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By Dale Rankin

The summer season kicked off this week with beaches full of visitors all *Around The Island* with the road to and from Port Aransas staying busy in both directions even after checkout time on Sunday when we usually see inbound traffic drop off. But the first weekend after school saw incoming vehicles all week as uplanders came rolling in from OTB at a steady pace.

On the beaches city crews have been fighting a daily battle with incoming sargassum weed and narrow beaches by hauling sand from north of Packery Channel to the beach along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall. According to the *Island Moon's* resident beach watcher Jay Gardner we may be in for a summer full of battling the nefarious weed due to ocean currents.

### Area beaches made top ten

Five local beaches made the top ten list of the USA Today People Choice Awards this week which issued the following list.

- Rockport Beach (Aransas County) – No. 2
- Malaquite Beach (Padre Island National Seashore) — No. 3
- Mustang Island State Park — No. 4
- Whitecap Beach — No. 5
- South Beach (Padre Island National Seashore) — No. 7
- I.B. Magee Beach (Port Aransas) – No. 10

We're not sure exactly how they make these lists but we couldn't help but notice the beaches in Kleberg County didn't make the list even though they are pretty much exactly like the beaches on the list except less crowded...maybe because they weren't on the list... quien sabe?

There will be some change in beach visitation when the new beach access road just south of the Corpus Christi/Port Aransas City

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## Island Under Construction



Work continues at Packery Channel Park as crews continue installing the living shoreline. The park is closed while under construction, and when it reopens will feature a fishing pier.

## Houses at Whitecap NPI taking shape

Completion scheduled for fall 2026



By Dale Rankin

Contractors and potential hotel operators are scheduled to visit the Whitecap NPI project this week along with officials from the Avison

Young Real Estate Company which have been contracted to market the project across the country. Work continues on the model homes at the site. Terence John-

son, Executive Vice President of Ashlar Development said this week the homes are expected to be complete by fall 2026.

## City Council Gives Final Approval of Level 1 Water Emergency Policies

The Corpus Christi City Council this week approved rules for a Level 1 Water Emergency. The vote came after the initial rules were released in May and were followed by a series of workshops and public hearings to modify the original plan.

These measures will only go into effect if and when the City officially declares a Level One Water Emergency, which is currently projected for December 2026.

The City Council also noted that baselines for multi-family and wholesale customers will be reviewed further once those customers provide the necessary data, with any changes to be considered at a future City Council meeting. Approved changes include:

### Water Baselines & Allocations

- The residential monthly baseline has been increased from 7,000 to 8,000 gallons per month.
- The residential water allocation is set at 6,000 gallons per month, calculated by applying a 25%

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## Deadline for Property Taxes Before July 1: Don't Let a Property Tax Bill Become a Bigger Problem



By Brian McCabe  
Editor's note: Brian McCabe is the Taxpayer Liaison Officer

for the Nueces Central Appraisal District and writes regularly on taxpayer issues affecting Coastal Bend residents.

One of the most expensive mistakes Texans make is not opening a letter. I'm serious. A property

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## By the numbers Hotel Occupancy Tax

Editor's note: All overnight stay accommodations leased for less than thirty days in Corpus Christi and Port Aransas are required to pay a Hotel Occupancy Tax, including Short-Term Rentals. Revenue from the HOT can be used for tourism related projects by the cities. The following numbers reflect the HOT collected by the two cities for the time periods indicated.

9% HOT collected by City of Corpus Christi  
\$27,859,788.78 collected by the City of Corpus Christi from September 2024-October 2025  
9% Collected by the City of Port Aransas  
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### A little Island history

## Combing the Beach Spanish Treasure and Cans of Lard

Editor's note: This is the second part of a story which appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* on January 3, 1948 chronicling the adventures of writer Lewis Nordyke as he explored Mustang and Padre islands with the man who along with his Louis Rawalt and his wife Violet who were the only residents of Padre Island.



Coin found at Devil's Elbow

By Lewis Nordyke

Rawalt is a lean, hungry-looking man. He was gassed in World War I; it left him with periodic spells of restlessness, but it helped him get a wife who loves beachcombing more than parties. While Rawalt was in the Boston hospital after World War I, dark-haired Violet came by with flowers for

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# Commodore Park Update

Aerial by Augs



Work on the Phase I \$3.4 million in improvements continues. The first phase includes a covered basketball court, two tennis courts and four pickleball courts, a playground, bird observation blind, walking trail, picnic area, parking and lighting. Completion is set for November 2026.

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Limits is finished, which is planned by summer 2027. That will open up about seven miles of little used beach between Fish Pass and the location of Fire Station #16 on the Island road. It may take a couple of years for visitors to discover that area and give locals a beach break.

### City Council races

The Corpus Christi City Council meeting went past closing time this week as members continue to deal with the water issue hereabouts. We featured the updated water restriction rules in this issue – if we reach that stage. Also this week the packets for candidates to register for the nine city races on the November ballot became available. The filing period opens July 20 and runs through August 17 for candidates who have Tuesdays free.

**Hey, you can't drive like that, you invisible person!**

While we have yet to see many *Around The Island* driverless cars are ubiquitous in cities around Texas and the question of what to do if you are cut off in traffic by one was answered this week. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has now begun enforcing the state's automated vehicle authorization requirements so we don't have to shout at empty cars because now there is a process to report unsafe non-drivers to state authorities. If you shake your fist at a car without a driver is that Road Rage? Quien sabe?

### So long Hank...

This week we offer belated condolences to the family of long-time Islander and friend of the *Island Moon* Hank Svoboda. Hank and Jacqueline lived on Padre Island when you could count the number of residents on your fingers. Hank liked to tell the story of returning from OTB and Jacqueline asked how his day had gone.

"I saw two cars on the causeway," Hank said. "One coming out and one going in." It was a time when two cars on the JFK Causeway on the same day was big news. Hank and Jacqueline called The Island home for almost five decades and Hank will be missed.

That's all for now folks, Brewster Street Icehouse is celebrating twenty years at its downtown location this weekend but if you don't want to go OTB just stop at the Island location and pretend you are downtown.

We've made it through the first week of Hurricane Season 2026 without playing Hurricane Chicken so far so keep your fingers crossed and say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.



# The Traveling Moon



Denise Christopherson of Port Aransas with family from Wear's Valley East Tennessee

# Yoga at the Sandbox

Photos by Debbie Noble





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# Letters to the Editor

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## Island obituary

### Henry Dean Svoboda



Henry Dean Svoboda, 90, passed away peacefully at home on April 14, 2026. He was born on May 29, 1935 in Elba, Nebraska to second generation Czech-American parents.

After graduating from Hastings College, Hank enlisted in the Navy in 1958 to become a Naval Aviator and received his wings in 1960. While on the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge, he flew helicopters that helped pick up NASA astronauts after splashdown in 1962 and 1963. He flew P-3 aircraft during the Vietnam War. His last station was as a flight instructor at NAS - Corpus Christi.

A well-regarded member of the Coastal Bend community, Hank was a Padre Island resident for nearly 50 years. After retiring from the Navy as a captain in 1982, he purchased Flour Bluff Lumber Co. and later founded Padre Island Maintenance. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He will be remembered by loved ones as an honest, warm and kind-hearted husband, father and grandfather with a good sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jacqueline Lemmon Svoboda; son Jay Svoboda; daughters Kimberly Clark, Deeanne Galvan, and Misty Svoboda; son-in-law Bobby Galvan, Jr.; and grandchildren Kyle Clark, Kent Clark, Kurt Clark, Jacqueline Blaine Svoboda Young and Jacqueline Alicia "Lexi" Galvan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Svoboda, Sr. and Katherine Svoboda; infant sister Charlotte; brother Gordon "Corky" Svoboda; and granddaughter Katherine Guevara.



BOB THE FOOTBALL PLAYER MISUNDERSTANDS THE CONCEPT OF THE TACKLE SHOP!

#### Taxes cont. from A1

tax notice arrives in the mail, gets opened, and then finds a permanent home on the kitchen counter. It sits there next to the electric bill, the warranty for a toaster nobody remembers buying, and a stack of papers that everyone agrees should be organized someday. The problem is that property tax bills don't get cheaper while they're sitting there. For homeowners who are behind on their property taxes, July 1 is an important date. In many Texas counties, delinquent tax accounts may be turned over to attorneys for collection. When that happens, additional collection costs can be added to penalties and interest that are already accumulating. In plain English, waiting can get expensive. According to the Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector Office, delinquent accounts referred for attorney collection after July 1 may also be subject to additional collection penalties authorized under Texas law. If you'd like to see just how quickly the numbers can grow, take a look at the sidebar accompanying this article. A tax bill that seems manageable in February can look very different by July. Over the years, I've talked with many taxpayers who found themselves behind on their property taxes. Very few were irresponsible. Most had simply run into life. A job changed. A medical issue appeared. The air conditioner quit in August, which in South Texas is less of a home repair and more of a survival expense. When money gets tight, people make choices. Unfortunately, property taxes sometimes end up at the bottom of the list.

What concerns me is that many homeowners don't realize they still have options. Some assume it's too late. Others believe there is nothing they can do until they have enough money to pay the entire balance. Neither assumption is necessarily true. If I were facing a delinquent property tax bill today, here's exactly what I would do. First, I would find out the current balance. Not what I think I owe. Not what I owed six months ago. I would find out the actual amount due today, including any penalties and interest. Second, I would call the tax office. Not next week. Not after the weekend. Today. You may discover that payment arrangements are available. You may learn about exemptions, deferrals, or protections that apply to your situation. You won't know until you ask. Third, I would stop assuming the worst. One of the things I've learned from working with taxpayers is that fear often fills the information gap. People imagine the most extreme outcome because they don't know what happens next. The

reality is that foreclosure is not automatic and it is not immediate. But ignoring the problem rarely improves it. The earlier you start asking questions, the more flexibility you are likely to have.

#### Property Tax Loans

Another option for some homeowners and business owners to explore is a property tax loan. There are property tax lenders in Texas and across the country that work with residential and commercial property owners who have fallen behind on their property taxes. These lenders pay the delinquent taxes on behalf of the property owner and then establish a repayment plan designed to fit the owner's circumstances. A good property tax lender should do more than simply offer a loan. The conversation should include a review of other available alternatives, such as tax office installment plans, homestead exemptions, tax deferrals, and other options that could reduce the financial burden. That last point is important. Property tax loans are not a universal solution. In some cases, a delinquent tax installment plan offered through the tax office may be less expensive. In other situations, homeowners may qualify for exemptions, deferrals, or other forms of assistance that make more sense. The goal is not to find a loan. The goal is to find the option that best helps the property owner resolve the problem and protect the property.

For some homeowners, a property tax loan may be worth exploring. For others, a payment plan through the tax office may make more sense. Some may find help from family members, refinancing options, or other financial resources. There is no single solution that fits everyone. And that's the point. Whenever someone asks me what the best option is, my answer is usually the same: it depends. It depends on the amount owed. It depends on income. It depends on age, disability status, exemptions, and individual circumstances. Good decisions start with good information. The worst decision is often doing nothing while penalties, interest, and fees continue to grow. July 1 is approaching, but this isn't meant to scare anyone. It's meant to encourage action. If you're behind on your property taxes, take an hour this week and find out where you stand. Gather the facts. Ask questions. Explore your options. You may discover the situation is more manageable than you thought. And if the tax bill is still sitting on the kitchen counter, now might be a good time to pick it up.

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# Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

I wasn't sure I would ever live to see it happen again but as you read this the San Antonio Spurs are once again playing for an NBA Championship. My first experience with the Spurs and the NBA was covering their home games in the old cracker box known as HemisFair Arena for the Associated Press. It was part-time but it came with a modest paycheck, free Bill Miller Barbeque, and free Lone Star Beer consumed courtside from a cup not the can. The big shot sports writers all wanted seats at the centerline and as the low man on the totem pole I was shunted to the last seat on the press table right next to the Spurs bench where I could hear the voices in the huddle with George Gervin and crew. It was a great seat and a great job and my big scoop was a one-line interview with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar who was known for leaving the dressing room before the press was allowed in. I caught up with him by sheer accident in the lobby of the Marriott, still in his warmups and got one line out of him which I put in my little three paragraph AP story. The Sports Editor at the *Los Angeles Times* called to make sure I actually talked to him because he was so famously reclusive. The great thing about covering sports – working in the Toy Department – was that everything you needed to know to cover the story was right there in front of you – just watch the game and write down what you saw. And there was free Bill Miller Barbeque and Lone Star Beer!

## On to New York

But there was always a pall in the air for Spurs fans in the days before Tim Duncan because we knew that somewhere in the playoffs Jabber and Magic's Lakers were going to rain on the parade and that would be that. So in 1999 when the Spurs were trying to win their first championship in game five in Madison Square Garden on a Friday night I worked a press pass and hopped a plane from West Palm Beach and by midway through the third quarter I had wormed my way into the tunnel where I could see about half the court through the crowd. I heard the place go quiet as the little General sunk a jumper as the clock wound down and the Spurs had their first championship by a single point. It was a heady time to be a Spurs fan in the Big Apple and we headed to the bar at Trump Tower to celebrate. Everything was going swimmingly as we awaited the arrival of a few of the players but before they got there I felt a heavy hand on my shoulder and turned to find a beefy guy in a yellow tee shirt with TRUMP in black letters across his chest who asked me to accompany him to a small room in back

where he pointed to a polaroid photo of me taped to the wall looking like a deer in headlights with my Florida drivers' license along with several others. "Is that you?" he demanded. "It kind of looks like my brother," I said which was a black lie because it clearly was me and my license and I don't even have a brother. Above the array of photographs was a sign that read *Non Returns* of which, as it turned out, I was one. The frog walked me out through the crowd of reporters and civilians and I ended up right back out on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue where I had been just a few months prior when they threw me out but did not throw out my coat.

## It started with a packet of matches...

I had been celebrating the arrival of 1999 in Manhattan and ended up at the Trump Tower bar with a group of friends who happened to mostly be lawyers when one of them threw a lit match into an ashtray and was watching it burn. "You can't get a decent fire going that way," I said. "If you want a fire you got to throw in a cocktail napkin or two." I assumed she knew I was joking but the next thing I knew the fire alarm was going off and two guys in yellow tee shirts with black letters had me by the arms as the lawyers argued with the bouncers, as lawyers sometimes do, and a bright flash went off in my face right before the guys in the yellow shirts used my forehead for a battering ram to open the front door. The best I could muster was "I've been thrown out of a lot better places than this!" which was also a black lie because in fact this was probably the best place I had been thrown out of besides the Windows on the World atop the North Trade Tower for wearing blue jeans. The next thing I knew I was standing on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in ten degree weather without my coat wondering what just happened.

I had almost forgotten about it when I came back in June but as it turned out once a Non Return always a Non Return. My cell phone started ringing as the reporters who were not Non Returns called to find out what happened and rather than tell them the story of someone setting a fire in an ashtray I alluded to a bad breakup with one of the waitresses, which was also a lie. That is the last NBA championship game I have ever attended and I have not been back to the bar in the Trump Tower either since it seems every time I go there I end up getting thrown out and telling lies. But then again...if the Spurs were to win the first three games then the title-clenching game four will be in The Garden... Hey, maybe they still have my coat.

## Property Taxes – Why July 1 matters...

*A tax bill that looks difficult in February can look very different by July*

*The longer you wait, the fewer options you may have*

By Brian McCabe

One reason I encourage homeowners to address delinquent property taxes before July 1 is simple: the balance can grow faster than many people realize.

Under Texas law, property taxes become delinquent on February 1. At that point, penalties and interest begin accumulating each month.

- February: 6% penalty + 1% interest
- March: 7% penalty + 2% interest
- April: 8% penalty + 3% interest
- May: 9% penalty + 4% interest
- June: 10% penalty + 5% interest
- July: 12% penalty + 6% interest

Possible Additional Collection Fee

According to the Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office, delinquent accounts that qualify for attorney collection action after July 1 may be subject to an additional collection penalty authorized by Texas law. State law allows an additional penalty of up to 20% to cover attorney collection costs.

Actual charges may vary depending on the taxing units involved and the collection arrangements in place.

Example Only

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Original Tax Bill .....       | \$5,000       |
| 12% Penalty .....             | \$600         |
| 6% Interest .....             | \$300         |
| Subtotal .....                | \$5,900       |
| Possible Collection Fee ..... | Up to \$1,180 |
| Potential Total .....         | Up to \$7,080 |

This example is for illustration purposes only. Actual charges depend on the taxing entities involved and the circumstances of the account.

# Texas Sealife Center Turtle Release

Photos By Debbie Noble

*The Texas Sealife Center released thirty-two of its former turtle patients back into the sea on Sunday. A massive crowd turned out for the event just off of the seawall on Padre Island. The turtles had various injuries and were treated at the Center over the last few months. Happy Tails turtles.*



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the patients. She became Mrs. Rawalt. He calls her Chick. She is a smallish, lively woman with face darkened by sun and sand on the island. At times Rawalt works as an auto salesman and at other jobs, but when restlessness overtakes him, he drops everything, telephones Chick and says, "Get ready." Mrs. Rawalt knows that this means a trip to Padre Island.

Luck has been with Rawalt. Among other things, he has found and sold two tons of raw rubber. A beachcombing competitor, Milt Coleman, who lives on Mustang Island, at Port Aransas, has made \$3000 from sales of raw rubber. All that the men know of the source of this seaborne fortune is that a ship laden with rubber was torpedoed in a Gulf or Caribbean pass.

We stopped to see Coleman, a heavy-set man who came to Port Aransas from Michigan. He has been on the coast only a few years, but he is a full-time beachcomber and a good one. He specializes in lumber and has picked it up by the ton. Port Aransas has had a building boom recently, and much of the lumber came from the sea.

Rawalt and Coleman are the main commercial beachcombers. They have found almost numberless drums of oil, kerosene, gasoline and Diesel fuel, kegs of cucumber pickles, tins of lard, scores of life jackets, rafts and even large lifeboats, and enough emergency rations to supply a good-sized army. The Rawalts their three-year-old son, Charlie, one kind of these rations – pemmican tablets – as a sort of tonic.

Some of the rafts and boats contained partly used provisions; whether the men who occupied the craft were rescued or swallowed by the sea is not known. Veteran beachcombers don't look past the whipping whitecaps or talk of tragedy that dumps things into the sea. To them, the product of the beach like a farmer's crop. Beachcombers merely say, "It came in."

The grim reminders of war and man's struggle in and with the sea precisely fit the Padre scene of wild desolation. I felt this when we crossed the pass and rolled onto Padre. The weapons carrier rumbled along the beach a few feet from the surf. Some forty feet of the beach was wet, and was as smooth and firm as a concrete turnpike. Occasionally we dodged a half-buried log. In spots the beach was littered with such items as electric light bulbs, tin cans, bottles and lumber.

About forty-five miles down the island we ran into a large pile of small sea shells, which extended from low tide far up on the strand. They looked as if they had been dumped from trucks. A four-wheel drive comes in hand here. We groaned through five miles of these shoulders of small shells, which give the name Little Shell to the locality. Down the island a few miles farther we came upon Big Shell, with great, loose heaps of large sea shells. These made the truck heave and grind. Rawalt chuckled when he saw these shell banks. Once in Eastern company considered putting a button factory on Padre, and Rawalt was asked to count the shells in a large area and estimate the number on the beach. This just struck Rawalt as funny.

Except for the dumps of shells, there was a dreary sameness to the beach and the sea wall of dunes. We finally came to the Devil's Elbow, a bend a little sharper than the main curve of the island. Rawalt calls this area the graveyard. We stopped and got out of the truck.

The Elbow is a place of magnificent desolation. The whitecaps came curling over the bar to the beach which rises into ridges of sand. Some of the larger dunes beach hopeful names, such as Money Hill – so named because some old coins have been found there.

Shortly before I visited the island, the Rawalts had spent two weeks there. They ran out of sugar. Mrs. Rawalt complained, in wifely fashion. Rawalt sauntered down to the sea. He saw the breakers lapping at a wooden bucket. The lid was watertight. The bucket was full of plum jam, which, according to the label, had been made in London. Rawalt toted it to camp and said, "This'll have to do for sweetening." Rawalt still had some of this jam. It tasted fresh and sweet.

On Padre, luck may come any time. A few years ago, state-highway engineers looked into the possibility of building roads on the island. The wife of one of the engineers dug in the sand in the Elbow area and uncovered a small discolored metal box. When she removed the lid she almost fainted. In the box were several rings, a fairly large diamond, a broken strand of coral beads, a cameo, and a sunburst brooch set with small diamonds and pearls. A man named John Mercer once kicked a tobacco tin and passed on. The man behind him picked it up and pocketed its contents, \$300 in gold.

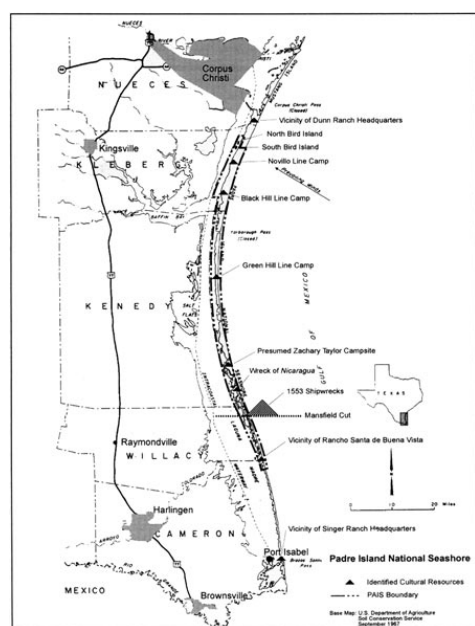
Coins by the hundreds – old money from England, France, Spain, Belgium, Mexico – have been found. The markings of many have been obliterated but dates can be read on some. Nearly all of them are ancient. The winds' shifting of the sand sometimes uncovers coins, rotting timbers, pieces of metal. And the Gulf still delivers long-lost items. Rawalt, with sea squint in his eyes, said that after a blow fierce enough to rip up the sargassum, or gulfweed, a patient beachcombers may be rewarded with an ancient coin. He said that such things apparently become lodged in tangles of sargassum and remain entangled for centuries, until a blow tears the weeds loose, or shakes a sunken hull.

A stretch of wild beach and a few treasure tales soon get the beachcomber's lust into a man's blood, he has the feeling that he might, by gouging in the sand, uncover a glove box full of doubloons. We walked the beach. The sea had been calm, and there was little chance for rich plunder. Life jackets stuck out of the sand. A soldier's aluminum canteen bobbed on the surf. We got it and examined it, and found that it had been made in 1942. We applied pliers to the cap and found that it contained about an ounce of fresh water. I wondered who had been saving that last swallow and what had happened to him. Rawalt took the beachcomber's dispassionate attitude toward the canteen.

Seafaring men know the tricks of the currents and the island's peculiar function as a catchall of marine wreckage. In the rumrunning days a sleek yacht heavily loaded with good liquor was about to be overtaken in the Gulf by a Government cutter. The skipper put his watertight liquor cases in nets and threw them overboard. He remarked to his mates, "This stuff'll show up on Padre Island, and we can get it there. Some of it, anyhow."

His calculation proved right. Much of the liquor did wash up. But the yachtsmen arrived a bit late and found several beachcombers have the time of their lives. Once, during prohibition, Rawalt found sixty-five cases of whisky on the island. There was a men-and-dogs foot patrol on Padre during World War II, and one of the jobs of the Coast Guard officers was that of preventing too eager use of cognac, tequila, champagne, and other bottled stuff that came in.

Until a year or so ago there was visual proof that ships have piled up at the Devil's Elbow. When the tide was low, the boilers of the Nicaragua, a merchantman which was blown aground in 1915, could be seen. Even this fairly modern ship became a storied mystery. There was a delightful rumor that in the bags of cement in her holds were machine guns and bullets for revolutionaries in Mexico.



## The Art of Island Life

By Melissa Mitchell



### The Gift of the Pause

Most of the year, there's a lot of motion in my world.

And if you know me, you know that I love that energy.

There are customers to welcome, events to plan, deadlines to meet, inventory arriving daily, paperwork to organize, articles to write, and many conversations happening in the middle of it all. Lately, I've had quite a few people ask me the same question: "Has business slowed down for you too?" And the honest answer is—yes, a little. But I've learned not to fret about those quieter times the way I once did.

Life, business, and even creativity move in rhythms. After years of running businesses, I've come to recognize the pattern. The year-end reports and tax preparation deadlines have passed, and like many small business owners, I've learned that this quieter stretch is just part of the cycle. It's that little in-between space of family events and graduations, before summer fully arrives. Instead of worrying about what is slower, I use the time differently. I find I have time to focus on the things that often get pushed aside during busier months.

#### A Different Kind of Productivity

Over time, I've begun to appreciate what I call the catch-up seasons.

I use this time to reorganize what became chaotic during busier months. I research new ideas, plan future events, and tackle the projects that patiently waited in the background while life was moving too fast to think about them.

The slower days also make room for things like planting those spaghetti squash seeds I've been holding on to, finally cleaning baseboards, or organizing the garage. And it's such a satisfying feeling once those things are done.

In the middle of all that practical productivity, something quieter happens too.

The creative play returns. And there's a different kind of fulfillment in that.

Almost like restocking more than shelves.

It is restocking your thoughts and energy—and maybe even your soul a little.

The things that refill us often aren't urgent, which is exactly why they get pushed aside when life gets busy.

A few weeks ago, I found myself telling my daughter, "I feel alive again."

What I meant was this: I finally had room for creative play.

Room to follow my curiosity without immediately looking at the clock or a to-do list.

Using leftover leather scraps from a previous graduation cap project, I began experimenting with flowers and feathers for hat bands. I created new sun chasers. One idea led to another, and before long I was spending time making things simply because they sparked my curiosity.

I've also noticed that ideas rarely arrive when I'm rushing from one thing to another.

They tend to appear in quieter moments—while gardening, reorganizing, unpacking merchandise boxes, or letting my mind wander while working on something simple with my hands.

Slower days give us an opportunity to reconnect with parts of ourselves that get neglected during the busier ones. The hobbies we postpone. The recipe experiments we keep meaning to try. The creative ideas we leave sitting half-finished on a worktable somewhere, waiting for a little attention.



*The Beauty of the In-Between*

Productivity doesn't always have to be loud to be meaningful.

Sometimes growth looks quiet and restoration happens slowly. Because when life stays busy for too long, we stop noticing things. We move from one responsibility to the next, answering emails while mentally planning tomorrow before today is even finished. Sometimes we become so focused on keeping up with everything around us that we forget to reconnect with the quieter parts of ourselves too.

Maybe that's part of why I love living here. The Island itself seems to understand rhythm.

Busy weekends followed by quiet Monday mornings. Storms followed by stillness. Tides moving in and out without apology. There's a lesson in that.

Not every season is meant for motion.

Some are meant for preparation, others for growth, and some for reflection.

And some simply remind us to slow down long enough to breathe again. The other afternoon, I sat down to watch a movie someone had recommended. That alone was unusual. It's not often that I watch a movie in the middle of the day. Somewhere along the way, I fell asleep. Not for long, but long enough that I woke up with a start.

Where am I?

What time is it?

What am I late for?

What did I miss?

Then it hit me.

Nothing.

There were no looming deadlines. No reports waiting to be finished. No event I was supposed to be setting up. For the first time in a very long time, I was caught up. My body had simply done what it needed to do.

I laughed afterward because the moment felt so foreign. But maybe that's part of the lesson. It is easy to become so accustomed to the constant motion that rest begins to feel unfamiliar.

There are times when slowing down doesn't mean laziness. It's recovery. It's preparation. It's giving ourselves enough space to refill the tank before the next busy season arrives. The true gift of the pause is in those in-between places.

They may look quiet from the outside, but they're often where the most meaningful things quietly begin.

*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

### Katzenjammers and Spade Fish

The red snapper season started in Federal waters on May 22 this year to include Memorial Day weekend. The season is set to run until October 26, which will be a 147-day season, one of the longest we've had in quite some time. I'm hoping that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is finally beginning to understand that the lion's share of red snapper is over here in the western gulf, and that the weather keeps our days-at-sea less than that of the eastern gulf. Our Seashore guide buddy Eric Oz recently posted some underwater video that he's compiled of some nearshore structures, and there's tons of those things down there. We've seen some really good catches of snapper hitting the docks, as we did actually have some cooperative weather recently (in between the fronts and rain). Our buddy Jeff got the family out the other day, and his son "Bubby" hooked into a whopper and got it up to the boat. They were 17 miles southeast out of Packery, and the fish weighed 15 lbs.! Jeff said Bubby didn't get seasick, but the dog did four times. Y'all make sure to take your Bonine if you're headed offshore for your first trip of the season.

#### Sargassum slug

Speaking of offshore, that gyre from the loop current I mentioned last week threw a really big slug of sargassum at us as it made it ashore on north Packery. The current moved off to the north, and we should be quiet for a bit, although there are three more gyres headed this way. The first one is an offshore current, which will keep the beaches clean for a bit, but the second one is a bit stronger and is an onshore gyre. It's still a bit south, so it's hard to tell where it's going to land. In any event, the sargassum that is entrained in it will be hitting the Texas coast late next week or week after.

#### Spadefish have small mouths

Speaking of fish and fishing, I've been seeing a lot more spade fish around, from people catching them, to people videoing them next to Bob Hall pier. Spadefish have small mouths, so they don't typically get caught. You can use small hooks with peeled shrimp, pieces of squid, crab, or other delicious tidbits to catch them. The idea is to fish a little higher in the water column, because you are trying to keep the bait away from the laguna piranhas (pinfish), whose mouths are about the same size. They fight pretty hard, and there's no limits on them. Spadefish are actually decent table fare. The meat is a little darker than say trout, but they have a great diet and taste good. We used

to go out to the close rigs off Bob Hall and load up on them. They are easy to clean and have small scales, and you can leave them on the half shell for the grill or baking. Fried is always a favorite way to fix them as well. So next time you catch a few spadefish, give them a shot. They don't freeze extremely well, but vacuum sealed they will last a few months. They're also a very sustainable fish population, so go ahead.

#### Sink Your Shucks

This Saturday the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries (CBBEP) and the Sink Your Shucks program is having a volunteer event to help protect the shoreline there at Kate's Hole kayak launch (just to the south of the Island in the Son Church). Volunteers are to meet at the Packery Channel boat ramp parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to be shuttled down to the site. A pile of oyster shells has been dumped in the parking lot, and we will fill biodegradable bags with the shells, and then place the bags along the shoreline for erosion protection. The first 100 volunteers will get some schwag, and you will likely find myself and BooDan out there helping Jake get it done.

Well folks, summer has started in earnest, and kids are traveling all over the place. We bombed out to Miami this past weekend for work actually, and the airports were packed with katzenjammers. Be patient and careful out there, drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



South Beach Miami from South Point Park Pier

## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

### Full Throttle Summer!



Me and Manfred released this incredible 31" trout this week up against the edge of a sandy beach! At 87yrs old he is a fishing machine! Farah



Tim holds one of two 28" plus trout he landed and released this week in less than 2ft of water from my boat! How you handle and how quickly you get these fish back into the water is important for their survival.

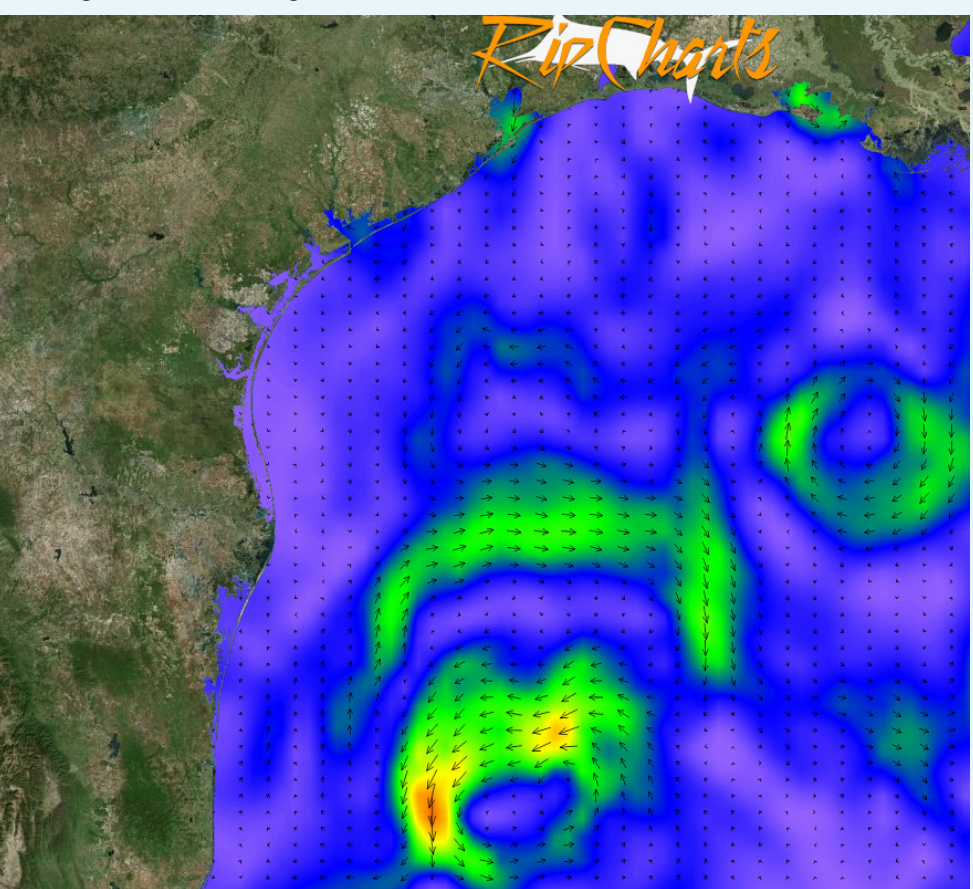
Let the race begin! Racing everywhere are tourists, locals, and fishermen. Frantic summertime excitement is running wild, and for good reason, fishing and summer fun is at hand. On the beach front, we have been surfing, playing in the water with my grandchildren, and watching the entire country sharing our beach with us all doing the same thing. Offshore the seas have been down and offshore fishing is a blaze with snapper season on its way. Private boats and party boats alike are cruising the deep blue bringing big catches and smiles for everyone. My adventures in the bay have been just as exciting, and very hot!

The winds of spring are behind us, and we are left with some very intense sun and fun. Calm mornings are hard to drift fish so we have been staying close to deep water structure. This may be the edge of the ICW, deep grass lines, and Baffin Bay Rock piles. Soft plastics and topwaters when the surface is slick. I head for deeper waters with slack wind because gamefish feel the boats presence, boat noise, and the sun penetrates the clear waters making shallow fish weary and lethargic. Deep water fish have a bit more tidal flow, cooler water, cover and structure, and anglers can get away with boat noise. Lately the schools of tiny baitfish and Shad are what I'm looking for; big mullet are a good sign but not the preferred food source. Often I'm waiting for the winds to pick up mid morning so that I can make controlled drifts over the flats. For all of you, this means it might be a good idea to wait until 10am when the wind picks up to head out on those slick calm mornings!

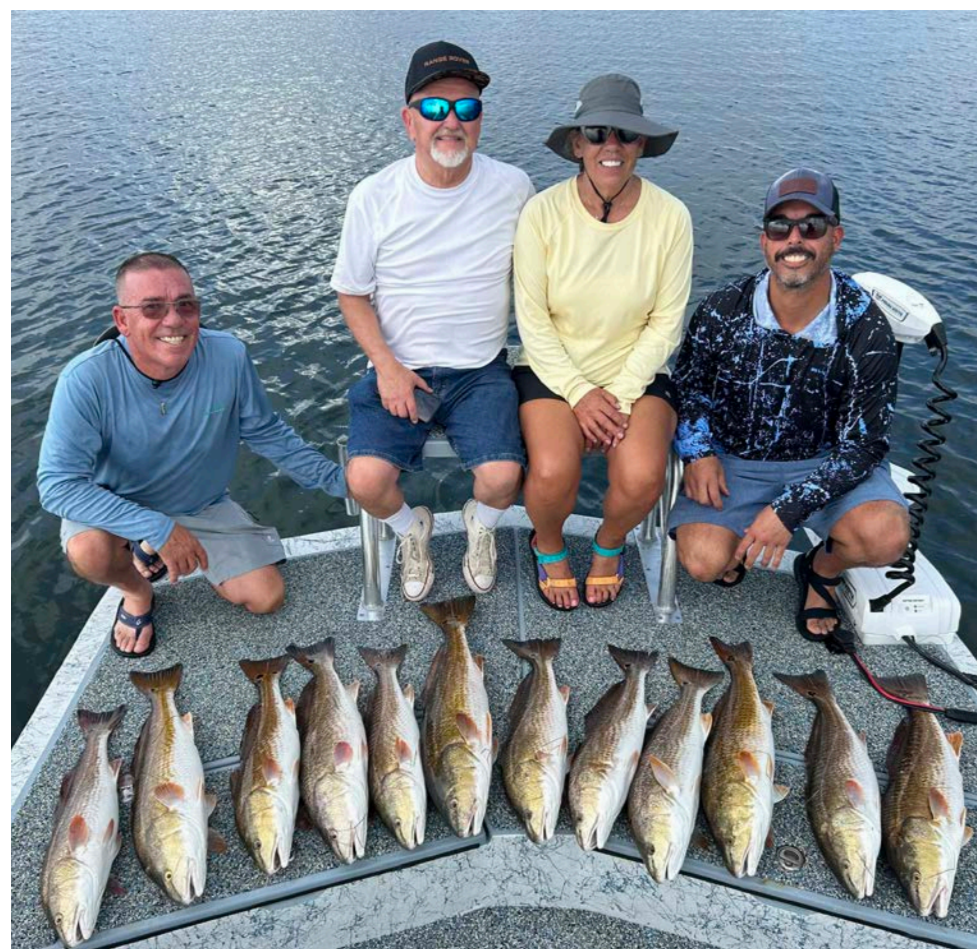
GIANT SCHOOL OF REDS!!  
Our trout bite died so we were sliding over the mirrored flats when I saw a moving group of wakes burp up in front of us. I killed the engine and deployed the trolling motor, zipping towards the wakes. As I neared I asked everyone to stay seated,

bumps and movement will break up and scatter schools of redfish. I climbed to the top of my console, ahead was a swarm of red backed massive redfish! I watched as they scared a group of Shad to the surface and rolled and punched the glassy reflection of the sky off of the water. BOOM, BOOM AND SPLASH! They tore up the water in front of us as my lure went into the school, in a second I watched them fight for it and take off with a scream of drag. I passed the rod, and casted another into the hundreds of tailing redfish swirling the surface. Two, three, four!! Redfish on at a time! Drag spinning smiles, and HOOTS!! We gathered the reds to the boat, fire rods together and edged back towards the feeding school of giants. Time after time we crept up to that school and hooked up, watching them blow Shad out of the water and inhaling our lures as soon as they hit the water. We all knew that hit was something very special, photo moments locked in your head that last a lifetime.

Grab a look at my Facebook Page for a video of this herd of reds tearing up the water, and bent rods on all corners of the boat! Joseph Farah/ Joey Farah's Backwater Fishing, or tick toc@CaptJoeyFarah72!  
These first Summer Mornings are a great time to enjoy the still calm of dawn, purple and golden skies ahead of the sun peaking over the horizon. The summer storms scattering rainbows and reflections of sky over the top of the undersea world. Do they see the same sunrise as us; I think they enjoy these magical morning lights just as we do. The break of dawn after a Summer Party under the night's sky.  
Fishing and beach fun are hot, and will be crowded for the next month. Take some calm with you when you head out, share the island with others and relax, YOUR ON ISLAND TIME.  
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## Nature Notes

## The Iconic Golden-cheeked Warbler

By Kate Underwood



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If you've lived in Texas for any amount of time, you're sure to be familiar with some of the state's iconic symbols. The bluebonnet, longhorns, and cowboy boots are synonymous with Texas, but have you thought about iconic Texas birds? Roadrunners, mockingbirds, and grackles come to mind, but there is one bird that is a Texas exclusive. The Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Setophaga chrysoparia*) breeds only in central Texas, meaning each and every one is a born and raised Texan! It doesn't get more iconic than that.

From March to June, Golden-cheeked Warblers are what is known as a habitat specialist. They can be found in oak-juniper woodlands of central Texas, and are especially fond of the steep hillsides and canyons in the hill country. The males are boldly patterned with black and white, and have striking golden cheeks. The females are a bit more muted, but still have a distinct yellow face with a black and white body. They require large stands of mature ashe juniper trees (*Juniperus ashei*), also known as mountain cedar, in order to survive. This is because the bark of 50+ year old ashe juniper trees is a crucial component of nest-building for Golden-cheeked Warblers.

Males arrive on the breeding grounds in the early weeks of March to begin seeking out and defending a breeding territory. They will loudly sing a buzzy "la cucaraacha!" in order to fend off other males and attract females. The females will arrive a week or two after the males, select a mate, and begin preparing to lay eggs. She will gather spider webs, moss, grass, animal fur, and ashe juniper bark to make a cup nest high up in the branches of juniper or oak tree. The female will incubate the nest for 12 days, only leaving to eat. The male will continue to defend their territory, and sometimes bring food to the female. Once the eggs hatch, both parents will feed the young, and continue to do so for several days after they leave the nest and are learning to fly and catch their own food.

After the breeding season, the warblers will begin their long journey back to their wintering grounds in the mountainous pine-oak forests of southern Central America. Some will take the land route down, and some will fly straight over the Gulf!

Because of the Golden-cheeked Warbler's restricted breeding range and specific habitat requirements, it is threatened with habitat loss and has been classified as endangered species since 1990. Historical logging, the creation of lakes that flooded critical habitat, and the rapid human population growth in central Texas have put a lot of pressure on golden-cheeked warblers and other wildlife. Despite these challenges, there are lots of people working hard to conserve them. Protected areas like Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Government Canyon State Natural Area, and the Barton Creek Greenbelt in Austin are aiding in the continued survival of Golden-cheeked Warblers in the Texas.

If you're interested in helping conserve this iconic Texas species, the best things you can do are turn off your lights at night during spring and fall migrations, leave no trace when you are enjoying the outdoors, be quiet and respectful of the birds' space when you are watching them, and support organizations contributing to the recovery of Golden-cheeked Warblers.



Katherine Underwood is the Avian Technician at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory this year. GCBO is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving the birds and their habitats along the entire Gulf Coast, and beyond into their Central and South America wintering grounds.

## Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell

## Lightning Whelk Egg Casings



Jace with a Lightning whelk

This week's beach walk brought one of the strangest and most fascinating treasures of the spring season, long strands of lightning whelk egg casings washed ashore. Some stretched nearly three feet long, twisting through the wrack line like pale sea serpents.

At first glance, they hardly look alive. But tucked inside many of the jelly-filled pods were tiny developing snails, each no bigger than a grain of rice. By carefully opening a few capsules, I could see miniature lightning whelks already forming their delicate spiral shells.

Lightning whelks, the official state shell of Texas, create these remarkable egg strings each spring and summer. A female whelk lays a long chain of disk-shaped capsules connected by a central cord. Each capsule can contain dozens of eggs, though only a few babies typically survive to maturity. The stronger embryos often consume the unfertilized eggs as nourishment while developing inside the capsule, nature's version of packed lunches for the journey ahead.

A single egg string may hold well over a hundred capsules and potentially thousands

of eggs. When the young whelks are fully developed, they cut a neat opening near the upper edge of the capsule and crawl out into the Gulf. I also found several empty casings with those tiny escape hatches still visible, evidence that this year's hatchlings had already begun their lives beneath the waves.

Fresh egg casings feel soft and rubbery, but after drying in the sun they become brittle and lightweight. Beachcombers often mistake them for skinned snakes or debris until they notice the repeating pattern of capsules.

Every tangled string in the tide line may represent the next generation of one of Texas' most iconic marine snails quietly beginning its life offshore.

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 harterearch.org, or Facebook (facebook.com/harterearch), Instagram (@harterearch) and X (@HarteResearch) (the platform formerly known as Twitter).



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I took Brayden aka "Bubby" out to a spot 17 miles SE out of Packery on Monday and he caught this 15 lb'er first. His first real keeper. Didn't even get seasick. Jeff Coym



Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

## Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

### The Summer market opens

As we wrap up the month of May, the Padre Island real estate market continues to show steady momentum across all three sectors. Activity remained strong throughout the week, reinforcing the positive trends we experienced during a very active spring season.

In the detached home sector, we saw two homes enter the option period, one home move into pending status, and one home successfully close.

The townhome market also remained active, with one property entering the option period and two townhomes closing. Condominiums experienced the highest level of activity this week, with three units entering the option period and two properties closing.

As we transition into the summer market, we're encouraged by the consistent buyer activity we've seen over the past several months. Spring delivered a healthy flow of transactions across a variety of price points, and we remain optimistic that summer will continue to bring steady demand to Padre Island.

Whether buyers are searching for a primary residence, vacation home, or investment property, activity continues across all segments of the market. As always, proper pricing, strong marketing, and local market knowledge remain key factors in achieving a successful sale. Below you'll find a detailed breakdown of the properties referenced in this week's report. Stay tuned for next week's market update as we continue to track the latest trends on Padre Island.

#### Detached Homes In Option Period:

-15230 Isabella Ct (Listed for \$718,000)  
-13714 Captain Kidd Dr (Listed for \$365,000)

#### Detached Home That Is Pending:

-13762 Tamar St (Listed for \$780,000)

#### Detached Home That Sold:

-13833 Flintlock Dr (Listed for \$399,800)

#### Townhome In Option Period:

-15401 Gun Cay Ct Unit 502 (Listed for \$409,900)

#### Townhomes That Sold:

-14001 Fortuna Bay Dr Unit 3 (Listed for \$342,000)  
-13961 Ports Ocall Dr Unit A (Listed for \$289,999)

#### Condominiums In Option Period:

-15002 Windward Dr Unit 406 (Listed for \$430,000)  
-14810 Windward Dr Unit 508 (Listed for \$409,000)  
-14300 S Padre Island Dr Unit 207 (Listed for \$119,000)

#### Condominiums That Sold:

-15201 Leeward Dr Unit A-1 (Listed for \$249,900)  
-14300 S Padre Island Dr Unit 221 (Listed for \$175,000)

## Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken



### Walking backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on the past

Facebook loves to pull up our memories from posts from prior years. This is especially so with photos I have posted. It is one of Facebook's ways to keep us engaged, which monetizes our eyeballs to their benefit.

I do enjoy seeing those memories. Recently photos from special travels have been showing up. Often photos from special nights out will also pop up. Additionally, I have been reminded with photos of our now 17-year-old grandson. These are memories that warm the heart. They can also trap us in the past.

Other memories are more complicated. Earlier this week, my calendar reminded me of my father's birthday, June 2. He died in 2010. Birthdays and anniversaries can be reminders of grief and pain. There are also those difficult and painful childhood memories that can continue to define us into our adult lives. These can be those painful memories that often necessitate psychotherapy and/or pastoral counseling. Otherwise, they can hold us in bondage to the past.

None of us can turn back time. Our memories inform who we are and where we have been. Coming to terms with the pains of our memories is a way to further open one's heart and mind towards further development and healing. The crack in our being that pain inflicts can be a sacred gift where openness, love, compassion, vulnerability, and new inner wisdom can emerge and connect with the world.

Our memories build the structure of who we are, allowing us to perceive the world through the lens of our unique experiences.

The Maori people in Australia have a proverb, "I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on the past." This a piece of wisdom reminding of the importance of retrospective and prospective. The Christian faith calls us to a similar approach to life.

We remember the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. This is the blessing of grace that brings healing, forgiveness, hope, and joy. We remember that Jesus continues to intercede for us. We also anticipate the return of Jesus when things will be on earth as they are in heaven.

This is the role of dreams, at whatever age we are. We need both. If we are overly focused upon our memories, we will be held captive by them. If we are overly focused on our dreams, we will be disengaged from an authentic human journey.

God has a dream for the world. The prophets speak of that dream. The dream of swords being beat into tools for life; when war is learned no more. The dreams of the day when humans do justice and equity and love kindness and mercy. The dream when death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

Jesus reveals the dream. When Jesus began his ministry, he said that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him. He was anointed to bring good news to the poor. He was sent to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live that dream. Jesus said that his followers will be witnesses of these dreams locally, regionally, and globally in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Memories and dreams. We need them both.

Beach worship continue this Sunday, including our sermon series, *Understanding Revelation*. Begin your Sunday on the beach in worship! 8 am on Whitecap Beach at the end of Whitecap Blvd. Bring a chair! There is a place for you! Let's understand Revelation together.

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Knuckle-Cracker

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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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| 7 |   | 8 | 3 |   | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 8 | 3 |   |

Brain-Buster

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|   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 6 |   |
|   |   |   | 7 | 6 |   |   | 2 |
|   |   |   | 1 |   | 2 |   |   |
| 2 |   |   |   | 4 | 9 |   |   |
|   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 7 |
| 5 | 8 |   | 3 |   | 7 |   | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 5 |

# Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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| 61 |    |    |   |    |    |    | 62 |    |    |    |  | 63 |    |    |

## Across

- Like games that are anybody's game
- Bends out of shape
- GYN specialists
- Devour
- Roughly
- Org. with some big guns?
- Determined golfer's preoccupation?
- Asner and Bradley
- Spot for a first shot
- Palm leaf
- Capricious quarterback's preoccupation?
- Save
- Brooklyn island
- Anger
- Cartoon superhero
- Timer's start?
- Alleviate
- Morocco's capital
- Denver, for one
- Deli choice
- Talked wildly
- Bubbly mixer
- Crowbar, e.g.
- Parthenon feature
- Injured basketball player's preoccupation?
- High nest
- Feel lousy
- Public health agcy.
- Worried weight lifter's preoccupation?
- Nanki-\_\_ ("Mikado" role)
- Sparkly headgear
- Sourpuss
- QB gains
- Connective tissue
- Graph line

## Down

- Surrender
- Grease
- "Willie and the Hand Jive" singer Johnny
- Vehicle not chosen for its mpg
- Inscription in memoriam
- Income
- Org. for attys.
- CD completer
- Place to raise your spirits?
- Become rigid
- Vidalia product
- Cowboy's challenge
- Like a beach cabin
- Fit snugly
- Cafeteria need
- Seeger of song
- Floating lettuce?
- Bedouin, for one
- Itty-bitty biter
- Decorative jug
- Part of a dental exam
- More than a six-pack
- Port in a storm
- Word with dial or earth
- Type of kid
- Some years back
- Sitar master Shankar
- Pay the initiation fee
- Checks to make sure
- "The Lord of the Rings," among others
- Longtime interest for Clark
- Impartial
- Overly sentimental king
- New Testament
- Lunch box cookie treats
- Yellowish fleshy fruit
- Instability
- Moore of "Indecent Proposal"
- Electrical units
- Second sequel indicator
- Bert's Bobbsey twin
- U. senior's test
- Support for women?

## Turtle Nest Count

So far this year, **476** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast including (north to south in state):

### Kemp's Ridley

- 4 Galveston Island
- 2 Surfside Beach
- 1 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
- 1 Matagorda Peninsula
- 11 San Jose Island
- 31 Mustang Island
- 279 North Padre Island, including 250 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 129 South Padre Island
- 18 Boca Chica Beach

### Green Turtles

So far this year, **1** nest has been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):  
1 North Padre Island, including 1 at Padre Island National Seashore



## Island Police Blotter

May 2026

- 15200 blk. Windward Dr. May 30 Assault
- 10641 SH 361 May 30 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 10600 Blk. SPID May 30 Terroristic Threat
- 15300 blk. Caravel May 29 Terroristic Threat/Display of Weapon
- 15800 blk. Grenadine Terroristic Threat
- 14100 blk. Atascadera May 29 Theft 4750-\$2500
- 15800 blk. SPID May 28 Theft \$100-\$750
- 14000 blk. SPID May 28 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- 14300 blk. Aloha May 27 Theft \$2500-\$30,000
- 10600 blk. SPID May 26 Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- 14500 blk. Cabana East May 26 Assault with Injury
- SH 361 May 25 Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon/Family Violence
- 15300 blk. SPD May 24 Theft from a Building \$100-\$750
- 15700 blk. Escapade May 22 Assault with Injury
- 15100 blk. Leeward Dr. May 20 Assault with Injury/Family Violence
- 6600 blk. Sea Comber May 20 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 6700 blk. Sea Comber May 20 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 13300 blk. SPID May 19 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- 14500 blk. Cabana East May 18 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 14521 Cabana May 16 Assault with Injury
- 14800 blk. Compass St. May 15 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 14800 blk. Compass May 15 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 14500 blk. Cabana East may 15 Burglary of a Vehicle
- 15800 blk. Vincent May 14 Assault with injury
- 14300 blk. Commodores Dr. May 13 Theft of golf cart
- 14900 blk. Aquarius May 13 Terroristic Threat
- 14400 blk. Cabana East May 11 Assault
- 13500 blk. Catamaran May 13 10 Assault with Injury
- 13900 blk. Jacktar May 8 Mail Theft
- 15500 blk. Cruiser St. May 8th Burglary of Vehicle Parts \$100-\$500
- 15400 blk. Fortuna Bay May 7 Terroristic Threat
- 14800 blk. Windward Dr. May 6 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle
- 13900 blk. Mingo Cay May 1 Theft \$750-\$2500

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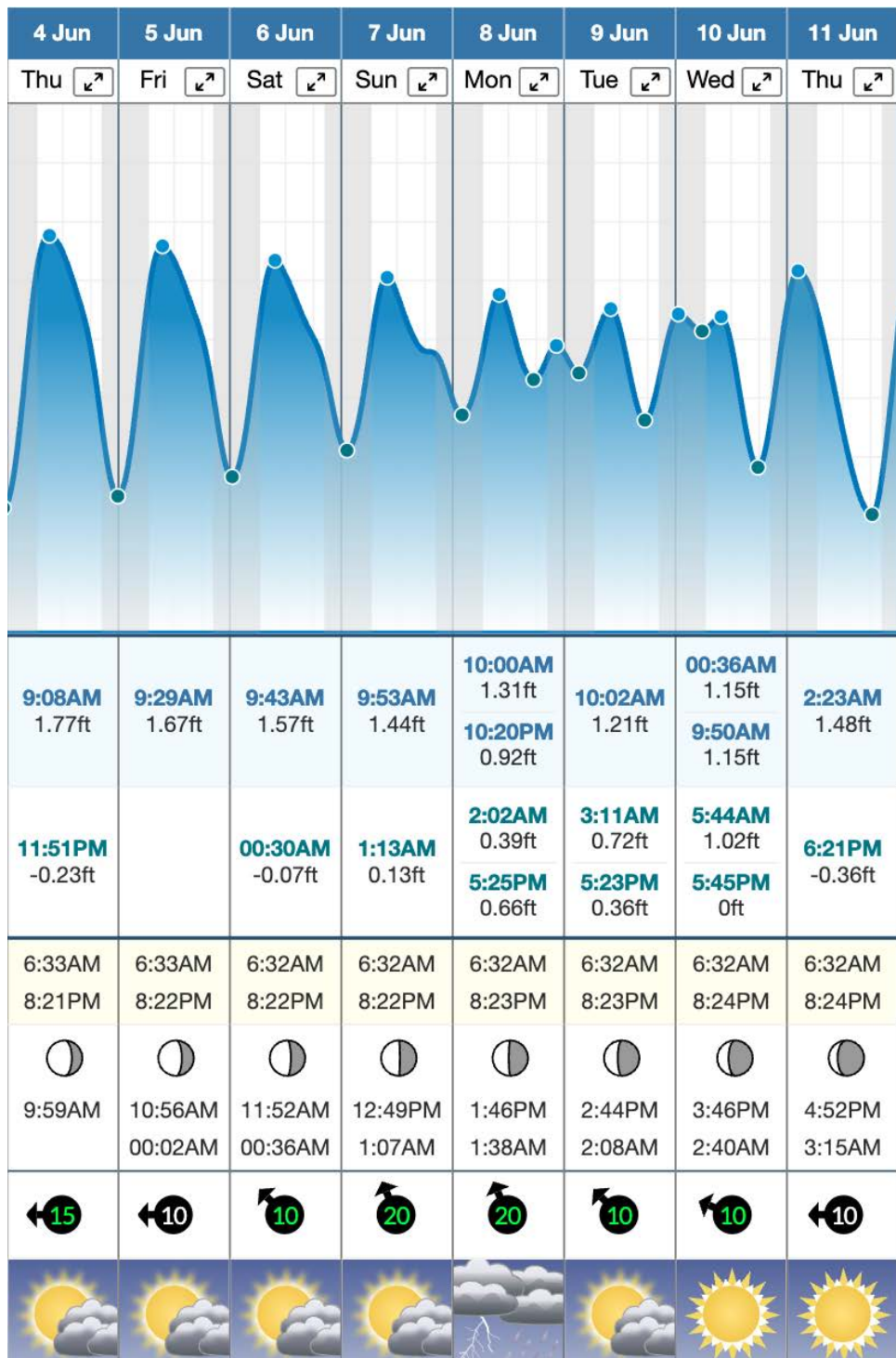
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Young Great Blue Herons are capable of flight at about 60 days, and depart the nest at about 65-90 days. 1 brood per year in the north, sometimes 2 in the south. By Riekie Roncinske



## Tides of the Week



## Crossword Solution

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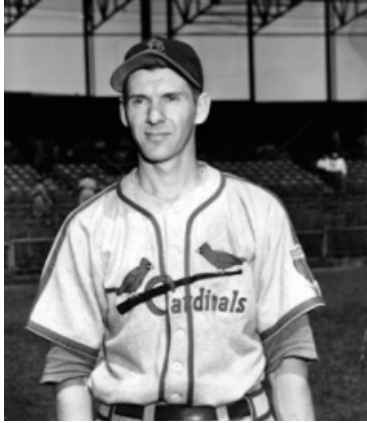
## Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



### Marty Marion, Baseball Shortstop

*Dotson's Note: Before the Wizard of Oz, the St. Louis Cardinals had Mr. Shortstop. Marty Marion never turned a back flip, but he was the National League's premier defensive shortstop in the 1940s and is the only man to win a Most Valuable Player award with his glove. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Warren Corbett and Wikipedia for facts in this report, and thanks to Bill Morgan for the photos.*



No Scooter or Rabbit or Pee Wee, he was a different breed at 6-foot-2 and 170 pounds. His long legs and arms earned him another nickname, "The Octopus." The sportswriter Red Smith said he "could go and get balls nobody else could reach." Baltimore manager and St. Louis native, Earl Weaver, shifted the 6-foot-4 third baseman Cal Ripken Jr. to short because "he reminded me of Marty Marion."

Mr. Shortstop's legacy extends beyond the infield. Every major leaguer who came after him owes him, because he was the father of the players' pension plan.

Marion joined the Cardinals in 1940 as the last members of the Gashouse Gang were leaving. He was part of a new generation with Stan Musial, Enos Slaughter, and the brother battery of Mort and Walker Cooper who led the team to the most successful run in its history. In the twilight of the Branch Rickey era, the Cards won 606 games in six years, 1941-1946, capturing four pennants and three World Series championships.

Friendly and approachable, Marion was one of the most popular Cardinals. Six decades after he last wore the uniform, the club's general manager, John Mozeliak, said "I never met the man, but I've met scores of Martys in my time in St. Louis and they all told me they were named after Marty Marion."

Martin Whiteford Marion was born in Richburg, South Carolina, on December 1, 1916 (he was a year older than his "baseball age"), the second of four ball-playing sons of John and Virginia Marion and the only one who wasn't a redhead. His older brother, Johnny, called "Red" in baseball, played outfield briefly for the Washington Senators and was a longtime minor league player and manager. Younger brothers, Roy and Charles, also played in the minors. The Marions were said to be descendants of Francis Marion, a Revolutionary War guerrilla fighter known as the Swamp Fox.

While his blond son was still in diapers, John Sr. moved the family to Atlanta for a job with the Georgia Power Company. John, who had hoped to try pro ball until a broken leg sidelined him, played second base for the company team. When Marty was ten, he fell down a steep embankment, suffering a compound fracture of his right leg. He spent months in traction and couldn't walk for more than a year. His mother was protective, but his father allowed him to play baseball at Tech High School and on an American Legion team as a power-hitting third baseman.

Marion enrolled at Georgia Tech with plans to study architecture. After he showed his stuff at a Cardinals tryout camp, he and a third baseman from a rival high school, Johnny Echols, were invited to St. Louis. The pair made a pact that neither would sign without the other. They worked out at Sportsman's Park for general manager, Branch Rickey, and manager Frankie Frisch. The Cardinals brass liked Echols, but Frisch thought Marion was hopeless with the bat. Rickey's brother Frank eventually signed both.

Marion reported in 1936 to the Cardinals' mass spring camp for their hundreds of farmhands. On the first day he saw 11 players milling around third base, so he trotted out to shortstop, where there was less competition. Burt Shotton, the manager of St. Louis's Columbus farm club, is usually credited with nicknaming him "Slats" after the "Abbie an' Slats" comic strip. Slats was the skinny one.

For the next four years Marion worked his way up through the Cardinals system. Along the way he married his girlfriend, Mary Dallas, on December 27, 1937. In 1939, Branch Rickey offered to sell the Chicago Cubs either of the Cardinals' two shortstop prospects, Marion and Bobby Sturgeon. The Cubs paid \$50,000 for Sturgeon, who played in the majors for six years without any resemblance to Marion.

St. Louis began its run of success in 1941 under manager Billy Southworth. The club won 97 games, but the Brooklyn Dodgers won three more. The next year, with rookie Stan Musial joining the lineup, those two teams staged an epic pennant race. The Dodgers stretched their lead to 10 games in August; then the Cardinals took off. They won 26 of their last 30 to edge Brooklyn by two games, and upset the mighty Yankees in the World Series.

The Cardinals' 106 victories were the most in the National League since 1909. They were called the "St. Louis Swifties" because they consistently took the extra base, leading the league in doubles and triples. Marion and Musial always said the '42 club was the best they played on. The season was Marion's best at the plate. He hit .276/.343/.375 with no home runs but a league-leading 38 doubles, the only time he led the league in any batting category.

Just three of the team's regular position players and pitchers were past 30. They were a dynasty in the making, even though most of the young Cardinals went away to military service over the next three years. Branch Rickey left St. Louis after 1942, but his farm system supplied replacements for the departed players. Marion was never drafted because of his childhood leg injury and a knee injury suffered in his rookie year.

*To be continued...*

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*Policies cont. from A1*

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- During a Level 1 Water Emergency, the curtailment percentage is 25%. Each customer's water allocation equals their baseline, reduced by the curtailment percentage.
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  - \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons over the individually assigned baseline
- Wholesale customers:
  - \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons over the individually assigned allocation
  - \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons over the individually assigned baseline

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- Residential customers will not be subject to violations or enforcement actions for exceeding their water baseline or allocation.
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#### Surcharge Authorization

In a separate action, the City Council approved a resolution today authorizing the City Manager or designee to initiate surcharges upon the declaration of a level 1 Water Emergency.

#### Surcharge Rates

Surcharges apply only to customers who exceed their water allocation.

- Residential accounts:
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- Multi-family accounts:
  - \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons over the individually assigned allocation

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*Seawall kitty & Island House resident By Jan*

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# Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour  
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## Paul's send-off...

We decided on a date and location for our recently deceased brother, **Paul Fain's** send off. **Father James** has graciously allowed us to use their facilities at *Trinity by the Sea Episcopal*. Their outdoor facilities are perfect for our intentions. There's a big amphitheater and an even bigger covered area to have a cookout and concert. I know Paul would love it. So mark your calendars for Sunday, July 12 in the late afternoon and early evening. We'll get a pickers circle going with all the usual characters. We'll also try to get an augmented version of the fading **Free Beer Band** and all the folks who made our picker's circle epic such as **Uel Jackson, Billy Snipes, Dennis Sullivan, Stevie Start, Dallas Burrow** and hopefully more old friends from the past. Help spread the word.



The Free Beer Band with Steve Goldstein, Crawford Brown, Colorado Bob Reed, John Boeckler and Daddy Dale West at the Tarpon Ice House 2012

## Scattered shots...



Texas icon Gary P. Nunn will play the Sip Yard on June 18th.

It was a *countrified* weekend in Port A last week. Check this out... we had **Thomas Michael Riley, Todd Dorn, Brandon Michael, Darren McGill, Timothy Noel** and **Mario Flores** all getting their boot scootin' on (or rather their flip flop scootin'). That's a pretty good line-up of Texas style country musicians. Although we don't have any real deal country bars on our little island like the ones I grew up with such as the *Cotton Club* in Lubbock, the *Split Rail* in Austin, the *Farmer's Daughter* in San Antonio. And I spent a lot of time working in honky tonk nightclubs like the *Midnight Rodeo* and *Dallas Clubs* where line dancing was a passion. But I'm not particular. I'll take a live music venue any day that's got a variety of genres and last weekend was a prime example of why I live here. It was heavy on the country by chance. Some weekends it dominated by blues or rock or songwriter stuff but usually it's a wide variety. I love that. But truth be told, I generally keep my dial on *Outlaw Country* or the blues station on *Sirius FM*. Speaking of which, **Thomas Michael Riley** knocked it out of the park at the *Sip Yard* with his all original sets of adorable tunes last Saturday. When I walked in he was playing one of my faves; *Ten Toes Up and Ten Toes Down*... no innuendos suggested. I still want to make it out to **TMR's** yearly music festival in Luckenbach each October. Also the **Todd Dorn** show was another example of original country music done right. **Todd** lives in San Antonio and plays here every month at *Shorty's*. There's lots of room at *Shorty's* for boot scootin' with their big, new deck. Also, the *Sip Yard* had a band that was loud and rough and oozing with attitude, **Off the Railz**. They ain't yo mama's rock, this is all up in your face and spitting on your neck vibe. I'm starting to dig on these local alt/grunge/hard rock bands lately. My ears are blown anyway. Am I ranting?

## Coming this week...



Brandon Michael will play Bron's on Sunday.

It's finally summertime and that means a lot of different things but most notably it means the live music scene will kick it up a notch. In a word, we got options. On Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> the big ten piece horn band **Cruise Control** will be playing a show in town at *Cole Park* to kick start this summer's free concert series, *Bay Jammin'*. Also on Thursday the always rowdy **Johnson All Starz** will play their weekly show at *Shorty's*, trop-rocker **Billy Snipes** will be at *Bron's* and **Jim Bush** will play the *Gaff*... that should be a hoot. And don't forget to tune into *Island Moon Live* YouTube broadcast this Thursday from 11:00- 1:00 when **Rockin' Dale Rankin** will bring his crew to the top floor of the *Sip Yard* and focus on Port Aransas. During the first hour (11-12) he'll have **Brett Stawar**, head of the *Port A Chamber of Commerce* and **Mayor Wendy Moore** and on the second hour he'll have me and **Chris Jordan** among other colorful characters talking about fun stuff in Port A. Coming this Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> we have the young country artist **Timothy Noel and the Smoking Guns** performing Nashville hits at *Shorty's*. Also coming on Friday look for wild man **Raul Ayala** at *Treasure Island*, the **Back Pew Revival** at *Bron's*, country gentleman **Caleb Young** at the *Sip Yard* and scorching zydeco from **Boo & Poo** at the *Gaff*. On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> we have the **Mantle Jennings Band** playing their soulful blues at *Shorty's*, cover rockers **Splendiferous** at *Treasure Island*, the strong vocals of **Diamond's Edge** at the *Sip Yard*, the **David Flores Band** at *Bron's Backyard* and **Eli Brown** at the *361 Bar*. Also coming this Saturday will be the southern country-rock stars, **Alabama** playing at the great *Whitewater Amphitheater* in New Braunfels. BTW, I'll never ever forget the spectacular **Gypsy Kings** concert I saw there many years ago. It was epic. It's a great venue. And don't forget *Brewster Street* will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday with **Kevin Fowler** and **Roger Creager**. Plus on Saturday there's a drag show at the *House of Rock*. And on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> the ever present **Coach Big Jim Dugan** with his sing along faves playing early and original songwriter **Ty Dietz** playing later at *Shorty's* every Sunday. Also this Sunday **Jerry Ward** will play the *Sip Yard* and **Brandon Michael** will play *Bron's*. And don't forget Mondays from 7-11 the **John Elijah Band** band will play every week at *Shorty's*. Also looper **Brad Ethridge** plays every Tuesday at the *VFW*.

## On the horizon...



Raul Ayala will play Treasure Island on Friday, June 5

Briefly, keep an eye out for upcoming shows from; **Donavan Amaya, Groove Chili, Jon Car, B-Flat Dueling Pianos, Dreaming in Color, Toman Brothers, Garrett Smith, Casey Chesnutt, Braxton Keith, Funk Rock Stereo, Tate Mitchell, Christopher Wright, Gary P. Nunn, Carbonlily, Austin Forrest, Left Right Left, Seattle Rising, Red Feather, Isaac Jacob** and **Heavy Soul**. Y'all be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Timothy Noel and the Smoking Guns will play Shorty's on Friday.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Thursday, June 4

Cruise Control @ Bay Jammin'  
Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's  
Billy Snipes @ Bron's  
Jim Bush @ Gaff  
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach  
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Island  
Lisa Sullivan @ Anchor Bar  
Ruben Limas @ Perrin's on the Water  
Orlando Herrera @ Pier 99  
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox NPI  
Thur Night Masacre + 4 @ House of Rock

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| JIM BUSH      | JUNE 4  |
| BOO & POO     | JUNE 5  |
| JIM DUGAN     | JUNE 6  |
| BRAD ETHRIDGE | JUNE 7  |
| ROBERT MCCOY  | JUNE 11 |
| CJ SPARKS     | JUNE 18 |

Alabama @ Whitewater Amphitheater  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniv: Kevin Fowler, Roger Creager @ Brewster  
Dreams tribute to Fleetwood Mac @ 5<sup>th</sup> & Elm Portland  
Michael Burts @ Brewster Southside  
Peter Salas @ Brewster Island  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards Too  
The Doll House @ House of Rock  
Love Street @ Surf Club  
Anna Clarke @ Sandbox NPI  
Dave Salinas, Marty J @ Anchor  
Cathouse @ Pelican  
The East & the Crow @ Waters  
Edge Park  
Funk Rock Stereo @ Pauly's  
Fuzion @ Rocket's  
Billy Snipes @ Sunflower Resort  
Alley Catz @ Headliners Fulton  
Orland Herrera @ Prime Steakhouse CC

**JOHN ELIJAH BAND EVERY MONDAY  
JOHNSON ALL STARZ EVERY THURS  
JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN**

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| TIMOTHY NOEL    | JUNE 5  |
| MANTLE JENNINGS | JUNE 6  |
| GROOVE CHILI    | JUNE 12 |
| TOMAN BROS      | JUNE 13 |

## Friday, June 5

Timothy Noel @ Shorty's  
Raul Ayala @ Treasure Island  
Caleb Young @ Sip Yard  
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff  
Back Pew Revival @ Bron's  
Love Street @ Pelican  
Billy Snipes @ Roosevelt's PA  
Art Barrera @ Pier 99  
Dan Herrington @ Fajitaville North Beach  
Funk Rock Stereo @ Fajitaville  
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Southside  
Parker Ryan @ Brewster Downtown  
Kelly Kenning @ Sandbox NPI  
Fuzion @ Annex  
Larry Gaitlin @ Harbor Listening Room

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| RAUL AYALA     | JUNE 5  |
| SPLENDIFEROUS  | JUNE 6  |
| JON CAR        | JUNE 12 |
| DIAMOND'S EDGE | JUNE 13 |
| PALACIOS BROS  | JUNE 19 |
| THE GROOVE 2.0 | JUNE 20 |

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| BRAD ETHRIDGE        | JUNE 9  |
| GARRETT SMITH        | JUNE 13 |
| BRAD ETHRIDGE        | JUNE 16 |
| BRAD ETHRIDGE        | JUNE 23 |
| CLOSED PRIVATE EVENT | JUNE 25 |
| CHRIS LANCASTER      | JUNE 27 |

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| BOUDREAUX & POUSSON   | JUNE 4  |
| CALEB YOUNG           | JUNE 5  |
| DIAMOND'S EDGE        | JUNE 6  |
| B-FLAT DUELING PIANOS | JUNE 12 |
| CASEY CHESNUTT        | JUNE 13 |
| GARY P. NUNN          | JUNE 18 |

## Saturday, June 6

Mantle Jennings @ Shorty's  
Splendiferous @ Treasure Island  
Jim Dugan @ Gaff  
Diamond's Edge @ Sip Yard  
David Flores Duo @ Bron's  
Eli Brown @ 361 Bar

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| BILLY SNIPES         | JUNE 4  |
| BACK PEW REVIVAL     | JUNE 5  |
| DAVID FLORES DUO     | JUNE 6  |
| BRANDON MICHAEL BAND | JUNE 7  |
| TY DIETZ             | JUNE 9  |
| JERRY WARD DUO       | JUNE 10 |

## Sunday, June 7

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's  
Jerry Ward @ Sip Yard  
Brandon Michael @ Bron's  
Lisa Sullivan @ Blackbeard's on the Beach  
Aaron Boultinghouse, Trisum @ Sandbox NPI  
Redfeather @ Fajitaville North Beach  
Orlando Herrera @ Doc's

## Monday, June 8

John Elijah @ Shorty's  
Dean Willeford @ Pelican  
Billy Snipes @ Pier 99

## Tuesday, June 9

Brad Ethridge @ VFW  
Ty Dietz @ Bron's  
Kenn & Stacy @ Sandbox NPI  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards on the Beach

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