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By Dale Rankin

Quick what season is it? It was winter on Friday, summer on Monday, and winter again on Wednesday. We know it's the unofficial end of the hurricane season when the white pelicans come soaring in over the Laguna Madre and this week they took up residence in the fresh water in the new canals at the Whitecap North Padre Island site along with ducks and the occasional heron. It's still a mystery what the birds are finding to eat in the groundwater that fills the canals but they seem to like it.

La Posada

The big news this week is the kick-off of the La Posada Lighted Boat Parade season with the kickoff party Thursday night and the parades on December 9 and 10. The Friday parade will once again be televised by KRIS 6 TV and there is plenty of area for public viewing for that parade all along the Intracoastal Waterway from Doc's Seafood & Streaks to Snoopy's Pier and Marker 37. For those new to The Island this is the 52 year for the parades which began informally when a group of Islanders began decorating their boats and it has now grown into the largest single toy-raising event in the state for the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots program. The organizers ask that those wishing to donate toys remember that the kids from eight to fifteen years old often get overlooked in favor of toys for the younger kids so keep that in mind if you want to donate. Some of the money is also used to feed families OTB that need some help putting food on the table during the holiday season. We will have a comprehensive history of La Posada in our next issue.

JFK Bridge lane closures

We feature a story this week on the closure of two lanes on the JFK Bridge as part of the \$9 million maintenance project which began there one year ago this month. In the press notice sent out by Texas Department of Transportation this week is a line which says the work and subsequent lane closures will be over by December 9. If so, that is a much better than the first lane reductions which stretched from December, 2021 to March of 2022. There has been some confusion in the reporting OTB due to two simultaneous projects happening on the JFK Bridge and JFK Causeway, just to be clear there has been no announcement from TxDot or the City of Corpus Christi that the causeway nor bridge will be completely closed to traffic at any time during the work as at least one lane in each direction will always remain open.

Winter Texans

Our Winter Texan friends are starting to trickle in from OTB and points beyond Sweeney Switch. The first round of cold weather up north brought the first covey of snow birds in OTB and the second wave began arriving this week after the holiday. By the end of December they will be walking the seawall in their short pants while we locals wear the only pair of pantalones largos we can find in our closet. With our weather of late it will be chili today and hot tamale so dig out your fur lined flip flops everybody and say hello if you see us Around The Island.

It's Time to La Posada!

Kickoff Party Thursday, December 1
Parades Friday, December 9, and Saturday December 10



The Boat Parade will be televised live on KRIS 6 TV with broadcasters Pat Simon and Taylor Alanis



By Dale Rankin

The 52 annual La Posada Season officially gets underway on Thursday, December 1 with the Kickoff Party at HardKnocks Sports Bar & Grill.

Thinks get under way at 6 p.m. with a silent and a live auction which includes a four-

wheel drive vehicle, and tickets to the Las Vegas Raiders vs. San Francisco 49ers on New Year's Day, a scooter, and a kayak. Entry is free for those who bring an unwrapped toy. Live music will be by the band Dreaming in Color featuring Debra Scott Brown.

The Friday parade will start at

La Posada cont. on A2

Damaged Barge on South Packery Jetty scheduled for Removal by March



By Dale Rankin

Efforts to remove the wayward barge which has been lodged against the outside of the South Packery Jetty for almost two months are ongoing with current plans calling for its removal in mid-March, according to a spokesman for the barge's owner.

As you can see from these photographs the barge has shifted its position on the jetty. The first photograph was taken on September 29 and the

second was taken this week.

The barge is owned by Peninsula Marine Service based on the Bolivar Peninsula which has contracted out the salvage operation. Company officials said this week the most likely means of removing the barge will be to repair it sufficiently to allow it to be filled with air and floated from the location. Divers who have inspected the barge say it has a long

gash on the starboard side caused by jetty rocks as the barge washed through the mouth of the channel after breaking free from its moorings inside the channel. Most of the jetty rocks which were loaded onto the barge have since washed off the barge and will have to be removed separately, according to the company spokesman. The cost of removing the barge will be borne by the insurance company hired by Peninsula Marina Service.

Photos Jacob Augs



Where did the sand go?

When the demolition of Bob Hall Pier was completed two months ago the wooden bollards seen in this photo were underground but recent beach

erosion left them exposed this week as sand has been washed from the beach. The bollards have since been removed for safety reasons.

Pier cont. on A3



No Thanksgiving is complete without a visit from Santa and St. Nick made his appearance at the Padre Island Yacht Club this week. That is St. Nick Colosi in the red suit.

A little Island history

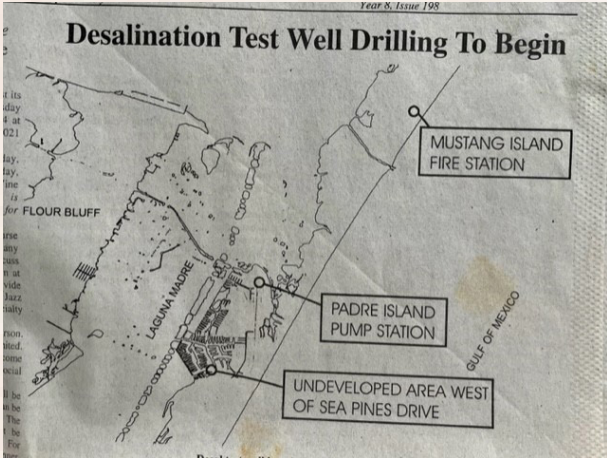
Desalination on The Island!

By Dale Rankin

With desalination in the news these days we take a look back at a time when the possibility of building desalination plants on Padre Island was under study. The year was 2004 and the plan was to digtest wells on Padre Island to bring up brackish groundwater for use as a water source.

It was called the *Padre Island Desalination Plant Feasibility Analysis and Siting Plan* and the idea was to sample ground water by drilling three test wells with the possibility of more if needed. The drilling took place at the Mustang Island Fire Station #16, the Padre Island Pump Station near Villa Maria Isabel Drive and Sand Dollar Avenue, and near Cape Summer at the west end of Sea Pines Drive. The story comes to us through the Island Moon's February, 2004 edition.

History cont. on A4



From The Island Moon in 2004

Friday Send Off for Flour Bluff Football Team

The Flour Bluff Hornet football team is headed to San Antonio on Friday, December 2, to play the Liberty Hill Panthers in a Regional Championship game and the district is holding a send for the team starting at 1:20 p.m. The event will start in front of Flour Bluff High School and continue down Waldron Road, then to the Junior High School, then to the ECC campus before heading to SPID. The Friday game begins at 7 p.m. at Dub Farris Stadium on North Loop 1604 West.

The Hornets last week beat San Antonio Veterans Memorial 66-42, Liberty Hill beat San Antonio Alamo Heights 37-32. The two teams are among eight teams still left in the 5A Division II playoffs. For the complete playoff bracket see Page 3 in this edition.

From Paper Street to Pavement

Purchase of property on Palmira may lead to it completion



Unpaved Palmira Avenue looking north from La Tuna Drive to Whitecap Boulevard.

Mary Craft

The section of Palmira Street from Whitecap Boulevard to Las Tunas Drive, long-planned but never paved and completed, may soon offer Islanders a new north-south axis from Whitecap southward to Encantada Avenue.

Islanders Lori and Moshin Rasheed who own the IGA Island Market recently purchased a 1.83 acre (80'x1,000') tract of land along the unpaved portion of Palmira with plans to build townhomes. Entrance to the planned 42 units will be off of Whitecap Boulevard and will require paving the portion of Palmira Avenue from Whitecap Boulevard southward to connect it to the Las Tunas Drive/La Palmira intersection.



The Rasheeds are selling the old country store which is the blue building between Angry Marlin and SLC Middle School Academy. It has a new roof, sewer line connected to the city line, remodeled interior and drive thru window. The property is .68 acres. One of the prospective buyers would like to open a diner there. If interested, call Mohsin Rasheed at 832-922-7951.



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The Donut Palace will be relocating to where the Survive Fusion & Wellness unit is across the street from CVS. The last day at their current location will be February 20th. The owners will be visiting family in Cambodia so the shop will be closed December 18th - January 10th. The remodel of the new location should take about 2 - 3 months. The owner said that he could not renew his lease because there is a bait & tackle store moving into his spot. Although the rent will be significantly higher he says he will just change prices slightly. For example, donuts will be \$1.10 instead of \$1.00.



The Food Mart site at the corner of Waldron and frontage road has sold and will become a used car lot.

The Flour Bluff Hornets Football team will play Liberty Hill Panthers in the Regional Final on Friday, December 2nd 7 pm at Dub Farris Athletic Complex in San Antonio. You can watch the game on Flour Bluff Sports Information YouTube Channel.

The next ISAC (Island Strategic Action Committee) meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th 5:30 pm at the Padre Island Baptist Church. All are welcome.

Bearfoot Gift Baskets & Floral Deigns creates unique baskets and floral arrangements. Islander Jodi Guarino does many closings and first home gifts for realtors' clients but she also makes gifts for any occasion. Call or text Jodi at 356-0893 and she can design according to any theme you would like.



The Annual Golf Cart Santa Caravan will be on Sunday, December 4th with a south route and north route. The south one will begin at the Seashore Learning Center parking lot at 5 pm. They will toss candy to children along the way and just ask for an unwrapped toy. It will be led by a fire truck blasting a siren so you can hear them coming. The north route begins at the Mazoch Christmas Home on Whitecap and goes down Aquarius to the homes on the north end of the Island.

The 2nd Annual Santa's Beach Party will be held at Surepoint Medical Center parking lot on Sunday, December 4th 2 - 5 pm. There will be a bounce house, picture with Santa, face painting, hot dogs, peppermint cocoa and more. The Beach 96.5 will be broadcasting there during the event.

Padre Island Holiday Market will be held on Sunday, December 4th 1 - 5 pm at the Island Presbyterian Church. There will be photo opportunities with Santa or the Grinch and printouts for sale.

Padre Plaza Shopping Center will be opening next to the old Country Store (blue building) on SPID by the end of 2023. Developer Mohsin Rasheed is meeting with potential tenants.



The Padre Island Home Tour will be held on Sunday December 4th 1 - 5 pm. There will be eight homes decorated for the holidays some with goodies. Tickets are \$25 and your ticket puts you in a raffle for \$250. The event is sponsored by the Padre Island Enrichment Club and proceeds go to the PIE scholarship program for area students.

Random Stuff

GoodRx is a free program that gives you discounts on prescription medications which certainly helps if you do not have insurance. Simply go to their web site and enter your medication to get a discount coupon. It is accepted at most pharmacies including CVS. If you have insurance, you still may want to use their discount because at times the price is better than what you would pay with insurance.

Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company is also a source for low cost prescription drugs. **When you recycle plastic bottles** take off the caps. Only keep them on if it says so on the cap.

Qatar where the FIFA World Cup Soccer is being played is the richest country in the world. It has a population of about 3 million but 2.2 million are migrant workers. The laborers pay is about \$300/month. Qatar received the bid to host the world cup in 2010 and since then has built 7 stadiums, an airport, expressways, about 100 hotels and created the city of Lusail. The country gained its independence in 1971 and is the size of Connecticut (100 miles by 50 miles.).



La Posada cont. from A1

the JFK Causeway and will move through the north end of the Island canal system. It will be televised live on KRIS 6 TV with broadcasters Pat Simon and Taylor Alanis going live along the Laguna Madre and Meteorologist Stefanie Lauber live from the Wilson's party on Jackfish. The Marines will be at the Jackfish boat ramp collecting toys. Hardknocks Sports Bar & Grill will host a watch party from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on all TV screens for those that do not want to attend the Friday parade live. La Posada will have toy boxes at Doc's Seafood & Steaks, Marker 37 and Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar and the Marines will be there in full uniform for toy collection and photos.

If you are thinking of decorating your boat for the parades but need some help in getting it done mark your calendar for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3 at the Padre Island Yacht Club. Uniform Marines will be on hand along with Island volunteers to help Islanders get their lights and decorations mounted on your boat. There will also be some technical elves on hand to help get stubborn generators up and running. A crew from KRIS 6 TV will be on hand for the occasion.

There will be seven collector boats in the parades which will be signified with amber-colored lights and those wishing to donate can signal to them with a flashlight.

Last day to register your boat

The last day to register a boat for the La Posada parades is Saturday, December 3. Getting your boat registered for the parade is a simple -one-stop process. Registration forms are available on The Island at Ace Hardware, IGA Island Market, and Hardknocks Sports Bar & Grill. Simply walk in and fill out the form and file it there

Or to register by email contact Bob Corbett, the 2022 Boat Parade Captain, at bob.corbett895@gmail.com and he will send you the forms which can be filed out and submitted. You can also get the forms at the event website at laposadafoundation.org. There is no fee to enter. There will be a captains meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, December 5, at the Padre Island Yacht Club.

For parade routes and a boat entry form see Page 4 in this issue of the Island Moon.



Spoonbill by Sue Thorson Hecker

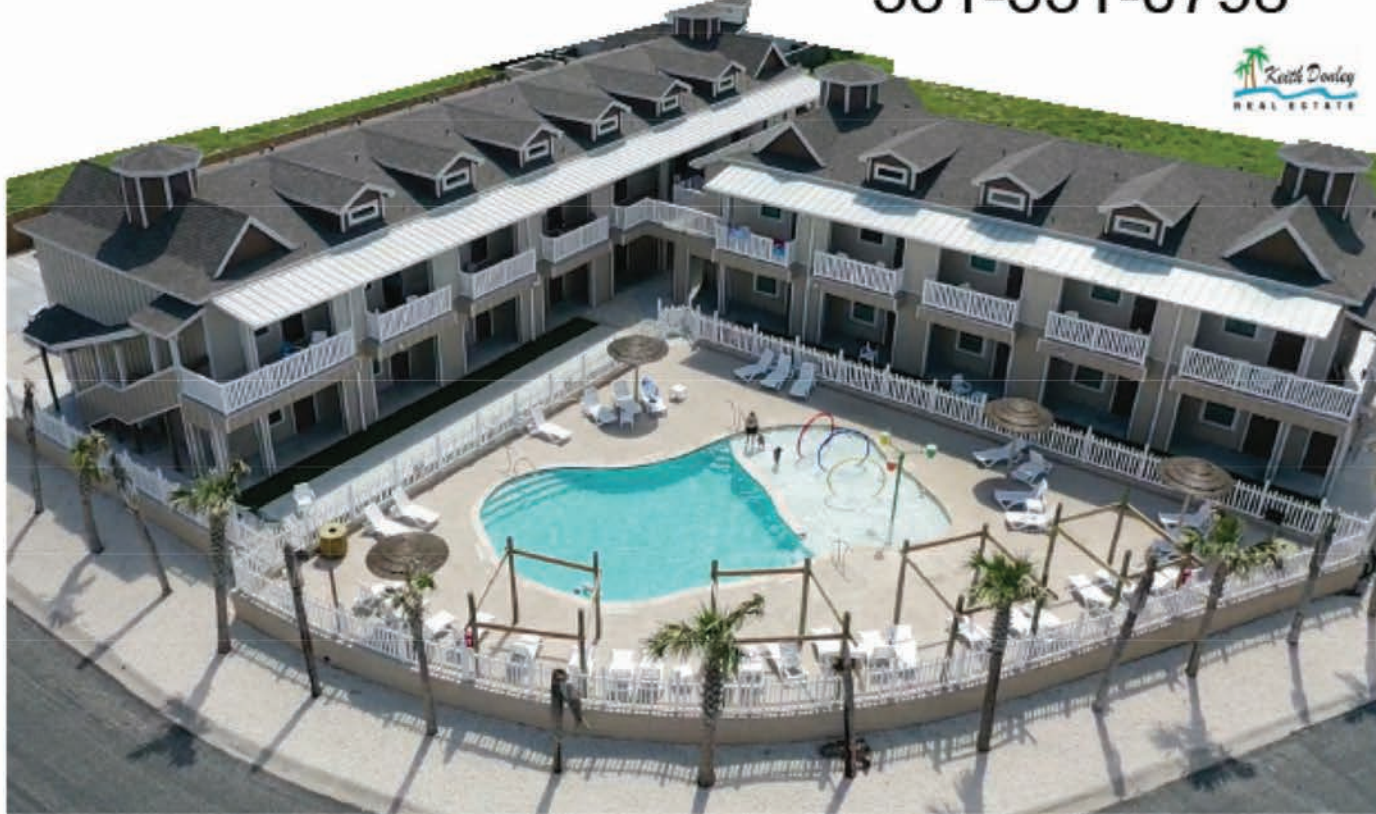


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Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



Eight Wonders of Port Aransas...

My family visited Port Aransas the week of Thanksgiving. We are a large, active bunch so I planned an Amazing Race adventure based on the Eight Wonders of Port Aransas. My family had a blast running this race and visiting the various sites. The Port Aransas Preservation and Historical Association was very helpful in planning the event. They answered my emails and phone calls with questions about what I read online. And, they arranged several special opportunities for us. I really appreciate how helpful Ashley Harris and Cliff Strain were and want to publicly acknowledge them. They are an asset to your community!! Frank Coletta and the volunteers at Farley Boat Works were amazing too! They were friendly, engaging, and patient. It was a cold, rainy week but we had a great time on your island with the help of the people mentioned above. Thank you!

Karla Rojas
Dallas, TX

Hi Dale,

As far as I know this is at least the third time in the past years that a leaning or fallen pole on the Causeway had caused traffic problems. I'll ask the same question I heard before. Why can't all utility services on these poles be put into pipes and run alongside or under the bridge?

Richard Beekman

RILEY P DOG PARK

I would like to thank Dale Rankin and Jan Park for their efforts in pursuing a Dog Park on the Island since 2014. I have asked them if I could form a Committee to help maintain, manage & see that the Park stay secure. If anyone is interested in helping please email me at jminervini4@gmail.com and I will insure we meet soon so that we can open and keep open our Riley P Dog Park.
Joe Minervini

Pier cont. from A1

The City of Corpus Christi's Gulf Beaches, Natural Resources and Aquatics Superintendent Darren Gurley told the Island Strategic Action Committee this month that the beach has eroded by twenty feet since the tidal surge from Hurricane Ian swept across area beaches in late September.

City Reminds Residents and Businesses that Performing Animals Require Permits

Permits Can Be Obtained at Corpus Christi Animal Care Services

November 22, 2022

Corpus Christi Animal Care Services (CCACS) wants to remind residents and business owners or operators featuring animals in any performing act that they must have a City-issued permit to do so.

What does this mean? Any person or business must have a permit to allow a performing animal exhibition, pet shop, rodeo, stable, circus, kennel, grooming shop, or boarding facility at an event occurring within Corpus Christi city limits.

Persons or organizations seeking a permit should apply to CCACS at least 20 days before any event, such as a circus, rodeo, show, animal ride, etc. The permit will be valid for the duration of the event only. Separate permits must be granted for each event or activity. (CCACS) wants to remind residents and business owners or operators featuring animals in any performing act that they must have a City-issued permit to do so.

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City to Hold Runoff Election on December 13

Early Voting from December 5 through December 9
Island residents not eligible to vote

The City of Corpus Christi will hold runoff elections in three districts on December 13. None of the candidates received a majority vote in the Council Member District 1, 2, and 3 races. Per the City Charter, the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes will enter a runoff election. Registered voters in Districts 1, 2, and 3 will be able to cast their Early Voting and Election Day ballots at the following locations in Corpus Christi during the designated dates and times.

Residents in District 4 including Padre Island and Flour Bluff will not be allowed to vote.

Election Day	December 13	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Early Voting	December 3-4*	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Courthouse Only)
	December 5-9	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Nueces County Courthouse* Carroll High School - Old Campus Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center Greenwood Senior Center Hilltop Community Center The Valencia Corpus Christi City Hall Del Mar College West Campus Fire Station #14 Fire Station #7 Northwest Senior Center Parkway Presbyterian Church Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Zavala Senior Center	901 Leopard St. 5301 Weber Rd. 5151 McArdle Rd 4040 Greenwood Dr. 11425 Leopard St. 6110 Ayers St. 1201 Leopard St. 4101 Old Brownsville Rd. 5901 S. Staples 3723 S. Staples 9725 Up River Road 3707 Santa Fe 6300 Ocean Drive 510 Osage St.	Early Voting Only Early Voting & Election Day Early Voting & Election Day Early Voting & Election Day Early Voting & Election Day Early Voting & Election Day Election Day Election Day Election Day Election Day Early Voting Only Election Day

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Friday, December 2. For information on how to apply, call the Nueces County Clerk's Office at 361-888 0865.

Things To Do In December

Holly Days at the [South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center](#) weekends thru Dec 17 (Santa, lights, hayrides, and MORE)

Friday night is [ArtWalk & Mayor's Merriest Decor Contest](#) so don't miss that opportunity to enjoy vendors, music, food trucks, festive cocktails at your favorite bar, affordable art, photo ops, and lots of lights, and decorations

12/3 [Illuminated Boat Parade](#) downtown 5:30-7:30pm

12/4 [Padre Island Market- Holiday Market](#) at the Island Presbyterian Church 1-5pm

12/4 La Posada & Nueces ESD2 Toys for Tots Santa Caravan! and Island Holiday Golf Cart Parade starts at 4:30 at Seashore Elementary

12/4 [PIE Padre Island Enrichment Club](#) Home Holiday Tour every Sunday for Shopping on [Peppermint Lane Holiday Market](#) downtown
12/9 [Friday La Posada Lighted Boat Parade](#) watch from Marker 37 and Snoopy's or along the canals

Free [Christmas Tree Forest Family Fun Day](#) Dec 10 at the [Art Museum of South Texas](#), but you have from now until December 14 to enjoy the decorated storybook Christmas tree display

12/17 [Market In The Park/ Dec.](#) for a last chance at some local shopping

12/17 Free [Holiday by the Bay](#) Winter Wonderland at American Bank Center with skating, Santa, kids activities, food trucks, and music.

Debbie Noble

2022 Class 5A Division II Football Playoffs



Where to Find The Island Moon

Port North
Aransas Padre

Pioneer RV All Stripes Stores

Stripes on 1A Black Sheep/ Barrel

Kody's CVS

Coffee Waves CVS

Moby Dicks Dollar General

IGA Doc's Restaurant

Treasure Island Snoopy's Pier

San Juan's Restaurant Isle Mail N More

Wash Tub Island Italian

Shorty's Place Brooklyn Pie Co.

Gratitude Ace Hardware

The Gaff Texas Star (Shell)

Red's Riviera

Sounds Good BBQ Spanky's

Spanky's Liquor Scuttlebutt's Restaurant

Beach Lodge Subway

Ellis Memorial Library Island Tire

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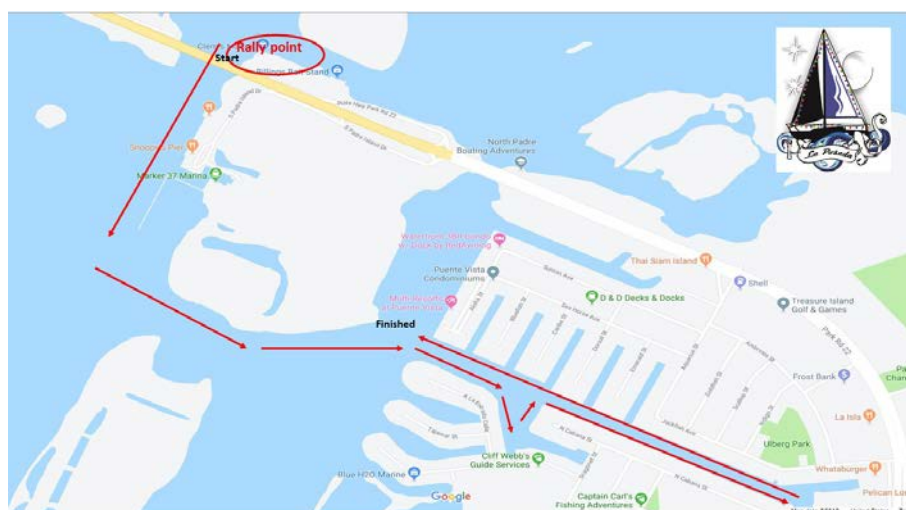
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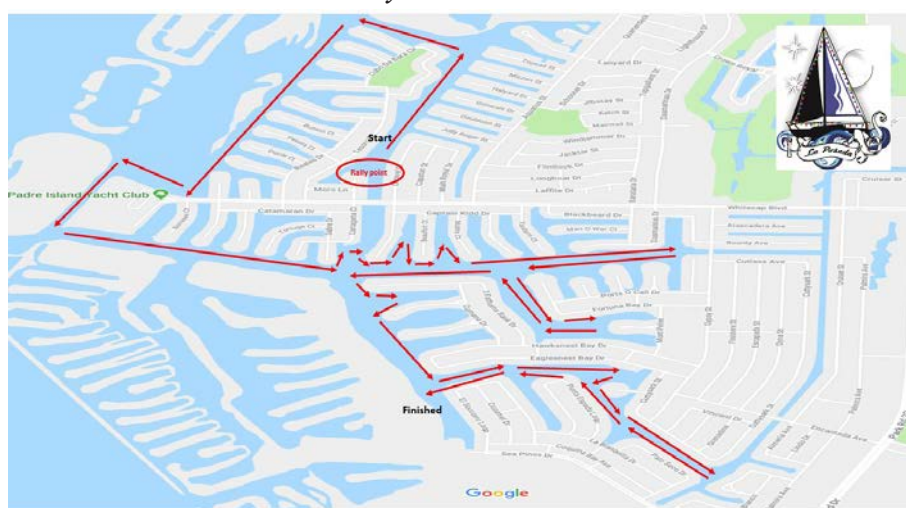


Schedule for 2022 La Posada Events

Thursday	December 1st	6:00 PM	Silent Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
		7:30 PM	Live Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
Saturday	December 3	10:00AM	Boat Decorating	Padre Island Yacht Club
Sunday	December 4	5:00 PM	Land Parade	Briscoe Pavilion
Friday	December 9	7:00 PM	Boat Parade	Packery Channel
Saturday	December 10	6:00 PM	Boat Parade	Caravel Boat Ramp
Sunday	December 11	8:30 AM	Breakfast for Marines & Load Toys – PIYC	
Monday	December 12	6:00 PM	Awards Presentation	PIYC



Friday Parade Route



Saturday Parade Route

2022 La Posada Lighted Boat Parade Registration Form

Sponsored by the La Posada Foundation

To register your boat for the 2022 Lighted Boat Parades fill out this form and drop it at any of the registration sites listed in this issue. Or copy it from the Island Moon website Islandmoon.com and email it to the email listed below. Or simply visit a registration site.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER- _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS- _____

Power- _____ Sail- _____

BOAT NAME- _____

Boat Description _____ State Registration _____

Name of Insurance Company _____

The following are the Parade routes and dates. Please check which nights you can participate in.

____ Friday, December 9, 2022, North Canals Staging area from just north of JFK Bridge, East along bait shop by 6:30 P.M. Parade starts at 7 P.M.

____ Saturday, December 10, 2022, South Canals. Staging area from Caravel boat ramp North by 5:30 P.M. Parade starts at 6 P.M.

Please provide a brief description in print or video of decoration theme, time it took to decorate, how many lights etc. at the mandatory Captain's Meeting on December 5 at 6 p.m. at the Padre Island Yacht Club. This information will help the KRIS 6 News Commentator in describing the parade.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Any questions call Bob Corbett 254-722-6131 or Ann Aylesworth 305-609-4694

Email Bob bob.corbett895@gmail.com or Ann – Ann@mptusa.com



Toys For Tots

November 28, 2022

With the holidays in full swing, it's the perfect time for the residents of the Coastal Bend to join together to assist those less fortunate. In the spirit of the holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to bring attention to certain efforts in our area that will benefit many families this holiday season.

Toys for Tots is a nationwide campaign and has very strong roots and participation in Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Rockport-Fulton, and the Coastal Bend area. The initiative began in 1947, when Marine Major Bill Hendricks collected and donated 5,000 toys to children in their city. The campaign was so successful that Marine Reserve Units around the country began collecting and donating toys, under the shared objective to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Since its inception in 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has distributed over 452 million toys to more than 209 million needy children across the country. Events are held around the area to promote the Toys for Tots holiday drive effort from the public, along with Marines from the local Naval Air Station who collect donations. With a great military base, strong charity presence and generous-minded people and industry, District 32 is a great place for Toys for Tots to contribute to the children of our area. If you would like to learn more or get additional info, please visit their website at: <https://corpus-christi-tx.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>

In addition to this great organization, there are many other charitable events in the area occurring this holiday season. To find volunteer opportunities, you can look at Feeding Texas's website <https://www.feedingtexas.org/get-help/>. As we prepare for the holiday season, let's join together in helping the community and bettering the lives of those around us.

If you have questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this week's article, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol or District Office. Please always feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or issues regarding a Texas state agency, or if you would like to contact my office regarding constituent services. As always, my offices are available at any time to assist with questions, concerns or comments (Capitol Office, 512-463-0672; District Office, 361-949-4603).

- State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

Rep. Hunter represents Aransas County and part of Nueces County. He can be contacted at todd.hunter@house.texas.gov or at 512-463-0672.

History from AI

The idea was to take advantage of the brackish water that is only a few feet below the surface near the beach and to drill further inland toward the Laguna Madre to determine which, if any location made sense for moving forward with the plan. The overall plan was called the *Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)* plan and it called for contractors to drill holes six inches wide and 850 feet deep with soil and rock samples collected and logged to track the movement of subsurface water. The drilling took a month and each of the test holes was then sealed while study of the drill samples was underway to determine whether to build two desalination plants on Padre Island, one near the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant and another near the #16 Fire Station on Mustang Island.

To say the report was a dense read – a little thin on plot – requires only a reading of this summary paragraph:

Combining desalination of brackish groundwater with ASR storage of treated drinking water; both utilizing brackish, confined sand aquifers and clay confining layers at depths of less than 250 m. The combination of these two technologies, referred to as "DASR," is a cost-effective water management approach that enables efficient, base load operation of desalting facilities at steady rates while meeting peak demands with water stored in ASR wells. The initial target yield of demonstration DASR facilities is 20 MUD peaking capacity, to be met with 4 MUD of desalination, 8 MUD of ASR capacity, and about 8 MUD of imported water supply from a pipeline to the mainland. In subsequent phases, capacity would be expanded to meet increasing demands. The project involves providing both brackish water supply and ASR well capacity using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) technology, in addition to vertical wells, since available site location opportunities are quite limited.

The Report

On August 30, 2010 a final 143 page report entitled *Feasibility and Pilot Study* was issued

by the Texas Water Development Board as part of a wider study that included the Rio Grande Valley concentrating along the Laguna Madre.

The study cost \$3 million and found the initial cost of infrastructure to use brackish groundwater would be \$13 million but that figure would only produce enough fresh water for evaluating the concept, it would not produce nearly enough water to be the sole source for Padre Island or even to be a cost-effective addition to surface water.

After three years of work to study the use of wells to pump out groundwater for desalination use the report simply said "After exhausting that possibility, the only remaining alternative was to evaluate the use of an open intake in the Gulf of Mexico" and concluded that "development of a seawater desalination plant was technically feasible," which was hardly a revelation since desalination was already proven technology at the time.

The report went on to say, "The major drawback to seawater desalination is the capital and operational costs." It found that the electrical and chemical cost of converting brackish groundwater to potable water was .94 cents per 1000 gallons which was still cheaper than converting water from the Gulf of Mexico at a cost of \$1.348 per 1000 gallons but more expensive than harvesting surface water at .30 cents per 1000 gallons.

There was also the issue of water supply as it was determined that as the summer which Padre Island, such as Cape Summer which still is vacant, filled in the ground wells simply couldn't refurbish their water supply fast enough to meet the growing demand and that was the end of the idea of using groundwater for desalination on Padre Island.

As the Water Wonks are fond of saying, when God made Texas he made enough land for everybody but only enough water to fight over.

And the rest as they say is history.



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Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

History of the Coastal Artillery Part 2

Dotson's Note: As I wrote last week, "I thought perhaps a few of you Moon Monkeys have never heard a few of branch of the United States Army. This is something new or a stroll down memory lane. Which, is up to you." Thanks to by old friend Tommy Thompson, who served one hitch in the Coast Artillery before transferring to the Ordnance Corps, and to Wikipedia for the facts contained in this report and to the United States Army Signal Corps for the photos.

World War II Norway



Above, One of the three 28 cm main battery guns at Oscarsborg Fortress Norway. During the Battle of Drøbak Sound in April 1940, the German battleship *Blücher*, one of their most modern ships, to a combination of fire from various coastal artillery emplacements, including two obsolete German-made Krupp 280 mm (11 inch) guns and equally valuable Whitehead torpedoes. The *Blücher* had entered the narrow waters of the Oslofjord, carrying 1,000 soldiers and leading a German invasion fleet. The first salvo from the Norwegian defenders, fired from Oscarsborg Fortress about 1 mile (1,600 meters) distant, disabled *Blücher's* main battery and set her afire. Fire from the smaller guns (57 mm to 150 mm) swept her decks and disabled her steering, and she received several torpedo hits before the fires reached her magazines and doomed her. As a result, the remainder of the invasion fleet reversed, the Norwegian royal family, parliament and cabinet escaped, and the Norwegian gold reserves were safely removed from the city before it fell.

World War II Pacific

In December 1941, during the Battle of Wake Island, US Marine defense battalions fired at the Japanese invasion fleet with six 5-inch (127 mm) guns, sinking the Japanese destroyer *Hayate* by scoring eleven hits on her magazines, and scoring eleven hits on the light cruiser *Yubari*, forcing her to withdraw, and temporarily repulsing Japanese efforts to take the island. The Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays denied Manila harbor to the invading Japanese until Corregidor fell to amphibious assault on 6 May 1942, nearly a month after the fall of Bataan. Beyond tying up besieging Japanese forces (who suffered severe supply shortages due to the inability to use Manila as a port), the forts allowed interception of radio traffic later decisive at Midway. The Japanese defended the island of Betio in the Tarawa atoll with numerous 203 mm (8-inch) coastal guns. In 1943, these were knocked out early in the battle with a combined USN naval and aerial bombardment.



38 Cm Gun Of Batterie Todt

Nazi Germany fortified its conquered territories with the Atlantic Wall. Organization Todt built a reinforced concrete pillboxes and bunkers along the beaches, or sometimes slightly inland, to house machine guns, antitank guns, and artillery ranging in size up to the large 40.6 cm naval guns. The intent was to destroy Allied landing craft before they could unload. During the Normandy Landings in 1944, shore bombardment was given a high importance, using ships from battleships to destroyers and landing craft. For example, the Canadians at Juno beach had fire support many times greater than they had for the Dieppe Raid in 1942. The old battleships HMS *Ramillies* and *Warspite* with the monitor HMS *Roberts* were used to suppress shore batteries east of the Orne; cruisers targeted shore batteries at Ver-sur-Mer and Moulineaux; while eleven destroyers provided local fire support. The battleship *Texas* was used to suppress the battery at Pointe du Hoc, but the guns there had been moved to an inland position, unbeknownst to the Allies. In addition, there were modified landing craft: 4.7 "Landing Craft Gun", each with two 4.7-inch guns; four "Landing Craft Support" with automatic cannon; eight Landing Craft

Tank (Rocket), each with a single salvo of 1,100 5-inch rockets; eight Landing Craft Assault (Hedgehog), each with twenty-four bombs intended to detonate beach mines prematurely. Twenty-four Landing Craft Tank carried Priest self-propelled 105mm howitzers which also fired while they were on the run-in to the beach. Similar arrangements existed at other beaches.



Above, 240 mm (9.4 in) shells from Battery Hamburg straddle USS *Texas* during the Bombardment of Cherbourg. On June 25, 1944 the American battleship *Texas* engaged German shore batteries on the Cotentin Peninsula around Cherbourg. Battery Hamburg straddled the ship with a salvo of 240mm shells, eventually hitting *Texas* twice; one shell damaging the conning tower and navigation bridge, with the other penetrating below decks but failing to explode. Return fire from *Texas* knocked out the German battery.



Above, blockhouse for 152 mm gun, near Camogli. Part of the complex called Liguren August. Allied efforts to take the port of Toulon in August 1944 ran into "Big Willie", a battery consisting of two prewar French turrets, equipped with the guns taken from the French battleship *Provence*, each mounting a pair of 340 mm naval guns. The range and power of these guns was such that the Allies dedicated a battleship or heavy cruiser to shelling the fort every day, with the battleship *Nevada* eventually silencing the guns on August 23, 1944. **Post-World War II** After World War II the advent of jet aircraft and guided missiles reduced the role of coastal artillery in defending a country against air and sea attacks while also rendering enemy artillery emplacements vulnerable to enemy strikes. The Scandinavian countries, with their long coastlines and relatively weak navies, continued in the development and installation of modern coastal artillery systems, usually hidden in well-camouflaged armored turrets (for example Swedish 12 cm automatic turret gun). In these countries the coastal artillery was part of the naval forces and used naval targeting systems. Both mobile and stationary (e.g. 100 56 TK) systems were used. In countries where coastal artillery has not been disbanded, these forces have acquired amphibious or anti-ship missile capabilities. In constricted waters, mobile coastal artillery armed with surface-to-surface missiles still can be used to deny the use of sea lanes. The Type 88 Surface-to-Ship Missile is an example of modern, mobile coastal artillery. Poland also retains a Coastal Missile Division armed with the Naval Strike Missile. During the Croatian War of Independence in 1991, coastal artillery operated by Croatian forces played an important role in defending Croatian Adriatic coast from Yugoslav naval and air strikes, especially around Zadar, Šibenik and Split, defeating the Yugoslav Navy in the Battle of the Dalmatian Channels.

Dotson's Other Note: In practice, there is a distinction between artillery sited to bombard a coastal region and coastal artillery, which has naval-compatible targeting systems and communications that are integrated with the navy rather than the army. There you have it. Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or at dlewisl@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Tuesdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 – 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397...It's your two hours, please let us hear from you.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

Every election is an inflection point that changes something in the way public business is done. They amplify the common themes that cut across local governmental entities and the challenge that we have seen in the election cycle just ended does indeed have a common theme; from the City of Corpus Christi, to Nueces County, to the Flour Bluff school district, to Emergency Services District #2 (ESD #2) the common theme is that they all want to take more money from the private sector and transfer it into the public sector and two of them were successful in that so while two others were not. But what is clear is that voters both on Padre Island and in Flour Bluff sent a clear message that they are not happy with the performance of their publicly elected officials and when given the chance to vote on increases in taxes they decisively voted against them first with the ESD #2 and more recently at the Flour Bluff ISD where the only two board members who had opposition were voted out. Let's take them one at a time.

ESD #2

For those unfamiliar with the Nueces County Emergency District #2 it is a holdover from the days before Flour Bluff was annexed into the City of Corpus Christi four decades ago. In most areas of Texas similar districts were dissolved and/or integrated into the city service such as ESD was annexed. But in a few cases when an area decided they received the ability to levy property taxes and remain in operation.

In the November, 2021 election ESD #2 put an increase from three cents per one hundred dollar valuation to a rate of four and one-half cents per one hundred dollar valuation on the ballot; a 50% tax hike with the stated need for the additional revenue being the loss of personnel to Corpus Christi Fire Department due to its better pay and benefits package. The 2020 budget for the district shows Property Tax Revenue of \$1,079,348, and \$1,165,146 Operating Expenses with \$704,088 of that for Personnel Costs and cost per call of \$2696. That same year showed \$3.7 billion in taxable value in the district with about 70% of that coming from Padre Island.

A 50% tax hike is a big ask and the stated reason for needing more money for personnel in order to match CCFD carried a big red flag for voters as evidenced in the vote. CCFD has collective bargaining and gets regular Cost of Living and benefit increases so matching the ESD #2 pay and benefits to those of CCFD would be a de facto grant of collective bargaining to ESD #2. In what is normally a low turnout election with only constitutional amendments on the ballot 1829 voters from Padre Island and Flour Bluff turned out and sent a decisive message with a vote of 1261 against the increase and 568 in favor – a 69% to 31% mandate to hold the line on spending as five of six voting precincts in the district voted no.

Since that time the City of Corpus Christi has offered to absorb the employees at ESD #2 into CCFD, an offer that was refused in writing by the district and now with three of the five seats on the ESD #2 board coming up for appointment when the new Nueces County Commissioners Courts is sworn in Precinct 4 County Commissioner Brent Chesney has a clear choice to make by reappointing three of the same board members who voted to put the 50% tax hike on the ballot or appoint three new members who have already put in applications. An inflection point if ever there was one.

Flour Bluff ISD

But if the ESD #2 vote was a message from taxpayers it was one the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors did not hear. This November they put a property tax increase of \$4.2 million in local revenue over the current number of \$41,399,411 on the ballot with again about 70% of that coming from Padre Island, and the vote was again decisive with a vote of 65% against and 35% in favor - almost the same numbers as the proposed tax hike for ESD #2 a year before. The difference being that this time the tax hike failed in every single voting precinct in the school district on Padre Island and in Flour Bluff. It's starting to smell like an anti-tax pattern here.

Not only did voters hand down a no-new-tax mandate they also cast what can best be described as a vote of no confidence in the old board by voting out the only two members of the board who had opponents by decisive margins of 60% in one race and 57% in another in

favor of the challengers. The incumbent board members failed to win a single precinct on

Padre Island or in Flour Bluff. The voters are telling the board they don't like the direction they are going and I suspect you will see contested races for the other three board seats in two years. The question now is whether the board is listening.

The City

The Corpus Christi City Council approved its own tax increase of 6.2% which transferred an additional \$6 million from private hands into city coffers, the difference being that in the case of the city the tax increase did not have to go on the ballot. The result was the removal from office of one At-Large council member perceived as a tax and spender and 32% of Island voters cast their ballots for an unknown challenger in the race for mayor which I think it is fair to say was mostly a protest vote and Island voters voted resoundingly against four of the five bond items listed on the ballot including funds for streets and libraries, only narrowly approving the item for public safety. Once again voters used the avenues they had to protest spending and the messengers voted their pocketbook with the spender being to stop raising our Property Taxes.

The County

Not to be left behind in the tax hike sweepstakes Nueces County Commissioners passed their own. According to their public notice the commissioners – with Commissioner Chesney the only voter against – increased the county's tax levy by moving \$7.8 million – an 8% increase according to their public notice – from private hands into public hands.

The county like the city tried with some success to spin the tax increase as a tax cut by jumping up and down and pointing at the Tax Rate – which did decrease but not nearly as much as property values increased – ignoring the across the board increase in property valuations which meant we all wrote larger checks and they increased their take of public money by \$7.8 million. The office holders took advantage of a lack of understanding by reporters who – check the stories – led with proclamations that the city and county both decreased the Tax Rate without mentioning that it was in fact a tax increase. Island voters were not fooled and voted in favor of Republican Challenger Connie Scott by a vote of 76% over incumbent Democrat Barbara Canales at 24% which was down by five points on Padre Island from her previous race.

What does it mean?

I think the inflection point we find ourselves at after this election is potentially a very dangerous one. I have had front row seats at two taxpayer revolts and both started with conditions just like the ones were are seeing here. It was largely frustration with constant tax and spend policies at the city a few years ago that ousted a two-term mayor and replaced her with a guy who lasted all of thirty-one days in office.

Limits on tax hikes by the city and county by the State Legislature simply do not work. Two session ago the legislature lowered the amount of annual property tax increases without an election from 8% per year to 3.5% but as evidenced here it took only two budget cycles for city and county officials to find the loopholes by moving debt service around in their budgets that brought up increases of 6.3% and 8% this year with no means of objection by voters except to vote against incumbents and bond packages; that's how tax revolts start and once they begin they are like a runaway grand jury. After realizing that the answer is not at the state but at the city and county level they back spending caps as the only way forward and the Law of Unintended Consequences with spending caps is immediate and severe. The short answer to what happens in no new annexation and if the spending cap sticks around long enough the result is enclave cities surrounded by incorporated areas – see Dallas.

A lot of money came from outside the city in the last election that was pushing a No-Growth policy and if that group dovetails with a tax revolt and a spending cap it could quickly send this city down a road that could change it forever. The way I read the numbers in this election the taxpayers are restless and when they get restless they look for recourse that right now doesn't really exist and that can lead things in a very dangerous direction. The voters have spoken and we are about to find out if the political class is listening.

An inflection point like this city has never seen.

Texas Shipwrecks

We've been writing a lot about shipwrecks and lost treasure on The Island. Since the first Spanish ships washed ashore in 1554 there has been everything from Liberty Ships to blockade runners, to a ship which blew up in Nueces Bay with future

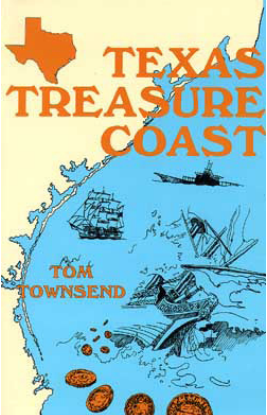
President U.S. Grant aboard go to watery graves in these parts.

All told there have been just over 2000 known shipwrecks on the Texas Coast and more are being found even today. When Hurricane Ike hit Galveston in 2009 she turned up a Civil War era ship that there was no previous

record of. It's a subject that brings out the little kid in all of us.

So starting in this issue we're going to feature a lists and maps of many of the ships which made their last port o call in the briny deep, or shallow, in Texas waters.

The first of these maps is on page 11



The Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

My crazy friend Gary Glick from the Friends of the Rio Grande Valley reef is currently writing an article for the CCA newsletter that will come out in the next edition, and the editors reached out to me to help “translate” the article. Ha! One of the main concepts that’s hard to get across in writing is the idea of “interstitial spaces.” If you do a search for that term on the webs, you’ll get a lot of mumbo-jumbo about blood vessels and cells, or maybe something about architecture. But when you add “artificial reefs” to the end of the search, you get a lot closer to what I’m referring to, which is “the spaces between reef blocks or other material that allow small fish and other organisms to escape predation.” It literally refers to a small space where a large fish can’t get into.

Why is this important you ask? Why do I care about reef complexity? It’s a lesson that explains why there are fish around structure, and you can use this to your advantage when fishing. Think of an oil rig out in the gulf; it’s big, and the big legs go straight down through the water column into the mud. There is almost no complexity to a rig, so about the only fish that are around a rig are large fish. Rigs aggregate fish and fishermen know this. However, there are little to no interstitial spaces to allow small fish to now, think of an oyster reef, or even our jetties. If you’ve ever snorkeled the jetties, you’ll see that there are lots of small fish literally swimming around IN the rocks. They can get back in a corner where the big fish can’t eat them. Plus, the surface of the jetties attracts and grows the small shrimp and crabs the little fish eat. Oyster reefs work in the exact same way. The interstitial spaces literally produce (and protect) fish. There’s your science lesson for the week.

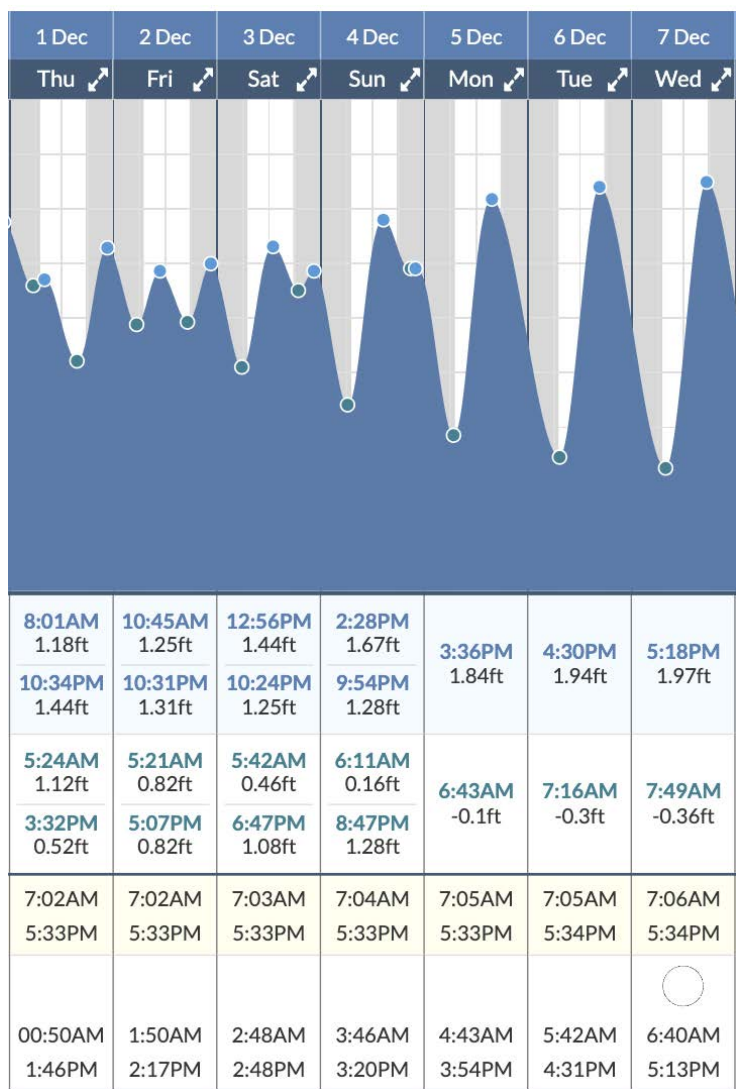
The Island Strategic Action Committee is slated for next Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Padre Island Baptist Church. We have an action-packed agenda, and hopefully there will be an update from the City on Bond 2018, although I’m not holding my breath. We will be talking about the boat ramps at Clem’s and Billing’s

that need repairing, and the flooding that has been occurring under the bridge. The contractor has been having to pump the water out almost daily to get to their equipment. We will also be discussing Commodores Park, and the potential future plans. You loyal readers know that in a surprise move, staff put it on the Bond 2022 for \$1.0 million for design of the park (doesn’t say construction). Even more surprising is that about 57% of Island voters voted against the parks bond. In any event, we have previously vetted a few potential wish-list projects for Commodores Park at ISAC in the past, although the Parks and Recs Advisory Committee wasn’t consulted. So, at this stage, since it did pass bond citywide, we are going to try and get up some speed and push the horse back in front of the cart and get everything lined up the way it should be again. We will also be passing a resolution recommending to the city that they draft and finalize an erosion plan for city shorelines and bay beaches. Erosion is threatening parks and infrastructure and needs to be prioritized and addressed. It’s cheaper to armor and prevent erosion now than it is to fix later. The resolution and corresponding plan should give staff the help and impetus to protect our resources. We will also be tackling the TIRZ #2 list of projects that needs to get going on with the reauthorization. We had been waiting to see the level of commitment from the participants, and I think we have that nailed down. We need to remember that there are still six-pack items outstanding, such as Packery Channel boat ramp improvements, ADA access to the jetties, aids to navigation, dredging, etc. The list has grown over the years and months to include parks, bridges, multi-modal mobility plans, and infrastructure that benefits the public. These projects have been a moving target over time, but we’ll solidify the list and get it polished up over the next couple of meetings. There’s a ton of dink trout in the channels and deeper water. Bend the barbs down on your hooks and jig heads that way you can shake the undersized fish off without touching them. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I’ll see you next week here On the Rocks.

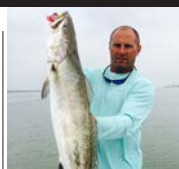
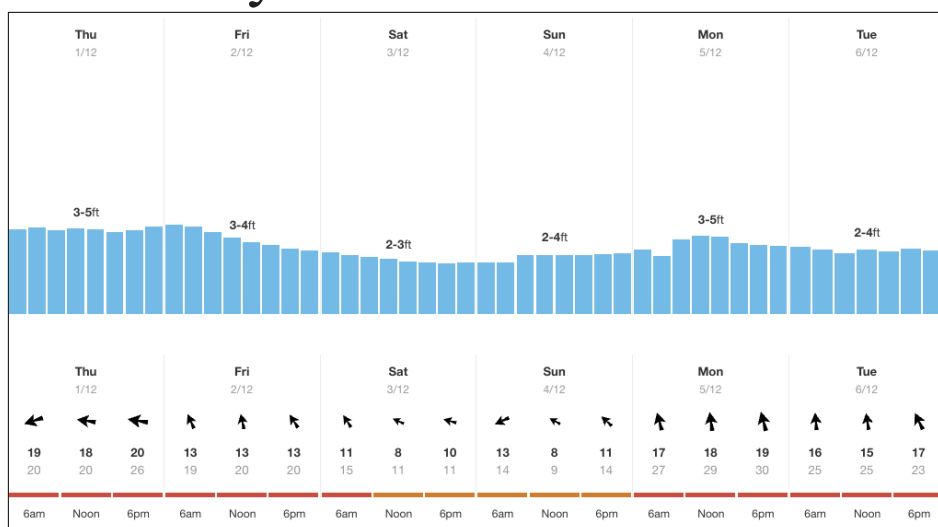


Augs, Jay, and Johnny made it out to chase some fish recently. It is always great to spend time with family on the water! Thanks Jay!

Tides of the Week



Packery Channel Surf Forecast



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Farah’s Fishing Adventures

Wow it’s already December, it’s time to slow down and view both fishing and life with a slower stroke. Most all anglers that have been stepping into my boat have all started out working their lures too fast; summertime presentation. In the last few weeks we have seen some water temps as low as the low 50s. This finally gave our gamefish a cold shock. Those first cold snaps push all kinds of bait towards deep, soft bottom winter hideouts. Gamefish will follow until water temps warm up and quickly disperse back out into the flats. The shallow water will warm up quickly in the sun, attracting bait and predators into shallow water sand pockets. Even though it’s warm a slower presentation will improve your success.

I’m using two techniques most of the time from the boat. A heavy jig head of 1/4 ounce with a soft plastic, and a lighter 1/8-1/16th ounce head. Heavier set up casts far and gets the bait down and into the lower strike zone quickly. I tap the bottom when I’m over mostly sandy bottoms, and pick up strikes as gamefish are sucking it up off of the floor of the bay. I’ll also gently climb the plastic up into the mid water column and let it coast down towards the top of the thick grass. Along the edges of canals and deep zones, scrape your lure along the bottom with a slow retrieve. With a few lifts of the rod producing a slow swim. We are trying to imitate a cold stunned baitfish that is easily taken advantage of. With the lighter jig head selection, the sound of the bait hitting the water seems to be more natural and actually attracts strikes as soon as it hits the surface. The slow descent of the lighter weighted lure hangs in the strike zone longer, teasing gamefish. With a lighter lure don’t be concerned with how much water you are working between you and the end of your cast, but on casting to specific potential hiding places for a predator in wait. Hover lightly weighted DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODELS, tequila sunrise in green water with daytime sun. Darker colors like Purple Reign at dawn and in cloudy conditions, in and over isolated sand pockets in 4’ of water.

Watch the birds

The biggest and most mature fish will be anticipating the movements of bait, and adjusting to be in the most comfortable zones with water temperatures their utmost priority. Watching birds, and signs of baitfish both on the surface and in the water as you slowly idle from deep to shallow can be a good way to figure out what depth your targets are holding. In areas that you may be catching good numbers of small trout, slip into waist deep water close by to find the larger fish laying up waiting for bigger meals of finger mullet, Shad, and pin perch. A slow presentation here in the shallows with large baits is where we usually find our largest of trophies. Long casts with big soft plastics threaded with a light jig head, or a good suspending bait will allow you to hang those lures for a long time in the middle of the water column.

I’ve been throwing a few suspending and slow sinking hard baits and stomping trout when the



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When it gets cold and nasty some drum fishing can break out some bright smiles! Black drum from the mouth of Baffin Bay. Live shrimp on the bottom.

bite is off. The MIRROLURE suspending Shad has been my choice.

The world under the surface

Slowing down in the bay, somehow brings you to walk with a different pace on land as well. Taking your time and envisioning your lures gliding along in a slow swim, ducking and diving through the vegetation and structure, only brings you deeper into the world under the surface. Suddenly she appears, her silver cheek flashes and your lure disappears behind the black of her eye. You drop the tip of your rod and then bring the line right. Her head spits boiling white as she tries to throw the hook free. When she dives her broad black back darts under the boat and you can see the spots on her back. After a few dreamy connections with creatures you fooled into a surface visit from the sea, you might be able to calmly walk through the stores Christmas shopping for your best of company.

Make it a easy experience this year, shop local and grab something from a few of my favorite businesses.

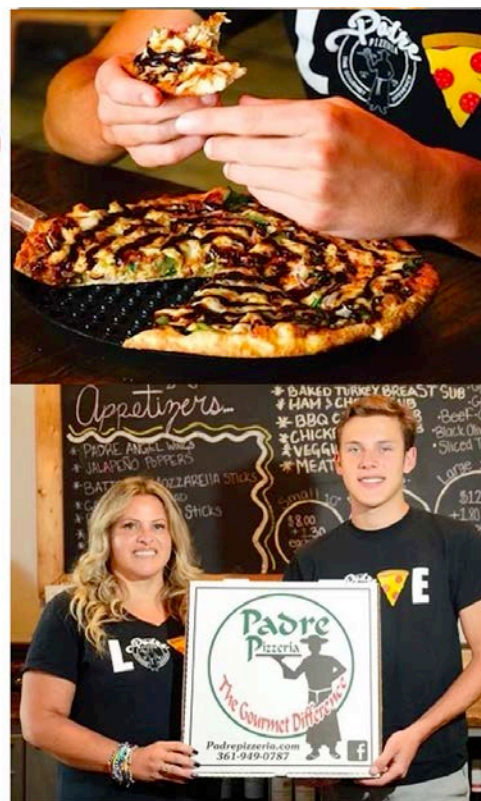
Marker 37 Marina!

The pro shop is full of great lures and easy Christmas goodies for your fisherman. Their shirts and hoodies all \$15-\$40 board shorts too! The best polarized sunglasses around REDTAIL REPUBLIC has a big display in the store and is what I wear to see all of the action on and below the surface.

Roy’s Bait and Tackle!

This is just the craziest fishing and water sports store in Texas! Holiday sale items that are there on sale for sometimes half price. All weather clothing, jackets, wade fishing stuff, lures, tackle like nowhere else. The best part of Roy’s is that there are staff there that knows what they are talking about, so asking questions is always welcomed.

This is the time of year you can catch me with a day or two off a week. When you see pleasant weather on the horizon pick up the phone and message me for YOUR DAY on the water. Follow all of our hookups on FACEBOOK AT JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER FISHING.



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Nature Notes

Attwater’s Prairie Chickens

By Celeste Silling



A male Attwater’s Prairie Chicken displaying.

Photo by George Lavendowski, USFWS

One of Texas’s most interesting birds is the Attwater’s Prairie Chicken, a type of grouse. These birds are very local, as they are found only in two Texas counties: Colorado County and Goliad County. They only live in the gulf coast prairies, a habitat that is now hard to find.

For those who have never seen a male Attwater’s Prairie Chicken before, let me attempt to describe it. The bulk of the bird’s body looks like a striped chicken, with brown and white bars going horizontally down its body. On its face are neon orange eyebrows that make it look (in my opinion) a little bit perturbed.

But the feature that really stands out are the air sacs on the sides of the neck. When the male grouse is relaxed, its neck looks relatively normal. But when it’s trying to attract a mate, the feathers on the sides of its neck raise up to look like cat ears, and the bare orange skin underneath inflates. It looks like someone superglued two orange balloons to their neck. The female, on the other hand, lacks the orange eyebrows and air sacs.

The male Attwater’s Prairie Chicken uses these strange fashion accessories when he is trying to impress a female. During the mating display, the male will the raise feathers on the side of his neck, inflate air sacs, lift his tail up, and make a booming sound, and stomp around like the attractive bird he is. This display, which is often done by multiple grouse at a time, is called a lek. I highly recommend looking up videos of Prairie Chicken leks, as it really is an interesting display.

This bird was once relatively com-

mon in Texas and Louisiana. But unfortunately, its population deeply declined after it was heavily hunted in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The numbers continued to plunge as the grouse’s habitat was converted into cropland and rangeland. Less than 1% of the gulf coastal prairie habitat still exists today, making it one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America. This so reduced the bird's numbers that they were declared endangered in 1967.

Fortunately, there is still hope for this species. Several organizations are successfully raising Attwater’s prairie-chickens for release into the wild. About 300 of these birds are released every year at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and private property, where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy implement management practices.

Interestingly, the Houston Zoo’s Attwater’s Prairie Chicken breeding facility is housed at the NASA Johnson Space Center. The space center provides the perfect place to rear the birds, as it is quiet and safe enough for this endangered species. While the NASA rearing site is not usually open for visitors, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory is offering a once-in-a-lifetime tour of the facility in our online Experiences Auction at www.gcbo.org. And if you want to learn more about the rearing program, you can read about it at www.houstonzoo.org. It truly takes a village (and apparently a space center) to rehabilitate an animal population that has dropped this low. So let’s care for the habitat and animals that surround us here in Texas, and keep their populations viable. The Prairie Chickens will thank you!

Turkey Talk

By Pastor Kris Bair



As I write today, my mind swirls with Turkey Logistics. It was going to be a simple and small Thanksgiving, but no.

I should’ve known better--“the best laid plans of mice”--and Cooks--“aft gang astray.”

Since we moved to Texas, we’ve struggled to do even a small turkey for the occasion. The oven in my kitchen is too tiny to hold the roasting pan for even a 12-pound bird.

We’ve tried a number of solutions.

We’ve moved the shindig over to the DD’s (Darling Daughter’s), and put her in charge of the turkey and most of the meal.

She’s a very good cook, who bought a special roasting pan for her bird and used a new recipe to prepare and bake it.

Sadly, it did not meet the GP’s (Great Provider, my husband’s) Western-Kansas-declared-by-KSU’s-extension-homemakers’ Standards, because it was pink near the bone and going to kill us all with salmonella.

He removed himself from the meal with snorts and insults, leaving the rest of us to enjoy it.

Which we did.

The bird’s reduced carcass was then removed to our house and cooked for several more hours in a smaller pan in our oven, after which he ate it with abandon for several days—dried out and tasteless, but utterly safe from bacteria.

The DD washed her hands of turkey cooking, but has lowered herself to provide the stuffing occasionally.

We’ve done the turkey in my roaster on our grill, but the heat isn’t as even as in the oven and Big Bird must be watched carefully.

Add to these issues the perennial one about the leftovers.

They all fall to me. Always. No one will take leftovers home.

Now, turkey sandwiches can only be consumed for so long before they become tasteless.

Our only freezer is the side-by-side one attached to our frig, and it’s always full.

And even if turkey leftovers made it into the freezer (in the form of slices for sandwiches, or gallons of turkey soup, or several turkey pot pies), the GP would never 1) think to look for food there or 2) be able to find food the food in there.

He can’t find food in the frig, either.

For all these reasons, AND that we were unlikely to have more than three or

four max sharing the meal, I logically chose this year to buy a turkey breast instead of the whole bird, planning the meal weeks ago.

Last week the fourth member of our party was confirmed.

The night before the meal, the fifth member of our party was added.

And I learned that we might be hosting six Ukrainians the day after Thanksgiving—folks for whom a load of leftovers might be a real treat.

AND I was pretty sure that at that late date the grocery store shelves would be sadly depleted.

Lord, have mercy.

I should’ve known better. This has happened before. If you keep the door open, people will enter.

An old colleague of mine posted on Facebook that she was hosting 42 people for Thanksgiving dinner at her house—again.

I don’t envy her (in fact, I’m aghast at the thought of it), but I’m quite sure most of the leftovers will be walking out her door.

I could not, at any point, verify exactly how many would be at our table at any given time during the holiday weekend.

But that’s OK. We laughed and ate a lot of good food and some of us snorted no matter what.

All was well. We can be so thankful for that!

At Island Presbyterian Church, Fortuna Bay and Gypsy, we have a new door for entry—a lovely one with stained glass, and all who enter are welcome.

Share worship with us on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary or via Livestream or Zoom from our Facebook page.

We’re dressed up for Advent and preparing for a baby, coming to a stable close by.

Going Native

By Ed Proffitt

Pimk Muhly Grass

Thanksgiving is past and we’re on the road toward Christmas and New Years! Donna & I gave thanks by driving to the Padre Island National Seashore and communing with nature --- even though the beaches were closed. Mistral the Magnificent Mutt had a grand time, which for our family is the essence of best-of-times.

Few grasses can rival Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) for raw beauty. It is named for H.E. Muhlenberg (1753-1815), the first botanist born in the U.S. (in Trappe, Pennsylvania) and a Lutheran pastor, and who first “discovered” this species. The genus Muhlenbergia was named by another botanist, C.L. Willdenow in honor of Muhlenberg. In addition to being a great naturalist and botanist, Muhlenberg founded Franklin College (later, Franklin and Marshall College) in Lancaster, Penn.

Muhly grass (a true grass Family Poaceae) is native to the National Seashore and hence likely the rest of north Padre Island. It is a clump former, and so won’t spread unduly to take over your yard. This 2 to 3 foot tall grass forms pink flowering stems in the Fall and can really brighten a fall and winter garden.

Muhlenbergia does well in full sun to partial shade, low nutrients / poor soil, and dry, somewhat salty conditions. It will fulfill our “native need” for drought tolerant plant species that requires virtually no watering after becoming established. It can be grown from

seed, but don’t collect from the National Seashore! Probably easier, it can be grown from a clump division from the wild, but again...help protect the species and habitats of the National Seashore.

Muhlenbergia, like nearly all grasses is wind-pollinated, but butterflies are attracted to it although they likely add little to percent of flowers pollinated. Song birds and small mammals eat the seeds.

In a previous column I promised to keep looking in to information as to whether or not palm trees, especially *Sabal mexicana*, are native to north Padre Island. In addition to previously cited vegetation analyses from the 1990’s I came across one from 2017 commissioned by the National Seashore. Diamond et al. (2017) do not list the species, or even the family. I emailed Diamond and he said he wasn’t sure but his sense was that most palms in Texas “preferred” somewhat more moist floodplains (or ones previously wet when colonization was occurring). So, the jury is still out but this is another nail in the coffin of *S. mexicana* being considered truly native rather than naturalized. As ever, thanks for considering native plants in your yard, and please keep in mind that “wild habitat” is needed if we want to have “wildlife” (birds, mammals, butterflies, etc). That means we need to protect and conserve patches of wild habitat (outside the national seashore!) in order to promote faunal populations. So, keep Going Native.



Muhlenbergia capillaris wild



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Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



The Top Army-Navy Games

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: In preparing to watch the upcoming 2022 Army - Navy Game, I am sharing some of my thoughts that might be of interest to some of you Moon Monkeys. These games, to me, are some of the most memorable. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Eric Milzarski and Douglas MacArthur, for the facts contained in the report ant to Bill Morgan, The Sports Blog, and the US Army for the photos.



There is perhaps no college football rivalry more intense, more enduring than that between the Army Black Knights out of West Point and the Navy Midshipmen out of Annapolis. The Army-Navy game, is truly iconic. It is the embodiment of the brotherly rivalry between soldiers and their sailor and Marine counterparts.

Over the years, these two teams have clashed 122 times, making for some outstanding games. The following games are rated without personal branch preference, focusing on both the quality of the game and the impact each had on military history.

So, for example, the [1893 Navy victory](#) that almost lead to a duel between a General and an Admiral has been glossed over because, frankly, the game itself wasn't too spectacular.

1890: Army 0 — Navy 24

You cannot talk about this rivalry without first bringing up the game that started it all. The Naval Academy had been around for 11 years at this point and they wanted to put on a friendly game against the newly established Military Academy (Army) team. Despite not having a coach, the Midshipmen each chipped in 52 cents to pay for half of the traveling costs to get to West Point to play on "The Plain." A tradition was born.



Football Has Changed

1973: Army 0 — Navy 51

In 1973, the Navy team had been decent enough. But something special was in the air that year at John F. Kennedy Stadium, and the Navy team caught fire for [one game](#), racking up 460 total yards and five recovered turnovers. In fact, *two* Navy players had over 100 rushing yards: Ed Gilmore with 123 and Cleveland Cooper with 102.

It's a shame that they won this "astounding victory" against a team that was just plain bad. That year, the Army lost every game — all but three of which were by 29 points or more. In fact, when the rivals faced off, Army lost by more points than the entire team had scored that season, which was only 42. If you want to joke about the Army's football history, point to the year 1973 or 2003's 0 and 13 season...or the 14-year losing streak.

2016: Army 21 — Navy 17

To me the best game in [recent history](#) happens to share the distinction of being the game where the 14-year Navy win streak was finally snapped. Army intercepted two of Navy QB Zach Abey's passes and went into halftime with a 14-0 lead; it was the middle finger the Army needed to prove they weren't showing up for a 15th consecutive defeat. The Midshipmen came back from the locker room ready for a new game. They straightened up with two touchdowns on 19 carries and a field goal. Even though they tried to shake things up with a few read options, the underdog Army was too damn relentless and snagged a well-earned and much needed victory.



1926: Army 21 — Navy 21

In front of [110,000 spectators](#), Soldier Field in Chicago was dedicated to all of those lost

fighting for America with that year's Army-Navy game. Both teams were dominant: The Army had only lost once (to Notre Dame) and had shutout five teams. The Navy was undefeated.

The game was a complete stalemate. Both teams threw everything they had at each other, but they were too evenly matched. They played to the point of near darkness when the game was finally called and deemed a tie at 21 to 21.



1944: Army 23 — Navy 7

The Army-Navy game of 1944 is often called, "The (original) Game of the Century" and was set to the backdrop of America's entrance into WWII. Shortly after Metz, France was liberated and just before the Battle of the Bulge, on December 2, 1944, the #1 ranked Army played the #2 ranked Navy in what many considered the *de facto* national championship.

All eyes were on [the game](#) and it did not disappoint. Just a few years prior, the abysmal 1-7-1 Army team of 1940 almost caused military leaders to can the entire program. A short four years later, the team was unstoppable. On the season, the offense took 504 points and the defense only allowed 35. Glenn Davis, Army Running Back, was honored with the Maxwell Award that year and, eventually, the Heisman in 1946. Army was looking to snap a 5-year losing streak to the Navy, who were also dominant in 1944.

With WWII on the everyone's mind, the country's eyes were glued to the game. Despite [stiff competition](#), Army claimed victory and the first of three consecutive National Championships.

1963: Army 15 — Navy 21

Not only was the game itself amazing, but the circumstances surrounding the 1963 show-down makes it the "Greatest Army-Navy Game," according to various sources.

The game took place just two weeks after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Military tradition dictates a 30-day national period of mourning, but just four days after the tragedy, it was announced the game was on. [Sources say](#) that it was Jacqueline Kennedy who wanted the game her husband loved to continue. It was also the same day star Navy Quarterback, Roger Staubach, was awarded the Heisman.

America needed this game and Staubach, found his match in his ultimate rival, Army Quarterback, Rollie Stichweh. Army took an early lead and stopped Navy with a goal-line stand, but Navy Full Back, Pat Donnelly responded with *three* touchdowns, putting the Midshipmen up 21-7 with ten minutes left. Then, the Army mounted a surprising comeback, refusing to give up the ball. A touchdown and a 2-point conversion later, Army was just a possession away from victory, but the clock was ticking. The entire country watched, out of their seats. Despite an amazing effort, the Navy was saved by the buzzer, which stopped Army at the 2-yard line.



The instant replay was also introduced to American audiences this game. So, there is one happy bit of information.

Dotson's Other Note: If you feel like another game should have been included on this list, please let me know. Do any of you Moon Monkeys know who first penned "On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other days, on other fields, will bear the fruits



By Andy Purvis

Mission Completed

There he stood on the sideline in his Brooks Brothers suit, matching tie, trademark fedora and the game-plan rolled up in his hand. "I've always dressed this way," he later said. He appeared tall and thin like an old pay phone, but standing 6' 2" tall and weighing 210 pounds he was bigger than he looked. There were whispers that he still lifted weights after practice. Most of his hair had departed, his jaw reminded me up a truck bumper, and he owned the bluest pair of eyes you have ever looked into. Cowboy blue, some said. He chewed gum on game day with intensity, but you'd never know it by looking. His voice was laced with Texas twang, and he spoke with a slight lisp when he was younger. He looked like someone had licked all the red off his candy. Dallas Cowboy fullback, Walt Garrison, was once asked if Tom Landry ever smiled. "I don't know," said Walt. "I only played there nine years." Tom Landry claimed to have patterned his game day demeanor after golf sensation and fellow Texan, Ben Hogan. "Ben had this ability to block everything out and concentrate on the present," said Landry.

It all started for Thomas Wade "Tom" Landry in the South Texas Rio Grande Valley. He was born in Mission, Texas, a town of less than 5,000 souls. The date was September 11, 1924. His father, Ray, was an auto mechanic and a volunteer fireman. Ray was also athletic and played football at Mission in 1917. Tom's mother, Ruth, was a homemaker for four kids, Robert, Tommy, Ruthie and Jack. One of Tom's earliest jobs was delivering newspapers. Shy beyond belief, as a child he was hit by a car and nearly lost his life. Landry grew up in a place where there was not a whole lot to look forward to. Mission High School in the 1930's had less than 200 students enrolled. Besides football, Tom played basketball and ran on the track team. Tom initially started his football career at offensive center in high school before becoming a tailback, punter and defensive back. Tom was an "A" student, president of his class, and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also voted "Cutest Boy" in his senior class. He was just an ordinary kid, but very competitive on the field. The newspapers wrote that he played as if he were possessed and without fear. "If a guy caught a ball against me, I'd try to hit him so hard he wished he hadn't. And nothing made me madder than to have someone catch a touchdown pass on me," said Landry. Coach Bob Martin's team played a "Notre Dame Box." "It was a single-wing type offense," explained Landry.

Tom Landry wore #88, scored more than two touchdowns per game from the tailback position and, as a punter; he averaged over 40 yards per kick, in his senior season. This was a time of no facemask, and no one had ever heard of professional football.

The 1940 Mission Eagles won the district 40A football title. It was a prelude to what was about to happen. In 1941, Mission proceeded to score 323 points on their way to a 12-0 record. Only Donna, Texas, their arch rivals, scored a touchdown in week six on the Mission defense. As luck would have it, the Redskin's score came on a pass interference call in the Missions' end zone, against Tom Landry. Instead of the officials placing the ball at the 1-yard line and, awarding a first down, they gave Donna a touchdown.

Mission beat Aransas Pass 19-0 in the Bi-District playoffs, before facing the Hondo Owls for the Class 1A Regional Championship. This game was played on December 13, 1941. Tom Landry rushed for three touchdowns and passed for a fourth, in a 33-0 blowout. Landry's last rushing touchdown covered 63 yards. Landry was selected unanimously to the Rio Grande Valley Freedom Newspaper All-Millennium Team, as a defensive back. Tom was recruited by Texas, Rice, SMU and Mississippi State. He chose Texas and enrolled

as a freshman the following year, but Tom Landry's world was changing quickly. The Great Depression had ended and WW II lay dead ahead. Six days before the Class 1A Regional Championship game, the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor.

Like millions of other American boys, Tom's older brother, Robert, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, after the attack on Pearl Harbor. While flying his B-17 over to England, Robert's plane had gone down in the North Atlantic, somewhere near Iceland. In 1942, Tom immediately left the University of Texas and joined the Army Air Corps. He began his basic training at Sheppard Field near Wichita Falls, Texas, and finished his preflight training at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. Tom received his B-17 co-pilot training in Sioux City, Iowa. He was assigned to the Eighth Air Force, 493rd Bombardment Group of the 860th Bombardment Squadron.

Tom Landry flew 30 missions during the European Theater and survived a crash in France when his plane ran out of gas. "All nine of us walked away," said Landry. Another near-crash occurred while returning from a bombing run in Czechoslovakia. "The B-17 sounded as if it were running out of fuel over occupied Belgium," Landry said. "We were weaving our way down, and the pilot decided it was time to jump, time to become a prisoner of war, an MIA. When I got out of my seat, I noticed the fuel mixture was bad, so I just shoved the lever forward and all four engines cut on again." Mark Twain once wrote, "The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you found out why."

"I began to think back on it; I knew God had a purpose for me," said Landry. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1945 and returned to Austin to continue his studies and play football. Tom married Alicia Wiggs on January 28, 1949. His friends joked that she may have been the only one who could make him smile. They had three children together. In 1958, Tom Landry accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

I met Tom Landry once at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting in Dallas, Texas. He spoke with conviction about his faith and quoted Bible verses. The one thing he said that has remained with me all these years: "Losing requires you to do absolutely nothing." He was talking about God, family and football.

Landry told a wonderful story that day about playing George Halas and the Chicago Bears. The date was November 27, 1960. The Cowboys had not won a game all year and Landry had admitted that his offensive line was so bad no one wanted to carry the ball. After the game was over and the Bears had won 17-7, Halas crossed the field to shake Landry's hand. Halas said, "Tom we knew every play you were going to run." "How is that possible," exclaimed Tom. "When your team broke the huddle, there were two guys in the backfield smiling and one who looked terrified. We knew he was the one getting the football."

Landry lived his life in many chapters, but he was born into football and belonged there. If you were a football fan, he became part of your life because football was a part of your life. The Mission High School Football Stadium is now named Tom Landry Stadium.

Tom Landry left us on February 12, 2000, after battling leukemia. There is no argument; he was one of the best. Landry just had this aura about him. He was not an emotional speaker, but he spoke with sensitivity. He would open up in public and touch your heart. The real story of Tom Landry was that he was an even better person than he was a football coach, and that's saying something.



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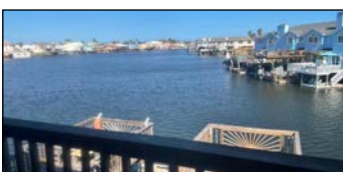
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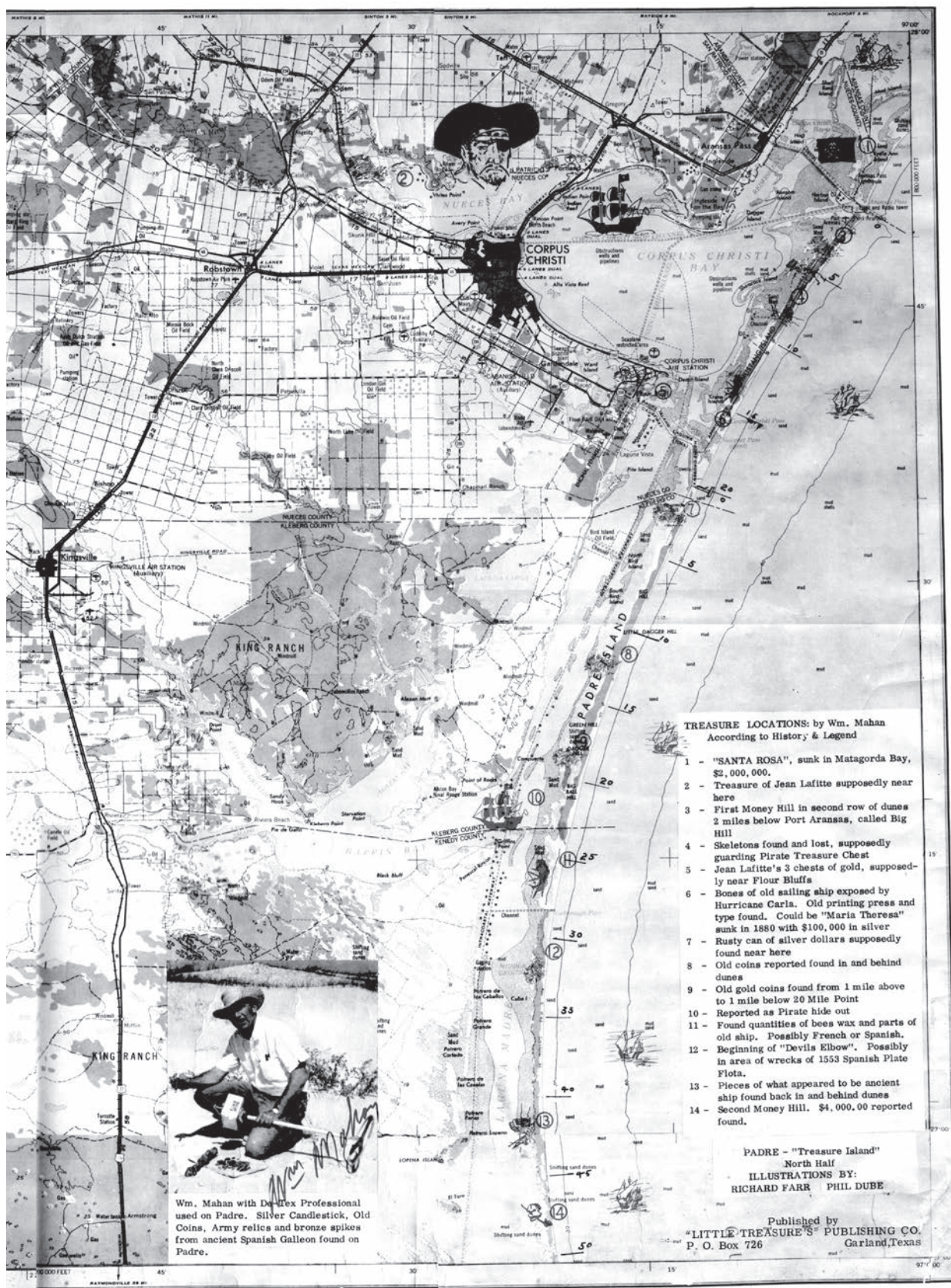
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There's a Hummus Among Us

By Chris Jordan



We ended up having a Friendsgiving of sorts last Friday. Dear peeps from as far as Hawaii, Austin, and Cotter Street were there. I was intent on doing something a little different so I put out a spread of semi-exotic finger foods. The selection was at least partially inspired by what would be called *meze* (or similar names) in North Africa, The Mediterranean, Greece, Turkey, The Levant, The Balkans, The Middle East, as well as Iran and Iraq. We had things like artichoke hearts, olives, finger salad, eggs, cheeses, hummus, sardines, lamb, and *tzatziki* (which may have been more of a *raita*). I hadn't conceived of this meal in time to make flat bread, so we just put out lots of different crackers we had in the pantry.

Of course there was plenty of wine too, highlighted by a lovely *Chateuneuf du Pape*. But we also had *Rioja Reserva*, *Ribera del Duero Crianza*, a negociant-bottled *Bourgogne*, a *Bordeaux Supérieur*, a *Langhe*, and a super-*Romagnolo* of 100% *sangiovese*. I had some magnum jugs of French table wine and a bag-in-box of *tempranillo* in case we ran low on the good stuff. Somebody brought a bottle of white, and Andrea put a couple of bottles in the fridge just in case, but you know I'm not really down with tightly-whities so I couldn't tell you what they were. One of our friends even brought a lovely bottle of Ocean vodka with her from Hawaii where it is made from 100% sugar cane. Who knew? I sampled it and it was quite good. It was smooth as can be, had a low-key savory background, a sparkle of citrus, and a silky mouthfeel — all hallmarks of good vodka IMO. We had a crowd big enough to get ten seats around our giant round dining table, but fortunately we DID NOT have a large enough — or thirsty enough — crowd to finish all the wine. Another friend left behind a bottle of Bogle Phantom which brought back memories from twenty-five years ago when that same friend would buy cases of Bogle merlot from my restaurant, Shrimp House. At the time Bogle was available wholesale through the Austin-based boutique wine distributor *Ambiente*. Coincidentally, I would go on to represent *Ambiente's* unique portfolio in the San Antonio on-premise market in the late aughts. Time flies like the wind... but fruit flies like wine.



1978 Ford LTD II

In late-eighties San Antonio, I was a senior in high school, had a cute girlfriend, a miserable GPA, and drove a 1978 Ford LTD II. Even though I loved that car, I def wasn't hip to how cool it actually was. This Ford was really the recently-discontinued Gran Torino disguised

with luxe sedan-style appointments. Mine had the larger-than-standard 351 Windsor V8 motor and was pretty peppy. My buddy Bill drove a Triumph TR6 and we would race to and from our favorite eatery during our off-campus senior lunch period. We took turns the victor: the Triumph was more nimble in tight quarters, but the Ford had muscle on the straight-aways. The place we raced to and fro was a deli called Saleh's Fantastic Foods. The proprietor, who was very kind to us obnoxious kids, was a man named Peter. This little store had all kinds of unfamiliar foods from far-away lands. Although I have always been an adventurous eater, some of the things in the shop lacked enough context for me to appreciate them. I tried, but I usually ordered the meatball sandwich. It was superb. There were vats of olives and feta and many other things that you didn't see at the supermarket back then. So probably it was this early impression at Saleh's Fantastic Foods that planted the first seeds in my mind for our Friendsgiving meze.

Later, my first season in Port Aransas, my friend Chris invited me over to his mom Meri's pad for a traditional Lebanese meze. I remember there was flatbread and *kibbeh* and *baba ghanoush*, but I'm sure there was *tabbouleh*, hummus, and who-knows-what else. Meri was from Bandera but learned to make these things because she had married into a family of Lebanese descent. Meri of Meri's Malibu was a very special lady, and some of you probably know that for yourselves. Chris went on to be a chef somewhere in Florida and also makes paddleboards now. His Facebook bio says he worked at the long-defunct Port Aransas icon Manjo's Burger Bar and you know that's true. I haven't seen Chris since our mutual pal Mike Flood's memorial, but I still count him a good friend....well, because he was and I know he still is. That marvelous meal with Meri and Chris was right around this time of year, so you know I was thinking of it as I prepared my own little holiday meze.

So let's talk about hummus. Full disclosure: I'm late to the hummus party. I mean, I have tried it over the years but it mostly didn't do anything for me. I guess at some point recently, I got a taste of the good stuff because I dig it now and I've been making it at home. I've only got a handful of attempts under my belt, but I thought the batch I made at Friendsgiving was quite good so I'm gonna share what I've learned so far. If you've got a high performance blender like a Vita-mix, use that. If not, best go with a food processor. If you want to get a little more serious, you can husk your chickpeas. It's more trouble but it does make creamier hummus. If you want to get really fancy, you can cook your own chickpeas from dried. This will pack a little more flavor punch. You can easily investigate techniques for either option online. Use the best tahini you can find. I purchased Toyva tahini at the I.G.A. in Port Aransas and it is excellent. Soom is another good brand.



Lake Padre in late September
Photo by Doc MacGregor II



Canals paralleling Whitecap.
Photo by Jacob Augs

Hummus

Serves eight
Ready in 15 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 (16 ounce) jar Mezzetta fire-roasted red bell peppers drained
- Juice from 2 lemons
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground comino
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 2 (14 ounce) cans chickpeas, drained
- ½ cup tahini (not including oil that has separated)
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- 2 Tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 Tablespoons pine nuts, toasted in a pan on the stove

Preparation:

Place bell pepper and lemon juice in blender or food processor, blend until smooth. Add salt, pepper, comino, coriander, garlic, chickpeas, and tahini. Blend until very creamy. This may take a while. You may need to add a little water and or stir mixture to get a good flow going. Fold hummus onto a plate, drizzle with olive oil. Garnish with paprika, parsley and pine nuts. Serve with flatbread (either *laffa* or pita).

I managed to find Peter, the shopkeeper from the deli. We spoke briefly on the phone. He seemed open to an interview, so look for that in a future column. You know, the black-eyed peas might sing us a song, but the chickpeas will only hummus one.

Full Transparency and Disclosure

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.

2023 Board of Directors Election- In March of 2023, two (2) Board of Directors seats are up for election. The seats are currently held by Marvin Jones and Sandy Graves, respectively.

For Padre Isles POA owners wanting to run for the Board, the registration period will open on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 8:00 AM Central and will close on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM Central.

Per the Bylaws, Board Members must be at least 18 years old and be members of the Association (own property in the PIPOA).

Interested members are asked to please send a notice and a brief resume, along with a picture, to the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, gary@pipoa.net. Resumes may also be mailed to the PIPOA office or dropped off at the office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

Candidate-submitted resumes will be published in a newsletter; be placed on the PIPOA's Facebook page, and put on the PIPOA's website. The PIPOA will not proofread resumes prior to publication.

For questions, please contact the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, at the email address above, or call 361-949-7025.

Good News- The derelict sailboat (ghost ship- Captain Jack Sparrow would have been proud) has been towed away to the boatyard for decommissioning. Thank you to the residents along the Cabana canal. You would

not believe the red tape we went through with several government agencies. The vessel is gone but will not be forgotten.

Towing- The Board's Sticker Committee has had two meetings. It has a proposal for a new policy to present to the Board. The policy simplifies procedures and is more user-friendly but tightens up on PIPOA members acquiring boat ramp parking permits. Stay tuned. The policy will be presented at the December 13th Board meeting.

Over the weekend, two vehicles and four trailers were towed from the boat ramps.

Tax Return- The 2021 PIPOA Tax Return was filed on time. It will be up on the PIPOA website within the next few days.

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. All PIPOA members are invited to attend.

La Posada- December 9th will be the boat parade on the North canals, and December 10th will be the boat parade in the South canals. The parade is still in need of lighted boats. If you would like to be in the parade, contact Bob Corbett at bob.corbett895@gmail.com. For a full listing of dates and events, go to the La Posada Facebook page. In addition, La Posada invites those participating in the boat parade to a boat decorating party on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Padre Island Yacht club volunteers, along with the Marines, will be available to help you decorate your boat. Bring your lights and decorations, and they will all pitch in to help.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President



Sailboat being removed from the Cabana canal

Sudoku

Sudoku answers are not available.
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Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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1. A Beethoven symphony
6. Food fit for a dog
10. Cookbook author Rombauer
14. When the ano nuevo begins
15. Word with frog or year
16. Café ____ (black coffee)
17. Why the hiker got lost?
19. Fanny
20. Resolves, as an argument
21. Swit or Young
23. Low-tech propeller
24. Most painful to the touch
25. "101 Dalmatians" star, intimately?
31. Hardly hard-nosed
32. Gave everyone a hand
33. Civil wrongs
37. Got the highest score on, e.g.
39. Some flightless birds
41. Savings partner
42. Lucie's dad and brother
44. "Don't play," to a musician
46. Industrialist's deg., perhaps
47. Psychiatrist's recap?
50. Binaural
53. G.R.F.'s choice for VP
54. Cubist before Rubik
56. Helena's home
60. Sound through a stethoscope, perhaps
61. Sanitary prankster?
63. ____ Sea (Amu Darya's outlet)
64. Some sow wild ones
65. Gradually destroy, as shoreline
66. French comic Jacques
67. Goes no further
68. Units of loudness

- Down
1. Trawling needs
2. Legal memo starter, perhaps
3. With no ice
4. Son of Poseidon
5. Where The Hague is
6. Baba and MacGraw
7. First name among Superman's foes
8. Epistles writer
9. Side against
10. Worldwide law enforcement group
11. Direction
12. Sprays lightly
13. Enlightened Buddhist
18. "That Old Black Magic" lyricist Johnny
22. Win in a runaway
25. Type of hand
26. Add punch to punch
27. Members of "The First Wives Club"
28. Christine of "Chicago Hope"
29. City on the Allegheny
30. It goes through the roof
34. Lighthearted diversion
35. This cologne is off-limits?
36. Go bananas
38. Former British prime minister Benjamin
40. Like some patches
43. "____ a Lady" (Tom Jones song)
45. Hypnotic states
48. Actor Lee Browne
49. Maestro Toscanini
50. Dieter of rhyme
51. Royal crown
52. Dazzling effect
55. "The Good Earth" heroine
56. Physics calculation
57. What some heavy things weigh?
58. Like one of Goya's Majas
59. Greystoke's foster parents
62. Train sta. posting

Police Blotter November 22 - November 28

JFK Causeway to Aquarius/
SPID intersection

Crimes against Property

- 14000 block SPID Midnight November 27 Trespassing
- 14000 block SPID 11 p.m. November 26 Trespassing

Suspicious Person

- 11800 block SPID 5 p.m. November 25

Traffic

- 54 Traffic Stops
- 13300 SPID 4 p.m. November 26 Crash

SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

- 15100 block SPID 10 p.m. November 26 Assault by Contact

Crimes against Property

- 14300 Blue Fish 5 a.m. November 22 Theft of Vehicle Parts
- 13500 block Queen Johanna 11 a.m. November 27
- 14000 block SPID Midnight November 27 Trespassing
- 14000 block SPID 11 p.m. November 26 Trespassing
- 15100 block SPID 10 p.m. November 26 Criminal Mischief \$2500-\$30,000
- 13500 block Queen Johanna 10 p.m. November 23 Theft \$2500-\$30,000
- 14200 block Bay Bean Noon November 22 Theft of Services
- 15300 block Cruiser Noon November 22 Theft of Services
- 13900 block El Socorro 10 a.m. November 22 Theft of Services
- 14200 block Bay Bean 11 a.m. November 21 Theft of Services
- Disturbance
- 14300 block Aloha 5 a.m. November 26
- 15100 block SPID 10 p.m. November 26 Public Intoxication

- 14300 block Aloha 5 a.m. November 26
- 15200 block Cartagena 6 p.m.

Suspicious Person

- 13900 block Binnacle 8 p.m. November 21
- 14000 block Fortuna Bay 5 p.m. November 27
- 15800 block Cuttysark 7 p.m. November 24
- 13900 block Laffite 3 p.m. November 22

Traffic

- 81 Traffic Stops
- 16100 block Cuttysark 10 a.m. November 21 Parking Violation

SPID east to Gulf of Mexico

Crimes against Property

- 14700 block Whitecap Noon November 24 Trespassing
- 15100 block Kokomo 3 a.m. November 24 Criminal Mischief \$100-\$750
- 15100 block Kokomo 3 a.m. November 24 Theft of Service \$500-\$1500
- 15100 block Kokomo 3 a.m. November 24 Theft \$750-\$2500

Disturbance

- 15200 block Windward 11 p.m. November 26 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15000 block Windward 11 p.m. November 24 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 6300 block SH 361 9 a.m. November 26

Suspicious Person

- 14900 block Windward 4 p.m. November 22

Traffic

- 53 Traffic Stops
- 6700 block SH 361 8 p.m. November 25 Crash

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JFK Bridge Lane Closures Begin

The JFK Bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. beginning Thursday, December 1 as the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) JFK Causeway Bridge maintenance project enters its final phase.

During this final phase, the work zone and closures will be along the eastbound lanes on the south side of the bridge, the lanes used for traffic traveling from Flour Bluff onto Padre Island.

Motorists will shift to the westbound lanes on the north side of the bridge. The north side of the bridge is generally used by motorists heading westward from Padre Island to Flour Bluff.

During the initial portion of this phase, a TxDOT contractor will be performing nighttime work to establish the new traffic

pattern. The work will include installing pavement markings to separate the single eastbound and westbound travel lanes on the north side of the bridge. Temporary steel barriers will be installed to separate the two travel lanes and the eastbound travel lane from the work zone on the south side of the bridge.

Work associated with setting up the new traffic pattern will be done at night and have an expected completion date of December 9, according to a statement released this week by the City of Corpus Christi. The speed limit for the project area will be reduced to 50 mph. Under the terms of the contract the work must be complete by the start of Spring Break 2023 at the latest.

Crossword Solution

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Rockport Center for the Arts opens December 11

Private events Dec. 10 celebrating the new facility with public opening Dec. 11

The [Rockport Center for the Arts](#) (RCA) this week announced official opening plans for its new 14,000-square-foot visual arts and education building located at 204 S. Austin St. in the heart of downtown Rockport.

The new RCA, a partnership with the City of Rockport, will officially open to the public on Sunday, December 11, at noon, with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and invitation-only activities taking place Saturday evening, Dec. 10, as part of the Rockport Center for the Arts Grand Opening Festivities, presented by PNC Bank.

“We are so pleased and proud to be opening this amazing new facility,” said Luis Purón, executive director for RCA. “Our membership, the community, and others throughout Texas at large have been so supportive of our efforts to rebuild following the destruction brought by Hurricane Harvey in 2017; this is a testament to their efforts and we are so grateful.”

Located one block from Aransas Bay, the 1.2-acre site is the first original facility to be built for the celebrated 53-year-old non-profit organization. Award-winning [Richter Architects](#) of Corpus Christi designed the new coastal contemporary facility, with [Teal Construction Company](#), of Houston and Corpus Christi, serving as the general contractor for the project.

The new \$12.5 million campus includes the two-story, 14,000-square-foot visual arts and art education building, serving as the home to hallmark art programs with four spacious galleries and five classrooms, as well as The Rockport Conference Center (The ROCC), an adjacent 8,000-square-foot conference and event center on the RCA campus, which hosted the Nov. 10–13 Rockport Film Festival as its inaugural event.

Port Aransas Art Center Events for December 2022

December 1-3

12/1 [Thursday –Watercolor with Jane](#) 10-1PM \$25/30
12/2 [First Friday Reception](#) 5:30-7:30PM
12/2 [Friday-Sip and Shop](#) 11-5PM Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center.
12/3 [Saturday –Creative Printmaking](#) 12-3:00PM \$55/50.
12/3 [Saturday-Sip and Shop](#) Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art center 11-5PM.

December 5-10

12/5 [Monday- Fundamentals of Art with Dylan](#) 1-4:00PM \$30/35

12/6 [Tuesday -Acrylic Fluid Art with Vanessa](#) 12-3:00PM \$65/70
12/7 [Wednesday- Beginning Oils with Dylan](#) 12-3:00PM \$40/45
12/8 [Thursday- Watercolor with Jane](#) 10-1:00PM \$25/30
12/9 [Friday- Sip and Shop](#) Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center 11-5:00PM.
12/10 [Saturday – Kids Art Class](#) 11-1:00PM \$50/55.
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December 12-17

12/12 [Monday -Fundamentals of Art with Dylan](#) 1-4:00PM \$30/35
12/13 [Tuesday-Acrylic Fluid Art with Vanessa](#) 12-3:00PM \$65/70
12/16 [Friday Photography with John](#) 9-11PM \$25/30.
12/16 [Friday Sip and Shop](#) Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center
12/17 [Saturday Creative Printmaking](#) 12-3:00PM \$50/55.
12/17 [Saturday Family Art Day with Anita-](#) 1-3:00PM. [FREE](#)
12/17 [Saturday Sip and Shop-](#) Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center.

December 19-24

12/19 [Monday- Fundamentals of Art w/ Dylan](#) 1-4:00PM \$30/35
12/20 [Tuesday-Acrylic Fluid Art w/ Vanessa](#) 12-3:00PM \$65/70
12/21 [Friday- Beginning Oils with Dylan](#) 12-3:00PM \$40/45

12/23 [Friday- Sip and Shop](#) Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center 11-5:00PM
12/24 [Saturday – Kids Art Class](#) 12-3:00 \$50/55.
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BBB Scam Alert: Beware of an increase in travel scams during the holidays

As the holidays approach, many Americans are beginning to look at their holiday traveling plans and deciding the best, and most affordable, way to visit family and friends.

BBB historically receives a large influx of reports regarding travel scams around the holidays and provides the following data from BBB Scam Tracker:

- ① In 2021, \$360,000 was reported lost to travel scams from October-December, accounting for 35% of all money lost to travel scams for the entire year.
- ② BBB's 2021 Scam Tracker Risk Report ranked travel scams among the 10 riskiest consumer scams in 2021 with a median loss of \$700 per report.
- ③ While median loss decreased between 2020 and 2021, exposure, the likelihood of encountering a scam, and susceptibility, the likelihood to lose money to a scam, both increased.

In addition to the threat of con artists posing as legitimate travel companies or rental agencies, prospective travelers also must contend with airline labor shortages, increased oil prices and reduced fleets of rental vehicles from reputable lenders.

As travelers solidify their plans and contact rental locations, travel agencies or hotels, BBB cautions Texas residents to be careful when interacting with anyone who uses aggressive sales tactics or promotes a deal that seems too good to be true. BBB recommends booking and scheduling travel plans as far in advance as possible to avoid allowing a sense of urgency to distract from thoroughly investigating a business's claim, advertisement or deal to determine its legitimacy.

To assist consumers in identifying and avoiding the most common travel scams, BBB provides the following brief descriptions of the top five most-reported travel scams:

- **Vacation rental con.** These con artists lure in vacationers with the promise of low fees and great amenities. The "owner" creates a false sense of urgency – such as telling potential clients that another vacationer is interested in the rental – to get payment up before doing sufficient research or questioning the legitimacy of the ad.
- **“Free” vacation scams.** When a cruise or travel company advertises a vacation as “free,” it does not necessarily mean the trip is without cost or restrictions. Watch out for add-on fees for air transportation, port charges, taxes, tips and other undisclosed fees.
- **Hotel scams.** When staying in a hotel, beware of scammers who use various techniques to obtain credit card information, including fake front desk calls, “free” wi-fi connections and fake food delivery.
- **Third-party booking site scams.** If you book your airfare, hotel or other travel through a third-party website, be sure to use caution. BBB

Scam Tracker continues to receive reports of scammers pretending to be online airline ticket brokers. In the most common version of the scam, travelers pay with a credit card and, shortly after making the payment, receive a call from the company asking to verify name, address, banking information or other personal details – something a legitimate company would never do. **Timeshare reselling cons.** A timeshare owner looking to sell gets a call from someone claiming to be a real estate broker or agent. These scammers claim to specialize in timeshare resales and promise they have buyers ready to purchase. To secure this service, the scammer pressures the target into paying an upfront fee. The timeshare owner pays up, but the reselling agent never delivers.

To avoid becoming a victim of a travel scam this holiday season, Better Business Bureau recommends prospective travelers follow these guidelines:

- **Get trip details in writing.** Before making a final payment, get all the details of the trip in writing. Details should include the total cost, restrictions, cancellation penalties, and names of the airlines and hotels. Also, review and keep a copy of the airline's and hotel's cancellation and refund policies and the travel agency or booking site's cancellation policies.
- **“Too good to be true” deals.** As is common in various scams, if the deal or discount seems to be too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers often use this tactic to lure in potential victims and use aggressive “limited time” language to entice travelers to pay before researching the business.
- **Avoid wiring money or using a prepaid debit card.** These payments are the same as sending cash. Once the money is sent, there is no way to get it back. Paying with a credit card can be disputed and dramatically limits liability from a fraudulent purchase.
- **Call the rental owner.** If you are not using a service that verifies properties and owners, do not negotiate a rental solely by email. Many scammers don't live locally. Speaking with the owner on the phone and asking detailed questions about the property and local attractions will clarify whether the listing is genuine. An owner with vague answers is a clear red flag.
- **Unsolicited offers.** Be particularly cautious if you “win” a free trip without entering a contest or sweepstakes. This is especially true if the offer is time-sensitive and requires the consumer to accept and pay for the offer immediately or risk it going to another “winner.” Check the official website of the company the offer is originating from to verify that it is legitimate.



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