

Foul food fumes cause complaints

Corpus Christi spent \$85,000 on a study of the smell in the sewer system.

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — That downtown stench isn't the sewer system, officials say.

For years, downtown businesses and visitors have complained about foul odors and for years the anything but delicate aroma has been blamed on an old sewer system.

But a new study of the city's downtown water pipes and drainage system shows a different culprit: restaurants.

The study shows that the stench emanates from storm sewers where decaying food from 35 downtown restaurants has accumulated over the years.

The biggest problem with the sewer system is that it tends to get clogged with grease deposits from the eateries, said Carl Crull, an assistant city manager for public works.

Grease clogs lead to sewage back ups and can cause unhealthy situations.

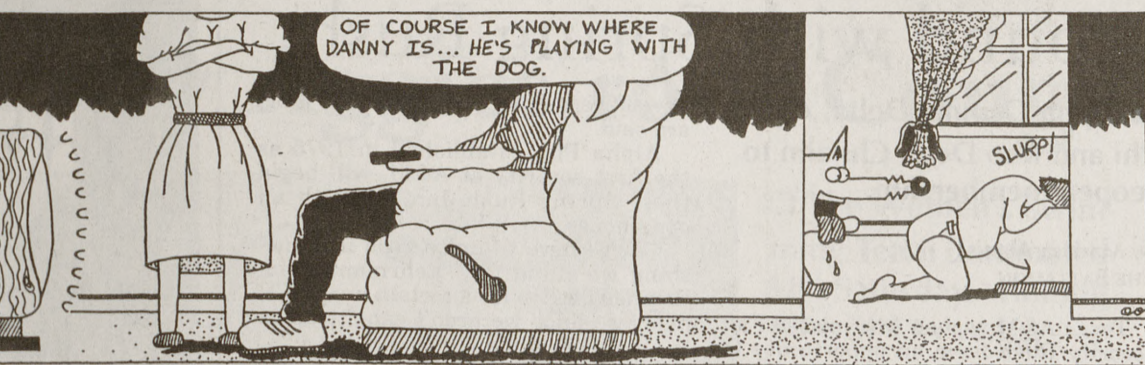
"It's just like cholesterol clogging up your arteries," Crull said.

Unless rainfall flushes out the storm sewers, the food sits in the pipes and rots, producing the offensive odor.

The \$85,000 study, commissioned by the city last year, was conducted to determine the condition of the downtown infrastructure, whether it had the capacity to support future development and to identify the cause of the offensive odors.

The results of the study will be presented to the City Council Tuesday, along with a recommendation to approve a \$48,000 contract to design plans and specifications for the sewer system repairs, Crull said.

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Beginning Pottery Wheel Throwing
Section A M/W. Jan 29 - Feb 14
6-9pm
Section B M/W. Jan 29 - Feb 14
7:45-9:45pm
Section C T/Th. Feb 20 - March 7
5:30-7:30pm
Section D T/Th. Feb 20 - March 7
7:45-9:45pm
Section E M/W. Feb 19 - March 6
6-8pm
Section F M/W. Mar 25 - April 10
5:30-7:30pm
\$40/student \$50/nonstudent

Pottery II
Int. Wheel Throwing
M/W. March 25 - April 10
7:45-9:45pm
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Hand Built Pottery
Sat. Feb 10, 17, 24
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7-8:30pm
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6-7:30pm
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7-8:30pm
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6-7:30pm
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Wed. Jan 31 - March 27
7:30-9pm
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6-9pm
Section B Wed. Feb 21, 28, Mar 6
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