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By Leslie Parker



By Dale Rankin

Fall fell this week but the temperatures hasn't followed suit so far at least. We live on an island that is under water conservation rules at the same time we're spraying for mosquitos so we got that going for us. There is a lot going on Around The Island this week.



Turtle release

As you can see from this photo taken of the last turtle release on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall they draw big crowds. You can also visit the Texas Sealife Center if you are an animal lover.



Island Forest

The Island now has a forest. These palm trees got transplanted at the Whitecap North Padre Island work site and seem to like it.



The bulkheads at the site are spreading like an Island tide. Those guys aren't messing around as they push to get the bulkheads in place before they are connected to the saltwater when the canal under the Water Exchange Bridge is cut open in mid-2023. As you can see when you drive down Whitecap the excavation there is well underway. We include the plans for the project in this issue along with aerials so you can follow the progress.

You can't make this up

So as the parking enforcement folks from the PIPOA were making their rounds over the weekend they encountered a truck and trailer parked at boat ramp. The truck had the proper sticker but the trailer it was attached to did not and so they called a wrecker. When the owner of the truck discovered his missing trailer he called PIPOA President Marvin Jones to complain; heavy is the head that wears the crown. So the next day another PIPOA person is at the boat ramp when along comes the truck – the one missing the trailer – and the driver gets out and puts a Denver Boot on

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Island Business Booming!



Oyster Bar Opening Soon! Story on B11

Coastal Teak Company



Owner Gary Graham and staff celebrated Coastal Teak Company's grand opening this week.

Island Dermatologist



Soon to be Islanders, Dr. Ryan Rogers, his wife McCall, sons Finn and Mack, and daughter Nora. He is a double board certified dermatologist specializing in skin cancer. He is opening an office on the Island that should be seeing patients by March 1st. Dr. Rogers had a practice in town for a few years and is currently practicing in South Carolina where his wife's family lives. Padre Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center is located at 14650 Compass.

Island Fitness Celebrates Ten Years!



Sunny West owner of Island Fitness celebrated ten years in business on Padre Island this week. Sunny also revealed plans and drawings for her new larger location on Padre which will be under construction soon. Sunny became the first female business owner to be a Purple Heart supporter.

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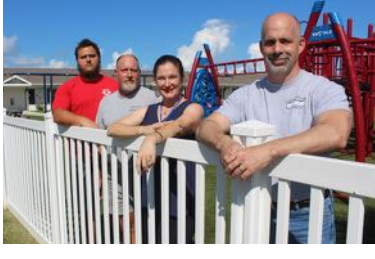
A New Bridge for Commodores?

City applies for \$3.3 million for bridge to extend canal under roadway

Photo by Doc McGregor II



New fence for Seashore Learning Center as it starts its 27th Year



Caleb Reynolds; Jon Reynolds, Board President Seashore Charter Schools; Rosalynn Christensen; Christopher Daniels, Director of Seashore Charter Schools;

When Seashore Learning Center needed a fence around its playground on Encantada Avenue for the new school year former student Caleb Reynolds saw an opportunity. Caleb attended Seashore schools for

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A little Island history

Seashore Charter Schools It all started with "what if?"

Poker run to benefit schools Thursday, September 29

By Colleen McIntyre and Barbara Beeler
 Editor's note: The following was taken from a history of Seashore Schools first published in the Island Moon in 2016. It has been updated to include current information. It takes a community to educate its children, and Seashore Charter Schools are an embodiment of this concept. With that in mind almost thirty years ago the first community organizational meeting for the founding of Seashore Charter Schools was held in Katie Howell's living room. After trying unsuccessfully to pass a bond election to bring an elemen-



Where it all started. The Dairy Queen that became part of Seashore Charter Schools.

tary school campus to The Island, through the Flour Bluff school district they took matters into their own hands. Someone read the poem IF...and discussed what the community could create "IF" – "IF" we had small class sizes, "IF" we had individualized instruction, "IF" we worked across the curriculum, "IF" we had multiage classes, "IF" we focused on character and social skills, "IF" we had the parents involved.... The result was the Island Foundation, a 501(c)3, was founded in 1994 by a group of Island parents

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Extension of Island Tax Reinvestment Zone gets County Approval

By Dale Rankin
 The Nueces County Commissioners Court this week voted for renewal of the Island's Tax Reinvestment Zone #2 (TIRZ), a move that if finalized by the City of Corpus Christi would earmark millions of dollars of Island Property Tax funds to fund Island infrastructure through the year 2042. Nueces County currently contributes about \$1.5 million to the TIRZ #2 revenue each year. The existing TERZ #2 was established in 2002 in conjunction with the digging of Packery Channel and has funded maintenance and dredging of the channel, including the current repairs to the Packery Jetties after Hurricane Harvey. TERZ #2 captures Property Tax on all new construction inside its boundaries after the year of its creation in 2002. The new TERZ #2, if approved, would set a new benchmark of 2022 with Property Tax from new construction dedicated for use in the zone through 2042. The uses of TIRZ #2 funds includes ongoing Packery Channel maintenance, improved amenities within the TIRZ, stormwater, Water and Wastewater infrastructure, mobility, connectivity, walkability, environmental conservation/preservation, quality entertainment and retail infrastructure, water circulation and quality. There are also discussions underway to expand the boundaries of the zone to include Briscoe King Pavilion on the south and Commodores Park on the north so that TIRZ #2 funds can be used for improvements there. Judge Barbara Canales said this week that the county is open to discussions regarding what percentage of the county tax levy would go to TIRZ #2 but it most likely would decrease with each five year increment of the twenty year lifespan. "This is a good chance for us to make improvements at Briscoe King," she said, "as we rebuild Bob Hall Pier. It's a win for everyone." The next step in the renewal process is for the Del Mar College District and City of Corpus Christi to decide if they will participate in the new TIRZ #2 if it is extended, and what percentage of their respective funds to dedicate. A meeting of the TIRZ #2 board is tentatively scheduled for October. Board Chairman, District 4 City Councilman Greg Smith, said discussions are underway to have a vote by the board to extend TIRZ #2 before its expiration in December 2022, with a final vote by the city council in spring, 2023.

By the Numbers

Island Tax Increment Refinance Zone #2

100% tax increment above the base year is contributed to the TIRZ by all participating tax entities
 December 31, 2022 Current TIRZ expires
 \$163,836 total revenue 2002, first year of the TIRZ #2, total revenue
 29.6% increase in Property Tax revenue in TIRZ #2 over past five years
 2,411% increase in TIRZ #2 Property Tax revenue since 2002
 17.5% increase in TIRZ revenue expected over the next five years
Current TIRZ balances

\$7.8 million TIRZ #2 fund balance after bond reserve paid
 \$1.5 million will be released to TIRZ #2 fund after final bond payment on Packery Channel construction is paid in 2022

\$500,000 balance in Maintenance Reserve for Packery Channel
 \$4 million available for dredging Packery Channel (currently no spoil disposal permit)

Current Fiscal Year TIRZ Revenue by Taxing Entity
 \$3.1 million City of Corpus Christi
 \$1.48 million Nueces County
 \$539,000 Nueces County Hospital District
 \$5,000 other revenue
 \$5.1 Million Total Revenue



Business Briefs

Happy hour small bites include mozzarella and marinara dipper, shrimp & spinach mini quesadilla, avocado bruschetta and teriyaki pork sliders for \$4 4 - 7 pm daily. They serve their popular shrimp bisque soup on Saturdays. The restaurant is closed Tuesdays.

Shuffleboard tournament is back at the Pelican Lounge on Tuesdays starting October 4th at 7 pm. The entry fee is \$5 and if your team loses you can buy back in for \$5. You draw numbers to determine your partner. It is a great way to meet new friends and you do not need to play every week. There is no need to worry about your skill level it has been a fun not serious pastime on the Island for years. The tournament originally started at 2 Seas (where Texas Mesquite is) about 20 years ago.

Rising Tide Ministries in the Bluff offers many services to the community including job search, finding resources and free computer classes. On Wednesday, September 28th they offer free drive up emissions testing and check engine light service. The resale shop is open Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. They are located at 9841 SPID.

The closest jeweler to the Island to get a watch battery replaced is at Victoria's Jewels or Habeeb's Jewelers. They are both located at 6343 SPID between Airline and Nile.

Costa Sur will have Sunday Brunch on October 2nd at 11 am first come first serve. The menu includes three eggs benedict dishes pig belly, the crispy crab and ranchero. Also salmon toast, quiche and more.

Dragonfly Restaurant is now officially closed. All items for sale will be able to be viewed this weekend Friday, September 23rd and Saturday.

Scoopy's Veranda has added a tuna melt sandwich to their menu.

The Slip has Hank T. Moon broadcasting there for 94.7 Jalapeño Texas radio on Tuesdays 5 - 7 pm. He brings a singer each week to perform and this week it was Jenni Dale Lord from Lubbock.

Island Market IGA now serves shepherd pie cooked by Tammy who runs the Delite food truck. She will also be making other comfort foods for the fall. You can find them at the hot bar where the rotisserie chickens are.

The Padre Island Charity Poker Run will be held on Thursday, September 29th starting at the PI Art Gallery 6 pm with a Back to School theme. Proceeds will go to the Seashore Charter Schools. The route will change for next year starting in February and the stops are yet to be determined.

Bernie's Beach House in Port A has a great happy hour with \$1 domestic beer draft/ \$2 bottle and \$2 well drinks daily 11 am - 7 pm.

The Port A Surf Fest will be at Horace Caldwell Pier on Saturday, September 24th 7 am - 4 pm. There will be surfing contests, best costume and dog surfing contest. The after fest party will be at Surfside Lounge on Alister 6 - 10 pm with live music.

Island Joes Coffee has a house-made pumpkin spice latte now on the menu. They also have new snickerdoodle energy bites.

Bulk and brush pickup will be on the Island from now until Sunday the 25th.



Javi Luna at an Austin Comedy Club

Comedian Javi Luna will entertain on Thursday, September 22nd 7 - 9 pm at Coastal Charm Event at Isle Mail & More plaza. Tickets are \$45 including dinner by Beauty & the Bistro Catering and there will be a cash bar.

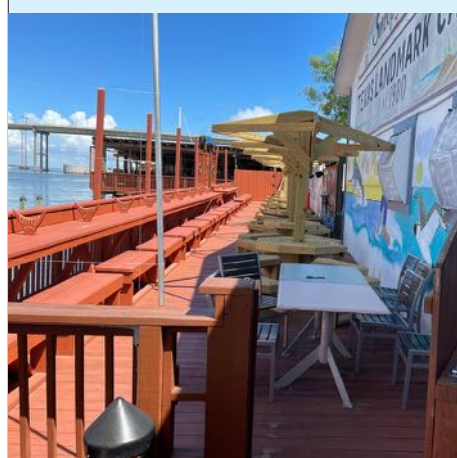


Rockin K Farms sunflower field



Rockin K Farms Tractor Ride

Rockin K Farms is opening Saturday, September 24th so it must be fall. It is a great place to take the kids with lots of activities and of course a pumpkin patch. This year they added a giant slide called The Big Tex. There is a sunflower field, farm animals, cow train, corn maze, pumpkin bowling and more. There are plenty of photo ops. Tickets are \$17 online and \$22 at the gate. They are open Saturdays 11 am - 9 pm and Sundays 11 am - 5 pm. The farm is located in Robstown at 5385 County Road 52.



Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar

Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar has received its Certificate of Occupancy and is now doing all the necessary preparations to get it open. No opening date is set yet but at least they are at a point where they control when that will happen. Check out all the details on page B11.

Padre Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center is coming to the Island. Dr. Ryan Rogers is double board certified specializing in skin cancer. The office will be open by March 1st at 14650 Compass Suite 1. Check front page for more details.

Island Fitness owner Sunny West is building a larger gym that will be two story with cardio on the second floor. The entrance will be on Palmira and the building will extend to SPID. The lot is between Encantada and Sea Pines with construction beginning soon.

A Dollar General is going in at Waldron and Yorktown in the Bluff.

Surfside Sandwich Shoppe will have their first music event with Ty Dietz on Monday, September 26th 8 - 10 pm. Monday Night Football will be on and happy hour is 4 pm - midnight that day. There will be plenty of parking because the other two restaurants are closed.



Souther Sweets cookies

Southern Sweets will be giving Halloween cookie decorating classes at Island Gatherings (next to Island Joes) on Saturday, October 8th. There are three class times available and one adults only class. Got southern-sweetscc.com.

Marker 37 Polynesian Bar has well drinks for \$3 every day all day.

Chick-fil-A in the Bluff is hiring so you know what that means.



Thermacell Mosquito Repellent

Thermacell patio mosquito repellent is DEET-free and scent-free plus it works. They use it at the Salty Dolphin and bartender Adrianna showed me how you can easily replace the refills.

Random stuff:

I hate to exercise but I hate upper flabby arms more. A friend suggested push ups and I said no way because I was thinking he meant doing them on the floor. He said you can do them anywhere standing up. So now I am doing 25 push ups from my kitchen counter while I wait for each of my two cups of coffee in the morning. So 50 total. Stay tuned for results.

If you do not want to forget to take something from the fridge when you leave just put your car key in there with it.

I am in a NFL loser pool where you just need to pick a loser each week without picking the same team twice. I am one of seven out of 29 that did not need to buy back in. My loser pick this week is Washington to lose to Philadelphia in a game where they are not really a home team since it is anticipated to have more Philly fans. Conversely, in a survivor pool I recommend Philly. I probably jinxed myself writing this.

There are so many pretty cloud formations I am not accustomed to seeing in our big sky.



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Letters to the Editor

Times of trouble remind us Texas open government laws are here for everyone



By Kelley Shannon

Across the state, Texans are keeping a closer eye on their government. They're asking questions and demanding information. There's a renewed awareness of our transparency laws.

It isn't always a catastrophe that spurs interest in transparency. Citizens want to know more about public spending on special projects or contracts or tax breaks for private companies. Taxpayers want to ask questions about a school district's policies, local construction permitting or health inspections.

Fortunately, many public officials understand they are the custodian of the people's information, not the owners of it, and they promptly provide it. But that's not always the case.

Some governments try to block information access by intimidating requesters with unreasonably large cost estimates for producing public records. Some wrongly tell the public they must use an online request form to obtain records. (An online form is optional. A written Texas Public Information Act request can also be made through email or on paper.) Lately, certain governments have come up with unusual methods to try to thwart the free flow of information.

Kyle City Council members recently signed confidentiality agreements stating they could not talk to the public about matters discussed in a closed meeting, the [Hays Free Press](#) reported. However, elected officials have a First Amendment right to speak, if they choose to, and a confidentiality agreement doesn't override the Public Information Act in determining which records are accessible to citizens.

During the COVID-19 pandemic a number of government agencies tried to make up their own rules about the Public Information Act by deciding not to respond to requests when their employees were working remotely, even though government was open for other business.

Appreciation for the people's right to know is growing, and it's a good thing. Elected leaders need to recognize this and encourage it.

Access to public information is essential for exercising the right to speak out and hold government accountable as we participate in our democracy.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) based in Austin. Information about the foundation's Sept. 29 state conference is available at [www.foift.org](#) in the "activities and programs" tab.

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



Dale:

Your September 1 column "Stuff I Heard on the Island" is right on about the city council gross waste of \$14.5 Million of the City Hotel Occupancy tax per year to pay for the maintenance and operating cost of the American Bank Convention Center and Arena.

It has never in its 20-year existence produced enough revenue to pay for its maintenance and operating cost.

When city manager, Peter Zanoni, stated the facts at the city council meeting, he was not talking to the mayor and council, because he had already done that and was rejected. Instead, he was talking to the city voters telling us, "I tried, and they refused to act. Now I am telling voters to fix the problem by replacing the mayor and a majority of the city council in the upcoming November election or I, Peter Zanoni, am leaving the city at the first opportunity. That would be a shame. Zanoni is the first competent city manager since Bill Henning many years ago.

Zanoni is an ethical, competent city manager, who is proud of his resume of accomplishments. Because the city council rejected his recommendation to stop the gross waste of \$14.5 million per year of tax revenue, he will not remain and let that tarnish his professional resume.

Read Dale's column for the details.

In my 34 years in Corpus Christi, I have seen city councils waste huge amounts of tax revenues. If we don't stop this one, what will prod us to act again and elect competent, honest city council members.

Camping

The three day camping rule has just about put that wonderful resource out of business. I don't know how long it will take to figure out. We are paying more employees than we even have sites rented. Labor day weekend was almost vacant...yet seemed to be fully staffed. Most in my circle will not drive this far south for three days.. So sad. It used to be wonderful. And...to the beautiful senior lady who made reservations online, had her rig delivered for her two week stay then had to hire someone else three days later to drag it out to the beach for a day and arrange an early transport home... I apologize... and I am embarrassed. I think it should just close and send everybody home. Maybe the new pier people can arrange some RV space too.

Tandy Freeman

Mosquito Crop

Or current mosquito crop is horrible, but definitely not the worst. One infestation a couple of years ago (perhaps post-Hanna) had me placing box fans on my porches to keep the hordes from accompanying me into my home.

Dana Duncan Shuster

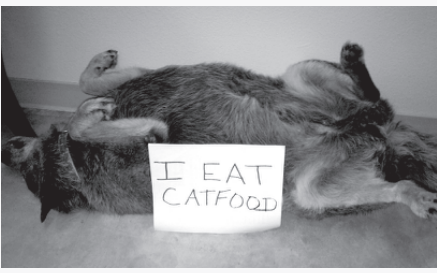


Dale,

I just wanted to reach out to you as well as Mary and Ronnie to say thank you all for pumping up the recent gig I had at The Boat-house, and just for being such great supportive friends all these years. As, or more importantly I wanted to publicly thanks all the great musicians who came out that day and made it such a success. By name they are: Ty Dietz, Billy Snipes, Mike Warren, Scott Sandel, Robin Blue, Ruben Limas and Ian Appling. Last but certainly not least I wanted to thank anyone who came by that Sunday, or any other time I've played anywhere to hang out and support me. Without you there would be no Stevie Start. As I continue to rehab I hope to be out and playing regularly again some time soon.

Thank God It's Padre!

Stevie Start



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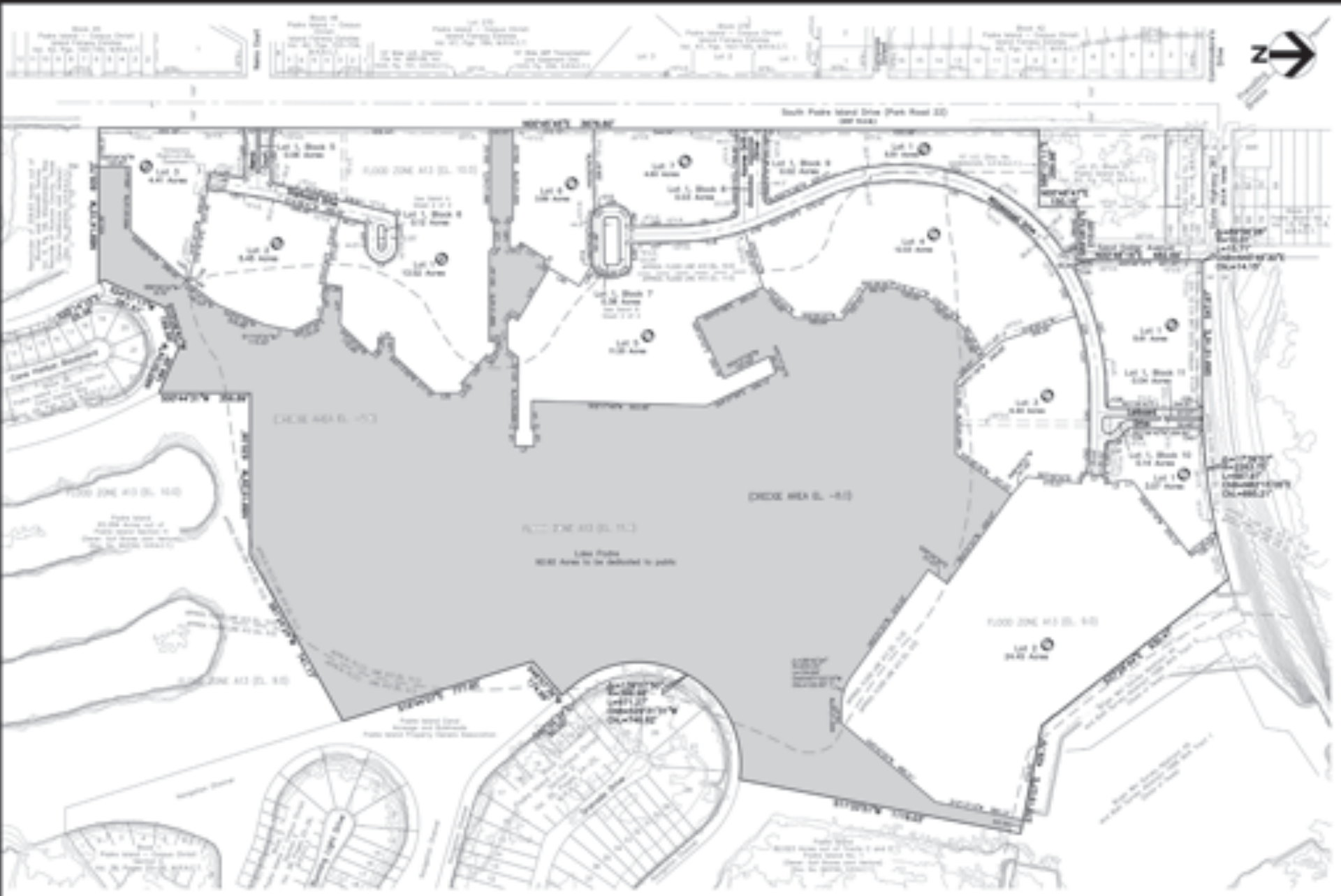
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Whitecap North Padre Plot Map



Lake Padre Plan



As work around Lake Padre continues the Island Moon this week got this copy of the plans for the site.

A New Bridge for Commodores? City applies for \$3.3 million for bridge to extend canal under roadway

By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday approved a \$3.3 million federal grant application to build a bridge under Commodores Drive to extend the existing canal on the north side of the roadway onto the site of the Whitecap North Padre Island Development currently under construction.

The grant is through the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration under the Bridge Investment Program and lists the total project cost of approximately \$3.7 million with a 10% city cash match in the amount of \$370,000 and a 90% federal share in the amount of \$3.3 million.

The program is meant to assist cities with planning and construction for large projects over \$100 million and bridge projects under \$100 million. Eligible projects include bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and construction that improve safety, efficiency,

and reliability of mobility and improve existing bridges. The Commodores Bridge project is eligible due to the \$755 million estimated price tag of the development at the Whitecap North Padre Island site. According to information presented to the city council on Tuesday the Commodores Bridge is part of the 242 acre Whitecap development which includes 50- acres of commercial development with the remaining acreage to be used as a residential, marina, mixed-use, and a nature preserve.

The informational packet sent to the council stated the proposed bridge is eligible for the grant because it will “not only offer new boat-mobility access and significant improvement of water quality via circulation and flushing but also better handle the future regional network transportation needs of the surrounding community.

No timeline was given for a decision on approval of the application.

By the numbers...

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| 470 students in Kindergarten through 8 th Grade | 56 students in Fourth Grade (4 vacancies) |
| 60 students per grade maximum | 47 students in First Grade (13 vacancies) |
| 52 students in Kindergarten (8 vacancies) | 58 students in Sixth Grade (2 vacancies) |
| 60 students in First Grade | 47 students in Seventh Grade (13 vacancies) |
| 59 Students Second Grade (1 vacancy) | 38 students in Eight Grade (22 vacancies) |
| 53 students in Third Grade (7 vacancies) | |

Seashore Charter Schools

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who wanted to start a public school here on The Island and support education and community interests. These parents formed a non-profit and all-volunteer Board of Directors, and wrote a charter for Seashore Learning Center, our elementary school. Seashore held its first day of class in 1995 with 15 students in a renovated 7-11 building.

The dream begins...

The dream began with a small group of Island residents: Peggy Shirley, Belinda Stump, Debbie Lichtenberger, and Luis Villarreal. Luis' children never even attended a Seashore school. Jimmy Driver was first CEO/Principal of Seashore Learning Center which opened its doors in 1995 as a private school with 15 students, grade pre-k through third grade, and one teacher, Lori Hernandez, in an old convenience store building.

The first year was spent writing a charter to be awarded one of the twenty first generation charters authorized by the Texas Legislature. The charter was written to develop a mixed age program for students with strong cross curricular activities. Students wore uniforms. Some island residents may still remember seeing kids in the bright dolphin print shirts, royal blue jumpers, and khaki shorts around the island. When charter was approved, the Island Foundation purchased the old Dairy Queen and opened as a public school K-4 in 1996 and moved the preschool to Island Presbyterian. Construction soon began on the Tarpon Building.

Seashore Learning Center provided a unique experience for students. Students set their lunches with placemats, real dishes, fork, knife, spoon, and cloth napkin. They also washed the dishes.

Classical music was played for quiet minutes during lunch. Class pictures were taken when the kids walked across the street to the beach. Classrooms were built significantly larger than a typical school, by design, to allow for movement, different learning centers, and different learning areas. Class sizes continue to be kept small to enhance learning.

The schools grow...

Over the years, Island Foundation added buildings to accommodate a growing population. Early capital campaigns brought in about \$60,000 a year to help fund the effort. The Porpoise Building was built with a loan cosigned by four of the board members. The name Porpoise was selected because it was a “multi-porpoise” building – *pardon the pun!* It originally housed the preschool, then kinder, and now the office. Another notable addition was the Comark Buildings secured

with a Federal Grant, greatly improving the financial status of the school by adding students without adding debt. The Comark Building was replaced in 2019 with the current building that houses Seashore Learning Center and Seashore Early Childhood Academy. The Marlin Building was also razed in the same year.

Over the years, facility use was maximized as grade levels were added. The Dolphin Building was utilized for drama, art, pre-school, kinder, and a one room pre-K to third grade classroom. As a first step to adding Seashore Middle Academy, the Marlin building provided instructional space for seventh grade classes in the upstairs of the old Dairy Queen building. Seashore Middle Academy was added to the Island Foundation family in 2007 and now houses a cafeteria, performing arts center, gym, and garage.

Today, The Island Foundation has three campuses and serves over 500 students from North Padre Island, Mustang Island, Flour Bluff, and NAS Corpus Christi. The campuses include a private preschool and two public, open-enrollment charter schools—a middle school and elementary school.

Funding

As public charter schools, SCS receive 20% less state and federal funding than regular ISDs, and zero funding from local property taxes. This comes out to about \$1,800 less per student per year than public schools. It is up to the Island Foundation, which owns and operates all three of our schools, to make up that deficit through grants, community partnerships, and fundraising. The schools were built by the community. Many of the staff members have children who attend the schools, many parents are employees and volunteers. Many of the local business owners are parents and donors.

Seashore Schools run on parental participation, a commodity money cannot buy. Parents have built playgrounds, laid sod, put up hurricane shutters, sold wrapping paper, and thousands of poinsettias. They continue to supervise lunches, substitute in the classrooms, drive on field trips, and work on our fundraisers. The schools’ largest fundraiser is Whoop It Up which happens April 29, 2023. The first students are now married with children, in the Navy, college graduates, teachers, engineers, in medical residency and it all started with “what if?”

Trunk or Treat at Roberts Point Park October 27, booths available

On Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation will conduct their annual Trunk or Treat event. The event will take place in the Chili Field across from the large pavilion at Roberts Point Park. The event is FREE and open to people of all ages. At this time, we are seeking community members interested in serving as a trunk or booth

host. Being a host is free, however hosts must bring their own trunk or booth (table & tent) setup, as well as, candy or an interactive game. To reserve your spot please visit portaransas.com. For questions regarding the event contact Kristie Stevens, Community Programs Coordinator, 361-749-4158 or KStevens@cityofportaransas.org

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nine years and is a member of the Island Boy Scout Troop 949. He was looking for a project for his Eagle Scout program. After more than 200 hours of work this is the result, a four-foot tall vinyl picket fence that runs 315 feet

around the school playground at the corner of Encantada and Palmira avenues. So far he has raised \$7305 of the money need for the total of \$10,000 needed to pay for the fence. If you can help out contact Caleb at <https://gofund.me/ce522bc2>.

Seashore Learning Center welcomes Dr. Rosalynn Christensen

Dr. Rosalynn Christensen is in her first year as Principal Christensen at Seashore Learning Center and if it is true that the principals are the “pal” of their students that is particularly true of Dr. Christensen since her daughter and son both are students. Christensen has a long history in education but it wasn’t just the fact that her own kids attend and that she is an Island resident that attracted her to Seashore Charter Schools.

“I loved the small class sizes, the talented and hardworking teachers and the family ethics that Seashore believes in,” she said. “I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else!” Christensen completed her studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education and well as certification in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She obtained her Master of Science in Educational Administration with a certification of Principalship. She also earned a Philosophical Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Literacy.



Dr. Rosalynn Christensen

In her former career, Dr. Christensen was a Visiting Assistant Professor in Literacy at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where she taught pre-service teachers. Additionally, she instructed student teachers and worked as a consultant, training teachers for school districts in the area.

Two of the events that are on the horizon are Bingo for Bags, held on November 9th and Winter Tea held on December 16. Bingo for Bags is a fun Ladies Night Out, where ladies play bingo to win a designer handbag, some are new and some are gently used. If you have a gently loved designer handbag that you'd like to donate, please drop it off in the Seashore Learning Center front office. And while you are there stop by and say hello to the kids’ new Pal.

Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

Destruction of Warsaw

Dotson's Note: The destruction of Warsaw was Nazi Germany's substantially effected razing of the city in late 1944, after the 1944 Warsaw Uprising of the Polish resistance. The uprising infuriated German leaders who decided to destroy the city as retaliation. Thanks to Julian Bryan, The Cambridge Press and my German friends for the facts contained in this report and to the WW II Museum for the photos.

The German razing of the city had long been planned. Warsaw had been selected for destruction and major reconstruction as part of the Nazis' planned Germanization of Central Europe, under the Nazi Generalplan "Ost". By late 1944, with the war clearly lost, the Germans had abandoned their plans of colonizing the East. Thus, the destruction of Warsaw did not serve any military or colonial purpose; it was carried out solely as an act of reprisals. German forces dedicated an unprecedented effort to razing the city, destroying 80 to 90% of Warsaw's buildings, including the vast majority of museums, art galleries, theaters, churches, parks, and historical buildings such as castles and palaces. They deliberately demolished, burned, and/or stole an immense part of Warsaw's cultural heritage. After the war, extensive work was put into rebuilding the city according to pre-war plans and historical documents. The Nazis thought that the city must completely disappear from the surface of the earth and serve only as a transport station for the Wehrmacht. No stone was to remain unturned and every building must be razed to its foundation.

Prewar Plan of Destruction



Plan for Neue Deutsche Stadt

Warschau ("New German City of Warsaw")

On June 20, 1939, while Adolf Hitler was visiting an architectural bureau in Würzburg am Main, he noticed a project of a future German town – *Neue deutsche Stadt Warschau*. According to the Pabst Plan, Warsaw was to be turned into a provincial German city of 130,000. Third Reich planners drafted precise drawings outlining a historic "Germanic" core where a select few landmarks would be saved such as the Royal Castle which would serve as Hitler's state residence. The Plan, which was composed of 15 drawings and a miniature architectural model, was named after German army architect Friedrich Pabst who refined the concept of destroying a nation's morale and culture by destroying its physical and architectural manifestations. The design of the actual new German city over the site of Warsaw was devised by Hubert Gross. The aftermath of the failure of the Warsaw Uprising presented an opportunity for Hitler to begin to realize his pre-war conception.

Expulsion of Civilians

The Warsaw Uprising was launched by the Polish Home Army on August 1, 1944, as part of Operation Tempest. In response, under orders from Heinrich Himmler, Warsaw was kept under ceaseless barrage by Nazi artillery and air power for sixty-three days and nights by Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski.

In 1944, a large transit camp (*Durchgangslager*) was constructed in Pruszków's Train Repair Shops (Zakłady Naprawcze Taboru Kolejowego) to house the evacuees expelled from Warsaw. In the course of the Warsaw Uprising and its suppression, the Germans deported approximately 550,000 of the city's residents and approximately 100,000 civilians from its outskirts, sending them to Dulag 121 in Pruszków...

The security police and the SS segregated the deportees and decided their fate. Approximately 650,000 people passed through the Pruszków camp in August, September, and October. Approximately 55,000 were sent to concentration camps, including 13,000 to Auschwitz. They included people from a variety of social classes, occupations, physical conditions, and

ages. Evacuees ranged from infants only a few weeks old to the extremely elderly. In a few cases, these were also people of different ethnic backgrounds, including Jews living on "Aryan papers".

Looting and Destruction of Buildings



German Brandkommando (Burning Detachment) Destroying Warsaw

After the remaining population had been expelled, the Germans began the destruction of the remnants of the city. Special groups of German combat engineers were dispatched throughout the city in order to burn (*Brandkommandos*) and demolish (*Sprengkommandos*) the remaining buildings. According to German plans, after the war Warsaw was to be turned into nothing more than a military transit station.

By January 1945, between 85% and 90% of the buildings had been completely destroyed; this includes up to 10% as a result of the September 1939 campaign and following combat, up to 15% during the earlier Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, 25% during the Uprising, and 40% due to systematic German demolition of city after the uprising.



Royal Castle Square Destroyed, Warsaw-1945

Material losses were estimated at 10,455 buildings, 923 historical buildings (94%), 25 churches, 14 libraries including the National Library, 81 primary schools, 64 high schools, the University of Warsaw, the Warsaw University of Technology, and most of the city's historical monuments. Almost a million inhabitants lost all of their possessions. The exact losses of private and public property, including pieces of art, other cultural artifacts and scientific artifacts, is unknown but must be considered substantial since Warsaw and her inhabitants were the richest and wealthiest Poles in pre-war Poland. In 2004, the President of Warsaw, Lech Kaczyński (later President of Poland), established a historical commission to estimate losses to public property alone that were inflicted on the city by German authorities.

To Be Continued

Dotson's Other Note: The commission estimated the losses to be at least \$31.5 billion. Those estimates were later raised to \$45 billion and in 2005, to \$54.6 billion (all equated to 2004 dollars). The official estimates don't include immense losses of private property, which are of unknown value since almost all of the pre-war documents (such as insurance values of private collections) have also been destroyed, but are considered between double and triple the official estimates (which are based on documented losses only while for example, the National Library's list of pre-war property lost estimated to be 1% of its collection since Germans destroyed all archives too).

Your comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or dlewis1@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Tuesdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across Your from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 – 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397...It's your two hours, please let us hear from you.

Council Approves Construction Contracts for Waldron Road and Wildcat Drive Bond 2020 Street Projects Head to Construction

The Corpus Christi City Council approved \$2.3 million for rehabilitation of Waldron Road from SPID to Purdue Road in Flour Bluff.

A contract was awarded to JE Construction Services, LLC of Corpus Christi, for the project that will replace severely worn or damaged concrete panels, install new driveways, curbs, gutters, pavement markings, and signage, and improve stormwater, wastewater, water, and gas utilities. The project will be funded using

street Bond 2020 and FY 2022 stormwater, wastewater, water, and gas funds. The project is part of the Bond 2020 program. All 22 street projects from the Bond 2020 program are currently in the design, bid, and construction phases.

The Waldron Road project is scheduled to begin in October and be completed in Fall 2023. Construction of the Wildcat Drive project will also start next month and is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2023.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

So there I was in a make-shift television studio in Thousand Oaks sitting upstairs in hair and makeup as the nice lady got ready to slather me with hairspray. "Man, I don't like that stuff," I said. "What?" "Hairspray, it's like having sticky glue sprayed all over me. I can smell it like bad cologne and I can't ever really get it out," I said. "It's bad juju." "Okay," she said, and she put it back on the shelf with the other dozen or so cans of the stuff. I have to admit I felt bad because, after all, padding on a little makeup and spraying hair spray is what she gets paid for. But just the same I had lived in a cloud of hairspray in the television dodge for years and I figured I had done my time.

Paul Haynes and I were out there on the Left Coast to shoot a segment for the Lifetime Channel called Phrogging: Hider in My House about what we here in the middle of the country call Squatting. Like when your cousins roll in from across the Red and forget to leave except these guests weren't invited in the first place. Any Islander has heard these stories. Take a look around your neighborhood at night and when you see houses without any lights on you can see why our Island is an attractive in his condo and so they flew us out there to tell them all about it but it was a long time ago and I had almost forgotten about it.

Done in by a cutaway

In the run and gun world of local television we shot cutaway shots after we shot interviews; you know where you nod your head while pretending you're listening to the person you are interviewing like you know what you are doing. It's the video you use when you put an edit in an interview and you have to shoot the subject from the back so that you can't see their lips moving. But out there on the Left Coast they have full crews and they shoot cutaways while they are shooting the interview. The downstairs studio consisted of a heavy black curtain and lots of lights with cameras everywhere. It was a four camera shoot by my count with a 360-degree cover so they could see the back of my head while I was talking and as it turns out there was a Wild Hair back there.

"Somebody do something with his hair," the producer said. "He doesn't like hairspray," the hair and makeup lady said. "Well, if I need hairspray go ahead," I said, which was as it turns out a Big Mistake. She busted out her arsenal of spray cans and let fly. She put up a cloud of hairspray that is probably still burning a hole in the sky above La La Land and we were on our way.

Around cont. from A1

inspector's car! The booter became the bootee. The police were called and everything got unbooted but if you park at a boat ramp make sure you have stickers. You won't get the boot but you will get towed.

Candidate questions

For the past ten years our Island has had a Political Action Committee to decide which candidates to endorse in non-partisan races but this year it doesn't appear that is going to happen. We don't endorse candidates here at the Island Moon but we can ask them questions so readers can make up their own minds. With



Helmet Hair

In the hairdo world of local television Helmet Hair was a polite term applied to those who used a lot of hairspray, but mainly a derogatory term to imply that there wasn't much in the way of brainpower under all that plastered down hair. We once had a klieg light that weighted about forty pounds fall about a foot from an anchor during a live broadcast but we weren't worried because she had on enough hairspray that it would just have bounded right off and being a Helmet Hair she never missed a beat. It was like she didn't even notice she was less than a foot from dying on live television because she couldn't think under all that hairspray. And it wasn't even a ratings month.

So you can imagine my chagrin when I tuned into the Lifetime Channel Monday night to watch our story and there I was – one of the worse cases of Helmet Hair in the history of hairspray. I looked like a guy who owns a pawn shop in a border town...only worse, more like a guy who used to own a pawn shop in a border town. When our dog heard my voice on television she woke up and looked at the set but she didn't even recognize me with all that Helmet Hair and she went right back to sleep. It was so bad even the dog couldn't watch.

All in all our Island looked pretty good on nationwide television, those guys are pros and the video they shot was first rate. The Island Moon Newspaper got two mentions before a national audience and somewhere out Padre Island probably got a few Google searches so if the price is a screen full of Helmet Hair for yours truly I guess I can live with that. The good news is that I wasn't hit in the head by a falling klieg light and Paul has the squatters out of his condo now so all is well that ends well.

But if I did get hit by a falling klieg light I was ready, it would have bounded right off.

Island Fitness Celebrates Ten Years!



Southwest Airlines Begins Direct Flights to Denver, Colorado from Corpus Christi International Airport through October

One Stop in Houston, Passengers Do Not Deplane

Southwest Airlines and the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) this week announced direct flights from Corpus Christi to Denver, Colorado, from September through October 2022.

Passengers flying from the Corpus Christi (CRP) Airport to Denver will stop at Houston Hobby Airport (HOU), but with direct flight service, they will not have to change seats, get off the airplane, or deal with a layover.

"A new direct flight to Denver, Colorado,

with Southwest Airlines is exciting news for Corpus Christi. CCIA has showcased their diligent work towards expanding Corpus Christi's air service options via their "Fly Local Pledge" and other initiatives that encourage new partnerships with existing and potential new airlines to provide more direct and non-stop flight options for our region," Mayor Paulette Guajardo said.

The Southwest Airlines direct flights to Denver are on a limited schedule and are available Monday through Friday.

Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



Fenway Park Boston Massachusetts

the inspector's car! The booter became the bootee.



Dotson's Note: For you Moon Monkeys who don't know, Fenway Park is a Major League baseball stadium in Boston, Massachusetts. It was opened in 1912 which makes it 110 years old, and it has been home to the Boston Red Sox all along. It is the oldest park in the Major League Baseball, and it has been renovated and expanded multiple times in the area around Kenmore Square. Believe it or not, Fenway Park is the fourth-smallest Major League Baseball ballpark by seating, and second smallest by its total capacity which is about thirty-seven thousand. Fenway is only one of eight stadiums that cannot hold a capacity of at least forty thousand, one of the others is PNC Park in Pittsburgh. Today, Fenway Park, is known as one of the most familiar and interesting venues in the world. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Joe Brinkman, Curt Gowdy and Ted Williams for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Fenway History

The history of Fenway Park and its name, began in 1911 when John I. Taylor moved the Red Sox to the new Fenway from the old Huntington Avenue Grounds. He bought the ground by Brookline Avenue, Jersey Street, Lansdowne Street, and Van Ness Street and made it into a larger baseball stadium. He claims Fenway Park got its name from the ballpark's location in the Fenway neighborhood in Boston.

The neighborhood's name came from the fact that it was built by filling in the "fens" which was another name for the marshes in the area. This filled over the area called the Back Bay Fens urban park in the nineteenth century. Adding on to that, John's family owned the 'Fenway Realty Company' which is another possible way Fenway Park might have got its name.

The first game ever played in Fenway Park was on April 20th, 1912, the Boston Red Sox played against the New York Highlanders. The first pitch was thrown by Boston's Mayor John F. Fitzgerald. Boston won the exciting game seven to six. It went to the 11th inning. It was a very big deal but because of the Titanic sinking on April 15th, 1912, the coverage of the game was not a priority since the tragedy happened a few days earlier. One of the most memorable and historic events that Fenway held, was in June 1919 for Irish Independence.

The turnout was said to be around fifty thousand people which was the largest crowd ever to attend Fenway. In 1944, Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave his last campaign speech before the presidential election. Even with all the history, Fenway Park up until 1965 was known to have very low attendance, even having two games with less than five hundred people in the crowd. That changed during the 1967 "The Impossible Dream" season when the Red Sox finished the season with ninety-two wins and seventy losses. It was the team's first winning season since 1958, and after beating the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins by one game, the Red Sox shocked the world and made it to the World Series. That was the team's first appearance since 1946, but the team ended up losing to the Cardinals in seven games.

After that season, turnouts for the following years grew tremendously! During the 2008 Red Sox season, Fenway Park broke the Major League record for most consecutive sold-out ball games which is four hundred fifty-six in a row. In 2009, Fenway Park celebrated five hundred consecutive sellout games keeping the streak alive. The Red Sox was the first baseball team to achieve five hundred consecutive sellouts. The sellout streak ended in 2013 with seven hundred ninety-four regular-season games, and twenty-six postseason games, for a mind-blowing total of eight hundred twenty.

Fenway's Famous Features



Over the years, Fenway had a bunch of changes and additions. There are a few well-known renovations and notable features such as The Triangle. It is the deepest part of the field at four hundred twenty feet, where the walls form a triangle. It makes the field an unusual shape. Pesky's Pole is another, which is identified at the right field foul pole. It was dedicated to Johnny Pesky "Mr. Red Sox", who passed away in 2012.

The Green Monster, the left-field wall was built in 1934 and sits at thirty-seven feet high. Before the wall, it was just a slope of dirt. The wall was blue until in 1947 the wall was painted over forest green, giving the wall its nickname, The Green Monster. Fenway's manual scoreboard is also famous because it is one of the last ones in use today. During games, three workers are needed to keep up with operating the scoreboard



Last but not least, The Lone Red Chair, is located in the right field. It symbolizes Ted Williams' longest home run and longest home run hit at Fenway Park. In 1946, it was measured at five hundred and two feet. The ball ended up hitting a fan in the head whose name was Joseph A. Boucher he ended up not being hurt. He was later quoted and said "how far away must one sit to be safe in the park?", later adding it was so sunny that day and hard to see that the only thing the fans could do to be missed by a ball is duck and hope!

The longest home run record at Fenway Park was almost broken in 2001. On June 23rd, Manny Ramirez hit a home run over the Green Monster, hitting the light post. If the ball didn't hit the light post it would have cleared the park, and the estimate was about five hundred and one feet. It still would have been one foot shorter than Williams' home run.



Curt Gowdy at Fenway Park

Dotson's Other Note: For a while in the 50's we (my wife, daughter & I), lived in Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, which was a short 32-mile drive to the west from Fenway Park., During the Summer of 1955, my family I visited the park a few times when the Red Sox were at home. When we were not at Fenway that summer, I listened to Curt Gowdy (July 31, 1919 - February 20, 2006), and his version, by radio, of the play-by-play taking place on the field. The manually operated scoreboard is still going strong, which might be an interesting report. What do you Moon Monkeys think about that? You are invited to join us on Tuesdays at the Veterans Round Table at the Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development 9-11 AM. All are welcome and the coffee and donuts are free! You might even learn something. Questions/comments and or Letters to the Editor are welcome. My Email: dlewis1@stx.rr.com and Phone: 530-748-8475.

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Money Well Spent



By Andy Purvis

I was extremely happy when I found out that Gil Hodges had been elected to the 2022 Baseball Hall of Fame. This powerful Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman had posted a .273 career batting average, along with 370 home runs and 1,274 runs batted in. But was it enough to warrant a bronze plaque in Cooperstown? Finally, the answer was yes! For those of you who have read my work, you know I love telling stories. There are two stories about Hodges that I want to share. Few baseball fans know that Gil Hodges was originally a catcher, but he had so much trouble catching pop-ups that the Dodgers moved him to first base. Still his embarrassing incompetence with pop-ups continued. So, Gil made a deal with second baseman Jackie Robinson. Gil would pay Jackie five bucks for every pop fly Robinson caught in Hodges' territory. This arrangement worked fine until Jackie caught an infield pop-up close to first base, during the 1952 World Series against the Yankees. As these two jogged off the field at the end of the inning, Robinson said to Hodges, "That'll be ten dollars, Gil." "You mean five dollars, don't you?" said Gil. "Nope, it's ten dollars for the World Series Game," said Robinson. These two argued some more until Gil agreed to split the difference and pay Jackie \$7.50!

This second story is even better and also worked in Gil's favor. In 1954, Hodges had the best year of his career. When Gil went to visit Dodgers' General Manager, "Buzzie" Bavasi, to talk about next years contract for the 1955 season, he asked for a raise to \$25,000 a year. Interestingly, Bavasi had already decided that Hodges deserved \$27,000, but after hearing Gil's request, he felt he could not give a player more than he was asking for, without appearing to be an easy target when dealing with other players. So, Buzzie said, "Gil, I know you like to play the horses, so I will put five numbers in a hat: \$23,000, \$24,000, \$25,000, \$26,000



Gil Hodges

and \$27,000. The odds are three-to-two that you will get what you want or more." Hodges agreed to take the gamble. He reached into the hat, and pulled out \$27,000. Excited with the outcome, but feeling a bit of guilt, Hodges said, as he left the office, "Sorry to do this to you, Buzzie." When the door shut behind Hodges, Bavasi had himself a good laugh. All five numbers he had placed in the hat were for \$27,000! As a result, the Brooklyn Dodgers proceeded to beat the New York Yankees and win the 1955 World Series. I would say that was money well spent.

Andy Purvis

P.S. A very special thank you to those who attended my book signing event on Wednesday at Barnes & Noble. It was also a pleasure to be joined by my friend Dotson Lewis.



The pirate & the mermaid on their wedding day this week. Photo by Karen Wall

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The Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

I wandered down to city council the other day and gave them an update on what the Island Strategic Action Committee has been up to for the past seven months or so. I had my notes outlined and talked fast, but still didn't make it through everything. I meant to thank City Manager Peter Zaroni for his efforts, and remind him about the Island Liaison position, which we really need.

closer to 5 actual miles one way, but hey, you can park your car when you get to the Island and buzz all over without having to get on the "road." I can imagine the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) might want to print maps and provide golf cart signage, or maybe some other sponsor? Unique striping? We could get creative for sure.

Nexus for Mobility

So, the new development will serve as the nexus for a lot of the mobility woes on the Island when considering multi-modal transportation. Then, if you add in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) \$15 million to build multi-modal paths along PR 22 from Commodores to Whitecap, finish the paper street Crows Nest (from Whitecap to the backside of Dollar General), a light at Jackfish/Verdemar, and suddenly we're in business. Rumor is that the Lake Padre developers are going to do some internal paths as well. And look at the waterways; the canals will suddenly be able to get you around a lot of the Island as well. So there's your plan, folks. We don't need a study, we don't need fancy drawings that take a year and cost tons of money, we just need to build it. Like I told you, the plan writes itself.

Busted!

Folks, do NOT forget that we have Stage 1 drought restrictions still being enforced, despite the rain and the lake being at 88% full. You are only allowed to water on your trash day in the morning before 10 a.m. or in that evening after 6 p.m. City code enforcement is out and about and are issuing citations. I'm not going to throw my source under the bus, but he was busted watering his lawn around 3 a.m. on a Monday, and just got back from municipal court. The fine was \$500, plus court costs, and resulted in deferred adjudication. Means it's a real offence and ticket. Consider this your second warning, as the first was issued by Peter Zaroni back in August, and he meant it. I did it again this week, a little long in the weeds on plans for the Island. But I'm right in the thick of things, and it's hard not to point out the obvious when it's right in front of me. We're going to try some teal hunting in freshwater this weekend, Babes on Baffin is sneaking up on us (register now if you haven't!) as well as Sharkathon. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you next week On the Rocks.

Island of bridges

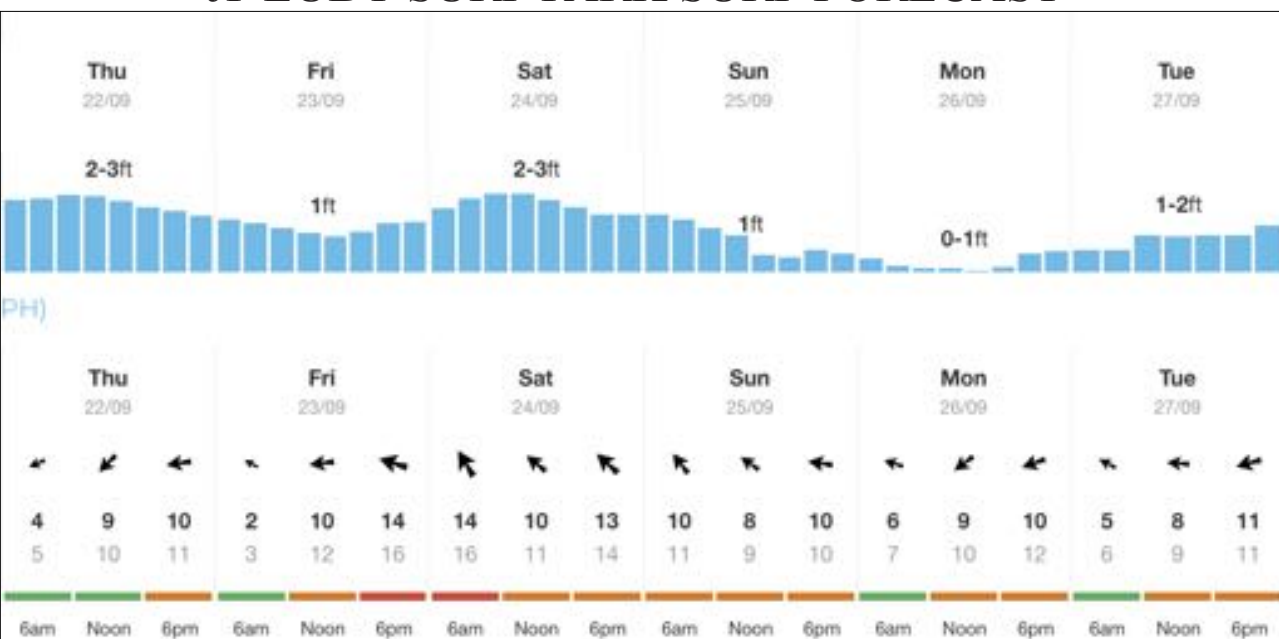
Take a close look at the layout we came up with (this is a draft, btw) and notice the multi-modal bridges across the canals. Notice the one on the south side of the layout, which will connect the subdivision to the Nemo Court area. Suddenly you will be able to go from the intersection at Gypsy and Whitecap (and everywhere else) to Surfside and Rock and Roll via golf cart without having to touch PR 22. Look at the internal paths and roads that will allow you to take the same route under the new bridge and access Lake Padre on the south side.

Notice that there is another bridge on the north side that will connect through the Preserve area and access the north side of the development, which will get you to and from Compass, and again under the north side of the PR 22 bridge. This will connect the Galleon Bay subdivisions with the rest of the PIPOA via paths that are less than 30 mph ("old part" with the "new part"). Suddenly you will be able to drive a golf cart from Sea Pines, left on Palmira, left on Encantada, right on Gypsy, cross Whitecap into the Preserve, cross the Preserve bridge, drive by the new hotel, left up the access road by the old Sonic, left on Jackfish and right on Aquarius, cross PR 22, and go to the new Sonic. In a golf cart. Or on a bike. Or a scooter. As the crow flies, it's 3 miles, and

The Adopt-a-beach cleanup and Friends of Padre Fall Fiesta was held on Saturday, Sept. 17th at the Briscoe King Pavilion. Photos by Debbie Nobel.



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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures

Seasonal Trends

With the changes in the seasons local anglers could add a few things to their fishing to improve their productivity. As always, being in the right place at the right time, presenting baits that imitate the natural food source, and fishing effectively, lend to being consistently successful.

Late summer high tides will keep our waters higher than summer and winter lows. This will flush bait up tight against spoil islands, shorelines, and along deep channels. Migrations of bait will also congregate along these areas on their way towards the gulf passes, with gamefish holding tightly along the way.

Staying close to these bait rich zones is important, follow the birds. Pay close attention to our pelicans, sea gulls, shore birds, and ospreys, they know where the areas richest in sea life are each day.

New Technology



Slick calm conditions at sunrise will always have me headed to the side of the Intracoastal Canal, this big trout was landed with a DOA 5.5" Jerk Shad.

New Technology in the forms of a Trolling Motor and quality Sonar are one of the most important tools on the water during the fall and winter months. My Minnkota Trolling Motor is used far more than just to quietly sneak up on a fishing spot. When the winds are slack I head directly for the edges of deep drop offs. The edges of the ICW canal are prime fishing, when one is capable of fine tuning the position of the boat so anglers can easily work the contours of its edges will bring trophy fish to hand and loads of fun. My 36volt Minnkota has a hand held remote that allows me to adjust the boat to serve the best angles for me and my guests to make pin point casts to the edges of the Ditch. When we pull up to a distinguishing spot along the edge where fish are holding, a push of the button locks us in place with the satellite GPS anchoring system. This holds the boat in one spot regardless of the current or wind. During a morning session, this SPOT LOCK Feature may only bring in a few extra fish per spot, but builds to a big difference through a day. Flounder are a fall pastime and can be found holding tight to cover along the deeper channels docks, and piers. Using the MINNKOTA TROLLING MOTOR



The DOA 5.5" Jerk Bait works extremely well in the Ultra Shallows as well, this big trout fell to it rigged with a 1/16th ounce OWNER JIG HEAD. The erratic darting and skipping brings explosive strikes.

along with my HUMMINGBIRD SOLIX SIDE SCAN I can locate, position the boat, and effectively fish schools of gamefish even when they are not visible from the surface. The side scan sends sonar beams out from the sides of my boat showing me docks and piers, grass lines, and of course both schools of fish and individual fish holding to structure. I can tell the difference in species as the new units leave little to chance. As winter comes upon us the importance of these tools becomes more and more an everyday advantage. During the winter months fish and bait go deep, being able to see their movements and hiding spots is crucial.

Bait

Throwing the versatile Jerk Bait, can eliminate many variables. Picking one good bait and practicing with it so that you have total confidence in its ability to mimic live bait in the area. One of my all time fall favorites is the DOA 5.5" JERK SHAD. This bait is a long flat tailed bait that can be used in a wide variety of ways. Along the deeper drop offs of the channels and in the deeper flats, I slide it on a 1/4-1/2 ounce jig head and probe the bottom. This bait casts far with little resistance and can be great for covering water. A slow gentle flip of the rod will send this jerk bait swirling down as it falls. The bait looks like many things to hungry fish, small mullet, sand eels, and needle gar. I choose a variety of bright, dark, and natural colors.

The other way I utilize this tool is to rig it on a very light True 1/16th ounce OWNER JIG HEAD. With the very light jig head this bait falls very slowly down through the water column. A fat retrieve lends this bait to skip and fracture the surface. Jumping and diving back and forth creating an emotional break down for game fish looking for prey. With the strait tail casts are long as the bait doesn't catch the wind. The lofty darting bait hangs in their face for what seems like sweating death. I like long casts at first light and working the jerk bait just under the surface. I lay the bait flat at the end of the cast making it sound like a true baitfish entering the water's surface. I can effectively use this set up in less than a foot of water and have giant fall redfish explode like a topwater on it.

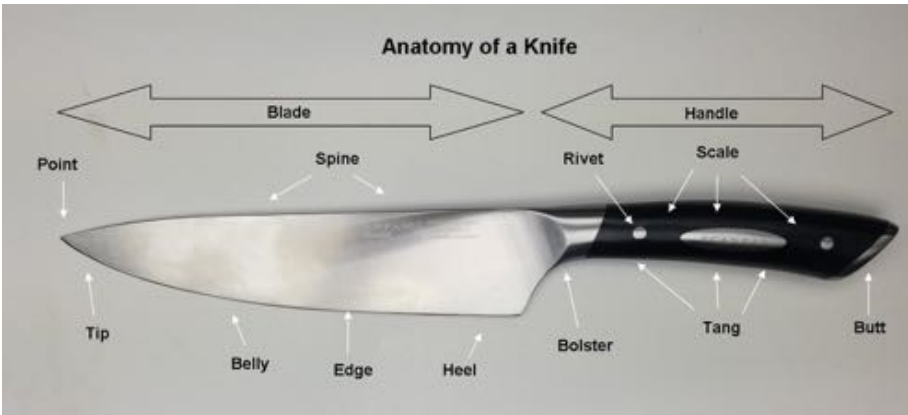
The change of seasons marks the change in fishing style and presentation along with the cooler weather. Fish have already started to show their urgency to build their bodies up for the colder months ahead. Spectacular fishing is exploding all around us. November and the first few weeks of December are my favorite times of year. Follow all of our hookups on Facebook at JOEY FARAH'S BACKWATER FISHING & Instagram @jfarah72!! Get wet.

Tides of the Week

Tides for Bob Hall Pier September 22-28



The Cutting Edge



By Chris Jordan

Cutting edge thrills don't need to cost an arm and a leg. I've never had an expensive knife. One could easily spend hundreds of dollars. Years ago, I did have an 8" Global chef's knife and a decent yanagi (sushi knife), but they went with an ex after a break-up. Of course, the knives wanted to stay with me but I just couldn't put them through the emotional turmoil of a custody battle.

An anatomical drawing is going to help with the lingo. Nothing to be ashamed of, we're all adults here:

Let's break the knives of the world into two types: forged and stamped blades. A forged knife is heat-hammered into existence from a chunky bar of steel - either by hand or a machine. A stamped blade is either die- or laser-cut out of a sheet of thin metal. There is a lot that could be said about the differences in manufacturing, but let's examine the differences of the finished product:

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned knives in the column I dedicated to some of my favorite kitchen gear but I think the subject can benefit from a closer look. If you cook, you deserve a good knife.

Knife	Forged	Stamped
Weight	Heavier	Lighter
Blade	Thicker, rigid	Thinner, flexible
Sharpening	Straightforward	Can be challenging
Edge retention	Very good	Not great
Bolster	Full or partial	Usually none
Cost	Expensive	Inexpensive

How to tell stamped from forged? Look for a bolster. Forged knives usually have an integral bolster; stamped knives usually don't - although a bolster can be added to a stamped knife. Look at the spine. If the spine is the same thickness all the way from the tang to the point, it's probably stamped. If the spine tapers toward the point, it's probably forged.

and a full tang. There are a lot to choose from. You can't go wrong with *Acerto*. Their 8-inch chef's has the aforementioned features and costs around twenty bucks. *Scanpan* and *Sabatier* also make great knives at that price-point. There are many other less expensive brands that are probably great if you feel like taking some risk and checking them out. If you want to spend a little more money, there are many highly regarded brands to choose from: Wüsthof, Mercer, Zwilling J.A. Henckels, Shun, Global, MAC, Victorinox, and many more.

There is something you need to know about the distinction between our ubiquitous "western" and Japanese knives. Western knives are honed on both sides of the blade whereas traditional Japanese knives are honed on only one side. Generally these are referred to as double- and single-bevel knives respectively. Thus, traditional Japanese knives come handed either right or left. Of course nowadays, many Japanese knives are hybrids of the traditional blade shapes but feature a double bevel.

Obviously you're going to need to keep your knives sharp. Fortunately, we live in a marvelous, modern era where there exists one undisputed king among knife sharpeners. I give you the Chef's Choice Trizor 15XV Knife Sharpener:



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If you don't already have a great knife, I hope this helps you get yourself one. If you're happy with your knife sitch, I still recommend you get this sharpener. If you need help with this matter, or anything else food-related, I would be delighted to hear from you via email: theportaransascookbook@gmail.com

I'm totally into what I've been calling cheap - but good - knives. The criteria? Budget-priced, made from decent steel, with a reasonably good hand-feel, forged not stamped, and it's got to cut things. Not too much to ask, right? Most of those criteria are self-explanatory. We'll get to stamped vs. forged in a bit, but what is decent steel? I am obviously not a metallurgist, but my guiding principle is this: if the knife maker bothers to tell you something about the metal the blade is made from, at least they're not ashamed of it, so I look for knives that specify something about the metal. Key descriptors might include, *carbon steel, high-carbon steel, stainless steel, German or Japanese steel*, or something molecular like *5Cr15MoV* or *VG10*. There is a whole lot to the differences between these various steels including how hard they are, how long they hold and edge, and how easy they are to sharpen. You can go down that rabbit hole on your own if you're interested.

I give consideration to other features as well: blade purpose, tang, rivets, handle shape, handle material, bolster, single or double bevel, etc.

We use forged knives at The Port Aransas Cookbook. And if you're only going to spring for one decent knife, it should be a forged, double bevel, 8-inch chef's knife with a bolster

Nature Notes

Rebekah Snyder

Here in coastal Texas, if you step outside into your garden or flower bed, you may find an unusual looking critter known as an assassin bug. When I visited the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory's native plant nursery a few weeks ago, I found something that, to me, looked like an unusual stink bug. Turns out, it wasn't a stink bug at all, but a different bug that I had never seen or noticed before. This bug is called a wheel bug.



Photo by Rebekah Snyder: Wheel Bug at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

insects. By using their long mouthparts they attack their prey by impaling them and delivering a dosage of toxins, which causes their prey to quickly become paralyzed. During their attack, they also deliver a bit of saliva that's made up of a mixture of chemicals that helps breakdown and dissolve the prey item's tissues. The wheel bug then uses their mouthparts like a built-in straw mechanism to slurp up and consume their newly conquered prey. It's almost like they're digesting their food outside of their body before they eat it. A bit gory, if you ask me.

That day I stumbled upon the wheel bug in the nursery, the bug-loving child in me wanted very badly to pick it up and admire it. But something inside me felt a bit intimidated by those large mouthparts, so I settled for a picture instead. And I'm very glad that I went with my instinct. I later learned that these unique critters are best admired at a distance and shouldn't be handled. Since they are naturally adapted to bite and be defensive, if handle them, you are putting yourself at risk for accidentally being mislabeled a threat or a new food item. Their bites are known to be intense and immediately painful, and can even cause swelling.

I was quite surprised to learn that the wheel bug is a type of assassin bug. Assassin bugs, as their name implies, are predatory insects. They are members of the family Reduviidae, which also includes the ambush and thread-legged bugs. Many of us might be familiar with assassin bugs for noticing their preference for eating crop insects. Because of their keen interest in eating other critters, many gardeners find them beneficial to their flower beds.

There are at least 160 different species of assassin bugs in North America. The wheel bug is the largest of them all and are just over an inch long. They are easily identified by their round, crescent-like "wheel" on the top of their thorax or middle section. When you look closely, you will also notice their long mouthparts, which they use for attacking and consuming their prey.

Like other assassin bugs, the wheel bug feeds on a variety of

Although bites are generally not something to be concerned about, if you do happen to get bitten, pain relievers and antihistamines may be beneficial for your symptoms. However, in the rare event that a more severe allergic reaction does occur, please seek out immediate medical attention.

I hope you find the chance to get outside and find this very unique and pretty intense predatory bug killer! And just like all wildlife, once we learn a bit more about them, we can appreciate their differences and interesting habits, and even learn to admire them.



Rebekah Snyder is a biologist at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving the birds and their habitats along the entire Gulf Coast and beyond into their Central and South America wintering grounds.

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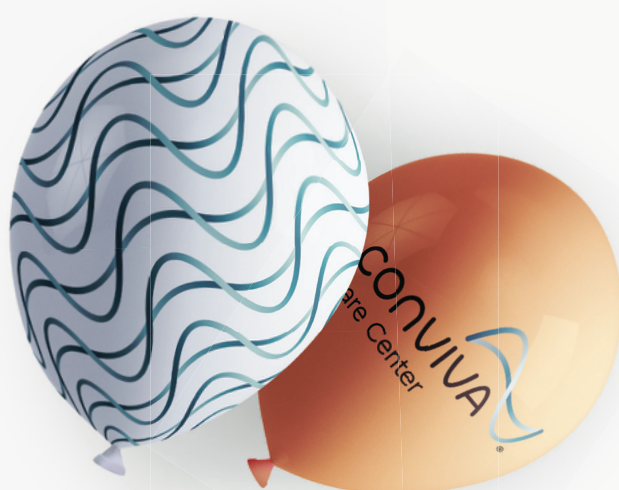


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THE TRAVELING MOON GETS AROUND



Tom and Terri Kennedy and her very best high school friend Lorraine, From the Pacific Northwest traveled to San Antonio to visit the Tower of the Americas and the Riverwalk. First time Lorraine has been to Texas. She loved the heat and the Gulf of Mexico. They went to the top of the tower enjoyed the views and had some lunch.

The Moon traveled to Germany for my grandson's school enrollment party. We picked him up after his first day of school. Posing with grandma in front of the Oranienburger Schloss was not on his schedule. So here I am with my sons, little Mizuki and The Island Moon. Evelyn Evelyn Pless-Schuberth.

Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar Receives City Permit

By Mary Craft
Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar received its Certificate of Occupancy and they are busy with preparations to get it open. They need to train and instruct staff including the right way to shuck an oyster. Owner Mitchell Kalogridis knows a thing or two about oysters having been raised around an oyster bar that his father owned in Florida. In the kitchen, the two Executive Chefs Jeff and Richard are testing out the equipment to get just the right temperature. They are trying out different recipes for tasting and photos. The menu will include seafood towers, 15 kinds of oysters brought in from all over, high end steaks and more high quality entrees.
The open air patio has a long rectangular bar with seating on both long sides. There

are dining sets and picnic style tables with benches. There is a dining area between it and Snoopy's outside patio that has covered tables and counter seating facing the water along the fence.
The employee parking lot will become an entertainment area bordered by a line of palm trees parallel to the oyster bar. This area along with the entire Snoopy's parking lot will be covered with crushed oyster shells which have become a popular landscaping addition in many parts of the country especially coastal areas. There will be a 16 passenger shuttle bus, that is currently getting a Sunset Island wrap, to take people from the back parking lot to all around Sunset Island. The bus can also be used to go place to place so you can have dinner at one restaurant and then be shuttled to Marker 37 for a concert or sunset walk down the pier.

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PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



News you can Use

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.

Board Appointment- Three members of the PIPOA have submitted resumes to be considered for the Board appointment. They are Robert Birney, Steve Brown, and David Rossi. The meet the candidate night was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Mr. Brown and Mr. Rossi were present at the meet the candidate night. We are fortunate to have two excellent candidates for the open board position. Each candidate expressed their views on a number of issues. Thank you to Mr. Brown and Mr. Rossi for their interest in the PIPOA. Their resumes are on the PIPOA's website. You can also view the recorded session on the PIPOA's Facebook page @<https://www.facebook.com/North-PadrePIPOA>. Thank you to Sandy Graves (Board Member) for doing a great job as MC.

PIPOA Finances- A special thank you to Mr. Ralph Ricardo. Mr. Ricardo took me up on my standing offer and made an appointment to view and inspect the books at the PIPOA office. He wanted to look at a transaction that transferred \$250,000 from the Herndon, Plant, and Oakley account to the PIPOA operating account at American Bank. There has been some discussion on social media regarding the protocol and procedure for these types of transactions. It was a very congenial meeting. Mr. Ricardo was shown the statements from both companies. He asked a few questions. After reviewing the statements, he confirmed that the above-described transaction was duly recorded, and the transfer was from one PIPOA account to another. Later, he posted on social media, "I was personally satisfied that the money went

straight to the appropriate PIPOA account." The accounting records are available for any member of the PIPOA. Simply make an appointment and come into the office. There is no charge for inspecting the records.

A member has sent a formal written request to the PIPOA for copies of financial records. The PIPOA office received the records request on September 13, 2022. The PIPOA responded via email, certified mail, and return receipt on September 20, 2022. The PIPOA welcomes this request and will do all possible to cooperate with the production of documents.

Towing- Over the weekend, three vehicles and four trailers were towed from the boat ramps. You must have PIPOA stickers to identify you as a member of the PIPOA to park on the boat ramp parking lots. Those that do not have a sticker will be towed. 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.

Hurricane- This is hurricane season. Please prepare your property and make your plans to evacuate. Please do not wait until the last minute. The City has on its website emergency plans for evacuation and measures that can be taken in preparedness for a hurricane. Flying debris, broken decks and docks are major causes of damage during a storm. This is a good time to remove all trash and unneeded items. In Hurricane Harvey, many boats were damaged. Please prepare to secure your boats or take them out of the water and trailer them to a secure location.

Bulk Trash Pickup- The City of Corpus Christi has scheduled bulk and brush pickup on the Island sometime between September 21-25.

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. All PIPOA members are invited to attend.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President

The Elephant in the Room

By Ed Proffitt

Usually, I generally focus on native plants as a local response to offset the effects of drought. But that's really only one small facet of the larger problem which involves other aspects of climate change and local ecosystems as well as human communities. This is the "elephant in the room" that is difficult to adequately understand and to devise workable solutions to counter the worst of the effects. But, as you have seen in the news almost daily, climate change is not something that's coming "down the road," but is indeed amongst us now. Here, we have extended periods of drought. Wildfires or flooding threaten other parts of the globe. Storms are projected to become more intense and frequent. Oceans are warming, glaciers are melting, and perhaps major currents like the Gulf Stream are changing. But, as much as I usually focus on drought, and using native plants to conserve water, an issue that's at least as pressing for us is sea level rise and coastal shoreline retreat. Global, or eustatic, sea level rise is in progress and will flood many locations around the world within decades. In the Coastal Bend, this problem is compounded by subsidence and shifting of the continental plate that magnifies the global effects to produce the nation's greatest "relative" sea level rise, which in some places exceeds 3 mm per year. In a few decades, the landscape of Padre Island will be vastly different as land will be lost to the sea. The first habitat to suffer likely will be our intertidal wetlands that are key to fish and bird populations and hence our quality of life.

Devising workable solutions for coastal wetland conservation requires a full understanding of the problems. Can wetlands here "build land" beneath them by trapping sediments and successive root production and decay? This happens in some coastal wetlands but not all. If so, do both marsh and mangrove vegetation contribute equally to land building? What will be the consequences for wind-tidal

flats often dominated by thin layers of algal mat? These flats certainly do not build land at any rate that would offset even mild sea level rise. How do all these intertidal wetland types respond to major disturbances such as hurricanes and intense "hard" freezes like we had in 2021? Hurricanes are projected to become more frequent and intense, and what does that mean for intertidal wetlands? Climatologists are unsure in their projections of future hard freeze events – some saying that polar outbreaks will be more frequent, some saying the opposite. If they're more frequent, that'll drive vegetative communities of intertidal wetlands more toward salt marsh. If less frequent, then that'll favor tropical mangrove dominance.

Some of these questions, and other topics as well, will be subjects of presentations and panel discussions this week at two scientific meetings in Port Aransas. The first meeting is the Texas Bays & Estuaries annual symposium, which will cover a variety of important topics and include speakers from many different subdisciplines and career paths. The meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and is hosted by UTMSI and the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve. The second meeting is the next day, Friday September 23 from 9 AM to 1:00 PM, at the same location. This workshop will focus on defining the issues, research needs, and solutions to problems associated with sea level rise, intertidal vegetation loss (and recovery) post freeze. My lab at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and colleagues at UTMSI-MANERR will co-host this one. Not only will there be technical presentations of research findings but also a panel discussion that will include biological and geological researchers, coastal engineers, and both public and private natural resource land managers (see attached agenda for details of the meeting). The broad goal of this second meeting is to clarify and quantify the major problems, and put forth some solutions.

Workshop: Friday September 23, 2022 (9 AM – 1 PM)

Subsidence, erosion, and shoreline retreat: Assessing the roles of sea level rise, storms/freezes, and shifts in vegetation dominance in loss of Texas intertidal wetlands

Convened by: Ed Proffitt & Donna Devlin, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Jace Tunnell & Katie Swanson, Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve

Venue: University of Texas Marine Science Institute, 750 Channel View Drive, Port Aransas, TX 78373. Meeting will be in the Seminar Room on second floor of the Estuarine Research Center building

RSVP please, as a box lunch will be provided, to: ed.proffitt@tamucc.edu



Making Contact

By Pastor Kris Bair

You-know-what (a word beginning with S) happens. Usually when we least expect it.

And so it did this week.

A horrible car wreck on I-37 with a family member-by-marriage in ICU with brain damage, collapsed lungs, and shattered ribs.

That poor young man in the hospital was fighting for his life as a fully-functional human, and not a vegetable, as the world around him imploded with caring people frantically trying to figure out what was going on.

The victim's mother's cell phone was literally torpedoed with calls and texts from all sorts of people—friends of the victim; friends of the family; family members; wanna-be family members; girlfriends; wanna-be girlfriends; pet sitters. You name them, they were there.

It used to be well-wishers and nosy parkers came to your door bearing food. But now it's "Whack-a-Mole" on your phone. You take care of one call or text, and then there's 30 other ones. Immediately.

It used to be all those folks out of town didn't know about the tragedy until they got a telegram (if the family had the money), or a letter in the US Mail, telling them.

Now news travels at light speed across the universe, initiating an avalanche of frantic responses.

No one wants to be left out of this circus, and everyone wants to get *their* message across first.

Poor mama is overwhelmed by all this fuss. She's dealing with "the morning after"—trying to absorb what's happened to her child and what may HAVE to happen if he doesn't respond to treatment.

Some thoughtful folks who realize Mama's predicament, call and text her daughter, who is frantically trying to get herself from overseas to her brother's bedside.

She is now inundated with good will--and information that contradicts itself! One caller says one thing; another caller has a different story. Some say, "They're gonna pull the plug! Right now!"

The only reality she can hang on to is that her brother is barely hanging on.

Her brother the victim is blissfully unaware of this madness—he's been in an induced coma to protect his poor brain.

The pressure on family and friends increases with news that relatives, in areas affected by Hurricane Fiona, have become unreachable—no electricity and no phones. There may be more tragedy in the offing for this family!

It's a situation of too much, or too little, especially when it comes to communications. And neither one is a good option only 24 hours from the accident itself.

In the waiting, which (doctors told us) could be 10-13 days, I think about other times of tragedy.

The first that came to mind was in

the distant past, pre-cell phones.

Decades ago, the GP's (Great Provider, my husband's) brother was run over by a timber truck on Highway 1 as he was bicycling up a mountain.

Clark was maybe in his 50s and both their parents were still living.

The horrendous tragedy was made worse by the trucker himself refusing to give the family any condolences. He wasn't at fault—the bicycle had hit a piece of gravel just so, and it threw Clark out under the truck.

At any rate, family and friends gathered for the funeral, and the (land line) phone calls started coming in.

Now, though Clark was a confirmed bachelor, we knew he had a girlfriend now and then.

But NO!

Clark had a bevy of girlfriends. A flotilla of lasses. An armada of women from all over the world, who all claimed to be THE girlfriend. And they were ALL distraught to learn he had died.

As the GP and I climbed into our car and waited to drive in procession to the graveyard after the funeral, we talked about the service and what Clark would've had to say about it.

With a wry grin, the GP said, "You know, I wish I'd thought of it. I should've offered to pay the way out here to ALL those girlfriends of his and filled up one side of the church with 'em!"

My jaw dropped as I contemplated the impact on a small-town Lutheran congregation.

O, Hallelujah! A catfight at the funeral! Imagine them wriggling around in those pews, and then fighting for position in the funeral cortege to the cemetery.

John Calvin would probably not have laughed, but Martin Luther sure would've!

As the hours pass, we become a little less numb, a little less fearful, a little less anxious. And folks get tired of calling and texting—so we experience some information-overload release.

And as I write this, I learn that the victim is breathing without a respirator now and painfully and slowly headed for some sort of recovery.

May his sweet mother—and all mothers--find rest and recovery, too!

If you're in need of some spiritual recovery, try joining Island Presbyterian Church for beach worship at 8 a.m. this Sunday. Bring your chair, your breakfast beverage, and pets on a leash.

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Knuckle-Cracker

		8	3	5	7
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		3			
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	8	6	7	3	

Mind-Numbing Frustration

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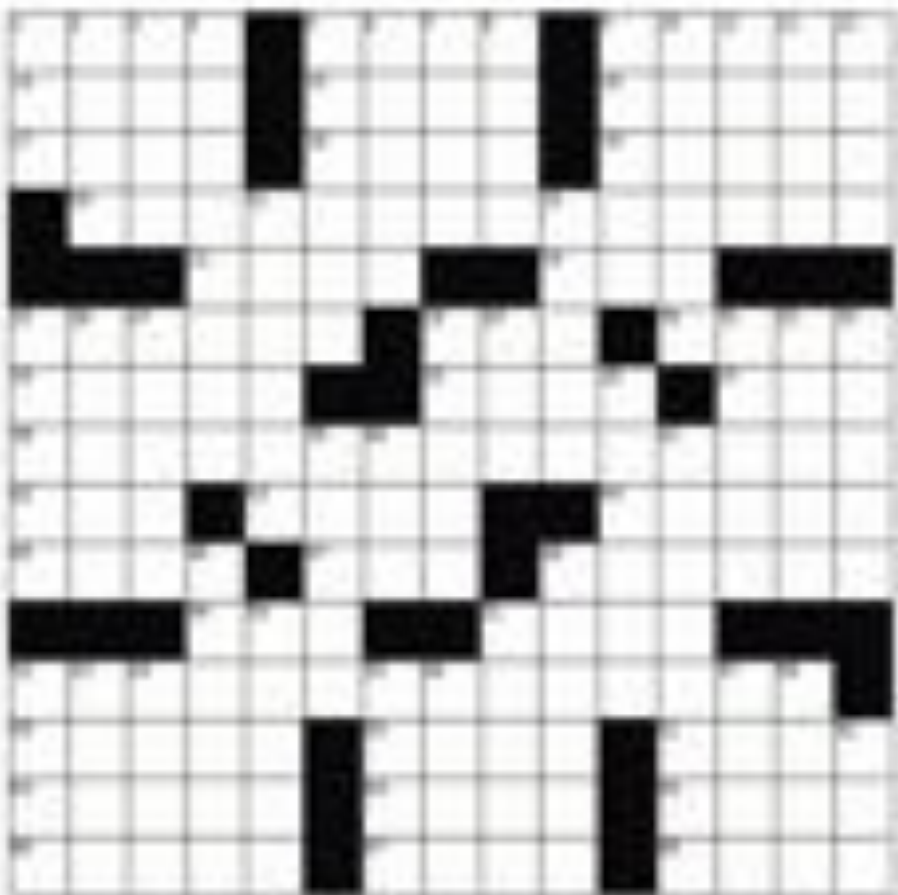
Brain-Buster

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Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

- Across**
1. Pans on, as making
 8. Refuse to raise
 9. Edible mushroom
 14. Rap musician in "New Jack City"
 15. Orange rendition
 16. Pump and then some
 17. Open pocket
 18. Death
 19. Ballroom
 20. Nostalg
 21. Parts of luxury coat
 24. Senate approval
 25. Embroider
 26. Well-known
 30. "Old World" era
 34. Where the bull is thrown?
 35. One of the Tennessee
 37. Get from a machine
 38. Nostalg
 42. Bob Hooper's 1971 go-
 43. They're in galley banks
 44. Surrender
 45. Vermont Avenue payment
 47. Handwriting's leading
 48. Biblical divisions
 49. Sweet rolls
 51. Hoop
 52. Nostalg
 54. State-run game
 55. Ethic drive
 57. Without much meat or fat
 58. Cafe patron
 59. Produced in
 65. Sport thought to drive joints
 66. Become weathered
 67. Lasting impression
 68. Slowly permeate



- Down**
1. More-pleasant target
 2. Apic, for one
 3. Test version of software
 4. Admin customers after hours
 5. Film festival host
 6. Lovers
 7. Chain against property
 8. One of Charles' nights
 9. Sharp-mouthed cat
 10. Del as told
 11. German a second time
 12. Bought with
 13. Spring clearance
 21. Lock, stock and barrel
 22. Librarian's gadget
 23. In Manhattan
 26. Search for water
 27. Angela's ____
 28. Came to light
 29. Over from ____
 31. Tactical sighting?
 32. Pet annoyance?
 33. Cow droppers
 34. App
 36. Went temporarily off course
 40. Partner of to
 41. Purring phrase
 46. Proclaimed
 48. Without an occupant
 50. Beans served
 51. Great blue bird
 52. Away from the wind; nautically
 53. Fostering sound
 54. Poliohome
 56. Sound of a full stop
 58. Crosby's most prominent
 57. Handle problems
 59. Place to get a speaking
 62. "Dark horse"

Police Blotter September 13-19

JFK Causeway

- Suspicious Person**
- 11000 block SPID 3 a.m. September 18
 - 11800 SPID 7 p.m. September 17
 - 13500 block SPID 2 p.m. September 17
- Traffic**
- 46 Traffic Stops
 - Aquarius/SPID 11 a.m. September 17 Crash
 - 14000 block SPID 6 a.m. September 15 Public Intoxication

SPID/West

- Crimes against Property**
- 14200 block Jackfish Noon September 18 Burglary
 - 14200 block Jackfish 4 a.m. September 16 Burglary
 - 15800 block Palmira 8 a.m. September 17 Theft of Services
 - 15800 block Palmira 8 p.m. September 16 Theft \$100-\$750
 - 15700 block Gypsy 10 p.m. September 15 Theft under \$100
- Disturbance**
- 14500 block SPID 9 a.m. September 18 Disorderly Conduct
 - 14500 block SPID 9 a.m. September 18
 - 15300 block SPID 1 p.m. September 17
 - 15300 block SPID Midnight September 17 Three Arrest Warrants/Possession of Controlled Substance
 - 16300 block Gulf Beach 10 p.m. September 18
- Suspicious Person**
- 15300 block Caravel 8 p.m. September 17
 - Whitecap/SPID 8 p.m. September 17

- 14500 block Compass 9 p.m. September 16
- 15200 block SPID 11 p.m. September 14
- Whitecap/SPID 3 a.m. September 14
- 15200 block Caravel 6 p.m. September 13

Traffic

- 123 Traffic Stops
- 15300 block SPID 2 p.m. September 14 Crash
- SPID/Verdemar 2 p.m. September 13 DWI
- 15800 block Punta Espada Noon September 19 Crash

SPID/East Gulf Side

- Crimes against Person**
- 11500 block Gulf Beach 6 a.m. September 13 Assault by Contact
- Crimes against Property**
- 16300 block Gulf Beach 10 p.m. September 18 Criminal Mischief \$110-\$750 /Disturbance/Theft
- Disturbance**
- 14800 block Windward 1 a.m. September 17 Noise Ordinance Violation
 - Whitecap/Windward Midnight September 17 Noise Ordinance Violation
- Suspicious Person**
- 15900 block Gulf Beach 5 p.m. September 18
 - Zahn Road/Gulf Beach 2 p.m. September 19
 - 11300 block Gulf Beach 6 p.m. September 13
 - 13800 block SPID 4 p.m. September 16
 - 8400 block SH 361 7 p.m. September 16
- Traffic**
- 47 Traffic Stops

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ISLAND SHOOTING

Editor's note: There was a shooting on Padre Island this week. The following is a report from CCPD.

On Tuesday September 20, 2022, at 11:10 pm officers responded to the 7100 block of South Padre Island Drive for a walk-in shooting victim.

During the investigation, the officers found that the victim had attempted to collect a debt from the offender and met in the area of Aquarius Street and Laffite Drive. The two began arguing which led to the offender shooting at and striking the victim. The offender fled the scene while the victim drove home and then was transported to the hospital by a third party. The victim was in stable condition at the time of the report. This was not a random act of violence as the victim and suspect are known to each other.



Construction area around Lake Padre this week. Photo by Doc McGregor II.



New canals along Whitecap. Photo by Doc McGregor II

2022 Port A Pirate Parade
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Autumn is here...



We had the Creepy Doll Float at the Pirate Parade on Saturday.

Today, Thursday the 22nd is the official first day of autumn boys and girls. Can't you just feel that brisk 90° breeze washing all over you? I've been in South Texas for many years and I swear we only have two seasons here... hot and football. There's nothing in-between to speak of except maybe the four or five days of spring that we might get. With the weather being so wacked out all over the country, be it droughts, floods, tornados and soon to be *who knows* how frigid it's going to get, I'm not ruling anything out. If it wasn't so scary it might be funny. And I'm not going to jinx us here by even mentioning the big storms that come from the ocean and wipe out everything in their path just about this time of year... every year. Or as the weather wonks define the "H" word as: "a rapidly rotating storm system characterized by a low-pressure center, a closed low-level atmospheric circulation, strong winds, and a spiral arrangement of thunderstorms that produce heavy rain and squalls." We've been lucky so far. And this old house we live in here in Port A has stood its ground on every tropical storm since 1964 so I'm hoping she still has one or two more left in her. But seriously yall, it's time to get a working plan together for when the next **Harvey** does decide to hit us. You should know the drill by now. And keep in mind that it's still hurricane season until November 30th. Sure glad we bought that big generator after **Hannah**.

Scattered shots...

Man we had us a time last week. It was my **Mermaid Gal's** birthday... or as I was informed, it was her birthday month. We had a delightful dinner at **Lisabella's** and the **Amundsen's** took excellent care of us. Thank you **Johnny Boy Elijah Amundsen!!!** Your Mermaid soup is fabulous. And Saturday was a blast with the annual **Port Aransas Pirate Parade**. We decorated our golf cart as the "Creepy Doll Float" since we seem to have all things *marine debris* in our possession at home. It's like that when you have a marine biologist in the family. I always think of our deceased brother **Kiwi Berryman** and what a great pirate he always made for our parade... **Janet Planet** too. And while we're at it, Gaff proprietor **Kip Shannon** makes a mighty fine pirate, also. After the parade we made it back out to **Shorty's** to see the "Greatest Living Bar Band in the World"... the **Toman Brothers** from San Antonio, Texas. The joint was jumping, to say the least. When we walked in **Rusty Toman** was flat nailing a **Dire Straits** lick (*Sultan of Swing*) and you couldn't have gotten any more people on the dance floor. From **Dire Straits** they went into some **Gary Stewart** (*Drinkin' Thing*) and then finished off the set with some **George Jones** (*Skip a Rope*) then **Led Zeppelin** (*Rock and Roll*). These boys know how to mix it up. Back when I used to manage country bars in San Antonio in the 80's and the Toman's were Gary Stewart's road band, I would often run around the state with them when they played. Gary Stewart was an absolute nut. He nearly got us arrested one night after playing the *Dallas Club* in Corpus. Gary made me stop at a convenience store and he brought a bunch of little milk cartons. I knew it was going to be trouble. When we got back to the big high rise hotel on *Shoreline*, Gary started tossing milk cartons over the balcony to watch the big milky explosion when they hit the ground. It was all good clean fun until he smashed one



The Profiles played Bron's last Saturday.

on a cop's windshield. We turned off the lights and hid behind a couch giggling until the coast was clear. I wish someone had gotten a picture of that. After **Shorty's** we ran by **Bron's** to catch some of the **Profiles**, a Latin band from Corpus that play **Bron's** quite often and I've become a big fan of theirs. For one, I adore Latin music in any form. And these cats know what they're doing. And it's fun to watch all the kids dancing with their mamas. **Bron's** is really a fun family oriented place with a little something for everyone and the foods great there too.

DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...



Kevin Kurtz will play Island Wine on Thursday.

Coming this weekend, on Thursday you can't go wrong with our resident dunebillies, **Selfie**, who plays **Shorty's** every Thursday. There is no cover charge and just watching madman **Ray Summy** explode is worth the price of admission. On Friday **Shorty's** has **John Elijah and Padrinos**, the **Groove** is playing **Treasure Island**, the **Free Beer Band** is at the VFW and over at **Bron's**, **Bubba Flex** will be doing his DJ thing for a private party celebrating **Tiana and Vanessa's** wedding anniversary when they were married at a street party in 2016. On Saturday we have the **WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES** at the **Gaff** at 4:00 followed by **Coach Jim Dugan**. Also on Saturday the very cool **CBDB's** will be playing **Shorty's**, the **OTB Band** is at the **Port Aransas VFW**, the wonder **Janelle Shetters** plays **Island Wine**, the **Jam Band** is at **Treasure Island** and **Bron's** has a double bill with **Rudolph Llanes** and **The Extinguishers**. On Sunday **Bron's** has **Brad Ethridge** plus the great 80's-90's band **The Groove**, **Island Wine** has **Beto Ramon** and **Shorty's** has **Ty Dietz**.



Michael Milligan will play this year's Pig Party at Shorty's on Oct 8.

On the horizon...



Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines will play the 3rd Coast Theater Oct 1.

Briefly, on the near horizon, watch for performances from **Caleb Navarro**, **Viva Los Chuys**, **The Dunebillies**, **Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines**, **Boone Holding**, the **Shorty's Pig Party** with **Mike Milligan**, **John Elijah** and **Dreaming in Color**, **Mike O'Neill**, the **Port Aransas Music Festival**, the **Palacios Brothers**, **Ruben V**, **Fly Free** and the **Texas Jazz Festival**.

Be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Free Beer Band will play the VFW on Friday.



The Jam Band will play Treasure Island on Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, Sept 22

Selfie @ Shorty's
Kevin Kurtz @ Island Wine
Agnostic Front & Sick of It All @ House of Rock
Art Barrera @ Packery Bar
Alonzo Cruz @ Salty Dolphin
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian
Meza Band @ Brewster Downtown
Cover This @ Brewster Southside
Downtown Eli Brown @ Nucky's

Friday, Sept 23

John Elijah & Padrinos @ Shorty's
Bubba Flex @ Bron's
The Groove @ Treasure Island
Free Beer Band Lite @ VFW
Jered Clark @ Virginia's
Independent Thieves @ Boathouse
After Glow @ Pelican Lounge
Triptonite @ Packery Bar
Clarissa Serna, The East & the Crow @ Brewster Downtown
Bottles and Bandits @ Brewster Southside
Cruise Control @ Executive Surf Club
Chainlinks @ House of Rock
ChillBillies @ La Playa by the Bay CC
Downtown Eli Brown @ Hook & Ladder AP

Saturday, Sept 24

BELT SANDER RACES (4 PM) @ Gaff
CBDB's @ Shorty's
Janelle Shetters @ Island Wine
OTB Band @ VFW
Rudolph Llanes, The Extinguishers @ Bron's
Jam Band @ Treasure Island
Jered Clark @ Virginia's
Cameron Sacky Band @ Brewster Downtown
Michael Burtt's Band @ Brewster Southside
After Glow @ Vernon's
Johnny Kiser @ Packery Bar
AudioBox @ Pelican
Lucy Morrison @ Salty Dolphin
Downtown Eli Brown @ Sunset Hideaway
Ruben Limas @ KOA CC
Dreams: Fleetwood Mac Tribute @ VFW
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Sunday, Sept 25

Rudolph Llanes, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Etheridge, Groove @ Bron's
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Jerry Ward @ Pelican
Michael Burtt's @ Salty Dolphin

Monday, Sept 26

Bubba Flex @ Bron's
Stevie Start @ Doc's
Hellzpoppin Circus Side Show @ House of Rock

Tuesday, September 27

Open Mic @ House of Rock
Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Open Jam @ Rialto Theater AP
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Wednesday, Sept 28

Billy Snipes @ Bron's
Riptide @ VFW
Open Mic w/ Jay Springer @ Island Wine
Kevin Kurtz @ Packery Bar
Art Barrera @ Pelican
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21

Thursday, Sept 29

Selfie @ Shorty's
Michael Amos @ Island Wine
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar
Alonzo Cruz @ Salty Dolphin
Honey Hounds, Ries Bros @ House of Rock

Friday, Sept 30

Caleb Navarro, Viva los Chuys @ Bron's
Starlite & Moonbeams @ Shorty's
Dunebillies @ VFW
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Jered Clark @ Virginia's
Darren McGill @ Packery Bar
Dreaming in Color @ Pelican
Downtown Eli Brown @ Boathouse
Ruben Limas @ Island Wine
The Groove @ La Playa
Downtown CC

Saturday, Oct 1

OTB @ Bron's
Mike O'Neill @ Shorty's
Boone Holding, OTB @ Bron's
Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines @ Third Coast Theater
Jered Clark @ Virginia's
Michael Burtt's @ Pelican
Independent Thieves @ Vernon's
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Downtown Eli Brown @ Pompanos

Sunday, Oct 2

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's
Jerry Ward @ Pelican

Monday, October 3

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