



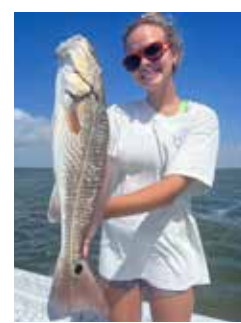
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By Dale Rankin

It's been a good week here on our little sandbar as the heat has let up a bit and the beautiful August water has come rolling in through the Packery. The beach crowds have been steady but not overwhelming as parents and kids get ready to head back to school.

The supermoon arrives at 2:36 a.m. on Friday, August 12, and if you feel a slight pull of energy, or syzygy as it's called, right then it's because at that instant the Moon is directly between the Sun and the Earth, in a straight line. The August full moon is also known as the Full Sturgeon Moon and will be the fourth of four supermoons in a row, according to NASA. Already this week the spoon bright moon has had Island coyotes howling and Friday night they should be in full throat.

Whitecap project



Photo by Dwight Jackson.

Work continues at the Whitecap North Padre Island site and as you can see from this photo the logistics involved are of biblical proportions; it takes a lot of fuel to keep that much machinery moving. A public zoning hearing is scheduled for a few hours after we go to press on Wednesday and it has provided some new information on the project that we include in this issue.

Dotson's birthday



Our friend Dotson celebrated his 94th trip around the sun this week with a dozen or so of his closest friends who much to his chagrin made him wear this sombrero. Dotson writes for us here at the Word Factory where he is also the World's Oldest Paper Boy. Before that he played professional baseball in Japan where he met his wife who was the scorekeeper who charged the shortstop with an error on ball Dotson hit. Dotson found her after the game to plead his case for a hit which turned into a home run when he married her! Some people will do anything for a hit. Before they moved to The Island Dotson helped General Douglas MacArthur invade Korea, then was head of the football referees for the old Southwest Conference and continued refereeing football games well into his 70's. He also does a weekly veterans show on KEYS Radio, teaches classes at Del Mar College, and is the Vice-Chair of the Island Strategic Action Committee after serving six years on the City Park Board. Other than that he mostly just stands around. Happy 94th Dotson and we're sorry about that hat.

Around cont. on A5

Angela moved to Sea World San Antonio

NOAA determines Island dolphin cannot be released back into the wild



Angela the Island dolphin has been renamed Izzy and moved to Sea World San Antonio after officials at NOAA determined she cannot be released back into the wild.

The Texas Marine Stranding Network this week released the following statement:

After being brought in for medical treatment at the end of June, NOAA and outside experts from

organizations across the U.S., including veterinarians and dolphin biologists, reviewed her case. Due to her serious eye injury, a lack of socialization with other dolphins, her poor body condition at the time of rescue, and her strong habituation to humans and vessels, dangerous behaviors that would likely continue if released, it was the experts' opinion that she would be unable to survive in the wild and would be at high risk

for serious, life-threatening injury. Therefore, NOAA has determined that it is not in Izzy's best interest to be released back into the wild.

Izzy was isolated in a series of canals off North Padre Island, Texas from a young age. She was monitored by NOAA Fisheries and the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network over the two years prior to her

Angela cont. on A5

Flour Bluff ISD Expected to ask Voters for Tax Hike

Special August 22 meeting called to decide whether to put item on November ballot

By Dale Rankin

The Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors is holding a special meeting on Monday, August 22 to vote on whether to place a tax increase on the November General Election Ballot. August 22 is the last day to legally place the item on the ballot.

If approved by voters the tax increase would generate a minimum of \$1,923,693 in new revenue, 56% from local tax collections and 44% from state revenue. The exact amount of the increase is set to be determined at a specially called meet at district headquarters at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, but the increase will be above 3% which triggers a mandatory election.

Flour Bluff cont. on A5

Dispute over Balli Park Land Resolved

Issue over length of stay at RV park still undecided

By Dale Rankin

Nueces County officials and members of the Jones family who donated the land for the Padre Balli Park more than five decades ago this week reached an agreement that will leave ownership of the 400 acre park in county hands.

Dispute cont. on A5

\$2.6 million in Additional Packery Repair Costs

FEMA to reimburse \$2.3 million

By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday approved \$2.6 million in additional funds for the repair of the Packery Channel Jetty system due to damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

The contractor, Callan Marine LTD of Galveston, cited the need for obtaining additional materials, associated work for repairs to the revetment, walkway, storm drain outfalls, and a new light pole and ongoing damage due to loss of sand that forms the underpinning of the jetties. According to information presented to the city council on Tuesday FEMA is expected to reimburse the City 90% of the additional funds, \$2.3 million.

On October 19, 2021, the city council passed an ordinance accepting and appropriating funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Packery cont. on A5

Whitecap Project Details



Master site plan.

As the Whitecap North Padre Island project headed to the City of Corpus Christi's Planning Commission this week more details of the project became available. The Planning Commission hearing was scheduled a few hours after the Island Moon went to press on Wednesday and we will have more details in the next issue.

In this issue we include maps for the master plan, park space, the phasing of the project construction, zoning, and a sector plan showing how the land will be used.

Phase I of work at the 242-acre site is scheduled for completion by 2025 and will include a "four-star or better hotel."

According the application for rezoning of the property filed with the city the development will consist of 633 Single Family Housing and 50.44 acres of Mixed-Use development consisting of

Whitecap cont. on A4

A little Island history

Hurricane Allen August 10, 1980

Destroyed the seawall, Gypsy Bridge, 1700 feet of bulkheads

By Dale Rankin

Forty two years ago this week, on August 10, 1980 Hurricane Allen slammed into Padre Island pushing a severe 17-foot surge tide and doing severe damage to several Island structures.

Allen is ranked all time as one of the most powerful storms ever to roam the Atlantic with its winds crossing the Category 5 threshold a record three times during its lifetime, the lowest pressure recorded in the storm's life was the third lowest pressure on record in the Atlantic at the time.

The eye of the storm hit Port Mansfield in the early morning of August 10 putting The Island in the northeast (dirty) quadrant of



The Michael J. Ellis Seawall sustained "some damage" according to the Padre Isles Property Owners Association.

the storm destroying the Michael J. Ellis seawall, 1700 feet of bulkheads on the Cruiser Canal, and dumping almost 20 inches of rain. As Allen approached landfall it was a Category 5 storm for 72 hours with winds of 190



History cont. on A4



The barges working on the Packery Channel Jetties departed early Tuesday to retrieve more rocks. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth.

Seashore Schools Kick off the New Year



Shrimp toast.



Both SMA and SLC teachers gathered together with their families to enjoy some team building time at Michael J. Ellis Beach on Tuesday, August 9. They kicked off the new year in style with concierge beach rental chairs, umbrellas and tables donated by Shawn Taylor's company 361 Blue. His wife, Kassie (both pictured above), who owns Rollin' Tide Shrimp Boil Company, donated a delicious seafood lunch! The kiddos enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and sodas. "Seashore Charter Schools is very lucky to have such generous fans!" SLC Director Dr. Rosalynn Christensen said. Photos by Shannon Trial.



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Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



TRUTH MATTERS

"We" love our community. Yet this simple statement begs the question: who are "we"? We are mothers, fathers, friends, and families. We are men and women, and realists and idealists. We are business-minded, community-minded, and we sometimes share the same values (or not). All considered, we are still one community. As members of this community, we often accomplish great things by working together. Unfortunately, political agendas sometimes rip apart what "we" might otherwise accomplish.

"We" should all agree that truth matters. We should rejoice when we find common purpose and achieve a goal. We should also rejoice recognizing our community's diversity, as the foundation of our America requires celebration of our different opinions. Whether we are in a moment of 'common purpose' or 'different opinions,' the glue that holds our community together is truth. Truth matters.

Sadly, some people believe that political season gives license to be untruthful. I do not hold this belief. The purpose of this comment is to address one of the false stories some readers might have heard. Again, truth matters.

Padre Island has a rich history that we are all well-served to remember. According to the National Parks Service website:

"The first European Settlement on the island was established around 1804, when Padre Jose Nicolas Balli founded a ranch named Santa Cruz de Buena Vista. . . . [S]ometime between 1800 and 1805, he [Padre Balli] applied to the Spanish crown for a land grant on the "Isla de Corpus Christi," the name the island acquired after the naming of Corpus Christi Bay in 1766."

On August 5, 2022 (just last week), my grandmother celebrated her 99th birthday – as the oldest living member of the Balli family. You might imagine how incredibly shocked I was to hear that I supposedly had sold or given away some of Padre Balli Park. Of course, I did not sell or give away any Nueces County land – much less land owned by my family for more than 100 years (later acquired by the Jones family and generously conveyed to Nueces County).

I did sign a Deed Restriction in favor of a Gulf Shores development project. The signing of the Deed Restriction has been supported by Commissioner Brent Chesney since 2016. The signing of the Deed Restriction was supported by Commissioner Brent Chesney in 2019 and 2020 (on the date I signed it). Many written documents confirming Commissioner Chesney's participation are publicly available. The signing of the Deed Restriction was in support of the Gulf Shores project (subject to final approvals for mitigation of 15 acres of Padre Balli Park by the Coastal Parks Board (a vote that never occurred because no mitigation work has ever been performed at the proposed Padre Balli Park location)). Recently, and with the consent of a Jones family representative, I signed an additional document declaring the earlier-filed Deed Restriction a nullity, as no mitigation work has been performed (and the permitted site will be re-located). Obviously, neither Commissioner Brent Chesney nor I sold or gave away any land at Padre Balli Park.

Again, truth matters. On the other hand, some people believe that political season gives license to be untruthful (as stated above). Some members of our community – including elected officials (sadly) – have intentionally repeated the false story that Padre Balli Park land was sold or given away. As stated by Winston Churchill: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." "We" honestly hurt ourselves when we diminish each other with false stories. "We" should be lifting each other by sharing the truth, and so I am now sharing truth with you. Our community suffers with each and every lie.

/s/ Barbara Canales
Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales



High tides.

By Mary Craft
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Business Briefs

Nueces Whiskey Library is an elegant restaurant/lounge that looks like an old English library with dark wood and chandeliers. It will be opening soon near Bellino Italiano Ristorante whose owner is also the lounge owner. You can enjoy an evening in this cozy environment at the bar, a table or a couch. They will serve fine whiskeys from around the world plus cocktail creations of their own. It is at the Village Shopping Center on Alameda.



Nueces Whiskey Library bar.



Nueces Whiskey Library.

Nauti T's Creations Grand Opening is Thursday, August 11th at 5:30 pm at her new shop near Subway. There be party trays, prizes, gift certificates and much more at the party. The shop will carry exclusive jewelry, charcuterie board and other creations.



Nauti T's Creations new shop.

Artist Brenda Barnett would like to retire so she is selling the property where her Potters on Cotter art gallery is located in Port A. She is moving to Silver City, New Mexico which is an artsy community that she will fit in beautifully. In the meantime, while waiting for a buyer, her shop is still open.



Potters on Cotter.



Potters on Cotter bowls

Quick Quack Car Wash in the Bluff is offering a free \$20 car wash until September 14th. Just visit their Facebook page and they will email you the needed code.

The MWR card that you can apply for at the Naval Air Station allows you to use the following facilities: the Gulf Winds Golf Course/driving range, bowling center, outdoor recreation center, marina, NASCC RV Parks and MWR food establishments but not the commissary. The cost is \$30 per year.



Lighthouse Lanes has bowling at NAS.

The Whitecap development will have multimodal roads with either vehicles, golf carts and sidewalks or just vehicles and sidewalks. I would say the golf cart roads would be great for skateboarding.

The Gabe Lozano Executive 9 hole Golf Course is getting an irrigation system put in so the condition of the course will be much improved. This course and the driving range are getting lighting so they can be used after dark.

Doc's Waterline Bar music schedule for this weekend is Friday, August 12th Dave's Duo, Saturday Chillbillies both 7:30 - 10:30 pm and Sunday Orlando Herrera 2 - 5 pm.



The Chillbillies Band.

Dr. Mario Martinez, Internal Medicine & Renew Med Spa building received a construction permit in late July for over \$3 million dollars. It is next to Pelican Plaza on SPID and completion is expected the end of 2023.

Wind & Wave Watersports is having a Kayak Demo Day on Saturday, August 13th 10 am - 4 pm on northwest side of Packery at Hwy 361. There will also be Glide paddle boards.

The Lifetime Phrogging series Hider in My House will feature Islander Paul Haynes in the episode In the Shadows on Monday, September 12th 9 pm. It is about strangers living in his townhouse on the Island.

Discount Motors will not only buy your car or truck but also RVs, boats and trailers. Call 361-851-2900.

The ET movie will be shown Friday, August 12th at IMAX theaters for its 40th anniversary.

Surfside Sandwich Shoppe is again closed both Tuesday and Wednesday. Mondays they have a lot of parking available because the other two restaurants are closed.

Noodles & Dumplings is a Texas chain restaurant with authentic Chinese food from different parts of the country. Some items on the menu will not even look familiar to you. They are coming soon on Everhart near Saratoga.



Noodles & Dumplings dish.

The Shell station on the Island usually has the cheapest gas. It is often within two cents of HEB.

The Sunset Sounds Concert monthly concert at Roberts Point Park in Port A will be held on Friday, August 12th and will feature the Red Tide Band.

I have Baba (grandma duty) this week so my column is shorter but you may have seen me out lunch hour bravely with my three grandchildren 2, 5 and 6. It was the first time I took all three and they were great. Island Italian is the best with fettuccini and spaghetti kid meals with garlic bread sticks plus fish tanks to amuse them. They also give out crayons and a sheet with coloring, tic tac and a maze plus a colorful reusable cup that comes with a straw.

History cont. from A1

mph but by the time it hit the coast Allen was a Category 3 Hurricane with maximum sustained winds falling to 115 mph, but still pushing a massive surge tide. If there was any good news the twenty inches of rain ended a long drought much like one we are experiencing now in Texas. The storm caused \$42 million in damage in the Coastal Bend and spawned tornados in Austin and San Antonio which caused another



Reconstruction of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall after damage from Hurricane Allen. Workers Joe Hernandez and Santos Garcia (rear) handle hoses which will attach to pipes which will pump water to the base of the seawall in an attempt to settle the seawall structure back into place. Work was done by Padre Isles Construction. This photo courtesy of the Caller-Times dates February, 27, 1981.

\$100 million in damage making it the costliest tropical cyclone-spawned tornado in recorded history at that time.



The boathouse at Nueces County Park after Hurricane Allen. Photo taken September 1, 1980 courtesy of Caller-Times.

“Some damage”

Officials at the Padre Isles Property Owners Association painted a glossy picture of the storm damage (see their story in this issue) by issuing a statement saying “The seawall performed well in protecting the beachfront condominiums and hotel. However, it sustained some damage” with ‘some damage’ being a relative term. Witnesses said during the height of the storm waves



Where the trouble started. This shot was taken as Hurricane Allen approached. It shows the water covering the road, which was the evacuation route, from the north side of the barriers. When the incoming tide overtopped the barriers they fell unleashing a torrent of water that found its way into the Island canal system. Photo courtesy of the Caller –Times. Picture 4 shows the submerged roadway after the barriers were swept away.

were breaking in the lobby of the Holiday Inn (now Island Resort) and repair of the seawall became a hot button issue because it was and is privately owned by the property owners there. The question was who would pay the \$3 million-plus cost of repairs and after more than a year of discussion it was finally done with one-time-only money from the state along with special assessments to private property owners. That agreement for repairs put the burden of seawall maintenance and repair squarely on the shoulders of the private property owners along the seawall and who would have to do so again if the seawall ever sustains damage like that of Hurricane Allen. It also established in perpetuity the right of public accesses to the structure.

Bob Hall Pier was destroyed, to the point that some of the pilings were salvaged and are now part of the Packery Channel Bar & Grill building next to the JFK Causeway. The causeway itself



Beach crowds between Island House and the remains of Bob Hall Pier in the top of the photo taken on September 1, 1980. Courtesy of the Caller-Times.

was inundated cutting The Island off from the mainland which eventually led to the raising of the causeway, and State Highway 361 on Mustang Island took months to repair.

JFK Causeway



Bait stands along the JFK were hard hit by Hurricane Allen in 1980.



Cabins near Bob Hall Pier after Hurricane Allen.

As you can see from the photo in this issue the surge tide from Hurricane Allen began arriving on The Island on August 9. The causeway at that time was barely two feet above sea level and was a two-lane road separated only by a painted centerline. As a result the road had been the scene of several violent head-on collisions in the months leading up to the storm and county officials placed six-foot tall concrete barriers between the lanes to provide safe driving but the placement of those barriers had severe unintended consequences when Allen came roaring in. As the tide rose through August 10 it overtopped the roadway barriers and when they failed the sudden surge of water found its way into the Island canal system. When the water transversed the Island’s Main Canal seeking a way back to the Gulf of Mexico as the storm passed instead of the open waters of the gulf it found the west-facing bulkheads along Cruiser Street destroying 1700 feet of them and collapsing the Gypsy Bridge along the way, also doing severe damage to the bridge over the canal at Whitecap.

There were some lesson learned from the damage done by Hurricane Allen and in the 42 years since, however, there are some crucial questions still outstanding such as funding for repair of the seawall, and for catastrophic damage to the Island canal system.

From the POA Newsletter after the Storm

Hurricane Allen struck the Texas Coast north of Brownsville on August, 10, 1980. The highest sustained winds were clocked at 180 kilometers and the tidal surge was the highest here since the 1919 Hurricane.

Due to excellent engineering and well-planned development, North Padre Island suffered minimal storm damage. The seawall performed well in protecting the beachfront condominiums and hotel. However, it sustained some damage. Plans are now being formulated to repair the seawall.

Some 1700 feet of bulkheads were damaged some canals were left with deposits of sand in small areas. From a residential standpoint very little structural damage occurred. Shingles were blown off some houses causing water damage. Repair works is progressing rapidly.

Saltwater surged on the golf course but did not touch the greens. The fairways are coming back due to good fall rains. The Padre Isles County Club, located on the highest point on The Island suffered no damage whatsoever,

“It was a really great feeling,” said one resident, “to come over the Kennedy Causeway Bridge on Monday after the storm and see Padre Isles just the way it was when we left on Friday.”

It is fair to say that most residents shared this same feeling. Our community had taken the worst Allen had to offer and had come through with flying colors.”

We came through a major storm with so little damage that we are encouraged that we will be able to take storms of equal strength in the future. The Island residents and visitors are back to normal pursuits-enjoying boating, fishing, golf, tennis, beachcombing, swimming and other activities.

Whitecap cont. from A1

hospitality, retail and residential. According to the application documents Phase 1 of the project currently underway will consist of Short-Term Rental property on the north end of the site with entry from Commodores Drive. It will also include access by golf cart to the 26-acre nature preserve in the central portion of the footprint.

If the zoning change at the property is approved by the Planning Commission a thirty-day public comment period will follow after which it will go to the Corpus Christi City Council for a final vote.

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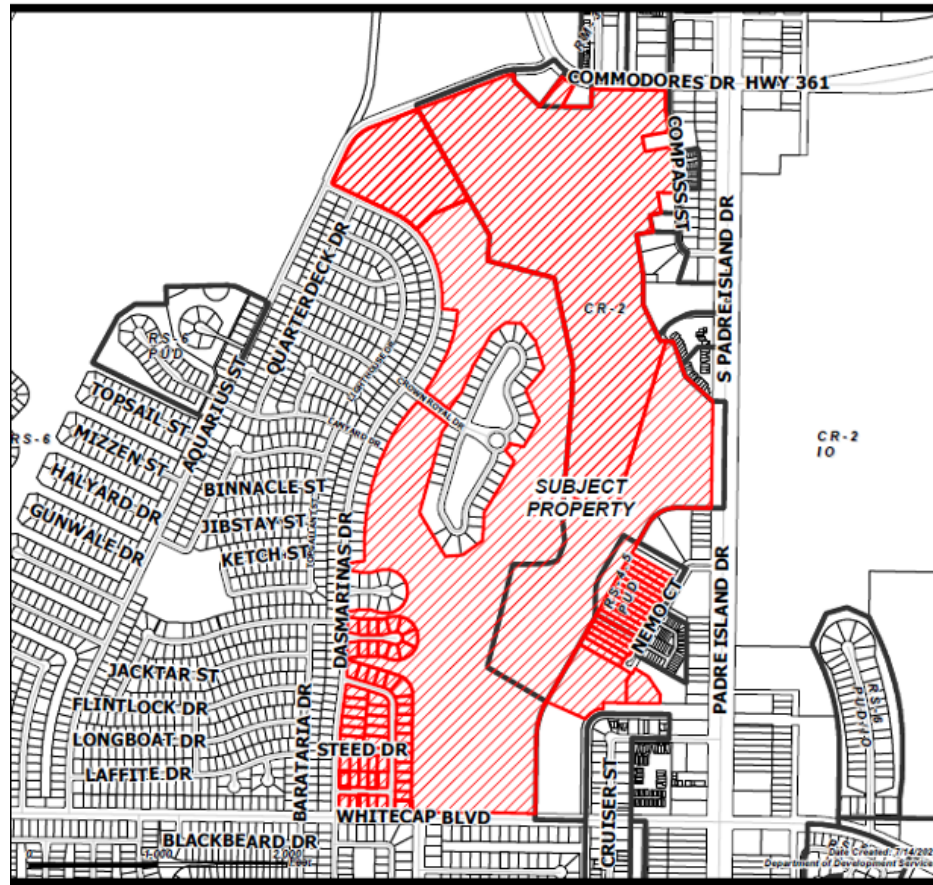
Construction for this development is expected to be completed in four phases; Phase 1 will be completed by 2025 and includes the hotel, Phase 2 will be completed by 2027, Phase 3 will be completed by 2029 and Phase 4 will be completed by 2031. The “horizon year” for the project is 2036.

Above: phasing plan.

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Sector plan



Zoning and land use

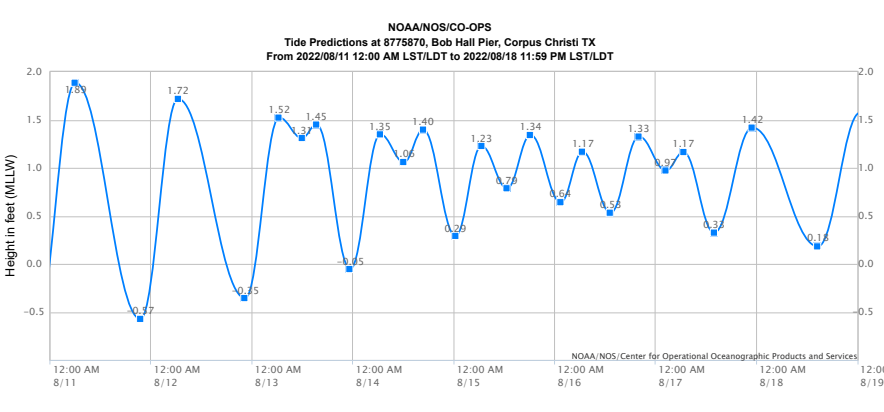
Proposed Use: Waterfront development with a mixture of Single-Family, Two-Family, and Multifamily districts, with retail and commercial areas, and public parks and preserves.
Area Development Plan: Padre/Mustang Island
Future Land Use Map: Commercial

Existing Zoning: “RS-4.5” Single-Family 4.5, “RS-6” Single-Family 6, and “CR-2” Resort Commercial
Adjacent Land Uses:
•North: Vacant
•South: Low-Density Residential
•East: Vacant
•West: Vacant and Low-Density Residential

Tides of the Week

Tides for Bob Hall Pier August 11- August 18

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise /Sunset	Moon	Time	% Moon Visible
Th	11 High	5:59 AM	1.9	6:58 AM	Set	6:16 AM	97
	11 Low	9:25 PM	-0.7	8:10 PM	Rise	8:24 PM	
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	12 Low	10:22 PM	-0.5	8:09 PM	Rise	9:07 PM	
Sa	13 High	6:47 AM	1.5	6:59 AM	Set	8:35 AM	99
	13 Low	11:42 AM	1.3	8:09 PM	Rise	9:45 PM	
	13 High	3:09 PM	1.4				
	13 Low	11:17 PM	-0.2				
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M	15 Low	12:12 AM	0.2	7:00 AM	Set	10:40 AM	90
	15 High	6:48 AM	1.2	8:07 PM	Rise	10:51 PM	
	15 Low	12:29 PM	0.8				
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Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

As zoning for the Whitecap North Padre Island project moves through the system at city hall and construction at the site continues apace some frequently asked questions are being answered. Keep in mind that some of what I am about to tell you can be confirmed some of it can't. Here's what I've heard.

Boat docks

One of the frequent questions as readers looked through the diagram we published last week is whether there will be boat docks in the canals since they are not included in the diagram. The answer I received when I asked this question is that there will be docks but only with certain types of lots. According to the application for a zoning change the residential portion of the development will consist of waterfront single-family residential, two-family residential, and multi-family residential. The residential areas will include five lot sizes from 2625 square-feet to over 10,000 square-feet and some of those lots will come with individual boat docks while some will not with the criteria based largely, but not necessarily solely, on lot size. Whether there will be a dry stack boat storage facility included in the development is not stated on the zoning application.

The houses



ICF house currently under construction in Port Aransas.

Based solely on the diagrams released as part of the application for the project submitted in early 2022 the houses at the site will include flat roofs, but other than the diagrams there is no independent confirmation of that so far. There are also reports, also unconfirmed by the developers who say officially that decision has not yet been made, that the houses may be constructed of

Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) and if so that would be a big positive since ICF houses are the state of the art for residential construction with regards to surviving hurricanes. They are common, and in some places, required in South Florida and proved their worth when Hurricane Ike hit the Bolivar Peninsula a few years ago. They are also very energy efficient and while historically they cost about 20% more to build that cost disparity has shrunk considerably with the recent cost of lumber. There are already a few going up on The Island.

Contractors

We have had several questions about whether the developers of the project will limit contractors on the project to a few chosen ones or whether outside contractors will be able to bid on projects. The answer I got is that the developers will allow outside contractors to build houses at the project within the design guidelines established by the developer. There will be a list of home designs to choose from that contractors will have to adhere to, but that according to what I was told this week, all qualified contractors will have a shot at the work. That is not official.

A hotel

There are also frequent questions regarding what kind of hotel is going to be built? All I know is what the developers told the city council a few months ago and that is that the hotel will be "a four star or better" but no name brand has been announced. They also said it would include some full-service cottages and meeting space. As we all know meeting space is in short supply around here and that would be a welcome addition.

Commodores Canal

The drawings submitted to the city Planning Commission this week show the canal that currently dead-ends at Commodore Drive will extend onto the Whitecap site via a bridge to be built there. Right now the Commodores Canal is the longest dead end canal on Padre Island and water flow would be an asset. As far as I know there is no design for the bridge at this time but there are some plans to fund it, and improvements to Commodores Park, through an extension of the Island Tax Increment Refinance Zone #2 which is expected by time budgets for the next fiscal year are set in October.

That's what I hear right now.

Angela cont. from A1

rescue, but, unfortunately, her habituation to people and boats increased over those years. Our hope was to give Izzy every chance to be wild and live safely in her home—intervention, treatment, and long-term care were a last resort. We can't stress enough how important it is to let wild dolphins be wild. Please give them space and never feed or swim with them.

After initial stabilization at Texas State Aquarium and nearly a month of intensive care at the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Izzy became stronger and more active and was moved to a deeper and larger pool at SeaWorld San Antonio where she continues to receive treatment. She will remain there until NOAA identifies a permanent home for her outside of SeaWorld, based on her particular social and medical needs.

Dolphins are protected federally under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The act provides for both civil and criminal penalties for illegal "takes," a term that includes harassing, feeding, or disturbing the animal.

Dispute cont. from A1

The dispute arose when the Jones family served Nueces County with notice earlier this year objecting to an agreement signed by County Judge Barbara Canales which dedicated 15 acres of the land as permanent wetlands to facilitate the development around Lake Padre by Gulf Shores Ventures for which the county did not receive compensation. A letter issued this week by the Jones family attorney and signed by Canales voids the mitigation agreement leaving Gulf Shores to seek mitigation property elsewhere.

The letter stated the reason for voiding the mitigation agreement was that no work at the Balli site had been performed rendering the agreement void.

Still at issue is a second objection by the Jones family to long-term rental of sites at the RV camp at Balli Park. The Jones family in their filing claimed that practice was a violation of the original deed restrictions on the property and is still under discussion between the parties but is considered minor compared to the mitigation issue and is expected to be resolved in the next few weeks.

Around cont. from A1

Hurricane Allen

We include a story in this issue about Hurricane Allen that rolled across The Island 42 years ago this week. It was mostly high water rather than high winds but it was a lot of high water. Those who were here at the time recall that after the storm when you drove down SPID you could look over and see the Gulf of Mexico because the sand dunes were gone. It reminds us Mother Nature is ultimately in charge as we wind down through the heart of Hurricane Season 2022.

Well, we could say in conclusion that it is dry as the English sense of humor around here but that would be a cliché and here at the Word Factory we avoid clichés like the plague. So instead we'll just say to say hello if you see us Around The Island.

Packery cont. from A1

(FEMA) in the amount of \$13.5 million for the repairs, the total cost of the project is now at \$14.9 million. The additional funds approved Tuesday will come from the city's Capital Improvement Project fund -\$2.1 million, the Island's Tax Increment Refinance Zone #2 - \$235,084, and the city's storm water fund - \$269,206, with the money to be reimbursed by FEMA.

The contractor told the city council on Tuesday the additional work is a result of ongoing erosion that has occurred since the project's assessment and design done in August 2017 which was used as the basis for defining the work to be done. They said that since then tides, waves, currents, rain, and wind have continued to erode sand from the bank, further undermining the shoreline protection and causing progressive loss of the foundation material that originally supported the landside jetty, concrete-block revetment, and walkway along the north and south sides of the channel.

In addition to the repairs needed after Hurricane Harvey, Callan's proposal included removal of a sunken truck in the channel which was identified in an April 2020 survey performed by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the City. Callan officials said removal of the truck is required to allow for future maintenance dredging of the channel.

Flour Bluff cont. from A1

Through the complex labyrinth of overlapping state rules for public school funding the district is required to maintain a minimum Property Tax Rate for the district. That rate drops to compensate for rising property values in the district and due to a 12% increase in values across the district this year Superintendent Velma Soliz-Garcia said the rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year would drop below the state required minimum forcing the need for the proposed tax hike.

The board in July voted for a 15% reduction in the district's \$49 million budget for most departments with one exception being the travel budget which will increase by \$150,000 for fuel, which is double the current budget. The increased revenue, if the tax hike is approved by voters, would be used for pay increases for district employees, including raising the starting pay for teachers to \$50,000. The total cost of the pay increase for teachers if the tax hike is approved by voters is \$1,568,263.

The increased revenue from the tax increase would be used for the following:

\$455,691 total increase in teachers' salaries
The School Board approved a general pay increase of \$2200 for all teachers (4.6%) and starting pay was adjusted from \$47,000 to \$50,000.

\$173,737 total increase in clerical and technical employees 4.8% increase. The cost of the pay increase for employees in the Clerical category was \$256,959 (6.9%). The starting pay was adjusted from \$10.79 to \$12. \$244,261 total increase for Auxiliary employees 8.4% increase.

The cost of the pay increase for Auxiliary employees is \$295,121 (9.8%) and starting pay was adjusted from \$8:50 to \$11.

\$945,073 total cost of increase in salaries.
\$49,033,831 total budget without pay increase.

Current Revenue

\$33,531,616 local revenue sources
\$13,984,264 Estimated state revenue to district

\$2,720,743 Federal revenue to district
Retention Stipends of \$1000 for teaches and \$750 for all other employees was also approved by the board.

By the numbers

- \$4,278,342,367 Taxable Property in the school district
- 12.84% growth in Taxable Property in the district in 2022
- 10.21% growth in Taxable Property in 2021
- \$49,200 Median starting salary for area teachers
- \$47,000 Starting salary for Flour Bluff teachers
- \$49,450 Flour Bluff teachers' median salary at five years
- \$50,500 Median salary for area teachers at five years
- \$53,100 Flour Bluff teachers' median salary at ten years
- \$52,400 Median salary for area teachers at ten years
- \$55,400 Flour Bluff teachers' median salary at 15 years
- \$55,490 Median salary for area teachers at 15 years
- \$57,900 Flour Bluff teachers' median salary at 20 years
- \$59,818 Median salary for area teachers at 15 years
- \$1500 extra pay for teachers with Masters Degree
- \$1000 median extra pay in the area for Masters Degree
- 5526 Flour Bluff ISD current enrollment (second largest behind only CCISD at 34,422, the next largest is Gregory-Portland at 4724)
- The above numbers were drawn from a presentation to the school board at a Special Board Meeting July 13, 2022.



The logistics of the Whitecap project are evident in this shot taken at the site Monday evening. Photo by Dwight Jackson.



La Posada

This last Poker Run benefitted the La Posada Foundation and the CCPD Police Officers' Christmas Angel Program aka POCA. La Posada is looking forward to teaming up with POCA to help the children in Corpus Christi with food and toys. The Foundation will also continue its efforts to support Toys for Toys but is venturing out to help other nonprofit foundations geared towards helping children in our own back yard.

Thank you,
La Posada Foundation | Hilda Perez-Garcia

Senior Moments

By Dotson Lewis
Special to the Island Moon

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings

Dotson's Note: As I am sure you know all of you Moon Monkeys know, the two atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945 killed and maimed hundreds of thousands of people, and their effects are still being felt today. In 1947, I visited both Hiroshima and Nagasaki. What a sight for a 19-year-old! I had seen pictures and heard stories, but I really had no idea of what happened. Hopefully the following will be of interest to you. Thanks to my friend Atsu Takasaki and his lovely wife for the facts contained in this report and to Mr. & Mrs. Atsu Takasaki and Ari Beser for the photos.

By the end of 1945, the bombing had killed an estimated 140,000 people in Hiroshima, and a further 74,000 in Nagasaki. In the years that followed, many of the survivors would face leukemia, cancer, or other terrible side effects from the radiation.



The uranium bomb detonated over Hiroshima on 6 August 1945 had an explosive yield equal to 15,000 tons of TNT. It razed and burnt around 70 per cent of all buildings and caused an estimated 140,000 deaths by the end of 1945, along with increased rates of cancer and chronic disease among the survivors.

A slightly larger plutonium bomb exploded over Nagasaki three days later levelled 6.7 sq km. of the city and killed 74,000 people by the end of 1945. Ground temperatures reached 4,000°C and radioactive rain poured down.

If a nuclear weapon were to be detonated over a city today, first responders - hospitals, firemen, aid organizations - would simply be unable to help.

The reason we know this is that the extent of the damage in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 made it nearly impossible to provide aid. In Hiroshima 90 per cent of physicians and nurses were killed or injured; 42 of 45 hospitals were rendered non-functional; and 70 per cent of victims had combined injuries including, in most cases, severe burns.

All the dedicated burn beds around the world would be insufficient to care for the survivors of a single nuclear bomb on any city.

In Hiroshima and Nagasaki, most victims died without any care to ease their suffering. Some of those who entered the cities after the bombings to provide assistance also died from the radiation.



Long-Term Effects

It takes around 10 seconds for the fireball from a nuclear explosion to reach its maximum size, but the effects last for decades and span across generations. Five to six years after the bombings, the incidence of leukemia increased noticeably among survivors. After about a decade, survivors began suffering from thyroid, breast, lung and other cancers at higher than normal rates.

Pregnant women exposed to the bombings experienced higher rates of miscarriage and deaths among their infants; their children were more likely to have intellectual disabilities, impaired growth and an increased risk of developing cancer. And for all survivors, cancers related to radiation exposure still continued to increase throughout their lifespan, even to this day, almost eight decades later.

The Hibakusha

Above, Koko Kondo who was buried under rubble with her mother who was holding the 8-month-old child during the attack on Hiroshima, has spent a lifetime campaigning for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The Hibakusha (survivors of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) are integral to the history of the atomic bombings of these cities - not only because they are among the few true nuclear weapons experts to have experienced the actual impact of these weapons - but also because of the tireless efforts of many Hibakusha to eliminate nuclear weapons.

From the iconic story of Sadako's 1000 paper cranes to the tireless efforts by Hibakusha to rid the world of nuclear weapons to this very day, their stories are stories of hope and determination



that must not be lost. Survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are living witnesses to the horror of nuclear war and when we talk about nuclear weapons, we must talk about the real unacceptable effects they have on human beings.

A Path Forward

After decades of campaigning for a world free of nuclear-weapons, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons adopted in 2017 holds great significance for the Hibakusha. A survey among 6000 Hibakusha carried out by Kyodo News showed that a vast majority feel that Japan should join the U.N. treaty banning nuclear weapons, underscoring their discontent with the government's opposition to the agreement. Joining the treaty would represent a recognition by Japan of its affected citizens' rights and suffering.



Koko Kondo.

After the Treaty's adoption, many Hibakusha have continued their tireless advocacy efforts to abolish nuclear weapons. The Hibakusha Appeal calls on all governments to join the TPNW. World leaders must heed the calls of Hibakusha, and of concerned citizens around the world, for a nuclear-weapon-free future.

The primary focus of Hibakusha Stories is to highlight the testimony of Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors, and used that inspiration to take action for disarmament to create a peaceful and sustainable world. The Japanese Government, after much insistence and activism on the part of hibakusha, was forced to offer financial and medical assistance to atomic bomb survivors who have received official status. In 1956, Nihon Hidankyo (the Confederation of A and H Bomb Sufferers) was formed. Hidankyo members, all of whom are hibakusha, fought for and won the enactment of two laws: the "A-bomb Victims Medical Care Law" (1956) and the "Law on Special Measures for Sufferers" (1967). Thanks to the dedication and persistence of many hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors residing in Japan as well as those living in other countries, receive(d) a monthly allowance.

Dotson's Other Note: Hope all of you Moon Monkeys felt that the forgoing reading was worth your time and I hope that you learned something new. ABOUT BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESOURCES AND UPDATES TAKE ACTION



By Pastor Kris Bair

I've never had the goal to write a novel or any kind of book. I like essays—

short and pithy. I love to read them, and I enjoy writing them.

But I have to admit that now that I have time to read more than just textbooks, classic literature, and theology, I'm having what I will call second thoughts about writing.

Actually, it's probably hallucinations.

I picture a Regency romance where our young and inexperienced main character arrives on a large vessel from America and is taken to her long-lost family's home.

Her father, of course, had left the aristocracy for those Mad Colonies (who have since become a nation) across the Atlantic, where he resigns his commission in the British Army to marry a stunningly beautiful Iroquois maiden who doesn't sweat, and they live happily ever after in a log cabin.

Not.

He cares not that his family could care less when he and his charming wife are abruptly killed in order to get them out of the story, so it can focus on their only child, our soon-to-be heroine.

After several years of swatting fat-fisted, drunken brawlers in a local tavern in order to make ends meet, said daughter saves enough money to sail to England and confront what she thinks is her only living relative, her curmudgeon of a grandfather.

The one who lives in a castle, of course.

The one who instantly goes into a rage when she appears and kicks her bodily out of his mansion.

But Grandfather's sister (who closely resembles the Dowager Duchess of Downton and is, in reality, our heroine's Fairy Godmother) takes pity on her grandniece and provides an introduction to the convenient duke down the road, who needs a Companion for his young, rambunctious sister.

The duke (who is not Prince Charming but who IS delectably handsome) has reservations—this young woman refuses to use his title when addressing him. She calls him "Mr."

When he rises up in ducal authority and threatens her with time in jail if she doesn't address him as "Your Grace," she laughs and reminds him that she is not a British citizen--titles mean nothing to her.

A Novel Essay

In fact, it's her patriotic duty as an American to eschew titles in favor of sir and ma'am, Mr., Mrs. and Miss.

The duke's sister envisions all sorts of fun in her future and refuses to let him fire the new firebrand.

And from that point on, our girl turns the tables on him, addressing him with a new and obnoxious title every time she speaks to him.

"Your Ineffable Eminence!" she snorts.

"Yes, Your Insufferability."

"No, Your Annoyance."

I can spend hours coming up with new and delightfully frightful titles for him.

I'm also considering arming her with a hatchet, which her mother has lovingly taught her to use and which she can pull out on occasion to defend herself from randy rogues.

Naturally, there will be other distinctive (snort) characters—the ostensibly French modiste, who is really from Soho; the ducal brother who drinks and gambles; the butler who buttlles bravely; the all-important Cook, who bakes more crumpets than Little Debbie; the Incomparable who has set her nasty eyes on marrying the Duke; etc., etc., etc.

I know it'll sell. I've only read it about a million times in one variation or another.

Why does it sell? It's a fairy tale, you know. Cinderella. Sometimes Rapunzel or Sleeping Beauty.

Beauty and the Beast, in this case.

And it's what I call "popcorn reading." You don't have to invest a lot of thought or energy into reading it, and most of it will put me right to sleep.

Sleep is a valuable commodity these days when my old body wants up and down all night long.

But if you're an early riser like me, we can recommend Island Presbyterian Church's Beach Worship at 8 a.m. on Sundays, at the end of Whitecap. Bring your chair or towel, your coffee, and your pet on a leash.

Of course, if you need more sleep, you can join us at 10 a.m. in our sanctuary at Fortuna Bay and Gypsy, where you can enjoy some delicious crumpets afterward.

And if you'd like to join us but sleep in later than that, keep those PJs on and catch the livestream on our Facebook page any time that works for you.

Sleeping through the sermon is always an option—someone will gently wake you when it's over, no questions asked, no excuses needed.

Nature Notes

Where To See Wood Storks

By Celeste Silling

One of the most interesting birds you can see in our area right now is the Wood Stork. Wood Storks are very rare, as they can only be found in a select few areas in the United States. They are the only native stork in North America, and can only be found in Southern swamps.

Usually, if a birder wanted to see this bird, they would have to seek these storks out in the wetlands of Florida, Georgia, or South Carolina. Or they could head all the way down to South America, where these storks live year-round. But unbeknownst to most birders (and the general public) Texas has a few stealthy stork visitors every summer.



Wood Stork and Roseate Spoonbill. Photo by Paul Brennan.

We never know exactly when the Wood Storks will appear, but perhaps your best chance to see them in our area would be to go to Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, or Brazos Bend State Park in August. These are wetlands where the storks have been seen in previous years. Hopefully we will have enough rain this year that the wetlands will be wet and the storks will return. If you decide to visit one of these refuges, be sure to drive slowly, be quiet, and keep an eye out for giant white birds.

The Wood Stork is not easily mistaken for an ibis, heron, pelican or any other big white bird. Perhaps its most distinguishing characteristics are its huge size (over 3 feet tall), its enormous curved bill, its bald head and the fact that it looks like a dinosaur in a feather jacket. There's

and stay with their mate for only one breeding season. This is despite the myth that storks mate for life.

There are actually several myths from all around the world about this bird. In American culture, it is well-known that storks deliver babies in their beaks to expecting parents. This story might have originated from Greek mythology, in which storks attempted to steal babies. Storks also appear in Egyptian, German, Israeli, Chinese, and other mythologies, although they aren't always associated with human babies.

While our Wood Storks aren't really mythological creatures, they are certainly local legends! If you find yourself wanting to go on a stork safari this summer, head to your local wildlife refuge and have a look. These birds are worth it!

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Monday morning's high tide caught beachgoers by surprise. Evelyn Pless-Schubert.

Going Native by Dr. Ed Proffitt



By Ed Proffitt

Turk's Cap

The weather wonks say we're going to have some rain over the next several days that should bring some temporary relief to our on-going drought and give our island's plants a hearty drink. Maybe there'll be no need for hand-watering for a few days! Regardless, as I've noted in previous columns, our forecast is for more frequent and intense droughts and including a plethora of native plants in our yards would cumulatively allow the island to save substantial amounts of water that would help our extended Corpus Christi and Nueces County community.

Some native plants are more showy others less so, but all are adapted to the climatic conditions here better than most exotics. Today, I focus on one of the showy ones - turk's cap (Malvaviscus arboreus var drummondii) in the mallow family (Malvaceae) and is also sometimes called wax mallow, red mallow, Mexican apple, sleeping hibiscus and other common names (that's why the Latin name is so preferred!). It's native to coastal Texas although it is not listed in the checklist of native flora in the Padre Island National Seashore by Negrete et al. (1999). However, it is listed as native to south Padre Island by inaturalist as an important plant for migrating monarchs. The flower never fully opens, and hence the Turk's cap name because someone thought it looked like a turban. This beauty is drought resistant once established, but will need some watering-in to get that way. If you have shady spots, this species will flourish and flower nicely, but will also grow in full sun. However, out in the sun, sometimes the leaves curl a bit and the plant won't grow quite as large. Typically, it'll attain heights of 2 or 3 feet, although 9 feet has been reported (but not here). It is evergreen in the Rio Grande Valley



Turks cap flower closeup.

and Mexico but in areas with occasional frosts, it'll die back in the winter. Don't worry, it'll pop back up in the spring. You can cut back the winter dead stems which will keep it from becoming leggy. Usually flowers are bright red, but white is occasionally seen. Well-drained soils are preferred, but it can acclimate to other soil types, moisture levels, and degrees of shade/sun.



Malvaviscus shrub closeup.

Turk's cap is a wonderful nectar plant, attracting migrating hummingbirds, butterflies and other species. It is also the larval host plant for Heliopetes macaira (the Turk's cap white skipper butterfly). It is commercially available as plant or seed, which is easier than digging up one you spot somewhere because the root system can be dense and tough. The orange-red fruit, about the size of a grape or marble, is edible and some report eating the leaves as well. A great plant for adding red color to your yard, conserving water, and providing food and refuge for migrating birds and butterflies. So, adopt-this-plant and keep Going Native.

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Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon

Casey Stengel-Baseball Player & Manager – Part 2

By Dotson Lewis



Dotson's Note: Last week we ended Part 2 with: "The Yankee owner Jacob Ruppert was furious and had demanded Casey be suspended, but Landis replied, 'Casey Stengel just can't help being Casey Stengel.' It was his last hurrah as a Giant. One month later he was traded to the Boston Braves." Thanks to Bill Bishop, Chief Meyers, Marty Appel and Bill Morgan for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Wilbert Robinson as Brooklyn manager. Two years later Casey became manager when Carey was fired. He lasted three years, never finishing higher than fifth. Casey's reputation as a clown grew during his Brooklyn tenure. Not all of this was his fault, as the Dodgers had a reputation for daffiness before he took over the reins. But Casey would joke around while coaching third base to entertain the fans and was always good for a colorful quote to the sportswriters. One highlight for the Dodgers under Stengel was their victories over the Giants in the last two games of the 1934 season, allowing the St. Louis Cardinals to win the pennant. This paid back Giants manager Bill Terry, who had asked, "Is Brooklyn still in the league?"



Edna and Casey.

The following year the Dodgers finished fifth, then dropped to seventh in 1936. Despite having one more year on his contract, Casey was let go at the end of the 1936 season. He spent part of the next year traveling and inspecting the Texas oil fields in which he had invested. Casey and Edna made occasional trips to New York, attending vaudeville and theater and enjoying their favorite restaurants.

He returned to baseball in 1938 as manager and part-owner of the Boston's perennially losing National League club. General Manager Bob Quinn told the press Casey was his third choice, but explained Casey would make the players hustle. He didn't mention that Casey had invested some of his oil money in the team. Casey enjoyed Boston, but was given little support by management. Casey guided the team to fifth place his first year, but the Braves tumbled to seventh in 1939 and remained there for the next three years. Just before the 1943 season, Casey was struck by a taxi as he tried to cross a street in Boston in the rain. His left leg was severely fractured and he developed a staph infection. He spent six weeks in the hospital. One sportswriter said the cabdriver was the man who did the most for Boston baseball. Stengel never completely recovered from the accident. He always walked with a slight limp afterwards. He returned to manage the last 107 games, winning 47 and losing 60. The Braves were under new ownership. Casey still had the support of GM Quinn, but Lou Perini, the new owner, wanted a change. Under the circumstances Casey thought it best if he resigned, collected his investment money, and returned home to California.

Casey was not out of baseball for long. Early in the 1944 season, the Chicago Cubs hired Charlie Grimm as manager. Grimm was managing the American Association Milwaukee club, and owned the team along with Bill Veeck. Charlie called on his old friend Casey to take over as manager of the Brewers. Veeck was serving with the Marines in the Pacific, so Grimm could not consult him on the hiring. When Veeck received the news, he was furious. He wrote a letter listing his objections, from Stengel's losing record as a manager to his inability to judge talent. By the time the letter reached Milwaukee, the Brewers had opened up a substantial lead over the rest of the league. Casey led the team to a pennant and saw attendance increase by 200,000. Despite his accomplishments, Casey figured his days would be numbered when Veeck returned from overseas. Casey decided to resign rather than be fired. When Veeck did return home, he realized what a great job Casey had done, and tried to persuade him to come back to the Brewers. Stengel declined, hoping his good work in Milwaukee would lead to another chance in the majors. But there were no openings in 1945.

TO BE CONTINUED

Dotson's Other Note: Are you Moon Monkeys still along for the ride with Casey? If you are tired of Casey, please let me know and I will consult with Yogi and see if it's over yet, as all of you Moon Monkeys know, "it ain't over till it's over." 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@six.r.com and Phone: 530-748-8475.

-30- Have fun and hang in there

Stengel batted .280 in 131 games in 1924, but the highlight of the year was his wedding to Edna Lawson while in St. Louis in August. The couple had been introduced at a game at the Polo Grounds the year before. Edna had accompanied Mrs. Emil Meusel, the wife of one of Casey's teammates. Casey had been pulled from that day's game for a defensive replacement, so he showered quickly and went to the box-seat section reserved for the players' wives. The two couples went out to dinner that night, and it would eventually lead to an enjoyable 51 years of marriage. After a quick honeymoon, Casey returned to the team in time for a doubleheader in Chicago. He led the Braves to a sweep with three hits, including a three-run home run in the nightcap, but the club went on to finish last.



Casey In Brooklyn.

Casey and Edna joined a barnstorming troupe that toured England and France that fall. After one game in London, the players were introduced to King George V. They returned to New York and spent a few days with the McGraws before catching a train to California where Edna's family lived. Her father built them a house in Glendale that would be their home for the rest of their lives.

In 1925 he was hitting only .077 when the Braves sent him to Worcester, Massachusetts, as player-manager and president. Casey played in 100 games and batted .320. He led the team from last place to third while entertaining the fans with his run-ins with the umpires. When an opportunity arose to take over as manager of the Toledo Mud Hens, manager Stengel released himself as a player, and then president Stengel fired himself as manager.

For the next six years Stengel managed the Toledo Mud Hens. He played sporadically after the first year, but he mostly concentrated on managing. In 1927 Toledo won their first pennant ever and the town went crazy. But the team tumbled to sixth place in 1928 and eighth the following year.

Released after the 1931 season, Casey signed on as a coach with his old Pirate teammate Max Carey, who had just been named to replace



By Andy Purvis

Have you ever noticed that we count time with stories? It may be one of the best ways to measure our lives. So often, we find meaning for our lives through stories. I've spent the last 12 years sharing others' stories through my words, not so much for me, but for them. I give them a voice. The spectacle of sports is real and unrehearsed. Sports can help us heal and move forward. I love sharing their stories and the moments with all of you. The 48 stories you are about to read in my newest book, *Greatness Revealed*, are not just sports stories, they are also life stories. Sometimes life feels like a long series of losing people and things that you love, but I'm not going to lose this one. Some folks can't come to terms that their family, friends, companions, and sports heroes are no longer here, but some of my sports heroes are and some of yours are, too. I carry all of their memories within me every day; they give me strength to forge ahead. They never go away. These legends don't die just because the person does. As long as people talk about them, they are still relevant.

These players bring our memories back to life. They bring our grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and dads back to life. They connect these games and the players to our lives. Maybe that's why we care so much. Sometimes the folks I write about get a bad rap. This is my way of sticking up for some of these guys. I can't right the wrongs that have been done to them, but I can help their families deal with the hurt. That is part of the power of kindness and the written word. When people allow you into their lives through the written word, the radio or TV, what greater compliment could you ask for? That's powerful. How lucky am I? When I go to work, I know I'm going to help others have fun, smile and laugh out loud.

Ever wonder what our life's purpose really is? We all have our roles. Most of what I set out to do, I did against great odds. We are all who we are, and it takes all of us to make a family. We can't explain miracles; we can only give thanks for them. I never really knew what was in store for me in my life, but I have always been surprised and grateful. Finding God has been my biggest find. I have always believed that if you give something all you've got, everything you have; then it doesn't really matter whether you win or lose, as long as you risk everything

Preface

by putting all your eggs in one basket. I've tried to do that with my faith, my marriage and family. I also did that with my work in the restaurant business, my sports-talk radio career, and my writing. There's no halfway with me. It's all or nothing and that's why I feel so blessed to have lived a charmed life.

It's tough when we start seeing our sports heroes' age. Then I look in the mirror and go "Oh yeah, me too." I do believe that one of God's greatest gifts to mankind is old age. I believe that one of the jobs of a great-grandparent is to help their offspring become great-grandparents. Maybe getting older is time's way of reminding us how great the best moments of our life really were.

So, who's going to remember us? That is a question all of us ask ourselves eventually. Who will remember our exploits after we're gone?

What happens 50 years from now when the name Andy Purvis comes up and folks respond, "Who was that guy?" and nobody knows. That would be a travesty. That's why I choose to keep these people relevant with my books. It's hard to write about others without sharing with the reader some of yourself. Some of these people became my friends and most are Hall of Fame athletes. They were smart and funny and kind. They were also unselfish and loyal. So, I wanted to reveal to you what kind of persons they were. That way, I bring this book to life; for they will be with me and now you, forever.

In the movie *A River Runs Through It*, there's a great line that goes like this. "Now nearly all those that I loved and did not understand in my youth are dead, but I still reach out to them." It's true that these folks I write about are no longer with us. I choose not to mourn their deaths, but celebrate their lives. They may have even suffered at the end, but they were some of the strongest men and women I have ever known. Some of them even changed the fate of those who watched them perform. There are three things you have to consider to be a good writer. What you know to be true, what you think you know, and what you don't know. When I write about these folks, I don't see athletes, owners, announcers, or coaches; I see mothers and fathers and sons and daughters. My job is to show you how they made a difference. That is the true reason for what I do. Enjoy!

Drop the Mic

By Andy Purvis

In the beginning, people were mesmerized when walking through the ballpark and hearing his voice. He once said, "What you hear on the air has always been me, because I made it a point not to listen to anyone else." His sound was pleasing, and it was hard to forget that voice. This fellow preferred to work alone on the radio. He never wanted to talk to a partner; he wanted to talk with us. This guy never referred to his listeners as fans (short for fanatics); he preferred to call them his friends. He wanted his listeners to feel like they were sitting next to him. His grasp of the English language was impeccable. He always used the right phrases and nothing was ever out of place, not a hair, not a word. There is no doubt that baseball kept him young, and us too. This guy was more important to the game of baseball than anyone else who may have ever played. His calls were poetry, timeless and remembered, and his character was even greater than his broadcast skills.

radios to the park, because they didn't want to miss any of his stories. Everyone considered him family. There have been so many words used to describe him; and he made you think, cry and laugh, all at the same time. It seemed like he had been around forever. Not only did he connect generations of families with his words, he predated Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, the batting helmet, transistor radios, the designated hitter and the sacrifice-fly rule. In 1950, when he slid in behind a microphone for the first time, gas cost 27 cents a gallon, a postage stamp cost 3 cents and minimum wage was 75 cents an hour.

Winston Churchill once said, "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you will see." Vin Scully must have been able to see for miles. He never acted his age in his whole life. He was born mature and remained young. The masses are weeping in baseball Heaven, because 94-year-old Vin Scully has left us. He realized that the only thing we get to decide in life is what to do with the time we are given. I believe he used his time wisely. He always knew that the best announcing does not come from your memory; it comes from living through your experiences. And he had experience in spades.



Vince Scully.

A devout Catholic, he attended Mass every Sunday, before heading to the ballpark. Universally loved, he sometimes said a lot by simply saying nothing at all. This guy never yelled into his microphone; he understood the pace and rhythms of the game. For him, every baseball game was a canvas, and his job was to paint a masterpiece. His voice on the radio reminded me that no matter how much things change, some things stay the same. He took us to places near and far and told us stories of the game and its players that we never knew. Even though he was paid by the Dodgers, he was unafraid to criticize a bad play, or a manager's decision, or praise an opponent. He always said he wanted to see the game with his eyes, not his heart. Dodger fans brought their transistor

Vin Scully, the red-headed kid, had a way with words. He was a miracle on the air. Every broadcaster wanted to be Vin Scully. It's going to be hard to think about the Dodgers without thinking about him. He will forever be linked to the fans by five simple words, "It's time for Dodger baseball." Vin Scully dropped the mic for the last time on a Tuesday night. The date of his passing will read August 2, 2022. He was the heartbeat of baseball.

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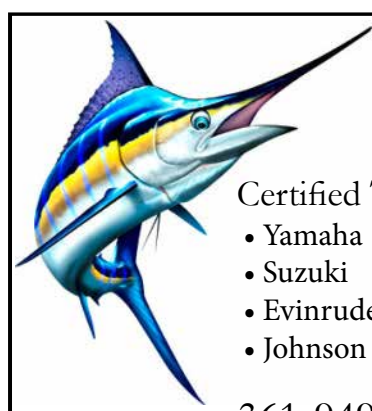
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On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

I was messing around with the NOAA site (tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov) and trying to pinpoint when the high tides are coming into the various passes (Port A, Packery, Mansfield, and South Padre). You want to have an incoming tide right about either sunrise and/or sunset for ideal conditions when you're chasing tarpon and other fun fish. We currently are having a single tidal cycle per 24 hours. So, I was on the site plotting out the tidal movements for the past several days, and I kept noticing that the timing was a bit off from approximate sunset and sunrise times. Like a lot. Then I realized that I had it on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and not on Local Standard Time (LST), so if you're on the site and plotting data, make sure you toggle that one. 6 hours difference.

Tidal discrepancies

I plotted the data between the stations, and learned that the tides are pretty similar between Port Aransas and South Padre, but there is about a four-hour difference in tides between the Port Aransas station and the Packery Channel station. This isn't exact science, I mean, I did use most of my fingers and toes adding this one up. So, with the distance of 120 miles between Port A and South Padre, every 20 miles along the coast is a four-hour gap between high tide/low tide. A twelve-hour difference between Packery and Port Mansfield jetties means that they are almost opposite each other. Mansfield is about six hours behind South Padre, and Dr. Philippe Tissot, we need a station inside the jetties at Mansfield if you're reading this. And you have to remember that I am only looking at tides the past couple of days and basically this northwest corner of the Gulf of Mexico is in a tidal node. The moon phase, wind forcing, and astronomical tides all vary throughout the year and may have more of an influence on water levels than tides. Results may vary; test an inconspicuous spot first; contents may settle during shipment and especially, use at your own risk.

Micro-tidal

Since we're already down the road with science this week, let's keep rolling. We are basically

"micro-tidal" around these parts, which means the tides may only vary a few inches between high and low tides at certain parts of the year. A strong southeast wind in the afternoon can mask and overcome a weak outgoing tide. In the same manner, a northern can easily overcome an incoming tide here in our basin. This is based on the "fetch" between Aransas, Corpus Christi, and the Laguna Madre. Fetch is the distance of unobstructed open water that the wind has to push on the water. When there is a strong southeast wind, it forces the water out of the Laguna, through Corpus Christi Bay, and into Redfish/Aransas Bays. Also, when there is a big northern, the reverse happens, and they get low water, and we fill up down here.

Fetch also has a part to play in our upwelling (which I have been writing about) and having these lighter winds has helped diminish the upwelling. Sea water temperatures in the longshore currents coming up from Mexico are getting somewhat closer to normal. This is helping with the water clarity as well, which in turn helps the fishing along the beach. A quick look at the offshore temps shows that there is what appears to be one more slug of cooler water headed our way, and I'm hoping that's the end of it for this season.

Fetch gets us to forcing, which is wind and tides acting in conjunction to pile water up on a shoreline or beach, through a pass, or in the form of longshore currents. Forcing is generally equated with storm surge, and they may be used interchangeably in most situations, but not all. There was some concern about high tides and forcing in Lake Padre during Hannah, which pushed water up on to PR 22, but once the bridge is open, that water will be able to move through into the canals and the forcing will be dissipated through the canal system and out into the Laguna. This will result in a beneficial condition, which is called flushing of a closed system. I don't need to provide the definition of that one folks, you got it already. Thanks for sticking around during the science lesson this week, you can now wow and amaze your friends and family. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I will definitely see you On the Rocks. Say hi.



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures



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 16. Pueblo tribe member
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 18. Spring in the desert
 19. Is behind, in a way
 20. With not a moment to spare
 23. Suitable
 25. Picnic crasher
 26. Apply haphazardly
 27. Univ. figures
 29. Set up
 32. Drink to excess
 35. Fed. money lender
 38. Former Lacoste partner
 39. Sculptor's subject
 40. Director Pakula
 41. Near failure of a kind
 42. Boob tube addict
 44. Sci-fi or horror
 45. Covered all the bases
 46. Photographer Adams
 49. PC bailout key
 51. Paris-to-Lyons dir.
 52. Possible title for this puzzle
 57. The whole enchilada
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 59. Posterior
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 4. Really big show
 5. 2004 NCAA basketball champs
 6. Engine maker ___ & Whitney
 7. Baja bread
 8. Give off
 9. Foolhardy
 10. "Care to demonstrate?"
 11. Actor Mandel
 12. See 17-Across
 13. Drummer's platform
 21. Piled whites and darks
 22. Salinger title girl
 23. Garden pest
 24. Competition award
 28. Co. that makes arrangements
 29. Monty Python's "Spamalot," for one
 30. Fraternity event
 31. "Rent-___": 1988 film
 33. Prep school for some princes
 34. Kind of cream
 35. It often involves pie throwing
 36. "About Schmidt" actress
 37. Battery terminal
 40. Cabbage dispenser?
 42. Block accommodation
 43. "That hurts!"
 44. Eccentric type
 46. Japanese beer brand
 47. Tag player's declaration
 48. Campfire treat
 49. Tots' song refrain
 50. Throat trouble
 53. Exchanged promises
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Suspicious Person

11800 block SPID 1 p.m. August 6

Traffic

34 Traffic Stops

13300 block SPID 8 p.m. August 7 DWI

13900 block SPID 6 p.m. August 3 Crash

13500 block SPID 9 p.m. August 2 DWI

SPID/West

Crimes against Person

14400 block SPID 6 p.m. August 7 Assault

14400 block SPID 5 p.m. August 7 Assault

13900 block Sea Anchor 1 a.m. August 4 Assault

15200 block SPID 6 p.m. August 6 Assault

Crimes against Property

14400 block Compass 11 p.m. August 6 Burglary of a Vehicle

15300 block SPID 6 p.m. August 7 Burglary of a Vehicle

Disturbance

14100 block Whitecap 1 a.m. August 6 Possession of Controlled Substance/Paraphernalia

Suspicious Person

Aquarius/Bello Dr. 6 p.m. August 5

14300 block SPID 3 a.m. August 2

15600 block Gypsy 3 p.m. August 7

Gypsy/Bounty 2 p.m. August 7

Whitecap/Gypsy 1 a.m. August 6

Traffic

126 Traffic Stops

14600 block SPID 5 p.m. August 8 Crash

14300 block SPID 2 a.m. August 7 Crash

SPID/Commodores 3 p.m. August 4 Crash (two cars)

Jackfish/SPID 10 p.m. August 3 Public Intoxication /Crash

14100 Bounty 1 p.m. August 4 Crash

SPID/East (Gulf side)

Crimes against Person

15800 block SPID 7 p.m. August 6 Assault

11500 block Gulf Beach 8 a.m. August 7 Assault

11500 block Gulf Beach 3 a.m. August 7 Robbery

11500 block Gulf Beach 8 a.m. August 7 Assault

Crimes against Property

15200 block Windward August 7 Trespassing

Disturbance

14900 block Windward 8 p.m. August 8 Noise Ordinance Violation

14800 block Whitecap Midnight August 7 Noise Ordinance Violation

Suspicious Person

15600 block Gulf Beach 6 a.m.

Windward/Whitecap 6 p.m. August 7

15200 block Windward 9 p.m. August 2

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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.

Towing- Last week's article included information about an incident whereby a PIPOA employee was forced to call the police for their protection. There was not one mention of this incident on social media. Never should a PIPOA employee be threatened for doing their job. I must say, I am disappointed that there was no support for this employee. You can purchase your vehicle and boat trailer stickers at the PIPOA office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Drive. The vehicle sticker is \$5.00, and the trailer sticker is \$10.00.

docks are a dangerous hazard to boaters. Furthermore, the PIPOA is forced to spend money to clear the debris from the canals.

Hurricane- This is hurricane season. Please prepare your property and make your plans to evacuate. Please do not wait until the last minute. Don't forget the arrangements for your pets.

Bubblers- The PIPOA has twelve aerators at canal ends. As I write this article, all twelve are working properly. The purpose of the aerators is to inject oxygen into the water to prevent stagnant water and give fish more oxygen.

Boat Ramp- The Cobo De Barra boat ramp is scheduled for resurfacing in the first part of September, after Labor Day. Stayed tuned for the exact dates.

Audit- The PIPOA has invited the auditing firm Park-Fowler to give a brief presentation at the August Board meeting.



This is what the PIPOA Canal Boat is looking for. Obviously, it is a potential danger in a storm and a danger to boaters when pieces float away.

Boat- The PIPOA boat is now operating on the canals to observe and report damaged bulkheads, decks, and docks. I am surprised by the large number of damaged docks/decks. The PIPOA is not spying on anyone. The safety of PIPOA members is the primary concern. The dilapidated, damaged docks/decks can become missiles in a storm. The projectiles are dangerous. Even without a storm, the floating boards and sections of

All members are invited to attend and receive firsthand information. Once again, the PIPOA has received a favorable audit report. The audit will be available on the PIPOA website next week.

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. All PIPOA members are invited to attend.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for May

Crude oil and natural gas production as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) for May 2022 came from 162,387 oil wells and 87,163 gas wells.

The RRC reports that from June 2021 to May 2022, total Texas reported production was 1.5

billion barrels of crude oil and 10.9 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the RRC is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the RRC.

May 2022 Statewide Production

Average Daily Production

Crude Oil	109,090,916 BBLs (barrels)	3,519,062 BBLs
Natural Gas	847,979,160 mcf (thousand cubic feet)	27,354,166 mcf

May 2021 Statewide Production

Average Daily Production

	Average Daily Production	Total Volume
Crude Oil	124,393,013 BBLs	4,012,678 BBLs
Natural Gas	914,244,124 mcf	29,491,746 mcf

Top Crude Oil Producing Counties by Production

CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. MIDLAND 17,130,371
2. MARTIN 12,368,492

Thoughts From Dr. Tom



I Can't Raise My Arm!

By Dr. Tom Dorrell

This week I thought we would discuss shoulder pain. It is a very common malady that people show up with to the ER or their doctor's office. It typically has an insidious onset and finally becomes unbearable although occasionally is a result of an acute injury. In the acute setting frequently it is a throwing motion that starts it or an overhead position with the arm extended and rotated with a downward force that is resisted by the patient. These events can result in a rotator cuff injury and sometimes if a severe mechanism or bad traction injury we can see the labrum injured as well.

How does all this present? The main symptom is severe pain in the shoulder. This is particularly severe at night and with any move to abduct (elevate) the arm. It also is usually worse with any rotation in or out of the extremity. The pain can be impressive and is hard to treat. This comes from what doctor's call impingement. This essentially means the injured or swollen rotator cuff being pinched between the bony roof of the shoulder joint called the acromion and the humeral head. The cuff is 4 thick tendons that insert on a part of the humeral head. When the cuff is inflamed or injured it swells and then gets pinched between these bones hence the term impingement.

What to do? There are several ways this is approached. A skilled clinician can tell just from examining you if you have this. We can also tell if the cuff is ruptured. What is hard to tell is when there is swelling or tear but no rupture. This requires mri and if a labral tear sometimes a mri with contrast. The labrum is

a boot so to speak or sleeve that goes around the humeral head and glenoid part of the joint that holds the humerus in place. This can also be injured but is less common. Initial evaluation and treatment does not require imaging other than maybe plain films to determine the bony anatomy that can sometimes predispose to impingement.

Therapeutic approach is anti-inflammatories usually oral and consideration to a subacromial injection of lidocaine and steroid given in the posterolateral approach with sterile technique and then rest ice and range of motion with therapy for the cuff and scapular stabilization exercises, all of these exercises can be found on line these days. This procedure can be handled with any experienced clinician skilled in these procedure. Usually you will see improvement in a few days but the therapy part is important in preventing recurrence. You also need to limit lifting above 90 degrees for a while till recovered. If all this fails then advanced imaging with mri may be indicated.

On a non- medical note, fishing has been awesome on the fly for my clients and I. Glad to see our conservation efforts after the freeze are working. Thanks to everyone who is helping the fishery especially our other guides that help set the tone! The drought is kicking everyone's tail in the ranching community and feed bills are high! Our deer herd is doing fine with the extra feed. I still have some management hunts available for this season if you need a fix. Look us up at www.4dranchhunts.com for all your hunting needs or www.lagunaflyoutfitters.com for your fly fishing fix! Have a great week, Doc Tom.

Flour Bluff Police Substation gets \$1.5 million Upgrade

A \$1.5 million upgrade to the police substation on Waldron Road in Flour Bluff was completed this week with work on improvements to the interior, new electrical fixtures, HVAC, plumbing, IT, audiovisual, security, furniture and fixtures, exterior building renovations, new roof, landscaping, irrigation, and parking.

The substation is used by 43 officers across three daily shifts in the Bravo District which



includes Padre and Mustang islands and Flour Bluff. Padre Island has three dedicated officers across the three eight-hour shifts rotated throughout the day and a fourth officer assigned at peak hours.

The improvements at the Flour Bluff facility were funded through 2018 city bonds.

November 8, 2022, Election for Mayor & City Council Deadline for filing for City Council Approaches

Candidate Packet Available and Filing Period Information

The City election for mayor and three at-large and five district council member positions will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

The filing period for Corpus Christi residents interested in running for one of these positions begins Monday, July 25, 2022, and continues through Monday, August 22, 2022. Regular business hours for the City Secretary's Office are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Candidate Packet, which includes an application form and the requirements for filing is available on the City Secretary's webpage under 2022 Election Central at www.ctexas.com or in paper form or a flash drive from the City Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, City Hall 1201 Leopard Street.

For more information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 361- 826-3105.

Council Approves First Reading of an Ordinance for New Military Compatibility Area Overlay Districts Adjacent to Military Installations

Will Ensure Future Land Use is Compatible with Aircraft Operations

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday on Tuesday approved the first reading of an ordinance creating Military Compatibility Area Overlay Districts (MCAOD) for the areas surrounding Truax Field at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC), Naval Outlying Landing Field Cabaniss, and Naval Outlying Landing Field Waldron. The overlay districts will make future land use compatible with Naval Air Station Corpus Christi's military mission.

The meeting was a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing.

The MCAOD is designed to protect civilians and military personnel's health, safety, and welfare by ensuring land use is compatible with aircraft operations, minimizing noise and aircraft accident potential impacts, and protecting the military installations' investments by safeguarding their operational

capabilities. The zoning overlay districts will regulate land use, density, noise, light, and vertical obstructions. The second reading of the ordinance will be on August 16.

NASCC is primarily focused on pilot training. Training Air Wing Four comprises four individual units: two primary training squadrons and two squadrons that provide advanced multi-engine training. Training Air Wing Four delivers over 600 highly qualified aviators every year. The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) is headquartered at NASCC and oversees all aviation training for the U.S. Navy.

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) is also located at NASCC. According to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, the mission of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi combined with CCAD has a \$4.6 billion annual impact on the Texas economy



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Yard of the Month



Island Gardeners chose Evelyn and Dave Ruhlin's yard as August yard of the month. They have managed to maintain an attractive variety of plants in this extreme weather. Notice their yard at 15153 Aquarius.

The Port Aransas Cookbook



Know Which Side Your Bread Is Buttered On

By Chris Jordan

On or around this day 10,000 years ago, a nomadic North African goat herder discovered butter. They had filled a sheepskin with milk and undertook an hours-long journey, jostling their milk the whole time. Arriving at their destination, they were delighted to find the sheepskin contained a small amount of butter. They were not so delighted that the rest was skim milk.

To understand butter, one must understand cream, and to understand cream, one must understand milk, so let's take it from the top. Whole milk is 88% water. The rest is fat (butterfat at 4%) and other stuff (milk solids at 8%). If fresh, unprocessed milk is allowed to sit overnight, nearly all of the fat will rise to the top in the form of cream. This cream (at 40% butterfat) can be skimmed off the top of the milk leaving "skim" milk (at virtually 0% butterfat and 8% milk solids).



A guernsey cow.

Now it just so happens that if you subject your cream to some physical abuse, or "churn" it, the little bits of fat within your liquid cream start to stick together forming solid grains of butterfat. If you keep churning, eventually all of those grains of fat will bond into one big glob, leaving some slightly milky water behind. And there it is: butter (at 82% butterfat, 16% water, and 2% milk solids).

To this day communities in North Africa and the Middle East still make their butter by filling an animal skin with cream and treating it like a piñata. And for the most part, butter has played a significant role in historic foodways all over the world. But it has not always been that way, and although I am loath to do it, it is incumbent upon me to discuss The War on Butter.

But nowadays a favorable, golden light once again shines on butter. Port Aransas resident and registered dietician Tracy Davis Shaw has a masters in nutrition with a minor in food science from Penn State. I recently sat down with Tracy for a butter tasting and to find out just how bad my considerable butter habit actually is. "Butter can be enjoyed in moderation and is the better choice over artificial alternatives", Tracy explained. When we got down to the business of tasting butter, we had a lot to choose from. OK, I got this: all things in moderation, especially moderation.

The basics break down like this: butter can be made from slightly soured cream (cultured or European style butter) or from fresh cream (sweet cream butter). Either style may have salt added (salted butter) or not (unsalted butter). Cultured butter has a higher percentage of butterfat, is more yellow in color, and has a more complex taste whereas all of the garden-variety butter you see in the grocery store is the less remarkable sweet cream butter. From there, you've got all manner of sub-varieties: organic, grassfed, hand-churned, special sea salts, and even single-cow butter. For our little butter tasting, we didn't go all the way down the butter rabbit hole, but we stuck our pinky toe into it.

We tasted a total of twenty one salted butters. Most were common grocery store offerings of sweet cream butter. Mostly nothing special. Many of these were stamped with the same "plant code". Not sure if that meant they were identical or simply made at the same facility. Most of the more special-looking butters were not so special once they hit our taste buds. These were better than the generic butters, but not by much. But three stood-out: Nellie's (Sprouts), Vital (Natural Grocers), and Danish Creamery (H-E-B). All three were salted with sea salt and had good color, buttery flavor to spare, and a complexity that suggested the cows' diet was at least partially grass.



Les Prés Salés butter with Camargue sea salt.

And that leaves the cream of the crop: Les Prés Salés, a Belgian butter with Camargue sea salt (available online) and the hyper-local Beurre du Chez Jordan which I made at home with fancy store-bought cream and sea salt I made from Gulf water. These two butters were beyond anything we'd ever tasted before. Complex, grassy, buttery, funky, and bursting with crunchy jewels of delicious sea salt.



Hippolyte Mège-Mouriès, inventor of oleomargarine.

Sometimes butter has been in short supply or not-that-convenient to transport and store. And so it was in 1869 when French chemist Hippolyte Mège-Mouriès won a prize offered by Napoleon to invent an economical substitute for butter that was less prone to spoilage. Soon, Napoleon's troops were eating oleomargarine as it was called, and the Napoleonic nobility continued to stuff their faces with real butter. Thus the seeds of The War on Butter were planted.

Over the ensuing century-plus, the fake stuff was known as either oleo or margarine, and butter came to be maligned by histrionic germaphobes, rationed by executive order, and finally, smeared by misinformed health nuts. By the 1980s, households - and mine was one of them - were stocked exclusively with margarine. It was a great time for pop music and a terrible time for gourmets, gourmands, and guernseys.

I'm not going to write a proper recipe for making sea-salted butter. Go get yourself a bucket of saltwater from The Gulf and let it set for 48 hours so all the sand and various other particulate matter will settle to the bottom. Siphon, filter, or decant the salt water so you leave the bottom gunk behind, transfer it to a stock pot and boil it until it has reduced to a thick liquid. At this point you need to use a more gentle form of heat such as an induction burner on low or a heating pad. It will take a few days before crystals start to form and a few more days before your salt is dry enough to take it off the heat.

To make butter, buy the best cream you can. I use Origin A2 Grass-fed Guernsey cream I got at Natural Grocers. Stir some plain yogurt into your cream and let it sit out at room temperature for 24 hours. Use a mixer or food processor to "churn" your cultured cream into butter. I use my beloved 1964 Hobart Kitchenaid stand mixer with the pastry beater attached. Beware that as your butter starts to form, thin liquid buttermilk is cast-off and you may need to shield your area from splatters. After you've got solid butter formed, scrape it all out, separating it from the buttermilk, and place your butter ball in a mixing bowl. The butter will have some pockets of buttermilk trapped in it. Press and spread the butter around with a spatula under cold running water until the water runs clear. Finally, use your spatula to mix sea salt into the butter to taste. You can leave salted butter out at room temperature for a few days if it will be consumed quickly, otherwise stick it in the fridge.

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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On the local front...

I just did my obligatory Tuesday afternoon beach run and low and behold, it's really not too crazy out there!. There was a giant ferry line trying to get out of here yesterday but I guess with school starting next Tuesday and families preparing for the new school year, not to mention the STILL intolerable heat that continues to drain us, it's (shall I dare say) kinda quiet out there for a minute. I'm not saying it's time to exhale yet, but between my beach run and the circle around town today, no one spit on my neck or cut me off and the traffic was almost bearable. Truth be told, I miss the *Winter Texans* and can't wait for winter and cooler weather. I like their license plates too. The only obstacle I see right now is a few hurricanes and one last hurrah in the *Labor Day* mayhem. Then the story goes if everything goes right (in theory), that it's now "our time" at least until next *Spring Break* when it all starts over again. The annual slow down didn't happen last year so it will be interesting to see if there's any "off season" this year. September is full of fishing tournaments: *Legends, T.W.A.T.*, and the *Pro Redfish League*. There's nothing much super exciting popping up on my radar until October when the *Pig Party* with **Ruben V & Jimmy Spacek and the Westside Horns** and Halloween with **Joe King Carrasco** followed by the big *Shorty's* move. You might have noticed that the *Shorty's* "Pick 'em up and move 'em on down the road team" starring **Christopher Todd Jordan** already got the ball rolling this week with moving the *Connoisseurs* building to the new location at the corner of Alister and Beach St. Personally I find it exciting that our little island is getting a new downtown entertainment district. My new personal theme going into the rest of this year is, "Go with the flow..." although those pics that **Don and Sheila Paterson** are sending back from their new digs in Belize, look mighty inviting. Nahhhhh, me and my **Mermaid Gal** are sticking it out here.

Scattered shots...



Daddy Dale West and Steve Goldstein aka the Free Beer Band Lite played Island Wine on Saturday.



Profiles played Bron's on Saturday.

Me and my **Mermaid Gal** piled in the old hoola hoola golf cart and zipped around for a few shows last Saturday. We started out at *Island Wine* for a little music from a couple of old pals: **Steve Goldstein** and **Daddy Dale**

West aka: **Free Beer Band Lite**, which I have the distinction of naming along with **Paul Fain** of *Tarpon Ice House* fame. The line-up changes through the seasons and is usually at the top of their game in the winter when they dismiss the "Lite" and go full contact. They've even been known to morph into the **PA Rockers** when the challenge calls. Which reminds me... I wonder where the *Winter Texans* are going to have their sock hops when *Bernie's* gets torn down. **Daddy Dale** is an Austin resident that keeps a second hideout down here and it was sure good to see his smiling face up there. And good old **Steve Goldstein** is the one constant in that ensemble. I hadn't been out to *Island Wine* in quite a few weeks for one reason or another and I felt completely at home there. It's a very cool place for easy listening. From there we ran to *Shorty's* to catch some of **Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters**. The place was packed to the rafters and we sat in the golf cart out front and watched the show. **Todd** had his game face on and had the dance floor jumping. **Todd** just fits on that stage



Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band played Treasure Island last Saturday.



Debra Scott Brown and Dreaming in Color will play Bron's on Sunday.



The Daze will play the VFW on Saturday.

like peas and carrots. From *Shorty's* we ran over to *Bron's* to see a band I'm really starting to dig... **Profiles**. When we pulled up there was a dance floor full of Latino dancers ripping it up to that great *Salsa Merengue* beat. They're a great Latino Band and are recipients of *Latin Music Awards* and we love their music. I used to run an upscale nightclub on the *Riverwalk* in downtown San Antonio above *Tequila Mockingbird* called *Mark's on the River* that was a private club for the *San Antonio Spurs* at one point but went public when I went to work there. The owner was the less than reputable founder of a dietary aid that was pure snake oil. I ran a very successful promotion straight out of *South Beach* every Wednesday night. I hired the hottest Latino DJ in town with *Grammy* winning percussionist **Henry Brun** (who use to play with **Tito Puente**) playing congas and timbales live on stage. That stage was right in front of a big plate glass window facing the *Riverwalk* and I had two red hot Latina chicks in shadow boxes with stripper poles facing the window and dancing seductively. Man, you couldn't have gotten any more people in there with a shoe horn... and brother, they were decked out to the nines. I plan to check out the *Profiles* much more in the future. My **Mermaid Gal** really digs that music too. On the way home we stopped by *Treasure Island* to catch some **Mario Flores** and the **Soda Creek Band**. I really miss seeing **Mario** at the now defunct *Back Porch*. He's really quite excellent in the country music vein. It was a nice, fun evening.

DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...

You have many options to choose from this weekend. Check out the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT calendar for all the listing. Look for **Selfie**, **Billy Snipes**, **John Elijah**, **The**



The Groove will play Treasure Island on Friday. Photo by Kimberly Shaw.



Triptonite will play Shorty's on Aug 19th.



The CBDB's will play Shorty's on Saturday.

Groove, **Red Tide**, **Dreaming in Color**, **Chill Billies**, **Brad Etheridge**, **Justin and Nike**, **Ruben Limas**, **Marco Ramirez**, **CBDB's**, **The Coastal Benders**, **Back Pew Revival**, **The Chanklas** and the world famous **BELT SANDER RACES** at the *Gaff*.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Coastal Benders will play Island Wine on Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, August 11

Selfie @ Shorty's
Jim Dugan @ Bron's
Kevin Kurtz @ Island Wine
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Billy Snipes @ Stingray's
Switchblade Jesus @ House of Rock
Michael Burttis @ Rockit's
Midland @ Concrete Street
Meza Band @ Brewster Downtown
Rich Lockhart, Chanklas, Dreaming in Color @ Bay Jamin' in Cole Park
OTB @ Ingleside Music in the Park
Mike Guerra @ Blackbeard's
Art Barrera @ Packery Bar
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Friday, August 12

John Elijah & Padrinos @ Shorty's
The Groove @ Treasure Island
Brad Etheridge, Dreaming in Color @ Bron's
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Red Tide @ Sunset Sounds
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Doc Carter @ Cinnamon Shore
Triptonite @ BUS
Chad Cooke Band @ Brewster Downtown
18 Hours @ Rockit's
Cover This @ Brewster Southside
Art Barrera @ South Texas Icehouse
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
After Glow @ Pelican Lounge
Justin & Niki @ Packery Bar
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Gritty Fish @ Exchange
Jose' Felix @ Cassidy's Pub

Saturday, August 13

BELT SANDER RACES (6 PM) @ Gaff
Jim Dugan, ChillBillies @ Gaff
Marco Ramariz @ VFW
CBDB's @ Shorty's
Ty Dietz, Justin & Niki @ Bron's
Coastal Benders @ Island Wine
Back Pew Revival @ Treasure Island
Lance Covington @ Surfside Lounge
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Robin Blue @ Salty Oak BBQ
After Glow @ Angry Marlin
Aloha Dave @ Packery Bar
John Cortez @ Executive Surf Club
Chainlinks @ Pelican Lounge

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Sunday: Kevin Kurtz 3-6 PM

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Ruben Limas @ Salty Dolphin
Miles and Dylan @ Blackbeard's
Cathouse, Fistful of Metal @ Exchange
Groove Chili @ House of Rock
Eclipse: Journey Tribute @ Brewster Downtown
Groove @ Rockit's
Fros in the Moment @ Brewster Southside
Tri County Bounty @ Rialto Theater AP

Sunday, August 14
Rudolf Llanes, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Etheridge, Ruben Limas @ Bron's
Kevin Kurtz @ Island Wine
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's
Brad Etheridge @ Beer Hut
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Dam Right Duo @ House of Rock
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ Blackbeard's
John Elijah @ Packery Bar
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge

Monday, August 15
Bubba Flex @ Bron's
Stevie Start @ Doc's
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday, August 16
Kevin Kurtz @ Bron's
Open Mic @ House of Rock
Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club
Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Open Jam @ Rialto Theater AP

Wednesday, August 17
Billy Snipes, Corn Hole @ Bron's
Riptide @ VFW
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21
Damon Scott @ House of Rock
Aaron Jacob @ South Texas Icehouse
Michael Burttis @ Pelican Lounge
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Thursday, August 18
Selfie @ Shorty's
Chanklas @ Bron's
Michael Amos @ Island Wine
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay
Dan Herrington @ Stingray's
Jason Aldean @ American Bank Center
Michael Burttis @ Rockit's
Meza Band @ Brewster Downtown
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Friday, August 19
Triptonite @ Shorty's
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Ty Dietz, Dreaming in Color @ Bron's
Tumble Dry Low @ Treasure Island
Jered Clark @ Virginia's on the Bay

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