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Photo by Dale Rankin



By Dale Rankin

There is a lot going on Around The Island this week and here is some of it.

Comings and goings



By Ted Mandell

The wrecked barge that found its way to the South Packery Jetty is still in place but officials with the company which own it say there are working to find a salvage company to remove it. No timeline has been given.



Work is underway to move the trailer that has found its way into deep sand at the corner of Commodores Drive and Aquarius Street. The trailer will be used as an office for the Whitecap project and will be located on the east side of the property where it is now stuck once gravel is moved to the site.

Trouble at Mansfield Channel

Witnesses this week called the U.S. Border Patrol after they saw groups of suspected undocumented aliens coming north onto Padre Island National Seashore after crossing Mansfield Channel by raft just after midnight Saturday. Another group of six men who pretended to be fishing were seen near Mile Marker 44 on Saturday and when the Border Patrol arrived in five vehicles just after 3 a.m. on Sunday they brought with them a tower equipped with an infrared camera like the one seen here, according to witnesses. (This shot was not taken on PINS)

The eyewitnesses said several arrests



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A Bridge for Encantada!
Island Tax Increment Refinance Zone approves funds for two new Island bridges

By Dale Rankin

The board of Padre Island's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 (TIRZ #2) met in a Special Meeting Tuesday and approved \$11.5 million that includes funds for two new island water exchange bridges – including bridges at Encantada Avenue and Commodores Drive that will allow for boat passage.

The board also voted to approve a total of \$5.2 million in eventual reimbursements to the developers of the Whitecap North Padre Island

project now under construction to pay for bridges and walking trails at the site which will be open for public use.

The \$2.7 million for the Encantada bridge will be paid through the Public Improvement District (PID) approved by the Corpus Christi City Council in July for the Whitecap project. Under the terms of the PID the developers of the project will pay for the Encantada bridge and be reimbursed with funds from the

TIRZ #2 after its completion. Funding for the PID comes from the sale of property at the Whitecap site, no public funds are involved.

The same plan will be used to fund a new water exchange bridge under Commodores Drive that will extend the current dead end canal there onto the Whitecap site. Estimated cost for that bridge is \$3.2 million. Plans call for both bridges to have the same fourteen feet of boat clearance above the waterline as the Water Exchange

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Streets going in around Lake Padre



The construction of streets has begun at the development around Lake Padre. The official name of project is Padre Harbor, and the owner listed on county records is Petrodome Operating LLC. The \$850 million project which will take about ten years to compete wraps around the west side of Lake Padre from Whitecap Boulevard,

along SPID, to State Highway 361 on the north will include two marinas, apartments, home sites, townhomes, a hotel, and a boat storage facility, according to platting documents filed with the City of Corpus Christi. The photos of the entrance shown here is located directly across SPID from Nemo Court and is one of two entrances off of SPID.

The developer of the project has not released detailed plans for the site and has not filed building permits but has said he expects construction on structures at the site to begin in early 2023. See more photos of the current work in this issue. Dale Rankin

Scouting The Island!
Pack 949 cleans the beach



Keeping our Island and Environment Clean and Beautiful. On Saturday Pack 949 Picked up 35 bags of trash and other Items off of the beach and surrounding grasslands (Toys, Tires, Car Parts, Paintings, and one sleeping bag.) It is always a great feeling to serve our community and see the immediate results of our hard work. I am proud of these scouts and their families. Way to go Pack 949!

A little Island history

By Dale Rankin

The year is 1961 in a land far far away...that is to say OTB.

It started off when the 4002 residents of Flour Bluff, fearing annexation by the City of Corpus Christi, decided to circulate a petition calling for incorporation. They would fend off annexation by becoming their own city. This did not set well with the powers that be in Corpus Christi who believed that Flour Bluff's future lay not in the hands of Flour Bluff residents alone but decisions on Flour Bluff's fate should be made by my wiser heads in Corpus Christi.

The citizens of Flour Bluff turned in a petition signed by 132 Flour Bluff residents calling for an election to form the City of Flour Bluff. The City of Corpus Christi countered by urging Flour Bluffians to circulate a petition requesting a vote on annexation of Flour Bluff into the City of Corpus Christi. Then barely

How The Island Almost Escaped Annexation by the City of Corpus Christi

one month before the scheduled August election the city passed an emergency measure placing a vote on whether to annex Flour Bluff on the same ballot after a petition to that effect was handed in containing 105 signatures of purported registered Flour Bluff voters.

The paradoxical election was called for August 5, 1961 in which voters citywide would vote on whether to annex Flour Bluff into the city, and at the same time a separate vote on the same ballot would ask Flour Bluff residents if they wished to become their own city.

Headed for a showdown.

The campaign got hot and on July 27 gunfire broke out in the Tropical Isles subdivision after a woman who favored annexation allegedly tried to remove a yard sign backing incorporation from a man's yard and the man sought conflict resolution though gunsmoke. He squeezed off



Island street signs prior to annexation.

a single round sending the woman running for cover and Constable John Hays was called to investigate. No charges were filed but Constable Hays called for all parties to "just cool off and don't shoot each other."

It turned out that Flour Bluff was very popular on Election Day. Corpus Christi voters approved annexation and Flour Bluff residents

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Island Moon Rain Report
Nov 1-2, 2022

By Tom Cullinan

This week's storm brought twice the rainfall of two heaviest previous storms that delivered about 2 1/2 inches of the wet stuff. For what it is worth, in my gauge the 2022 total is now 30 percent more than it was for the first 10 months of the year.

The Astros weren't the only ones getting washed out this week.

Padre: Dyna St. 5.63"
Padre: Cayo Cantiles 4.72"
Padre: Reales 4.79"

Source: CoCoRaHS Network



Tuesday's rain turned SPID south of the Water Exchange Bridge site into a lake.

Early Voting Ends Friday

Second voting location at Island Fire Station #15 open on Election Day

By Dale Rankin

As of the close of balloting on Tuesday a total of 42,773 votes had been cast in Nueces County with 2414 of those coming from the Island's voting site at Island Presbyterian Church making it the sixth busiest site across the county.

The Ethel Eyerly Senior Center in Flour Bluff had 2434 votes cast and the Port Aransas Community Center saw 895. The highest turnout was at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, 5151 McArdle Road, with 5308, followed by 4105 at Veterans Memorial High School, and the Nueces County Courthouse with 3058.

The total votes cast with the last day of Early Voting approaching on Friday, November 4, was 20 percent of the total 212,969 registered voters in the county, according to records from the Nueces County Clerk's office.

Exit polls conducted across the county show slightly more than three-quarters of the voters who have cast ballots in Early Voting are 50 years of age or older. In the last non-presidential General Election in November, 2018 a total of 94,838 votes were cast in Nueces County with 4657 of those cast by Island voters. According to records from the Nueces County Clerk's office since that time the number of registered Island voters has increased by 900 voters from 7873 to 8773. In that

Vote cont. on A4



Did Ya Hear?
By Mary Craft
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Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar is opening Thursday, December 1st. I should have the menu by next issue.


The \$500 million dollar project that is a third major development for the Island apparently involves a company from Florida that designs New Urbanism communities that are pedestrian friendly. They have looked at four locations and I am sure the price of our land is reasonable compared to other projects they have been involved in. An announcement is said to be "imminent" so we should know more soon if in fact it is a serious commitment. I will keep you posted as I learn more.

The Dragonfly building was sold to San Jacinto Title and there is no date set for when they will move from their current location next to Coldwell Banker. I was hoping the news of purchaser would be something juicier, oh well.

Coastal Teak Company has gotten in many new hand crafted teak furniture pieces including cabinets. They have elaborate teak panels that can be used as bed headboards. It is also a great place to shop for unique small gift ideas.



Guajillo's Restaurant started serving breakfast on Sundays. 10 am - 3 pm and will begin serving breakfast also on Saturdays starting November 5th. There are nine traditional Mexican breakfasts on the menu including an omelette stuffed with shrimp and mozzarella cheese bathed in a spicy creamy shrimp reduction sauce. Another is omelette stuffed with traditional refried beans and mozzarella cheese on a bed of baked potatoes.




Guajillo's Chilaquiles Montados

There were about 550 short term rental (STR) units available four to five years ago. There has been a dramatic increase to about 1400 available now. The increase is due to new construction (which is still ongoing), long term rentals converted to short term or second homes converted to STRs. There has been an over saturation so it is anticipated that the high rental income seen the last couple of years will drop. Also, those involved in that industry see a reversal where short term go back to long term. The abundance of rental properties could see owners seeing less income and cutting their losses by selling their units but that is all speculation.

Sonic sold their old building on the Island in 2021 to Care Holdings LLC according to the Nueces County Appraisal District. The property is currently for rent. The five acre waterfront lot between Sonic and Surepoint Emergency Center has been owned by Chester's Restaurant since 2003. When they first purchased the land they put a "Chester's Restaurant coming soon!" Sign that was there a few years. They opened their first restaurant in San Antonio in 1984 and now have four there.

Boy Scout Pack 949 picked up 35 bags of trash, tires, toys, car parts and more off the beach and surrounding area..

Padre Island Art Gallery has artist Phoebe Clutter conducting a Christmas wreath making class on Monday, November 14th 5 pm. Supplies are included and you take home your wreath. The class lasts about three hours and the cost is \$75. The gallery is filling their Holiday Room with new arrivals daily. They have a good selection of ornaments, welcome signs and more.




The La Posada Toys For Tots Kick-off Party will be at Hardknocks on Thursday, December 1st with silent auction at 6 pm and live auction at 7:30 pm. They ask everyone to please bring an unwrapped toy and remember they give to older kids, as well, not just tots. The boat parades will be on December 9th and 10th.

The 59th Annual Greek Festival will again be an in person event this year with live music, dancing, food and wine. There will be a wide variety of Greek dishes and desserts for sale. The three day event begins Friday, November 4th 5 - 9 pm, Saturday noon - 9 pm and Sunday noon - 5 pm at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 502 S. Chaparral.

The Waterline Bar below Doc's will be closed for private events on Wednesday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 5th 5 - 11 pm. It is a great place to have a party so book your holiday parties now. Call 949-6744

Amos Rehabilitation Keep (ARK) in Port A will have a sea turtle release on Saturday, November 5th 10:00 am at Mile Marker 35. Take Access Road 1 to the beach turn right and go about a mile.

Paul's Seafood has fresh live oysters for \$11/ dozen until Monday, November 7th. Their snow crab clusters are \$10/pound. They are located at 9810 SPID.




The Padre Island/Flour Bluff Satellite Rotary Club will meet at Hardknocks on Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

The dreaded daylight savings time "fall back" is this weekend but it is not so dreaded for the school kids who will not be going to school in the dark starting Monday.

When it comes to coastal issues

RE-ELECT JUDGE

Barbara Canales




Is a leader and champion for environmental, fiscal, and coastal infrastructure issues

- **Delivered \$28.33MM full funding for Bob Hall Pier plus \$1.75MM from Texas General Land Office for parking lot.**
- **Represented Nueces County to secure \$20MM Hurricane Harvey Insurance Settlement to rebuild I.B. Magee and Padre Balli Park Offices.**
- **Negotiated with U.S. Fish & Wildlife to build Horace Caldwell Observation Deck creating one-of-a-kind outdoor beach classroom (\$1 MM); thereby saving Mikel May's.**
- **Advocated for/received GOMESA funds for living shoreline to avoid erosion at Packery Channel Nature Park (\$3.8MM).**
- **Leading charge to extend TIRZ #2 so Island tax revenues pay for Island projects. This is funding for a better Pavillion, and more.**

GET INFORMED: DON'T BELIEVE OTHERS' FALSE CAMPAIGN RHETORIC

My opponent's FAKE NEWS:



1. Connie says I "botched" COVID; but State/Local Health Care Leaders, along with Seniors, applaud Judge's delivery of vaccines and treatments.
2. Connie says Balli Park given away and Gulf Shores development jeopardized; but Island Moon reports neither in "jeopardy." Use your eyes and common sense: Park is open today, and development on-going.
3. Connie claims I "raised your taxes," but Brent Chesney says "It's significant that [tax rate] went down. It's a big deal!"(Judge Canales praised by Chesney in non-election year).
4. Connie TV ad claims \$30,000 is pay-for-play politics; but Caller-Times exposed Connie's lie: the contribution "didn't come from whom Scott implied it did."

CONNIE'S NEGATIVE, FALSE ATTACKS DON'T DESERVE YOUR VOTE.

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Flour Bluff ISD School Board Candidates

There are two contested seats on the seven-member Flour Bluff ISD School Board. They are:

Place 3

David R. Gerlach

Nicole Dowd (Incumbent)

Place 5

Nicole R. Peters (Incumbent)

Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo

We offered space for the candidates to speak to our readers. Here are the responses we received.

Hello, Padre Island and Flour Bluff Neighbors. My name is Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo, and I'm running for Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees. As a long-time Flour Bluff resident, there are many reasons I've chosen to run for School Board. Here are some of those reasons and a little bit of background on who I am.

I love Padre Island and Flour Bluff. These communities are my home. I own businesses and a home on Padre Island, and my husband owns a business in Flour Bluff. We currently reside in Flour Bluff where we are raising three Hustlin' Hornet children of our own. I grew up on Padre Island and was saved by grace as a fifteen-year-old kid at Padre Island Baptist Church. I'm also a proud 1986 graduate of Flour Bluff High School. The teachers and coaches at Flour Bluff made a positive impact on me and prepared me for a successful life after high school. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Texas A&M University in 1990, and I still hold a certification to teach in Texas. My desire to work in education drove me to pursue a career in teaching. Upon graduation, however, I took an opportunity to serve our country as a Naval Aviator. I served in many countries, then chose orders to my hometown as a Navy flight instructor here at NAS Corpus Christi. After nine years active, I transitioned to Navy Reserves and began a law enforcement career flying the P-3 for Customs & Border Protection. I enjoy applying the training, and leadership experience I've developed toward finding solutions to problems and making difficult decisions. In February 2022, I retired from the Department of Homeland Security, and I'm now in a position to dedicate time to being a contributing member of the school board.

I am deeply concerned and troubled by the direction our country (as a whole) has been moving for the past 30 plus years. I care about our children and the indoctrination that has been occurring across our nation. Currently, my children are in grades 7th, 9th, and 10th at Flour Bluff, and I want them to experience the same excellent education that made Flour Bluff a premier district, along with the patriotic values instilled in me when I was a student. As a board member, I intend to preserve and protect true, conservative, American family values. I intend to work for the community and will apply my attributes to ensure parents, teachers, and taxpayers of FBISD have a voice in making educational and administrative decisions in the District. I believe in stronger ties between these stakeholders and the board and I'd strive to be an effective conduit for their concerns and interests.

As the owner of multiple businesses, I am well aware of bottom lines and budgetary needs and constraints. I am a fierce believer in living within your means, not spending on what you cannot afford, and I use this rule in my personal life. Likewise, I believe in transparent accountability when it comes to taxpayer money. It is imperative that a school board be a fiduciary of every single dollar received. I'd promote a balanced budget and maintain a firm stance on long-term strategic planning. I believe in hard work, accountability, honesty, freedom, liberty, and personal responsibility. I believe schools should support American sovereignty and should promote American patriotism.

I'm reachable for further discussion at

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I am honored by the opportunity to run for School Board, and I humbly ask for your VOTE. Please VOTE Jeanie Paluseo for FBISD Board of Trustees, Place 5.

Howdy, My name is David Gerlach and I am running for FBISD Board of Trustees seat 3. I feel that if you have a board charged with shepherding a \$55 million dollar budget, and face challenges with safety, strategic planning, ongoing operations, and budgetary constraints, you would want on that board as many people as possible with practical real-world knowledge and experiences in those areas. School is very much a business when it comes to the way boards should manage their revenue and expenses. I have had in my career the opportunity to hold many positions that have given me a deep well of practical, real-world experience and knowledge at multiple levels, from multinational corporate positions with, 7 and 8 figure budgetary roles to consulting projects and I have many times had to make decisions that affect fiscal bottom lines and people's actual safety. I have been on committees and worked towards building a consensus with folks with different approaches to a problem. My time in the military and similar work afterwards gave me a foundation in physical security applications such as operational and tactical planning, threat and vulnerability assessment, criticality determination and a host of other security and emergency management functions, which I later used in the consulting field. Currently I run a small family business and go to my kids Flour Bluff softball, volleyball, track, and basketball games. I believe in servant leadership, I have lived it, it is a part of my very core. I truly love and am tied to this community, most of mine and my wife's family live within a stone's throw of us. We own property and businesses in Flour Bluff and on the Island. We have for decades shared the same tax burdens and concerns over how our tax dollars are spent as many of you have. I used to work away from home, but in the last few years I have had the chance to reengage with old friends and neighbors. I have made many new friends in the district as well. For me the chance to serve something larger than myself is a moral imperative, firmly grounded in the servant leadership concepts drilled into me in the military. My girls are 3rd generation Hornets, in 5th, 8th and 11th grade. I have many lifelong Bluff and Island friends who have kids that go here and pay taxes, and they, like the rest of the community, will be affected by decisions made by this board now and many years down the road. Those decisions can be optimized if the board has the right people.

I am a Christian and that shapes my values and morals and will influence my decisions. I took an oath several times to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and that is my guiding star. I will uphold whatever the US and Texas Constitution, The Bill of Rights and the various governing bodies that dictate school operations require of me. I have voted Republican since age 18, and my views and beliefs are consistent with conservatives and it would be dishonest to say that my decisions will not be grounded in those beliefs. The Board of Trustees should be a conduit through which the parents' wishes and desires for their children are balanced against funding and educational considerations. We need more members that have applied, real world experience in the areas the board functions, who also happen to love FBISD. That is how you keep a district the most sought after in the area. I ask for your Vote to ensure that. Thanks for your time.



Nicole Peters for Flour Bluff ISD Place 5

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I am so excited to seek re-election and continue working with an amazing school district and community. As a trustee for the last 4 years I have proven that I have a passion for this district and the community. I have been in Flour Bluff for 19 years. I love Flour Bluff and the Island deeply. The people and nature are in my heart and soul. We are a unique and amazing community that is raising exceptional children. We are all a part of this and should be proud.

From my life experience I bring to the board an element of the corporate world. I am the Technical Director, IT Director, and the Radiation Safety Officer at my organization. I am responsible for the regulatory operations, budget, and the staffing of my departments. I bring this experience to the school district along with a passion for the staff and students' success.

I endeavor to serve our entire community. I believe while we make decisions based on our beliefs and standards as an individual, we are a representation of our entire community.

I am looking forward to working hard the next 4 years on student welfare and wellbeing. I want to continue attracting and retaining the best teachers and staff by ensuring we are competitive with salaries and benefits. We need to continue to support and maintain the district infrastructure and resources. We need to make sure we are staying up to date with technology for our students. And we must keep at the forefront of our duties the critical issues of school security and being fiscally responsible with our budget.

I believe we should teach the standard and approved curriculum. I believe our teachers are an integral link between the parents and their children. I believe in parents' rights to know what their children are learning. Educators and parents should be able to work hand in hand to do what is best for our children.

I want our children to go to a school where they feel safe and receive an outstanding education. I want to them to be able to be secure without feeling locked down. There are so many different issues coming at our school district from different angles. We need to deflect what we don't want in our district and foster growth in what we do. I think we can do this together. I am always open to discuss on my belief and values. I believe we all share a common goal and that is to have the Premier District, continue to have the best staff and teachers, and lastly to keep raising up fantastic kids! Go Hornets!



Turtle Release by the Texas Sealife Center
Photos by Dwight Jackson



Turtle release photos by Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

The Ballot

When voters go to the polls this election they will notice some changes. The first is a state-mandated change which removes non-contested races for state and county offices from the main ballot. Instead a list of unopposed candidates already “elected” is included in a separate section and no votes are cast in those races. Here is a partial list of candidates and bond issues which have Island impact:

Flour Bluff ISD

(The Flour Bluff school district constitutes 43% of the property taxes on Padre Island. It is run by a seven- member board elected on staggered terms. The board chairperson is elected by the members of the school board. Four seats are on the ballot this time along with a 12.8% tax increase which must be approved by voters)

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

Place 2 (uncontested)

Jim Needham

Place 3

David R. Gerlach

Nicole Dowd (Incumbent)

Place 4 (Uncontested)

Shirley Thornton

Place 5

Nicole R. Peters (Incumbent)

Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo

Flour Bluff ISD Order of Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election

Vote yes or no

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$.9986 in Flour Bluff ISD for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 12.8 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$4,191,105.

City

Mayor

Paulette Guajardo

John Wright

At-Large City Council

(Vote for one, two, or three. Top three finishers take office – no runoffs)

Jim Klein

Mike Pusley (Incumbent)

Rene Cervantes

Michael Hunter (Incumbent)

Nancy Vera

John Martinez (Incumbent)

Rachel Caballero

John Garcia

Council Member District 4

Dan Suckley (Only candidate on the ballot)

City Bond Propositions

Vote for or against each set of bonds

Editor’s note: Island property owners will pay about 10% of the debt service on each of these bonds through property taxes.

Proposition A Streets

The issuance of bonds for designing, demolishing, constructing, renovating, improving, reconstructing, restructuring, extending and making permanent street, sidewalk, drainage and any related improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$92,500,000 and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:
Editor’s Note: This ballot item contains a list of about thirty street projects. The following are the only projects listed on Padre Island or in Flour Bluff.

Beach Access Road, generally from State

Highway 361 to beach

Flour Bluff Drive, generally from Yorktown to

Don Patricio

Proposition B Parks and Recreation

The issuance of bonds for designing, demolishing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding and equipping park and recreational facilities in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:
Bill Witt Park Aquatic Facility Construction
Oso Golf Center Clubhouse
Holly Road Railroad Trestle to Trail (Flour Bluff)
Greenwood Sport Complex Improvements
North Beach Eco Park
Park Recreation Masterplan Improvements for Cole, Commodore, and St. Denis Parks. *(Editor’s note: This item includes \$1 million for design of a community center at Commodore Park, the only Island item on the list)*

Proposition C Public Safety

Editor’s note: None of the project listed in this tranche of bonds are on Padre Island or in Flour Bluff

The issuance of bonds for designing, demolishing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, upgrading and equipping public safety facilities in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:

Corpus Christi Fire Station #8

Corpus Christi Fire Station #10

Corpus Christi Fire Department Resource Center

Corpus Christi Police Substation – Far South

Corpus Christi Police Substation – Annaville

(Calallen)

Proposition D Libraries

Editor’s note: Padre Island does not have a city library

The issuance of bonds for designing, demolishing, constructing, renovating, improving, expanding, upgrading and equipping public libraries in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:
La Retama Central Library Renovation

County

Nueces County Judge

Connie Scott (R)

Barbara Canales (D) incumbent

County Clerk

Kara Sands (R)

Ruell Ector Guana (D)

District Judge 117th Judicial District

Susan Barclay (R)

Celina Lopez Leon (D)

District Clerk

Anne Lorentzen (R)

Maria C (Kina) Ventura (D)

State

State Senator District 27

(No incumbent)

Adam Hinojosa (R)

Morgan LaMantia (D)

Governor

Greg Abbott (R)

Beto O’Rourke (D)

Mark Tippetts (Libertarian)

Delilah Barrios (Green Party)

Lieutenant Governor

Dan Patrick (R)

Mike Collier (D)

Shanna Steele (Libertarian)

Commissioner of the General Land Office

Dawn Buckingham (R)

Jay Kleberg (D)

Alfred Molison, Jr. Green Party

Attorney General

Ken Paxton (R)

Rochelle Mercedes Garza (D)

Mark Ash (Libertarian)

Commissioner of Agriculture

Sid Miller (R)

Susan Hays (D)

Railroad Commissioner

Wayne Christian (R)

Luke Warford (D)

Jaime Andres Diez (Libertarian)

Hunter Wayne Crow (Green Party)

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Glen Hegar (R)

Janet T. Dudding (D)

V. Alonzo Achevarria-Garza (Libertarian)

Federal

U.S. Representative

Michael Cloud (R)

Maclovio Perez Jr. (D)

Uncontested races

(No votes cast)

Todd Hunter (R) State Representative District 32

Brent Chesney (R) Nueces County Commissioner Precinct 4

Duncan Neblett Jr. (R) Justice of the Peace Precinct 3

David Loeb Del Mar College District Board of Regents District 2

Libby Averyt Del Mar College District Board of Regents At-Large

Vote from AI

same 2018 election voters across the county voted at 46% while voters on Padre Island voted at 60%, numbers which have remained relatively consistent for two decades of elections.

Early voting continues through Friday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Voters do not have to cast their ballot in the precinct in which they are registered, votes can be cast at any Early Voting site or at any site across the county or on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 when polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Convenient Election Day voting sites for Islanders are as follows:

Island Presbyterian Church

14030 Fortuna Bay Drive

Corpus Christi Fire Station #15

14202 Commodores Dr.

Bridge from AI

Bridge currently under construction on SPID. Design has not yet begun.

“This will set The Island and the Coastal Bend apart,” District 4 Councilman and TIRZ #2 Chairman Greg Smith said Tuesday. “We’ve been talking about potential for years and this will make that a reality.”

“This is the game changer,” Mayor Paulette Guajardo said.

Funds for the TERZ #2 come from the capture of tax revenue on new construction inside the TERZ #2 boundaries after the benchmark year of 2002 when it was founded to fund the digging of Packery Channel. The TIRZ #2 board voted last week to extend it through 2042. Its boundaries include land from the Michael J. Ellis Seawall and Packery Channel on the east, the area along the SPID corridor from the Kleberg County Line northward to the base of the JFK Bridge, and west to the Laguna Madre. It does not include any residential areas.

The board voted last week to extend the boundaries of TIRZ #2 southward to include Padre Balli Park and also pledged \$2 million for long-needed improvements to Briscoe King Pavilion. The board also voted to move the TIRZ #2 boundary northward to include the county-owned Packery Channel Park where design work is underway for the construction of a new shoreline to prevent erosion along the channel.

TERZ #2 currently raises about \$5 million in funds annually, estimates are that by the time it expires in 2042 that annual revenue could be as high as \$14 million.

History from AI

approved incorporation. What to do?

It went to the courts with the City of Corpus Christi claiming that under Texas home rule laws an area of nine square miles must contain at least 5,000 citizens in order to become its own town and Flour Bluff had only 4002. Flour Bluff residents countered by saying that of the 105 signers of the petition favoring annexation there were not the required 69 registered voters.

U.S. Supreme Court

As the case wound its way through the state appeals court and headed for the U.S. Supreme Court the courts continued to side with the Flour Bluff residents who wanted to form their own city and the City of Corpus Christi continued to appeal. As the facts emerged it turned out that only 29 of the signatures on the pro-annexation petition belonged to registered Flour Bluff voters. The appellate courts ruled that the vote to annex Flour Bluff should never have been placed on the ballot in the first place.

In the written ruling, without a hearing, the U.S. Supreme Court in effect said that, yes, the petition allowing annexation in fact did lack the required signatures for the vote to have been held and therefore the election was

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654 Graham Rd. Flour Bluff

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The TERZ #2 board previous approved at total \$36.4 million over twenty years for maintenance and dredging of Packery Channel.

By the numbers

The total projects approved by the board Tuesday are as follows:

\$11.5 million total

\$2.7 million for Encantada bridge

\$3.2 million for Commodores bridge

\$4 million for box culverts and channel under Aquarius Street

\$4 million for public access pedestrian and cart bridges at the Whitecap site

\$1.2 million for public walking trails at the Whitecap site

(Note: all of the amenities approved at the Whitecap site Tuesday will be open for public use)

In addition the board approved \$150,000 for an Island mobility study to facilitate pedestrian and cart passage from the Whitecap site and Lake Padre through the Water Exchange Bridge now under construction on SPID.

All items listed must be approved by the Corpus Christi City Council at a later day. The TERZ #2 board includes all members of the council and Tuesday’s vote was unanimous.

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were made but the Border Patrol office in Edinburg declined comment.



So long Shorty’s!

Port Aransas’ Oldest and Friendliest is closed for now and on the move as the venerable Shorty’s watering hole has shut down with plans to reopen at the corner of Beach Street and Alister Street by spring 2023.

La Posada

The kickoff for La Posada 2022 is set for Thursday, December 1 with the lighted boat parades on December 9 and 10. The emphasis now from organizers is to get as many boats as possible in the parade so if you have a boat that can float for at least three hours get it decorated and hit the water! We will have more details in the next few issues.

In the meantime get ready for the lane reduction on the JFK Bridge in December and in the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.



Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis
Special to the Island Moon

The Spruce Goose

Dotson's Note: Built in the mid-1940s, the "Spruce Goose" was the largest flying machine of its time, and it was made entirely out of wood. Thanks to John Kuroski and

J.R. Eyerman for the facts contained in this report. The photos are from the Public Domain.

During the 1930s, few men in America were as well-known as Howard Hughes. Though he was also a movie mogul and real estate investor, Hughes is perhaps best known for his career in aviation. Not only did he invest in aviation and aerospace companies, but he also flew the planes himself. As the holder of multiple air speed records, his celebrity in the world of aviation was second perhaps only to Charles Lindbergh.



The Hughes H-4 Hercules, a.k.a. the "Spruce Goose,"

All of his aeronautics experience culminated in what would later be known as one of the most notorious aircraft projects ever attempted: an amphibious wooden aircraft called the Hughes H-4 Hercules, better known as the Spruce Goose. It was the largest aircraft of its time.it was made of wood.

Howard Hughes-Maverick Aviation Pioneer



Howard Hughes

In his years in the aviation industry, Howard Hughes had become well known for his dedication to creating bold new kinds of aircraft. In 1939, he created the Hughes D-2 aircraft, an experimental bomber that would have gone into military development had its hangar not been struck by lightning.

The destruction of the aircraft led to Hughes' next project, a highly controversial Hughes XF-11, an all-metal reconnaissance aircraft designed to hold two pilots. This time, two prototypes were created and again sent to the military for consideration, though they were not ultimately granted funding.

Yet again, in 1943, Hughes showed his dedication to aircraft innovation with another prototype of his, the Sikorsky S-43 amphibian aircraft, which crashed into Lake Mead in Las Vegas. Following the crash, Hughes spent \$100,000 to raise it from the depths and another \$500,000 restoring it to its original glory.

Despite his aeronautics achievements and failures thus far, Hughes' biggest and boldest came four years later in the form of the Hughes H-4 Hercules, better known as the Spruce Goose.

Aviation's Most Notorious Project: The Hughes H-4 Hercules



The Spruce Goose

In the early 1940s, while making a name for himself building the biggest, best, and most ambitious aircraft the world had ever seen, Howard Hughes was approached by the US War Department. The military was interested in having Hughes design and build three massive aircraft that were each capable of carrying 750 fully-armed troops or, even more ambitiously, a tank.

Hughes agreed, as this kind of project was just the sort of thing that inspired him. The military gave him two years, and one rule: He was only to use "non-strategic materials." In other

words, aluminum and other metals needed for the war effort were out of the question when it came to building the craft. He would need to find something else.

And, indeed, he did: birch. The entire aircraft (which, in fact, was of aircraft-boat hybrid) was constructed out of wood, thin planks of which were bent and carved and ironed into shape to form the body. At the time of construction, the Hughes H-4 Hercules was the largest aircraft made from wood and had the largest wingspan of any aircraft in existence.

Due to its size and unconventional building material, the team working on the aircraft referred to it as the "Flying Lumberyard," and later, despite the fact that it was made from birch, the "Spruce Goose."



Above, Howard Hughes sits in the cockpit of the Hughes H-4 Hercules in Los Angeles on November 6, 1947. Unfortunately, the completion of the Spruce Goose took longer than Hughes expected. In 1944, Hughes missed his two-year deadline, meaning the aircraft was not ready in time to be used in the war effort. However, Hughes was anxious to finish his record-breaking craft and continued to work until it was completed.

For five more years, warehouses full of workers across the country labored to finish the pieces. Women working for the Roddis Manufacturing company in Wisconsin ironed thin strips of birch veneer for the plane's exterior, while a moving company in California worked to plan a route to transport individual pieces of the plane to the Hughes airport for assembly.

Finally, in late 1947, the Spruce Goose was ready to go. A house-moving company used rolling house movers to slowly roll three pieces of the Spruce Goose down residential streets to Pier E in Long Beach, California. On the pier, the three pieces were assembled into the body of the plane, and a hangar was constructed around it, complete with a boat launch for a water takeoff.

After half a decade of planning and construction, Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose was ready to fly.

The Flight of The Spruce Goose



Hughes H-4 Hercules, a.k.a. the "Spruce Goose," floating outside the pier.

After all of the effort put into the construction of the Spruce Goose, especially its \$23 million budget, its first (and last) flight would last just 26 seconds.

Dotson's Other Note: On November 2, 1947, the craft achieved liftoff from the water for distance of about one mile, at an altitude of 70 feet. Despite what could be seen as a failure, Hughes defended his creation to the US Senate War Investigating Committee, during an aviation hearing: "The Hercules was a monumental undertaking. It is the largest aircraft ever built. It is over five stories tall with a wingspan longer than a football field. That's more than a city block. Now, I put the sweat of my life into this thing. I have my reputation all rolled up in it and I have stated several times that if it's a failure, I'll probably leave this country and never come back." Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or dlewis1@stx.r.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

I am often asked about how Padre Island got annexed and what was promised at the time we became part of the city. Part of the story is on Page 1 this time – the how – here I will address what was promised us; the what.

November 20, 1981 was the fateful day. The day that the Annexation Service Plan for Area D of The Island was signed making the majority of The Island part of the City of Corpus Christi. Area D included most of the area south of Commodores, east of SPID and north of Whitecap, and southward along SPID to the City Limits at Sea Pines.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was finalized between the Padre Island Investment Corporation, the Padre Isles Property Owners Association, and the City of Corpus Christi is the Social Compact between the City of Corpus Christi and Islanders spelling out what each will and will not do once The Island became part of the city. It makes many promises, some kept, and others more like the promise made by the Great White Father to the Native Americans that would remain inviolate as long as the Mosquitoes shall grow and the Gulf waters shall flow.

Life in the Big City
There are two things that can be said for certain after forty-one years of Life in the Big City. First, property taxes in Port Aransas are 60 cents for every dollar paid by Islanders who live inside the Corpus Christi limits. Being able to keep your Sales and Hotel Occupancy Tax and lion's share of beach parking permits has its advantages.

The four-page MOU covers much ground and is a supplement to and expansion of the Service Plan for The Island required by state law for annexation to become a reality. Islanders already living on The Island were wary from the beginning. They asked for and got specific assurances from the city that certain services would be guaranteed; something like the anti-Federalists requiring that the Bill of Rights be attached to the original Constitution just to make sure everyone understood what the agreement said and didn't say. As our Spanish speaking friends like to say, a little Pelon to make sure the deal is right. Here are a few entries from the "Island Bill of Rights."

Parks
Section II. Parks.
Section IV. Parks and Recreation; Subsection B. Park Maintenance
"Upon conveyance by Padre Isles Investment Corporation and acceptance by City, City will assume responsibility for maintaining existing park areas and improvements thereon. Such level of maintenance will be equal to that provided to other parks in the City"
In another agreement between developers and the city an agreement was reached to not allow for the assessment of special fees for parks as is done in OTB part of the city. This fiat came from developers to protect them from having to pay the fee when the Island was first developed. However, it did not release the city from maintaining Island parks at a promised level "equal to that provided to other parks in the City"
Through the Law of Unintended Consequences the big developments we now see going in on Padre Island do not have to pay the development fee required OTB. Through the Law of Irony when the Island IGA Market was built that same fund supplied \$900,000 to pay for a-larger-than-needed but-required by the city sewer line and that \$900,000 effectively zeroed-out the same fund which Island developers don't pay into. That fund is used to fund parks in the neighborhoods close to new developments, our lack of paying in to it may be part of the reason Island parks have been in such bad shape over the years. But the original developers had the option of staying out of

paying the development fees by donating a total of 49 acres of Island park land, which leads to the lack of Island sidewalks.

Sidewalks

If you have ever wondered why Island streets are almost entirely devoid of sidewalks your answer lies in Section V of the MOU under Streets. Specifically, Subsection C. Sidewalks: "City will not require sidewalks to be installed in previously platted areas." In layman's terms that means, if they ain't there already we ain't building them. That one is a promise kept. To put new sidewalks into old neighborhoods would require acquiring easements across each lot and that's a deal stopper.

Beach driving

Even in 1981 allowing cars on the beach in front of the seawall was already an issue. The tortured language in Section D of the MOU providing an example of saying nothing in a lot of words:

"D. Vehicles Traffic in Front of Seawall.
1. The Association and CITY recognize that, in Texas, beaches are open to the public. Neither the Association nor City seek to deny access of any portion of any beach to any one (sic). The Association and CITY do, however recognize that certain hazards to public health and safety do exist on the beach in front of the seawall in Section A of the subdivision. The hazard is due to the presence and movement of motor vehicles along the narrow stretch of beach front which also has a very heavy density of pedestrians thereon. The hazard is aggravated and compounded by the behaviors of vehicle drivers. To the end of rendering this small stretch of beach-front safe for human use and inhibiting unlawful conduct thereon, while at the same time, allowing the full use of the beach by people, the Association and City agree to cooperate in seeking solutions to avoid stated hazards and public safety problems. "
So while the City in 1981 was "aggravated" by the hazard of having cars on the beach in front of the seawall which is "compounded" by the knuckleheads who abuse it, forty-one years later the cars are still there. Not exactly a promise broken, but a can kicked down the beach for forty-one years is neither a promise kept.

Island ambulance

Keeping a fully staffed ambulance on The Island was a concern from the beginning. "Section VII. EMERGENCY SERVICES. B. Medical
1. City will station an ambulance on the Island appropriately staffed within six (6) months following the date of annexation."

Canal safety

Subsection C. Regulation of Traffic on Canals
"The City agrees to police as necessary the canals and associated areas to protect public safety and private property."
If nothing else that language puts to rest the notion that the city doesn't not have the authority to patrol Island canals. What it comes down to is money.
The annexation plan effectively does not apply to the large new developments Padre Island which each have their Planned Unit Development zoning in place. But for those of us who live in Island neighborhoods those promises are still on the books.
Where they have been since November 20, 1981.

Texas Oyster Season Open
Still multiple bay closures

The Texas commercial and recreational oyster season opened Tuesday, November 1 and closes April 30, 2023. In an effort to protect and restore oyster reefs showing signs of environmental stress, many shellfish harvest areas will be closed to oyster fishing at the beginning of this season.
In March 2022, the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Commission directed TPWD to form an ad hoc oyster advisory workgroup representing all the stakeholders who shared feedback to further study oyster management strategies and issues surrounding the sustainability of oysters in our bay systems.
Texas Parks and Wildlife code allows for the emergency closure of an area to oyster harvest when it can be shown there is evidence of being overworked. These closings are based on samples collected by TPWD showing low catch rates of legal-sized, harvestable oysters. Of the 29 shellfish harvest areas along the Texas coast, 20 will be closed at the start of the oyster season.
The areas that are open have relatively high abundance of legal oysters and were chosen in an attempt to distribute the commercial oyster fleet over more area. Some shellfish harvest areas that do not meet previously stated metrics for populations of legal-sized oysters will remain open but monitored closely. TPWD will

continue to sample open shellfish harvest areas and use legal authority to close zones that drop below recommended metrics in order to facilitate reef recovery.
In Corpus Christi Bay the TX- 33 is open. In Aransas Bay TX- 29 (oyster harvest is open from south of a line beginning at 28°06' 52.19", 96° 55' 32.52" (28.11450° N, -96.92570° W) and ending at 28° 06' 38.19", 96° 53' 17.41" (28.11061° N, -96.88817° W) . Shellfish harvest areas including TX-8, TX-11, TX-33, and TX- 34 have not been sampled or closed in recent years as they have had very few or no reported landings of oysters.
The following shellfish harvesting areas will be closed beginning Nov. 1:
The following portions of Aransas Bay are closed:

- TX- 28
- TX- 29 (oyster harvest is closed north of a line beginning at 28°06' 52.19", 96° 55' 32.52" (28.11450° N, -96.92570° W) and ending at 28° 06' 38.19", 96° 53' 17.41" (28.11061° N, -96.88817° W)
- TX- 30
- TX- 32

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The Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

I love it when a plan comes together. The other day at the second TIRZ #2 meeting, the committee finally approved funding for the Island Mobility Plan. You loyal readers know that I've been writing about the need for a plan for well over a year, and it's finally getting some legs. However, (yes, there's a "but" in there), things are evolving at a high rate of speed. As you also know, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) announced that they have \$16 million for "corridor upgrade for pedestrian and access management improvements without adding capacity" from Aquarius to Whitecap. This can dovetail with the mobility plan, but, and I told you there was one coming.

When TxDoT constructs a project, there are hoops that must be jumped through. Obviously, the need is there, and our mobility plan will highlight that. A TxDoT project has to have a local sponsor (the city) and a mountain of paperwork to go with it. The city will have to formally contact TxDoT and initiate a project, be assigned a CSJ number, and start the check list. An Environmental document will be required that has a whole slew of items to be checked off, including public meetings, wetland delineation (and likely a USACE permit), noise studies, economic studies, and I mean the list goes on. The mobility plan that was funded will get things started, but it won't fulfill the requirements of the \$16 million grant. Now, there's nothing to say that the two processes can't be running in parallel, and I highly recommend that they do, and the city address this process like, yesterday. These things take time and money, but with \$16 million in construction funds already in place, I'm thinking the funds for the permitting and clearance should be easy enough to scratch up. I can think of a couple funding sources right off the top of my head.

Another thing in the MPO announcement is

that they approved funding for a feasibility study for intersection improvements at SH 361 and PR 22 intersection to Zahn Road. I'm not sure if someone already has something in mind, but they've realized that there are some issues there. You have all heard the chatter about the need for a second causeway (the ad hoc committee has the first meeting scheduled later this month). Hopefully the scope of the feasibility study for that intersection can scratch the surface of the need for a second causeway. I would also bet that one of the alternatives that will be developed for that intersection will be a flyover, but who knows if it will be east or west of the Packery Channel bridge, because I've heard rumblings of that being replaced too. Good to see our large infrastructure getting some attention.

Changing gears, the outdoor season is getting a good kick off with all the rain and the changing temperatures. Flounder season is officially closed from November 1 – December 14th, and that goes for everyone. No gigging, no rod and reel, for either commercials or recreational fisheries. While the catches have been almost "like the good old days" recently, the Texas Parks and Wildlife folks say that there is a serious lack of juvenile flounder. So, while we may have a bunch of big ones this year, catches will be diminishing over the next few years. Enjoy it while you can.

Duck season is set to open this weekend. This causes a yearly controversy between folks who moved down here for peace and quiet, and those sportsmen that chase that rare duck that might come into their spread. I always get calls and emails from folks wondering when World War III started because they didn't see anything in the paper. Y'all get some ear plugs and you'll be fine.

Ok, I gotta run for this week folks. I wish I could get down the beach, because the pompano season has started and there have been some great catches, and I've heard of some great seashells being found as well. ISAC is this next Tuesday (yes, on election night), drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you next week On the Rocks.

Tides of the Week



Packery Channel Surf Forecast



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Farah's Fishing Adventures



Another FALL SPAWN SPECK! This nice fish was caught and released along the spoil areas close to the ICW Canal on a black/chartreuse DOA 5.5 jerk bait.

From over my shoulder I heard the crack of the topwater plug as a trout exploded on the surface. I turned to see whitewater boiling around an enormous silverhead just as it rose full body on a ten foot tail walk. The morning sun reflected her iridescent flanks of purple and pink, her gills reflected full shaking the topwater back and forth as she tried to free it from her jaws. She showed me her wide black back as she bolted towards the boat passing over the large sand spot she was hunting. I could see her eyes roll towards us just before she flipped direction and pulled drag from the reel. When she rounded the bow of the boat the sun clipped her face once again and I could see her eyes seem to peer at me as I held ready with the net. When she slid into my reach I felt the need to gently secure her, I had already felt her fear through her eyes. The larger gamefish seem to have an instinct to survive and an intelligence that smaller fish do not possess. I cradled her in the net unhooked her and laid her back into the water, raised her one more time for a quick picture then let her splash me as she darted away. How long does a mature gamefish remember such an event? I could clearly see her eyes look at me, the boat, and even focus on the world below the surface on the release, then back at me. Spirit and Soul may be something all creatures grow into more and more as we move along in life, notably us as well.

Fall Trout Spawn

The big news on my boat is the Fall Trout Spawn! Every year as the seasons change and the water temperatures hover around the 70 degree mark, speckled trout group up and have their last spawn of the year. I'm finding groups of mature males along with big females holding to all their classic spawning grounds. Trout do not make beds like some fish, but they like certain bottom types for their spawning activity. They use the gravely sand to mix their semen and eggs, fertilizing the eggs as they are released and float off to stick on mature grass beds. So as we get closer and closer to the next full moon they will be gathering around these gravel areas. Stomachs have been full of pin perch, the number one enemy to eggs. The pin perch eat small barnacle like growths on the blades of the grass, when they find trout eggs on the grass that's like candy! So to build their

bodies up for winter and protect their upcoming egg production, pin perch have been the number one food source.

Magic spawning zones

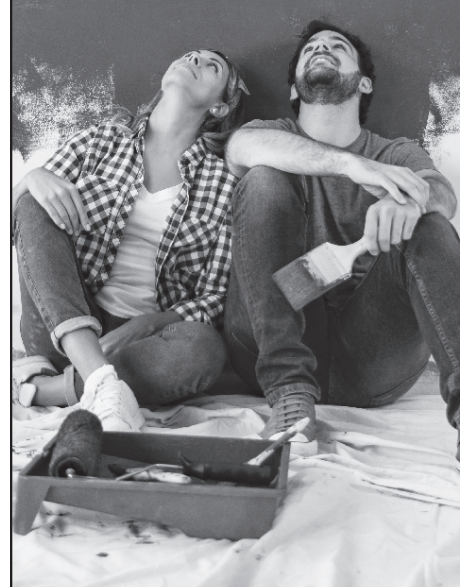
While we have been having great success using soft plastics and top-waters, fishermen using live shrimp have often struggled. Pin perch quickly eat up live shrimp, and are usually a good source targeted by fish holding in deeper water and feeding at night. At dawn pin perch come out of the grass and become active, perfect timing for a first light feeding. The DOA 3" Cal Shad is a perfect imitation. Glow pumpkinseed/chartreuse, and black/chartreuse, are some of our favorite colors. My other top producer has been the DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL IN bone/diamond and dirty tequila, this lure has a unique action as it falls through the water column. Trout will follow your lure waiting for that exact moment when it starts to fall, then explode as the bait is showing its weakness. I have been using this bait with a light 1/8th ounce jig head, fishing a controlled decent of the bait. Using these tools and concentrating on specific gravely sand bottoms will throw you right in the middle of the action for the next few weeks. These magic spawning zones are often marked by strings of glowing sand pockets along the contours of the natural drop offs in the Laguna Madre. Baffin Bay rocks hold the same gravel and trout will also be grouping up along these shallow rock reefs in shallow water.

Pointing you into the light of great fishing I hope you slow things down a bit in your visions of these fish. The older trophies that come to hand are those fish that have earned respect. Take care of our resource and fishing future, and enhance your soul and energy by releasing a few of your best ones of the day. You will rise with a smile and splashed sunglasses every time! Follow and like all of our fishing adventures on Facebook at Joey FARAH'S Backwater Adventures and on Instagram @jfarah72! Call me direct to find YOUR day on the water at 361-442-8145. Get wet.



John and Shella with a single and a double hookup of big slots from a single drift with soft plastics this week along the King Ranch Shoreline north of Baffin Bay.

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Nature Notes

Beachcombing on the Texas Coast

By Celeste Silling



Brown, clear, and green are the most common colors of sea glass.

Photo by Jan Haerer

One of my favorite things to do on a cool day here in coastal Texas is beachcombing. Beachcombing is essentially scouring the beach or coast for little treasures. This can mean sea glass, shells, rocks, coral, or other unique finds.

I am personally partial to finding sea glass. Sea glass is formed when humans discard glass into the ocean. The shards are weathered and smoothed by waves, sand and rocks. This makes the glass beautiful and safe to handle, as all the sharp edges have been sanded down. Brown, clear, and green sea glass are relatively easy to find here on the coast. This is because many glass bottles are made of brown, clear, and green glass. Meanwhile, colors like blue, red, purple, and orange glass are much harder to find.

In my time as a beachcomber, I have found some great sea glass hunting spots. Places like Surfside and East Beach in Galveston have a spattering of sea glass, but the real treasure trove is the Texas City Dike in Texas City. The Texas City Dike is the longest man-made fishing pier in the world, and it extends 5.3 miles into Galveston Bay. Because it stretches far into the bay, any sea glass traveling Southward on the bay's currents has a pretty good chance of washing up on the Dike.

On the North side of the dike, I have found loads and loads of green, blue, clear, red, and brown sea glass. I have also found beautiful tile shards and other trinkets. On the

South side, there is less sea glass and more nurdles, which are little plastic pellets used in manufacturing. The ones that wash up on the Dike and our other beaches were likely lost during transportation, either by train or ship. Piles of nurdles end up on the dike hidden amongst the riprap. As a beach comber, I don't count these as treasures (they're not too pretty and are often covered in toxins) but they're certainly interesting to see!

If you are thinking of heading to the Texas City Dike for a sea glass hunt, here is my recommendation. Drive at least a half mile or so down the dike and look for an expanse of sand on the North side. You can also find sea glass amongst the rocks, but these are often slippery and not worth the danger of falling into the ocean. There is plenty of sand to walk through, so no need to risk it on the rocks!

I always bring one bag for sea glass and other treasures and another bag for fishing line. There is a lot of fishing line on the Dike, as it is a popular fishing spot, and wildlife tends to get entangled and injured from the plastic lines and nets. Since I'm already out looking through the sand, it's easy to pick up any line that I see and hopefully save a bird or dolphin while I'm at it!

I hope that this article has inspired you to try beachcombing this fall. Happy hunting! And save some sea glass for me!

Going Native

By Ed Proffitt Beach Morning Glory Ipomoea imperati

The drought monitor (droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?TX) indicates that Nueces county is currently "abnormally dry" which is actually a step in the good direction compared to our status earlier in the summer. Also, of course, stage one watering restrictions remain in effect. Still, it indicates that folks should be particularly careful in water conservation and, all together now say it, use more drought-tolerant native plants in landscaping! I hope that one day soon, more insightful city and county leaders, and residents, will heed the warnings posted here and numerous other articles, blogs, and websites. With projections for increased drought in coming decades, the time to act is now, not waiting until future circumstances force us into expensive and time-consuming "quick actions." A forward-thinking community would recognize that simple steps are easy now and wouldn't seem intrusive as they might later if ordinances had to be passed to mandate certain kinds of plantings or ban others. One of the most simple steps would be to encourage (strongly encourage) the increased use of native, especially more drought tolerant, plant species. Not just "native to Texas" which has a large diversity of habitat types and species adapted to those systems, but "native to Padre Island, or at least the Corpus Christi area." So, be careful of what you ask nurseries for! What forms of encouragement could be employed? Governmental leaders and their environmental advisors are best qualified to address this, but some steps could be as follows. Property tax breaks or rebates for successful planting of a certain percentage (of lawn cover) of native plants. Or, perhaps rebates on water bills for use of more natives. If those are deemed too costly at first for government coffers, perhaps simple things like free beach parking passes would get folks started "down the native path." Homeowners associations could also help by revising their landscaping requirements to promote more use of native plants.

Ok, I'm off the soapbox (for now). Fall has brought some nice evenings and mornings although mid-days are still hot enough to wilt many non-native plants. Many plants are blooming, some for the second time before winter arrives. One of my favorites is the beach morning glory or railroad vine, *Ipomoea imperati* in the Family Convolvulaceae (blindweed or morning glory family). This

vine winds through dunes and even sometimes down onto the beach. It is an important stabilizer of sands and can reduce dune erosion from "blowouts" that occur when high winds come after some beach vegetation has been removed in some way (this is why you're not allowed to drive ON the dunes!). It's also important to wildlife and attracts various insects and hummingbirds as pollinators. *Ipomoea imperati* has beautiful white or yellow flowers, a couple of inches across --- so to those out there who only like large, showy flowers...this is one for you. The pink or blue ones you see around the island are its non-native cousin *I. pes-caprae* or several other introduced species.

Seeds are available from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. It can also be propagated by cuttings. The web site gardenia.net indicates it can be toxic to pets, although mine ignore the one in our yard. Shoo yours away if they show too much interest. It is tolerant to drought and salty air, likes nutrient poor sandy soils, and has few pests. It's evergreen and blooms in the summer and fall and is a useful ground cover for your lawn. So, go to the beach, enjoy seeing this species in its prime habitat, and then plant some in your yard in order to keep Going Native.



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PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



News you can Use

As always, let me have your thoughts. You can reach me at marvin@pipoa.net or call me at 469-231-3485. You can also call the Padre Isles Property Owners Association (PIPOA) office with any questions you have at 361-949-7025.

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.

Halloween- The Halloween party on Hawk-snest/Eaglesnest was a big success. Parents and children dressed in costumes, passed out candy, and in general, had a good time.

There were no incidences of seriously bad behavior reported. Thank you to everyone for making this Halloween a great experience for everyone.

Rain- The rain has saturated the Island. Mini lakes are everywhere. I have received calls regarding the drainage of these lakes. The drainage issue is a function of the City of Corpus Christi. Please report drainage issues to the City. You can report them online or by calling 311. The PIPOA has notified the City of several mini lakes. However, the more reports, the more likely the City is to take action.

Towing- Over the weekend, five vehicles and four trailers were towed from the boat ramps. You can purchase your vehicle and boat trailer stickers at the PIPOA office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Drive. The vehicle sticker is \$5.00, and the trailer sticker is \$10.00.

Boat Ramp- From time to time, deck and dock builders will place pilings and other construction materials on PIPOA Boat ramps. Subsequently, the builders will remove the pilings and take them to their job site. The builders are required to notify the PIPOA office of their materials at a specific boat ramp. The pile of materials should contain a written notice of whom the materials belong to. However, there are materials on the Gypsy boat ramp that are unidentified. That is, we do not know to whom they belong. The materials have been there for nearly two weeks. If you own them, contact the PIPOA office immediately. At some point, the PIPOA will consider the materials abandoned on private property and will sell them to the highest bidder.

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. For a full listing of dates and events, go to the La Posada Facebook page.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President



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Oaklie Ramirez and Elli Venegas, both of Corpus Christi.

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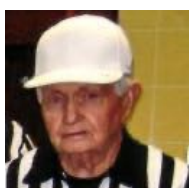


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Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



Dotson's Note: While you are watching the 2022 World Series, I thought some of Moon Monkeys who are sports nuts, might enjoy a little World Series History. How about the World Series played 94 years ago? Thanks to Bill Morgan and the History Junkie for the facts contained in this report, and thanks to the History Junkie for the photos.



The Yankees Doubled The Runs Of The Cardinals

The 1928 World Series featured more Yankee offense and they simply overwhelmed the Cardinals, who had beaten the Yankees in the 1926 World Series. The Cardinals managed to put up 10 runs for the series while the Yankees put up 27. It was complete domination. The Yankees were held to 4 runs in Game 1, but the Cards were held to 1 run. As much credit as the offense gets for the victory, and they should, the pitching for the Yankees also did a great job.

The Yankees Hit a Home Run In Every Game

The Bronx Bombers lived up to their name as they smoked every Cardinals pitcher they faced. Every single game featured a long ball into a crowd of excited or disappointed fans. This was the first time in World Series history that this feat occurred. The league was officially out of the dead ball era at the beginning of the 1920s and the 1928 World Series would leave little memory of what the game used to be.

Lou Gehrig Terrorized The Cardinals Pitching



Lou Gehrig had one of the greatest World Series runs in the history of the game. He batted .545 and had 9 RBIs which was as many as the entire Cardinals team combined. He also slammed four homers in the series which included 2 in Game 3. Gehrig was consistently on base and being driven home. He was intentionally walked in Game 2 only to be driven in by Meusel. Ruth actually had a better World Series than Gehrig, but Gehrig was clearly beginning to come into his own and out of Ruth's shadow.

Babe Ruth Hit 3 Home Runs in Game 4.



Game 4 was a home run parade for the Yankees and finally, Babe Ruth got in on it. The Cardinals had kept Ruth in the park for the series, but that would not be the case in Game 4. He hit 3 homers in his 5 at-bats. The biggest home run of the game came in the 7th. Here is a commentary on what happened next: "With one out in the top of the seventh inning, Sherdel got two strikes on Ruth. When Ruth turned to argue the second-strike call, Cardinals catcher Earl Smith promptly whipped the ball back to Sherdel, who then abruptly threw an apparent third-strike pitch to Ruth. However, umpire Cy Pfrman quickly declared a "no pitch." Cardinals manager Bill McKechnie and his players argued the umpire's decision, but to no avail. After Ruth and Sherdel exchanged heated words, Ruth got his revenge, belting his second home run of the game to tie it. Gehrig immediately followed with another homer, his fourth of the Series, to give New York a 3-2

lead." Ruth would remember the 1928 World Series later and say it was the "biggest thrill of his career."

Walter Johnson's Prediction Would Be Way Off



Walter Johnson

A retired Walter Johnson made a bold prediction prior to the series when he said: "Saint Louis will make short work of the New York Yankees," and that the Yankees "hadn't looked good for a while." The Big Train's comment was laughable as the Yankees had won 6 more than the Cardinals and they had 5 hitters hitting comfortably over .300. The 1928 Yankees also had two players that knocked in 142 RBIs which were Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth. Their pitching was also solid with two twenty-game winners and a 17 game-winner. The American League at this point was much more competitive than the National League. Clearly wishful thinking.

The First Time In World Series History A Team Had Consecutive Sweeps

The Yankees had won the 1927 World Series in convincing fashion as well when they swept the Pirates. Sweeps were uncommon in the World Series, especially 4 game sweeps due to games having to be called due to the darkness. There were times a team swept another but had tied in a game so it was not an official sweep. This occurred in the 1907 World Series. The Yankees were the first to complete the sweep twice consecutively. They would take a break from the World Series scene the next few years and then proceed to produce another sweep in 1932.

Bill McKechnie Appeared in His Second World Series as Manager



Bill McKechnie became the second manager to lead two different teams to the World Series, and like Pat Moran before him, won one and lost one. He had taken over the 1922 Pittsburgh Pirates and led them to victory in the 1922 World Series. When he returned to the World Series with the Cardinals there were many, as stated above, that had the Cardinals as the favorites to take the championship. He was positive until the end, but the Yankees had too much for him.

Dotson's Other Note: Okay all of you Moon Monkeys, let's hear from you regarding any and all of your thoughts and memories regarding any World Series. You are invited to join us on Tuesdays at the Veterans Round Table at the Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development 9-11 AM. All are welcome and the coffee and donuts are free! You might even learn something. Questions/comments and or Letters to the Editor are welcome. My Email: dlewis1@stc.vr.com and Phone: 530-748-8475.

A True Story



By Andy Purvis

Most of you who are reading this article may not be old enough to remember this event when it happened. Maybe your father or an uncle has told you the story. For most college football fans, it is worth telling again. There have been many stories on how the expression of the "Twelfth Man" was created in the game of college football, but most of those stories refer to the "fans" as the twelfth man since football is played with eleven to a side. The words twelfth man was used by the Minnesota Gophers' football fans as early as 1900. Of course in this part of the country, the Texas A&M Aggies refer to their fans as the twelfth man and the story goes that because of injuries, the 1922 team stood a chance of being short-handed of players until a fellow from the Corp of Cadets named E. Gill King, came down out of the stands and put on an injured player's uniform, to become an additional player in case he was needed. King had been a marginal football player who left the team early to play basketball. King never played in the game, but he nevertheless represented the Aggies' twelfth man.

The following is another one of those stories. You see, 68 years ago there was this one fellow, a twelfth man, who actually got in the game, well sort of. It was a crisp fall Friday afternoon in Dallas, Texas, as the 1954 Cotton Bowl got underway between Rice University and the University of Alabama. A reserved seat could be had for \$4.80. The one o'clock start on January 1st, New Years Day, had become a tradition. Not one of the 75,504 in attendance could have guessed what was in store. Coach Jess Neely's Rice team brought their 8-2 record into the house that Doak Walker built (Cotton Bowl). Coach "Red" Drew's Alabama record stood at 6-2-2.

These two teams exchanged punts to start the game, and then the scoring began. Future Hall-of-Fame quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, Bart Starr, not only ran the Alabama offense but was also a fine defensive back and punter for the Tide. When's the last time you saw the words "Triple Threat" used in college football? In the first quarter, Starr intercepted a pass for the Tide and put them in position to score. That touchdown was scored by the Alabama fullback #42, Tommy Lewis. The extra-point try was blocked and 'Bama led 6-0. It was all Rice after that as halfback #47, Dicky Moegle, a 19-year-old junior from Taylor, Texas, proceeded to rush for 265 yards in just eleven carries and scored three touchdowns on runs of 79, 95 and 34 yards. It was quite an impressive display of running by the All-American. On the first play of the second period, Moegle took the handoff behind his right guard for 79 yards and a touchdown. Rice now led 7-6. A few minutes later, Moegle was off again on what would be credited as a 95-yard touchdown. This run was not without confusion. As Moegle outran everyone in the open field, an embarrassed, Tommy Lewis got up off the Alabama bench, without his helmet, and blindsided Moegle as he passed in front of the Crimson Tide bench at about the 42-yard line. Down went Moegle as Lewis retreated to the bench. Alabama Head Coach "Red" Drew starred at him in disbelief. Head referee Cliff Shaw, an Arkansas native, ruled that Moegle would have scored a touchdown without the



Dicky Moegle and Tommy Lewis.

Lewis intervention, and the score at halftime now stood Rice 14, Alabama 6. Alabama had indeed illegally used their twelfth man on the field of play. This play became known as the "twelfth man tackle." The crowd booed when Lewis was allowed to stay in the game, as there was no automatic disqualification penalty in effect at that time. After the game, Lewis was asked why? "I guess I'm just too full of Alabama," said Lewis. "And I couldn't stand to see him make another touchdown. I lost my composure and I tackled him."

In the third period, Moegle scored again from 34 yards out and the runaway was on. Moegle was not finished, as he was tripped up after a 20-yard jaunt by a lone defender, in the fourth quarter. That tackle saved another touchdown. The second team for Rice put up another touchdown and final score that day would be written Rice 28, Alabama 6. Moegle had averaged 21.4 yards per carry and found time to sit on the bench for almost 18 minutes during the game. The Owls outgained 'Bama 448 yards to 225. Moegle was voted the Outstanding Player of the Game. Lewis and Moegle will forever be a part of Cotton Bowl history. A few days later, both players were invited and starred on the Ed Sullivan "Toast of The Town" variety television show.

Dicky Moegle was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1979. He was drafted in 1955 by the San Francisco 49ers. He also played for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys before retiring, after seven seasons. Moegle's 265-yard rushing record in the Cotton Bowl stood until 2008, where it was eclipsed by the University of Missouri running back, Tony Temple, who rushed for 281 yards.

What most did not know or have forgotten is that Lewis apologized to Moegle at halftime. The fans of Alabama hailed him as a hero. Tommy Lewis continued his career after college with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League. He later became part of Coach "Bear" Bryant's very first coaching staff at Alabama. Lewis passed away on October 12, 2014. Alabama's twelfth man was 83 years of age.

Sometimes greatness is about struggle, not victory. It's about finding out what's inside, the reason for being who we are. Perhaps every team needs a twelfth man.

Andy Purvis
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Karli Harris (gray) of Port Aransas and Reighlei Hickey of Aransas Pass.

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Haven Fox of Port Aransas and Nahla Beavers of Corpus Christi (skeleton).



Texas Surf Camps Director Morgan Faulkner and the participants.



Skylar Dulaney of Port Aransas.



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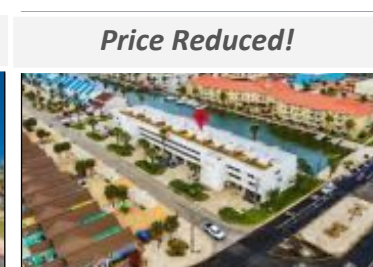
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Three Chords and the Truth

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On the local front...



The Dunebillies played the Gaff last Friday.

Can you believe its November already? What a shipwreck of year we've had. All the rules have changed. I don't know whether to put on a mask, get another shot in my arm (I'm up to five vax's now) or start swimming. There is so much going on between watching climate change dissolve our beautiful Mother Earth before our eyes, be it floods, fires, glaciers melting or politics... all of our collective heads are spinning. I expect to be blowing out split pea soup anytime now. The holidays and end of the year are upon us... let that sink in. I have a strong suspicion that next year is going to be another tuck-and-roll-survival-of-the-fitted" version of 2022. Don't laugh but we have a fairly substantial seed vault going. Just stay on your toes folks, it's gonna be another wild ride. Next up... *Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.*



The Groove played Treasure Island on Saturday.


Shorty's is on the move...

This week it's about all *Shorty's* if you live in Port Aransas or stay abreast of what's going on here. By the time you read this we will have gone through all the fanfare slated, including the big *Halloween* show with **Joe King Carrasco** and the last blowout with the local's party on Tuesday. Suffice it to say, it was a big deal! I'm pretty sure the actual "big move" is going to happen pretty quickly. I hung out with **Chris Jordan** a bunch throughout the last days of the old lady. He did a little bass playing and whole lot of video making. Plus he's the *go to* historian in much of our islands past. He actually owned the *Flat's Lounge* decades ago and had many back stories of the flats area, *Shorty's* and its progression. It all seems like a hazy dream in slow motion and when you do wake up, your living room was gone. In the realm of historic Texas dive bars, *Shorty's* is a very famous place. She's been around for 76 years. There are older bars, but *Shorty's* is certainly in contention. I've been booking the live music there since **Edwin Meyers** took over the reins in 2013. I looked back over some of the shows we did in past years and it's an interesting insight into who and what was making noise at the time. The first two bands we put in there in April, 2013 was **Three Way Street** with **Jimmy Simmons**, **Purple Monkey Laser** with **Lela Caldwell** followed by **Leslie Willey** and **Russell Edge** and ton's of other folks that helped us get the ball rolling and stayed with us through the years. I remember the **Uranium Savages** (historic Austin band) played *Halloween* one year complete with all their "Ester's Folly's" costume changes. And who could forget all the glorious *Pig Party's* and *Anniversary* shows...



Ray Summy and Chris Jordan played Shorty's last Thursday.

and **Howie**? That same *Shorty's* building that you will soon see going down the street on the back of a big flatbed truck will take up residence in the "new" downtown and entertainment district of Port A. So it's onward and upward to the corner of Beach and Alister for the next chapter of *Shorty's Place*. The saga continues. It should be interesting. As always, I'll keep you posted.



Todd Dorn with Chris Jordan on bass at Shorty's on Saturday.

Photo by Pam Felder

Scattered shots...

I guess you figured I caught ALL the shows at *Shorty's* last week with **Selfie**, the **Toman Brothers**, **Todd Dorn**, **Jim Dugan**, **Ty Diets**, **Joe King Carrasco** and the "Last Hurrah on Tarpon Street" on Tuesday. It was an emotional time. Everyone was a little teary eyed and grateful that they were the chosen ones to play *Shorty's* year after year. **Ty** and **Todd** were especially vocal about their sadness and gratitude. Ty had a dude on stage with him whose only job was to agree with whatever Ty had to say. Man, you gotta love that. I also saw the **Dunebillies** at the *Gaff's Haunted Garden Party* plus the **Groove** at *Treasure Island* on Saturday. It was a blast running around town on Saturday with most people in costume. *Treasure Island* was as wild and sexy as usual with their *Halloween* party and the **Groove** playing. I gotta say, **Tommy Said** and his crew at *TI* really know how to throw a party... make that *LATE* night party. *Bron's* had **Dreaming in Color** and **Raeanne Reed** on stage Friday and Saturday, with tons of pumpkins and kids all over the compound. I've said it before: brothers **Bron Doyle** and **Jimmy Jam** have got it going on. Their whole concepts of family and pet friendly, a great food menu, live music and the golf cart rentals that put them on the map, is great for all ages and the bands seem to like playing there. I really like the comfortable atmosphere.

DO NOT MISS LIST

Coming this weekend...



Ty Dietz and some fellow who's job it is to agrees with what ever Ty says on stage at Shorty's last Sunday.

And the hits keep right coming! On Friday the **Groove** will play *Bron's*, the **Gainan Band** will play the *VFW* and **Wilder Blue** will play the *Third Coast Theater*. Winter is there season at the *Third Coast*. They put out a predictably great schedule with the likes of **Terri Hendrix**, **Larry Joe Taylor**, **Lisa Morales**, **Max and Heather Stalling**, **Ray Wylie Hubbard**, **Slaid Cleaves** and the like, every year. The place only holds maybe a hundred people but it is a perfect listening room. The audience is about six inches from the stage and you could hear a pin drop when they are performing. The Winter Texans love the place. On Saturday and Sunday the *Rockport Singer-Songwriter Fest* will host a tasty lineup with **Terri and Lloyd**, **Noel McKay**, **Bob Livingston**, **Butch Hancock**, **Shake Russell** and **Susan Gibson**. It's located at *Charlotte Plummers Restaurant* on the bay in Rockport. Also this weekend the **Free Beer Band** will play at *Island Wine* and **Bottles and Bandits** will play *Treasure Island* on Saturday. AND DON'T FORGET THIS SUNDAY IS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! Be safe out there!

And, that's the truth



The brothers Toman... Ryan, Randy and Rusty and Bobbie on drums played Shorty's last Friday.



Joe King Carrasco played the last Halloween on Tarpon at Shorty's on Monday. Photo by Mark Wysoki.

LIVE MUSIC

TONIGHT

Thursday, November 3

W.A.S.P., Michael Schenker, Armored Saint @ Concrete Street

Downtown Eli Brown @ Red's at Palmilla

William Beckmann, JR Castillo @ Brewster Southside

AudioBox @ Rockit's

Brian Winfrey @ Blackbeard's

Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Eli Brown @ Red's at Palmilla

Acoustic Open Mic @ Rockport Little Theater

Friday, November 4

The Groove @ Bron's

Karaoke @ Island Wine

Artie V @ Treasure Island

Wilder Blue @ Third Coast Theater

Jered Clark @ Virginia's

Disney on Ice @ American Bank Center

Scarecrow People @ Brewster Southside

Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown

Caleb Navarro, Derek & Nat 20's @ House of Rock

Dreaming in Color @ BUS

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

JonMikeael MREZ @ Pelican

David Salinas @ Paradise Key

Rockport

Saturday, November 5

The Groove @ VFW

Justin & Nikki @ Bron's

Free Beer Band @ Island Wine

Bottles & Bandits @ Treasure Island

Jered Clark @ Virginia's

Pecos & the Rooftops, Dylan Wheeler @ Brewster Downtown

Meza Band @ Brewster Southside

The Max @ Rockit's

Hirie, Ballyhoo, Surfer Girl @ House of Rock

Dreaming in Color @ Vernon's

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Alley Catz @

Executive Surf Club

Billy Snipes @ Island Italian

Robin Blue @ Scuttlebutt's

Splendiferous @ Pelican

Rockport Songwriter Festival @ Charlotte

Plummers Fulton

David Salinas @ Paradise Key

Rockport

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 6

David & Barbara

Brown @ Island Wine

Damn Right Duo @ House of Rock

Jennifer Gayle

Bradley @ Blackbeard's

Jerry Ward @ Pelican

Rockport Sonwriter

Festival @ Charlotte

Plummer's Fulton

Monday, November 7

Bubba Flex @ Bron'

Chuck Almarez @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday, November 8

Open Mic @ House of Rock

Billy Snipes @ Doc's

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Open Jam @ Rialto Theater AP

Chuck Almarez @ Blackbeard's

Wednesday, November 9

Riptide @ VFW

Singer Songwriter

Open Mic @ Island Wine

Dave's Duo @ Katz 21

Thrive, Ethan Tucker @ House of Rock

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Michael Burtt's @ Pelican

Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's

Thursday, November 10

Toadies, New Ends @ Brewster Downtown

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Knuckle-Cracker

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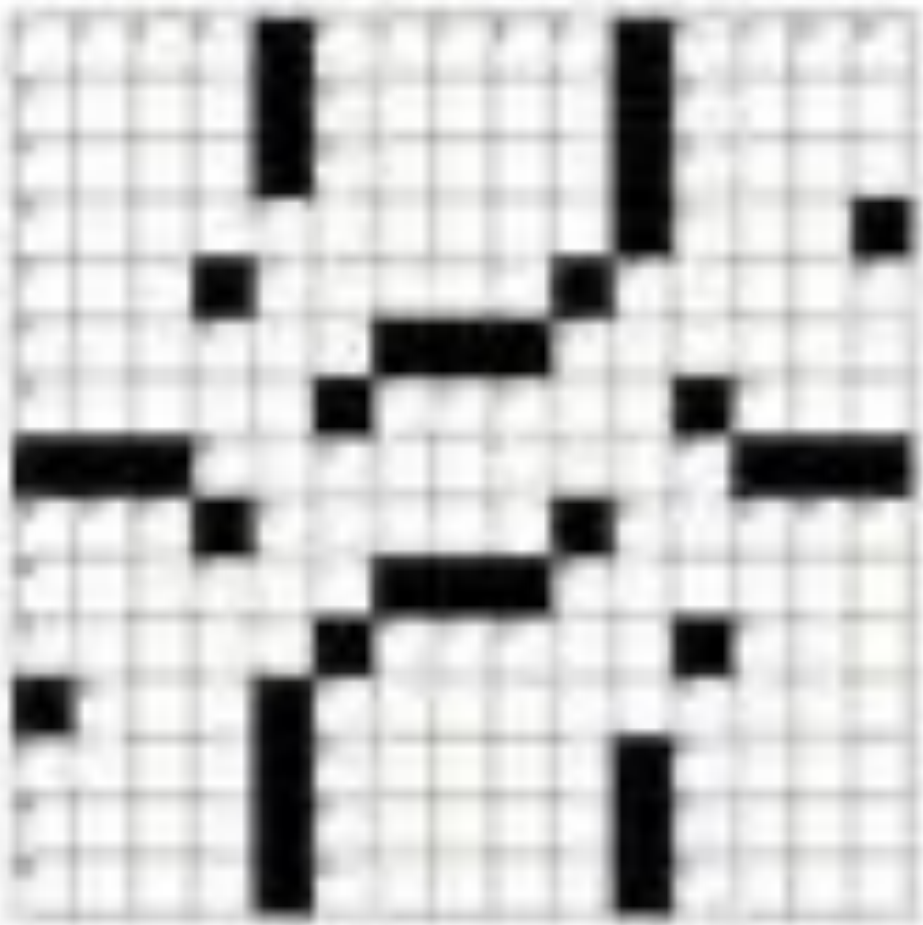
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Police Blotter October 25-October 31

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Suspicious Person
13500 block SPID Midnight October 29
Traffic
67 Traffic Stops

SPID West

Crimes against Person
15000 block Tesoro Noon October 29 Assault
13900 block Binnacle 10 p.m. October 28 Assault
14100 block Palo Seco 10 a.m. October 25 Assault/
Disturbance
Crimes against Property
15200 block SPID Midnight October 30 Theft of
Services
14500 block Cabana East 7 a.m. October 26
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13600 block Port Royal 6 p.m. October 25
Trespassing
13700 block Eaglesnest Bay 11 a.m. October 28
Theft of Services
15700 block Gypsy 8 p.m. October 27 Trespassing
15700 block Gypsy 4 p.m. October 24 Unauthorized
Use of a Motor Vehicle
Disturbance
14100 block Whitecap 9 p.m. October 30 Warrant
13900 block Binnacle 1 a.m. October 30
15300 block SPID Midnight October 30
14400 block SPID 9 p.m. October 29 Public
Intoxication
15000 block Tesoro Noon October 29
15200 block Capstan 8 a.m. October 26
14500 block Compass 2 a.m. October 26

15300 block Yardarm 10 a.m. October 25
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15600 block Gypsy 9 p.m. October 31 Public
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14000 block Hawksnest Bay 8 p.m. October 31
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14200 block Ambrosia 7 p.m. October 30
15100 block Dory 1 a.m. October 26
Hawksnest Bay/Coral Drive 6 p.m. October 31
Traffic
155 Traffic Stops
SPID/Whitecap 6 p.m. October 29 DWI
14600 block SPID 5 p.m. October 27 Crash
15400 block SPID 6 p.m. October 30 Crash
Fortuna Bay/Ports O Call 8 a.m. October 30 Crash
15600 block SPID 9 a.m. October 28 Crash

SPID East – Gulf

Crimes against Property
14900 block Leeward Midnight October 28 Burglary
of a Motor Vehicle
14700 block Whitecap 2 p.m. October 26 Theft of
Services
100 block La Concha 1 p.m. October 25 Theft of
Services
Disturbance
15000 block Windward 2 p.m. October 30 Warrant
Traffic
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Jason and Metra Barrett in Cabo for the pirate and mermaids wedding.



My husband and I (Eddie and Sharon Lynch) took an Alaskan cruise for our 45th Anniversary last month, and had to take the Island Moon with us!



Patti and Alan Baker brought the Island Moon to share while scuba diving at Sandals Negril, Jamaica. Great dives! Shark, dolphin, plane wreck, tugboat wreck, millions of beautiful fish and a healthy reef.

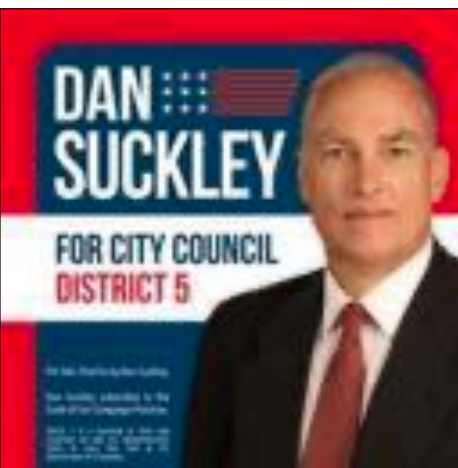


Stand-in photographer for Debbie Noble at Dia de los Muertos 2022 is Gertrude Adair Stewart



Dear editor,

We love your newspaper! We read it online and pick it up when we're in town. Getting our home ready to sell here in Austin, hope to join all you cool kids in 2023! My husband Gerald and I recently traveled to Tacoma, Washington for our daughter's wedding. We took the opportunity to have a friendly local snap this picture of us with your beloved newspaper at Point Defiance Marina in Tacoma, Washington. Thank you for all the work you do to keep everyone informed of Island events. Best Regards, Pamela and Gerald Gardner



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ABOUT MICHAEL

Michael Hunter has served as an At-Large member on the Corpus Christi City Council since 2016.

Since then he has become a leader on numerous city issues, working to ensure a good and clean water supply, fixing infrastructure issues and making sure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Michael is the only current city council member who has NEVER voted for a tax increase

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