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By Dale Rankin
 It's been a week of left turns and lobster tans here on our little sandbar. The left turn lane at the road to Port Aransas has been stacking like South Houston this week as the weekend tourist influx has become the week-long tourist influx and a lobster tan factory. Tourism season 2026 is starting to look a bit like the Covid year when it was a *driving* rather than a *flying* season as the rising price of gasoline is offset by the rising price of airplane tickets. Give yourself some time if you are going across the Port Aransas ferry as the construction work there may hold you up...but if it does and that is the worst problem you have this week then you are doing just fine. There is no whining in paradise.

New Island Water Line



Crews from Guerra Underground have been working to install a new water line along Park Road 22 (SPID) south of Whitecap Blvd. The work is part of \$10 million in projects citywide the company is working on. They have also set up a work yard on (unpaved) Sand Dollar St. near the Packery Channel Bridge. The new Island line is designed to serve new development along SPID from Whitecap Blvd. to the Kleberg County Line.

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Study finds Island Seagate impractical

Temporary dams may be possible but no funding found

By Dale Rankin

A study by the City of Corpus Christi to evaluate water flow through the Island canal system released this week found that a long discussed seagate at the intersection of Packery Channel and Lake Padre is not a practical way to regulate water flow and instead recommends the possible use of temporary flow control dams at key points in the canal system.

The study, paid for by the city and conducted by LJA Engineering included input from Dr. Christopher Reed who has been monitoring water quality and flow through Packery Channel and the canal system for more than a decade addressed three primary items.

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The now widened Seagate location at Packery Basin.

AEP Texas buys land near Packery Channel for Substation

Records at the Nueces Appraisal District this week were updated to show that AEP Texas Inc. has purchased the 9.58 acre tract of land at 11762 State Highway 361 at its intersection with the unpaved Sand Dollar Street, just west of Packery Channel. The site is the former location of Redline Helicopter Tours. AEP's Spokesman Omar Lopez said the land will be the site of a Substation to be named the Dolphin Substation.

The land valued at \$1 million on the tax rolls, up from \$812,957 in 2025, was purchased from Ocean Park, Inc. for an undisclosed sum on April 27, 2026 and is zoned commercial.



Location of sold property by Packery Channel

Nature Notes

What is Gray, Then Red?

The bird that travels from the Arctic to South America



Red Knot by Andrew C, via Wikimedia Commons

By Martin Hagne

Some birds have a magical, or maybe mysterious draw for birders, especially those that are more elusive and harder to find. Maybe that is due to their small numbers or restricted ranges, maybe they like hiding deep in vegetation, or are found in such remote areas that they are hard to get to.

One migratory shorebird seems to have that draw for many birders, even though they migrate through our

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A little Island history

The Island's First Inhabitants

Who were the Karankawas and how did they live?

The following information comes from a work titled Archeological Assessment for the Padre Island National Seashore by Dan Scurlock, Warren M. Lynn, and R. Thomas Ray for the Office of the State Archeologist Texas Historical Commission in June 1974.

The descriptions of the Karankawas come first from multiple sources including the expedition of Panfilo de Narvaez who set out on February 22, 1528 with a charter from the King of Spain to colonize Rio de las Palmas, the

area between Florida and Tampico of which little was known. Five ships with 400 men, including Narvaez and the expedition's treasurer, Alvar Nunez, Cabeza de Vaca, sailed from Santiago de Cuba and reached the Florida Coast on April 15, 1528. Only four individuals were to survive after remnants of the expedition were cast ashore by a storm upon the Velasco Peninsula of the upper Texas Coast on November 5, 1528. These four, Cabeza de Vaca, Alonso de Cas-

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Karankawa Indian map

Simple Stuff

One lure, one boat, one fish...

By Louis Rogers

Some twenty years ago, or so—the years blur a bit now—I had been finding some decent trout along a cut just off the ICW, south of the New Humble Channel. When Glen Watts, a fisherman I have learned a lot from over the years, asked if I wanted to head down and fish that area with him, I didn't hesitate.

What I didn't know was that Glen was picking up a buddy of his at the Flour Bluff ramp. That buddy was David Rowsey. I didn't know David, and I had no idea he was a guide.

We headed out for a wade. David wanted to test the water a bit to the north, so we pulled over and he hopped out. As he stepped away from the boat, I noticed something unique: he was carrying exactly one lure—a single topwater. I asked him why he wasn't bringing backup. He just looked at me and said it was all he needed.

Glen and I headed for the water a little further south. We caught a

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Flour Bluff ISD Bond projects update

Flour Bluff ISD this week released an update on project funded by the \$193 million bond project passed by voters in May, 2025.

New Parking Lot Project Brings Traffic Relief to Flour Bluff ECC

Weaver & Jacobs is leading construction of expanded parking and new access points at the Flour Bluff Early Childhood Center. Guided by the Pape-Dawson traffic study, these improvements are designed to enhance safety and improve traffic flow near the Waldron Road and Purdue Road intersection before students return this fall.

Technology Upgrades Underway

The FBISD Technology Department is leading district-wide technology improvements, including a new enterprise-grade firewall, interactive displays for Pre-K through 6th grade classrooms, and fiber infrastructure upgrades to improve speed and reliability.

Improving Shared Athletic Facilities for Teams and the Community

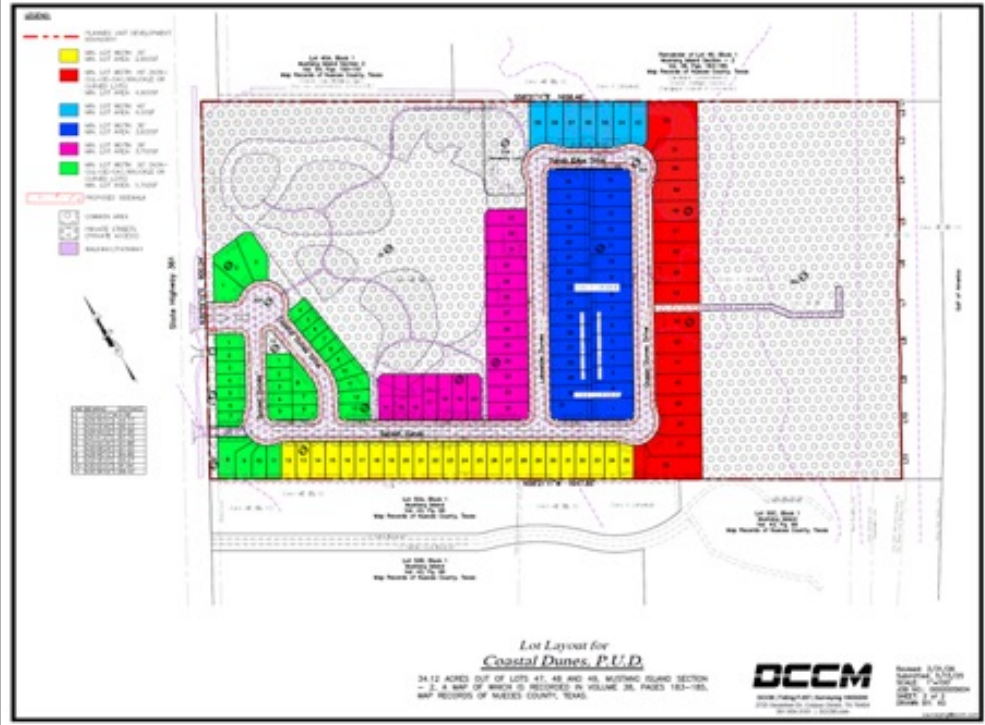
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Kevin and Lyndsi tied the knot on Whitecap beach on Padre Island May 30th. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Low.

Coastal Dunes development

A request for zoning change for the Coastal Dunes development on State Highway 361 was set for a hearing at the Corpus Christi Planning Commission after we went to press mid-week. The owners of the property are requesting a change to Planned Use Development but it has been met with some resistance by neighboring property owners. We will have results of the hearing on Islandmoon.com when they become available.



Keep Your Head Up High! This Tri-Color Heron knows how to attract a mate. By Lu Ann Kingsbury

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Letters to the Editor

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CCACS Issues Urgent Call to Action During the Month of June as Part of "Foster a Pet Month"

Corpus Christi Animal Care Services (CCACS) is facing a critical space shortage and is requesting that residents participate in Foster a Pet Month to help alleviate shelter overpopulation.

Fostering is a temporary shelter assistance program provided by CCACS, where residents can take a pet home for a day, a weekend, or until the pet finds a permanent home.

CCACS covers all costs for veterinary care, food, crates, and medication when a resident decides to help and foster.

June is "Foster a Pet Month," and it's the perfect time to welcome a furry friend into your home. Experience the joy of fostering and make a difference in an animal's life.

It's easy to participate. For more information, visit: <https://cctx.info/3Qa5Lye>

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Facility upgrades continue with new lighting at several district venues. Hellas is resurfacing the Junior High track. The gym floors at the High School and Junior High are being refinished. These shared-use facilities support both student programs and community activities year-round.

New Flooring

New flooring is currently being installed by Allison Flooring at the Varsity Gym, Early Childhood Center, Primary, Intermediate, Junior High, SDGC/HLA, and High School campuses.

HVAC and Fire Alarm Modernization in Progress

Work is underway to replace fire alarm systems at the Central Kitchen, Administration Building, and High School gyms, while also upgrading aging air-conditioning units at the High School, Junior High, and the baseball and softball locker rooms to improve safety, reliability, and efficiency.

Painting Projects

FBISD Maintenance staff is hard at work repainting and refreshing the hallways at the Early Childhood Center, Primary, Intermediate, and High School.

Junior High Renovations

Weaver & Jacobs is leading major renovations at Flour Bluff Junior High, including new lighting, HVAC systems, ductwork, and piping. Work is being completed in phases, with roughly half of the campus scheduled for completion this year.



Around cont. from A1

Island Blast

The fifteenth year for the Island Blast Fireworks Show is just three weeks away and this year the 4th of July is actually on a Saturday. Nick Colosi says there will be a step up on the size of the pods in the show this year which means higher, bigger, and more explosions and when it comes to fireworks more and bigger is better. There is still time to help with the funding, which is all through donations, by going to GoFundMe.com and searching for Island Blast or just dropping off a check at the PIPOA office. We also want to thank Valero Energy for helping sponsor the show, it is appreciated.



HHSC Encourages Texans to Choose Regulated Child Care Providers As Summer Begins

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is encouraging parents and guardians to choose a regulated child care provider when exploring care options this summer.

"As families make summer plans, choosing safe and nurturing child care is one of the most important decisions a parent or guardian can make," HHS Executive Commissioner Stephanie Muth said. "HHSC encourages families to take their time, ask questions and use our online tools to review an operation's compliance history before making that decision."

Regulated child care providers must meet minimum standards to ensure a safe environment for children, and staff must pass background checks. Unregulated child care operators may not meet basic health and safety requirements that can pose a risk to children.

The HHSC Search Texas Child Care website is a resource for parents and guardians to find regulated child care centers and homes in Texas, view the past five years of compliance history for each operation, and learn about the different types of child care operations. HHSC also offers the Exploring Day Care webpage to help families choose the right child care option. If you suspect a child care facility is operating without the appropriate permit, call the toll-free Texas Abuse Hotline 24/7 at 800-252-5400 or visit the Texas Abuse Hotline website.

Completed Projects

Transportation Upgrades

New camera systems have been installed on district school buses, enhancing safety for students, drivers, and the community. In addition, five new International diesel buses have been purchased and placed into service, improving reliability and reducing long term maintenance costs.

Tennis Court Resurfacing

CourTex Construction completed resurfacing of the tennis courts, which are now open to students and the community. The courts support the State Runner Up Hornet Tennis team and expand access for community tennis and pickleball.

Baseball and Softball Field Improvements

Hellas Construction completed turf installations at the baseball and softball fields. The project also included new dugouts constructed by Ewing Construction, along with flagpoles, scoreboards, fencing, and safety netting. Additional seating and improved sightlines were added at the softball field. These upgrades allow for year round use, conserve thousands of gallons of water annually, reduce maintenance demands, and enhance the experience for athletes and spectators.

Auditorium Sound System Upgrade Installed by Sound Vibrations, the fully upgraded auditorium sound system now supports concerts, theater productions, ceremonies, and community events with improved clarity and performance.

Utility Line Relocation

LJA Engineering completed relocation of water and wastewater lines, providing critical infrastructure to support current projects and prepare district sites for future Bond 2025 construction.

Flags for Freedom

New this year is the *Flags For Freedom* event to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. The event is put on by American Legion Post 229 with the goal of placing American flags up and down SPID for the Independence Day holiday and they are looking for help raising money for the flags. The goal is to place 250 flags and to help out call Butch Smith 361 815 7431 or go to their website at Post229.org to help out.

That's all for now everybody, all this rain has us asking How Green is My Island! Somehow this week it seems like we are living in a Jimmy Buffett song...and what's wrong with that? Watch out for the sargassum and say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

Expect elevated Port Aransas ferry wait times

Seasonal traffic, ship channel activity, ongoing improvements

Motorists using the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Port Aransas Ferry System should expect elevated wait times this summer due to a combination of seasonal demand, increased maritime traffic and ongoing infrastructure improvements.

With the arrival of summer and school out for the year, visitor numbers to Port Aransas have risen significantly, contributing to heavier traffic volumes.

At the same time, the Corpus Christi Ship Channel is experiencing a marked increase in tanker and barge traffic. For safety, loaded ferries must yield to these larger vessels and wait for them to clear the channel before crossing.

Additionally, TxDOT's ongoing \$64 million project to upgrade ferry landings is temporarily reducing the number of available ramps. These ramp limitations are expected to remain in place throughout the summer months.

Due to these factors, motorists - especially those traveling to Port Aransas via the ferry on weekends and holidays - are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

The improvement project includes upgrades to existing structures on the Port Aransas side of the ferry system. Work encompasses ramps, pile clusters, fenders, counterweight structures, steel sheet pile bulkheads, fueling systems, electrical systems, pavement, and lighting.

This investment is designed to ensure the ferry system continues to operate safely and efficiently while meeting the needs of the traveling public for decades to come.

Updated ferry wait times are posted on large electronic signs on highways leading to Port Aransas and are also available at 361-749-2850.

Simple cont. from A1

few, but nothing to write home about. When we returned to pick up David, he had covered a good stretch of water and had a nice redfish riding his stringer. When I asked if he had caught more, he simply replied that he only needed the one for supper, so there was no use keeping a limit.

Needless to say, the lesson stuck. I loved the minimalism of it. Before long, my own gear was stripped down to a bone topwater, a spare jig head, and a handful of plastics in my pocket when I headed out for a wade. I came to realize that if a quality fish is in the mood to eat, they'll usually eat the lure you throw with confidence. I aggressively pared back my choices. It became a running joke among my fishing partners that I'd be throwing brown or brown-and-green. But it worked for me. I've allowed a few grey-and-green or white plastics into my pocket, but, if it's a topwater, bone remains non-negotiable.

The philosophy of keeping it simple carried over into my gear, too. In 2006, I was looking at a used Majek 20V. Glen mentioned David used to run one, so I reached out to him for advice. David said it was a solid boat, but left me with one rule: Make sure it has trim tabs to keep the bow down in a chop.

I had the tabs installed before the hull ever touched the water. He was dead on—they are what make that boat work.

I'm still running that same old Majek today, out on the Upper Laguna Madre. Still keeping it simple. Still catching a few nice fish... Mostly, on brown and green.

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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

How to protect bulkheads on The Island from moving water was on the agenda this week with the release of a study which included the practicality of re-installing a seagate at the intersection of Lake Padre and Packery Channel. The study comes as we enter Hurricane Season 2026 and all that it brings.

The good news is that since this time last year much progress has been made toward the maintenance of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall and that work is well underway and will begin in earnest after the end of the busy tourism season. For the past forty years islanders have played chicken with Mother Nature since there was no real plan in place to repair the seawall if it sustained severe damage as it did in 1980. There is now a plan and funding in place.

The bulkheads

A long-term plan to preserve our fifty year-old bulkheads is still a work in progress. The root of the problem is that work to shore up the bulkheads was put off by leadership at the Padre Isles Property Owners Association after \$1.4 million in city bonds were approved in 2004 to change the water exchange culverts to a bridge which is now the Don Patricio Bridge. Then in 2016 the final piece of funding for the new bridge was put in place and even in 2018 when the canal was dug west of the site where the bridge was to be built made it clear water flow from Lake Padre into island canals was on the way there was still no urgency to get the aging bulkheads ready for what we knew was coming.

As we sit here taxpayers have spent about \$50 million to construct the Don Patricio Bridge (\$22 million) and the Commodores Bridge (\$12 million), and to shore up the city-owned bridges at Gypsy St. and Whitecap Blvd. but water flow to all four is blocked by (temporary?) sand dams which have now been in place for two years. We are getting to the point that we need to stop calling them temporary and start giving them names.

The threat to our bulkheads came to a head when Tropical Storm Alberto did more than half a million dollars in damage to bulkheads at the crucial corner of the Gypsy Canal and the eastern end of the Main Canal where it narrows. That was a wakeup call and a hint that the \$14 million collected in PIPOA coffers could be used up in a hurry if we took a direct hit from a storm pushing a high tide. The question then was what to do? The first decision made by the PIPOA was to step up work to install additional armoring and longer sheet pilings in crucial areas of the bulkhead system and that work is well down the road with much progress made in the past two years. The annual budget for bulkhead work has been increased from under \$500,000 to over \$1 million and that work continues with over 1100 linear feet of new pilings installed. In the long-term, barring any surprises, our bulkheads look to be ready to take what comes from normal wear and tear as well as storms. Our PIPOA has done a good job since the wakeup call Alberto brought. The question that remains is how to slow water flow below the 1.9 foot-per-second that has been determined to pose an ongoing threat to bulkheads.

What happens next?

The decision made at the PIPOA to address that question was to push for a seagate at the location of the one removed in 2022

along Packery Channel and that has been the focus of efforts moving forward with a plan to leave the sand dams in place until the seagate was complete. That plan looks to be a thing of the past after the study released this week showing that the water flow through that opening has little effect on water speed through Island canals after it passes under the Don Patricio Bridge. The focus now looks to have moved toward the installation of temporary “dams” under city-owned bridges which would be put in place as storms approach and filled with water to slow the flow of water.

As we sit here today, however, in the first days of Hurricane Season 2026 it does not appear those devices are likely to be in place to help us through this storm season, and in fact even if the study had found that a seagate on Packery Channel was possible it would not have been in place for many years and leaving the temporary dams in place for that length of time raises other problems which would have made leaving them there for that long highly unlikely. The good news is that with that plan off the table we can move on. The bad news is that there appears to be little that can be done for this season at least the beginning of a plan is in place for future years but there are at least a couple of crucial questions still to be answered.

The first is what happens in the time between the opening of the canals to water flow and the installation of the temporary dams. The solution to these questions from the PIPOA seems to be to leave the sand dams in place until the temporary dams are put in place, but we don't know when the canals will be reopened since that is in the hands of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which works on its own schedule. We also don't know how long it will take to fund and install the temporary dams.

The most likely scenario as we enter Hurricane Season is that if the permit comes by the end of 2026 and the sand dams are removed water will start to flow. The low hanging fruit in that case is to widen the opening under Encantada Ave. which taken in conjunction with the opening of the Commodores Bridge would relieve some pressure on the bulkheads. However, the schedule for the Encantada project happening by Hurricane Season 2027 is unknown and as we sit here today the PIPOA is waiting to dredge the approach to the Encantada site pending a guarantee from the city to then install the box culverts to increase water flow and so far there is no funding identified for the city side of the project. It is a chicken and egg problem which has been in place for almost a year. The first plan is to fund it with money from the TIRZ #2 But a check of the bank accounts finds no funds available through 2030 and it does not appear there will be a city bond election in 2026 so that source is off the table.

Discussions have begun for the location of the temporary dams at spots other than the city bridges. But what is not clear is whether the city will pay for dams, even temporary, that are not located on city property. If the answer is no, and that seems highly likely, then the only plan that has a chance of becoming reality anytime soon is to find funding to put the dams under the city bridges which could take two years if done through the Capital Improvements Projects budget. That, it seems to me, is where we are.

In the meantime we play chicken with hurricane season.

To Thrill a Mockingbird



By Chris Jordan

Chiltepin is a Hispanicization of the Nahuatl word *chiltecpin*, which is itself a compound of *chilli* (pepper) and *tecpintli* (flea). There are so many names for the diminutive wild pepper that listing them all would only be mildly interesting for the first few. They are found in the American Southwest, points south—including the Caribbean—and into northern South America. There are several domestic cultivars that—rather than being perfectly spherical like the chiltepin—are variously oval-, bullet-, football-, or pear-shaped. These are often called chile pequin or the mashup of tepin and pequin, *chile petin en la lengua de Tex-Mex*. The chiltepin is literally the mother of peppers. Other than four species that are not derived from it, nearly every pepper you could name—cayenne, poblano, Anaheim, and even bell peppers—is a descendant. Last, but not least, it's the official native pepper of Texas alongside the official pepper of Texas, its descendant, the jalapeño.

And they are HOT. The mildest one you might ever eat is 50,000 Scoville Heat Units. And the hottest? If a plant is subjected to stressful conditions, they can reach 1,000,000 SHU. That's hot, partner. To put this in perspective, serranos top out at 23,000 SHU. When you crush one in your mouth, the heat is immediate and merciless, unleashing a fire Sonorans call *arreatado*: fast and furious. The sudden onslaught is on the tip and sides of your tongue. This pepper doesn't pull up a chair and linger in the back of your throat like a habanero. It gets in and gets out in under a minute like some kind of spice mirage. The realization of this good news is preceded by pure panic. If you can taste past the heat, you will be treated to an earthy smokiness and minerality reminiscent of the limestone-derived, alkaline soils of the arid regions where the pepper is most common.

One of the colloquial names for the chiltepin is “bird pepper.” Mammals have a thing on their nerve endings called the Transient Receptor Potential Vanilloid 1 that binds with capsaicin. Birds do not. Hence, we feel the heat, and the birds don't. The bird and the pepper enjoy a beautiful symbiosis. While in no way nutrient-dense, the pepper is a vitamin-rich snack for birds. But the real kicker is what the pepper gets out of being consumed by birds. Chiltepin seeds have a very low germination rate when they simply fall to the ground. The seeds have a protective coat that needs to be scarified to allow germination. For seeds that simply fall to the ground from the plant, this happens eventually from environmental wear and tear—but when passed through a bird's digestive tract, the seeds are good to go. Bird-eaten chiltepin seeds enjoy a 370% greater germination rate.

This explains why chiltepin plants proliferate fence lines: a fence is a park-n-poop for birds. Both of my grandmothers had them growing along a fence. I doubt they planted them, but they certainly allowed them to remain. And both grannies made the same ever-present, tabletop condiment with them: a glass bottle filled with bird peppers, vinegar, and a little salt. My maternal grandmother bottled hers green, my paternal grandmother dried her peppers first. I vividly remember both grandfathers sprinkling their scrambled eggs with this spicy tonic. I was in middle school when I took the plunge. This bottle of joy is a staple along *la frontera de Mexico y Tejas* and throughout South Texas, but I doubt you'd find any north of Interstate 10.

Like all the kids I knew growing up, I was exposed to chiltepin even before middle school; only not voluntarily. It was a rite of passage to be tricked into eating one. Kids are cruel. In kindergarten, I had a pal named Will Rob. Will Rob's family lived

on a few acres; there were cattle, horses, a huge stock trailer, and a two-horse trailer. Will Rob's and my favorite game was to drag a stump over to the horse trailer so we could climb into it. We were in no way strong enough to open the doors. Nor were we tall enough to get out once we dropped in. We'd team up and figure a way out and then do it all over again with no clue how we'd gotten out the last time. It was endless, unsupervised fun for five-year-olds. On one occasion, Will Rob's two older sisters offered me some raisins. They said for me to close my eyes and when I did, they put a handful of pill bugs in my mouth. I didn't take it too well and they said they were sorry and to make it up to me I could have some of their M&M's. I wasn't going to fall for it again, but they showed me a handful of M&M's and said I didn't even have to close my eyes. They put some M&M's in my mouth alright, but there were a few chiltepins mixed in. My mom had to come get me.

My sister had a similar experience but at an even younger age. We were playing in the driveway of our maternal grandparents' house in New Braunfels. I had a killer tricycle, and Claudia—just a toddler—was toddlin' along behind me the best she could. My grandparents were nearby in the yard, keeping an eye on us. I wore myself out on the trike and was taking a breather while sis was poking around the various flowers and things that grew along the fence. Out of nowhere, Claudia let out a piercing wail and came running towards our grandparents and me. She was simultaneously crying, screaming bloody murder, and clawing frantically at the side of her head. Her face was red. She couldn't say anything—she hadn't started talking much yet anyway. Panicked, the grands loaded us up in my grandfather's '61 Ford stepside—even though my grandmother's '66 Impala Super Sport would have been the better choice—and rushed us to the hospital. It was a short trip, as the local hospital was literally just down the street. Claudia was seen by a doctor right away. She was still freaking out and inconsolable. The doctor was looking her over, and when he got to the part where he was looking in her ears with that special little light, we all heard him clearly say “aha” right before he grabbed some thin forceps and pulled a chiltepin out of her ear. Little sis saved me the trouble and done did it to herself.

Fast-forward fifty years, and here I am carrying on the family bird pepper tradition. One of the thirty-one containers of my deck-top garden is planted with chiltepin. It is thriving, and despite the fact it produces a copious number of peppers, there are only a couple dozen berries on it at any given time. You see, I share these peppers with a territorial mockingbird that visits the pepper bush at least twice a day. If I happen to be in the area when it is coming in for a snack, it will dive-bomb me and loudly screech a startlingly good impression of an alarmed cicada being carried in a bird's beak. I'm happy for the mockingbird to have as much as it likes so long as it leaves enough for me to fill a glass bottle with every now and then.



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tillo, Andres Dorantes and Estevanios the Moor, wandered through the Southwest and reached Culiacan on May 18, 1536. The second source is from 1554 when four ships sailed from Vera Cruz to Havana enroute to Spain. This fleet, carrying a large bullion shipment and other cargo, encountered a gulf storm, and three of the vessels wrecked off Padre Island near the present Mansfield Pass. The following is a description of the Karankawa inhabitants they found along Padre Island and the Texas Coast.

Here is how they described the Karankawas they encountered.

Physical Characteristics

The males were well built and perforated their nipples and lower lip to insert pieces of reed. They had big, robust, well-formed, athletic bodies. They were fully six feet tall. The males were tall, muscular, well-formed and proportioned, with low, broad foreheads, and thick hair reaching to the waist. The only significant characteristics noted for the females were that they were "short and squat."

Range and Campsites

The Indians traveled by dugout (canoes) between the "island" (Velasco Peninsula) and mainland to oyster-yielding bays where they would stay for three months. They used dugouts to move from island to island. Their dugouts could accommodate as many as 15 people, perhaps more. They usually traveled on water in crude unstable dugouts about 20 feet long made from large trees with the bark left on, one side hewn flat with bluntly pointed ends. The men poled these dugouts by standing in the stern.

Their huts were built on oyster shells and consisted of four arches covered with matting and hides on the floor. Upon first observing the shipwrecked Spaniards the Indians placed their lodges on canoes and fled. However, when they rescued De Vaca, they built a hut for him and made several fires inside.

One camp was located on an eminence near Matagorda Bay and consisted of about 50 "cottages." These "cottages" were made of rush mats or dried skins covering long poles which were bent over like a "great oven." The Karankawa ranged in the tidewater area from Galveston Island to the Rio Grande. Major areas of occupation were the following bays and inlets: Matagorda, Trespalacios, Lavaca, Aransas, Espiritu Santo, Copano, Corpus Christi, the mouth of the Colorado River, and both sides of Laguna Madre from Brazos Santiago to "a sand bar, called Isla del Padre." At the northern end of Padre Island a "ford" was used to cross over the Laguna Madre to the mainland. They wandered in bands of 30 to 40 people and remained perhaps four weeks at one place. In winter the Karankawa stayed inland because of warmer temperatures and better food supply. Campsites were always close to a beach or bluff. When camping the women erected "wigwams" which consisted of a dozen sharpened slender willow poles 15 to 18 feet in length, formed in a circle having a diameter of 10-12 feet. The poles were placed about a yard apart with the loose ends bent to the center and interlaced with a crude wickerwork and occasional thong. A fire was built upon stones in the center of the structure. Their fire sticks were wrapped in several layers of skin tied and made into a compact bundle. The contents consisted of a half-round, close-grained, two-foot long piece of wood with a softer-grained wood used as a twirler.

Their camps were located on all the islands and inlets from Matagorda Bay to Corpus Christi Bay and they took delight in salvaging the remains of shipwrecks which were cast upon the beach. The Karankawa ranged along the coast from the mouth of the Nueces to the mouth of the Trinity, their favorite places being along Matagorda Bay and up the Colorado to present Eagle Lake. They traveled the Colorado River in dugouts.

Material Culture

Cabeza de Vaca traded seashells and cockles to inland tribes for flint, glue, hard cane, and tassels of deer hair. Indians who were visited near Fort St. Louis (a short-lived French colony later established in 1685 by explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle on the banks of Garcitas Creek in Victoria County) had about 40 canoes. The Indian women salvaged Normandy blankets from the *La Belle* wreckage cast on the beach and made petticoats of them. The Indians also took nails from the wreckage to use as points for arrows. Two hatchets were traded to them by the French for a canoe. Pitchers of water were found in one camp. Knives and beads were given to the Indians as presents. Stone knives were used to cut meat.

Their favorite weapon, the bow, was used for fishing, hunting, and war. The bows were made of red cedar, polished and oiled, reached from their feet to their chin or eyes, as long as themselves. The midsection was about two inches wide and one and one-half inches thick

Their arrows were of cane a yard long, with two wood shafts of the same diameter and two inches long inserted into each end of

the cane. A point was attached to one of the wood shafts and a bowstring notch was cut into the other. Arrows were about three feet long, half an inch in diameter with a sharp, thin, steel head about three inches long. The arrowpoint shank was set in a cleft of the shaft and wound with sinew. The arrows were feathered with wild geese wing feathers, three being set equidistant around the shaft in slats or clefts and then wound. The feathers were about six inches long and showed half an inch from the shaft. The bowstring was made of twisted deer sinew. They were able to shoot these arrows a distance of over 200 feet.

Daggers as well as war clubs of iron wood were also popular items. They had three musical instruments, a large gourd filled with stones or shot (rattle), a fluted piece of wood with a stick for rubbing over it and a rude flute.

Their utensils consisted of fish bone needles, rude wooden spoons, roundbottomed clay vessels with no handles measuring about 12 inches in diameter and iron kettles obtained in trade from Europeans. Some pottery was ornamented with simple designs in black (pp. 12, 59). Their food was boiled in these rude earthen pots or baked in the ashes (pp. 10-11). Their weapons were bows and arrow, clubs, tomahawks, axes, hatchets, and long double-edged knives obtained from Anglo-Americans.

Subsistence: Near the end of February the roots usually growing among the reeds sprouted but were not good for food. In cold weather the fish were not easy to obtain, so they fed on oysters until April. For two months they ate ground nuts and grain. Later they moved to another mainland area to gather prickly pear cactus tunas. Fishing was a principal occupation, for the main diet was fish supplemented with tortoises and alligators. Fish in bays and inlets were attracted by flailing the water around the dugouts; fish that came to the surface were shot with bows and arrows. They hunted flat fish, like turbot (flounder?), which they struck with pointed sticks. Beef and porpoise were eaten. Fish and alligators were their principal food. A captured dugout contained fresh-caught fish and oysters. Once settlers around Victoria attempted to poison the Karankawa by feeding them cooked corn with arsenic; however, the druggist sold the settlers cream of tartar, not arsenic.

The forested river bottoms and sparsely wooded plains provided an abundance of game and shelter areas. Food procurement was entirely the males' responsibility. The shallow lagoons "behind" barrier islands were exploited for fish, turtles, and oysters. The Karankawa's adeptness made it possible to hunt fish and turtles with bow and arrow in calm or rough water, in a dugout or standing in the water. Species of finfish exploited included redfish, sea trout, flounder, sheepshead, Spanish mackerel, and grouper. In fishing they never used nets or lines. Seasonally they gathered berries, nuts, persimmons, wild grapes, etc. At certain times of the year they obtained quantities of sea bird eggs. Late spring venison and duck were favorite foods. Bear were hunted "some distance" from the lagoons. They made no use of salt, as they preferred chile to season their food.

Later years

The Karankawas had no horses nor domestic animals except dogs. They also kept foxlike or wolflike dogs, and the name Karankawa has been translated as "dog-lovers" or "dog-raisers."

Unidentified Indians, probably Karankawa, living near the Santa Petronilla Ranch in 1766 told Garza Falcon's party that no one lived on the island, but they (the Indians) visited the island during certain seasons. C.F.H. von Blucher and his father, both Nueces County surveyors between 1846 and 1880, observed Karankawa carrying oysters in hide bags from Nueces Bay to high ground.

In 1822 there were between 200 and 300 warriors along Matagorda, by 1836, 25-30 warriors near Refugio, and in 1855 only six or eight near San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico. They usually traveled in small bands. They also were found camped in a mott on the bay about three miles east of the present town of Matagorda. In 1843 the last Texas Karankawa fled southward, one group settling on the south end of Padre Island and one group going to Tamaulipas, Mexico.



Karankawa Indian camp

The Art of Island Life

By Melissa Mitchell



The Fruits of Our Labor: More Than a Backyard Garden

A few months back, you may recall me discussing converting my firepit into an herb garden.

As it turns out, that little project grew into something else.

One raised bed became two. Herbs were joined by strawberries, peppers, and salad greens. Another raised bed is already on the way, with Swiss chard, bok choy, and butter lettuce soon to join the line-up. I suppose I shouldn't be surprised. Some of my fondest childhood memories involve spending time in my grandmother's garden. Perhaps this was always waiting to happen. When I planted my little backyard garden, I thought I knew what I was growing.

Strawberries.
Herbs.
Peppers.
A few salad greens.

What I didn't realize was that I was growing something else entirely. Like many hobby gardeners, I began with optimism. The kind that convinces you this year's harvest will be abundant, organized, and somehow cost less than simply buying vegetables at the grocery store. A few months later, reality has entered the chat. There have been strawberries. Several, in fact. The problem is that harvest competition is fierce around here. Between Claire Elizabeth and a particularly fat, fuzzy caterpillar, I have personally managed to claim exactly one.

It was delicious.

And if I were brave enough to calculate the actual cost of the raised beds, bags of soil, mulch, plants, garden tools, rain barrels, watering cans, and "quick trips" to the nursery, I suspect that single strawberry may have been worth somewhere around \$1,354. Give or take a few bags of potting soil.

With a boost from the recent rains, the peppers are beginning to arrive. The herbs are thriving. The salad greens have contributed to a few meals. My tomato plant, however, appears to have entered an entirely different phase of existence. Every bloom disappears before it has a chance to become a tomato. I have my suspicions.

More Than a Garden

After relocating one caterpillar over the fence and thinking I'd solved the problem, I spotted two leopard moths across the yard. "Congratulations on your engagement. I wish you many happy months and approximately 437 offspring. Preferably somewhere else.» By any reasonable accounting standard, my little garden may never pay for itself. Fortunately, gardening is never really just about what it produces.

When my granddaughter Claire Elizabeth comes to visit, she barely makes it through the door before announcing her plans for the morning. "Side... leaf," she announces. Translation: Outside. Leaves.

Her dinosaur in hand, she heads straight for the garden to gather fresh basil leaves for her prehistoric friend. Apparently, dinosaurs enjoy basil. At least this one does. After



making sure he's well fed, she leaves him happily munching while she moves on to other adventures. Watching her carefully select each leaf has become one of my favorite parts of the day. So has watching her search for that one hidden strawberry, pick it, and pop it into her mouth before I even have a chance to wash it.

That's when it occurred to me that the garden has been producing far more than simply food.

It's produced conversations.

It's produced curiosity.

It's produced opportunities to teach a little girl where food comes from and how things grow.

The Unexpected Harvest

There is joy in gathering greens for a fresh salad. The garden provides fresh herbs for cooking, the satisfaction of harvesting something with my own hands, and one more reason to spend a little time outdoors each day.

It has also created a new rhythm. Mornings often begin with a quick walk through the garden to see what changed overnight.

There is something deeply rewarding about tending to living things. The garden slows me down just enough to notice those little changes that are so easy to miss. The peppers, strawberries, and salad greens are wonderful, but they aren't really the reward. The reward has been the process.

I find joy in watching the new seedlings emerge from the soil. In the anticipation of waiting for another pepper to ripen or spotting a strawberry hidden beneath the leaves. The real challenge is hiding it from the caterpillars long enough for Claire Elizabeth to find it first.

Like so many things in life, the value isn't always found in the final result. Sometimes it's found in everything that happens along the way. The truth is, this little garden may never save me money. But it has given me fresh meals, peaceful mornings, a few lessons in patience, and countless memories with Claire Elizabeth and her basil-loving dinosaur.

That's a return on investment no spreadsheet will ever calculate correctly.

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



Claire Elizabeth with a Strawberry top

Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Early Summer Conditions

I'm not sure where everything went wrong. A few years ago, we were all clamoring for "multi-modal" pathways and getting people "out of their cars onto the pavement." A much more enjoyable way to travel and remember that it saves gas. I'm still lobbying for the Island Mobility Plan, but geez. Lily and I were out in Miami Beach last week for work, and I was surprised to see how many signs were aimed at prohibiting e-bikes from a lot of places. They have ordinances that are strictly enforced, and yes, this will flip your gourd, I saw a cop in an electric golf cart that had pulled over an e-bike that was riding down the sidewalk. The things that I could never imagine that I would see.

E-bikes are limited to 12 mph on the few sidewalks they can get on, must yield to pedestrians, and ride on the road when possible. They are completely prohibited on South Beach, the boardwalk (Ocean Blvd.) Lummus Park, and Lincoln Road. They have prioritized pedestrians first and evidently have had some issues with e-bikes, as the new ordinances go back to 2015 (MBC Ordinance 70-67). Yes, eleven years ago. We are just barely scratching the surface on getting more people actually on bikes, and other places have opened that can of worms and solved it already.

Encantada culverts

I was sitting in the background of the Island Strategic Action Committee meeting the other evening (mainly, because I just love meetings), and we were discussing the Encantada culverts. My coworker Jeff did a really good presentation on the various options, and I like Option 4. Of course there's no money for the project, err, wait, is there? Anyhoo, so I dug through the PIPOA's Bulkhead Manual, and found a really interesting engineering detail that shows armoring of the bulkheads by piling some rock up at the base. It's a basic idea so brilliant that the Greeks did it 5,000 years ago and it's still holding. So, if you use a base bid of \$180 per linear foot of 3"x5" bullrock 24" deep, you're somewhere around \$500,000 for the stretch from Cruiser to the Gypsy bridge, and \$630,000 from Cutlass all the way to Encantada. Problem solved! Open the canals and let the manatees back in!

Offshore gyres and floaty things...

Your beach update this week looks pretty good; those gyres offshore are pushing the floaty things away from the coast; at least

currently (pun appreciated). I still haven't made it on the beach other than a token visit this past Sunday that ended in futility. The scene resembled war-torn Bosnia, and Birthday Girl and I got out of there in a few minutes. I did find a huge coconut washed up though, so that was fun. The sea temps are up a little up in the Bay of Campeche, though, and we'll see if Tropical Storm Christina can do the hop-skip-and-jump over the Sierra Madre de Chiapas and plopp into the gulf. Reminds me that I need to start that stupid generator and see if it fires up. Oops. Look, I didn't even mention upwelling this edition.

Hold your chickens!

Well folks I gotta run on this episode. The deadline for this gripping tale is about to pass and my phone is blowing up like Ted Koppel is trying to get me for an interview. Things are moving along the Island except Muddle and Puddle under the JFK bridge. I suppose we could all just start driving around with buckets in our vehicles and grabbing a bucket full of sand from Mt. Zahn and pouring it in the holes before we go back over the bridge. If we had started six years ago when this hit ISAC, then we would have done it by now and beat all the entities that are supposedly working on it. Everyone needs to be like Lily and hold your chickens this week. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Lily with a chicken



Sargassum leftovers washing in on South Packery beach this week.



Summer breeze By Lu Ann Kingsbury

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Around the Sun



It surprises me how much can change in our lives in a year's time. How FOREVER and all that we believe can just vanish in life, and one year later we find ourselves down a different path in life. Some of the best things in life do not change, and stay with us hand and hand throughout time and life's struggles. Family, true friends and the magical gifts of children. These are the things we should take into the wild, build lifelong memories within the outdoors. When we all look back, it's the laughter, the sunrises, stories, meals, and sunsets of life that mean the most....and last forever.

We are in the SUMMER VACATION ZONE! Don't wait! Take your kids on adventures! Fishing is the best and what I do every day, but there are so many small and easy adventures to be had here on North Padre! Buy a 3ft cast net and watch some YOUTUBE videos and learn and teach your kids how to cast net bait! So much fun and a great learning experience. A summer many years ago we took my boat with two oars across the Lagoon. Along the spoil islands we camped and casted an ice chest of mullet. They were all perfect pony mullet, iced down and in a cooler. We were excited to try to sell them and go eat a summer lunch feast at SNOOPY's. We tried a few places and nobody wanted them, we had already had a few unfriendly run ins with Mr. Rawalt under the JFK. He was a CRAB! I walked up the stairs a little scared, opened the door to the ice cold air conditioning and saw the stash of candy bars in the clear glass fish display. He eyed me as soon as I walked in, and didn't say a word. This man grew up on the beach, hardened, by the elements and time. "We have a cooler full of perfect pony mullet, you want any of um?" A smirk and "how much?" Came from the man with no expression. I stumbled for words, price per pound, or a number for the whole cooler? He had already turned us down twice before. I looked down at those cold candy bars in the cooler, "THREE CANDY BARS FOR THE WHOLE COOLER"

The wrinkles on his face slowly drew the curtains in a smile cracking from his sun blacked lips. I knew I was wagering for his private stash, and that I would definitely get the heat from my pals down on the dock. I opened the cooler and showed him the bait. "Three snickers bars huh?"

"Yep, 'I threw back with a poker face. The old salt told me to go grab my pals and we sat and ate candy bars with the old man that day and made a friend. He spent a few years there telling us stories of growing up on the Island, his dad's tales of buried treasure, and incredible catches of fish. He sold gas to the shrimpers, so we would go help him out and got to know some of them as well, even got to help cull some shrimp boat nets too! That summer in the Laguna Madre was unforgettable. Open your eyes and see our youth, stop butchering about the E-Bikes and spark some life into their lives. Invite the kids down the street to go fishing with you in the nice boat that sits in your lift because your friends are all gone. We are a tribe, lots of families sharing a place together.

I'm so blessed to have such a wonderful family, grandchildren, and I get to walk the earth every day with a smile talking to so many folks about fishing, something so many hold close to their hearts. 30years of sharing my ramblings with the Island in The Island Moon, we are family. As we take each



Beth and Jeff celebrated 40yrs this week with family on the beach here on North Padre! She caught this big redfish while drift fishing the Laguna Madre close to the edge of the ICW around Bird Island.

trip around the sun, do not take anything for granted, share every day with a smile. Things will always get better when we are in a rut, and always be ready to except the next change that hits us as we roll around the bend.

Some great trout fishing continues in the Laguna Madre! We are drift fishing the marble flats, scattered sand and grass locations are holding tons of gamefish scattered about feeding on many different kinds of baitfish. Working soft plastics is producing easy limits of slot trout with multiple oversized each day. Surprise redfish are ripping drag and sending hours and hollers across the water. Down in Baffin the larger rock piles and shorelines are giving live bait anglers some great catches with live shrimp under popping corks and with live croaker. As temps climb we will have a tide drop and gamefish movement towards the cooler tidal regions of the bay. Look for clean water, green but not totally clear. Channels and natural guts will hold moving tidal currents that will offer gamefish and bait cooler water temps as Summer Cranks up!

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I got to hand this beautiful Trophy Trout on my Birthday this week! Beyond Blessed

Nature Notes

Nature cont. from A1

area and even spend the winter here. Let's see if any birders out there can guess which species I'm writing about; they arrive in small numbers, and spread out over our vast Texas beaches and baysides. Their winter plumage gets dull and non-descript, adding to their enigmatic appeal.

Have you tried to guess the species yet? It has a vibrant breeding plumage, and we get to see bits of it when it migrates through, but rarely in full breeding regalia. In the non-breeding season, it is mostly grayish-brown above, and slightly paler below. As they gain their breeding plumage, they gain a rusty red face, head, neck, and underparts. Their backs stay motley gray brown.

It is also known for its incredibly long migration flights, traveling from its breeding grounds in the Arctic to as far away as South America for winter! Although, a few do stay here in winter. It has one of the longest migration routes in the Americas.

The bird is listed as threatened due mostly to habitat loss. Their habitats consist of mostly coastal beaches, tidal flats, and northern tundra during the breeding season. They

forage by probing their relatively short and straight bills into the sand or mud, sometimes picking on the surface, and often form feeding flocks as they feed. Their diet consists of mostly clams, mussels, and crabs. And they can crush those shells in a powerful gizzard!

But besides their name... they are mostly known for their close ties to the Delaware Bay on the east coast in their long migration. Here they feast upon another creature's eggs, a crab that looks prehistoric! Their migration only works because of this close tie to the Horseshoe Crabs laying eggs in this bay at that time! Thankfully to conservation efforts of this bay and crab, the bird is slowly doing better. Do you know it now?

Yes, indeed, it is the Red Knot! With a bit of searching you can find them on our upper Texas beaches in small numbers in winter. It is one of the species that the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory studies during the Non-breeding Shorebirds project every winter, now for many years. I hope you too can find one and enjoy their presence!

First of Six Orphaned Wells Plugged in Baffin Bay by GLO and Railroad Commission

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) announced this week they have plugged the first of six orphaned wells in Baffin Bay as a part of a current Coastal Protection Project. GLO and RRC have determined that four of the six wells to be capped and removed are leaking and pose a threat to the surrounding marine environment.

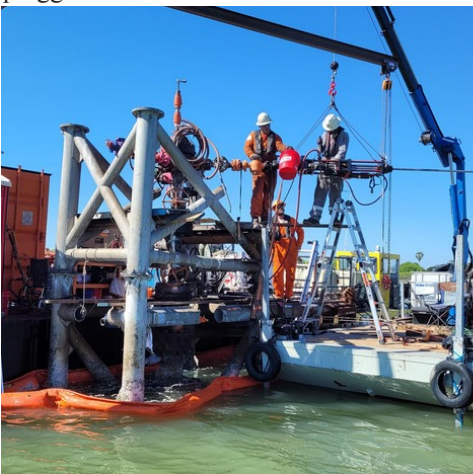


An orphaned well in Baffin Bay
The GLO and RRC said they began inspecting the six orphan wells in Baffin Bay after hearing concerns from the public that they were leaking. This initial inspection revealed that three of the six wells were leaking. When the wells continued to leak after RRC made repairs, the RRC concluded that the wells needed to be completely plugged and removed.

Crews work on an orphaned well in Baffin Bay

However, RRC funds could only be appropriated to plug and remove the three leaking wells. To avoid the added cost of mobilization and demobilization for the project, GLO agreed to partner with RRC to fund the three non-leaking wells. RRC estimated that each well would cost \$1 million to fully plug and remove. The GLO and RRC entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the GLO provided \$3 million in funding to cap and remove the non-leaking wells.

In 2026, when RRC and a subcontractor began work to secure the valves on the six wells, they discovered that four of the wells were leaking. As such, RRC would fund the removal of these wells, and GLO would fund the removal of the two non-leaking wells. The GLO's funding intended for the third well will now be used for pipeline removal. In May 2026, plugging and well removal began. The first of the six wells was fully capped at the end of the month. All associated structures will be removed from the water once each well has been plugged.



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Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

Blister Pod Sea Beans *From the Amazon River to local beach-*



Jace Tunnell holding up a blisterpod sea bean.

Last week's beach survey delivered one of the rarest sea bean finds I've ever encountered along the Texas Coast, two blister pods. I spotted them while riding my e-bike down the beach, scanning the wrack line for the usual drift treasures. At first glance, blister pods don't look especially remarkable, but once you pick one up and study it closely, they become one of the most fascinating sea beans in the world.

Blister pods come from a tropical tree called Bubblenut (*Sacoglottis amazonica*), which grows mainly along the floodplains and lower reaches of the Amazon River in South America. The tree produces a woody fruit that eventually falls into the river system and begins an incredible ocean journey. Carried from the Amazon into the Atlantic Ocean, some drift for months or even years before washing ashore on distant beaches, including occasionally here on the Gulf Coast.

The name "blister pod" comes from its unusual surface texture and interior structure. Curious to see what was inside, I cut one of my finds open. Instead of a solid interior, the pod was filled with strange empty chambers and cavities, almost like a natural sponge or honeycomb. Those hollow pockets likely

help the pod float during its long trip across the ocean.

They are much less commonly found than hamburger beans or sea hearts, which makes discovering one especially exciting for beachcombers.

People in parts of South America have reportedly used the wood and oils from related trees for medicinal purposes and construction, although the drifted pods themselves are mostly valued today as curiosities, jewelry pieces, and prized additions to sea bean collections.

After years of beachcombing, it's still amazing that a seed pod born deep in the Amazon rainforest can end up resting in the sand beneath my bicycle tires on a Texas beach.

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Blisterpod found on the beach, and one cut open showing the inside.

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Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

A slow week in real estate

As we move into June, this week brought a bit of a breather to the Padre Island real estate market. In fact, it was one of the slower weeks we've seen so far this year, with no activity reported in either the condominium or townhome sectors. While the pace may have slowed, that's not necessarily a bad thing—especially after wrapping up a very active and productive month of May.

The detached home sector continued to carry the market this week, with three homes entering the option period and four homes successfully closing. Even more encouraging, several of the homes that sold were in the higher price ranges, showing that motivated buyers are still actively pursuing quality properties on the Island.

Real estate markets naturally experience periods of acceleration and slow-down, and a quieter week can often be a sign of a healthy market finding its balance. With summer now underway and visitors continuing to discover all that Padre Island has to offer, we remain optimistic about the weeks ahead.

Stay tuned for next week's update, and as always, you'll find a detailed breakdown of the properties that saw activity this week below!

Detached Homes In Option Period:

-13742 Tajamar St (Listed for \$679,999)

-15414 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$594,900)

-14702 Aquarius St (Listed for \$475,000)

Detached Homes That Sold:

-15913 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$1,499,000)

-16025 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$899,900)

-15365 Bowsprit Ct (Listed for \$655,900)

-15414 Dyna St (Listed for \$369,000)

Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken



AI and the future

When I graduated college many years ago, the job outlook for graduates was very poor. The economy was a mess. Companies were not hiring Business Administration graduates. What was I going to do?

I did get one interview with a large regional bank for a management training program. I was thrilled! During college I worked part-time at a bank. I thought I had an inside track! The interview went well, I thought. At the close, the interviewer disclosed that they would be hiring one person. She had interviewed close to 100 people at my university, and she had other schools to visit! I did not receive a second interview. It was an unsettling time. Banks and other businesses were adjusting to the economy and the emerging new technology.

Recent college graduates are again unsettled about their future. Apparently, the culprit is Artificial Intelligence (AI). On NPR, a recent graduate indicated he would be delaying law school because he thought AI might soon replace lawyers.

A lot of people are feeling anxious about AI and how it might reshape our world, including the data centers needed to support AI. National security issues, moral issues, cybersecurity issues, algorithmic bias, job displacement, over-reliance. The concerns seem to be warranted, especially regarding generative AI. Yet, AI is here to stay.

Am I writing this column or is AI? In 2023 a church congregation in Germany gathered for a worship service that will be remembered as being historic. It was a service conceived and presented using generative AI, including the message and all the liturgy. The four figures leading worship on the screen were computer-generated images, speaking and gesturing exactly as AI created them to do. However, there were no handshakes at the church door following the service.

The sermon talked about leaving the past behind, never losing faith, and ironically, overcoming death. The reaction of the church people was mixed. Some laughed at some of the banal platitudes offered. I always thought truck drivers would be replaced by technology before pastors.

It's perilous to peer into the future. However, I realize the Christian church throughout history as often been on the wrong side of history concerning scientific and technological advances.

Christian responses to AI have ranged from

cautious optimism to deep concern. Pope Leo XIV released his first major encyclical on AI. Some think AI can be a helpful tool with research, study, and executing administrative tasks. I think there is potential in this area. Others are concerned about the dehumanization of society and the replacement of genuine human connection. This is my concern about AI, especially generative AI and the church.

Christianity teaches that all humans are created in the image of God. Humans possess an eternal soul and divine creativity. We were created to be in relationship with God and with each other in authentic embodied community. Scripture teaches that God took our flesh upon himself in the birth of Jesus to redeem humanity and restore humanity to authentic embodied community. Digital relationships are not a substitute for this kind of relationship. Digital relationships often reinforce isolation and disembodied community.

Related to this is the algorithmic bias that can perpetuate injustice and inequity, especially against the most vulnerable in society. AI relies upon historical data. History is permeated with injustice, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and other biases that stand against the good intentions of flourishing human community.

If AI can be a tool to promote peace and justice, healing and wholeness, welcome and inclusion, love and healing, and genuine human community, then good. However, I am reminded of the proverb, that has biblical roots, "Just because you can doesn't mean you should."

AI hasn't replaced me yet!

Beach worship continues 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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Turtle Nest Count

On 7 June, 75 Kemp's ridley nests were located, including 1 on Galveston Island, 4 on Mustang Island, 2 on North Padre Island north of Padre Island National Seashore (PAIS), 30 at PAIS, 22 on South Padre Island, and 16 on Boca Chica Beach.

On 6 June, 27 Kemp's ridley nests were located, including 18 on North Padre Island at PAIS, 7 on South Padre Island, and 2 on Boca Chica Beach.

On 5 June, 2 Kemp's ridley sea turtle were located, including 1 on South Padre Island and 1 on Boca Chica Beach.

Including these, the total numbers of nests found in Texas this year, by species and area, are updated below.

Kemp's Ridley Turtle

So far this year, 593 Kemp's ridley nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, exceeding the previous annual record of 449 nests, set in 2025. Consistent nest record keeping began in 1980.

The 593 found this year include (north to south in state):

- 5 Galveston Island
- 2 Surfside Beach
- 1 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
- 1 Matagorda Peninsula
- 14 San Jose Island
- 35 Mustang Island
- 335 North Padre Island, including 304 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 162 South Padre Island
- 38 Boca Chica Beach

Green Turtle

So far this year, 2 nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 2 North Padre Island, including 2 at Padre Island National Seashore



Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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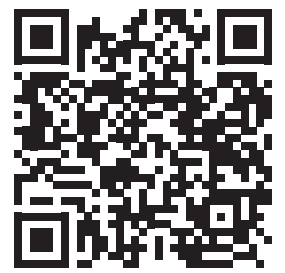
1. You may part with it
5. Alpha chaser
9. One way to be wanted
14. Banned apple spray
15. He was Hawkeye
16. "The Last Judgment," e.g.
17. Hay holder
18. Almanac entry
19. Footprint
20. Just out
23. It's often hard to budge
24. ___ in apple
25. It likes the nightlife
28. Noted TV talent scout
31. One of six in a fl. oz.
34. It might be upright
36. Unified
37. Word with for or white
38. Brand-spanking new
42. Low high tide
43. One of two definitive responses
44. Parachute fabric
45. Lion attachment
46. Step on the gas, e.g.
49. Operative
50. Inventive account
51. Cross to bear
53. It's in
60. Part company
61. Famous rock musical
62. Adam's arboretum
63. Anemic-looking
64. Language of Pakistan
65. Fashion's Klensch
66. Get the ball rolling
67. ___ gin fizz
68. Nudnik

Down

1. Redeem (with "in")
2. Mishmash
3. Whiskey ingredient
4. Witch craft?
5. Puzzle
6. Overjoyed
7. Auto gauge
8. Dealer's call
9. Redcap's employer
10. Entices
11. They may be rolled over, briefly
12. Wet-dry machines, briefly
13. Grand Teton grazer
21. Japanese mattress
22. Acted antsy, in a way
25. Verbalize a hunch
26. Soave and Cabernet, e.g.
27. Prayer wheel users
29. Riverdale High athlete
30. Actress Blyth
31. Parts of coonskin caps
32. Marina sight, perhaps
33. It may be offered for your thoughts
35. Touch of Jack Frost
37. Mud flat
39. Aggressive personality
40. A Scrabble tile
41. Criticisms, suggestions, concerns, etc.
46. Like a very old movie
47. Square-dance movement
48. Disloyal
50. Voting-booth device
52. Its coat is 100 percent wool
53. Type of tube
54. Guffaw components
55. In this fashion
56. House of Lords title
57. Not up to much
58. Monster's loch
59. Small annoyance
60. Head for Vegas?

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Crossword Solution

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Senior moments Special to the Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

The Military Career of Elvis Presley-Part 3

Dotson Note: Shortly after arriving in West Germany, Presley was allowed to live off post. He and his family moved into Hilbert's Park Hotel in Bad Homburg then to the Hotel Villa Grunewald in Bad Nauheim, a town even closer to Friedberg, where Ray Barracks was located. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Wkipedia for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Hilbert's Park Hotel-Bad Nauheim

In the meantime, Parker wrote from the United States on a nearly daily basis to Presley about how things were going back home. He had acquired deals with RCA and 20th Century Fox to make sure Presley's return to public life would go as smoothly as possible. RCA agreed to release an album of Presley's press conference the day he left for West Germany; titled *Elvis Sails*, the album would pay Presley \$0.22 per sale in royalties, guaranteed up to at least 100,000 copies. 20th Century Fox had agreed upon a \$200,000 fee for one Presley film, with options on a second for \$250,000 and a 50/50 split on profits. Paramount, as well, had signed deals to produce a number of new Presley films after his release; what would eventually become *G.I. Blues* was agreed upon for \$175,000 and a three-picture option was also included. Parker also reassured his client about the press coverage he was receiving while overseas. News outlets were reporting regularly on stories, mostly released by Parker himself, about plans for Presley's return to entertainment. Stories of wild parties in Presley's hotel room were also making it into the papers regularly, and Parker was forced to hold a press conference to dispel these rumors. For Presley, however, being away in West Germany was not all happy times. He would often write home to friends and family about how homesick he was, how desperately he missed his mother, and of how his fears about his career still clouded his mind.



Villa Grunewald, Bad Nauheim

Although Presley's manager had forbidden him from performing while in the army, pressure from RCA for him to record new material led to Parker sending a microphone and a tape recorder to West Germany. Presley had recorded a handful of songs before he left for overseas to cover his time away, but RCA was worried that they would run out of material before March 1960. In a letter to his client, Parker explained that recordings of Presley with just a piano for accompaniment, singing gospel songs would be good enough; his fans would just want to hear him sing anything. Presley used the recorder to mess around with friends and family, singing mainly gospel and current hits, but none of these recordings was sent back for release by RCA. Decades later these recordings would be released officially on titles such as *Private Presley* and *Home Recordings*. In June, with 15 days' leave to enjoy, Presley and his friends traveled to Munich and Paris. Two days in Munich were followed

by over a week of partying in Paris where, on several occasions, Presley would invite the whole chorus line of girls from *The 4 O'Clock* club back to his hotel. Media reports echoed Presley's concerns about his career, but RCA producer Steve Sholes and Freddy Bienstock of Hill and Range had carefully prepared for his two-year hiatus. Armed with a substantial amount of unreleased material, they kept up a regular stream of successful releases. Between his induction and discharge, Presley had ten top 40 hits, including «Wear My Ring Around Your Neck», the best-selling «Hard Headed Woman», and «One Night» in 1958, and «(Now and Then There's) A Fool Such as I» and the number one «A Big Hunk o' Love» in 1959. RCA also managed to generate four albums compiling old material during this period, most successfully *Elvis' Golden Records* (1958), which hit number three on the LP chart.

Introduced to amphetamines by a sergeant while on maneuvers, he became «practically evangelical about their benefits»—not only for energy, but for «strength» and weight loss, as well—and many of his friends in the outfit joined him in indulging. The army also introduced Presley to karate, which he studied seriously, later including it in his live performances. Fellow soldiers have attested to Presley's wish to be seen as an able, ordinary soldier, despite his fame, and to his generosity while in the service. He donated his army pay to charity, purchased TV sets for the post, and bought an extra set of fatigues for everyone in his outfit.



Goethestrasse 14, Bad Nauheim

On January 20, 1960, Presley was promoted to sergeant. The Army held a press conference on March 1 before Presley departed West Germany for the United States. Presley was asked about his decision to serve as a regular soldier instead of in Special Services. He said, «I was in a funny position. Actually, that's the only way it could be. People were expecting me to mess up, to goof up in one way or another. They thought I couldn't take it and so forth, and I was determined to go to any limits to prove otherwise, not only to the people who were wondering, but to myself.»



Prestwick Airport Plaque

On March 2, with Priscilla in attendance, Presley waved goodbye to the fans and media of West Germany and flew home to the U.S. On the way, his plane stopped at Prestwick Airport in Scotland to refuel; this was the only time that Presley would be in the United Kingdom, although he was never legally in the country having never left the airport.

On March 3, Presley's plane arrived at McGuire Air Force Base near Fort Dix, New Jersey, at 7:42 am. Nancy Sinatra, RCA representatives, and Parker were there to welcome him home, as well as a huge crowd of fans. Two days later, on March 5, Presley was officially discharged from active duty with his service officially notated as honorable.

The End -Thank You for Reading.

Seagate cont. from A1

Encantada culverts

First, to model various size culverts at the Encantada Avenue crossing to determine the effects on water circulation and quality and also the changes in flow velocities in the adjacent Cutlass and Cruiser canals. The second was to model various size openings for the connection between Lake Padre and Packery Channel to analyze the flow velocity effects of each size opening in the adjacent canal systems. Finally, a model scenario was also analyzed to show the effects of the existing sand plug berm located east of PR 22 blocking tidal movement under the Don Patricio Bridge.

The conclusion to the first question was a list of five different-sized culverts with the suggested optimal size of 12-feet in width and six feet in height to be installed under the Encantada Ave. roadway which would allow for about one foot of air clearance above the high tide waterline to avoid collecting floating debris.

The study reads as follows:

The data shows that the larger the culvert selected for Encantada is, the lower the velocity becomes in the Gypsy Bridge canal and the higher the velocity becomes in the Whitecap Bridge canal. This is most likely due to the Whitecap Bridge canal being a single source for flow versus the two sources of flow for the Gypsy and Encantada canals. As the data shows, the culvert size that most significantly reduces the flow velocity in the Gypsy Bridge canal is two runs of 12'x6' RCBs orientated with 12' being the width and 6' being the height. Larger opening sizes may further reduce the Gypsy Bridge canal velocities however the adverse impact of that would be increasing the velocity in the Whitecap Bridge canal therefore, larger openings were not explored.

In August, 202, the Board of Directors of the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 approved \$650,000 for the project with the requirement that the canal north of the bridge be first dredged to six feet to avoid sand on the canal floor from filling in the new box culverts. When that dredging was delayed the funds were redirected to work on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall where \$17 million in renovations are underway.

Jeff Coym, Vice President of Public Works at LJA Engineering, told the Island Strategic Action Committee during its Tuesday meeting that the study found that varying widths of the culverts at Encantada Ave. would have different effects on the crucial pinch points in the canal system upstream from that location. In general, the study found that the wider the culverts under Encantada Ave. the higher the water flow would be under the bridge at Whitecap Blvd. and the lower the water flow would be under the bridge on Gypsy St. That portion of the canal system is considered by PIPOA officials to be the most threatened portion of the system by fast moving water during storm events as well as daily tidal flux.

Jeff Edmonds, Director of Engineering Services for the City of Corpus Christi, told ISAC members the city will move forward with the installation of the box culverts at the site once the dredging is complete but he did not identify a funding source for the project, which is expected to cost about \$1 million. He said the PIPOA currently holds a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow for the dredging to be done. A PIPOA official at the meeting told Edmonds the PIPOA is willing to move forward with the dredging project once it receives a guarantee from the city that the culverts will be installed after the dredging is complete.

Edmonds said the city will consider installation of temporary devices to control water during high tide events under the city-owned bridges at Whitecap Blvd. and Gypsy Street. One possibility is to use vinyl bags which would be filled with water to regulate water flow and would be located at the two bridges.

«These devices are not designed to stop water flow completely,» Edmonds said. «They will slow it down and water will flow over the top of the devices.»

A seagate at Packery Channel

A second focus of the study was to determine the optimal width of the opening between Packery Channel and Lake Padre where a seagate was removed in 2022 and the current opening is 170 feet wide. The study considered three possible widths for the opening with an eye toward the installation of a seagate there which could be closed during high tide events.

The first width modeled was a fifty-foot wide opening which would reduce water speed by about 14% but that width is impractical due to the plans to develop a marina in Lake Padre to accommodate boats of a size that would create a navigational hazard at the opening.

The second width considered was 85 feet which would cut water flow by only about 4% and would increase the cost significantly making that option impractical. Neither of the two sizes was found to «significantly reduce the velocities...at the Gypsy, Whitecap, nor the Commodores bridges sites.

The study reads as follows:

Given that the proposed Lake Padre development is planning to construct a marina potentially housing large sport fishing boats with wide beams, a 50-foot opening would be impractical and unsafe from a navigational standpoint for those types of vessels. That coupled with the minimal reduction in velocity seen by reducing the opening from 170-feet to 50-feet logistically the capital expense of narrowing the opening would most likely not be worth the slight 3-5% reduction in average daily velocities seen in the adjacent canals.

The 170-foot wide opening currently in place is approved by the applicable permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The study did not address the practicality nor the cost of installing a seagate at the 170-foot width, instead discussion among ISAC members and city staff centered on the possible addition of the temporary water control structures located under city-owned bridges.

The next step in the process to install the temporary devices as well as the Encantada culverts is to identify funding sources. ISAC members said they would review fund balances in the TIRZ #2 accounts and report their findings in the July ISAC meeting. No cost estimate was given on the temporary dams and no vote by ISAC members was taken on endorsement of the use of TIRZ #2 funds for either project. The final decision would have to come from the TIRZ #2 board which is made up of members of the city council and the Nueces County Commissioners Court.

Removal of temporary sand dams

No timeline has been determined for the removal of the sand dams currently in place between Lake Padre and the Don Patricio Bridge and the dam adjacent to the newly constructed Commodores Bridge. The removal of the bridge at the Commodores site is pending approval of a permit by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the owner of the land where the dam on Lake Padre is located, has told the Island Moon on several occasions that the dam will be removed when the Commodores dam is removed



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Three Chords and the Truth

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Mama Coon is out of here...



B.J. Grimes with Port Aransas Animal Control and raccoon whisperer.

In case you might be wondering what happened with the raccoons in our attic, well... so far we have trapped the **Mama Coon** and now have 3 maybe 4 youngsters still roaming around up there. I went and borrowed a live trap from **B.J.** at the *Animal Shelter* and he was the right man for the job. We were able to plant a critter cam and a live trap near the opening to the attic where we kept hearing them root around and whimper. It was sad really. And the next morning there she was in the cage and brother was she ever pissed off. It turned into quite a feat getting her down and the cage down in all her manic spender. B.J. drove her to the location they use to relocate critters, out way past the *Island Moorings*. And at every single inch of this venture Mama Coon was a vicious, scary warrior. I wouldn't take her on with a bazooka. She was just plain mean and extremely agitated and I really couldn't blame her. So next I put the live trap back up into the attic and put a new battery in the critter cam and now we wait. By the way, I am on deadline and am writing this in real time. It was so freaky getting Mama Coon down that I wasn't able to get a pic of B.J. and I fighting for our lives. BTW, for bait we used ginormous marshmallows slathered in peanut butter with a side of canned cat food. I can't thank B.J. enough for his help. He's one brave soul. Hopefully we'll be able to trap the little ones and reunite them with Mama Coon and move on to the next episode. I'll let you know how this mess turns out.

Fishing tournays this summer ...

It tis the season for fishing tournaments here on our little sandbar boys and girls. This coming Friday, June 12th is the *Ladies Powder Puff* and the *90th Annual Deep Sea Roundup* will be held beginning on July 9th. On July 15th the big money *Billfish Pachanga* comes around, August 5th the *Texas Legends Billfish Tourney* is happening and on October 22nd the *Harvest Moon Regatta* with hundreds of sailboats departing Galveston and culminating with the awards ceremony in Port Aransas on Saturday, October 24th. It's an amazing site to hang out at *Roberts Point Park* and watch them cross the finish line.

Summer Science...

Last weekend was a right turn only sort of



Summer Science Camp at UTMSI

event... it was a busy one, not to mention hot, then rainy, then humid. Are we seeing a summer pattern developing here? At times our beaches were *summer time busy* and the Sargassum wasn't as bad as the week before when it piled up mile after mile. I jumped in to play *support team* for my *Mermaid Gal*. Its *Summer Science Camp* month at UTMSI and *Tracy* gives a presentation on floating habitats and the nurdle patrol which is a citizen science program identifying plastic pollution such as nurdles and marine debris in the oceans and beaches everywhere. It's held at the *Patton Center* on campus and attended by 5th through 8th graders from all over Texas.

Scattered shots...

It was a good week for music in my humble opinion. I jumped around town and caught a nice variety of tunes. It just doesn't get my

week going if I don't start out on Thursday with a dose of the **Johnson All Starz** at *Shorty's*. These guys evolved from **Antone and the All Stars** and **Selfie** and they are valid. Wild man **Ray Summy** is bonafied daddy and totally worthy of a Johnson handle. Catch them any and every Thursday at *Shorty's*. Also last Thursday, trop-rocker **Billy Snipes** (who shops at *Stripes*) played *Bron's* and our Cajun pals **Boudreaux and Pousson** had the zydeco on fire. On Friday a band who is starting to make his mark around here, **Timothy Noel and the Smoking Guns**, played *Shorty's* for the first time. These guys play both kinds of music: country and western. His repertoire is founded on Nashville's finest such as **Moe Bandy, Keith Urban, George Strait, Garth Brooks**, you get the picture. But this cat has THE voice to pull it off. He could step it up a bit for my likings. Also last Friday young wild man **Raul Ayala** played *Treasure Island*, honky tonker **Caleb Young** from Anson, Texas played the *Sip Yard* and **Back Pew Revival** played *Bron's*. On Saturday it was **Mantle Jennings** at *Shorty's* with some old school hard rock like **Black Sabbath** and **Def Leppard**. Actually, the best show I saw on Saturday was **Diamond's Edge** at the *Yard*. They took a little hiatus but are now back and they are scorching. Their lead singer **Rick Pro** is an excellent front man with a super strong voice and on stage persona. Plus guitarist **William Shull** is NO slouch. I really missed these guys. Glad they're back. Another thing to be glad about is that we have now shifted into our summer booking patter... which means the venues book more weekday shows and higher profile bands on the weekends. You got options.

Coming this week...



Diamond's Edge played the Sip Yard last Saturday.

Buckle up Buttercup it's time to rock. The



Dreaming in Color will play Bron's on Friday, June 12.

shows I'm most intrigued with this week is; **Donaovan Amaya** will play the *Sip Yard* this coming Thursday the 11th and the dueling pianos show is there on Friday plus **Casey Chesnutt** is there on Saturday the 13th. *Bron's* has the always hot **Dreaming in Color** on Friday and *Shorty's* welcomes back the **Toman Brothers** from San Antonio. Those guys are honky ton heroes. Plus on Saturday the *VFW* will have **Garrett Smith** on stage. And there's much, much more. Check out the other shows in the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box. Yall be safe!

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Toman Bros will play Shorty's on Saturday the 13th.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, June 11

Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Donaovan Amaya @ Sip Yard
Brad Ethridge @ Bron's
Matt Rodd @ Trout St. PA
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ Red's Patio Bar
Ruben Limas @ Perrin's on the Water
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox NPI
Nekromantix, Voodoo Glory Skulls @ House of Rock
David Martinez @ Brewster Island
Peter Salas @ Brewster Southside
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Mattman @ Surf Club

Friday, June 12

LADIES POWDER PUFF FISHING TOURN
Groove Chili @ Shorty's
Jon Car @ Treasure Island
B-Flat Dueling Pianos @ Sip Yard
Dreaming in Color @ Bron's
Billy Snipes @ Cinnamon Shore
Art Barrera @ Pier 99
JT Stubbs Band @ Sandbox NPI
Texas Bloodline @ Boneshakers
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Southside
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Island
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown
Flatbroke @ Surf Club
Fuzion @ Pelican
Kelly Kenning @ Anchor
Groove 2.0 @ Anex
Harmonx @ Sugar Shack RP
Machin3 @ Fajita-ville
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards on the Beach
The Dazed @ South TX Ice House
Aaron Boultinghouse @ Key Alle-gro RP

Saturday, June 13

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Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Diamond's Edge @

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TOMAN BROS JUNE 13
LEFT RIGHT LEFT JUNE 19
RED FEATHER JUNE 20

Treasure Island
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 30

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BRAD ETHRIDGE JUNE 11
AUSTIN FORREST JUNE 12
PRIVATE PARTY JUNE 13
TATE MITCHELL JUNE 14
CHRIS WRIGHT JUNE 16
MANTLE JENNINGS JUNE 17

Treasure Island
Toman Bros @ Shorty's
Garrett Smith @ VFW
Casey Chesnutt @ Sip Yard
Private Party @ Bron's
Braxton Keith @ Whitewater Amphitheater
Art Barrera @ Trout St. PA
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards Too
8-Bit Serenade @ Pelican
Rock & Roll Flea Market @ House of Rock
Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Island
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Southside
Struggle Jennings @ Brewster Downtown
El Dusty & the Homies @ House of Rock
Groove 2.0 @ Rock-it's
Sonny Salinas, Cruise Control @ Surf Club
John Cortez @ Boozers
Fuzion @ Sugar Shack RP
Billy Snipes @ St. Eve Noel
Jus Cuz @ Pier 99
Brad Brown @ Commercial St. SP
Philip Dean @ Hometown Seafood
JT Stubbs Band @ Fajitaville
Red Feather @ Anchor Bar
Melissa Ann @ Gallery 41
Tailgate Troubadors @ Hideout 35

Sunday, June 14

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Funk Rock Stereo @ Sip Yard
Tate Mitchell @ Bron's
Philip Dean @ Gaff
Dreaming in Color @ Sandbox NPI
David Martinez @ Executive Surf Club
Los Dos Gueros Comedy @ House of Rock
Lisa Sullivan @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Antone & the All Stars @ Sandbox NPI
Beer Drinking Buddies @ Fajitaville
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