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Island Moon Live

By Dale Rankin
It's been a nice slow slide into autumn *Around The Island* this week as things have really slowed down on our little sandbar. The amount of traffic coming OTB has slacked, lines at Island businesses have let up and we are definitely on Island Time hereabouts.

Our friend Charlie
We lost long-time Islander Charlie Eskridge this week. If there is anyone who could claim to be an original Islander it was Charlie who went to work at the Padre Isles Country Club in 1970 and lived here until his death this week. As the golf pro at the country club Charlie made the rounds with everyone from Willie Nelson to Johnny Bench over the years and waited out Hurricane Allen in 1980 inside the clubhouse, a story we will feature in future issues. Over the years Charlie has written several pieces for the *Island Moon* and we will reprise some of them over the coming weeks. When the old clubhouse was torn down Charlie brought the photos and mementoes that hung on the walls there to the *Island Moon* office where they await a permanent home in the mythical Island Museum. Charlie will be missed *Around The Island*.

City taxes
We want to send an Island Thank You out to the Corpus Christi City Council which this week passed the new 2026 budget with only a .356% tax hike. We have been used to 6.5% city tax hikes in recent years and we appreciate the break.

Billish Park
The council this week also approved amendments to the agreement approved in June 2017 with the Padre Isles Property Owners Association for the lease of Billish Park. The park was originally leased to the PIPOA until it completed construction of improvements to the park and on completion of the improvements they became the property of the city which pays the PIPOA \$14,700 each year to offset the cost of ongoing maintenance. The new agreement has three

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Construction on new Seawall Hotel to begin by year's end *205 rooms with conference center*



Artist rendering of the new Marriott branded hotel and conference center on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall

By Dale Rankin

Construction on a \$34 million hotel on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall on Padre Island is scheduled to begin by the end of 2025 after action by the Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday.

The council approved a \$2 million economic development incentive agreement project between the Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B Corporation) and developers of the Marriott-branded hotel

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A Study for an Island Flood Gate *Padre Isles Property Owners Association asks for bids*



The old Island Seagate was completed, but never used.

Editor's note: Management at the Padre Isles Property Owners Association (PIPOA) this week issued a Request for a Quotation for a Hydrological Study to determine the best location for a flood gate in the canal system on Padre Island.

PIPOA officials are on the record requesting that the sand dam on Lake

Padre remain in place until a flood gate is in place and the request for a study is the first step in process of locating and constructing the proposed structure. The request does not list specifics on funding for the gate, nor a timeline for construction. We printed the RFQ here unedited and in its entirety on page 6.

Sandbox Beach Bar work moving ahead



Improvements are coming along at the Islands newest beachfront bar. The Sandbox Beach Bar has installed seven palapas, one which can accommodate live music, pickleball courts and numerous conex containers. No opening date has been released yet but it is shaping up to be quite the entertainment complex. It is located between Portofino and Gulfstream condominiums on the Michael J Ellis Seawall.

A little Island history

How Did The Island Get Annexed by Corpus Christi and Can We Secede?

By Dale Rankin

It's almost a rite of passage when newcomers arrive on The Island. After a few months they want to know if The Island can remove itself from the City of Corpus Christi. The short answer to the question is yes...but...no. The answer is complex and based on a Freedom of Information request to the city asking for the Annexation Agreement between The Island and the City of Corpus Christi and here is the long answer.



Let's start at the beginning

How did we get annexed? Annexation of The Island could only come about after the annexation of Flour Bluff which was annexed in the 1960's and according to the records provided by the City of Corpus Christi annexation of The Island began in earnest in 1980. Development on The Island began in the early 1970's and by the 1980's Island

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Longtime Islander Charlie Eskridge passes away *Began working at Padre Isles Country Club in 1970*

Editor's note: Charles Jefferson Eskridge III born October 6, 1944 passed away on September 7, 2025. Charlie as he was known to all was the first golf pro of the Padre Isles County Club and continued in that role until its sale to the Schlitterbahn ownership group in 2015 and continued to live on Padre Island until his death. At his request no service will be held at this time and no formal obituary has been issued.



Charlie on the 18th green with baseball great Johnny Bench in 1970s.

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Beachcombing Report

Rubber Bales World War II Relics Washing Ashore



Jace Tunnell next to rubber bale near Port Aransas

By Jace Tunnell

Every now and then, the Gulf currents deliver something to our beaches that feels like it belongs in a museum rather than on the sand. This week, it was a rubber bale — an unusual find that looks like a large, brown, square sack about the size of a tire. Weighing in at around 200 pounds, each bale is made up of stacked sheets of rubber, bound together with a single rubber wrap around the outside.

Over the years, I've come across about 10 of these mysterious objects. The one that washed up most recently was especially

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Rodney Guzman caught a 30-inch trout at King ranch shoreline!



While males have rich, whistling songs to establish territories, female Baltimore Oriole songs are shorter and used mainly for communication with their mate. Riekie Roncinske



Austin Forrest shows how to color coordinate your guitar, guitar strap, shoes, headband and bracelet for a gig.



Ladder-backed woodpecker
By Kristian White



Evelyn Pless Schberth took the Moon to London Tower Bridge by Boat, the Royal Observatory Greenwich, and the Prime Meridian.



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Letters to the Editor



A new white paper from the Aluminum Association makes one thing clear: America’s aluminum industry is at a turning point.

In 1980, 33 smelters produced over 4.6 million tons of aluminum annually. Today, fewer than a handful remain, producing less than 700,000 tons.

Demand, however, is booming — in vehicles, defense, packaging, power lines, and more. By 2030, the average car will use five times more aluminum than it did in 1980. Recycling is now the engine: over 80% of U.S. aluminum supply comes from secondary production, which requires just 5% of the energy of primary smelting.

But the report warns of a glaring weakness: America recycles only 43% of beverage cans.

By adopting a smart, market-driven recycling refund program, Texas has the chance to turn this national weakness into a state strength. Such a program could capture cans now lost to landfills, keep scrap in-state to feed Gulf Coast mills, and create thousands of good Texas jobs. It would strengthen supply chains, relieve pressure on our power grid, and deliver real economic progress.

But if we do nothing, the costs are clear. Cans and bottles will continue to wash into our sewers, clogging drains during storms. They will gush into streams, float down rivers, and pollute the Gulf of Mexico. Every container wasted is not just litter — it is lost value, lost opportunity, and lost jobs.

The question for Texas is simple: do we bury our future in landfills, or do we lead the nation by turning waste into wealth? With your support, we can keep pushing for a cleaner, stronger, and more prosperous Texas.

Joe Trotter
Texans For Clean Water

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primary amendments: first, the PIPOA was granted permission to dig up to four wells to provide for irrigation at the park. Second, the PIPOA is solely responsible for the construction/maintenance of any wells and the irrigation system and these improvements shall be property of the city upon completion with maintenance to be performed by the Parks & Recreation Department at its own cost/expense. Third, the city will re-mulch the playground area at least once annually and perform sanitation/trash pick-up daily (excluding weekends, holidays, or weather-related events, such as hurricanes or other natural disasters).

Test wells dug at the park a decade ago struck groundwater suitable for irrigation about six feet below the surface. Using city water to irrigate the park became problematic when water rationing set in and the irrigation wells were designed to fill that gap.

Beach stickers

According to the city’s beach manager a total of 1761 beach parking permits were sold over the three-day Labor Day weekend. He told members of the Island Strategic Action Committee this week there is still a large quantity of sand stockpiled on the north side of Packery Channel which can be used to widen the beach south of the channel between now and the summer of 2026 which could push the width out past the 150 feet needed to remove the bollards currently in place and allow vehicular traffic all along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall.

Park officials also told the committee *No Wake* signs will be installed on Packery Channel making the channel a No Wake Zone from the JFK Bridge to the Packery Bridge.

And finally there may be some changes coming to the area and businesses between the JFK Bridge and Packery Channel as there is some breaking news as we go to press. We will have updates on our Facebook page [theislandmoonnewspaper](#).

That’s all for now everybody, we’ll see you at the belt sander races and say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

Personal best Not Your Normal Day on the Water After 68 years Barry reels in a whopper!

By Barry Gross

I’ve been fishing for over 68 years. I know; that’s a long time! It’s challenging to estimate the total number of fish I’ve caught, but I’m confident it’s over 20,000 and includes many different species. As an avid angler, you always remember your biggest fish in a specific species (and the ones that got away). I still love every adventure on the water, whether I catch anything or not. Catching is a bonus; communing with nature and God is the Gift!

On Labor Day, I went out with a buddy for a common excursion that I’ve made 1,000s of times. Through the years, I studied weather conditions, from barometric pressure to wind (direction, speed, changes, etc.), tidal movements/changes, lunar tables, and more, to get some sense of what to expect when I hit the water on a given day. It’s normal prep for me. Knowledge of these elements helps me key in on areas that may hold active fish, giving me an above-average chance of catching fish. Each day is different, and you have to adapt accordingly. Commonly, 10% of a body of water holds 90% of the active fish.

It was a mostly typical day for us. Hit the water shortly before dawn, with cloudy skies, a few sprinkles of rain, low barometric pressure, a nice lunar chart, light winds from the northeast (unusual for this time of year), and a few degrees cooler than the previous week. As usual, if I’m going fishing, I’m excited, but I try to keep my expectations low.

We fished about 5 spots/areas before 10 AM that I felt would be productive. We did

OK, catching about 15-18 trout, but all were mostly of moderate size. Around 10 AM, we moved to a different area. I’ve fished it before. After about 5 casts (I use 100% artificial bait), I got a strike from what felt like a freight train. My rod doubled over, the fish immediately darted left, and my drag started screaming. I knew it was a big one. I shouted to my buddy, “This is a Reel Fish!” I set the hook as best as I could, and also loosened my drag so she wouldn’t break my line. I reeled her in a bit, and she took off again and again, peeling off more line. From my experience, I suspected it was a big red fish. After the fish maneuvered me around my boat a full two times, I got her close, and my buddy readied the net.

When the fish got about 10 feet from the boat, she breached the water for the first time. Thrashing her head from side to side in an attempt to spit out my hook, she had finally shown herself. It wasn’t a redfish at all. She was a Huge Trout! There were a lot of “Goddamn, That’s a Big Trout!” happening all of a sudden. A rush of excitement and nervousness flooded my body in an instant. My buddy told me to let him know when I was ready. This would not be an easy netting job. As she neared the boat, I told him, “She’s about ready.” With a single scoop of the net, she was almost too big to fit, but thankfully did.

As soon as the net hit the deck of my boat, and the monster was safely aboard, the hook sprang free from her jaws...she had barely been hooked. Quite a miracle we landed her. 29 1/2 inches and 7 1/2 pounds. A new Personal Best for me! I’ve caught maybe 15 trout over 28 inches, but never a 29+. My excitement and nervousness turned to gratitude and blessings. Frickin’ Awesome!! A true trophy by anyone’s measure.

And yes, a few pics, a kiss on the lips, and I set her free to make babies for generations to come.

The experience was nothing short of Electric. This is no Fish Tail. This was the Reel Deal, and I have pics to prove it!

Peace, and Keep a Tight Line!



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developers were desirous of city services and began the process of requesting annexation. Island developers paid to have the water line to The Island increased from 16 inches to 24 inches. They also paid to have the height of the bridge over Packery Channel raised from a clearance of 13 feet to 20 feet to allow large boats to pass underneath.

The city began annexing The Island in chunks and by 1983 the city limits touched the north end of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall – Packery Channel did not go all the way through to the Gulf – Cane Harbor was swallowed up in 1983 after developers agreed to pay for a sewer lift station, and by the end of 1984 everything north of Whitecap and West of the SPID was in the city except for the area covered by Lake Padre and County Parks.

The progress of the city’s southward expansion reads like a general taking a city; a few blocks at a time as city services were extended outward annexation soon followed. The standard agreement in Texas, according to the city documents, is that city services will be extended to the newly annexed areas within ten years or the area can petition for de-annexation.

The big grab was in 1987 when the City of Corpus Christi signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Padre Island Investment Corporation and the Padre Isles Property Owners’ Association. That eight-page document calls for the city to help lower premiums for Windstorm Insurance on The Island and support legislation to restrict the impact of rules regarding construction on barrier islands as well as to help in the effort to raise the JFK Causeway. The memorandum also called for the city help in passing rules to stop vehicular traffic on the beach in front of the seawall.

However, none of those issues were binding, the city only agreed to help not deliver. There are some gaps in the paperwork supplied by the city so far so it is unclear what – if any – other agreements may have been made as a condition of annexation. A cover letter to the introduction to the Memorandum of Understanding mentions a “Service Plan” between the City and the Padre Island Property Owners Association and so far we cannot find a copy of that plan. The last bit

Charlie cont. from A1

Charlie wrote many stories for the Island Moon over the years including a series of the history of the country club which we first ran in 2015. We reprise if here in Charlie’s honor.

Padre Isles Country Club as Charlie remembers it

By Charlie Eskridge

In 1971 when the club opened for business, there were very few homes in Padre Isles, probably fewer than twenty. Most of these were occupied by employees of Padre Isles Investment Corporation which had a staff of 50-70 employees, marketing, selling and administering those sales. There were canals in the Galleon Bay area, but there was no Commodores Drive, no Whitecap, etc. On the Beach side there was the Million Dollar Inn, which housed the offices for the development corporation, and accommodated the prospective land owners each weekend. The Island House was there and sold out, with the Gulfstream just completed, and another sales team in place there. The Keep Out Motel was open, and there were some additional homes on Packery Channel, which were not a part of the land the investment corporation owned.

To get to The Island, there were a series of traffic lights in The Bluff, with the access to the base a left turn signal situation. Once to the causeway there were two swing bridges that would open to boat traffic whenever there was one, as they had the right of way. Getting off and on The Island could be very challenging and time consuming as you might imagine.

So, none of the locals really wanted to live here, and indeed many people considered going to The Island similar to taking a day trip to San Antonio or Mexico. However, the investment corporation had the vision, and to achieve that vision the first improvement they made was the construction of the clubhouse and nine holes of the golf course.

The very beginning

The first time I visited the Country Club in 1970 there was no road to the clubhouse and I got stuck to the floorboard halfway and I had to walk the rest of the way up. Finally, I made it inside the club and explained to Herman Johnson That I needed my truck pulled out of the sand. He said that would be \$30, and laughed as he said he could retire on that fake road to the club. Herman was the general manager for the Club, and his history was being the manager at Pharaoh’s for a while, but his expertise was agronomy, with a long resume in that

of Island land to be annexed was in the late 1990s when the strip along State Highway 361 when the Corpus Christi and Port Aransas had a race to see who could gobble up the property tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue from the high-rise developments that had sprung up there. The finish line was about halfway up The Island where the city limits of the two met and which is the common city limits today.

What is the process to de-annex?

The answer is very complicated. The Island was annexed under Home Rule – cities with less than 5000 population were General Rule – and in Home Rule annexation city services must be provided to new areas within a reasonable time. Case law has found ten years to be a reasonable time.

What is clear is that for any area to leave a municipality after being annexed those who would leave the city and those who would stay behind in the incorporated area must both be in favor of the split. There are some cases where areas have been able to remove themselves from annexation but only after showing the city which took them in failed to live up to contractual agreements – like providing sewer service and street maintenance.

Special conditions also apply if the leaving of the area wishing to de-annex would cause an undue economic hardship on those who remain. Given that The Island is 4% of the city’s population and makes up 14% of the property tax base it is safe to say this provision would likely apply. While it does not appear from the annexation documents that a vote of citizens citywide would be legally required to allow an area to de-annex it is highly unlikely that any Corpus Christi City Council would allow de-annexation by a simple majority vote of the council, nor vote to put it on a ballot. According to Home Rule a deannexation item could be placed on a city ballot by petition, however, it would then have to be approved by voters across the city. So while it is not impossible for The Island to be released from the City of Corpus Christi and become its own city, the chances of it happening are very slim.

Once we got in, there is almost no way out.

business - Herman later established the local Turf & Irrigation business on Airline.

Herman of course knew me, but his primary reason for considering me to be the club’s first golf professional, was his belief that I could build the membership quicker than anyone else. I assured him I could and had a couple of ways to get that accomplished. He wanted to know how and I told him I would not tell him, but within one year I would get him to 100 members. Herman needed 100 members before the development corporation would release funds for him to construct the second nine holes. They had built the first nine as a sales tool primarily, with parts of each of the permanent nines constructed because they could be seen from the clubhouse and immediate area. At the Club we had a double challenge. We needed a membership of 100 golfers in order to start the second nine holes, and the stigma in the golfers minds of “just a nine hole course”. Also, remember the trip through stop lights and swing bridges from the area most of our members were going to have to come from. Also, we had no tennis courts or swimming pool initially, and the clubhouse was basically closed to members on weekends in order to take care of the clients visiting as potential land buyers. So it was golf to sell, and that was it.

There were a couple of things that also would aid me in building the membership: First was Herman’s philosophy concerning closing the course after a rain. Most superintendents in that era were very reluctant to open after a rain. Golf carts were just emerging as the transportation of choice and as the biggest financial impact on the golf business since the first green fee was charged, so there were not any courses with cart paths around. We had them, so Herman told me up front, “Charlie, we are never closed, so don’t even ask me.” Secondly, in 1971 our course was state of the art with the newest grasses and an unlimited maintenance budget. The company wanted it perfect in order to influence their land sales.

New ideas

My couple of ideas??? Only golf course in the city with non-gender based tee times. Special promotion to the “Players” of our state of the art course at a competitive rate. (Remember, a sales tool did not need to be profitable.) Did it work? Started construction on our second nine in 1972, and opened to play in 1973.

Three things really helped us: We were the state of the art facility in Corpus Christi at



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

The Island Strategic Action Committee held its September meeting this week and covered a variety of Island projects. The ISAC is a fourteen-member advisory committee to the Corpus Christi City Council for Island projects and also has a sub-committee which makes reconditions to the board of the Island Tax Incremental Investment Zone #2 which captures property tax on new development inside the boundaries of the zone after 2002.

Here are some of the topics:

Stop sign on new Commodores Dr. bridge

Our story two issues ago regarding the pending decision on whether to place a stop sign(s) on either end of the new water exchange bridge on Commodores Dr. engendered public comment, however, as of this writing no decision has been made on the topic according to city officials who referred us to the contractor. As of this writing the final decision will be made by city staff and may or may not require a vote by the city council. Officials from the Texas Department of Transportation are also being consulted since the design of the bridge came from that source. Construction on the bridge is scheduled for October and it is currently unclear whether a decision on a stop sign there will be made by that time.

Paving of Paper Streets

The paving of two Island streets which have existed on paper only since the 1970s was scheduled to begin in 2025 with funding from the Island TIRZ #2, however, discussion among the ISAC committee, with a vote scheduled for their October meeting, indicated that work will likely be delayed and placed on a 2026 bond package. Paving of the two streets, Sand Dollar Ave. from Verdemar Dr. south to SH 361 at a cost of \$6.7 million, and Crowsnest from Whitecap Blvd. south to Beach Access Road #4 at a cost of \$7.2 million, has been in the

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with developers telling the council construction will begin by the end of 2025 with completion of the entire development expected “within two years.” The formal name of the project is the North Padre Island Beachfront Hotel and Conference Center and it includes a total of 205 rooms and significantly for Padre Island, it also includes a 9,186 square-foot conference center.

The development, located directly south of the current Wyndham Hotel, includes two Marriott-branded hotels, Courtyard & Residence Inn, Conference Center, and a Bar Louie Restaurant/Bar modeled after a similar facility in South Padre Island. The project developer, Padre Island North, LLC, said the project will create 73 primary jobs, with the \$2 million in incentive money to be reimbursed to the developer over a five-year period from the unreserved fund balance of the Corpus Christi B Corporation Economic Development fund. The developer of the project owns more than twenty other hotel developments around Texas and also owns an 8.7-acre site adjacent and south of the hotel site to be used for further, undetermined development.

that time, with an unlimited budget to keep it that way. We offered non-gender based tee times, (women could not play before noon on Saturday at the other clubs) so many women were responsible for their family deciding to join our club. Finally, we had a sales and administrative company that was slammed three days a week, but had very little to do the other four, and they were “trapped” on this side of the swing bridges and traffic lights. The company waived their initiation fees, but they were required to pay full dues if they wished to use the golf course. So we filled our 100 member slots very quickly with company people, golfers from the city that wanted to play on a quality golf course, and working women that were irate they could not play when their working husbands did. (Saturday AM)

planning stages for more than two years. However, an anticipated lack of funds in the TIRZ#2 and problems with permitting of the Crowsnest project has pushed both projects back at least one year.

Paving of Sand Dollar Ave. is of importance because it would allow access to a block of about thirty lots east of the SPID corridor for commercial development and would also provide an alternate north/south route adjacent to SPID.

TIRZ #2 funds

Currently, the payout from TIRZ #2 funds is as follows:

- \$9 million in 2026
- \$6 million in 2027
- \$9 million in 2028
- \$8 million in 2029
- \$9 million in 2030
- \$5.7 million in 2031

Most of those funds will be in the form of reimbursement to the developers of new projects once those projects are complete.

Island skate park

The delay in paving the Paper Streets may mean good news for construction of an Island skate park at Billish Park as the ISAC is expected to take up the question of redirecting some of that money to the building of the skate park. City staff told the committee there is currently \$4.8 million in the TIRZ #2 that could be redirected to other Island projects if the paper streets are funded through bonds. Currently, a skate park is included in Phase III of the improvements at Commodores Park with construction on Phase I of that plan yet to begin.

ISAC meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month and are now held at the Wyndham Hotel.

The development will mark the first construction of a residential/hotel development on the Ellis Seawall since 1983.

By the numbers

- \$34 million investment
- 107 room Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
- 98 room Residence Inn by Marriott
- 9186 square-foot conference center and outdoor area
- 73 jobs with average salary of \$30,665



The Hotel development area today.

Pricing for golf was also a benefit. (Remember we were not required to be profitable) The membership categories were divided into two groups, “Islanders” (property owners in the development) and “Mainlanders” (non-property owners). These groups were further divided into Golf members, non-resident members, and Jr. members. The initiation fees were rather high and they went up only 50% in the next 35 years. Dues were attractive with islander golf \$28 per month, non-resident \$10, and Jr. \$30. Mainlanders, the bulk of our initial members, paid \$38, \$15, and \$30 respectively. What a value for the golfers. Times were good.

We will have more from Charlie’s stories in future issues.

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Nature Notes

Taking a Quack at Conservation

Kayla Pringle



Federal duck stamp

The history of duck hunting in North America is a reminder of how human activity can both endanger wildlife and protect it. What began as unregulated hunting nearly pushed several species to the brink of extinction. Yet the crisis that followed led to some of the most significant conservation laws and programs still in place today.

For centuries, Indigenous communities hunted ducks and other waterfowl sustainably, following natural patterns of migration and taking only what was needed. When European settlers arrived in America, however, duck hunting changed dramatically. By the 1800s, waterfowl were being harvested on a massive commercial scale. Ducks were shipped by the wagonload to city markets, and feathers were sold for clothing and household goods.

The techniques used during this period were devastating. Market hunters employed “punt guns”, giant firearms capable of killing dozens of birds at once, along with baited wetlands and live decoys to lure in entire flocks. Species such as the Canvasback, Redhead, and Wood Duck experienced sharp population declines. The extinction of the Passenger Pigeon around the same time served as a sobering warning of how quickly overexploitation could erase a species.

The damage eventually prompted a public response. Early conservationists and concerned citizens pushed for stronger protections. Their efforts culminated in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which outlawed market hunting and gave federal protection to migratory species. This landmark law not only saved ducks from further decline but also set the foundation for modern bird conservation across North America.

Another major step came in 1934 with the creation of the Federal Duck Stamp Program. While hunters were the ones required to purchase the stamps, the true beneficiaries have been wetlands and wildlife. Revenue from duck stamps has helped protect more than six million acres of habitat; land that supports countless species of birds, amphibians, fish, and plants. Programs like these demonstrate how conservation policies can deliver benefits far beyond their original goal.

Today, ducks are among the best-monitored bird groups in the world. Annual surveys, hunting limits, and habitat management are coordinated across international borders to ensure populations remain healthy. Just as importantly, the wetlands preserved for waterfowl also provide critical ecosystem services, from filtering water to reducing flooding.

While hunting continues in a regulated form, the broader legacy of this history lies in how it reshaped our relationship with wildlife. What began as unchecked exploitation became the spark for conservation laws, funding systems, and habitat protection that continue to benefit both birds and people.

The story of duck hunting and conservation is ultimately one of balance. What once threatened waterfowl populations later became part of the solution, as hunters, scientists, and policymakers came together to protect wetlands and restore duck populations. That collaboration reminds us that conservation succeeds when many voices and interests align. Safeguarding migratory birds today will require the same shared commitment because healthy habitats and thriving wildlife benefit everyone, not just those who hunt or birdwatch.




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Beachcombing Report

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striking. Its surface had aged into a cracked, alligator-skin pattern, and it was covered in hundreds of gooseneck barnacles, a sure sign that it had been drifting in the open ocean for quite some time before making landfall on our shores.

So, where do these heavy relics come from? The answer lies deep in the waters off Brazil and in the history books of World War II. In 1944, a German ship named the Rio Grande was sunk by the U.S. Navy. The vessel went down carrying a cargo of raw rubber bales — the very material that was once used to manufacture all kinds of rubber products before synthetic versions became widely available.

For decades, the Rio Grande rested quietly on the seafloor. But as the ship has deteriorated over time, pieces of its cargo have been escaping. Once a bale breaks free, it floats upward, enters the powerful loop current, and eventually finds its way into the Gulf. From there, eddies spin some of them

toward the Texas coastline, where beachcombers like us encounter them.

Finding one of these bales is like holding a tangible piece of history in your hands. Not only do they connect us to a pivotal time in world events, but they also highlight the incredible journey that ocean currents can carry across thousands of miles.

Next time you're walking the beach and see something that looks like a weathered, rubbery block, take a closer look — it just might be a relic from World War II, delivered by the sea itself.

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Rubber bale with gooseneck barnacles

Close up of rubber bale

Teal Season Opens in Texas Sept. 20

Shortened season due to 15% decline in population

Teal hunting season kicks off Sept. 20 and for the first time in nearly 20 years, Texas waterfowl hunters face a shortened early season. The Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Canadian Wildlife Service in May of 2024 estimated the blue-winged teal breeding population at 4.55 million birds, a 15 percent decline and the lowest estimate in two decades. USFWS requires a minimum population of 4.7 million birds to authorize a full 16-day season. The most recent May survey showed an even lower estimate of 4.4 million blue-winged teal, which is now 13 percent below the long-term average. Unfortunately, hunters can also expect another shortened season next year during the 2026-27 hunting season. Blue-winged teal, the second most abundant duck in North America and the primary species targeted during Texas's early teal season, have faced tough conditions on their northern breeding grounds. Prolonged drought in key areas of Canada and the Dakotas has reduced habitat quality and nesting success, leading to population declines. "While it's disappointing to see the decreased hunting season, teal remain an important and resilient species," said Kevin Kraai, Waterfowl Program Leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Hunters can still expect fair opportunity this September, especially where wet con-

ditions earlier in the summer have provided good habitat locally." Habitat conditions are on the drier side across Texas following a wet summer. Drought conditions in Central Texas restricted irrigation water for the state's rice prairies and left landowners reliant on rainfall to fill wetlands and fields. Hunters can expect teal to concentrate in the areas where irrigation or groundwater is available. Despite the challenges, Kraai indicates hunters can still anticipate an average teal season in Texas this fall. "Local wet conditions earlier this summer should hold birds in many areas," added Kraai. "Hunters who scout ahead and adapt to shifting conditions will likely find success." The nine-day statewide 2025 early teal season in Texas will run Sept. 20-28. The daily bag limit on teal is six, with a possession limit of 18.

Green Winged Teal

Request for Quotation: Hydrological Study
(Selection of Optimal Flood Gate Location in North Padre Island Canal System)

1. Project Background and Introduction

This study aims to engage a qualified hydrologist or multidisciplinary team (including coastal engineers and hydrologists) to evaluate potential flood gate locations, with a focus near the Packery Channel, to enhance community protection.

The Padre Island Property Owners Association ((PIPOA) is comprised of 5,000+ residential and commercial properties located on North Padre Island. Recently construction of new bridges and canals has resulted in unprecedented erosion and catastrophic damage to infrastructure and real property located within the PIPOA.

We believe the Texas General Land Office has authority over the land located adjacent to the Packery Channel that is key to replacing an essential storm surge control gate.

Construction on the Packery Channel was completed in 2006 and included a storm surge control gate (see Picture 2 at the attachment). Recent development removed the storm surge control gate in approximately 2022 (see Picture 3 at the attachment), without the input or approval of the PIPOA. Notwithstanding third-party intervention, the original storm surge control gate was insufficient for the current need.

The PIPOA would like to replace the storm surge control gate in the same general location to prevent further damage to property.

2. Objectives

- Identify the optimal location and width for installing a flood gate to mitigate flooding from tidal surges, tropical storms, and up to Category 3 hurricanes.
- Evaluate hydrological, hydraulic, and environmental factors to recommend a site that maximizes protection while minimizing impacts.
- Produce a report with a specific engineering recommendation suitable for informing construction bidding and potential FEMA grant applications.

3. Scope of Services

The study will focus on the canal system near the Packery Channel but evaluate at least two alternative sites for comparison.

Task Description and Key Activities

Data Collection and Review

Gather and analyze existing data on hydrology, topography, and flood history to establish baseline conditions.

- Review historical flood data, tidal records, storm surge maps, and FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the area.
- Conduct field surveys for site-specific data, such as water levels, flow velocities, and geotechnical assessments near potential gate locations. Include non-systematic data like historical accounts or aerial imagery for validation.

Site Evaluation and Alternatives Analysis

Assess potential locations for the flood gate, focusing on effectiveness, feasibility, and impacts.

- Evaluate at least three sites (including near Packery Channel) based on criteria like hydraulic connectivity, vulnerability reduction, environmental effects (e.g., tidal flats, wetlands), and construction feasibility.
- Analyze alternatives, including a “No Action” option, using graph-based networks or multi-criteria decision tools to measure flood vulnerability.
- Incorporate best practices for tidal areas, such as considering wave runup, erosion, and joint probabilities of storm surges and tides.

4. Deliverables

- The primary delivery is a comprehensive report (digital and hard copy) that includes:
 - Executive summary with the recommended flood gate location, width, and rationale.
 - Engineering recommendations, including conceptual designs, estimated costs, and implementation steps to support a construction contract.
 - As applicable, appendices with raw data, model inputs/outputs, and alternatives analysis.

5. Schedule

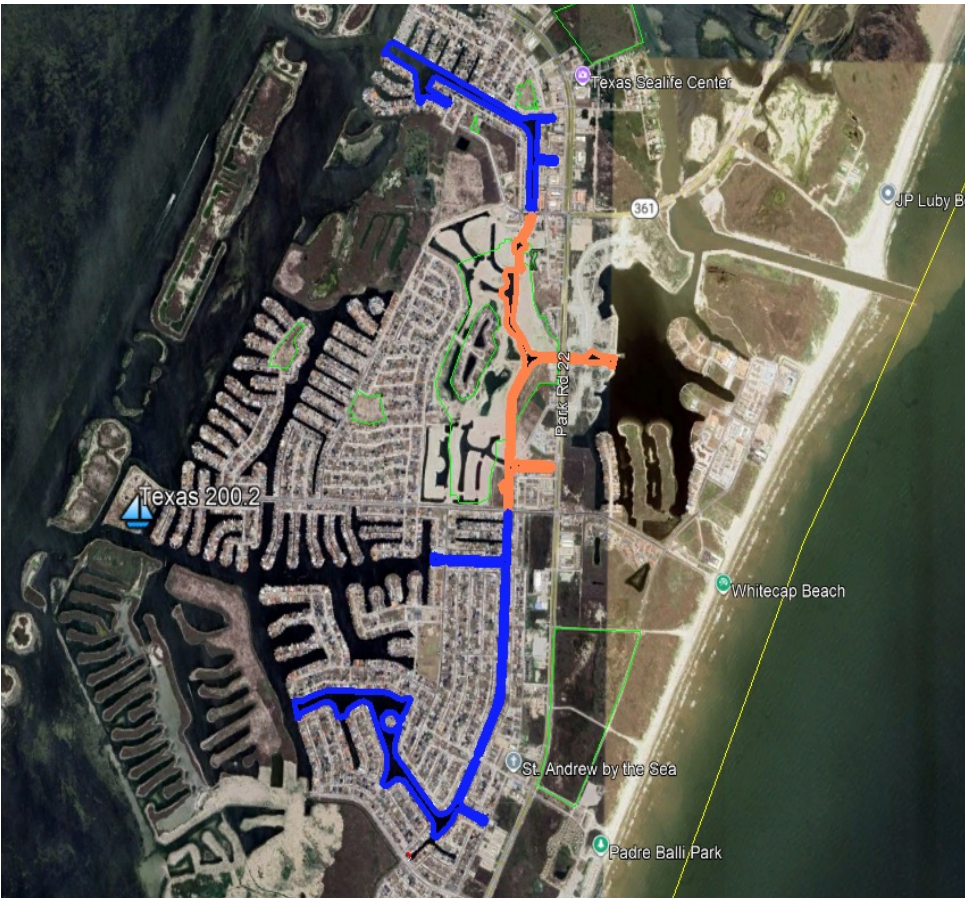
- Executive Summary shall be delivered 30 Days from contract award.
- Final Report shall be delivered 90 days from contract award.

7. Qualifications and Team Requirements

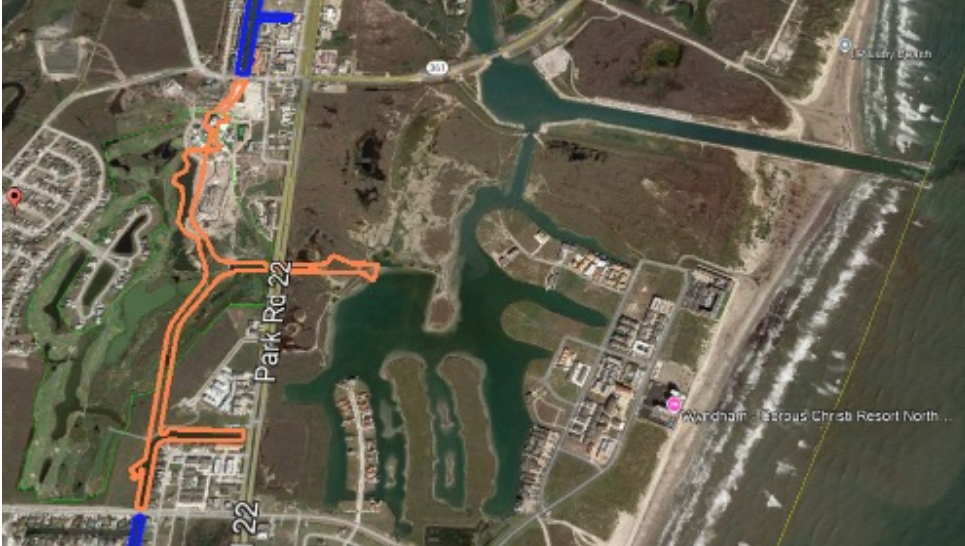
- Lead hydrologist with at least 10 years of experience in coastal flood studies; professional engineering license preferred.
- Demonstrated experience with similar projects, such as USACE feasibility studies or FEMA-funded risk mitigation projects.

8. Budget and Cost Considerations

All costs must be reasonable and supported by methodologies like historical data or vendor quotes.



The blue represents PIPOA canals constructed in the 1970s that are directly affected by unchecked storm surge, The orange represents new bridges and canal constructed in 2022 that are directly responsible for the damage to PIPOA property owners along the blue canals.



This shows the Packery Channel and the original storm gate structure prior to the digging of the new canals in orange and the Padre Lake Development

The Art of Island Life



By Melissa Mitchell

When You Think There’s No Room for Art



Console Table Vignette

One of the most common things I hear in the gallery is, “I love this piece, but I don’t have the wall space for it.”

Let’s talk about art for the smaller spaces in your home—because art isn’t just for big walls. Some of the most beautiful displays I’ve seen live in the smallest of spaces: a cozy corner of a bookshelf, the top of a dresser, or a sunny kitchen window.

One of my favorite ways to celebrate the changing seasons and holidays in my own home is through tablescaping—my dining table is my seasonal stage, shifting from coastal summer blues to warm autumn textures with just a few thoughtful changes. Dining tables and console tables are perfect stages for seasonal arrangements that layer art with personal touches.

Small-scale art is perfect for creating vignettes—little curated moments that tell a story. Picture a hand-thrown stoneware mug next to a favorite book, a sand dollar resting beside a tiny framed watercolor, or a candle flanked by a miniature sculpture. Each object adds texture and meaning, turning an ordinary spot into something special.

And it’s not just shelves—coffee tables, side tables, and entryway consoles are prime real estate for artful groupings. A tabletop vignette might include a stack of coastal-themed books, a slender candlestick, a hand-carved bowl of shells, and a small framed art piece. Together, these elements create a warm, welcoming scene that invites guests to linger—and you to enjoy every day. They also work beautifully in unexpected places: the center of a dining table, a bathroom vanity, or even a bar cart.

As both a gallerist and a decorator, I’ve learned that small spaces work best when you think like a storyteller. Every object should have a reason for being there—whether it’s a reminder of a trip, a gift from a friend, or simply something that makes you smile. A good vignette draws you in and invites you to linger.

Design Secrets for Vignettes That Work

Start with a Focal Point

Choose one piece to anchor the grouping—a painting, sculpture, or photograph—and let it lead the color palette and mood.

Follow the Rule of Odds

Group objects in odd numbers (3, 5, or 7) for a natural, balanced look. Even numbers often feel static, but odd groupings create visual movement and keep the arrangement from feeling too perfect.

Play with Heights and Depth

Use stacks of books, small risers, or trays to vary the levels. Tall objects draw the eye up, while layered depths make the scene more dynamic. Think of it like staging a theater—foreground, middle ground, and background.

Mix Textures and Finishes

Contrast smooth ceramics with weathered wood, glass with greenery, or shiny metals with soft fabrics. This adds tactile interest and richness.

Add a Natural Element

A shell, small plant, or piece of driftwood instantly connects your vignette to the coastal landscape and softens more structured elements.

Create a Color Conversation

Let one or two colors repeat through different objects then add a pop of your accent color—this ties the grouping together without making it feel too matchy.

Rotate Seasonally

The secret is to play with layers, textures, and heights. Stack a couple of books to give a small piece more presence. Use a piece of driftwood as a base. Add a little greenery for life and color. And don’t be afraid to swap items seasonally—it keeps the space feeling fresh and gives you an excuse to rotate your favorite pieces in and out.

Why Small Art Matters

At Padre Island Art Gallery, I see it every day—visitors fall in love with a small piece that speaks to them, then realize it’s the perfect finishing touch for a little nook at home. These smaller treasures don’t just fill space—they tell your story.

Maybe it’s simply a painted tile by the kitchen sink or a cluster of 5x7 canvases in a hallway, small art invites you to look closer. It whispers rather than shouts, yet still brings joy every time you pass by.

So the next time you think you’ve run out of space for art, look again. You might just find the perfect little corner waiting to become a story in three dimensions. And when you’re ready, we’ll be here with plenty of “just the right size” art to help you bring it to life.

Join Us at the Gallery

Mark your calendar for our next **Wine Down Wednesday** at Padre Island Art Gallery on **September 17th**—doors open at **5:30 p.m.** It’s the perfect midweek pause to sip, browse, and enjoy the art of connection.

The *Art of Island Life* will return next week with more stories and creative inspiration from our coastal community. Have a story to share or an upcoming event? Reach out to me at melissa@padreislandartgallery.com.



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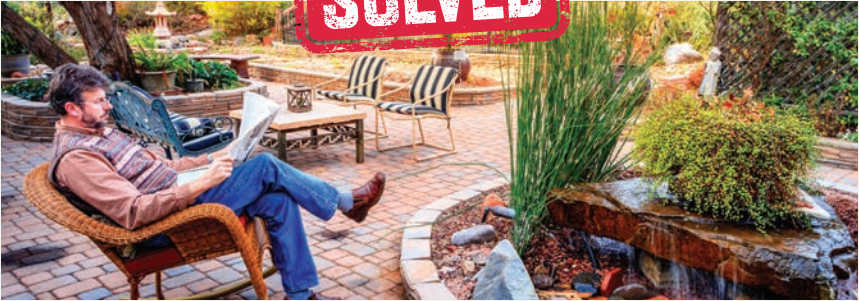
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By Jay Gardner

On the Rocks

The fall bird migration has really kicked off recently with the slow advance of the cool fronts that are sweeping down from the Canada and the upper tier of the country. Sunday night we had over 400 million birds that went over our heads and were headed south, but I really didn't see anything in my yard except extra hummingbirds. Later in the week, the projections are still around 120 million birds a night that are headed south, and instead of just the central flyway, they are coming in from the eastern seaboard, and the Pacific Northwest. The migration pattern has shifted slightly however, and BirdCast is showing that these birds are angling towards Mexico instead of jumping straight over the Gulf. Smarter move in the event those southeast winds crank back up, but that has the birds moving along the coast right here in our back yard.

I've been sneaking out to the jetties a lot of evenings after work, just in time for sunset and the witching hour. These cool fronts really have the fish moving, as the gulf menhaden (shad) are pouring out of the bays and lurking around the pass where they are getting ambushed hourly. There are a lot of skipjacks waiting for them, and while they are fun to get a jump or two out of, they will wreck your tackle. There are a few tarpon still lurking around in the mix, and I just can't seem to figure out which lure they will eat. I usually land at least one a season out there, and my time is running out. As Lily would say, it's really fishy out there.

There are a few Spanish mackerel in the mix, although they are the smaller ones. I see people catch them and just leave them on the deck before taking them home. Spanish mackerel actually make really good sashimi and sushi, but you need to take care of them. First off, when you catch one, you should bleed it out immediately. This can be as simple as pulling a few of the gills out with your fingers or cutting the gills out with a knife. You don't have to get as complicated as *ike jime*, but watching Jeff do it on a couple of fish in Costa Rica has made me want to try it. The flesh comes out perfectly white.

Anyway, after you've bled the fish out, whichever method you use, make sure to get it on ice as soon as you can. While block ice works, it creates cold spots which

turn out mushy when you go to clean it. An icy slush is the absolute best way to preserve your fish. While the fish should be good to go after a few hours, some folks will age their fish for a day or even two but remember to gut the fish if you're going to go that route. Make sure to get up in the fish's cavity and get out all the goodies or you will spoil your fish. Yummy, right?

There's also been a few redfish taken off every day that I've been out there, mainly by people that are finding mullet. There are lots of menhaden that are readily available, and I'm seeing people throwing castnets all along the jetties. The problem is that I know folks are losing castnets in the rocks, which is a real problem. When Augs and I were doing a clean up a few years ago, the castnets we found in the rocks had collected lures and hooks and were trailing line. Those things were the most hazardous "ghost traps" that I have seen in a long time. I've also seen reports of folks having to rescue turtles that are tangled up. If you see a turtle that is tangled up, and you can't get to it yourself, and no one else is, call 1-866-TURTLE-5 and report it.

There are some cool birds hitting the menhaden run including black terns, least terns, and royals and Caspian terns. Next time out I'm going to take a pair of binoculars and spend a few minutes double checking myself to make sure that a black noddy didn't sneak in the mix. We did see a frigate bird circling above the JFK Causeway the other day, so you never know what's around if you don't look. As I was beach combing the other day, a piping plover passed me on the right within just a few feet. I'd never been that close to one and of course didn't have a camera in my hands.

Anyhoo, this really is one of the best times of the year to live here in south Texas. The regular dove season starts up this weekend, and folks will be headed to ranches and leases after the Friday night football blitzes. Flour Bluff is off to a great start, however this Friday they are away down in the valley against Harlingen South. We will be attending the Ullberg Documentary; Wind in the Sails event at TAMUCC, and there might be some tickets left and get online to check it out at the Performing Arts Center. Supposedly Guy Harvey is going to make an appearance as well. Make sure to watch your speed in the school zones and drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks



Reddish Egrt By Riekie Roncinske

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Backwater Adventures

Today is the Day



This young couple was blessed this week with a nice redfish caught while in 2' of water on a DOWN SOUTH LURES purplereign Super Model. We were drifting in the shallow flats north of the JFK. Farah

Tell yourself that TODAY is the day you start living. Today is when you can look back and say you realized you live less than a mile from the beach and bay and never put your feet in the water. Driving over that causeway is relaxing, lets you leave a lot of life behind on the other side of the bridge. But take your shoes off and head to the ocean, and don't forget the fishing pole.

This time of year is a magical time when beach fishing is at a high point. Walking the first and second gut casting soft plastics, silver spoons, or topwaters into the waves can produce some spectacular fish. Speckled trout, Spanish mackerel, redfish, jacks, tarpon and more are all cruising the beaches at dawn and dusk. Look into the small waves for bait and scan the shore for birds, gamefish will be close by. I believe that the jetties are the best place to learn from others and a very consistent place to fish. Walk the rocks with a sack of lures and an open mind. Watch other anglers and don't be afraid to ask questions. Boat fishermen seem to guard their secrets, while those who have no boat are often eager to share information.

We have had a nice change in temperatures in the bays the last few weeks. Five degrees cooled things off from the 90's and set fishing on a rocket ride that will last through the next three months. Fall will be fantastic and lead us into the first but if winter. Right now we are seeing lots of big migrations of bait and gamefish of all kinds as bait that has matured from a spring hatch moves towards the open gulf. As more and more bait leaves for the beachhead, competition will increase, and a easy meal will need to be hunted instead of an all you can eat buffet just a strike away. Fish will also feel the oncoming cold



CASH broke the bank when he set the hook on this GIANT BAFFIN BAY TROUT TUESDAY THIS WEEK. We were fishing shalooowbrocksbinthe mouth of Baffin and released the fish just after we took her picture. Farah

season and be focused on bulking up to survive the hard cold winter. All of this collides to bring us a fantastic fall fishing season.

We are drifting the Laguna Madre now with the variable winds, finding marbled bottoms of 2-4' in depth. The grass is still thick from summer growth but the manatee grass has started to die off and float away opening up. Or flow and sand pockets every day. Natural colors with bright tails have been good at first light like the DOWN SOUTH LURES PURPLE REIGN! I've been using a little heavier jig head this week 1/4oz to make long casts and deliver a faster retrieve. Seems to create a reaction strike for the first few hours of the day while fish are still hunting. Later in the day I am using a lighter 1/8-1/16oz head to finesse the soft plastics to fish waiting in kidding spots in the grass and sand pockets.

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Medical Minute

By Dr. Mario Martinez

You Better Look That Gift Horse in the Mouth



They say that the eyes are a window into your soul. Well the mouth is a window into your overall health. I hate to be the bearer of bad news but your teeth tell a lot about your overall health. The problem that is evident with tooth decay is the same reason why there is an epidemic of obesity and type 2 diabetes in the US. The main culprit, in my opinion, for both of these huge problems in our society is the over-consumption of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS).

Most people have at least pretty good oral hygiene, and they feel uncomfortable when there are food particles stuck in between their teeth after eating. The problem is that sugary drinks do not cause the sensation of having food stuck between your teeth. People that drink sugary drinks all day never feel the urge to brush their teeth but the sugar residue left on the teeth causes dental caries to develop.

The pH scale is the acid base scale. It goes from 0 to 14. The strongest acid known to man is a 0 on the pH scale. The most basic substances known to man are a 14 on the pH scale. Neutral is a 7 on the pH scale. Besides sugar content, foods and beverages that are highly acidic also erode the tooth enamel, and HFCS is far more acidic than sucrose solutions. In fact, HFCS is made with corn starch and a dilute hydrochloric acid. Food manufacturers also prefer to sweeten products with HFCS because the more acidic products made with HFCS are more resistant to spoilage from bacterial contamination. HFCS is purposely acidified to a pH of 3 to 3.3 to extend the shelf life of the food and drinks that are made with it. In contrast, sucrose solutions are usually between 5.8 and 7.2 on the pH scale.

If I look in a patient's mouth and I see a lot of tooth decay, it tells me a great deal about the patient. If they are young, then I can be pretty certain that they are on the fast track to becoming a type 2 diabetic. This tells me that they probably have a high hemoglobin A1C and high cholesterol and triglycerides. Excessive dental caries also tells me that they are probably non-compliant with medical advice as well.

In older patients, excessive tooth decay tells me that they are probably an uncontrolled diabetic or they have been a borderline diabetic for a long time. It also tells me that they have a much higher risk of having significant plaque build up in their arteries. This puts them at a much higher risk of someday having a heart attack or a stroke. The years of high sugar consumption also means they probably have abnormal liver enzymes and fatty infiltration of the liver. An ultrasound of their liver will also show it to have an increased density. You could consider this to be a precursor of cirrhosis or at best they will probably have impaired liver function.

The best medical advice that I can give you is to minimize your consumption of sweet drinks. The best thing you can drink is water. Many people have an aversion to drinking water but the average body needs 1 1/2 to 2 liters of water per day. Even some tequilas are made with some high fructose corn syrup! I also recommend that if you drink tequila, you only drink 100% agave tequila because it has no HFCS. As of the last time I checked, beer is not made with HFCS. Thank God the world hasn't gone completely bonkers.



Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

In the nineteenth century there were orators who would bait Christians by putting a watch on a podium. They would then say something like, "Now, if there is a God, in five minutes he must strike me dead." It is said that no one who issued such an ultimatum ever received a response. Is this proof that God doesn't exist? No.

Christians often think that atheism, along with other religions, are the enemy. Some Christian believers become very bothered by actions they perceive as attempts to push Christianity to the margins of life. Of course, we Christians need to remember that it was at the margins of life where Jesus lived and ministered. Jesus didn't need to rely upon worldly power.

Other religions and atheism are not the enemies. Which even if one does think of these as enemies, makes the teaching of Jesus to love and pray for enemies even more provocative. I think a bigger concern is Christians who live in a state of practical atheism. One of the poetic songs of the Bible says, "Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1)

Recently elected Pope Leo XIV noted at his first Mass that there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. In these settings, "a lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society." In the Pope's mind, this not only applied to nonbelievers, but also among believers.

Practical atheism is living as if God does not matter, regardless of one's stated belief in God. It is acting, thinking, planning, and speaking without acknowledging or relying on God. It is in effect, living as if God was irrelevant to daily life. Despite words of faith, practical atheism is a choice to live in the ocean of self: self-righteousness, self-concern, self-interest, self-preservation, self-promotion.

Practical atheism treats others as transactional means to the end of self. Others are not valued and respected as humans created in the image of God. They become food to be consumed to fulfill self needs and wants. Practical atheism invites a disregard for an-

other's humanity and breeds a lack compassion. Kindness, empathy, mercy, generosity, and love become threatened in practical atheism. Practical atheism is foolishness, and the evidence is everywhere to be seen. A fool from a biblical point of view is a very contemptuous term, with one exception. A fool is a person who doesn't know what is going on in the cosmos. A fool is not a person who is ignorant and searching. A fool is not a person who is lost and looking. A fool is a person that doesn't know they don't know what is going on. Pharisees and Scribes in Jesus' day, the religious leaders, were considered fools. They were certain Jesus was hanging out with the wrong crowd.

The opposite of being a fool in the Bible is being wise. To be wise is not to be a person who knows all the right answers or has an arrogant certainty to their faith. To be wise is to be one who has developed a right response of humility to others and to God. To be wise is to accept how the ways of God were at work in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. To be wise is to live in this way of self-giving love towards others, even the enemy.

In J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, the wizard Gandalf is the embodiment of true wisdom. However, his wisdom appears foolish when he refused to take the ring of power. Gandalf was powerful, yet his power was a power found in weakness, as it was for Jesus. Other characters rejected Gandalf's way. They believed that the only way to truly defeat the enemy is by wielding the ring. In the end, it was they who were unmasked as fools. Their eyes saw worldly power, but they were blind to the power of God's wisdom. Those who are wise, seek the self-giving ways of Jesus. Each Sunday a bunch of humans also gather to worship God in community at Island Presbyterian Church, giving thanks for grace, love, healing, and hope, working for peace, justice, and reconciliation. There is always room at the table for you! Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m., 14030 Fortuna Bay Drive, or on our Facebook page. Choose kindness, compassion, and love; do justice and make peace; welcome the stranger. pastor@islandpresby.com

Senior moments Special to the Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

VJ Day Part 3



70th-anniversary Victory Day Parade on Tiananmen Square

As the final official surrender of Japan was accepted aboard the battleship USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China, which represented China on the *Missouri*, announced three-day holidays to celebrate V-J Day, starting September 3. Starting from 1946, September 3 was celebrated as "Victory of War of Resistance against Japan Day" pinyin: *Kàngri Zhànzhēng Shènglì Jìniànrì*), which evolved into the Armed Forces Day in 1955. September 3 is recognized as V-J Day in mainland China.



The Union Jack and the flag of the Republic of China were flown at the Cenotaph in Hong Kong. Hong Kong was handed over by the Imperial Japanese Army to the Royal Navy on August 30, 1945, and resumed its pre-war status as a British dependency. Hong Kong celebrated the "Liberation Day" Jyutping: *cung4 gwong1 gei2 nim3 jat6*) on August 30 (later moved to the Saturday preceding the last Monday in August) annually, which was a public holiday before 1997. After the transfer of sovereignty in 1997, the celebration was moved to the third Monday in August and renamed «Sino-Japanese War Victory Day», the Chinese name of which is literally «Victory of War of Resistance against Japan Day» as in the rest of China, but this day was removed from the list of public holidays in 1999. In 2014, the Chief Executive's Office announced that a commemoration ceremony would be held on September 3, in line with the «Victory Day of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression» in mainland China.

The day is celebrated as a public holiday in South Korea, and is the only public holiday shared by the two countries. The day has particular significance to Korea, as it is the day that it was liberated from its status as a colony of the Empire of Japan. In South Korea it is referred to as *Gwangbokjeol*, (lit. 'the day the light returned').



Above, troops of the Mongolian Armed Forces and the Russian Army during the 80th anniversary parade in Choibalsan. Victory over Japan Day is celebrated with duality in Mongolia. It also celebrates the victory of Soviet and Mongolian forces in the Battles of Khalkhin Gol. The anniversary of the battle was first celebrated in 1969, and was periodically celebrated on a massive scale every 5 years until its 50th anniversary in 1989, after which it dwindled in importance and was reduced to the level of academic debates and lectures. It was only recently that the anniversary made a resurgence in Mongolian history. It is jointly celebrated by the Mongolian Armed Forces with the Russian Armed Forces. During the 70th, 75th and 80th anniversaries in 2009, 2014 and 2019 respectively, the President of Russia has taken part in the celebrations alongside the President of Mongolia as part of the former's state visit to the Mongolian capital.



Above, *Indisch monument* by Jaroslawa Dankowa, The Hague, Netherlands. The Netherlands has one national and several regional or local remembrance services on or around August 15. The national service is at the "Indisch monument" (Dutch for "Indies Monument") in The Hague, where the victims of the Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies are remembered, usually in the presence of the head of state and the government. In total, there are about 20 services, also in the Indies remembrance center in Bronbeek in Arnhem. The Japanese occupation meant the twilight of Dutch colonial rule over Indonesia. Indonesia declared itself independent on August 17, 1945, just two days after the Japanese surrendered. The Indonesian War of Independence lasted until 1949, with the Netherlands recognizing Indonesian sovereignty in late December of that year. On the day of the surrender of Japan, Ho Chi Minh declared an independent Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam celebrated 19 August as V-J Day, because of the victory of the August Revolution against the Japanese forces. In the Philippines, V-J Day is celebrated annually on September 3 and is called the "Surrender of General Tomoyuki Yamashita Day". The province of Ifugao has observed every September 2 as «Victory Day», commemorating the valor of Philippine war veterans and the informal surrender of General Yamashita to the joint Filipino-American troops led-by Cpt. Grisham in the municipality of Kiangon on September 2, 1945.

It was introduced as a holiday by decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union on September 3, 1945 (the day after the surrender of Japan). The only celebration that was held in the days that followed was a parade of the Red Army in Harbin. In 1945 and 1946, this day was a national holiday. In subsequent years, it became a working day and no celebrations were held on this occasion. In modern Russia, Victory over Japan Day (Russian: День победы над Японией) is considered a memorable date and is celebrated as one of many Days of Military Honour. In recent years such as in 2017, bills in the State Duma have proposed making it a national holiday.

A military parade of the Eastern Military District is annually held in the cities of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk or Khabarovsk, being one of the only parades being held on this day. Parades have also been held on September 2 in the federal subjects of Russia that celebrate the anniversary of the Battles of Khalkhin Gol, such as Buryatia, Yakutia and the Altai Republic. In the breakaway Moldovan-republic of Transnistria, Victory over Japan Day is jointly celebrated with their Republic Day celebrations, which take place on the same day.

Although September 2 is the designated "V-J Day" in the entire United States, the event is not an official federal or state holiday. Rhode Island celebrates the ending of WW2 as «Victory Day», and it is observed on the second Monday of August.

V-J Day was initially commemorated throughout the United States every year on September 2, beginning in 1948, but as the war faded from memory so has the holiday. According to WPRI-TV, the reason for abolishing V-J Day was economic, because workers got a paid day off. There was even a debate over whether or not even Rhode Island would abolish their own Victory Day celebrations. Some towns in various states still celebrate V-J day. Moosup, Connecticut and the village of Hillman, Michigan hold an annual V-J day parade on the 2nd Sunday in August; holding the distinction of being the two oldest continuous parades celebrating V-J day since the actual surrender of the Japanese in 1945. Arkansas was another state to make the holiday official statewide, but it abolished it in 1975.

Dotson's Other Note: World Peace Day- It was suggested in the 1960s to declare September 2, the anniversary of the end of World War II, as an international holiday to be called World Peace Day. However, when this holiday came to be first celebrated beginning in 1981, it was designated as September 21, the day the General Assembly of the United Nations begins its deliberations each year. Don't forget to visit the Veterans Round Table on Thursdays mornings 9 to 11 AM at DMC CED 3209 South Staples. Also the Radio Show, Saturdays, 8-10 AM on 1440 KEYS AM.



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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. Resist
5. Hushed
10. Festive occasion
14. Shampoo ingredient
15. Jung's inner self
16. Arabian chieftain (Var.)
17. "Gorky Park" author
20. Football receiver
21. Portrayal
22. Elijah's successor (II Kings)
23. Obscurer of trees, for some
25. Beginning or attack
26. Continental borders
29. Enthusiastic thumbs-up review
31. Place of trade
32. Fine-grained rock
34. Opening-day pitcher, typically
37. "The Sun Also Rises" author
41. Born of
42. Eat like a horse
43. Lalique or Russo
44. Prepare, as tea
45. Rimes
47. Tel Aviv-born person
50. Grief
53. Make lighter or brighter
55. Travail
56. Railroad unit
59. "Little Women" author
62. Anonymous people
63. Salvager's detection system
64. Chief port of Yemen
65. Moistureless
66. Labors
67. Italia's capital

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Down

1. Agatha Christie, e.g.
2. Verve
3. Stream crossing
4. Although
5. Stately homes
6. Sam or Vanya, notably
7. Loses energy
8. Flightless fowl
9. Stupefaction
10. Mischievous girl
11. Out of kilter
12. Gracefully slender
13. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
18. Word with lung or maiden
19. Like Oscar Madison
23. It may be tempted
24. Chaplin persona
26. Augury
27. "If I Didn't ____" (Ink Spots)
28. White-tailed sea eagle
30. "Thrilla in Manila" combatant
32. Comes in third
33. Sewing line
34. Makes one's jaw drop
35. Is unable
36. They're all on the game
38. Leaves immediately
39. Noun stressor
40. Sprout
44. Fruit flaw
45. Tuck and Laurence
46. Packaged coins
47. Towers over the field?
48. "____ at last!"
49. More down
51. Man from Muscat
52. Kingly
54. Daybreak direction
56. Commotion
57. Couple of stars together, e.g.
58. Mount in Sicily
60. Bovine sound
61. Beetle, e.g.



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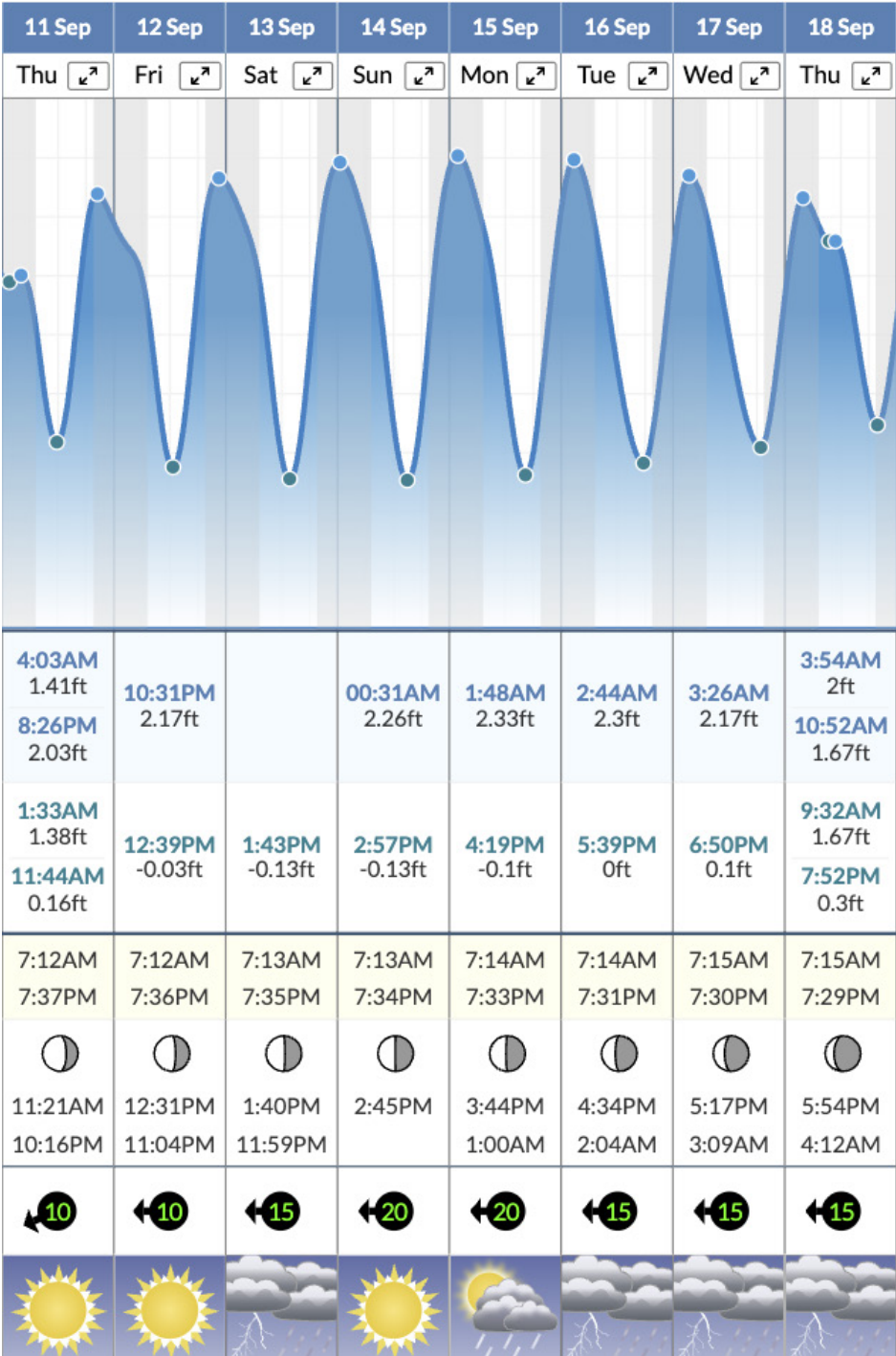


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By Gene Saegert

A Shocking Fishing Trip

Turning back the many dog-eared mental pages for many years, I recall an interesting fishing trip on the Guadalupe River near Seguin, Texas. It was with my uncle Harvey and my Grandfather. My uncle was probably one of the best fresh water fishermen that I have ever known and a fishing trip with him always produced plenty of fish for the table. On this particular trip I am thinking of, we were in an old homemade wooden boat that my grandfather had made, and it had an old Firestone 3.5 horsepower motor on it. Picture this: this motor had no reverse, no neutral, no cover and a bare sparkplug sticking out of the back and a small gas tank on top. It was at least updated from the old “wrap the rope around the flywheel and pull” to an actual recoil starter rope. However with this motor, because it had forward only, you better be headed in the direction you wanted to go when you started it. Our destination was a little slough off of the main river. To enter this slough you had to cross a wide shallow sandbar which entailed lifting up the motor a foot or so, (while it was running) so that the prop would not hit the bottom. I had seen my uncle perform this feat many a time. This brought on the following dialog: “Can I run the motor today I asked?” “Do you think you can do it?” my uncle said with a smile as he exchanged glances with my grandfather who also began smiling.

“I know that I can I said, after all I am eight years old” I said with a little bit of pride showing. “Well let’s see” he said as he moved from his seat and motioned me to the back of the boat. Trying to stay cool but unable to suppress a silly grin, I moved

to the back of the boat tripping over the seat in my anxiousness to get to the long awaited task at hand. I pushed the choke in, just as I had seen my uncle do many times before and pulled the starter rope several times as my uncle and grandfather looked on. When several pulls produced no results, my uncle suggested that I turn on the gas valve as they chuckled. Having done this the motor started right away. In my eagerness to start the motor I didn’t pay any attention to where we were headed. My grandfather was in the front of the boat so he got most of the impact from the overhanging willow branches but luckily no harm was done other than a lot of embarrassment on my part and a good laugh from my uncle. We headed for the slough and when we got to the sand bar my uncle said, “don’t forget to lift the motor at the sand bar.” I said “No, I won’t” and proudly reached over the top of the motor to lift it up a ways as I had seen my uncle to do so many times. As soon as I did this I was shocked “quite literally” which brought great guffaws of laughter from my uncle and grandfather, who evidently had been anticipating this moment, and it brought great pain and even more embarrassment to myself. I am not sure which was worse, the pain or the embarrassment. My uncle, still laughing unmercifully said, “I forgot to tell you, be careful not to touch the sparkplug.” By that time the motor had struck the sand bar and stopped, which brought much to my chagrin more laughter. I don’t remember how many fish we caught that day, but I did learn a valuable life lesson that day not to touch that or any other sparkplugs!

Turtle Nest Count

449 nests found this season

Donna J. Shaver, Ph.D.
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Science and Recovery, Padre Island
National Seashore, National Park
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cluding (north to south in state):
1 Mustang Island
4 North Padre Island, including 4 at
Padre Island National Seashore

Greens

So far this year, **32** nests have been
confirmed on the Texas coast, includ-
ing (north to south in state):
1 San Jose Island
22 North Padre Island, including 20
at Padre Island National Seashore
9 South Padre Island

Kemp’s Ridley

So far this year, **449** nests have been
confirmed on the Texas coast includ-
ing (north to south in state):
2 Galveston Island
4 Surfside Beach
1 Quintana Beach
1 Bryan Beach
2 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent
Beach
1 Matagorda Peninsula
21 San Jose Island
29 Mustang Island
250 North Padre Island, including
236 at Padre Island National Sea-
shore
123 South Padre Island
15 Boca Chica Beach

Loggerheads

So far this year, **5** nests have been
confirmed on the Texas coast, in-



Turtle release on PINS in 2023



Juvenile Black crowned night herons have a mixed brown plumage, a far cry from the sleek black-and-gray adult colors. By Riekie Roncinske

Skipper Tales

Laughing Blue Eyes

By: Robert Skipper

She comes walking slowly on the Padre Island sands
Together with her love, strolling on hand in hand.
She looks at her surroundings and gives a gentle sigh
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.

She has weathered the storms of her turbulent life
She found peace and comfort in her soul-searching strife
Together they stand under a clear summer sky
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.

Her road has been strewn with trouble and pain
Yet she carries on bravely in life’s pouring rain
She stands there strongly with her head held so high
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.

Sand dollars and starfish are her constant delight
She cherishes all that comes within sight
Giving glad thanks to the Creator on high
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.

As she moves to the rhythm of her new Island home
A free-spirited soul with a sweet, heartfelt song
She cherishes this place where now her heart lies
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.

Friends and family shower her with unconditional love
Forever blessed by the Creator’s hand from above
And thinking of all she has been blessed with, she cries
This Island girl with the laughing blue eyes.



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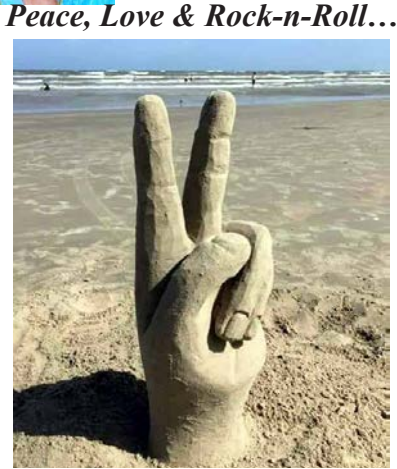
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Peace Love & Rock-N-Roll

It's finally time to exhale yall and it feels soooo good. The last 100 days of summer have been a booger. The annoyance barometer here has been the gnarly traffic lines and the lack of courtesy. The kind of drivers that actually let you cut in front of them is a dying breed. Not everyone, but I'm talking about the big city drivers who just don't give a rat's patooty. I actually had a pickup truck speed up and hit me in my golf cart when I made a left turning into *Shorty's* a few weeks ago. I understand stimuli bombardment and the anxiety it instills, but one way or another I'm going to make that left turn if it hair lips the governor. That aggression has been exhausting but now we have a little reprieve. You can't tell by the weather, but autumn actually is coming and the tangible proof is in my temperament. OK everybody, all together now... take a deep breath and EXHALE slowly. Our sweet spot is officially here. If you don't believe me, get out there make some left turns. We've worked for it, so now it's our turn to enjoy it. Take a stroll with your sweetie and if that vibe catches on, you just might accidentally change the world. Get happy yall... and keep sucking air while you still can. All you need is love yall and music... the rest will fall into place.

Beachtober Beats...



The Texas Headhunters will play the Sip Yard on Oct 17

I want to give you plenty of notice on a series of shows sponsored by the *Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce* that will be held at the *Sip Yard* from late September until *Halloween* called *Beachtober Beats*. **Becky Hyden**, the talent booker at the *Yard*, has put together seven top-shelf shows with regional and national acts that we should all be familiar with. Starting on September 26th we'll have the mighty, mighty *Americana* star **Cory Morrow** followed by the **Journey Tribute Band: Eclipse** on October 3rd and on October 10th, trop-rocker **Jerry Diaz and Hanna's Reef** (with a real deal steel drum) will be featured. And on the 17th three of Austin's premier guitar gods in the blues and rock vein, the **Texas Headhunters**, featuring **Jesse Dayton, Ian Moore and Johnny Moeller** will blow your minds. I could write volumes here and will as we get closer to the date. I've known Dayton and Moeller for many years and they are beyond great. And then on October 24th, Becky has put together a very special show with a fantastic bluegrass band, **Sour Bridges**, opening for a band that used to pack out the *Back Porch* regularly, **Uncle Lucius**... WOW! On October 25 there will be a band I'm not familiar with, **Briscoe** who is a couple of young fellows that I'm told are really good. I'll investigate and get back to you. And finally the big finale (IMHO) will be on *Halloween* night with the incomparable **Kevin Russell** aka **Shinyribs Band**. This is definitely a DO NOT MISS show. We used to see Shinyribs fairly regularly at the *Back Porch* and in the immortal words of **Doug Sahm**, "You've either gotta have that West Texas dust or that East Texas rust... and Shinyribs, you've got both". You'll find me and my **Mermaid Gal** front and center for that one.

Three Chords and the Truth

On the local front...



This year's Pirate Parade is on Sept 20th.

There's a bunch of cool stuff soon coming our way. For one thing we are rapidly approaching the *14th Annual Pirate Parade* on September 20th. It's centered around the *International Talk Like a Pirate Day* and is a BIG deal around here. We all gather at our favorite pirate bar, the **Gaff** and **Kip** will pull out his pirate boats and we decorate our golf carts and adorn ourselves in all things pirate. There's **grog** involved and lots of *scallywags* and *aaaargs* as we *shiver our timbers*. We'll line up in front of the **Gaff** around 4:00 and then cruise the town, throwing beads and candy along the way. It's a blast. We'll do the same thing on *Halloween*. And don't forget the *Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl* at *Red's* in November 2nd. Also, the *Harvest Moon Regatta* sails through on October 10-11 and the delightful *Wooden Boat Festival* in *Roberts Point Park* is October 26-26. Plus, the *64th Annual Texas Jazz Festival* will take over *Heritage Park* on October 24th -26. And I would be derelict in my duties if I didn't mention *Shorty's 64th Annual Pig Party* on October 11th. I'll go into greater detail on all of these events as they get closer.

Coming this weekend...



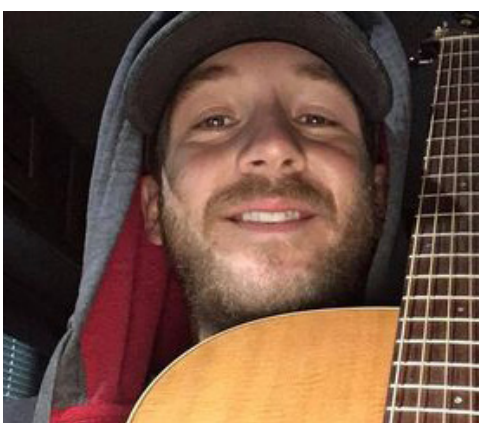
The No Wake Zone will play the Gaff this Friday.

Coming this Thursday, September 11th, we have the piano man, **Chris Ivory** playing *Shorty's*. It's billed "and Friends" and is an open jam of sorts. Chris usually surprises us with some of the great talent around the Bend. And over at the *Gaff* this Thursday look for **Jim Bush** and the *Sip Yard* will have the **Back Pew Revival**. On Friday we'll have **Lisa Sullivan and Love Street** at *Shorty's* pumping out some classic rock and *Bron's* will host the *Hippie Cowboy* from up Utopia way, **Boone Holding**. That man exudes passion. Also on Friday the delightful married couple with **No Wake Zone** will be playing with no safety net plus young wild man **Raul Ayala** will play *Treasure Island* and the *Sip Yard* will have a young Texas man, **Aaron McBee**, who has been heavily influenced by the world of grunge... should be interesting. On Saturday the *Sip Yard* will have the ten piece horn band **Cruise Control**, *Treasure Island* will have the *Americana* veteran **Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band**, the solid Tex-Mex rocking **Palacios Brothers** from Hebbronville will play *Shorty's* and our favorite San Antonio guitar god, **Ruben V** will play *Bron's*. Plus, Saturday is the *Gaff's Belt Sand Races* with **Jim Dugan**. And Monday the 15th is my beautiful **Mermaid Gal's** birthday♥. Be safe yall.

And, that's the truth



Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band will play Treasure Island this Saturday.



The hippie cowboy Boone Holding will play Bron's on Friday the 12th.



Love Street will play Shorty's this Friday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

September 11

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys
Jim Bush @ Gaff
Back Pew Revival @ Sip Yard
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A
Beer Hut
Ray Summy @ Palm Republic
David Martinez @ Brewster Southside
Michael Burtts @ Brewster Island
Flashback @ Executive Surf Club

Friday.

September 12

Love Street @ Shortys
Boone Holding @ Bron's
No Wake Zone @ Gaff
Raul Ayala @ Treasure Island
Aaron McBee @ Sip Yard
Jim Dugan @ VFW 8967
Groove @ Pelican Lounge
18 Hours @ Rockit's
Young Klassics @ Executive Surf Club
Emma James @ Brewster Southside
Trisum @ Brewster Island
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Bay Area Brew
Alley Catz @ South TX Ice House

Saturday.

September 13

BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff 4 PM
Mario Flores @ Treasure Island
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Cruise Control @ Sip Yard
Palacios Bros @ Shortys
Ruben V @ Bron's
Flashback Band @ VFW 8967
Lady Kat & Mattman @ Sunset Hideaway
Emma James @ Brewster Island
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Southside
Groove @ Rockit's
National Nobodyz @ Cassidy's Pub

Boudreaux & Pousson @ Lulu's
Raul Ayala @ Pelican Lounge

Sunday, September 14

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brett Axelson @ Sip Yard
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Sonny Salinas, CC
Songwriters @ Executive Surf Club
Rip Tide Cowboy Open Mic @ Calypso Drive and Drive

Monday.

September 15

My Mermaid Gal's B-Day
Melissa Ann @ Pelican Lounge
Trapt, Seattle Rising @ Rockit's

Tuesday.

September 16

Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ VFW 8967
Carl Hayes Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Rich Lockhart @ Packery Bar
Los Locals @ Palm Republic
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Alley Catz @ Anchor Beach
Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club

Wednesday.

September 17

Open Mic w/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Cleartone's @ VFW 8967
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge

Thursday.

September 18

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys
Robert McCoy @ Gaff
Cathouse @ Sip Yard
Ray Summy @ Palm Republic
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Damon Scott @ Brewster Southside
Peter Salas @ Brewster Island
Sterling Elza @ Brewster Downtown
Lady Kat & Mattman @ Executive Surf Club

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RUBEN V	SEPT 13
JOEY ST. VINCENT	SEPT 19
CATHOUSE	SEPT 20
BOUDREAUX & POUSSON	SEPT 26
RIPTIDE	SEPT 27

Treasure Island

RAUL AYALA	SEPT 12
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THE GROOVE	SEPT 19
TUMBLE DRY LOW	SEPT 20
PALACIOS BROS	SEPT 26

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