted, vetted HVAC contractors near you at BBB.org and review more home maintenance tips at BBB.org/HomeHQ.

Nature Notes

Spiders of Our Area

By Celeste Silling

This past week, I taught Summer Bird Camp at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. But honestly, with all of the spider-loving kids in the group, it should've been called Summer Spider Camp. Even the children who started out as arachnophobes were asking to hold spiders by the end of the week. Every time we went outside, we found tons of awesome spiders to look at. It got me thinking about all of the arachnids in our area.

Texas is home to hundreds of different kinds of spiders and the vast majority are not harmful to humans. Two that have dangerous venom (and should therefore be avoided) are the brown recluse spider and the black widow.

spiders tried to bite me, but couldn't because their fangs were too short or weak to even get into my skin. After we explained this to the kids, some of them would come up to me laughing with spiders in their hands saying "look, it's trying to bite me!"

One popular spider with the kids was the Spiny-backed Orb Weaver, also known as crab spider, smiley face spider, star spider, or Gregory Goblin. These are small, brightly colored spiders with spikes on their body. Despite its punk-rock appearance, this spider is not at all dangerous. The spikes are for protection against predators, and its venom is not dangerous to humans. These spiders are in fact beneficial to us humans because they prey on mosquitoes and other pests.

Another favorite spider was the Black-and-yellow Argiope. This one is easy to see, as it's huge (up to 1.5 inches) and has bright yellow markings. These are easily distinguished from other spiders by their trademarked zig-zag patterned web. Males court females by plucking at the strings of the web, making vibrations.

Finally, the spider that was most beloved by the campers was the Gold Orb Weaver, or Banana Spider. These spiders are huge. The ones we found at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory were up to three or four inches in diameter (including the legs). This, and their yellow-orange coloring made them easy for the kids to spot. Their webs, when you get up close, are golden silk and quite beautiful.

They can get their fangs in you, but it only hurts a little, like someone pulling on one of your hairs. The kids, once they discovered that these spiders couldn't hurt them, would let the orb weavers walk all over their arms and sometimes their heads. Some even named their spiders and brought them home with them (sorry parents!).

Spiders are amazing creatures and are often beneficial to humans. And if a bunch of kids can get over their fear of creepy crawlies, so can we all!



Photo by Celeste Silling. Caption: Summer Bird Camp attendee Jasmine Willoughby watches as a Golden Orb Weaver rests on her arm.

Other spiders, like American grass spiders, have venom but are not dangerous to humans. This is because their venom is only harmful to the insects they are trying to catch. I got several spider bites this past week, and even though they all presumably injected their venom into me, I am not dead yet! In fact, the bites didn't even hurt or itch, they were so harmless. Other



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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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ACL honors Joe Ely

My friend from Lubbock, Joe Ely is soon to be inducted into the *Austin City Limits Hall of Fame*. Joe's been a celebrity going back to 1970 Lubbock when it was common to see young **Joe Earl** stopping to take notes while riding his bicycle around *Tech* then stopping to play his guitar for tips on the street corners



Joe Ely will be inducted into the 2022 ACL Hall of Fame in October.

around campus or sometimes playing the local coffee shop, *Aunt Maudy's*, in the hood with **Jimmy Dale Gilmore** and **Butch Hancock**. When his band had old pals from Lubbock, **Rick Hulet** on guitar and **Small Don Burrows** on keys) in the band they would frequently end up sleeping on my floor in Austin while Joe would busk on the drag while looking for gigs at the *Armadillo* and *Soap Creek Saloon*. His career is nothing less than a wild adventure with long strings of giddy-up. The 2022 *ACL Hall of Fame* inductees will be saluted at a star-studded ceremony, including **Sheryl Crow**, to be held Oct. 27 at *The Moody Theater* in downtown Austin. An icon of Texas music, **Joe Ely** has made 11 appearances on *ACL*, including as a headliner five times beginning with his 1980 *ACL* debut in season 5; also joining **Los Super 7** in 1999, Texas supergroup the **Flatlanders** in 2002, and a *Songwriters Special* with **Lyle Lovett**, **John Hiatt** and **Guy Clark** in 2008. From the moment he made his debut in the 1970s, **Joe Ely** has blended rock with hardcore honky tonk and become one of the most recognizable and respected artists to hail from the Lone Star State. His legend was forged onstage with live performances, hammered out over thousands of shows and countless touring miles from Lubbock to London and back again. He has shared stages with many hot shots such as **Bruce Springsteen**, **Tom Petty**, **Paul McCartney** and the **Clash**. Also, Ely was recognized by the Texas Legislature as the *Official 2016 Texas State Musician*, a coveted honor given to only a few. Past recipients include **Willie Nelson**, **Lyle Lovett** and **Billy Joe Shaver**. IMHO, Joe Ely hung the moon. I watched him do it.

On the local front...



Starlite and the Moonbeams played Bron's on Friday.



The phenomenon known as Ruben V NEVER let us down at Shorty's last Saturday.

Me, my **Mermaid Gal** and our old pals **Paul Fain** and **Dede Smith** have recently named our little tribe the *Loco Locals* and plan to attend the **CRAZY CART CRAWL** scavenger hunt this Saturday in good ole Port Aransas this Saturday. The hunt will go all through *Old Town* and is a city sponsored event of the *Port A Parks & Rec Department*. Registration must be completed at porta.

recdesk.com and is open to all golf carts registered in Port A at a \$15 entry fee per cart. The carts will depart at 10:30 from the *Parks and Rec* office at 106 Cut-Off Road and must be back at the park no later than 1:00 PM. You'll need to have a camera with you this year. Teams of will be given a clue which will guide them the way. There will be two, four and six person teams who will snap as many as 60 various pics to choose from or find the QR code with a question in it or snap a pic of one of the Parks and Rec employees or look for colored ring and special inflatable items around town. Teams will receive points based on when the finish the crawl. For more information call 361-7494158 or text KStevens@cityofportaransas.org. Come cheer the *Loco Locals* on this Saturday.

Scattered Shots...

Our little island is heating up in more ways than one. Given, it's like standing on the sun HOT but I was able to ooze around some last weekend and caught some REALLY HOT shows. The **Toman Brothers** and **Ruben V**



The fabulous Toman Brother Band, with Russell, Bobby and Randy, played Shorty's last Friday.



Jason Suthern put his golden pipes out there at Treasure Island on Saturday.

Jim Hendrix and then headed to the cosmos for about 20 minutes. This cat blows me away EVERY time he picks up his one of many guitars. Also on Friday, I caught some more guitar wizardry at *Bron's* with **Starlite and the Moonbeams** that played some great R&B and on Saturday at *Bron's*, it was hard rock classics with the **White Rabbits** from San Antonio. I just feel like there's a place in our little market for some hard, youth driven rock. I also look forward to seeing the **Triptonite Band** and the electric huskers, the **Try County Bounty** band who's been seen playing on the corner in Port A recently. Also on Saturday, I caught the amazing **Jason Suthern Band** at Treasure Island on the way home. That dude has golden pipes and looks real pretty up there. There was still a bunch of stuff going on that I just didn't get around to.



The Profile featuring Judy Reyes, "Little Joe" Salazar, Johnny Rodriguez, Leonard Reyes and Luis Villarreal from Corpus Christi played Bron's last Friday.



The White Rabbit Band from San Antonio played Bron's last Saturday.

DO NOT MISS LIST
Coming this weekend...



Brooke Graham will host her 4th Annual Beach Party centered around the Gaff this weekend.

We got mucho mas coming this weekend. Thursdays are a constant with **Selfie** taking over *Shorty's* every Thursday in the future of the 76 year old establishment. Also on Thursday, we have the reggae and island beat of **Justin and Niki** at *Bron's*, singer-songwriter extraordinaire **Ty Dietz** spinning a yarn or two at the *VFW*, **Kevin Kurtz** slinging his straight country at *Island Wine* and finally, **Triptonite** playing the *Bay Jammin' Concert Series* in Cole Park. On Friday, **Ty Dietz** followed by **Profile**, the Tejano flavored band from Corpus will *Bron's*, **Afterglow** rocks *Treasure Island*, the **Groove** plays *Shorty's* and **Rasta Cowboy Billy Snipes**

is at the *Gaff*. On Saturday we have the golf cart scavenger hunt plus the world famous **BELT SANDER RACES** at 6 PM at the *Gaff*. And later its **Todd Dorn** and the **Sea Drifters** playing their smooth country at *Shorty's*, **Starlite and the Moonbeams** are back at *Bron's* and **Rex Allen McNeil** plays real country at *Treasure Island*.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Triptonite will play Thursday at Bay Jammin' in Cole Park.

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Thursday, June 23

Selfie @ Shorty's
Justin & Niki @ Bron's
Ty Dietz @ VFW
Kevin Kurtz @ Island Wine
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian
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Friday, June 24

Groove @ Shorty's
Profile, Ty Dietz, Leonard Reyes @ Bron's
Afterglow @ Treasure Island
Billy Snipes @ Gaff
OTB @ Angry Marlin
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Jon Car Band @ Pelican Lounge
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Monday, June 27
Stevie Start @ Doc's

Tuesday, June 28
Kevin Kurtz @ Bron's
Open Mic @ House of Rock
Comedy Night @ The Exchange
Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Wednesday, June 29
Singer-Songwriter Open
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Riptide @ VFW
Billy Snipes @ Bron's
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Damon Scott @ House of Rock
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Thursday, June 30
Selfie @ Shorty's
Justin & Niki @ Bron's
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Michael Amos @ Island Wine
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar & Grill
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