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By Dale Rankin  
 There was some rare good news Around The Island this week on the water front as the Atascosa River watershed got four inches of rain which is making its way to Lake Corpus Christi and Lake Texana on the east got up to over 75% full. It's the first good news on our struggling water supply we've had in a while. Out west parts of the Wild Horse Desert turned green over the course of just a week as rain swept through, but mostly it's been just cloudy skies *Around The Island*.

### E-bike traffic

There was a noticeably drop in the amount of E-bike traffic *Around The Island* this week after the announcement by CCPD last week, including our story here in the *Island Moon*, that enforcement and public awareness are the order of the day. That may change as the school year winds down but at least in the short term there seems to be a lull. It may be time to start thinking about a dirt track or some other spot for riders to go *Around The Island*. Maybe Moon readers have suggestions.

### Packery property

We include a story in this issue about the sale of property over by the Packery Channel Bridge that was previously home to the commercial helicopter operation. When word came that the property there had sold we contacted city and state officials to see if the sale was part of a long-planned reconfiguration of The Island's busiest intersection there and the road between SPID and Packery Channel and determined that is not the case as the land stayed in private hands.

The plan to redesign that crucial intersection has been a stop and start affair for years and the plans to widen State Highway 361 that were discussed about three years ago did not include it. The ongoing discussions have centered around the need for a traffic light there as the Lake Padre development moves forward with the difficulty being the near proximity

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## Big Changes Coming to Packery Channel Nature Park

Work underway to living shoreline and boardwalk

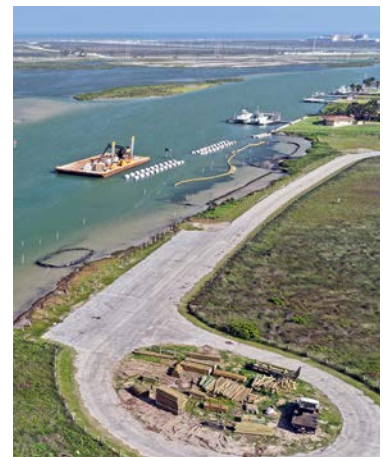
By Jace Tunnell

Packery Channel Nature Park is undergoing a major transformation that promises to elevate it into one of the premier coastal parks in Nueces County. Spanning 38 acres along the Packery Channel waterway, which connects the Gulf to the Upper Laguna Madre, the park sits in a uniquely dynamic coastal environment rich with wildlife and recreation opportunities.

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Reef structures for the living shoreline are dropped in place



### Redline Helicopter Tours relocates due to property sale



The new Helicopter location on Compass by Island Joe's, more information on A2

### Work begins on Island Speedy Stop

Work began this week at the site of the new Speedy Stop store on SPID. Site work was completed more than a year ago and in 2024 the owners purchased a right of way to allow access from the site to State



*Speedy cont. on A2*

## Port Royal resort rebuild nearing completion

By Dale Rankin

When Hurricane Harvey tore through Mustang Island in 2017 the Port Royal Resort & Conference Center was in the eye of the storm. The buildings suffered several damage from the storm and Port Royal was one of the first buildings along State Highway 361 to begin reconstruction.

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### A little Island history

Early settlers in South Texas founded the ranching industry in the U.S.

*Corpus Christi became the world's leading wool port Duval County and San Diego became hotspots of regional politics*

Editor's note:

The following is the second story that comes to us from a book called *Early Tejano Ranching* by Andres Saenz written in 1999 recording the history of founding ranch families in Duval County and how the area developed the wool and cattle industry across the United States.

By Andres Saenz

South Texas was settled in the mid-1700s by Spanish and Mexican families who were brought to populate the region by the wealthy Spanish count Jose de Escandon. South Texas was under the Spanish flag as part of the frontier province of Nuevo Santander. Escandon

founded his colony between the Pinuco River in present-day Mexico and the Guadalupe River in Texas. To provide for the settlement, he brought ranching families who, indeed, established the foundation of the American ranching industry.

*History cont. on A5*

### By the numbers

## How to Effectively Protest Your Property Appraisal

By Brian McCabe



Brian McCabe is a former member of the Nueces CAD Appraisal Review Board with firsthand experience evaluating valuation evidence, property owner arguments, and appraisal district methodologies across thousands of cases. He currently serves as Nueces CAD Taxpayer Liaison Officer.

This article focuses on residential property appraisals—condominiums, townhomes, and single-family homes—and explains how to effectively protest your appraised value using the same evidence considered in appraisal review hearings.

The appraisal district values hundreds of thousands of properties using mass appraisal and neighborhood data. It does not inspect every property individually. The protest process allows property owners to present specific information about

*Property cont. on page A3*

## What's going on with the water supply?

*City to hold Water Information meeting*  
 Seashore Learning Center  
 Monday, May 11

The City of Corpus Christi is hosting a series of public hearings on the current water supply across the city with the first event to be held on Padre Island on Monday, May 11 at Seashore Learning Academy Elementary School Gym.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and the staff from the city water service will attend and be available for questions. The meeting runs from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the gym located at 15801 SPID at Encantada Drive.

Another meeting will be held in City Council District 4 at Ethel Eyerly Senior Center at 654 Graham Road, on Wednesday, July 15.

# The Traveling Moon



Islanders Margie and Victor Joffe took the Island Moon to Paris France.

The Traveling Moon made it to Tucson, Arizona with Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

## Helicopter cont. from A1

Redline Helicopter tours which has been operating for more than a year from a location on the north side of State Highway 361 near the Packery Channel Bridge has relocated to land on Compass Street.

The move was the result of the sale of the property near Packery Channel. Prior to the

sale that property both it and the property where the helicopter operation is now located are owned by companies owned by longtime Island resident and developer Gabi Hilpold. Contacted in Germany this week Hilpold said a confidentiality agreement precluded her from disclosing the name of the buyer.

## Speedy cont. from A1

Highway 361. Scott Campbell, Vice President of Retail for the Victoria based chain said it will include a Speedy Stop Kitchen, a tunnel car wash, a liquor store and of course, fuel pumps.

The kitchen will offer pizza, chicken, tacos, kolaches, fresh baked cookies and other bakery items, fresh salads and sandwiches and more. He said plans call for completion by Spring Break 2027.

## Around cont. from A1

to the intersection which makes a second light difficult. Getting a plan in place is hampered by the overlapping governmental jurisdictions and the elephant in the room which is the ongoing and developing plan for a second causeway. One of the two remaining routes recently announced for the new causeway would parallel the JFK Causeway which could potentially have a big impact on traffic patterns through the intersection.

The paving of Sand Dollar Street on the north side of SH 361 is in the works with the funds earmarked through the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 but the timeline for that work is not yet set. Work continues on utilities along the route south from Verdemar Drive but most have been in place for years. When that street opens to traffic it will further complicate the traffic patterns between Packery Channel and SPID. Much like our water supply issues

hereabouts a final solution may not be reached until the problem becomes acute.

### Upcoming

Beach to Bay is set for Saturday, May 16, so make sure to stay home until early afternoon to avoid traffic. Early Voting begins on Monday, May 18 for the party runoff elections with polling stations at the Presbyterian Church on Padre Island and the Ethel Eyerly Senior Center in Flour Bluff. If you didn't vote in the March Primaries you can vote in either party's runoff, but if you voted in the March Primary you can only vote in the same party's runoff. The biggest race is the one for the U.S. Senate on the Republican side which is home to most of the Islands 8429 registered voters. Vote early and vote often...

Then it is a mere three weeks until we start to reason with the hurricane season and the 100-day Tourist Season arrives. That's all for now, enjoy the weather and say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

# San Jose Island cleanup up Saturday May 9



Photo: Jace Turner

San Jose Island April 2, 2026

By Neil McQueen  
Co-Chair Texas Coastal Bend Chapter  
Surfrider Foundation

The Surfrider Foundation chapter is partnering with the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) which operates out of UT's Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas for a cleanup on San Jose (St. Joe's) Island on Saturday, May 9th.

The beach is trashed near the jetty and if it's like last year, the jetty itself will be holding thousands of plastic bottles and other junk. Last year, we picked up a total of 1,500 pounds of trash in a couple hours (and brought it back on the jetty boat) and that included about 3,000 plastic bottles. This is a unique cleanup for the Coastal Bend since the island is privately owned and only accessible by boat.

It's a special place for beachcombers, fishers and surfers, but can accumulate large, unsightly amounts of trash due to Gulf currents and the long jetty. Plastic pollution has been in the media lately, partly because of the growing body of science and public awareness about microplastics and their impact on the environment and human health. Your readers, listeners and viewers will appreciate the coverage of this positive effort to address the problem.

We will meet at the Fisherman's Wharf (900 Tarpon Street) at 8 am on Saturday, May 9 to take the 9 am jetty boat across ([www.fishermanswharfporta.com/boats/jetty-boat](http://www.fishermanswharfporta.com/boats/jetty-boat)). Our chapter will cover the cost for any reporters who come on the 9 am boat. When you wish to return to Port Aransas, the boat runs at 10:10 am, 11:10 and 12:10 pm.

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## Letters to the Editor



### Welcome Home to a Coastal Bend Hero

Seaman 1st Class Clyde Clifton McMeans, a Coastal Bend native, was finally laid to rest last week, almost 85 years after his death aboard the U.S.S. California during the Pearl Harbor attacks. McMeans' remains were unidentifiable until last year, when the Navy reached out to living descendants of the McMeans family to notify them of the DNA match. Following the notification, arrangements were made for McMeans to return to Texas and be buried at the Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery, where he was laid to rest with full military honors last Friday. He joins Storekeeper 3rd Class Robert S. Garcia, another Coastal Bend native who served aboard the California and died in the attacks, who was also identified and recently buried at the same cemetery. South Texas and the Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery now carry the distinct privilege of honoring the life and service of Clyde McMeans and his heroic sacrifice for our nation  
 U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud

### Porperty cont. from A1

their property that the district may not have considered. When supported by credible evidence, that input can lead to a more accurate value.

I will use my own home on Padre Island as an example. Because I am over 65 and have a homestead exemption, my taxes are partially capped, so in most years I might not file a protest. But if I were going to, this is how I would approach it.

I would start with the appraised value on the notice and treat it as if I were putting my house on the market today. Then I would walk through the property with a buyer's eye and identify what would need attention to make it sale-ready. Are the windows in good condition? Is there any foundation movement or cracking? Are the gutters adequate? How old is the HVAC system, and how much useful life does it have left? Is there any evidence of termite damage or deferred maintenance?

These are property-specific factors that a mass appraisal model and neighborhood analysis typically cannot capture. They directly affect what a buyer would be willing to pay—and therefore what the property is actually worth.

Once I identify the items needed to make the home sale-ready, the next step is documentation. Photographs are critical. Clear, well-focused images of specific issues—foundation cracks, aging HVAC, window condition, visible damage—allow the appraiser/panel to see what the appraisal model cannot capture.

More is not better. Many property owners overdo it. Fifty photos dilute your argument; ten relevant photos strengthen it. Each photo should correspond to a specific issue and support a measurable impact on value.

You are not creating a photo album—you are presenting evidence.

Photographs are only part of the evidence. The next step is to quantify the impact of those issues. I would contact local contractors, handymen, or service providers to obtain estimates for the cost to address each item.

I am not suggesting you actually make the repairs. The purpose is to establish credible, market-based costs. When supported by estimates, your argument moves from "these problems exist" to "this is what they cost, and this is how they affect value."

That type of evidence carries more weight than general statements or unsupported opinions.

Before submitting a protest, I would review comparable sales in my neighborhood. A local realtor can often provide recent sales data for similar properties. Closed sales are the most persuasive evidence of market value because they reflect what buyers have actually paid.

Listings are less reliable. An asking price represents a seller's expectation, not a completed transaction, and there is no guarantee the property will sell at that price—or at all.

Comparable sales establish what similar homes have actually sold for. The next step is to adjust those comparables to reflect the condition of your specific property.

For example, if a comparable home sold for

a higher amount but is in superior condition, and your home requires repairs to reach that condition, that difference is relevant. Repair estimates help quantify that gap. The indicated value of your property may be lower because a buyer would take those costs into account.

This is where your evidence comes together: the comparable sale establishes the market, and your documentation and estimates support the adjustments needed to reflect your property's actual condition.

Adjustments should be supported by evidence, not assumed.

While this approach is primarily designed for single-family homes, the same principles apply to condominiums and townhomes. Focus on comparable sales within your complex or development, where units are most similar in size, layout, and condition.

Sales within the same complex are often the most persuasive evidence because they minimize variables. As with single-family homes, differences in condition or upgrades should be supported with documentation and reasonable adjustments.

The deadline for filing a protest is May 15. To meet that deadline, complete the protest form was included in your appraisal notice and is available on the district's website and submit it with supporting evidence—photographs, repair estimates, and a clear statement of your opinion of value.

After submission, the district appraiser may review the evidence and make an adjustment, or you may request an informal meeting with an appraiser. This informal process often resolves the matter if the evidence is credible and well-presented.

If the issue is not resolved informally, the next step is a formal hearing before the Appraisal Review Board. You present your argument, and the panel makes a determination based on the evidence.

At every level, certain arguments are ineffective. Statements such as "my taxes are too high" or general complaints about the neighborhood do not establish market value. The appraisal district determines property values. Taxing entities set tax rates after values are certified.

If you have completed the process—filed a protest, met with an appraiser, and appeared before the Appraisal Review Board—and remain dissatisfied, this is where I come in as Taxpayer Liaison Officer.

I cannot change appraisal methods or alter values determined by the Appraisal Review Board. My role is to explain the process, ensure it was properly followed, and help you understand your remaining options.

Those options may include binding arbitration or an appeal in district court. Both involve time and expense, so the decision is practical: are the potential savings worth the cost and effort required to pursue further action?

In many cases, it is also appropriate to consider what could be done differently in the next cycle—stronger evidence, better comparables, or more clearly supported adjustments.

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## Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

A few weeks after I took over the Island Moon in 2007 word kept coming into the office from people who had either heard about or been victims of door-kicking burglars who showed up on Island doorsteps in broad daylight ringing doorbells and if no one responded promptly they used a foot hammer to smash through doors and enter houses. They also concentrated on unoccupied houses nearest to the JFK Bridge where it was a quick trip OTB and where the majority of homes existed in those days.

The first few reports that came in were from houses where residents returned home to find televisions, guns and power tools gone and there was but one clue to go on – the suspect had a size fourteen shoe which was known by the size of the imprint on doors. But then came word that a resident of a house near the end of a fingertip lot had been upstairs when the doorbell rang and by the time he got to his living room he heard a loud thud and suddenly found himself face to face with a large man armed with nothing but a crowbar and big enough to travel around on a size fourteen shoe.

The man ran to a green pickup driven by a second man and they took off. The resident called police but by the time they got to the base of the JFK Bridge there was no green pickup with two passengers, one with a size fourteen shoe, to be seen. They were gone like smoke in an afternoon Island wind.

Then a few weeks later another resident was in his home when the doorbell rang and he looked out the front door to see a large man at the door and a green pickup at the curb. He grabbed his pistol and opened the door. The bell ringer took to running in his size fourteen shoes as the homeowner, who was old enough for a Senior Homestead Exemption, followed him into the front yard and had him literally in his sights but did not shoot. He got a good look at the suspect but no license plate and once again by the time the police got to the bottom of the JFK Bridge the green truck and its occupants were gone.

The men were eventually caught by happenstance when one of them took his non-green truck to a tire shop to have new rims put on when the former owner of the rims from whom they had been stolen turned up to buy new ones. He informed the shop owner that the rims were stolen and the shop owner implored him not to call the police which he said he would not do but he did. The police followed the truck sans the new rims back to a house where they found a cache of items stolen from Island homes and the daylight break-ins stopped. I relate that series of what turned out to be more than forty Island break-ins because it was the last time we have had anything on The Island that could be accurately described as a Crime Wave.

### Island Garage Sales

Crime on The Island in those days – aside from the Knucklehead Incidents that did and still do happen among daytrippers on the beaches – came in the form of what then Island Cop and Island Moon columnist and now Sheriff Hooper called Island Garage Sales which were nothing but crimes of opportunity created when an open garage door was an invitation to low hanging fruit. Today we still see garage doors left open but seldom do we hear of anything going missing – now it is the exception that proves the rule that crime in Island neighborhoods is down significantly. Why? To paraphrase The Bard “The solution, dear Islanders, was not in ourselves but in our stars.”

### So what happened?

After the Crime Wave of 2007 I pushed for months to get a camera on the JFK Causeway that could read license plates because as an old Police Reporter I knew that even burglars – bottom feeders as they are – would soon enough get word that fleeing OTB with stolen property in front of a live camera was a losing proposition. Then a few months later an Islander returned to his home and his neighbor told him four men in a vehicle had just driven off with his lawnmower and he took off in hot pursuit. He caught up with them at a traffic light – where even sneak thieves apparently stop – and the chase was on. The suspects, not being members of MENSA, decided that the best way to shake the angry mower owner was to drive the wrong way over the JFK Bridge, not registering that their pursuer could likely beat them to Laguna Shores Drive by simply driving the right direction in the right lanes. The result was catastrophic. A violent collision killed a passenger in the fleeing vehicle and broke the legs of an Island resident as he was driving home.

### Cameras made the difference

The idea to place a license-plate-reading camera on the bridge never caught traction, partially because the cost started at \$40,000 and there was no way to get a live signal from the camera to police dispatch and that was the end of that...except...in the nearly two decades that followed the cost of surveillance cameras has dropped by orders of magnitude and as a result there several cameras in use and the availability to feed live video has become commonplace. As Corpus Christi Police Chief Mike Markel put it on the Island Moon Live Radio Show last week “there is no place for criminals to hide in Corpus Christi anymore” and that includes The Island.

Think about it, doorbell cameras now record anyone who rings the bell and motion cameras pick up Porch Bandits even if they don't ring. We still have the occasional Mail Box Bandit but that is easily defeated with properly designed mailbox. A burglary career on The Island is a poor career choice. Residents who are home during the day combined with live front porch cameras connected to the cell phones of second home owners from San Antonio to Minneapolis provide real time or recorded information to police dispatch which has license plate reading cameras (“more than three” I'm told) located strategically at undisclosed Island locations.

Through the 2000 teen years Islanders organized through Crime Watch organizations and criminals took to surveilling Island homes from the water side at night to find dark empty houses to return to during daylight hours but the use of front-yard cameras stopped that. The thieves then took to just stealing life jackets, fishing rods, and Yeti coolers from boats but soon enough (smart) Islanders stopped leaving equipment in boats and cameras appeared on docks. It still happens but when the police are called the homeowner usually has to admit they should have been more careful. Over the years there were several start-and-stop attempts at Crime Watch organizations but they faded out because they simply are no longer needed as the entire Island is one big interconnected Crime Watch network.

### Changes

We now have three full-time officers working Padre Island around the clock and more (often paid through state Hotel Occupancy Tax) available as needed. Chief Markel said he is assigning bike officers during the upcoming summer season which can cover a lot of Island ground riding along thoroughfares and looking down fingertip streets.

I remember when cheap surveillance cameras first began and the pushback was that Big Brother could watch our every move – well, welcome to 2026 folks. From the cell phone we carry to the cameras on every door to dash cams in vehicles, our movement through the world leaves a digital fingerprint that mostly doesn't even require a bench warrant to trace. Police work that used to consist of knocking on doors at crime scenes looking for witnesses who often didn't want to talk now can be done in minutes by geo fencing and tracing cell phones and cameras. Markel also said, criminals not generally being members of MENSA, that much police work is now done on Facebook where criminals that used to communicate through graffiti now post confessions.

Our Island has but one umbilical cord which is easily monitored through cameras that can read license plates and see faces. If you boost a lawnmower from an Island garage there's a good chance you will be greeted by a police cruiser by the time you get OTB. I watch the crime reports each week and I can tell you first hand that the number of property crimes in Island neighborhoods has dropped to lower and lower levels over the years even as Island population has increased. I see occasional outbreaks in a specific area over the course of weekends due to the short-term leasing of Island property by gangs who are car door pullers but those sprees are short lived as police know the house.

Our Island is as safe as a community of our size and demographic can be due to the single means of exit, and the use of live cameras and the evolution of police work that followed them in. We can debate the pitfalls of having Big Brother able to monitor our every move, but Little Brother is also looking back and there is one thing we can say...

Being a thief on The Island these days is a poor career choice.

## Activation Area at Whitecap NPI



The Early Activation Area at Whitecap NPI is under construction. The area will serve as a social area for events like the Farmer's Market, and will be the first phase of commercial and retail development in the project. They will have dock space available for boat parking.

### Channel Park cont. from A1

With support from the Texas General Land Office's Coastal Management Program, Nueces County has secured grant funding to implement significant improvements focused on both public access and environmental protection. Central to the project is the construction of an elevated wooden boardwalk stretching around 3,500 feet. This feature will provide visitors with a scenic and accessible route for birding and nature walks, while minimizing impact on sensitive habitats below.

The park is also being designed with anglers in mind. A new fishing pier running parallel to Packery Channel will offer easy access to some of the area's best fishing waters. In addition, improved parking will be making it easier for visitors to access the area. The existing kayak launch will remain in place as is, keeping with the idea for folks to be able to explore the channel and surrounding ecosystems.

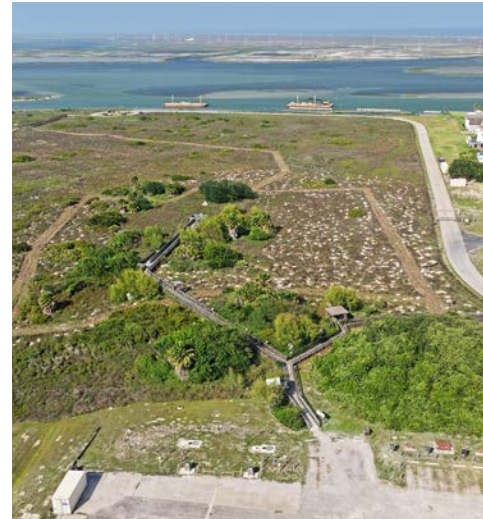
Environmental restoration is a key component of the project. Two types of offshore reefs are being installed to help reduce shoreline erosion while simultaneously creating valuable fish habitat. Once established, these reefs are expected to enhance local fisheries and become popular fishing spots. On land, over a thousand native plants are being installed throughout the park to strengthen upland habitats and provide critical resources for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Education and outreach are also central to the park's vision. Approximately 40

interpretive signs will be placed along the boardwalk, offering insights into local bird species, coastal vegetation, and the history of the area. These features will support school field trips and provide meaningful learning experiences for visitors of all ages.

With additional upgrades including road repaving throughout the park, Packery Channel Nature Park is poised to become a standout destination, potentially rivaling the beloved Charlie's Pasture in Port Aransas. Construction is set to be completed by September 2026.

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Packery Channel Nature Park is located behind the Texas Sealife Center



The numerous holes in the ground will soon be home to a variety of migratory bird-friendly plants and trees, creating an immediate forrest to attract birds.

  
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Escandon founded five municipalities along the Rio Grande: Laredo, Guerrero, Mier, Camargo, and Reynosa. To the Mexicans these were known jointly as the Las Villas del Norte, *the Villages of the North*...

Indeed, the Tejanos, that is, the original founders of Texas, were not immigrants as so many Americans see them. While many Texans today boast that Texas was once a republic, these ranching Tejano families are Texans who lived and served under all six of the Texas flags. Descendants of the early ranchers founded the Texas ranch towns of Dolores, Zapata, Cuevitas, San Diego, San Juan, Palito Blanco, Agua Dulce, El Sauz, Los Olmos, San Luis, Penascal, San Ignacio, and Los Saenz. In fact, all of these present-day towns were founded not as towns but as Tejano family ranches.

Many modern Americans are confused about the origins of Tejanos because the borders of Texas moved, not the settlers. These early settlers now called Tejanos came before the area was part of Texas or the United States. Texas south of the Nueces River officially became part of the United States when the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the United States-Mexico War on February 8, 1848. The treaty established the Rio Grande as the southern boundary of Texas and the United States. By virtue of the treaty, Mexican citizens north of the Rio Grande became American citizens. Although the Mexican settlers became Texans and American by the treaty, they retained their strong cultural and family links to their original settlements of Las Villas de North located on the south bank of the Rio Grande. At this time, the northern municipalities were incorporated into the State of Texas under United States jurisdiction, specifically as Nueces County.

The area of Nueces County that later became Duval County was originally populated by Mexican settlers who came north from the village of Mier on the Rio Grande. These settlers included...ranchers who established the Rancho San Diego on San Diego Creek about 50 miles west of Corpus Christi, about 1815. Following them other settlers founded the ranches of La Rosita and El Palito Blanco and the Penitas Ranch. Rancho San Diego eventually became the town with the same name. The neighboring ranch towns were Concepcion, Realitos, and Piedras Pintas. In 1858 the Texas Legislature established the county of Duval, formally separating it from Nueces County in 1876.

Duval County lay at the crossroads of trade between San Antonio and Brownsville, Corpus Christi, and Laredo. Not surprisingly, the town of San Diego attracted stagecoach lines along those two routes. The stage routes were also used in moving stolen livestock, as well as contingents of the U.S. army and Texas Rangers in pursuit of cattle rustlers. The ranches in this area became a production center for horses, cattle, and sheep.

The late 1850s, Duval County included the large cattle and sheep ranches of Las Conchas, La Trinidad, Santa Gertrudis, Petronilla, Mendiata, Valeno, and Lagarto.

By 1880 the county was a major market, home to over a million sheep. Duval County ranches made Corpus Christi the nation's leading wool port. The county also became the point of origin of the famous cattle trails that took millions of Texas longhorn cattle north to Kansas and Missouri. About 1880 the Texas-Mexico Railway built a line from Corpus Christi, through San Diego, to Laredo, which expanded the role of Duval County

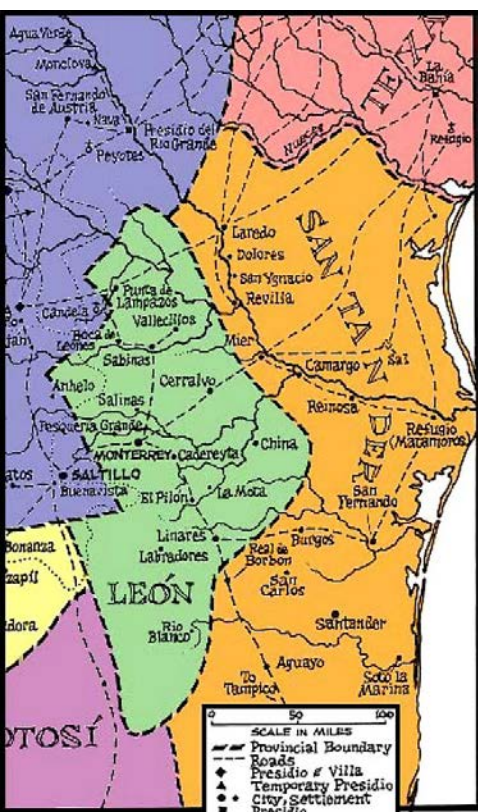
as the crossroads of political and economic activity.

Duval County attracted unwanted visitors. Mexican rustlers raided area ranches in 1875. Hostile Indians staged a final raid on the county in 1878, killing several ranch workers. As a result of these raids, the State of Texas established a ranger station in San Diego. In 1888 Catarino Garza, a Mexican intellectual, recruited hundreds of local ranchers into an informal cavalry unit. Garza had married into the Perez family of the Palito Blanco Ranch just north of the San Jose Ranch in Duval County. Opposed to the government of Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz. Garza led his Rancho Cavalry from Duval County into Mexico, where he conducted an extended military campaign against the Mexican army. He returned to the Palito Blanco Ranch, hotly pursued by the Texas Rangers, who found themselves unable to capture him. He eventually went to Cuba and other countries, where he continued to promote revolutions.

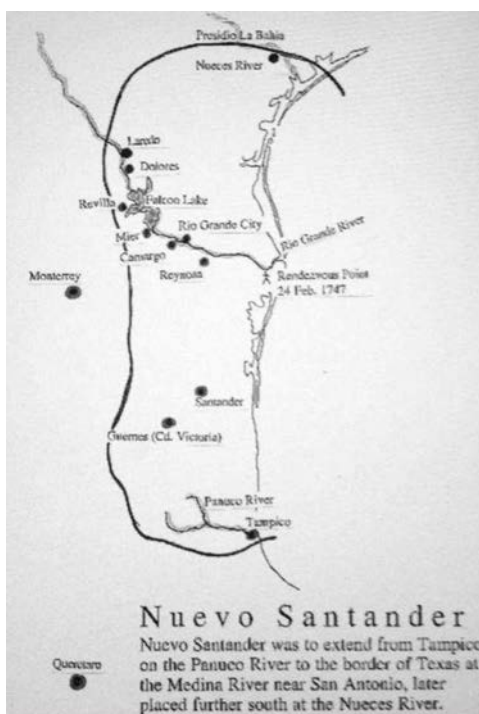
Meanwhile, the ranches of Duval County such as San Jose and El Fresnillo continued to develop economically. In the 1890, railroad eclipsed cattle drives as the means of moving stock to market. The sheep industry shifted to West Texas. Compelled by necessity, the ranchers began the transition to commercial farming. Wool bales were replaced with cotton bales being transported to the cotton gins in San Diego and Corpus Christi. Cotton became the cash crop as Mexican settlers continued to migrate into Texas. Some came in search of work on the ranches, but others took advantage of the cheap land and the Texas land grant programs to establish themselves in the area.

The most dramatic political transition in Duval County occurred after the turn of the century. Anglo-American immigrants moved in, taking up land grants and buying the cheap ranch land. These newcomers used their political connections and their access to capital to take positions of power in county governments and in the city of San Diego. This brought them into conflict with the Tejanos, the traditional Mexican-American leaders. In 1914 a political feud resulted in the shooting of three Mexican-American leaders in San Diego – an event that threatened to break out into outright warfare. The turmoil was averted by County Commissioner Archer Parr, an Anglo who sided with the Mexican Americans. By serving as intermediary, Parr effectively established a political machine that ruled the county for years. His local political control, however, was insufficient to prevent another regional movement. Hundreds of Mexican American issued the Plan de San Diego, a political declaration against the U.S. government calling for Mexican independence from Anglo power in South Texas. The U.S. army dispersed the leader Aniceto Pizana, and his followers. The movement dissolved in 1916, but a strong political undercurrent of resistance continued among the area's Mexican-American citizenry.

Mexican-American citizens of Duval County continued to express dissatisfaction with their political status until the 1920s...many of the county's residents joined the League of Latin American Citizens, a Hispanic civil right organization headquarter in Harlingen...they eventually merged with groups from San Antonio and Corpus Christi to form the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Founded in Corpus Christi in 1929, LULAC became a force in the Duval County area and grew to be the largest Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States.



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# The Art of Island Life



By Melissa Mitchell

## Dark Chocolate Melt Away When you need a lift...

Recently I had one of those rare days when I had no reason to leave the house, with a gentle rain falling outside—a welcome excuse to stay in. I took a break from organizing, stepped into the kitchen, and made myself a simple indulgence.

Not a complicated dessert. Not three layers, a sink full of dishes to wash, or leftovers calling my name for the next four days... because that is difficult to resist. I simply wanted a bite of luxurious chocolate. This little recipe has become one of my favorite go-to treats when I want something homemade without turning the kitchen upside down. It comes together in minutes, uses simple pantry ingredients, and is just enough to satisfy the craving.

It is a dessert that doesn't ask for an occasion. Just a quiet moment, a chocolate craving, and a few minutes to yourself. There's a reason so many people turn to chocolate when they need a lift. Beyond the flavor, chocolate has long been tied to comfort, celebration, reward, and nostalgia. A bite of chocolate can bring back memories of holidays, family kitchens, birthday cakes, or the small treats that marked happy moments growing up.

Dark chocolate, in particular, carries a richness that feels a little more grown-up—less sugary, more satisfying, and deeply comforting in its own way. It also contains naturally occurring compounds many people associate with improved mood and a sense of well-being. In moderation, dark chocolate offers antioxidants and has been linked to heart health benefits as part of an overall balanced lifestyle. No dessert can solve every problem, but there is real comfort in small pleasures.

### Where This Recipe Began

I first created this recipe years ago when I was a nurse working long shifts and raising four children as a single mom. Those were busy, demanding years. By the end of the day, everyone needed a little comfort in their own way. The kids were perfectly happy with a bowl of ice cream. I wanted something richer.

Something warm, decadent, and satisfying—but quick enough to make in the middle of real life. So I started experimenting in the kitchen, pulling together a few ingredients until I landed on something that felt like a reward at the end of a hard day. That chocolate creation has stayed with me through the years. I've tweaked it a little here and there along the way until, for me, it has ended in near single-serve chocolate perfection.

I got my love of baking—and experimenting in the kitchen—from my grandmother Mitchell.

Our family would line up for her yeast rolls. They were the kind of homemade goodness we still talk about.

She loved sharing that world with me. We spent many days in her kitchen together, with me taking copious notes while watching, helping, and trying to keep up. And she never used a recipe. It was always a little of this, a pat of that, and a sprinkle of something extra that made it just right.

I learned early that cooking is part skill, part memory, and part heart. One of the best things about creating recipes is passing

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them along—to family, to friends, or to someone who could use a little sweetness at the end of the day. That's how food becomes more than food. It becomes connection. And watching someone enjoy something you create is its own kind of reward. This recipe carries that same spirit—simple to make, rich in flavor, and easy to share.

### Dark Chocolate Melt Away

Ingredients (*my favorite brands are listed in parentheses*)

- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour (Caputo 00 Baking Flour)
  - 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder (Ghirardelli Majestic Dutch processed)
  - 1 tablespoon raw cane sugar
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
  - Pinch of sea salt
  - 1/4 cup unsweetened coconut milk (Embé)
  - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
  - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla bean paste—or vanilla extract
  - 2 squares Dove dark chocolate with almonds, chopped
- These are simply the products I enjoy using in my own kitchen. Feel free to substitute with your own favorites or whatever you already have on hand.

### Directions

- Grease a 12 oz coffee mug or small baking dish with coconut oil.
- In a small bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
- Add coconut milk, melted butter, and vanilla. Stir until smooth.
- Fold in chopped chocolate.
- Transfer batter to prepared mug or dish.
- Microwave 60–90 seconds, until the center is set. Cooking time may vary depending on the strength of your microwave. Begin checking at 60 seconds by lightly tapping the top of the dessert. If it is fully set, it's ready. Let cool slightly. Best enjoyed warm.
- Not quite a cake, not quite a brownie—more like a rich, torte-like dessert with a dense, velvety texture. So take a moment, grab a spoon, and melt away your day.

**A quick note: Evoke will be closed Thursday, May 7 through Saturday, May 9.** We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again soon. *The Art of Island Life* will return next week with more stories and coastal reflections. Have a story to share or a cause close to your heart? I'd love to hear from you at [contact@melissamitchellart.com](mailto:contact@melissamitchellart.com)

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# Island Outdoors

## On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

### Birds and Creek Bits

Jimmy and Bobby made it back to town from California the other day. These two brothers come over about this time of year and spend all day out and about looking for birds during migration. They both study birds for work, but they love getting back here to their old stomping ground, especially when there's a fallout and a ton of birds flitting around. They traipse all over the coastal bend in search of this year's rare migrant. I can hardly keep up with them.

Their visit always brings up a discussion about parks, whether city or county. We have some premier parks that bring people from all over the world during these fallouts to see these birds as they migrate through from south and Central America headed all the way up to Canada. The birders come in and spend millions of dollars a year in our local economy as they stay in hotels, eat at restaurants, rent vehicles, and buy provisions. One of the things that the Visit Corpus Christi folks have noticed is that birding is up the list for the reasons folks head here.

Which brings me to another point is that we were at the State of the City of Portland the other day, and Mayor Cathy Skurow's presentation included a slide of their visitors over the past 3 years and how much it has grown. They had over 137,000 visitors last year with an economic impact of over \$12 million dollars. While that doesn't seem like much compared to what Corpus sees, I think it's pretty impressive. While they don't have the beach, they have an awesome sports complex, a great park for windsurfing, and new attractions like 5<sup>th</sup> and Elm. They have put some impetus on their tourism to get their numbers up.

I digress, and back to the parks. We have some very birdy parks, including Blucher, Pollywog, Hans Suter, and of course the Oso Bay Wetland Preserve. Port Aransas has some shining stars as well, with The Willows, Leonabelle Turnbull, and of course the Scott and Joan Holt Paradise Pond. If you string together some of these major attractions, you can get into some great birding during the fallout and see a lot of folks doing the same.

Our friend Sonja from TPWD needed a "model" and dragged me out there to a "new-to-me" park, Oso Creek Park last weekend. While it is being encroached by new housing developments, the park is still very large and contains a series of mountain biking trails and a disc golf course that is being refur-

bished by the city and one of the local disc golf groups. Parking is kind of an issue though; as there are currently no parking lots and you have to access the area through a residential street. We saw lots of folks mountain biking the trails, and one kid on a small motorcycle (not sure if that's legal or not, ha!). Maybe the developer could add some parking instead of "in lieu" or something.

We were more interested in the habitats, and of course the birds. The park is on a slope that moves from uplands down to the Oso Creek. On the way there is some older growth mesquite and south Texas scrub on the upper levels, and then it slopes down some grasslands and upper marsh habitats. There are extensive flats and back water pools from the Oso that had piles of wading and shorebirds in them. There is a walkway that goes out to a scrub-shrub mott along the edge of the Oso that had a lot of birds in it, and the water in the Creek also looked really "fishy". There are several storm water outfalls that cut through the property that add a riverine theme to the area as well, which also attracts a different set of birds. We actually saw a troupe of green jays out there! Go check it out.

Well folks, these late season fronts are continuing the rainfall here locally, but it also needs to be falling in the watershed. The rains are keeping Muddle and Puddle full under the JFK Causeway, and I keep looking for the announcement that the city is looking for a contractor to do the work, but I'm guessing the design is still stuck at 65% like it was 8 months ago. It's a parking lot; how hard can it be? Drop me a line at [jaygardner1032@gmail.com](mailto:jaygardner1032@gmail.com) and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Sonja taking a picture of a trail head sign at Oso Creek Park



The feeder in my back yard



Oso Creek Wetlands

## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

### Living without Live Bait



It's funny sometimes to watch in a weekend morning the panic in fisherman's eyes before they secure a bait well full of live bait. It's a frenzy, stressful, and expensive. We are now in a special time of year when the two most popular live bait options are vary available, and effective. I enjoy teaching fishermen to depend on THEIR skills to produce the right action with artificial lures to catch gamefish consistently. I still take live bait when I have very young or old guests on the boat that can't cast all day, and I still enjoy watching folks catch fish that way too. For you, learning to be efficient with lures will allow you to leave the house at any time, not have to worry about getting bait, and what condition that bait is in. Weather conditions and other factors all dictate what condition the bait is in, and YOU ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR BAIT. If that is not good, then you will most likely not have a great day catching.

Live Croaker Season has just started, they are a small baitfish that is used to target mostly speckled trout. They produce a grunt or croak that helps specs find them. Some scientists will say that they are not specifically targeted by mature trout to defend their eggs, BUT as any long time fishing guide or live bait fishermen will tell you, THEY HAVE A HATE FOR THEM! Using a large 6-8# widegap hook, hook the baitfish above the anal fin in the bottom hip. Using no weight, a small weight and Carolina rig, or just a pinch weight a few inches above the hook works best. Most guides will be anchoring up along drop offs, grass lines, and rock formations throwing live croaker out for trout. Targeting large individual sand pockets are productive for hunting larger fish. Remember that there is a 20" minimum on trout so hunting and hooking big trout with croaker will result in many dieing fish having to be thrown back to float off after being hooked in the gills. For beginners it's a great plan to buy a few dozen croakers, rig 6# mustard croaker hooks with a small pinch weight on the line and fish the edges of the Intracoastal waterway. This is going to be a easy way to catch trout every day.

Learning to catch fish on lures is not hard, because you really can't do anything wrong! Casting out and swimming a plastic lure can be very simple or complex. It starts with a good cast with good form. Slide the plastic lure in the jig head strait so that it swims strait. When you are in sight of the lure make it swim like a fish, then move to make it act like a fish wounded and tired. Pauses, dips and dives through the levels of the water column. Cast towards sand



Morning topwater Explosions have been excellent for trout and redfish! This trout came from the Eastern Flats of Baffin Bay floating in knee deep water.

pockets and structure, letting the bait fall into deeper spots and even bump along the bottom. Right now the vision that I explain to my guests is this, a small baitfish gets attacked and is frantically trying to escape. As it jumps and lands back into the water, all eyes focus on its splash. Listening and looking for a realistic swim action, the gamefish gets up and moves towards the swimming bait. Feeling the pulsing of swim movement the trout moves into position and times a perfect strike as the bait falls down from the upper water column. Giving this soft fall is always when the strike happens. Working a steady retrieve pulling the rod across your chest instead of bouncing it up and down will make the lure swim. I like to start my guests off with a soft plastic lure, hooked with a 1/4-3/8th ounce jig head. This gives you a little weight to cast far and tension on the line to feel the lure swim. As you get comfortable, lighten it all up with a 1/8th oz jig head so that you can stalk and suspend the bait on the way in. Always using your imagination to create a life like presentation is why lure fishing is so much fun. You are truly tricking the fish with your skills, not just feeding them. Color can be important, but stick to bright, dark, and natural colors.

When fish are feeding all will work, but in the slower bite times color can make a difference with how it contrasts to water condition and sunlight.

During the week things are still pretty quiet for a few weeks until summer breaks free. Plan now for the crowds and learn how to be able to skip the bait and just go fishing. Having confidence in using lures will let you pass the stress, bait stand lines, and expensive bait bills bye and just go fishing.

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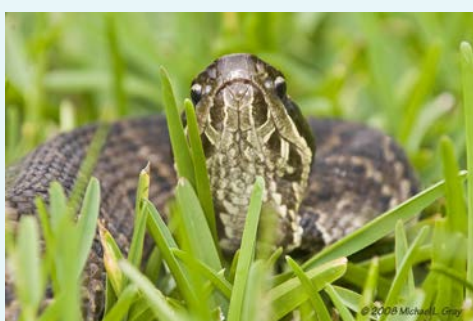
## Nature Notes

### Ophidiophobia – fear of snakes

*They bite to deter the predators so that they don't get eaten*

By Evan McGuire

Why do so many people fear or hate snakes? Snakes are not as dangerous as people make them out to be, and leaving them alone is often the best practice. Yet people hate them enough to go out of their way to kill them, despite that being one of the main reasons people get bitten by snakes in the first place



*Water Moccasin by Michael Gray*

rodents opportunistically, and few livestock animals would be prey for any snakes in Texas.

Humans have an innate fear of snakes. Even babies have a physiological response to the sight of a snake. This fear is reasonable, as snake venom can be incredibly dangerous, but in most developed countries, hospitals carry antivenoms for local snake species. Nowadays, snake bites, even venomous ones, are usually quite treatable.

Snake bites often occur when people are purposefully trying to interact with the snake. Whether they keep them as pets, are trying to pick them up, or harm them, this is the time when snakes get defensive and strike. If you leave them alone and give them a wide berth, they generally won't bother you.

If snakes are near or in your spaces, they will usually be hiding in dark crevices and corners, such as underneath buildings or brush piles. Anything that stays on the ground for long periods of time could be a good hiding spot. If you have a fear of snakes, exercise caution in these areas, or try to prevent them from forming.

Snakes view people as predators more often than not, and they are scared of us. They do not bite maliciously, they bite to deter the predators (or perceived predators) so that they don't get eaten. Many snakes will try to slither away from you before they even get defensive.

In Texas we have quite a few venomous snake species scattered throughout the state, with several different types of rattlesnakes, copperheads, or coral snakes. In the greater Houston area, we only have 5 species of venomous snakes: Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, Timber Rattlesnake, Coral Snake, Cottonmouth, and Copperhead. You are far more likely to run across a harmless non-venomous snake in our area than a venomous one. There are 90 species of non-venomous snake species in Texas, versus only 15 venomous species.

To keep your dog safe from snakes, you can teach them to avoid snakes using snake aversion training. Keeping your dogs on a leash also helps ensure they do not approach snakes. Large livestock are rarely bitten by snakes, and often times it is not fatal.

Though they may be scary to some, snakes are beautiful, interesting animals and should be respected. They do not want anything to do with humans and can even benefit us by removing pests. So, why be afraid of snakes when you could be a fan of them?

Snakes can work well with people despite the bad rap. The rodents and other small animals we attract to farms and ranches are a food source, attracting snakes to the area. These snakes do some pretty helpful pest control, keeping rodent populations down and away from our pantries. They will eat

## A new for sale sign goes up



By Dale Rankin

A for sale sign has gone up on the 230 acre tract of land between Aquarius Drive and the Laguna Madre. The land is owned by Axys Capital who acquired it in 2018 as part of the bankruptcy proceedings of the Schlitterbahn Waterpark. Axys Capital bought the land, along with other Island parcels, for \$9 million against \$18 million loaned to the Schlitterbahn project.

In April 2022, Axys Capital issued a master plan for the area which showed plans for mixed use and residential development which included forty acres of mitigated wetlands on the south end of the property which, under those plans, would remain undeveloped. Records with the Nueces County Appraisal District show the property is platted into separate tracts including more than two hundred residential lots.

The property is listed as Commodores Landing and no sales price is listed by the Colliers group in San Antonio which posted the sales notice. The property was originally listed for sale in November of 2025.

Axys Capital also obtained ownership of the property at the southwest corner of the Whitecap Blvd. and SPID intersection in the bankruptcy which they listed for sale about one year ago after releasing plans for a multi-purpose development there in April 2022. They also obtained a permit for the site from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which remains in place.

Previously the land was owned by the developers of the Schlitterbahn project who collateralized the land to raise funds for the waterpark project, however, as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings ownership was split leaving the 230 parcel in the hands of Axys Capital. Prior to the bankruptcy ten acres of the land on the north end of the 230 acre site was dedicated to wetland mitigation, however, when ownership of the land changed hands those ten acres became available for development.

Also, as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings Axys Capital also took possession of the Cape Summer (Ski Basin) property and three hundred linear feet of property adjacent to the Island House condominiums on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall.



*The Commodores Landing property*

## Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell



### Following the Trail of the Sea Pigs



*Jace and his Sea Pig collection*

By Jace Tunnell

During my weekly beachcombing surveys along the Texas coast, I've grown used to finding strange things washed ashore, from toothbrushes and action figures to weathered dolls. But one item continues to stand out: plastic piggy banks, now nicknamed "sea pigs."

overboard each year. Another is land-based disposal, where bulk plastic enters rivers and is carried to sea.

This week's survey was especially remarkable. Along just 13 miles of beach, I documented 14 piggy banks scattered among thick wracks of sargassum. That makes over 60 piggy banks that I've found personally over the past year. Their bright colors, pink, blue, and yellow, contrasted sharply with the tangled seaweed, making them easy to spot but hard to explain.

Once in the Gulf, currents do the rest. The Loop Current and its eddies can move debris long distances before depositing it along Texas beaches, often mixed in with seasonal sargassum.

Some of these pigs even appear brand new, never used, with a small plastic tab still sealing the coin slot, suggesting they went straight from store shelves to the sea.

While these piggy banks may seem harmless, their growing numbers tell a larger story. Marine debris crosses borders easily, and Texas, positioned along major current pathways, receives more than its share. Ten times to be exact, compared to other states in the Gulf, and all due to the Loop Current.

Over the past year, reports of these sea pigs have come from across the Gulf coast, suggesting this is not an isolated event. What's new, however, is a clue about their origin: most we recover, we believe, were manufactured in the Dominican Republic, pointing to the Caribbean as a likely source.

Continued monitoring will help determine whether this spike comes from a single event or an ongoing source, but for now, these colorful little travelers keep arriving with every tide each week. Maybe the Gulf is just saving up for something big, one pig at a time.

How do they get here? One possibility is a lost shipping container, as thousands fall

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 (@HarteResearch), Facebook (facebook.com/harterresearch), and Instagram (@harterresearch).



*A sounder of pigs in the back of Jace's beach bike*

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# Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

## Spring Real Estate Market kicking off

As we wrapped up the month of April, the Padre Island real estate market finished strong with consistent activity across multiple sectors.

In the detached home sector, we currently have three homes in the option period and four homes that sold this past week. In the townhome sector, we have two properties in the option period and two that sold.

The spring market is finally kicking off, and we are continuing to see steady numbers week after week with homes going under contract and new listings hitting the market. Activity has remained encouraging as buyers and sellers continue making moves across Padre Island.

Below are the homes included in this week's report. Stay tuned for next week's update as we head further into the busy spring and summer market season!

### Detached Homes In Option Period:

- 13558 Carlos Fifth Ct (Listed for \$716,500)
- 13833 Flintlock Dr (Listed for \$399,800)
- 15414 Dyna St (Listed for \$369,000)

### Detached Homes That Sold:

- 14813 Aquarius St (Listed for \$1,150,000)
- 15354 Cartagena St (Listed for \$799,900)
- 13562 Camino De Plata Ct (Listed for \$799,000)
- 15526 Gypsy St (Listed for \$340,000)

### Townhomes In Option Period:

- 14901 Windward Dr Unit #704 (Listed for \$385,000)
- 13901 Mingo Cay Ct Unit #6 (Listed for \$350,000)

### Townhomes That Sold:

- 15405 Grass Cay Ct Unit #505 (Listed for \$380,000)
- 15310 Bonasse Ct Unit #C (Listed for \$495,000)

## Turtle Nest Count

Donna J. Shaver, Ph.D.

Chief, The Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery, Padre Island National Seashore, National Park Service

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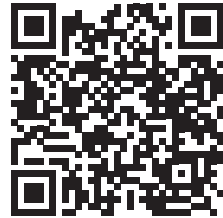
- 4 Galveston Island
- 6 San Jose Island
- 15 Mustang Island
- 127 North Padre Island, including 108 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 60 South Padre Island
- 9 Boca Chica Beach



*Kemp's ridley nest found recently*

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## Thoughts from Reverend Ken



By Rev. Dr. Ken

### God and War

The cynical and opportunistic Rhett Butler from *Gone with the Wind* dismissed a romanticized, sacred view of war. He suggested that despite patriotic rhetoric, the true, underlying cause of war is always financial gain. He might be correct. Of course, he also admitted that he made a fortune out of the wreckage of war. What about when God and the Bible is used to support war?

The evil of war is a painful reality in the history of humanity. Even the church has been guilty of promulgating war in its checkered history. Too often in the history of religion, people have waged war and killed in the name of God. However, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is correct when he says that God speaks in a still, small voice, "Not in my name."

In today's world no state can exist liberated from the possibility of war. Armies and soldiers are still needed. National leaders have often used biblical and pseudo-biblical, violent rhetoric to advocate for military action. Many times, war is conflated with spiritual battle to justify overwhelming violence against those who deserve no mercy.

There is a problem of war in the Bible, primarily in the Old Testament. It is a significant theological and ethical challenge arising from the frequent depiction of God as a warrior. In other readings, God commands ancient Israel to engage in brutal warfare. The Books of Deuteronomy and Joshua, and some of the Psalms are especially troubling. In some cases, God asks the ancient people of God to annihilate another nation. These passages are very troubling, especially given the realities and rhetoric of today.

Unlike recent trends to whitewash history (pun intended), the Bible never glosses over the troubling parts of history. However, the problem of war in the Old Testament has serious ramifications for our attitudes about war.

One of the claims of the Bible is that God has chosen to participate and intervene in human affairs. God acts in the world as it is to bring the world toward God's ultimate redemptive purposes. Prophets talk about God's desire for peace and justice, when weapons of war will be turned into instruments of life. However, our human language when applied to God is limited by experience and understanding. To read God as warrior points us to a truth about God, that is limited and less than the complete truth.

Others have noted that defeat in war plays a bigger role in the Old Testament than military conquest. Does a more important

message emerge in defeat, rather than victory? After all, violence only leads to violence, war only leads to war.

Yet, despite the harsh portrayals of God in the Old Testament the overwhelming message is one of God's love for creation, including all humanity. The principle of love from the Old Testament, not war, remains fundamental in the New Testament. Rather than participating as a warrior, God chose to participate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Whereas the ancient people of God used violence, the kingdom is actually established in the receipt of violence. The warrior God has become the crucified God. The conquest of evil occurs through self-giving love.

Clearly that the teaching of Jesus rejected the use of violence. He called the peacemakers blessed. War never creates peace, only winners and losers. Jesus even gave us the requirement to pray for and love our enemies.

Yet, Christians can become very militaristic. Most of us are not pro-war. I think we are actually profoundly ambivalent about war. Most of us want to reassure ourselves that we aren't militaristic. We want to think we pursue peace. Yet, the battle cry is swiftly raised when we feel threatened. This is when we try to convince ourselves war can be good or just. However, both terms are better understood as oxymorons.

There is a problem with war in the Old Testament. However, it does not carry forward into the ministry and message of Jesus. The message of Jesus is clear. We are to love God, and we are to love others – teachings from the Old Testament. We must have a reverence for all human life as created in the image of God – teaching from the Old Testament.

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*Knuckle-Cracker*

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*Mind-Numbing Frustration*

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*Brain-Buster*

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**Across**

1. Matures, as wine
5. Chanel of fashion
9. Tonsorial tool
14. Draw in
15. Have a premiere
16. Informed
17. Ontario neighbor
18. Soccer legend
19. Israeli desert
20. Lewis' foolish partner?
23. Dallas sch.
24. Back biters
28. Maze runner
31. Speck
34. Sniff out
36. At full force
38. Tin Pan Alley topic
40. Naval greeting
41. Hybrid songbird?
44. Eventful times
45. Exact
46. Beast of Borden
47. Gimel follower
49. First-class
51. Isn't out of
52. Poe woman
54. Part of TGIF
56. Dogfish roe?
62. Distant
66. Software buyer
67. Russian Everyman
68. "Boom Town" star
69. A-line creator
70. Muse count
71. Nitrous \_\_ (laughing gas)
72. Allay
73. Upper hand

# Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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| 2. Spiritual guide        | 25. In any way                | 50. Conductor Boulez       |
| 3. Norse explorer         | 26. Same old discussion       | 53. Piano piece            |
| 4. Hunts for              | 27. Smelting refuse           | 55. Excel                  |
| 5. Pretext                | 28. Competed at Indy          | 57. VOA agcy.              |
| 6. Crude group            | 29. Ethically neutral         | 58. Model T contemporaries |
| 7. Battery unit           | 30. Mexicali munchie          | 59. Gung-ho                |
| 8. Wee hour               | 32. Patron saint of Norway    | 60. Pealed                 |
| 9. Irritate               | 33. Sacred part-song          | 61. Proposer's prop        |
| 10. Blow away             | 35. Little ones               | 62. In the past            |
| 11. Half a crooked course | 37. "Peer Gynt" playwright    | 63. Not rigid              |
| 12. Comstock output       | 39. Chianti, e.g.             | 64. Kabuki accessory       |
| 13. Hit the accelerator   | 42. '60s jacket               | 65. Dated                  |
| 21. Muscat native         | 43. Egg containers            |                            |

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*This was the plan for the area around Lake Padre. The Don Paticio Bridge was not yet built but was planned.*

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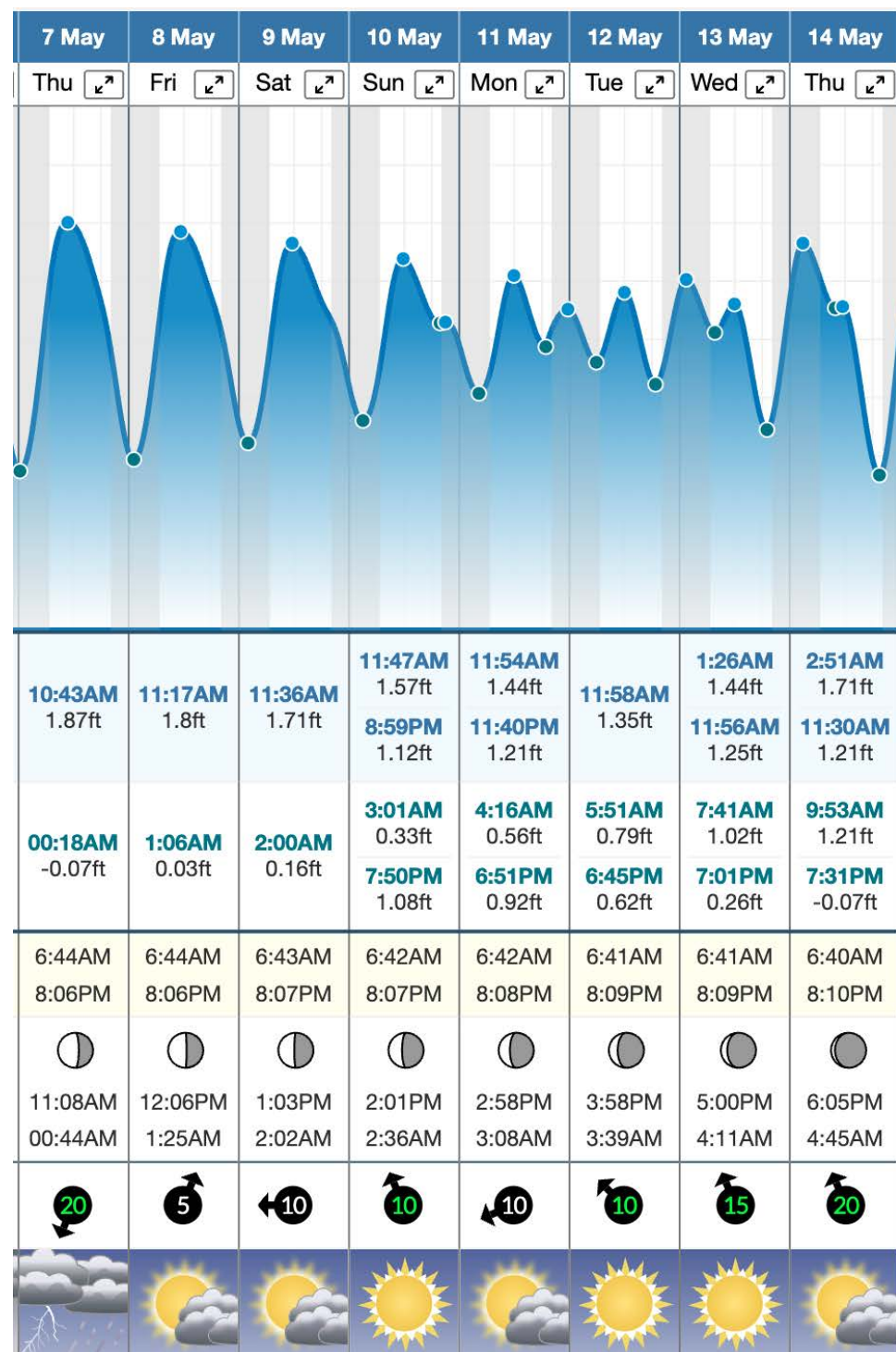
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## Crossword Solution

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# Senior moments Special to the Island Moon

## 82nd Airborne Ready to Jump



By Dotson Lewis



Insignia of the 82nd Airborne Division

Dotson's Noe: The 82nd Airborne is an infantry division that specializes in parachute assault. In January 2006, the division began reorganizing from a division-based organization to a brigade combat team-based organization. Activated elements include a 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division (1-508th INF, 2-508th INF, 4-73rd Cav (RSTA), 2-321st FA, 782nd BSB, and STB, 4th BCT) and the inactivation of the Division Artillery, 82nd Signal Battalion, 307th Engineer Battalion, and 313th Military Intelligence Battalion. The 82nd Division Support Command (DISCOM) was redesignated as the 82nd Sustainment Brigade. A pathfinder unit was reactivated within the 82nd when the Long Range Surveillance Detachment of the inactivating 313th Military Intelligence Battalion was transferred to the 2d Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment and converted to a pathfinder role as the battalion's. Thanks to my Jump Master friend Ronald Smith, US Army Retired and Wikipedia for the facts and photos contained in this report.

### Some Previous Actions by the 82nd

Global Response Force, was alerted and deployed forces to Haiti later that same day for the mission to provide humanitarian assistance following the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Paratroopers distributed water and food during the 2010 Haiti earthquake relief.

Just two months following redeployment from Haiti in 2010, elements of 2d BCT (Red Falcons) deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to serve as trainers for the Afghan National Security Forces. In October 2011, the Division Headquarters returned to Afghanistan, where they relieved the 10th Mountain Division as the Headquarters of Regional Command-South.

In February 2012, 4th BCT deployed to Kandahar province. Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah, formed an overwhelming force in Kandahar. Zhari district in southern Kandahar is where Dadullah was recruiting a high number of jihadists. 4th BCT of the 82nd held the 5-month siege from March 2012 to the end of July, witnessing some of the most intense combat since the initial deployments since 2001, 4th BCT inflicted massive casualties among the Taliban. Performing with an almost perfect strategic plan, 4th BCT drove Dadullah and his men out of Kandahar to the Northeastern province of Kunar, where Dadullah was killed by airstrikes. As of April 2012, the 1st BCT was deployed to Afghanistan, operating in Ghazni Province, Regional Command-East. The paratroopers took control of Ghazni from the Polish Armed Forces, allowing the Polish Task Force White Eagle (pl:Polski Kontyngent Wojskowy w Afganistanie) to consolidate around the provincial seat in northern Ghazni.

In June 2012, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team deployed as part of the Global Response Force (GRF) in support of heavy combat operations conducted by the 1st Infantry Division. The Brigade was spread across much of RC-East Afghanistan.

In December 2013, elements of the 4th Brigade deployed again to Afghanistan and they were joined by the 1st Brigade in spring 2014. Since 11 September 2001, the division has lost 106 paratroopers in Afghanistan and 139 paratroopers in Iraq.

Above, 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers boarding a C-17 at Pope Army Airfield, January 2015. On 19 December 2014, Stars & Stripes, a daily military newspaper, announced 1,000 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne's 3rd Brigade Combat Team would deploy to Iraq to train, advise, and assist

Iraq's Security Forces.

On 3 November 2016, it was reported that 1,700 soldiers from the 2d Brigade Combat Team will deploy to the US Central Command area of responsibility in Iraq, to take part in Operation Inherent Resolve. They will replace the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division and will advise and assist Iraqi Security Forces currently trying to retake Mosul from ISIS fighters.

On 27 March 2017, it was reported that 300 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne's 2nd Brigade Combat Team will temporarily deploy to northern Iraq to provide additional advise-and-assist combating ISIS, particularly to speed up the offensive against ISIS in Mosul.

On 31 December 2019, approximately 750 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne's Immediate Response Force were authorized to be deployed to Iraq in response to events which saw the United States' embassy in the country stormed.

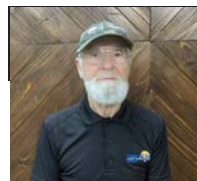
From the start of January 2017 to September 2017, the division suffered the loss of five paratroopers killed in action. It was confirmed in July 2020 that the 82nd Airborne Division did in fact have combat deployments in Syria. The 1st BCT deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel from June 2017 to March 2018. Two soldiers were killed in action when their convoy was purposefully hit by a vehicle filled with explosives. The 3rd BCT deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel from July 2019 to March 2020. In February 2020 soldiers from the 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division were deployed to Afghanistan to replace the 3rd BCT as part of a unit rotation. The 82nd Airborne was called to deploy in Iraq upon after rioting civilians outside of the US embassy in Baghdad, Iraq breached the outer gates of the Green Zone. On 1 January 2020, the first 750 troops began mobilizing to Kuwait and bases in the Baghdad area. On the direct orders of Donald Trump, Iranian general and Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani was killed in a US airstrike at the Baghdad airport. Iranian influence on Iraqi militia groups was believed to play a part in the rioting at the US embassy. Actions by the Iranians and the US have increased tensions in the region not seen since before the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The 82nd Airborne was among the first military units to be mobilized in response to this escalation and tensions. An additional 3,500 to 4,000 troops were ordered to deploy to Kuwait in response to Iranian threats in the region.

Above, Paratroopers departing Hamid Karzai International Airport during the 2021 Kabul Airlift. In August 2021, elements of the 82nd Airborne Division, particularly the Immediate Response Force, deployed to Afghanistan to secure the evacuation of American diplomats and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa applicants as the Taliban seized land and converged on Kabul. Throughout Operation Allies Refuge, the 82nd Airborne Division served as the Operational Command, Task Force 82. Operation Allies Refuge, led by Major General Chris Donahue, was a combined and joint NATO command post composed of forces representing NATO allied Nations, 1st Brigade Combat Team "Devil", aviation capabilities from the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade "Pegasus", medical capabilities from the 44th Medical Brigade, riot control capabilities from the 16th Military Police Brigade, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command who oversaw sustainment in the joint operational area from a command post in Kuwait.

### Operation Epic Fury, 2026

It was announced on 24th March 2026 that the Pentagon had ordered the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division and his headquarters staff to the Middle East, ahead of a potential deployment of a brigade combat team of around 3,000 troops to support operations against Iran.

Thanks for reading



By Gene Saegert

## Gene's Corner

### Physical hi Gene

*Why do we say "I slept like a baby" when babies wake up crying every two hours in a wet bed?*

I have written a little bit about my first experiences at the physical therapist before, but this is a little random take now that I have been going for a while.

But as I was writing this it made me think of something from my youth when I was in what we called Junior High back in the day. I was best friends with a guy name John and I would spend a lot of time at his house. Every time I went to see him his Dad would be sitting in a big easy chair reading the paper. As soon as I would walk through the door he would say "physical hi Gene" I would laugh and wave my hand and say same to you. This went on for about a year until one day at what was called P.E. or Physical Education. Well this particular day the coach said no game time today we are going to have a class. He pulled out a stack of books and when he handed me mine I looked at the title which was "PHYSICAL HYGIENE" I laughed to myself and said wow have I ever been so dumb for such a long time. I bet he laughed every time he did it. I still laugh now when I think about it.

Sorry I got off of the subject, but back to the original plan. At the physical therapy session a couple of thoughts came to my

mind about the many weird exercises that I have to do. One in particular is weird to me, especially the name.

It is called "the bed bug" I had to ask, why is it called "the bed bug" no one knew. Aside from the weird name, when you do it you throw your left leg way up in the air and your right arm up in the air at the same time and then switch to the opposites It reminds me of a wounded monkey in his death throws throwing all his limbs up in the air. Not a pretty picture. Then there is another interesting thing that they do. You go into a dimly lit room not unlike a torture chamber and put you on a big padded platform and you lay down. They strap you in with something like an old timey corset, (the elderly will know what I am talking about) and then send electrical impulses into your back that feels like a hundred needles sticking into your kidneys while stretching you. Not unlike the torture in the olden days where they did it for free, but here you have to pay for it. Well that is my take on it anyway. Enough for now.

*Thought for the day: Why do we say "I slept like a baby" when babies wake up crying every two hours in a wet bed?*

## Police Blotter

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- 15900 block SPID April 30 Unauthorized use of boat, trailer, flatbed trailer
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- 14900 block Smugglers Cove April 26 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 14200 block Punta Bonaire April 25 Injury to child/elder
- 14000 block SPID April 25 Injury to child/elder
- 14300 block Playa Del Rey April 24 Assault with injury
- JFK Causeway April 24 Terroristic Threat/Display of Weapon
- 14000 block SPID April 24 Assault with injury
- 15400 block Grass Cay April 23 Assault
- 15500 block Cuttysark April 23 Unauthorized use of a golf cart
- 10600 block SPID April 22 Theft \$750-\$2500
- 300 block Anchor April 21 Burglary of a Building
- 15100 block Leeward Dr. April 19 Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Family Violence
- 10300 SPID April 19 Assault with injury
- 14700 block Dasmarrinas April 16 Unauthorized use of golf cart
- 13700 block Suntan April 15 Theft \$2500-\$30,000
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# Three Chords and the Truth

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**NOLA Jazz Fest...**

in the *International Plastic Pellet Count*. And brother, we found a bunch. The event was to bring awareness and educate like minded environmentalists like ourselves about the worldwide evils of plastic pollution.

## Scattered shots...



18 Hours will play the Sip Yard on Saturday.

Last weekend was another fun one on our little island. I saw a couple of good shows at the *Sip Yard* with **Casey Chesnutt** (son of **Mark Chesnutt**) on Saturday and a nice surprise with the **Case Hardin Band** from San Angelo. They had a red neck looking fella playing the fiddle and a long hair straight out of *Haight Asbury* making that guitar look easy. It was hard rock country bluegrass and I thought it was great. Attagirl **Becky** for getting us this one. Elsewhere the sweetest guy this side of Utopia, **Boone Holding** played *Shorty's* on a rainy night and the guitar god from San Antonio, **Ruben V** played *Bron's* as well at **Joe Martyn Rickie** at the *Gaff*.



Cathouse will play Treasure Island on Friday.

## Coming this week...

Coming this Thursday, May 7 we have the **Johnson All Starz** with the ever so manic **Ray Ray Summy** striking some of the greatest rock poses short of **Mick Jagger** or **Elvis**. They play *Shorty's* every week, yall. Also on Thursday, **Los Locals** will play the *Sip Yard* and **David Lee Garza** will play the *Rodeo*. On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> we get grungy with **Left Right Left** at *Shorty's*, the **Groove 2.0** at *Bron's*, the **Palacios Bros** at *Treasure Island*, **Boo and Poo** at the *Gaff*, **Carson Miller** at the *VFW*, **Logan Samford + Kaleb Michaels** at the *Sip Yard* and **Midland** at the *Rodeo*. Plus the boys in Rockport have a super cool show this Friday at the *Harbor Listening Room* with **Willis Alan Ramsey** sing about them *North East Texas Women* and their cotton candy hair. And coming this Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> *Shorty's* had a cancellation with **Love Street** and I will hopefully find a replacement. Otherwise it's **18 Hours** at the *Sip Yard*, **Shane Smith** at the *Rodeo*, **The Palacios Brothers** at *Bron's*, **Cathouse** at *Treasure Island* and **Coach Big Jim Dugan** at the *Gaff*.

## On the horizon...



Left Right Left will play Shorty's on Friday

Briefly, on the near horizon watch for show by the **B-Flat Dueling Pianos**, **Bo Luna**, **Mantle Jennings**, **Dreaming in Color**, **Heavy Soul**, **Diamond's Edge**, **Mario Flores**, **Groove Chili**, **Clay Hollis**, **Flying Free**, **Thomas Michael Riley**, **Riptide** and **Brandon Michael**. Yall be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Eagles performing at NOLA Jazz Fest 2026 on May 2nd.

The weather has been a work in progress this spring. We've had some really beautiful days and some really disrespectful days. It seems like it's windy ALL the time. But rest assured, my all time favorites are in fine working order. This was the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *New Orleans Jazz Fest 2026*. Some of the artists this year were **The Eagles**, **Stevie Nicks**, **Rod Stewart**, **Jon Batiste**, **Lainey Wilson** and **Earth, Wind & Fire**, etc. I've attended this fest many times through the years and back when I had the in-house booking agency for the *Antone's Record Label* in the mid 90's, I booked two of my artists there **Miss Lavelle White** and **Syl Johnson**, and brother do they ever treat their artist right! And in my humble opinion, this is the greatest of all live music festivals in one of the greatest cities to ever rock the *Gulf Coast*. How could they miss with a past history of line-ups like this that are steeped in Louisiana culture; **Professor Longhair**, **Fats Domino**, **Wynton Marsalis**, **Dr. John**, **Irma Thomas**, **Allen Toussaint**, **Buckwheat Zydeco**, **Beausoleil**, **Ernie K-Doe**, **Beausoleil** to name but a few. Plus the many, many noteworthy performers to grace the 14 stages through the years include such mind blowing artists as **Aretha Franklin**, **Miles Davis**, **Stevie Wonder**, **Bob Dylan**, **Ella Fitzgerald**, **Bruce Springsteen**, **Paul Simon**, **Jimmy Buffet**, **BB King**, **Tito Puente**, **Allman Bros**, **Al Green**, **Lenny Kravitz**, **Bonnie Raitt**, **James Brown**, **Stevie Ray Vaughan**, **Willie Nelson**, **Temptations**, **Gladys Knight**, **Neil Young** and on, and on...

## Kerrville Folk Fest...



Ronnie at 20 years old at the first Kerrville Folk Festival in 1972

Just for the record, I rode on the back of a *BMW* motorcycle from Lubbock to the *Quiet Valley Ranch* at the very first *Kerrville Folk Festival* in 1972. I was 20 years old. We slept under the stars and owned the world. The founder, **Rod Kennedy** eventually became a friend when I was a bartender at the *Texas Chili Parlor* in 1975 and hung out with the likes of **Hunter Thompson**, **Guy Clark** and **Siegel Fry**. In 1972 the debut line-up was **B.W. Stevenson**, **Michael Martin Murphy**, **Jerry Jeff Walker**, **Mance Lipscomb**, **Kenneth Threadgill** and (the reason I went in the first place) **Townes Van Zandt** and the *Flatlanders* with **Joe Ely**, **Jimmy Dale Gilmore** and **Butch Hancock**. Consequently, the *Kerrville Folk Festival* came on the scenes with both shoes flying. At this point there have been over 1500 artists to perform the fest. Some of the names to perform this year for the 30,000 in attendance are; **James McMurtry**, **Brandy Clark**, **Lilly Hiatt** and **Wilder Blue**.

## On the local front...

The location of **Tim Burdick's** send off this Saturday, May 9 has been moved to the *Pavilion at Roberts Point Park* from 7-11. There will be a real deal *Mariachi Band* performing (9-11) as a wish of *Timmy's*. And finally on the *Local Front* I went with my *Mermaid Gal* to conduct a few *nurdle surveys* and participate



Tracy Weatherall shows the nurdles she found on International Plastic Pellets day last Saturday.



Boudreaux and Pousson will play the Gaff on Friday.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Thursday, May 7

David Lee Garza Reunion @ CC Rodeo  
Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's  
Los Locals @ Sip Yard  
Tyler Jordan @ Gaff  
Subhumans, War on Women @ House of Rock

Ruben Limas @ Perrin's on the Water  
Peter Salas @ Brewster Southside  
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Island  
Eric Graham @ Executive Surf Club  
Aaron Boultinghouse @ Commercial St. Ice House AP

Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar NPI  
Jules Taylor @ Nueces Whiskey Library CC  
Philip Dean @ BUC DAYS Hilliard Center  
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox Beach Bar NPI  
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach

## Friday, May 8

Midland @ CC Rodeo  
Left Right Left @ Shorty's  
The Groove 2.0 @ Bron's  
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff  
Palacios Bros @ Treasure Island  
Logan Samford, Kaleb Michaels @ Sip Yard  
Carson Miller @ VFW  
Derek Flores @ Salty Dog  
Lyrical Bynge @ Pelican Lounge  
Willis Allan Ramsey @ Harbor Listening Room

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**SHORTY'S**  
JOHN ELIJAH BAND EVERY MONDAY  
JOHNSON ALL STARZ EVERY THURS  
JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN  
LEFT RIGHT LEFT MAY 8  
TBA MAY 9  
MANTLE JENNINGS MAY 15  
HEAVY SOUL MAY 16

**Treasure Island**  
PALACIOS BROS MAY 8  
CATHOUSE MAY 9  
LUCKY DOGZ MAY 15  
DIAMOND'S EDGE MAY 16  
CATHOUSE MAY 22  
FIVE CARD DRAW MAY 23

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LISA SULLIVAN MAY 22  
LUCKY DOGZ MAY 23

**Sip Yard**  
LOS LOCALS MAY 7  
LOGAN SAMFORD MAY 8  
18 HOURS MAY 9  
BO LUNA MAY 15  
MARIO FLORES MAY 16  
LARRY JOE TAYLOR MAY 23

**Bron's BACKYARD**  
GROOVE 2.0 MAY 8  
PALACIOS BROS MAY 9  
DREAMING IN COLOR MAY 15  
JERRY WARD & DIRTY BIRDS MAY 16  
FLYING FREE MAY 22  
TIMOTHY NOEL MAY 23

Ruben Limas w/ Emily @ Blackbeards on the Beach  
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Southside  
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Island  
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Raul Ayala @ Exchange  
Latin Talk @ Executive Surf Club  
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown  
Jonathan Hernandez @ Lulu's Landing  
Fulton  
Matt Rodd & Midnight Buzz @ Fajitaville N. Beach  
Mike Guerra & Trisum @ Pier 99 N. Beach  
Red Feather @ Anchor Bar Padre  
Rip Tide Cowboy @ Fajitaville N. Beach  
Ty Dietz @ Sandbox @ NIP  
Philip Dean @ BUC DAYS Hilliard Center  
Mike Guerra & Trisum @ Pier 99

**Saturday, May 9**  
TIM BURDICK CELEBRATION OF LIFE 7-11 @ Robt Point Pavilion  
SPRING KITE FESTIVAL @ Port A Beach  
Shane Smith and the Saints @ CC Rodeo  
Brad Ethridge @ Shorty's  
18 Hours @ Sip Yard  
Jim Dugan @ Gaff  
Palacios Bros @ Bron's  
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