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Ah the Chamber of Commerce Weather arrived *Around The Island* this week as the fragrance of The Island became charcoal wafting across our little sandbar. It's a good time to be an Islander.

Bob Hall update
Since our story last week setting the date for completion of the new Bob Hall Pier for January 23 word came from county officials that the date has been pushed back until February while awaiting arrival of building materials. We will have updates as things progress.

Gulf Beaches
We include news regarding our gulf beaches in this issue as there are some changes coming down the sand. As you read this a new beach access road is nearing completion on the south end of Port Aransas with another in the pipeline south of the city limits sign on the Corpus Christi side. Those two roads will open access to seven miles of little-used beach that straddles the city limits line that has eroded over the decades to the point that driving there is difficult and often impossible. This has happened as the number of people on local beaches has increased and have been squeezed into the other portions of the sixteen miles of municipal beaches. They aren't making any more beaches even as more Texans find their way here so making this crucial stretch of beach easier to access will ease beach congestion as we move forward.

Speaking of congestion...
An oft-asked question *Around The Island* is how many permanent residents actually live here and that sent us to the Island Moon Archives for some perspective. The 2000 U.S. Census showed 6500 permanent residents and by the 2010 count that number had increased to 9035 and the increase since then can best be tracked by looking at construction of new dwellings and voter registration because pulling exact numbers from the U.S. Census is like

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Beach Parking Permit cost may increase

Would be first increase in 21 years
Port Aransas seeks larger share of revenue

By Dale Rankin
The City of Port Aransas has begun a process to raise the cost of Beach Parking Permits beginning in 2027. The cost of the permits has been set at \$12 per year since 2004 and under the proposed plan would increase to \$20 if approved by the Port Aransas City Council,



Corpus Christi City Council, and Nueces County Commissioners Court who share the revenue from permit sales on gulf beaches from Port Aransas to the southernmost reach of the Corpus Christi City Limits 1.2 miles south of the Kleberg County Line. Both the City

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Beachcombing Report

Pelican population devastated by hail storm

Turning a moment of loss into an opportunity for learning, recovery, and resilience



By Jace Tunnell

Director of Community Engagement for the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Anyone who lives in the Coastal

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1,484 brown pelicans were killed in the hailstorm

Rep. Hunter outlines legislative priorities

Drop in Windstorm Insurance rates
Property Tax reform on the agenda



Todd Hunter spoke to the Padre Island Business Association luncheon this week. Photo by Debbie Noble.

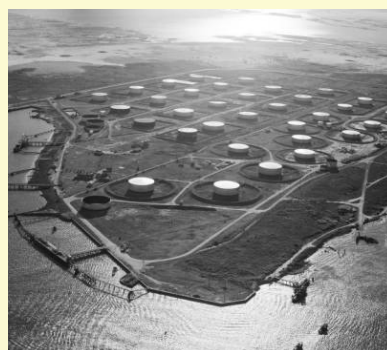
By Dale Rankin
In a broad ranging speech at the Padre Island Business Association's monthly luncheon this week State Representative Todd Hunter (R-District 32) outlined new measures put in place by the 2025 state legislature and outlined

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A little Island history

Harbor Island the Quest for a Deep Water Port

By Dale Rankin
Ask someone where Harbor Island is often you will a vacant stare followed by a wild guess. But tell them that when they cross the ferry from Port Aransas to the mainland (or The Big Island as we Islanders call it) that they are on Harbor Island and they will understand. Harbor Island lacks the glamour of many of the islands around the area but for more than 100 years it has been the workhorse of local islands, filled with oil storage tanks, high



Atlantic Richfield tanks on Harbor Island

fences, and the pier where the gambling ship used to dock. But Harbor Island has been the gateway to Corpus Christi Bay since its discovery in 1720 by the French explorer Jean Béranger when he discovered the pass through The Island and placed a marker there. Since the days before Texas became a Republic a contest has been waged along the Texas Coast to become the state's

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By the numbers

Beach Parking Permit Sales and Revenue

Editor's note: The following numbers reflect actual sales of Beach Parking Permits for the year 2024 and projected sales revenue if the cost of the permits is raised from the current \$12 per year to \$20 per year. They come from the City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department.

2024 sales
273,228 Total number of permits sold
\$3,118,299.50 Total Revenue

Number of permits sold by each entity
118,021 City of Corpus Christi
153,439 City of Port Aransas
1768 Nueces County

Revenue received by each entity
\$1,418,823 (45.5%) City of Corpus Christi
\$1,200,545 (38.5%) City of Port Aransas
\$498,927 (16%) Nueces County:

Revenue if the price is raised from \$12 per year to \$20 per year
\$5,464,560 total revenue
\$2,360,420 City of Corpus Christi
\$3,068,780 City of Port Aransas
\$874,329 Nueces County

Wednesday, December 3 La Posada two weeks away

The La Posada Lighted Boat Parades and the events leading up them now one month away. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday December 3 White-cap NPI Tree Lighting

Thursday December 4 Kick-Off Party at Hardknocks Sports Grill. Doors open at 6:30pm Music by DLB DJ Entertainment

The lighted Boat Parades
Friday December 12 7:00 pm televised by KRIS 6 at Doc's Waterline. Register your boat to participate at Laposadafoundation.org

Saturday December 13 Parade begins at 6:00 at Caravel Boat Ramp



Yard of the Month



This month's Island Gardeners "Yard of the Month" is Brittany Canales, on Dyna near Encantada. Just look for the "Yard of the Month" sign. There are succulents in the ground and in attractive pots. Colorful Lantana and Salvias grow in abundance. The yard is ringed with Sabal Palms and the great landscaping is completed by a row of Vitex trees. With our current water crisis, more gardeners need to be looking at native plants which need little to no watering.

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Letters to the Editor

6th Annual Farley Boat Lighting Contest

The Port Aransas Garden Club is again sponsoring a Farley Boat Lighting Contest to raise funds for the Emergency Medical Services Toy Drive to benefit the children of Port Aransas. There is no fee to enter and forms and rules and regulations are now available and can be found on the Garden Club website www.portaransasgardenclub.org and on their Facebook page. Entries must be received by December 2nd. The boats must be decorated with a Christmas theme; no social or political statements will be judged. Viewing will be in the evening, so lights should be left on thought the month of December from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

There are four categories with a \$100 1st Place prize and a \$50 2nd Place prize per category. Participants may enter as a business, RV/Condo/Churches, or Residential. All entries are eligible for the People's Choice award. They will be judged on originality and creativity, overall presentation, and use of light and color. The prizes are provided by this years' sponsors. The business sponsor is Barron Designs, Life in Paradise sponsors the RV/Conco/Church category. The Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau is the People's Choice sponsor. The Port Aransas Garden Club will sponsor the Residential entries.

Voting for the People's Choice award can be done on line at the Garden Club website from December 6th -12th, or in person at Lowe's Market on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7th Each vote is a \$1.00 donation to the EMS toy drive. The judging panel will be touring the city between December 8th and 12th.

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nauling Jell-O to the wall since we are not a defined census tract. One way to track population is through voter registration and in the November 2024 General Election the Nueces County Clerk's Office shows a total of 8637 registered voters in the two Island precincts so a good rule of thumb is about 10,000 permanent Island residents. Port Aransas by contrast shows a total of 3346 registered voters. We will continue to try and coax exact numbers out of the census data but it tends to make the space between our ears hurt so please be patient.

Barefoot Mardi Gras

The new logo for the 2026 Barefoot Mardi Gras was revealed this week and as we searched out files we found this logo which was the original for the inaugural Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade way back in 2010. The event has come a long way from the years when it was just a party at the Briscoe King Pavilion and once again this year will run along the beach at the Michael J. Ellis Seawall. As things now stand there will be no Kings and Queens Ball this year but if that changes we will let you know. It's time to start thinking about a float everybody.

Radio and Thanksgiving...

As many of our readers know we do the Island Moon Radio Show each Thursday morning from 7-9 a.m. at Doc's Seafood & Steaks and aside from the radio broadcast a video feed is now available at *Island Moon Live* on YouTube. But we are taking a break from the live show on Thanksgiving next week and we are asking readers and viewers to share memories of Thanksgivings past from Islanders whether they be Island Thanksgivings or Thanksgivings from a past life OTB. If you have a Thanksgiving memory you would like to share record it and post it to editor@islandmoon.com and we will make it part of the Thanksgiving show. Everybody on The Island has a story so let us hear from you folks!

That's all for now everybody, get out there and start recording your story about the time you fried a turkey and set the house afire and say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

Island Chili Showdown was a Success



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agenda for the next biennium in the run up to the next session in 2027. Among the successes in the 2025 session he cited were a change in the rules for the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association which now requires a two-thirds vote for any rate increases. That move also comes with a long-sought expansion of the risk pool paying into the Texas Windstorm system from the previous fourteen counties along the Texas Coast –not including Harris County – to include all 254 counties across the state. That change comes after a decade of pushing by Hunter who now has the seventh highest seniority in the 150-member Texas House of Representatives and means all Texans will now pay into the fund. In past years higher windstorm rates along the Texas Coast were often driven by natural disasters, primarily hailstorms, in other parts of the state with the repair costs falling solely to coastal rate payers.

“In the next twelve months Island ratepayers will see decreases in their windstorm rates,” Hunter said. The legislature also approved payments of \$1-\$2 million to school districts across the fourteen coastal counties to reimburse them for previous windstorm payments levied solely to those districts in years past.

Hunter also said he plans to renew efforts to bring cruise ships to the Port of Corpus Christi in light of the increased water clearance of the new Harbor Bridge. “The cruise ship bill passed four years ago,” he said. “I’m going to tee that up moving forward.”

Future agenda

Hunter also outlined for the crowd his agenda moving toward the next session of the state legislature in 2027. “Our property tax system is broken,” he said. “It is a dinosaur. The legislature has taken steps to discount valuations for school taxes but even as we do that property tax evaluations continue to rise. This has to be addressed at the state level.”

He also cited rising auto insurance rates and a streamlining of the electricity rate structure as priorities along with increased attention and funding for the arts, and the tourism industry.

“Things are good,” he said. “We have made some progress on issues we have been working on for years and now can expand our scope of projects.”

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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

The holiday season is a time for touching base with old friends and remembering Ghosts of Holidays past – both good and bad.

A while back my friend Short and Wide Jerry – at least that’s his name for these pages – called and I reminded him of a holiday ride through Palm Beach in the back seat of a Bentley that at the time was a hair raising experience but now more than a decade in the rearview takes on an opaque quality.

Started as a business meeting

It was just before Christmas 1998 and we were slaving in the television dodge at the CBS station in the West Palm Beach market where Jerry was my boss and he wanted to start a business taking old family photos and turning them into videos for viewing at family gatherings. There are a lot of old families around those parts with all kinds of stories and pictures and Jerry aimed to cash in. The project had reached the Who Brought the Money Stage and Jerry had someone in mind. She was a nice lady of about 85 named Gertrude who did a pet segment on the station and Jerry set up a “meeting.”

There’s a section of Palm Beach Island where the island is narrow enough that houses there have an ocean view on the front side, interrupted only by the county road, and on the back side border the laguna so they can have a boat dock. There are twelve houses, if memory serves, in that stretch of the island and it is known as Billionaires Row; these are not hovels. Gertrude lived in one of those. Her former husband had been the king of vending machines in Chicago and made a lot of money which Gertrude now had half of.

“She’s going to invest in the company,” Jerry said. “We’re going to have a meeting with her on Saturday night.”

“A business meeting on Saturday night?” I said.

“Yea, in Palm Beach.”

Well, okay.

So on Friday afternoon Jerry comes by my office and says, “Gertrude’s car is going to pick us up at my house at five.”

“Gertrude’s car - pick us up? I’m not liking the sound of this Jerry.”

“Oh, don’t worry. Just be there at five and wear a suit.”

So at five o’clock here comes Gertrude’s Bentley without Gertrude and myself, Jerry, and his friend Roger from Houston who had turned up get in and off we go for Palm Beach; not to a restaurant at Gertrude’s house on Billionaires Row. I wasn’t liking the looks of things and I wasn’t alone.

Roger, who was a retired touring golf pro and television weatherman turned television evangelist smelled a rat too.

“Hey Jerry, how many other people are we meeting?”

Jerry mumbled something into his hand and changed the subject.

“This is going to be good,” Roger said ominously.

Turned into something else

So we arrive at Gertrude’s house and she is nowhere to be seen. As we admire the Remington sculpture in the foyer we are informed by the butler that we were going for dinner at the Galaxy Grill then drinks at Chuck and Harold’s, a popular nightspot where the Fabulous Baker Boys – brothers of Hollywood fame – were playing and where it was likely many of our friends would be hanging out. I was not liking the sound of this and I caught Roger in the kitchen looking through the phone book for the number of a taxi service.

“I’m making a plan B,” he said.

Our suspicions were confirmed when a few minutes later Gertrude made her entrance wearing a hat that cost more than the three of us made in a year and red lipstick so bright it would have made a crossdresser blush. Gertrude had been Miss Poland or something or other and was a nice looking lady for 85 but the sight of her in her hat arm in arm with Short and Wide Jerry in his off the rack J.C. Penny suit with the front buttons screaming for relief against his ample girth was more than Roger could bear. He busted out laughing.

“When we get to the restaurant people are going to think you’re the doorman,” he said. “If you keep your mouth shut you can make some money.”

But then it got worse.

“Let’s go,” I said.

“Oh no, we can’t leave yet, we’re waiting on Francis,” Gertrude said. I looked at Roger.

“Oh no, I just showed up today,” he said. “She’s all yours.”

And sure enough Frances showed up with lipstick at least as red as Gertrude’s and in a dress that looked like it was made from the drapes at a Gypsy opera house. She was Gertrude’s “big sister” and was pushing ninety and it was clear she had more than dinner on her mind.

“I’m going to kill you Jerry,” I told him as we headed for the car.

“Well, if I’d have told you you wouldn’t have come,” he said. “Just slide on the ice. It’ll be fun.”

The human thumbtack

When we entered the Galaxy Grill Gertrude and Francis knew everyone there from the owner to the shoeshine man, fortunately we didn’t know a soul. If we weren’t with our “dates” they wouldn’t have let the likes of us in the place. Dinner came off without a hitch and Roger was having the time of his life. I could see the wheels turning in his head as he giggled his way through dinner as he kept adding chapters to the story we would never hear the end of.

When we arrived at Chuck and Harold’s we cut quite the sight; me barely 40 with my 88 year old date and her lipstick and curtain dress, and Jerry at 48 with Gertrude and her hat so big she looked like a human thumbtack. Sure enough there was a table full of our friends well into their revelry who all made a point of coming by our reserved table for an introduction. The ladies had an open tab at the bar which our work-a-day friends took full advantage of as we watched Jerry sweat into his J.C. Penny suit; even sitting down he was half an inch shorter than Gertrude and looked every bit the plump little lamb being fattened up for the slaughter.

“I’m calling a cab,” I told him when we got to the men’s room.

“You can’t,” he said. “You’ll blow the whole deal.”

“Well, then I’m bolting as soon as we get back to the house,” I said. “And I’m taking Monday off.”

“We’re not going straight to the house,” he said. “We’re going to the Leopard Lounge.”

The Leopard Lounge

This was the coup de grace. The Leopard Lounge was/is an African themed bar in the Chesterfield Hotel which is just off Worth Avenue and has been there since the 1920s. It is Old Palm Beach and the Leopard Lounge was/is known far and wide as prime trolling ground for Palm Beach’s Chicken Hawks and Cougars. Men with walkers came through the door with ladies who didn’t look old enough to vote on their arms wearing shimmering dresses they had to be poured into; women, well in their 80’s with men in their forties who looked like they had bought their suits off the rack at J.C. Penny. If you ever visit Palm Beach, a visit to the Leopard Lounge is a don’t-miss experience. Our friends from Chuck and Harold’s followed us there and our Moveable Feast continued until the wee hours.

On the ride home in the back of the Bentley we had the windows down and all of a sudden my backside started getting hot. I was looking for a graceful exit and considering bailing at a red light and I figured my nerves were causing my keister to heat up. “My tookus is getting warm man,” I said to Roger. “I think I might pass out.”

“That’s a heated seat you redneck,” he said.

“I dare you to jump out at the next light. I can see you’ve been fidgeting with the door handle.”

“Do you know any songs?” I asked him. He broke out in full voice with Don’t Fence Me In and by the time we hit Billionaires Row we had sung the only verse we knew half a dozen times at the top of our lungs and our dates were sound asleep.

We tipped the driver to let us out at the curb and learned a valuable lesson that night; if you ever find yourself escorting a couple of frisky octogenarians around Palm Beach in a Bentley take them to the Leopard Lounge and ply them with Harvey Wallbangers and be nice to the driver.

A few years later Gertrude married a 41 year-old man and as far as I know lived happily ever after on Billionaires Row. Frances faded from view, and Short and Wide Jerry never got his video company off the ground.

As for myself, my keister still heats up on occasion but at least now I usually know the cause.

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preeminent deep water port; Harbor Island with its strategic location just inside the pass has been part of that discussion since the beginning. But it wasn’t until 1890, after the Panic of 1893 and the failure of the original jetty at the pass that things got serious.

The beginning

In 1858 the United State Corps of Engineers was seeking to establish a port on Harbor Island and after extensive investigations by the Central Transit Company, backed by the Great Baring Brothers of London, the present site of Aransas Pass was selected to build a port city to carry commerce between Europe and Asia. Construction of a railroad terminal and harbor improvements were underway when the Civil War intervened. Then the building of the Union Pacific Railroad from coast to coast stalled the project further.

Just prior to the war a man named Pryor Lea dreamed of a railroad from the Lamar Peninsula, Rockport, to San Antonio with stops in Refugio and Goliad. His project was eventually folded into the Aransas Road Company and the Baring Brothers project. Then after the war the focus for deepening the pass focused on Rockport where the cattle packery business was centered. The Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad was founded and in 1875 was taken over by the Mexican National Railways who wanted to build a spur to the city of Aransas Pass with the goal of connecting to deep water. The first attempt to deepen the pass came from the citizens of Rockport who in 1868 raised \$10,000 for a 600-foot dike on St. Joseph Island. Details of this plan have been mostly lost to history.

Then in 1879 Congress authorized the deepening of the pass after a Corps survey recommended two parallel jetties and protection for the eroding of Mustang Island. This was/is known locally as the Old Government Jetty and consisted of layers of rock and brush; it was a failure as the jetties produced no deepening of the pass. The next attempt came at the urging of Maj. Oswald H. Ernst who recommended two stone jetties be built and that erosion on Mustang Island be contained by laying an eighteen-inch-thick riprap cover; the riprap was placed but a shortage of funds stopped the building of the jetties.

Into the breach stepped private enterprise.

Plan B is not much better

In March 1860 a charter was granted to the Aransas Pass Harbor Company for the “constructing owning, and operating deep water channels from the water of the Gulf of Mexico and across Aransas Pass. At the same time the Aransas Harbor City and Improvement Company was formed and investors from all over the country got involved, including the son of President William Henry Harrison. With investors in place the promoters launched a nationwide publicity campaign and what followed was

a rush to invest like South Texas had never seen.

The Bay View Hotel was built in 1893 and was a three-story showcase to impress potential investors. Included in the project were plans to build a railroad from Aransas Pass to Harbor Island and construction began. Rock for the planned jetty was shipped in by rail and loaded onto barges head for the jetty site.

But things hit a snag when the Panic of 1893 hit and the railroad was taken over by South Pacific Railroad which had financial ties to Galveston. Harbor Island developers appealed to the Texas Legislature and got the rights to buy land immediately around the harbor and with money from Brown and Sons of Baltimore drew up plans to adopt a single, curved jetty around the island and went to work. The project was an abject failure. The water got no deeper and land sales went to zero. The Aransas Pass Harbor Company had spent \$401,553 and had nothing to show for it. They contracted with a man named C.P. Goodyear to provide a twenty-foot channel and he used 13,000 pound of dynamite to blow out 500 feet of the jetty but all it did was blow a lot of water up in the air – the channel refused to deepen. The project to deepen the channel had now taken on a Rube Goldberg quality as each succeeding group poured good money after bad.

At long last success

Private industry appealed to the deep pockets of government and in 1899 the deep pockets complied. The Corps finally realized that a single jetty would not do the job and removed the old north jetty, replacing it with that of an earlier design. Then in 1907 they authorized the completion of the south jetty along with the extension of the north jetty. When the project was done the water began to deepen across the mouth of the pass and engineers began looking at the deepening of the channel and the building of a basin for Harbor Island. Work continued for several years until the oceangoing liner Brinkburn arrived at Harbor Island on September, 7, 1912 and took on a load of over 10,000 bales of cotton. The celebration lasted a week. The Brinkburn was later sunk by German U-boats off the coast of Algiers but Harbor Island was economically afloat.

The 9.6-mile Aransas Harbor Terminal Railroad connected Harbor Island with the mainland and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway and a cotton compress was built on the island in 1913. Then during World War I a concrete shipbuilding firm was constructed there and by 1927 the Humble Oil and Refining Company had built a large oil terminal on Harbor Island. Other major oil companies laid pipelines to the docks to meet the oil tankers and Harbor Island had its deep water port and became home to a series of oil storage tanks for more than fifty years.

The rest as they say is history.



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Nature Notes

Chimney Swifts and their Reliance on Us

By Kayla Pringle



Chimney Swift Tower

If you’ve ever looked up on a summer evening and noticed a flurry of tiny, boomerang-shaped birds swirling high in the sky, chances are you’ve spotted chimney swifts. These aerial acrobats are nature’s little daredevils, spending almost their entire lives in flight—eating, drinking, and even bathing on the wing. With their chattering calls and dazzling swoops, they turn the twilight sky into a living performance. But behind the show lies a surprising truth: many chimney swifts depend on humans to survive.

Chimney swifts are built for nonstop motion. Their long, curved wings slice through the air as they scoop up mosquitoes, flies, and other insects by the thousands. A single swift can eat hundreds of bugs in a day, making them both entertainers and pest control specialists. But when it comes time to rest and raise their young, they need somewhere special to cling—and that’s where we come in.

Long ago, swifts nested in hollow trees, attaching their tiny stick nests with their own glue-like saliva. But as forests were cleared, their options dwindled. Luckily, humans had unintentionally provided the perfect replacement: chimneys. Tall, dark, and narrow, these man-made structures became swift skyscrapers. Today, many populations rely almost entirely on chimneys, barns, silos, and other human-built towers for roosting and nesting. Without us, their numbers would plummet.

Unfortunately, modern architecture is leaving swifts in the lurch. Many chimneys are now capped, screened, or removed altogether, and sleek new buildings don’t have the rough, vertical surfaces swifts need to cling to. Across North America, chimney swift populations have declined dramatically—dropping by more than 50% in just a few decades.

The good news is that there are viable solutions to help them. Conservationists and bird lovers have begun building “swift towers”- special tall structures designed just for chimney swifts. Communities are rallying around these projects, often placing towers near schools, parks, or nature centers where people can gather to enjoy the evening spectacle of swifts swirling into their roosts like smoke being pulled back into a chimney.

Helping chimney swifts isn’t just about saving a single species. It’s about protecting the unique relationship between people and wildlife. These birds remind us that sometimes, nature can adapt to our presence in surprising ways—and that we have a responsibility to adapt in return. Plus, who wouldn’t want to keep a few thousand mosquito-eating acrobats around?

So next time you see chimney swifts spiraling overhead, take a moment to marvel at the partnership we share. By leaving our chimneys open, supporting swift tower projects, or simply spreading the word, we can ensure these feathered flyers continue their evening dance for generations to come.



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Beachcombing Report

Beachcoming cont. from A1



Drone shot of pelicans at the waters edge

Bend knows weather can surprise us, but the hailstorm that hammered the Corpus Christi area on Nov. 1 was unlike anything most of us have ever seen. Golf ball-sized hailstones rained down across neighborhoods, battering roofs, denting vehicles, and leaving a trail of property damage that residents are still tallying. But the most heartbreaking losses weren’t the shattered windshields or broken shingles, they were the birds.

Over the past week, researchers in the Harte Research Institute’s Conservation and Biodiversity Program, along with regional partners, have been working to understand the scale of the mortality event triggered by the storm. Updated assessments estimate 1,860 birds were killed or injured, a staggering number that speaks to the storm’s intensity. The brown pelican, an iconic resident of our coastline and a species that only decades ago was struggling to recover from DDT-era declines, took the hardest hit. Of the total losses, 1,484 were brown pelicans.

Photos collected after the storm show pelicans and other waterbirds lying where the hail struck them, many on nesting or roosting islands that offered no shelter from the ice falling from the sky. But the storm’s impact extended well beyond coastal species. Woodpeckers, falcons, and other land-based birds were found washed up on the beaches in the days following the storm, victims of the same violent weather cell. In all, more than 30 species were documented in the assessment.

The Coastal Bend community and our conservation partners are stepping up, turning a moment of loss into an opportunity for learning, recovery, and resilience.

To capture the full picture, HRI scientists have deployed drones to survey the affected islands and partnered closely with Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, The Nature Conservancy, and the UTMSI Amos Rehabilitation Keep (ARK). Their rapid response has been crucial not only for documenting losses but for rescuing survivors. So far, 417 birds have been captured alive and transferred to the ARK for treatment and rehabilitation.

Events like this remind us how vulnerable coastal wildlife can be, and how quickly a single storm can reshape the landscape.

Jace Tunnell is the Director of Community Engagement for the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. His Beachcombing series appears on YouTube and you can follow Jace at harterresearch.org, or Facebook (facebook.com/harterresearch.org).



Capturing live birds in CC Bay, Photo by Liam Wolff



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Permits cont. from A1

City of Corpus Christi and the City of Port Aransas each maintain about eight miles of gulf beaches, some belonging to Nueces County but maintained under reciprocal agreements by each of the two cities.

According to figures from the City of Corpus Christi which administers the revenue stream a total of 273,228 permits were sold in 2024 raising \$3,118,299. (See attached story). The revenue currently is split by the three entities according to the linear feet of beach maintained by each.

However, this revenue split has worked to the advantage of the City of Corpus Christi which sold 118,021 permits to 153,439 for the City of Port Aransas but received \$1.4 million (45.5%) of the revenue to Port Aransas \$1.2 million (38.5%).

Nueces County would stand to gain the most funds from the increase in the permit charge since they would continue to receive 16% of permit sales dollars from both cities while selling only 1768 permits in 2024. Under the proposed fee increase they would continue to receive 16% of the total revenue which would have been \$5,464,560 in 2024 if the \$20 fee had been in place which would have increased the county’s share from \$498,927 to \$874,329. Nueces County Coastal Parks Director Scott Cross said Nueces County Coastal Parks receives about \$500,000 each year in funds from beach permit sales to be used for beach maintenance which makes up a large portion of the department’s \$3.2 million budget.

Port Aransas City Manager David Parsons said the need for the increase is driven by the rising costs of beach maintenance over the past 21 years and the need for beach renourishment projects around the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi city limits where beach erosion has made driving increasingly difficult.

“One of the biggest issues we’re all looking at is an eroding beach that starts eroding around the Palmilla Golf Course, and continues eroding well past the southern Corpus Christi city limits. In this area the beach is getting narrower and narrower, to the point that driving cars and beach users are getting dangerously close to one another,” Parsons said. “It’s to the point that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) CEPRA division is actually showing some concerns and have reached out to us regarding the erosion rates that they’re seeing in the most recent 2025 University of Texas Bureau of Economical Geology historical erosion rate report, and we are discussing a possible future beach renourishment project.”

The next step, if all three bodies agree to the rate increase, would be to go to the Texas General Land Office for Beach Plan amendments that would reflect the increase. That process is expected to take about six months followed by votes of approval from all three of the local governmental entities which would push implementation of the new higher rate to January 2027, for the 2027 calendar year.



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Snack, Sip & Shop Bingo

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Player’s name and phone number

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9 Optometrist: Routine & Emergency care. Optical Shop: Glasses, Contacts, & Sunglasses	10 Featuring unique clothing and permanent jewelry.	11 Offering a full line of premium cigars and accessories.	12 Massages, makeup services, skin care, hand & foot treatment

Drawings: Held at noon (12p) Sunday, November 30 at Cabana Pantry (Facebook Live). Pick up the Grand Prize at Cabana Pantry; other prizes at the retailer’s location.

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The Art of Island Life

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The Island

Everyday errands just feel different on the Island—more like stopping in to see friends than checking off a list. And this month, we’re turning that easygoing spirit into a full-on adventure with our Shop Small Business Crawl Bingo on **Saturday, November 29**, from **11a-4p**—a playful, community-driven day designed to bring visitors and neighbors together while highlighting the small businesses that give our Island its charm.

A Bingo Card Full of Local Love

Here’s how it works. Stop by any participating business to pick up your Bingo card. Each participating business has only 20 Bingo cards available. When they’re gone, they’re gone—so plan to swing by early for yours. On Saturday, the fun begins: wander the Island, visit local shops, and fill your card with stamps along the way—rediscovering familiar favorites and possibly trying a new spot you haven’t visited before.

Each stop will stamp your card, and there’s no purchase necessary to play. If you fill a row—horizontal, vertical, or diagonal—you’ll be entered to win prizes from the retailers. Fill the entire card, and you’ll earn a spot in the **Grand Prize Drawing**, where one lucky winner will receive a bundle of twelve \$10 gift cards (one from each participating business) for a \$120 shopping spree. Drop off your completed card at any participating retailer to be entered into the drawings.

This event is part scavenger hunt, part shopping day, part neighborhood stroll—and entirely Island fun.

Meet the Shops Behind the Fun

This year’s **Shop Small Business Crawl Bingo** features twelve incredible Island businesses—each one offering something unique, local, and full of personality. Think of it as a curated tour of the places that make our community special:

- 1. Texas Sealife Center**—Offering tours to the public Wednesday-Saturday from 10a-3:30p and Sunday 12p-3:30p.
- 2. Cabana Pantry**—Jellies, desserts, charcuterie & lunches to go
- 3. My Coastal Home**—Stylish furniture & home décor
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Whether you’re stopping in for a sip, a snack, a sample, or a smile, each business is excited to meet you for the first time or welcome you back! And all of them have something special planned for the day.

Why Community Events Matter

Shopping small has always been close to my heart. Every local business has a story behind it—late-night planning sessions, early-morning deliveries, handmade displays, family support, and the courage to chase a dream. When you walk into a small shop, you’re not just stepping into a store—you’re stepping into someone’s purpose.

Events like this Bingo Crawl remind us that supporting local businesses doesn’t have to be complicated. It can look like grabbing lunch at your favorite café, popping into a boutique for a hostess gift, checking out a new bakery, or saying hello to a business owner you’ve known for years. Every stamp on your bingo card represents a real person who pours passion, time, and heart into what they do.

Prizes, Fun, and a Little Friendly Competition

Once you’ve filled your rows or your whole card, drop it off at any participating business. The prize drawings will be hosted live on Facebook by *Cabana Pantry* the following Sunday at noon. If you’re the Grand Prize winner, you’ll pick up your prize there. All other prize winners may pick up their prize directly from the shop offering it and will be contacted by that business.

There’s something delightfully nostalgic about returning to a familiar game like Bingo and turning it into a community celebration. It brings out the playful side in all of us—no age limit, no pressure, just fun.

To me, the best part of events like this isn’t the prizes or even the shopping. It’s the moments in between—catching up with neighbors, meeting business owners, discovering a new favorite snack, or finding the perfect item you didn’t know you needed.

It’s a reminder that community isn’t just where we live. It’s something we build—one conversation, one smile, and one small act of support at a time.

If you hang around here long enough, you’ll find there is never a shortage of things to do on the Island. Also happening on Saturday the 29th from 1p-4p is the last Padre Island Charity Poker Run of the year benefitting *CASA of the Coastal Bend*. Join the Black Sheep Bistro, Brewster Street Icehouse on the Island, The Anchor Beach Bar & Grill, the Angry Marlin and The Island Moon Newspaper in making this event a huge success. Bring a gift to be donated and take part in the post-Thanksgiving fun.

So, grab your Bingo card, gather your friends, and come spend the day exploring what makes our Island so special. Every stop, every stamp, and every little “hello” along the way is part of the story we’re writing together.

And if you spot a business on the list that you’ve never visited before, don’t wait for a Bingo card to go. Every one of these local shops would love to welcome you in—to-day, tomorrow, and anytime you’re in the neighborhood. So, stop in and say hello. They’d love to meet you.

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

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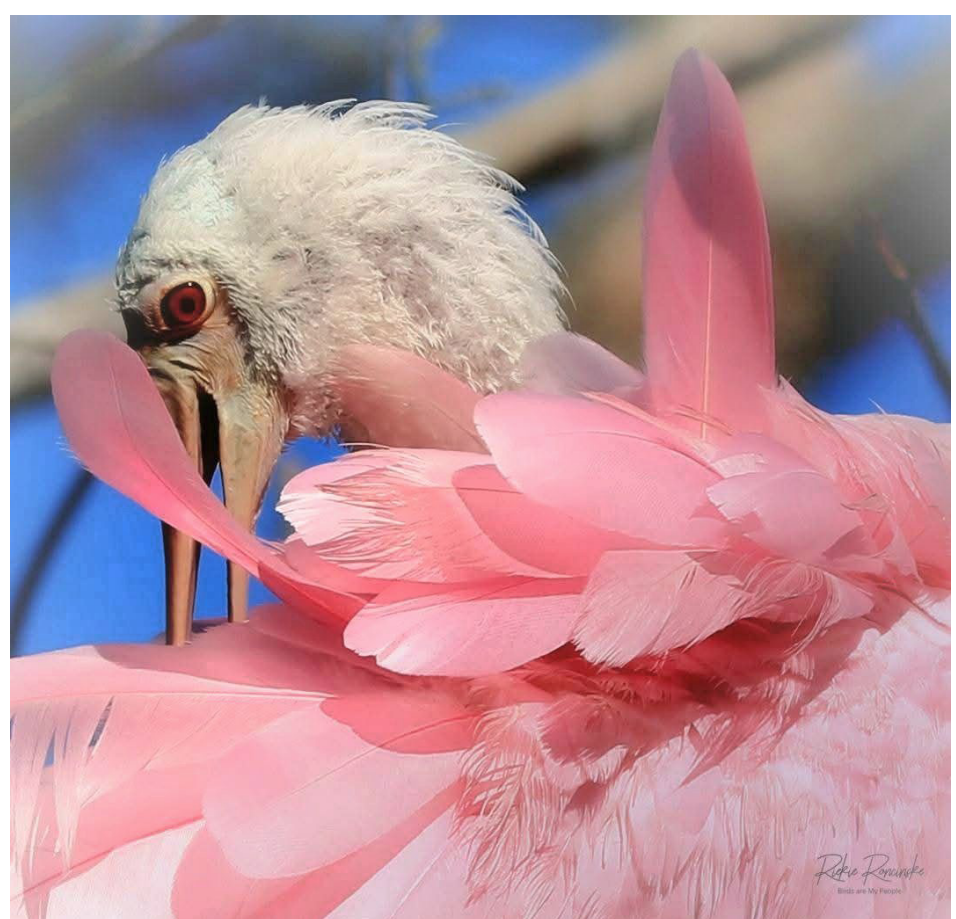


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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Lily and I headed north last week up to Austwell to do an oyster survey for a new pier that’s going in up there in Hynes Bay (which is a secondary bay of San Antonio Bay). I hadn’t been up that direction (other than passing through) in quite some time. The trip reminded me of when I was working for the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network (TCOON) back in the early 2000’s, maintaining water and monitoring stations up and down the coast. We had a station installed near Chicken Foot Reef there in San Antonio Bay, and I would have to change batteries, or the hydro sonde’s out. This would involve dragging a skiff up to the Aransas Wildlife Refuge, dump it in, and run around the corner through the ICWW, and up into the bay to the station. Those were good times, but Hurricane Harvey wiped that station out.

One of the weirdest things I saw up there coming back from doing my station work was *The Duke*, an Eco-tour and dolphin watch boat I worked on for Billy Gaskins a few years before that in Port Aransas. It was a foggy day, very flat, and I was just easing back towards the ICWW and I saw her slowly chugging north. I had no idea why she was so many miles from home, but there was my old tour boat. I couldn’t see anyone behind the helm, and I felt like I was in a ghost story.

Anyhoo, we got to the old pier site and thankfully there were two of the old pier pilings left out in the water, so we knew how far out we had to go and all that. We were surprised not to find any oysters, but the water was really shallow and wind-swept, so they shouldn’t have been there anyway. The pier is free to move forward. Of course, Lily found a large dead alligator gar and had to mess with it. Gross.

Water reuse

The city council finally voted to look into reusing water from the wastewater treatment plans for industry. We have been reusing a portion of the water for golf

courses for many years. There was a line that went from either the Greenwood or Oso plants back out to the Kings Crossing course, but that has likely been offline for years. The Oso Golf Course is right next to Oso Treatment Plant, which makes that easy for piping. The Greenwood plant has more volume, but it’s far away but feeds Lozano. The Broadway plant there at Concrete Street is close to industry, but they’re phasing that one out. Maybe those plans will change with the new focus on reuse.

That wastewater would have gone into the river or bay or laguna, depending on which plant you’re talking about. The Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant used to pump some of its water under the Nueces River and out into the Nueces Delta. I did some water quality monitoring of that back in day, as others like Sam, Aaron and Erin did, and the freshwater hitting those cells helped the fishery a lot. Unfortunately, they had to stop pumping in there due to high levels of something, which really wasn’t hurting anything.

I highly support the reuse of our wastewater; you loyal readers know that in some parts of the country, they treat it and put it back into their drinking water system. We’re headed in that direction. Water is water. However, I’d like to see a day where the water coming into our system passes through and makes it into the Nueces Delta and river, but you loyal readers already know about that. The Coastal Bend Bays Foundation is having a coastal issues forum about how inflows are managed into the bays on Monday, December 8th at the Del Mar CED. If you have questions, go check that out.

Well folks, I’m already looking down the road towards the turn of the year. The weather for Thanksgiving could be worse, but it could be better. I will be out on the beach and out on the rocks at some point. Send me some pics at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we’ll see you maybe next week before Turkey Day On the Rocks.



Lily holding her prized dead alligator gar.



The wild and crazy snowy egret stands tall next to the easy-going American white pelican. Photo By Lu Ann Kingsbury

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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Thank You’s



Sometimes you give thanks for the obvious, things that you take for granted every day. The sunrise every morning humbles me, pulls tears to my eyes, and heals my soul, just depends on the morning. This week I’ll sit down with my family and be reminded of those that stand by your side no matter what, love you unconditionally. To BE loved like that is a wonderful thing, to LOVE like that even BETTER. I will always remember a small towel that hung in the SNOOPY’s Icecream parlor that Ms Butler hung up, “IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE BYE THE SEA, then YOUR LUCKY ENOUGH.” That’s so darn right; give thanks for the small stretch of sand we live and play on and all the folks that share it together. Get out and walk in any direction this week and put your feet in the water, heck take a fishing pole with ya, it’s been some of the best fishing of the year!

Low tides in the last two weeks have brought a lot of small shrimp up close in the upper Laguna Madre, bringing a lot of redfish back in from the surf zone into the bays. The black drum has been swarming up in all of the naturally deep holes out in the flats. Trout are loaded in the transitional areas along the marbled scattered sand pockets, and those mystical rock piles in Baffin Bay are full of everything that will eat a shrimp under a popping cork. This is traditionally a great week for friends and family to share adventures together outdoors.

The first rays of light busted up from the sea and into the sky, shooting beams of golden light into a crimson morning. The stereo hummed and I couldn’t tell quite where the sky and the water melted together for the reflection of the morning. I felt the cold wind take my breath away for a second and my heart felt hollow. Oh how I missed my Honey Sun. As the light seemed to grow with every second warmth came over me and I thought about how my grandchildren will grow to see and appreciate this same sight for many years. How many souls I get to share each morning with. The boat stopped and we started to cast into the



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The Black drum were thick this week with schools of hundreds rolling in the surface pieces of FISHBITES and dead shrimp thrown into these schools brought in the groceries!

ocean, a surprise strike, a few small fish, a monster redfish stole the show, then that ball of warmth opened up the flats and the sand pockets glowed. We picked through the flats talking about family and adventures, catching fish all morning. Each change of location was a adventurous search for the next trophy for my guests, to me I was just checking my pets. I thought that my clients thought they were so lucky, but it was me that was the lucky one. To share this place, open so many eyes to what I breathe every day. These are the days we get our island back, the crowds are gone and it’s peaceful. Invite those old friends down, take the kids to the beach, get up and watch the sun rise over the sea.

Topwater action is on fire! The water is staying in the 70’s and is perfect for explosive attacks on topwater plugs. The mornings are best, but cloudy days will have you getting blow up’s all day. I like larger plugs with loud rattles, but that is just one of the varied selections to choose from. I always throw a plug that I can see at the end of my cast, color. This is important so that you can watch for shuttle strikes and better become the injured baitfish you are imitating. I always let the bait crash and skip skip pause, just like bait has been hit and got away but still confused and baffled. A slow steady walk the dog style retrieves with pauses will usually work best. Smaller topwaters are built for a faster retrieve and action. Change it up from large to small, loud to quiet. If you want to get good at catching fish on topwaters, fill a small box with a few and just decide you’re going to only use them all day. You will find success and learn the magic and addiction to catching fish on topwaters. The majority of the fish you will catch will be mature gamefish, no trash fish and fewer small ones. Caution should be had with those treble hooks! A shake, a fling, or just a split second and your hooked harder than the best trout strike. It’s really hard to take out hooks burried in your own body. Leaving them on the rods half-way up is dangerous too, walking around the boat is just waiting to get grabbed. The cooler temps are getting everything WILD! This next week we will see some more cold weather come down and bring winter a bit closer. Don’t let that north wind blow a hole in your soul, get out and enjoy what we have to be grateful for, and don’t forget, YOUR ON THE ISLAND, GET YOURSELF ON THE WATER!



Tranz out fished the Capt last week, I even tried to give him all the wrong colors! This was one of many good slot sized trout from the east side of Emortt’s Hole just a little south along the King Ranch shoreline. Didn’t matter what color I gave him.



Dream Jobs

By Chris Jordan

You know the kind of dream where you're in a fight but you can't land any blows? Your arms just won't swing. Or you can't pull the trigger on your gun. Or you try to run, but you can't quite move. You are paralyzed, powerless, and frustrated. These sorts of dreams fall under the psychological category of inhibition dreams. We all have them.

When we are asleep and experiencing vivid, lively dreams during REM sleep, our brain is trying to move our body in accordance with the action in our dream. During this time, inhibitory neurotransmitters in the brain stem induce REM *atonia*, a temporary paralysis of voluntary muscles. It's a good thing, too – otherwise we might be punching our partner or running through the patio door. But within the dream, it is a terrifying and inexplicable paralysis that we cannot overcome – no matter how hard we try.

Restaurant and bar workers suffer frequent and special versions of these dreams. What follows is a selection of real, work-related inhibition dreams from real food and beverage industry folks. The names have been changed for no particular reason.

Penelope has been a server for 30 years. That's enough time to have seen it all. One would think Penelope's psyche has been hardened against the vagaries of restaurant work, but that is simply not the case. She still has the dreams. Penelope's work-related bad dreams feature the most common theme among waiters: too many customers want too many things at once, and they can't seem to get to any of it. Recurrently in Penelope's dreams, right there in the restaurant's dining room, there is dense, tall grass everywhere – and she simply cannot navigate it. Everyone's upset with her, food has not been served, her customers have begun to give up, and some are leaving. Penelope is gripped by fear, frustration, and undergrowth: she is *in the weeds*.

Amos is a world-class bartender: he knows how to make every drink there is and could make half of them at once if needed. And Amos is fast. In a jam-packed, dance-oriented, meat-market nightclub, Amos is a speed-bartender. Don't get me wrong, Amos could grow a handlebar mustache, don a waxed canvas apron, and make craft cocktails all day long if he were called upon to do so, but that's not his bag. He likes the chaos and debauchery of a place where people go to get drunk and get laid – and most often, but not strictly – in that order. After the bar closes, Amos crosses over: from behind the bar to a seat at it. On one particular night, he's got an after-hours guest. Once the bar has been wiped down, the till reconciled, and the doors locked behind them, Amos is taking Clarissa to his place. When they arrive, there's more drink, music, laughter, intimacy, and finally ... sleep. In his slumber, Amos finds himself back at work. Clarissa has been waiting for him to make her a cocktail for some time. But the ice well is empty. The soda gun splutters and spews. Everyone else needs a drink,

too, and all of the bottles are empty. Amos wakes up in a panic. But he is relieved to see that Clarissa is sound asleep next to him and does not need a cocktail. Amos falls back asleep and has the exact same dream again. And again. And again.

If you are a cook or some other kitchen worker, you are not immune to similar nocturnal hellscape. You're behind the line, the ticket rack is full, and the printer won't stop whirring. Its paper has spilled onto the floor in an ever-growing pile. There are half a dozen servers standing across from you at the pickup window – some are yelling unintelligibly, and they are all staring...at you. You try to fire appetizers and entrées, but your mouth emits no sound. You can't find a clean sauté pan or even some tongs. Food is burning somewhere, and you just wish you could move fast enough – or at all – to dig yourself out. You try to reach for a plate, but your arms won't budge – if they worked, you'd use them to violently rip the printer from its moorings and throw it to the floor. You turn your gaze downward to see what's wrong with your arms. Your frustration is stopped dead in its tracks and instantly morphs into red-faced embarrassment: you are not wearing pants. Not even underwear. You wish in vain for just an apron – but you wish even more that the servers would stop staring.

Darla, the hostess, is a busy restaurant's first line of defense against the incessant onslaught of customers. She grips her podium with both hands. It's like a hot seat whose occupant can please no one: not the servers, not the kitchen, not the manager, and certainly not the customers. When Darla gets home from her Saturday night shift and drifts off to sleep, she knows what's coming. By her third round of REM, things have gotten really bad. She is stuck at her podium. The reservation book doesn't make sense: it's just a bunch of squiggly lines and a single number. Is it how many are in a party? Is it the time of a reservation? She can't know. In slow motion, she turns her head away from angry, impatient, would-be diners. The dining room is over capacity. A table hasn't come up empty in hours. The bar is five deep. There are people standing and eating food off napkins with their hands. The entire back wall of the restaurant is *engulfed in flames*. Darla tries to run away from it all, but the podium will not release her, and just then, she wakes up with a start. She knows it was just a dream – but only because of the fire.

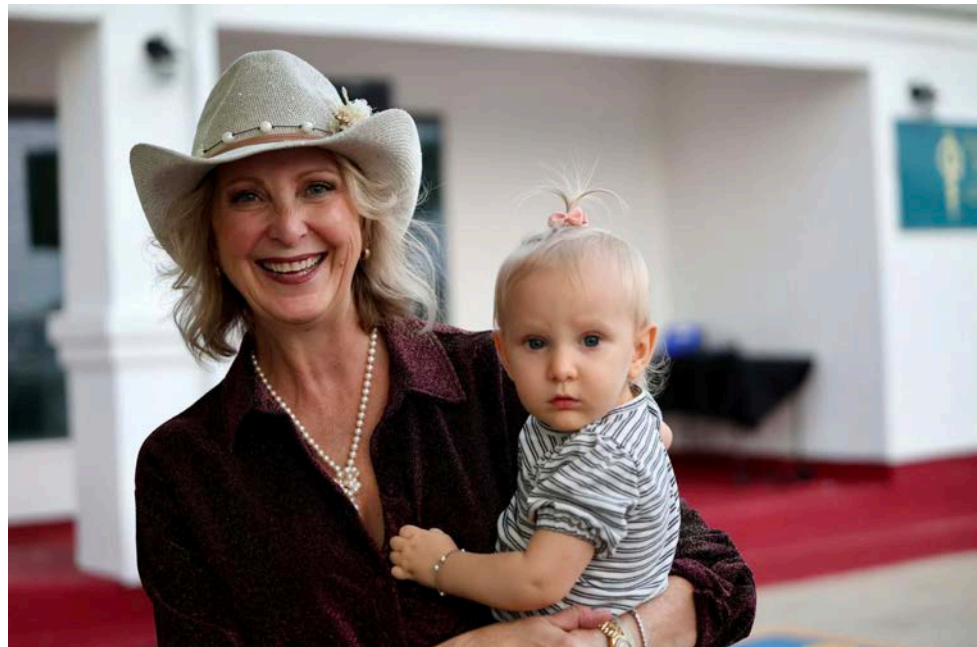
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Kaleigh Glover standing by her 2026 Barefoot Mardi Gras painting which will be used on Mardi Gras merchandise and posters.
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Melissa Mitchell owner of Evoke with her granddaughter Claire.



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Beware of health care cons during open enrollment

If you are adding or changing your Medicare or Healthcare.gov coverage during open enrollment, watch out for unsolicited calls claiming to «help» you find the best deal. Unfortunately, scammers see this open enrollment period as a chance to trick people out of money and personal information. Open enrollment for Medicare runs from October 15 through December 7 (Medicare). Medicare Advantage open enrollment is from January 1 to March 31, or within three months of getting Medicare. Healthcare.gov open enrollment begins November 1; December 15 is the last day to enroll or change plans for coverage starting January 1, and January 15 is the last day to enroll for coverage starting February 1.

How the scam works
BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of scam calls and texts pretending to be from Medicare. In a recent report, one person shared, «They called to have me sign up for a new Medicare card. I declined. They have been persistent in their calls to me and my husband.»

In another report, the target reported that a caller pretended to be an agent “asking if I got a new updated Medicare card in the mail. He then verified my name and mailing address. Then he wanted me to get my old card and read off info to him, such as the date on the lower right side of the card. When he asked me to read my card number, I told him I cannot.”

Another consumer reported being targeted through a text message and shared the following: “I received a text saying that my health benefits were about to expire and I needed to call the number to renew. Then, the representative told me I had to pay and my bank had to verify with them...That’s when I knew it was a scam.”

If you stay on the line, these callers allege they can enroll you in a better plan than what you currently have, according to Scam Tracker reports. This new plan is cheaper, and you can keep all the same services. To get started, all you need to do is provide some personal information, such as your Medicare ID number and your Social Security number.

No matter how good the deal sounds and how convincing the caller seems, don’t do it! The call is a scam, and sharing personal

information will expose you to identity theft.

“Selecting a health insurance plan can be challenging and complex. Be on the lookout for common red flags.

❑ **Be wary of anyone who contacts you out of the blue.** Healthcare.gov and Medicare provide legitimate help for determining which plan is right for you. These people — sometimes called Navigators or Assistors — cannot charge for their support. If someone asks you for payment, it’s a scam. You will also need to contact them on your own. They will not call you first.

❑ **Be wary of free gifts and “health screenings.”** Keep a healthy level of skepticism any time a broker offers you free gifts or other special deals. Never sign up with a broker who offers you an expensive sign-up gift in exchange for providing your Medicare ID number or additional personally identifiable information. Other times, brokers offer free “health screenings” to weed out people who are less healthy. This technique is called “cherry picking” and is against Medicare rules.

❑ **Guard your government-issued numbers.** Never offer your Medicare ID number, Social Security number, health plan info, or banking information to anyone you don’t know.

❑ **Go directly to official websites.** If you want to make changes to your healthcare plan, go directly to Medicare.gov, Healthcare.gov, or your employer’s health insurance provider. Don’t click on links in suspicious messages.

❑ **Contact your employer directly.** If you receive an unexpected email about benefits policies, ask your employer about it before you click on anything to make sure it’s legitimate.

For more information
If you are unsure whether a call or offer is from Medicare or you gave your personal information to someone claiming to be with Medicare, call 1-800-MEDICARE to report it. If you suspect fraud when signing up for ACA coverage, go to HealthCare.gov or call the Health Insurance Marketplace call center at 800-318-2596.

Get more tips from BBB on avoiding healthcare scams and learn the signs of impostor scams. If you’ve been the victim of a scam, please report it to BBB.org/Scam-Tracker. Sharing your experience can help others avoid falling victim to similar scams.



Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Jesus Christ is Lord. This is the most basic and universal of all Christian statements. Which means, if Jesus is Lord, nothing else or nobody else is Lord.

For the churches that follow the liturgical calendar, this Sunday, November 23 is Christ the King Sunday. Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. His reason for emphasizing the Lordship of Jesus at that time was the rise of Communism and Fascism. Pope Pius XI called for Christ to rule in our minds, in our wills, in our hearts, in our bodies. In time, Protestant churches joined in celebrating Christ the King Sunday.

Nearly a decade later, a group of dissenting Protestants in Germany refused to join the collaborationist Christians in their effusive praise and support for the nationalistic fervor of Nazi Germany. They issued a declaration that asserted among other things, “we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords.” Some who signed this declaration became martyrs for their faith.

Affirming that Jesus is Lord challenges the compartmentalized smallness of our faith and our tacit acceptance of the world’s injustice. It has implications for everything we do, everything we fail to do, and everything in which we are complicit. The message of Christ the King Sunday is timely. It stands against any movement that claims exclusive influence over the hearts and minds of God’s people.

This is why Christians must be wary of all attempts to connect the reign of Christ to any nationalistic movement. The message of Christ is compromised when it is connected to the grab for power and the control of nationalistic fervor. Human biases and fears dominate in the rush of a win-lose way of understanding life.

The Christian church has often been an imitator of human empire and power. Many times, we will support those movements and causes that we think will get our side power.

In this view of Christianity Jesus becomes a national superhero who shows how strong God is by winning at our game. However, at the cross of Christ we see that Jesus came and showed us how strong God is by willingly losing at our game. No wonder the Bible talks about people yelling at Jesus on the cross to save himself. This is what we would do, try to save ourselves. However,

God is self-giving in ways that don’t make a lot of sense to our ideas of win-lose, insider-outside, right-wrong. This is the reign of Christ the King.

However, the message of Christ as king also challenges another common human kingdom, the kingdom of self. Kingdoms of self are strong and enduring. They heavily defend their territory through justification of control, power and self-interest. Perhaps the quest for power and control offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. After all, it is easier to be God, than to love God. It is easier to judge people than to love people. It is easier to own life than to love life.

This is why it is important to drag ourselves to the foot of the cross on Christ the King Sunday. Jesus on the cross in the ultimate act of self-emptying love is not most people’s image of a king. Not only was Jesus executed; he was humiliated. Leaders scoffed; soldiers mocked; a criminal derided; people trash talked.

There is no better time to consider our human distortions of power than the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The scene of the cross gives shape to what Christ’s reign really looks like in humility and sacrifice. It also gives shape to how we live, the choices we make, the people we love, the words we choose.

To affirm Christ is King is to choose peacemaking instead of war making. It is to choose liberation instead of exploitation. It is to choose to sacrifice rather than conquest. It is to give forgiveness not retribution. It is to show mercy not vengeance. It is to care for the vulnerable instead of privileges for the powerful, It is to be generous rather than greedy. It is to welcome rather than exclude.

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.

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Gene’s Corner

By Gene Saegert

Here is something I have been meaning to get off of my chest for a while. I am talking about “The great facial tissue conspiracy.” “My wife had said that “It is just a coincidence, not a conspiracy, so GET OVER IT ALREADY! I beg to differ. I will let you be the judge.

It seems that everyone in the house had coughs, sniffles or sneezes. Now I don’t often sneeze, but when I do I use anything handy, such as a paper towel, napkin, or even sometimes my sleeve (I know that is gross.) But on this particular day as I was preparing my column at the table there happened to be a box of Kleenex in reach, so I grabbed one and used it. Then I sneezed again and grabbed another and then I noticed a pattern became obvious. Sneeze, tissue, sneeze, tissue, and after getting down to about the middle of the box a thought came to mind. Just what if.... the tissue companies put something in the tissue that actually made you sneeze? Aha, I thought to myself, and now that I have your attention, I present the “The great facial tissue conspiracy.” Well, to make a long story short (although it may be too late

for that) my wife as usual, did not buy into my conspiracy theory. So.... The conspiracy theory went into the trash with a big pile of used tissues....and to add insult to injury, she suggested “Maybe you are just allergic to newsprint! Ouch! Exactly what is she trying to tell me???

Thought for the day: The only person who got all his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe.

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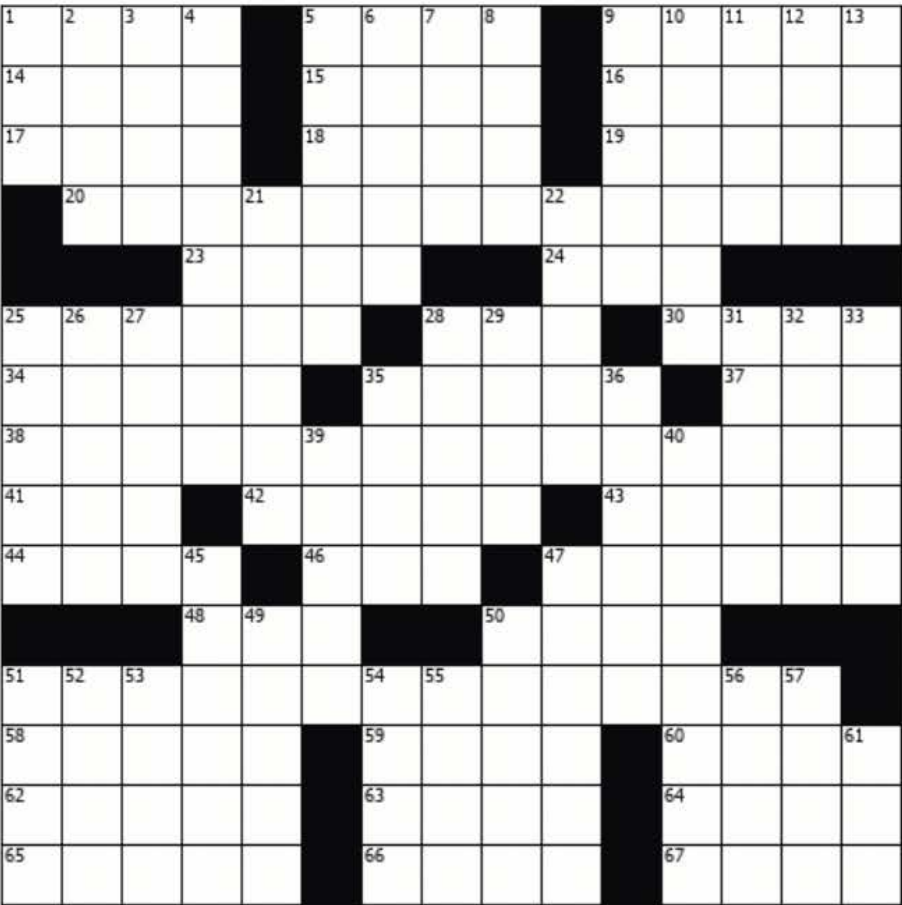
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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. Staff member?
5. Puck, e.g.
9. "The Destroyer"
14. The 29th state
15. Blast furnace sound
16. Exhibit supporter
17. Form an opinion
18. Something to grow on
19. American novelist Cather
20. Shadow
23. They're supportive
24. Kind of duck
25. Cautiously
28. Unusually intelligent
30. Muscat's milieu
34. Swindler's name, perhaps
35. Basketmaker's willow
37. Narcissist's problem
38. Shadow
41. Weather vane letters
42. Explosives ingredient
43. Encumbrances
44. John Reed film bio
46. Syndicate head
47. William Kidd, for one
48. Hand wringer's feeling
50. Direction from Eden?
51. Shadow
58. Independently
59. Musical McEntire
60. Watch part
62. Ointment
63. "I second that!"
64. Cloudy
65. Completely unfamiliar
66. Indicates yes, in a way
67. Your family is part of one



Down

1. Massenet's "Le ____"
2. Juilliard co-founder
3. Large jug
4. Hereditary
5. Rock-strewn and steep
6. First word in magic
7. Dodge City lawman
8. Ukulele feature
9. Made a dress
10. Bob, e.g.
11. Presque ____, Maine
12. The Sail (southern constellation)
13. Wing-shaped
21. Wrestling hold
22. Hailey novel
25. Symbol of thinness
26. Mervyn Peake novel "Titus ____"
27. Ruffled feathers
28. Gray
29. Marina feature
31. She was jilted by Jason
32. Secret one
33. From Bergen
35. Preminger or Graham
36. Dog topper
39. Dentist's request
40. Like some alibis
45. Deviate
47. Praiseful songs
49. Time and again
50. Slackened
51. What Castro calls home?
52. 1995 hurricane
53. West African republic
54. Mediterranean port
55. Temp's pad
56. Get closer to
57. Knock for a loop
61. Salinger's grain

Ten Years Ago in the Island Moon



A large cable laying ship came in to Port A

A few weeks ago we told you about our friend Snoopy Paul and his boat, now named the Titanic, that went to the bottom during high tides and winds. We're are happy to report that his boat is now back on the right side of the waterline, and with the help of friend Josette Derrick, is now better than ever. He shares it with Frank and Marilyn and all is well. Except for the loss of his beloved ukulele.



Snoopy Paul



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Surf was up by Jeff Dolan.

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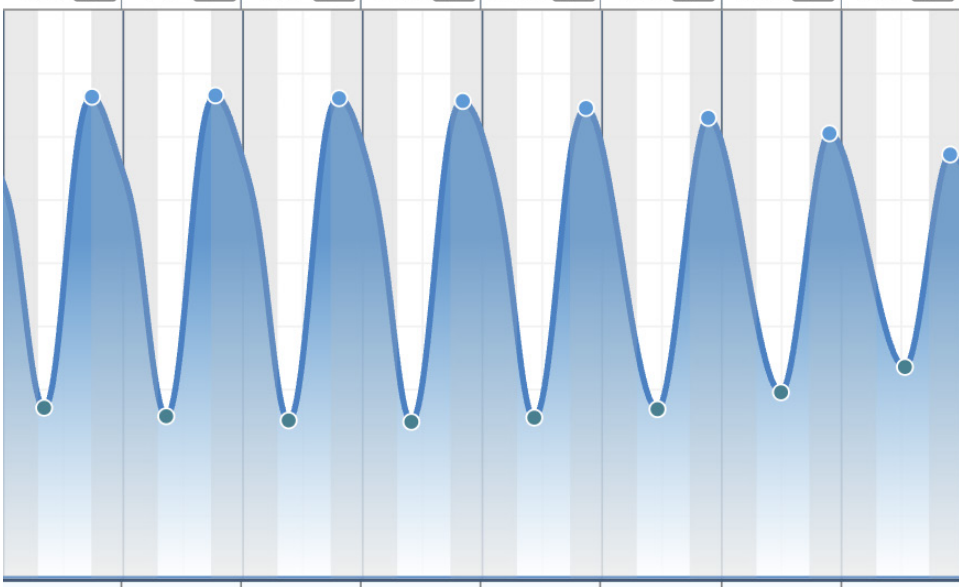
Seashore Public Notice

On December 15th at 6:00pm, during the Island Foundation regularly scheduled Board Meeting, we will have a Public Hearing for the purpose of giving an overview of the financial accountability rating system, known as the CHARTER FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The purpose of FIRST is to ensure that open-enrollment charter schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Seashore Charter Schools received a rating of B-Above Standard Achievement.

Crossword Solution

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Tides of the Week

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The Return of a Classic “Sport”

The...ahem...sport... of chicken drop bingo is making a comeback on The Island. It's a sport of total luck which requires no expertise on the part of the player nor the chicken. The chicken just wanders around on a board with numbers on it and then decides which one to award with the winning drop. It's an exciting time for all, including the chickens who seem to know they are being watched. Look for a chicken drop bingo event to come to a belt sander race near you like this one last week at The Gaff.



Shy Adult Brown Pelican
By Riekie Roncinske

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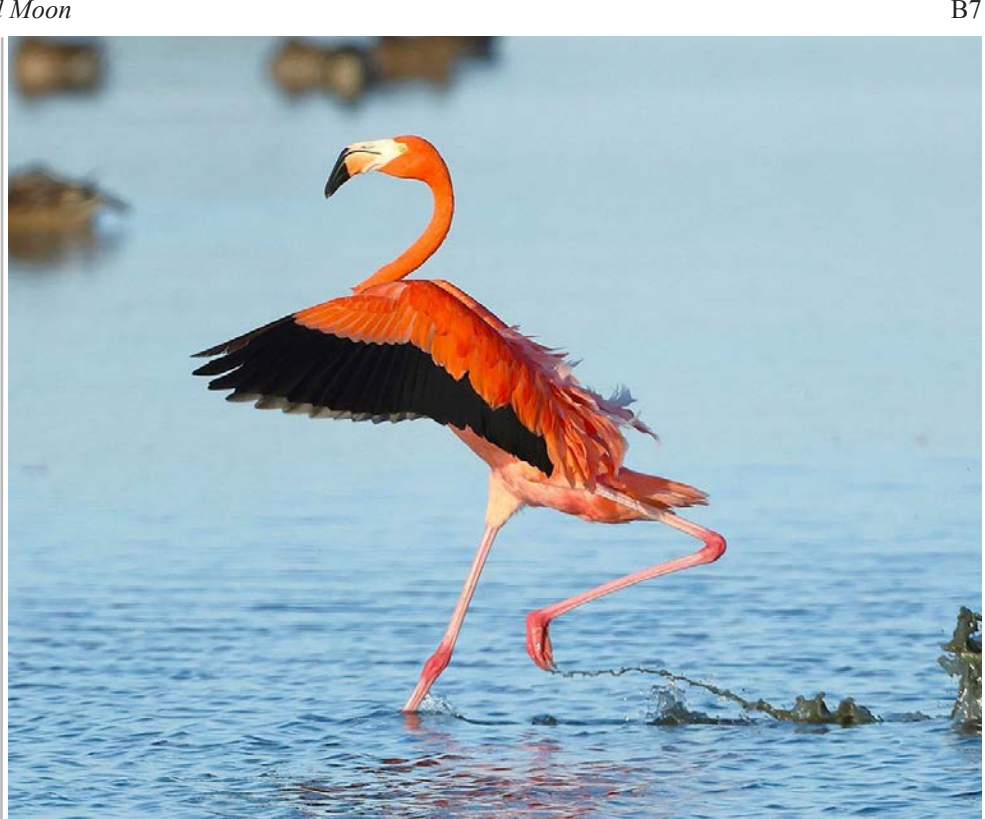
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Ready, Set, Go! Photo By Anthony Clements



Feathered friends come in all sizes. By Riekie Roncinske



Tricolored herons are solitary foragers but nest in colonies and have a unique hunting style that includes running after prey with wings outstretched.
By Riekie Roncinske

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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Porthos poops...



Chicken Poop Bingo at the Gaff last Saturday.

The *Chicken Poop Bingo* was a hoot last Saturday at the *Gaff*. I had a ring-side seat where I actually watched the bodily functions of a live chicken named **Porthos**. I saw it all like it was under a microscope and it's not a very pretty sight... stunk too. I could go into microscopic detail here but won't. And there was a boatload of folks forking out \$5 a card for bragging rights relating to the location of Porthos' discharge. BTW Porthos was on loan from an old friend of the island, **Victoria Ferguson** who used to be a bartender at the *Gaff* but is now a mother and a farmer in Sandia. The whole deal was a hilarious success and I certainly hope they will have more of them. But next time I'm sitting a few rows back.

The holiday are coming...



Off the Railz played the Sip Yard last Friday.

My plan is to deviate from my norm during these soon to be holidays. I'm allowed to reach back into my archives a few times a year during the *Thanksgiving*, *Christmas* and *New Year's* holidays (which all three fall on a Thursday this year) so me and my **Mermaid Gal** can take a little time off and just maybe get out of town for a minute. It's a little juggling act we go through every year when our deadlines are all jacked up. But actually I really do enjoy digging through the vaults to find some shadows from the past that I think you'll like. And the archives grow fatter and fatter every year. Since February 2009 I've written 782 *Three Chords* columns and before that a bunch of *View from a Van* and *Around Port A* columns.

Scattered shots...



Red Feather played Shorty's on Saturday.

With *Treasure Island* and *Bron's Backyard* out of the live music picture right now, I've been spending most of my time at the *Sip Yard*, *Gaff* and *Shorty's*. I personally like the earlier shows and being that *Daylight Savings* has fallen back, *Shorty's* will now have all of their evening shows from 8-12 until next March. Last weekend the *Sip Yard* had it going on with a couple of semi-radical shows with **Off the Railz** led by **Zachary Rodriquez** from Gonzales on Friday and **Thomas Baviak** from Dripping Springs on Saturday. Off the Railz was a loud, in-

your-face, hard-rocking, take-no-prisoners style of rock and roll that is a hands down favorite of the *Gen Y* generation. I got there right after sound check on their first song and having never seen them before, I was literally blown away... I looked like the "blown away guy" in the *Maxell* commercials. I had to go comb my hair. The next night **Thomas Baviak** also came out rocking but it was a bit more tender to the ear. He showed great stage showmanship and I could actually hear what he was singing. I really liked this band a lot. I checked both these bands out online and they're playing some good rooms all around Texas. Band booker **Becky Hyden** continues to amaze me. And also on Saturday I made sure to catch **Red Feather** at *Shorty's*. They were another very interesting band which featured **Eddie Alaniz "Eje"** on lead vocals. These boys hail from Corpus and play the *Pelican Lounge* on North Padre often. I would classify this music as *Cow Punk*. Eje has a strong country voice that he showcases on recognizable country songs backed up with a grungy rock beat. They are VERY good. I really dig finding stuff that's out of my wheel house.

Coming this weekend...



Thomas Baviak played the Sip Yard on Saturday.

Coming on Friday, November 21 we have a show in the big room downtown... **Intocable** will play *Selena Auditorium*. They are an American band from Zapata, Texas that plays regional Mexican music; specializing in norteño and tejano music. They've been together since the early 90's. Also coming on Friday **Boone Holding**, our beloved hippie farmer from up Medina way will play *Shorty's*, the classic rock ensemble **Chainlinks** will play the *Sip Yard*, **Carson Miller** will play Port A *VFW* and **Red-Taylor Swift Tribute** will play the *House of Rock*. On Saturday the 22nd the *Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church* in Port A will host their 2nd *Annual Island Variety Show* in their big, beautiful amphitheater next to the church on Trojan Street. **Father James Derkits** does a fine job of working music and artistic talents into his programs. The talent show will start at 6 PM. Also on Saturday the *Gaff* will host another installment of their **WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES** at 3PM in which **Coach Big Jim Dugan** will play before and after the race. Later the **Wayward Gypsies** will play. Plus on Saturday blues man extraordinaire **John Cortez** will play *Shorty's*. Yall be safe!

On the horizon...

Briefly, on the near horizon we have *Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinners* at *Red's Riviera* and the *Gaff* on the 27th and the **TURKEY BOWL** at the *Gaff* on the Sunday after *Thanksgiving*. Plus there's a ton of live music and Christmas events on the way.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Wayward Gypsies will play a two nighter at the Gaff this weekend.



Trinity by the Sea will host a variety show at their Ampitheater this Saturday, Nov 22



My name is on this Turkey Bowl trophy.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

November 20

All Starz @ Shortys
John Cortez @ House of Rock
Alley Catz @ Peps

Friday.

November 21

Intocable @ Selena Auditorium
Boone Holding @ Shorty's
Chainlinks @ Sip Yard
Wayward Gypsies @ Gaff
Carson Miller @ VFW Port A
Red- Taylor Swift Trib @ House of Rock
Any Colour You Like @ Pelican Lounge
Alley Catz @ Brewster South
Dreaming in Color @ Retro
The Groove @ Sugar Shack RP
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Lulu's RP

Saturday.

November 22

BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff
2nd ANNUAL ISLAND VARIETY SHOW 6PM @ Trinity by the Sea
Jim Dugan, Wayward Gypsies @ Gaff
John Cortez @ Shorty's
NEF @ Pelican Lounge
Cruise Control @ Sip Yard
The Groove @ South TX Icehouse
Alley Catz @ Pauly's
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Bay Area Brew

Sunday.

November 23

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Riptide Cowboy @ Mikel May's Too

Monday.

November 24

Melissa Ann @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday.

November 25

Brad Ethridge @ VFW
Carl Hayes Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Rich Lockhart @ Packery Bar
Los Locals @ Palm Republic
Harmonx @ Dink and Drink

Wednesday.

November 26

PORT ARANSAS TURKEY TROT
Open Mic w/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Groove @ VFW Port A

Thanksgiving.

Nov. 27

All Starz @ Shortys
THANKSGIVING POT LUCK @ Gaff
THANKSGIVING POT LUCK @ Red's

Friday.

November 28

Jerry Ward @ Shorty's
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
Private Party @ Sip Yard
Dreaming in Color @ Pelican Lounge
Alley Catz @ 624 Railroad Station
Wayward Gypsies @ VFW Port A

Saturday.

November 29

Justin Gallegos @ Sip Yard
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Todd Dorn @ Shorty's
Chainlinks @ Pelican Lounge
Alley Catz @ Anchor Beach Bar
Two Steppin' @ Mikel Mays Too
Luck Dogz @ VFW Port A
The Groove @ Executive Surf Club

Sunday.

November 30

TURKEY BOWL @ Gaff
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff



OFF THE RAILZ
THOMAS BAVIAK
CHAINLINKS
CRUISE CONTROL
CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PARTY

NOV 14
NOV 15
NOV 21
NOV 22
NOV 28



OPEN JAM EVERY WED WITH BRAD
BELT SANDER RACES EVERY 2ND & 4TH SAT
ROBERT MCCOY
CHICKEN POOP BINGO
JIM DUGAN
JIM BUSH
BOUDREAUX & POUSSON

NOV 14
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NOV 28



JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN
THE ALL STARS EVERY THUR 8-12
BRAD ETHRIDGE
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