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By Dale Rankin

The news is picking up Around
the Island this week so let's roll.

Briscoe King Groundbreaking

Since the departure of Cabeza de Vaca from South Texas Padre Island has been in dire need of a public meeting space for everything from meetings of the Island Strategic Action Committee to weddings, birthday parties, quinceañeras, and family gatherings. Over the years meeting spots for ISAC and PIPOA board meetings have migrated from the old Holiday Inn to various churches, the meeting room at Gulfstream Condominiums, and the gyms at Seashore Charter Schools. But that is about to change as word came this week from Nueces County Commissioners that groundbreaking for the long-planned Briscoe King Pavilion will happen on September 8 and the new pavilion includes more than 6000 square-feet of contiguous AIR CONDITIONED meeting space. While this development might not be as big as electricity coming to Bugtussle it's pretty close.

The canals...

Another topic this week has been the ongoing question of when Island canals will be open to flowing water with the removal of the sand plug at Lake Padre. As you can see from the story in this issue there are a lot of moving parts to unpack here and the answer is about as clear as the stagnant water in some Island canals. Hopefully there will be some clarity after a Special Meeting of the PIPOA board on Tuesday but that is far from certain. At this point taxpayers have spent about \$40 million on four bridges to prepare for water circulation but as of this writing the water is not circulating. We saw the effect on the water quality in our canal system for the four months when the canals were open and how quickly it cleared up. Maybe the answer to the removal of the dam will follow suit this week...

51 wrecks on State Highway 361

There have been a total of 51 wrecks on State Highway 361 between July 20, 2024 and August 10, 2026, according to an Open Records Request by the Island

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What is the plan for Highway 361? Emergency meeting called Current plan calls for construction to begin by 2030

By Dale Rankin

A meeting of the local state legislative delegation was held this week to formulate a short-term plan for improving safety on the 15 miles of State Highway 361 between Packery Channel and the City of Port Aransas in light of the number of fatal wrecks in recent weeks, one of them a head on crash.

As a result of the meeting State Representative Todd Hunter announced the following steps:

An increased law enforcement presence from the Texas Department of Public Safety

Additional speed limit signs with a possible lowering of the speed limit in the future

Formulation for a short-term and intermediate-term plan for improvements

A weekly consultation between the local state legislative delegation and TxDot officials for updates

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51 Accidents on HWY 361 from
July 2024 - August 2026
in Corpus Christi

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Highway 361 and Corpus Christi Pass

When will Island canals open to water flow? Special PIPOA meeting scheduled for Tuesday



The Lake Padre dam and the Don Patricio Bridge

By Dale Rankin

Since the removal of the sand dam blocking water flow through the canal under the bridge on Commodore Bridge was removed four weeks ago the question has been when the second dam blocking water flow from Lake Padre to the Don Patricio Bridge would be removed. The issue was the subject of a stakeholders meeting on February 25, 2026 and according to the minutes of the meeting it was attended by officials from the City

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Groundbreaking for Briscoe King Pavilion set for September 8

Groundbreaking for the new \$8 million Briscoe King Pavilion at Padre Balli Park is set for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th. The project is being funded through the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 and will include a new 6730 square-foot air conditioned pavilion and improvements to the existing building. Barcom Construction was the low bidder and their submission states the construction will take 395 calendar days.



Briscoe King Pavilion

By the numbers Who's running for City Council by profession?

47 total
6 Incumbents – 2 for the same job,
2 for other seats on the council
1 former council member
1 former Mayor (for 37 days)
1 Freelance Deliveryman
1 Outrage Planner
2 "Presidents"
3 Small Business Owners
4 Retirees
10 Consultants or Self-Employed
3 Doctors (PhD)
1 Plumber

Nature Notes

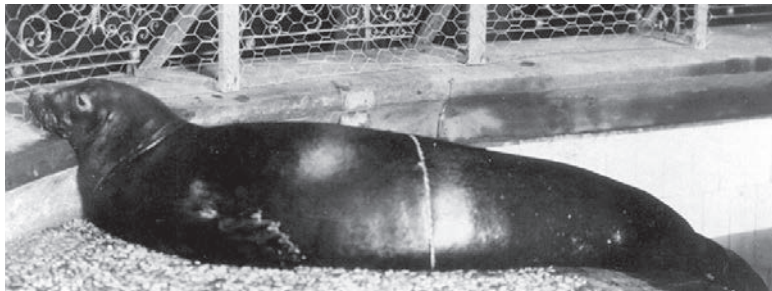
Lost Seals of the Gulf

Discovered by Columbus extinct by 2008

By Kate Underwood

Did you know that there were once seals in Texas? The Caribbean Monk Seal (*Monachus tropicalis*) was last officially sighted in 1952 and declared extinct by the U.S. in 2008. The first written accounts of the seal came from Columbus's expedition in 1494, in which eight were killed.

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A little Island history

How one man left a mark on Padre Island For 30 years Paul Schexnailder managed 1200 acres of island land

By Dale Rankin

It was a crisp cool day in November 2009 as a crowd of people in casual business attire were gathered under a large tent outside the clubhouse at Padre Isles County Club. It was Saturday, November 21 and they had gathered for the auctioning of 95 acres of land on Padre Island spread out across 76 lots. Included were gulf frontage, a permitted marina site, canal frontage, and land that ranged in purpose from hotels to condos, to commercial sites.

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The auction crowd

Yard of the Month



This month's Island Gardeners "Yard of the Month" belongs to Austin and Erin Muchow. (Adorable Elsie is also pictured.) Colorful Vinca, Ixora, Pride of Barbados, and Bird of Paradise bring shades of red to this month's Yard of the Month. These choices are perfect for standing up to our summer heat. This color scheme is carried through with Red Esperanza bushes. All this color is in lovely contrast to landscape plants with lush green foliage. Low water demand and heat tolerant plants are a can't miss combo for the Island gardener. Just look for the "Yard of the Month" sign on Reales near Whitecap.

Island Obituary

Earl Paul Schexnailder, Jr.

Earl Paul Schexnailder, Jr., of League City, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at his home in League City, Texas at the age of 82. Paul was born on September 24, 1943 in Morgan City, Louisiana to Earl and Alice Schexnailder.

Paul was married to Kathy Covington Schexnailder for 60 years. They met in high school when they were 14 and 16 years old.

Paul had many interests. He taught Sunday School for many years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and the outdoors. He loved the water as well as golf and nature walks. But most of all, he loved his family and faith in God.

Paul was in the oil and gas business and drilled over 3000 oil wells for many major oil companies. He was the man responsible for working with the company that at the time had the largest bankruptcy in the history of our Country. He drilled wells on their property to assist them in getting out of bankruptcy.

At a young age of 30 years old, Paul was the General Manager of a joint venture between Brown and Root and Williams and Sedco. The project was to build a pipeline for the Peruvian Government at a cost of 270 million dollars. In the early 1970's, it was a major accomplishment because the pipeline traversed through the dessert, swamp and mountains.

Later in life Paul and his partner purchased over 1500 acres in Corpus Christi, Texas. They developed the land out on the island for over 20 years. He later retired and moved to League City, Texas.



Paul was preceded in death by his mother and father Earl Paul Schexnailder, Sr. and Alice Mae Bean.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Schexnailder, daughters Suzanne Trumble, Elizabeth Huffman and husband Aaron, grandchildren Seth Huffman, Caroline Huffman, Molly Trumble, Cooper Trumble and many loving family and friends.

A Graveside Ceremony will be held for family on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 10:00am at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster, Texas 77598 with Pastor Dr. Regan Miller presiding.

Texas Billfish Open

The Texas Billfish Open wrapped up Sunday and we'd like to give a shout out to one of our 'hometown' teams the Third Coast Renegades! They came in at third place but a very close second and very respectable win. Congratulations!

The Tournament was held in Port Aransas from August 14th through August 16th. The big winner was The Lone Stars Anglers with 2675 points and took the \$100,000 check. Second place West Florida Black Flags with 1350 points and the \$45,000 check and last but not least the Third Coast Renegades came in with 1275 points and a \$33,000 check.

A total of **6 core Sport Fishing Championship (SFC) angling clubs** competed in the 2026 Texas Billfish Open field. The Competing SFC Clubs

The tournament featured an intense Gulf Division rivalry, highlighting two hometown teams from Port Aransas alongside four visiting challengers looking to disrupt the field:

Texas Lone Stars Angling Club (*Home-town / Tournament Winners*)

Third Coast Renegades Angling Club (Hometown)

Gulf Coast Cowboys Angling Club
Mississippi Blues Angling Club



Third Coast Renegades



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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

Longtime Islander Paul Schexnailder passed away this week. For many years Paul’s office was just steps away from the Island Moon office and when I had a few minutes it was a regular occurrence for me to drop in and access his twenty-plus years of experience at dealing with the installation and maintenance of bulkheads, dredging, management of the permits with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which he was responsible for renewing every five years, Island development in general, and eventually the design construction and final demise of the Schlitterbahn Waterpark.

You can’t really understand the history and future of Padre Island without delving into the details of the Corp permits which govern development here. Until 2018 1200 acres of Island land, most undeveloped, was under a single permit but that jurisdiction was split three ways in the bankruptcy proceedings that followed the demise of the Schlitterbahn park. The Whitecap NPI development now has its own permit which allowed for the opening of the Commodores Canal in July and the Lake Padre area is now the sole area still under the old permit. The PIPOA was also severed from that permit and now the island canals can be maintained under a nationwide Corps permit. Mr. Schexnailder was involved in all of that process until about 2020 at which point he had been involved with the process for almost thirty years.

I had many heated discussions with him about his attempt to remove traffic from area beaches. We agreed that the beach along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall should be vehicle free and in fact a vote by the public in 2008 called for that move but it was stalled in the process and never came to fruition. Where we disagreed was wheth-

er to ban vehicles on beaches other than the seawall, a move he was in favor of and I was adamantly against. His view was that the potential of \$1 billion in investment at the South Packery Jetty was worth banning traffic there, mine was that once you start banning traffic on beaches outside the sea-wall you are just talking price. How much does an investor have to agree to spend in order to have a vehicle-free beach and who will determine that number? We never agreed and I always knew I could push Paul’s buttons by bringing the subject up.

Paul was criticized by many Islanders for lack of development on “his” land but the fact was that he was never in control of the purse strings and still managed to develop the Captains Row area and the Pathway to the Sea condos at Whitecap Blvd. and Windward Dr. He went all in on the Schlitterbahn project losing many of his personal assets which were used as collateral to build the park and as a result moved to the Houston area. But his Island legacy is that the two large developments, Lake Padre and Whitecap NPI, would likely not have been done as master planned projects and instead sold off piecemeal without his involvement. It is hard to point to a single person who has had a more direct impact on The Island than Mr. Schexnailder in the past thirty years.

The last time I spoke to him was in 2025 when I was working on a story about the history of Corps permits here. He still had all the details in his head and anytime I had a question along those lines he was the person I called. That institutional memory is gone now even as we continue to labor under the permits that he maintained for almost three decades.

He was my friend.

Around cont. from A1

Moon. That includes only the portion of the 15 mile-long road that is located in the Corpus Christi City Limits – not Port Aransas. See the complete list in this issue.

And there is no shortage of horror stories of near misses *Around the Island* from people who have had harrowing experiences while driving up State Highway 361 to Port Aransas this summer. It has been ten years since Corpus Christi Police Chief Floyd Simpson was killed in a motorcycle accident there and some improvements have been made but the events of this summer show that more are needed.

The last time our Island had a problem of this type was in the late 1970s when the same type of violent crashes we are seeing on SH 361 were happening on the JFK Causeway. The solution then was the installation of concrete Jersey barriers in the median to separate the opposing traffic lanes but that solution will be more difficult on SH 361 due to the number of entry points at driveways along the route.

Funds for major highway projects are often based on the number of vehicles per year that use a roadway and the SH 361 corridor is often sparsely used during certain months meaning that measuring the annual traffic load does not address the dangers at peak times. While it may be financially impractical to build this church for Easter Sunday something must be done sooner rather than later and our political class now must engage as the election approaches. We need help now before the *Island Landing Strip* becomes the *Island Death Strip*...



Jersey Barrier

Beach fires

Nueces County Commissioners this week issued a burn ban in unincorporated areas of Nueces County. City officials said beach fires on city beaches are still permitted as long as they are under a three-foot square and do not include lumber or wooden pallets. Bonfires are not allowed so if your vanities are in need of combustion you will have to head to Kleberg where vanities are often extinguished...

That’s all for now everybody, rejoice for football season is nigh upon us and say hello if you see us *Around the Island*.

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The Port A Cookbook

By Chris Jordan

As soon as school let out in the summer of ‘79, I went to stay at my grandparents’ house in New Braunfels. I was ten years old. I loved staying with Mum and Dad-do. I helped Mum cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Nothing fancy. Breakfast was scrambled eggs and toast. We might have chicken soup and buttered bread for lunch. Maybe a hamburger and french fries for dinner. Whether it was toast, buttered bread, or the top and bottom of a burger, it was always Roman Meal — a sliced, whole-grain bread you could have easily purchased at the grocery store anytime from 1912 to 2015.

Between meals, Mum and I might preserve cut flowers, learn a new crochet stitch, do some upholstery, work in the garden, or can some vegetables. Every once in a while, Mum and I would take turns writing lines of a story or poem on her ancient manual typewriter. If we had grown bored of all other activities, we might sit at the kitchen window where she had her Argus C3 35mm camera trained on a birdfeeder outside and wait for a photo-worthy specimen to appear. Strange that it’s still called canning even when you’re putting the food up in jars.

The Argus C3 35mm camera was made from 1939 until 1966

You might think all this activity didn’t leave any time for me to do stuff with Dad-do, but you’d be wrong. These two woke up with the sun, retired with the moon, and took a nap after lunch — but were otherwise never idle. Daddo and I would work in his shop, cut firewood for winter, make up silly songs to be accompanied by tenor banjo, or go fishing down the street on the headwaters of the Comal River. That’s where Daddo taught me to turn over rocks on the river bottom to catch crawfish for bait. Not too shabby for old folks. Mum was 70 and Daddo was 82.

The second weekend of summer vacation I was to ride with my grandparents out to a family camping trip on the Nueces River near Camp Wood. Mum and Daddo had the most adorable, barely postwar, tear-drop-shaped camping trailer. It was both small and luxurious by the standards of the 70s. The interior and cabinetry were all real wood with brass hardware. The kitchen was as cute as it was diminutive. It still had the original working toilet. Daddo hauled it like precious cargo with his 1960 Ford F-100 stepside pick-up.

1960 Ford F-100 pick-up

We took TX-46 West through Boerne into Bandera, turned right onto TX-16 North to Medina, and then took FM 337 West all the way through Vanderpool and Leakey straight into Camp Wood. I absolutely loved the Hill Country — and even though I mostly grew up there, that was in the foothills of New Braunfels and Helotes — not as dramatic as the roiled topography of the true, deep Hill Country we camped in. That old pick-up with its straight six and three-on-the-tree got us wherever we needed to go — including up, down and around the scenic and circuitous Hill Country routes Mum and Daddo preferred.

We arrived a day ahead of everyone else. And by everyone, I mean Uncle Jack, Aunt Mary, and cousin Julie; Uncle David, Aunt Nancy, and cousins Matt and Rob; and of course, Mom, Dad, and my sister Claudia.

We pulled into a place you wouldn’t know was a campground, because it wasn’t really. It was an old house on some land on a very steep bank overlooking the river. Mum got out of the truck to go see Ms. Vida Mae Sweeten who — having heard the truck and trailer coming — was already on her porch. Ms. Sweeten didn’t ask for much at all for camping on her place — only a couple of dollars a day. She charged by the vehicle. If she wasn’t home, you could come back later or just leave the cash in an old coffee can she kept on her porch.

The camping spots were right near the river and equally close to two ways to get to it: a tall bluff the brave could jump from, or a steep, rickety iron staircase that wound down at the mouth of a slough. Like most sloughs, this one was scary. It was dark from the canopy of sycamore and cypress that hung over it and a little stinky from being mostly stagnant. Plus all manner of unsociable critters called it home — with most of which I had no quarrel but for the snakes.

As Mum and Daddo set up camp, I wouldn’t be much use. Not because I couldn’t or wouldn’t, it’s just that they had their ways. Mum shooed me off with a rod and reel to go fish. When I protested my baitless situation, Daddo told me to go pull some bramble to swat grasshoppers with or just occupy myself with a bare hook. I rigged the line the way I liked to and put a brand new, shiny brass hook on it. I side-eyed the slough all the way down the old stairs, waded into the river and cast that bare hook into what looked like a spot fish preferred. I ain’t makin’ it up: that hook had no sooner hit the water than a perch struck it hard!

I jettied up the janky stairs with no thought given to the dreaded slough and came hollering into camp with the news of my triumph. Mum and Daddo were not inclined to believe me. But they still had work to do, so they told me to see if I could do it again. And I did.

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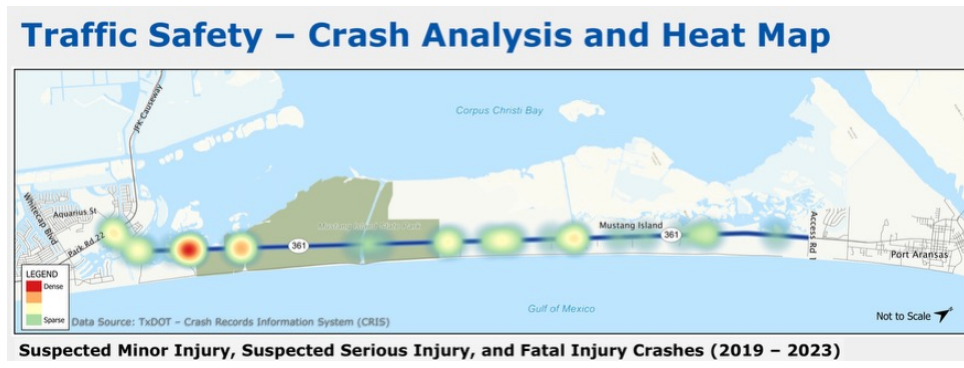
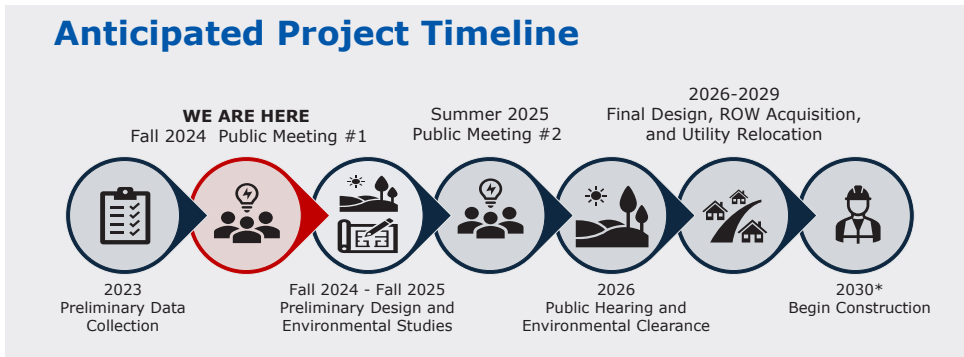
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TxDot will open a communications portal on Friday, August 21 to gather public input for improvements which will remain open for two weeks, followed by a public location for to allow for citizens to walk in and give input

Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-Dot) held a public hearing in September, 2024 to gather public input and the timeline announced then was to begin work to expand the current two-lane roadway, with passing lanes, to four lanes for the entire 15 mile stretch, and raised medians with left turn lanes.

Potential Safety Improvements include dedicated turn lanes to allow traffic to slow while waiting to turn. The plan also calls for restricted crossing U-turn which reduces left-turn conflicts by restricting left turns at intersections but allows the movement to occur at a new U-turn location, lighting at strategic locations, and traffic signals placed based on “traffic volume on the main road and the minor roadway.”

In the longer term the plan calls for a pedestrian and bicycle path with a buffer area designated space that serves as a safety barrier between the road and a sidewalk or shared use path.

The time line issued at the September, 2024 meeting called for a second public meeting in summer 2025 and final design and acquisition of rights of way and utility relocation to take place from 2026-2029 based on funding and an environmental study.

Much of the delay in the project has centered around environmental issues regarding the covering or moving of the bar ditches along various area of the 15-mile stretch. A study in 2013 identified areas where the ditches are jurisdictional wetlands under the rules of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. One possible solution identified was to move the ditches out of the TxDot right of way into an adjacent right of way under the control of the Lower Colorado River Authority which owns the large utility poles which border the TxDot right of way.

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The Art of Island Life

By Melissa Mitchell



A Child’s World in Focus

Long before my daughter Lauren had a degree hanging on the wall of her exam room, she left clues about where she might be headed. She was about seven years old when, one Halloween, she announced she wanted to be an optometrist. Armed with her little doctor’s kit and a tiny eye chart tucked into her pocket, she went to work checking her siblings’ eyes.

Lauren remembers being fascinated by her own first eye exam—the equipment, the experience, and especially what happened when she received her first pair of glasses. She could see clearly. Years later, while attending Baylor University, Lauren originally planned to go to medical school, but by her senior year she realized it wasn’t the right path for her. An internship with the optometrist she had visited as a child brought everything full circle. She had found her career.

Today, Dr. Lauren Jensen is an optometrist and owner of Island Family Eyecare, where she cares for patients of all ages—and still checks her siblings’ eyes, only now in an exam room of her own.



and safe.

Sometimes caring for someone’s eyes means seeing more than what appears on the chart.

Some signs of a vision problem are relatively easy to recognize—squinting, sitting very close to the television, frequently rubbing the eyes, or noticing one eye drifting inward or outward while a child is doing homework. Others are easier to miss.

A child who avoids reading, complains of headaches, struggles to concentrate, or isn’t performing as well as expected just may not be seeing comfortably or clearly.

More Than Reading an Eye Chart

This time of year, children are heading back to classrooms with new backpacks, freshly sharpened pencils, and perhaps a few butterflies. But there’s something else they need to do their best in school. They need to see clearly.

Lauren has volunteered with vision screenings at Seashore Charter Schools and knows their value, but she also explains their limitations. A child can pass a school vision screening and still have a vision problem. Screenings generally check distance vision, but they don’t evaluate near vision, eye alignment, eye health, or many of the other things that can affect how comfortably and effectively a child sees.

Astigmatism is one example. A child’s brain may compensate well enough that they appear to see normally, even when significant astigmatism is present. Other problems can make it difficult for a child to keep both eyes aligned while reading or doing schoolwork. Sometimes the clue isn’t, “I can’t see.” Sometimes it’s, “I don’t like to read.” The same thing can happen on the ball field. A child struggling to hit a baseball may discover that the problem isn’t ability at all. Once the vision problem is corrected, suddenly seeing the ball—and hitting it—becomes a lot easier. “Comprehensive eye exams are crucial to making sure our children are seeing their best before they enter the learning environment,” Lauren explained. “We need our eyes to be functioning to their fullest before we can read or learn to read.”

Lauren shared a story that shows just how closely a child’s vision can be connected to what they’re experiencing in life. A little girl, about eight years old, had recently experienced a tremendous change in her life and had gone to live with her grandparents. She began experiencing blurry vision, limited peripheral vision, and difficulty reading and concentrating in school.

Lauren diagnosed her with Streff Syndrome, a rare condition in which psychological stress can produce very real changes in vision. With reading glasses, therapy, reassurance, and plenty of love and support from the people caring for her, the little girl’s symptoms improved. Within six months, her visual acuity and peripheral vision had returned to normal.

Most importantly, the little girl felt happy

Caring for the Island

For Lauren, owning a practice on Padre Island means caring for the community she has called home since 2018. She loves being able to provide eye care for friends and neighbors—and there are definite advantages to working close to home.

In true Island fashion, she put it simply: “Who wants to go OTB?” I suspect most Islanders would agree.

Lauren’s office manager, Jennifer, who also lives on the Island, is a licensed optician and a mom herself. Together, they want patients to feel welcomed and comfortable, with the time and attention they need—without feeling rushed. For younger patients, even some of the intimidating parts of an eye exam have been made a little easier. And if you happen to dread that infamous puff of air at the eye doctor, good news...they don’t have that.

Instead, they use an iCare device to check eye pressure, which Lauren says is gentler and less startling—something children and more than a few adults can appreciate. Lauren also sees very young children, something not every optometry practice offers.

Her pediatric training included working under Dr. Glenn Steele, her preceptor in optometry school and a highly regarded leader in children’s vision care.

“I see patients of all ages,” Lauren said. “Infants–100+.” A child may not always know how to explain that something doesn’t look right. They may assume everyone sees the world exactly as they do. Lauren knows a little something about that. Years ago, she was the little girl with blurry vision fascinated by an eye exam and amazed by what happened when she put on her first pair of glasses. Her world came into focus.

Today, she gets to help other children experience that same moment.

[Island Family Eyecare](#) is located at 14650 Compass Street, Suite 2, on Padre Island. 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



Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

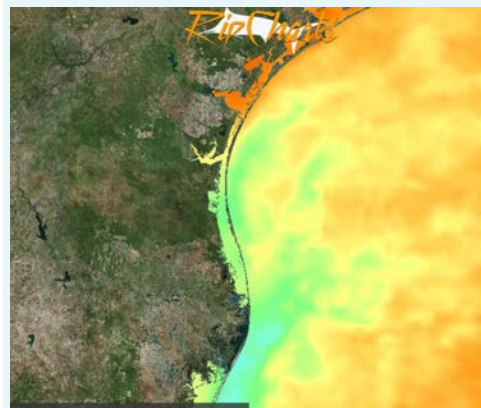
By Jay Gardner

Updates and Seasonal Changes

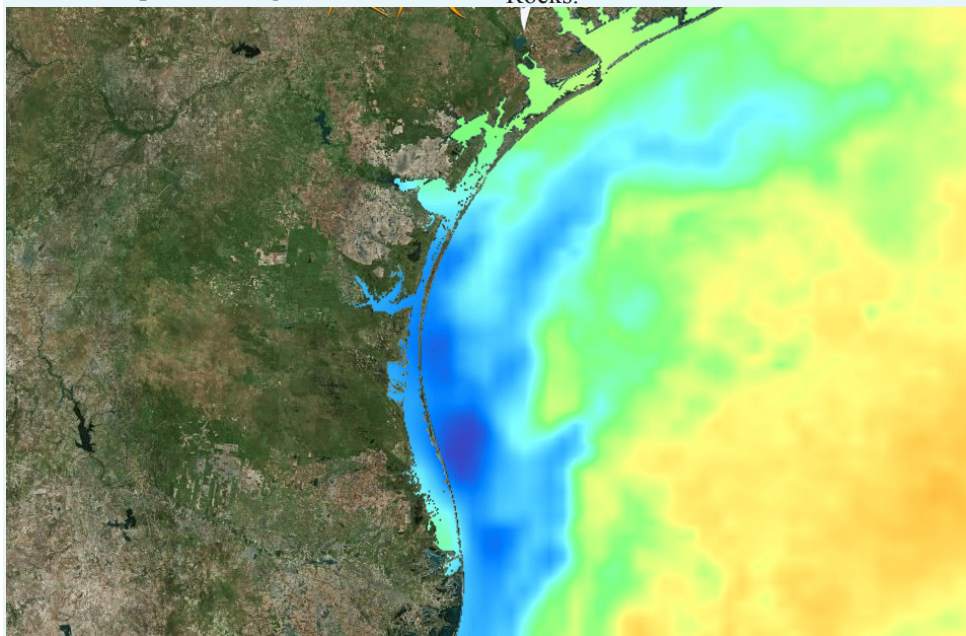
I bombed up to Houston the other day to provide an update on the oyster restoration, Baffin Bay serpulid study, marsh protection, and nearshore artificial reefing projects that we have going on up and down the coast. There's a lot going on, with a lot of money getting put back in the water for future generations and habitat enhancements. They are wrangling a lot with the new Certificate of Location (CoL) Conservation reefs at the Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas General Land Office as there has been a massive outpouring of organizations that are trying to put oyster material back in the water to restore reefs that are now off limits to commercial harvest. There is a large public meeting at the next commission meeting in Austin at the end of September, stay tuned.

We also got an update that the oyster license buy-back program has been a big success. The oyster fishery in Texas is over-capitalized, and they are taking too many oysters out every season. They are purchasing licenses to get it back out of a "Wild West" scenario and back into sustainable harvest. We also got an update from the CCA STAR tournament that only 4 out of the 5 "super tagged" redfish have been caught. I haven't seen any reports from one being caught in our area, so that means there is a redfish out there in our flats somewhere with a red tag in it that is worth a new truck, boat, motor, and trailer for the lucky person who catches it. STAR goes for another few weeks, so make sure you're entered and get out there. One guide in Galveston caught two tagged redfish in consecutive days fishing and wasn't entered! Shame on him for that second fish and still not being entered!

Everyone is chomping at the bit to get back on the beach and head south and get some summertime fishing under their belts. Typically, this time of year the surf is calming down with the lessened winds, which makes the water a bit greener and casting a bit more palatable. I'm tired of sounding like a broken record, but the upwelling came back with a vengeance lately, which muddled the waters and cooled things off again. I compared this years with two years ago, and it was pretty much gone by now. The Loop Current is in the middle of forming a giant eddy, and it will be interesting to see what this means here in a month or so. Meanwhile, Belize and the Mexican Riviera are "enjoying" one of their worst sargassum seasons on record. We're supposed to head down there in a few weeks and give a first-hand report.

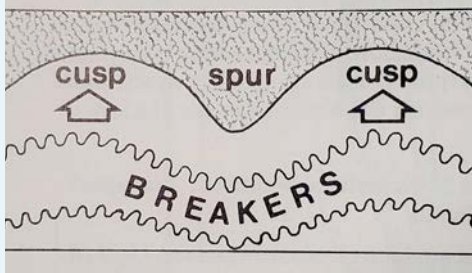


Ripcharts August 2024



Ripcharts August 2026

We did make it down to the 10-mile marker on the Seashore this past weekend before we got disillusioned and headed back north. Zep and I did find a good handful of red mangrove seeds, which means we are headed into the fall type patterns. We didn't find any monkey brain seed pods like Jace, but we were at a point (spur) instead of a cusp. (Diagram from *The Shore Ecology of the Gulf of Mexico – Britton and Morton*) The beach morphology is pretty flat up north in our area, but as you get further down the beach, it changes from subtle to more dramatic with points that sweep out into the water. Most of the fisherspersons like to fish the point because it gives closer access to deeper water, but all the good stuff that washes up on the beach is caught in the cusps.



There have been a few catches of some early fish down the beach – I've seen a few pompano being caught, and some redfish. We really didn't see much bait down the beach, which isn't a good sign. Nash did manage to catch a palometa last week, which is a specialty fish here on the beach. They are related to pompano but are very pretty and less common. Nash released his specimen to grow bigger for the next person.



Nash with a palometa

Well folks, I gotta move on for this week. Life has been skinny pedal on the right lately with a lot of traveling and projects getting fired up. Dove season is right around the corner as well, starting actually before Labor Day this year. Weird. Watch the school zones and driving Hwy 361, drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

The Sounds of the Sea



The tide was dropping and the swells dragged cobble stones off of the sand like a drum beat to a high, then the roar of the ocean taking them back and throwing stones, water, and sand back upon the beach. Through the last moments of the night I let the oceans symphony lay me to sleep in my hammock under a couple of palms. That's a far cry from the constant rumble of our Gulf waters crumbling in our sandy beaches here on Padre. I'm on a plane headed for a pacific beach far away, chasing waves and maybe a fish or two. Over my life I have been blessed to share many beaches with friends and family, all of them connected to the soul just as the Ocean connects the world. Surf trips have definitely changed over the years! In my youth we traveled all over Mexico on buses, trains, taxis, in the back of trucks and cars, and many miles on foot. I am already noticing that traveling to beaches far away has changed quite a bit. The wonder in people's eyes upon us surfers as foreigners was matched by our open eyes to a country very different from ours. Today the internet and electronics have bridged big gaps in people across the world; maybe a lot of THE WILD has disappeared from the adventure. Everything we experience on our travels makes home more appreciated, but the highlights of our adventures will never be forgotten and burn a fire inside of us for that WILD and Adventure. Sometimes we have to settle for the small excursions close to home, but carry the spirit of our journeys with us in heart.

I can see it already, sunrise peaking over the mountains, the cold air coming down and into the waves crashing on the black sand. The sounds of the jungle riding the wind down to the beach. Pelicans cresting the curl of the waves in line banking up as the section closes out. Long blue lines of swell building from the horizon up to me over the reef under my feet. I'll forget all about you guys chasing trout and redfish until I land back down to earth in Corpus. I've returned enough times to know that I'm right where I want to be, close to family, friends, and my community here on our little strip of sand we call Padre.

Looks like I was guessing our first signs of tropical activity as YOU will be getting some clouds and tide this week as a small depression moves in from the Yucatán. Any rise of the tide is going to flood us with some green water and much needed oxygen in the bays. A flood of bait will come in from the surf as well, and round up bay species and bring them out to the beach. All of this will start the Migrations of late summer and fall, and some of the best fishing of the year! Look for birds to show you where the hot spots are, brown pelicans for small mullet and Shad. Terns for schools of tiny baitfish. Focusing on traditions in bottom contours within these bird rich zones will put you in perfect position. Timing your fishing to the lunar feedings is very important; you can be in the best spot at the wrong time and swear that there isn't a fish in the ocean. We have been catching small fish and lots of bites without landing gamefish during the slow periods, but when they are hungry it's blowing the doors off as fast as we can cast. Having plenty to eat when every gamefish want can be a problem this time of year.



Late August and Sept is when these giant redfish start to gather! Look for lots of the best red fishing to be had in the next few weeks. Farah



Cash caught and released this giant late August trout along the King Ranch Shoreline! Farah

Changing lures constantly to find something that works better can be a waste of time. Stick with solid productive baits and vary your presentation most of all. Soft gentle rod strokes catch more fish during these slow periods, try using a lighter jig head and float that lure in the face of gamefish. During heated feedings break out the top water plugs and enjoy some big crashing strikes and bigger fish.

Many moons ago I started wade fishing at night with topwaters. Quickly I learned to use my ears as much as my eyes when fishing. It's not until you take sight away that it opens up your other senses. I would hear the plug crash the surface and tickle it side to side a few feet. Daytime practices would have had me working the bait all the way back to my feet. At night I could clearly hear the rattles rolling inside the bait as it rocked in the waves over the shallow beach in Baffin. Tick tick, then the rhythmic growl of the herrings inside the topwater as it pitched and rolled like a lost ship at sea. I would often hear schools of baitfish rushing towards the beaches escaping gamefish hunting like packs of wolves. Herding baitfish in groups against the sea grass. Reactions took over and casts sent towards just inches of water brought some connections with a few of my absolute largest trout of my lifetime. Just as we act different under darkness, the WILD THINGS do as well. The ocean is alive at night, and under the darkened sky's we are forced to listen to Mother Oceans symphony. Beat the heat and try some casts under the building moon this week. Sometimes I still close my eyes as I cast, and listen to the topwater roll through the waves, wait for the crash, and feel the line tighten before I bring the rod back and the line tight. Pull up to the beach and turn the car off, roll down the windows, close your eyes, and listen to the ocean.

That's the CALL OF THE WILD.

I was planning on trying to catch a fish between waves, but left my fishing pole on the plane!

Hopefully I make it back to the island with a story or two and some Ocean Memories! Follow all of our hookups on Facebook at Joey Farahs Backwater Fishing! Ticktock and Instagram too! 361-442-8145 let's plan your adventure this Fall!



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Nature Notes

Nature cont. from A1

In Texas, there were sightings in 1926 and 1932, and there are archaeological records of its existence here as well. It likely did not breed in Texas, and simply foraged and rested along the state’s southern coast. It historically ranged throughout the eastern Gulf of Mexico, down into the Caribbean, and Western Atlantic.

The Caribbean Monk Seal was one of only a few warm-water seal species in the world, and is survived by the Hawaiian Monk Seal (*Neomanachus schauinslandi*) and Mediterranean Monk Seal (*Monachus monachus*), both of which are endangered. Not much is known about the Caribbean Monk Seal’s habits, due to them largely disappearing before scientists took interest in the species. What we do know is that they hauled out in large groups on islands, and occasionally the mainland, and may not have been particularly fearful of humans according to some reports. They likely behaved similarly to their surviving cousins.

Like most wildlife prior to the passage of laws such as the Lacey Act of 1900, Caribbean Monk Seals were mercilessly slaughtered by market hunters and sailors for their blubber, meat, and hides. Oil made from the blubber of whales and seals was of incredible economic importance at the time. It was used for cooking, to light lamps, to lubricate tools, to coat the bottom of boats, and more.

Canals cont. from A1

of Corpus Christi, Ashlar Development owner of the Whitecap NPI project who removed the Commodores dam, the Padre Isles Property Owners Association, and Tim Lange from the Lake Padre Development group which owns the property where the remaining dam is located.

It was the fourth meeting of the group and the minutes of the meeting state:

Lake Padre representatives remain prepared to remove their earthen dam at any point and confirmed that they are currently operating under a USACE permit managed by Gulf-shores Joint Ventures with a five year term.

It was decided at the meeting that the city would commission a study by LJA Engineering to determine, among other items, what effect the removal of the Lake Padre dam would have on water flow under the roadway at Encantada Avenue where water flow is currently restricted due to sand buildup in the underground culverts there. That study was released on May 22 and was based on a model assuming that the current culverts under Encantada Avenue were cleared and dredging of the channel on the north side of the roadway there would complete to restore water flow. The study found that while clearing of the current culverts and replacing them with larger box culverts would reduce water flow through the Island canal system it was not a major contributing factor to slowing the flow rate.

Work to replace the current culverts with larger box culverts has been stalled since the February meeting with city officials agreeing to replace the culverts at an estimated price of \$1 million after the dredging of the channel is complete. The canal is owned by the PIPOA which, according to the minutes of the meeting, holds the dredging permit. PIPOA officials have said they are awaiting a written commitment from the city to replace the culverts once the dredging is complete.

The PIPOA Board of Directors has called a Special Meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25 with a single item for discussion – “Special Topic: Canal and Waterway Issues.” The agenda does not specify what particular items may be decided at the meeting and requests for clarity to PIPOA officials were not answered by press time.

On Tuesday Corpus Christi City Manager Peter Zaroni told the Island Moon it is the city’s position that the dam on Lake Padre should be removed.

“Yes, we believe the earthen dam at Lake Padre should be removed,” Zaroni said.

Jeff Edmonds, the city’s Director of Engineering Services, told the Island Strategic Action Committee during its June meeting that the city is prepared to install flow meters

The seals were thought to be the primary source of oil in the region, and were already uncommon by the early 1900s. They were also persecuted to a lesser extent by fishermen who saw them as competition, and collectors for zoos and museums who wanted rare animals in their collections.

The demise of the Caribbean Monk Seal is a sobering reminder of how quickly sensitive species can disappear and a great example of shifting baseline syndrome. Shifting baseline syndrome is the idea that people, over time, will accept degraded ecosystems as normal, because they have never seen what the ecosystem should look like. As each generation is brought up with more broken and fragmented ecosystems, we continue to accept sicker and sicker ecosystems as normal, until the originals are completely gone.

Most people have no idea Caribbean Monk Seals ever existed, and accept the Gulf in its current state as “normal”. Think of how different the Gulf Coast would be if seals were still present, and they are not even the only species that has disappeared in the last few generations. I encourage readers of this article to learn about the history of their local ecosystems, participate in restoration initiatives, and support endangered species protections so we can avoid repeating the tragedy of the Caribbean Monk Seal.

and inflatable water flow restriction devices at the city-owned bridges at Whitecap Blvd. and Gypsy St. Officials from both the city and PIPOA have been in communication with the Houston-based manufacturer of the inflatable bags which will need to be custom designed to fit the two local bridges, a process that could take up to one year for delivery.

District 4 City Council woman Kaylynn Paxson said Tuesday that the procurement process for the bags is underway and that the city has the necessary water flow monitors.

“The water flow meters are in hand,” Paxson said Tuesday, “We have the meters and are waiting for the water restriction devices. The water flow restrictors would not be permanent fixtures,” They would be put in place as needed.”

City officials have not announced a timeline for installation of the meters and no announcement has been made on whether installation of the meters alone would clear the way for the removal of the Lake Padre dam which has been in place since late 2024 after Tropical Storm Alberto damaged the bulkheads between Lake Padre and the Don Patricio Bridge and the PIPOA-owned bulkheads near the intersection of the Gypsy St. and Cutlass Ave. both of which have since been repaired. No timeline for removal of the Lake Padre dam has been announced by the property owners. As a follow-up to the February meeting the minutes call for a list of action items to follow:

City staff will explore the potential for temporary berms, dams, or bladders for expected storm surges and create a graphic of the waterways to be used in future meetings.

- City staff will also explore potential funding sources for the remedies identified once the hydrology study is complete. If box culverts are the solution, the timeline for installation is around 4-6 months and could potentially cost around \$1,000,000.

- The PIPOA will provide the city with an estimated timeline for dredging following the approval of the Whitecap Development permit. (Which was issued in July allowing for the removal of the Commodores Canal dam).

The Tuesday meeting of the PIPOA board is at Island Presbyterian Church, 14030 Fortuna Bay Dr. and is open to the public and can also be viewed on Zoom.



The Commodores bridge dam was removed recently

Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell



Sprouting Coconuts



Jace on the beach with a sprouting coconut

Beachcombing along the Texas coast always brings surprises, but this week I found one of the rarest: a sprouting coconut tucked at the base of the sand dunes.

Coconuts wash ashore here throughout the year, likely arriving from Mexico, Central or South America, or Caribbean islands after long journeys across the Gulf. Finding one that has actually begun to sprout, however, is extremely unusual.

The last time I encountered sprouting coconuts was during the summer and fall of 2021, when I found around 20. This year shares something with 2021: frequent coastal rain. Enough rain has fallen to keep sand moist in low areas of the beach, creating favorable conditions for a coconut to germinate.

A coconut is an impressive self-contained survival package. The water and meat inside provide stored nutrients and energy for the developing plant. Give a viable coconut warmth and moisture, and it has much of what it needs to begin growing.

So why aren’t coconut palms lining our beaches? Winter temperatures are the problem. Coconut palms are extremely sensitive to cold, and the central Texas coast regularly gets colder than they can tolerate.

I learned that firsthand after planting two sprouted coconuts from 2021 in my backyard. Only one survived. Keeping it alive has required wrapping it with heating wire, adding heat lamps and covering it with a 20-by-30-foot tarp during freezes. Today, that palm stands about 15 feet tall.

It hasn’t produced coconuts yet, but coconut palms can take five to eight years before producing their first fruit.

As for this week’s beachcombing treasure, it already has a destination. I’ll plant it where my other 2021 coconut palm died. This time, I plan to double my efforts to protect it through our winters.

Maybe, with enough care, I’ll eventually have two Texas-grown coconut palms reaching for the Gulf Coast sun, right here in my own Corpus Christi backyard.

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Who is running for Corpus Christi City Council?

47 are called...9 will be chosen...

A total of 47 candidates have signed up to run for seats on the Corpus City Council. Here's the final list. The General Election is November 3. Early Voting begins Monday, October 19.

Mayor	Willie Morales Jr. Retired
Paulette Guajardo (incumbent)	Nancy Vera Teacher Union President
David Ainsworth, Sr. – President	Carolyn Vaughn Retired
Chelise Hyatt Nonprofit Development Executive	Sammy Gonzales CVS Shift Supervisor
John Calkusic Business Owner	Zoraida Basaldu Chemical Engineer
Dave Heasley Self-employed	Julian Jacob Hernandez – Outrage Planner
Kaylynn Paxson Self-employed (Current District 4 Council member)	Merida Nardone Mendoza Self-Employed
Davian N. Gomez Freelance (delivery)	
Gil Hernandez Consultant	
Anna Hernandez Self-employed	
David Jensen General Manager	

At-Large	District 4
Candidates who win Top three vote getters win – must garner at least 12% of vote. If no candidate receives at least twelve percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for the at-large positions in the regular or special election, the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall stand for election.	Dan Herrington – Banker
If only one candidate received at least twelve percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for at large positions in the regular or special election, the next three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall stand for election; or	Dr. Kristina Nelson – Licensed Professional
If two candidates received at least twelve percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for at large positions in the regular or special election, the next two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall stand for election. The winners in any such run-off election for at-large positions shall be determined by a plurality vote.	Joshua Anderson – Professor, Nurse Practitioner
	StacieGarrecht – Small Business Owner

	District 1
	Vidal “Cowboy” Conde – Developer
	Tracy McCall – Engineering Business Consultant
	Billy Lerma – Retired
	John M. Cudd – Consultant
	John Garcia Tourism Executive
	Jennifer Gracia Property Manager
	District 2
	Laura Flores Commons – Realtor
	Jen Allende – Self Employed
	Selena Guerra – Healthcare Management
	Isabel Araiza – Professor of Sociology
	District 3
	Robert Rocha – Public Safety Consultant (Former CCFD Fire Chief)
	Eric Cantu – Self-employed (incumbent)
	Jessica Villarreal – Self-Employed

	District 5
	(Gil Hernandez termed out of council terms)
	David Pena – Business Owner
	John Hanzalik – Business Owner
	Merida Gonzalez Forrest – Sales/Accounting
	Kusumaker Sooda - Doctor
	Joseph Borkouski - Retired Insurance Agent
Joshua Fraedrick – Small Business Owner	
Scott F. Corliss – President/Owner	
Michael Miller - Construction Exec.	
Richarf Shelton - Small Business Owner	
Mark Scott Title - Insurance (incumbent)	
Alex Johnston - Software Developer	
Anthem Powers – Plumber	
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Across

1. Political alliance

5. Sad to say

9. Admits nothing?

14. Computer list

15. Trumpet-shaped flower

16. British Columbia neighbor

17. Bawl

18. Cry of concurrence

19. Eminent

20. Start of a quip about parenthood

23. It generates a lot of interest

26. Work unit

27. It might make a ewe turn

28. Part two of the quip

32. Wind up

33. Unexciting

34. Derby sounds

38. Rabbit mothers

40. Wintry

42. Swamp substance

43. Use this to join the flow

46. Field delivery, sometimes

49. ___ king

50. Part three of the quip

53. "Angela's Ashes" sequel

56. Sentimental drivel

57. March reasons

58. End of the quip

62. Hymn of praise

63. Boat beam

64. Craving

68. Houyhnhnm's creator

69. Joss, e.g.

70. Good spot for an editor to wind up a film

71. Rumormonger

72. Zip

73. Actor Montand

Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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Down

1. Upscale wheels

2. Appomattox figure

3. Something to grow on?

4. Valentine adornments

5. Future Hall-of-Famer

6. Property claim

7. Certain singer

8. Method

9. Maneuver cleverly

10. Commotions

11. Goat-legged deity

12. Fraternity letter

13. Sin city?

21. In a bind?

22. Ms. Brockovich

23. Set of beliefs

24. Rambled

25. Place to get down?

29. Where the successful go

30. You can count on them!

31. Pup's bark

35. First and second, for two

36. Berry favored in Hollywood

37. Is a good dog, in a way

39. Drain

41. WWII group

44. Purplish

45. Grad's gala

47. Ball to laugh at

48. Custard dessert

51. Earned

52. Divination

53. A bit crooked

54. Reverent

55. Pilsener holder

59. Sword handle

60. Change totally

61. One of the six inert gasses

65. Jesse Jackson, e.g.

66. "Aw" follower

67. South African golfer

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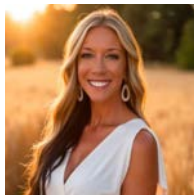
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Island Real Estate Roundup



Apryl Noles

The Back to School Real Estate market

The Padre Island real estate market remained steady through the middle of August. With students heading back to school and summer travel beginning to slow, this time of year typically brings a shift in activity as families settle back into their normal routines. Even with that seasonal transition, we continued to see solid movement across all three sectors of the Island market.

In the detached home sector, four properties entered the option period and four homes successfully closed. The condominium sector also remained active, with one property entering the option period, one moving to pending status, and one closing. In the townhome sector, two properties entered the option period and one property sold.

Overall, it was a steady week for mid-August and encouraging to see continued activity despite the traditional back-to-school slowdown. As we move through the remainder of the month and summer travel winds down, we will continue watching how the market adjusts heading toward the fall season.

Here, you can find a detailed list of this week's Padre Island real estate statistics. Stay tuned for next week's update as we continue to follow the Island market.

Detached Homes In Option Period:

- 15834 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$615,000)
- 15642 Finistere St (Listed for \$519,900)
- 15226 Isabella Ct (Listed for \$504,000)
- 13918 Eaglesnest Bay Dr (Listed for \$325,000)

Detached Homes That Sold:

- 15614 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$795,000)
- 14014 Coquina Bay Ave (Listed for \$515,000)
- 15414 Finistere St (Listed for \$348,900)
- 14321 Goldfish St (Listed for \$325,000)

Condominium In Option Period:

- 14401 Commodores Dr Unit 211 (Listed for \$210,000)

Condominium That Is Pending:

- 14300 Aloha St Unit 138 (Listed for \$275,000)

Condominiums That Sold:

- 14721 Whitecap Blvd Unit 280 (Listed for \$240,000)
- 14300 S Padre Island Dr Unit 74 (Listed for \$79,900)

Townhomes In Option Period:

- 14318 Cruiser St Unit A (Listed for \$490,000)
- 15405 Cruiser St Unit B (Listed for \$489,000)

Townhome That Sold:

- 13997 Ports O Call Dr Unit C (Listed for \$210,000)

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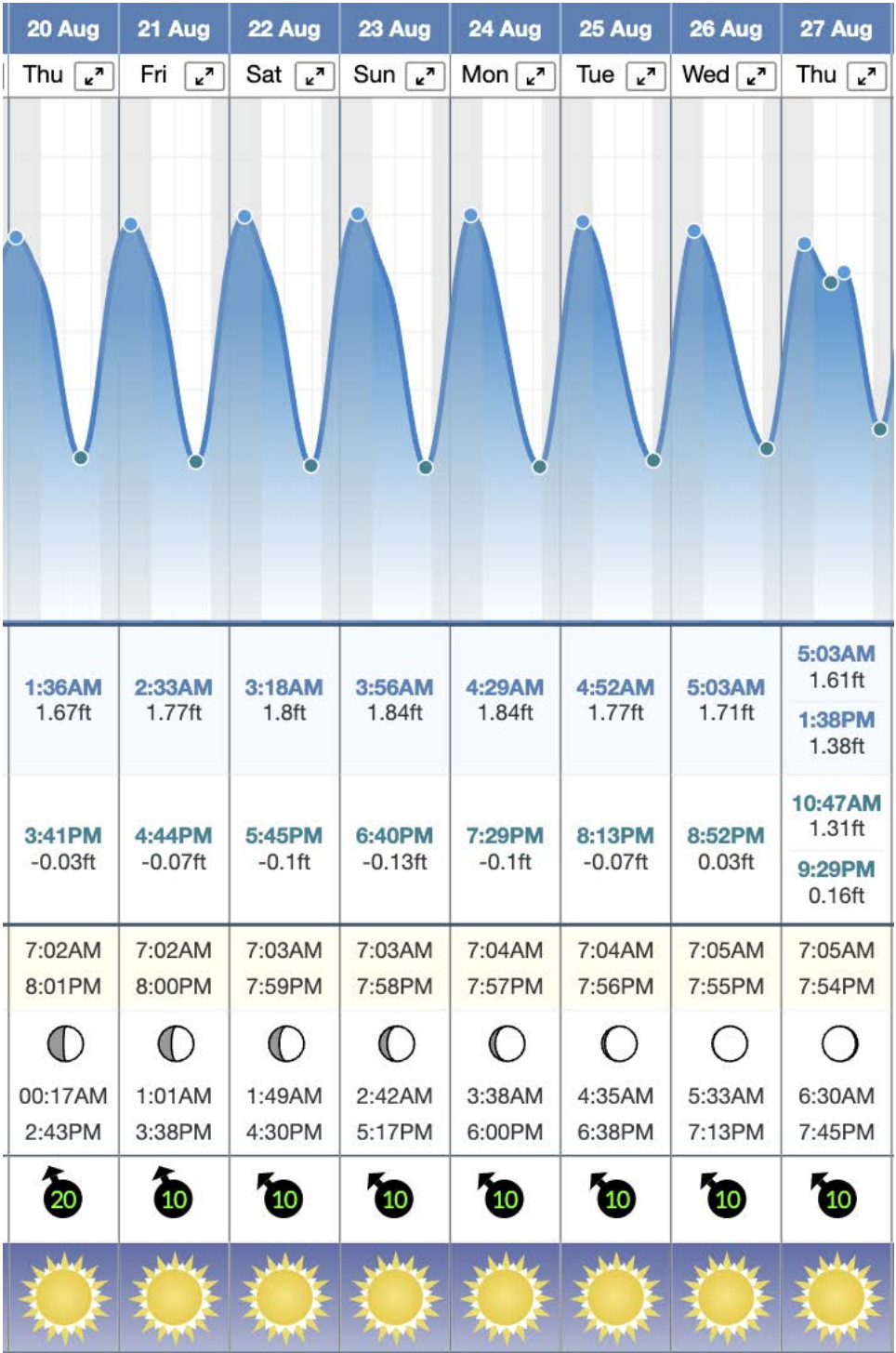
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NCAA Eligibility Requirements for Student-Athletes (2026-27) Update

Dotson's Note-Understanding NCAA eligibility requirements is essential for student-athletes who want to compete in college sports, receive athletic aid and make the most of their seasons of competition. These rules vary by division and include academic standards, amateurism certification, approved core courses, GPA benchmarks and participation limits. Whether you're wondering how many years of NCAA eligibility you have, what academic requirements you need to meet, or how junior college, redshirting, transfers and waivers can affect your eligibility, this guide breaks down the key rules student-athletes and families need to know. Thanks to my friends who are involved in college athletics, for many of the facts that are contained in this report.

An eligibility determines whether student-athletes can practice, compete and receive athletic scholarships in college. Eligibility rules vary by division and include academic requirements, amateurism certification and limits on seasons of competition.

Division 1 student-athletes can compete for up to five seasons within a five-year eligibility clock under new NCAA rules. Division 2 athletes are limited to four seasons of competition within 10 semesters or 15 quarters.

Division 3 schools set their own academic eligibility standards and do not use the same NCAA Eligibility Center certification process.

High school athletes pursuing D1 or D2 programs must complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses and meet minimum core GPA requirements. Redshirting can preserve a season of competition, but it does not stop or extend the eligibility clock. Transfers, junior college enrollment and medical hardship waivers can all impact NCAA eligibility, so athletes should plan early and track their academic status closely.

What is NCAA Eligibility?

NCAA eligibility refers to the academic and amateur standards student-athletes must meet to compete in college sports. The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies: Academic readiness, Amateur status, Transfer status, International student eligibility. Division 1 and 2 athletes must register with the Eligibility Center. Division 3 schools set their own certification process.

Understanding NCAA Years of Eligibility

One of the most common questions families ask is: How many years of NCAA eligibility do I have? The short answer: Most student-athletes have four seasons of competition, used within a defined eligibility period that depends on division. For Division I specifically, athletes must complete those four seasons within five calendar years from initial full-time enrollment. This is often referred to as the NCAA five-year clock. How the NCAA 5-Year Clock and Seasons of Competition Work. In June 2026, the NCAA approved a new rule allowing student-athletes competing in Division 1 up to five years of eligibility if they enroll in college no later than the academic year of their 19th birthday (with limited exceptions). Starting for all student-athletes in fall 2027, all student-athletes can compete in five seasons of competition in their sport and must use those seasons within a five-year eligibility clock that begins when they enroll full-time in college.

You get five seasons to compete. the five-year clock starts when you first enroll full-time at any college or the academic year of your 19th birthday. the clock runs continuously, even if you red shirt, transfer, or don't compete. The rules did not change for Division 2 or 3, where student-athletes are limited to four seasons of competition. Division 2 uses a 10-semester (15-quarter) rule. Division 3 does not have a five-year clock but limits participation to four seasons. NCAA eligibility rules and academic requirements. Your academic eligibility is based on two factors: Core Course Requirement --You'll need to pass 16 approved NCAA Core Courses during your high school years, and graduate from high school. Exact requirements vary slightly between D1 and D2 schools.

View the full breakdown of the NCAA core course requirements:

Core Course GPA: Your GPA will be calculated based on your performance in core courses, not your entire high

school transcript. The NCAA provides a core course worksheet to help, but it is recommended you meet with your high school counselor too.

Here's more information on [how to determine your core course GPA](#). Did You Know? 75% of college student-athletes typically meet NCAA academic minimums? Just because you are a good student doesn't guarantee academic eligibility. Surprisingly, every year, student-athletes with 3.5+ GPAs and honors courses are declared academically ineligible due to not meeting NCAA eligibility requirements. Standardized tests are currently not required for initial eligibility, though colleges may require them for admissions.

NCAA Eligibility Rules Beyond Academics: Academic benchmarks are only part of the equation. NCAA eligibility rules also regulate: [Amateur](#) status, Seasons of competition, Redshirt participation, [Transfer impact](#), Financial benefits and [NIL](#).

NCAA Division 1 eligibility requirements: For high-school athletes enrolling in college full-time in 2026-27 and beyond. Complete 16 core courses using pass/fail grades: English: 4 years Math (Algebra 1 or higher): 3 years Natural/Physical Science (Including 1 year of lab, if offered): 2 years, Social Science: 2 years Additional Courses English, Math or Science: 1 year English, Math, Sciences, Foreign Language, Comparative Religion or Philosophy: 4 years

Core Course Progression: You must complete 10 core courses by the beginning of senior year, or seventh semester. Among these 10, seven must be in the subjects of English, math or natural/physical science. This is known as the 10/7 rule: Earn a core course GPA of 2.3 or higher. Graduate high school and receive final certification on your amateurism status via the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#). Insider Tip: Once you enter your senior year, the grades you've received in your core courses are "locked in" and cannot be changed. If you're currently a [junior in high school](#), it's crucial to keep an eye on your core course count. You might need to take additional courses during the summer between your junior and senior years to meet this requirement.

NCAA Division 2 eligibility requirements:
For high-school athletes enrolling in college full-time in 2026-2027 and beyond:
Complete 16 core courses using pass/fail grades: English: 3 years Math (Algebra 1 or higher): 2 years Natural/Physical Science (Including 1 year of lab, if offered): 2 years Social Science: 2 years.

Additional Courses, English, Math or Science: 3 year English, Math, Sciences, Foreign Language, Comparative Religion or Philosophy: 4 years

Earn a core course GPA of 2.2 or higher ,
Graduate high school, Receive final
certification on your amateurism status via
the NCAA Eligibility Center.

NCAA Division 3 eligibility requirements:
Division 3 schools are responsible for setting their own academic eligibility rules. If you are going to be competing for a D3 institution, or if you are unsure what division level you'll be competing at, you can start with a [free NCAA Profile](#).

If you do decide to pursue a D1 or D2 program, you can always transition to a Certification Account later.

Junior college eligibility requirements (NJCAA) typically include: High school diploma or GED.

Institutional academic placement standards.
Amateur status compliance.

Many athletes who do not immediately meet NCAA eligibility requirements begin in junior college to: Improve GPA, Complete transferable credits, Develop athletically, Re-enter NCAA recruitment later.

However, enrolling full-time at junior college may start your NCAA eligibility clock (Division 1)

Insider Tip: Many athletes who aren't able to meet the NCAA or NAIA eligibility requirements will gain eligibility by competing at a junior college for two years. Or, sometimes, athletes who are unsure of their major, will attend a junior college while they decide what their four-year course of study will be.

Redshirting preserves a season of

Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken



People can look at the same thing
and see it differently

A minister, a geologist and a cowboy were seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time. The minister said that the canyon was truly one of the glories of God's creation. The geologist remarked about what a wonder nature is. The cowboy wondered, "Can you imagine trying to find a lost steer in there?"

Perspective.

There is a story about Jesus asking the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” The answers varied, depending upon one’s perspective.

It's the question that crosses all boundaries of time to be a question directed to us. It's one of those questions that becomes definitive for us. However, our perspective can become self-limiting.

There is a misconceived perspective that understands faith as a dream world of rapturous experiences and lofty moods. Contemporary church often turns the gospel into a psychologized truth. We turn it into a feeling. We have transformed the kingdom of God into a mood. It has become very privatized.

This opens the door to deluding ourselves to think that Christ is the great affirmer of everything we hold dear, all of our illusions. Contemporary faith often thinks our aim is to enter the kingdom of heaven and be rescued from the earth. However, the story of the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return of Christ tell a different story.

The question of Jesus to his disciples and to us is not a test of knowledge and certainty. It is an invitation to be shaped and formed in a life of following Jesus and living in his ways in this life. Jesus is not so much concerned about right doctrine as he is for us to live the question in faith and faithfulness.

On our recent trip we were able to visit a Japanese garden in Illinois. Japanese gardens are a deliberate art form. The goal of the

competition but does not extend the five-year clock. Recent legal challenges to NCAA redshirt rules have also brought additional attention to how participation limits are enforced.

Important notes: A traditional redshirt uses one year of your five-year clock. You still preserve one of your four seasons of competition. In many Division 1 sports, athletes may compete in a limited number of games and still qualify for a redshirt (sport-specific rules apply; NCAA Bylaw 14). Redshirting does not extend the five-year clock. It only preserves a season of competition.

Medical Hardship Waivers (Medical Redshirts) If an athlete suffers a season-ending injury early in the season, they may qualify for a medical hardship waiver (often called a medical redshirt).

General requirements include: The injury must occur in the first half of the season. The athlete must not exceed the NCAA participation threshold for that sport. Medical documentation is required. The waiver must be approved by the conference or NCAA.

If approved, the season does not count as one of the four seasons of competition.

Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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Back to school...



It's back to public schools in Texas.

Time marches on... we are now looking at the end of summer, smack dab at the end of August. Public school will start back in Port Aransas this coming Monday on August 24th. Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth and El Paso have already began and Austin started this week. Back in my day school ended on the first of June and started at the end of August every year. And we liked it like that. So why do they end on the last week of May and start in early August now? Many school districts have shortened their summer breaks to adopt "balanced" or year-round calendars. This shift aims to stop students from forgetting their lessons over long breaks ("summer slide"), and get the rest they need to lower stress and help working parents manage high childcare costs. The shift in school calendars helps to reduce burnout and rest up before they get too tired. It also helps by spacing holidays out, which makes it easier for parents to find daycare or travel during cheaper, off-peak times. According to *Reddit*, "Districts often start school earlier in August to fit in more teacher workdays or extra holidays without cutting short the required instructional year." Thus we now have an earlier start date and a *year around* schedule.

TI Beach Bash...



Treasure Island Beach Bash 2024.

It's that time of year again when *Treasure Island*, one of Port Aransas' more popular night spots which opened on the heels of the *Tarpon Ice House* on January 29th, 2016, will host their annual *Beach Bash* theme party which comes around at the end of August every year. In past years the themes have varied widely from *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Tight and White*, *Disco Cowgirls* and *Rhinestone Cowboys*, etc. This year's party will be held this Friday the 21st and the theme is "Bling Fling" and the cover rock band, **Splendiferous** will be performing both Friday and Saturday nights at the club. There will also be a big party on the beach on Saturday night around pole 27. This event is WILD! So deck out in your finest *bling* and come *fling* it this weekend!

Scattered shots...



Nick Lawrence, Clay Hollis and Kelly Kenning opened for Jon Wolfe last Friday at the Sip Yard.

It was a hot one but I did venture out to catch a few shows last weekend. Once again the *Sip Yard* heralded the shows to watch with a bevy of Americana studs. They got the ball rolling last Thursday with song swap between **Nick Lawrence** and **Clay Hollis**...not too shabby. They were joined by their friend **Kelly Kenning** on

Friday and by **Jon Wolfe** himself on Saturday. But that's not all; on Sunday **Tim Russell** and the rock solid **Scarecrow People** absolutely dominated the stage, the audience and me. Dude, those cats put out an "A Team" variety of hit songs that just kept getting better and better. Honestly, I hadn't seen them since the *Back Porch* days and must say, I didn't expect to be as impressed as I was... highly recommended! Kudos goes out to the *Sip Yard* management staff (**Lee, Sammy Joe, Pamela** and **Daniel**) for seamlessly presenting these shows without a hitch. Fortunately, they have the size and can generate enough income to put on big shows. And of course I made it by *Shorty's* to see the San Antonio guitar god **Ruben V** busting at the seams last Friday night. Without a doubt **Mr. Ruben Vela** is a bonafied monster, plain and simple. I keep saying I want to bring down Ruben's San Antonio partner, **Jimmy Spacek**, to do a show together, which the call **Bros Incorporated**. Throw in a few of the **Westside Horns** that are still alive and now you got something. All in all I'd say it turned out to be a pretty groovy weekend.

Coming this weekend...



Young Tate Mitchell will play the Gaff on Saturday.

And those hits just keep right on coming boys and girls and I'm gonna lineup y'all's weekend choices right here. Coming this Thursday the 20th you can catch the **Johnson All Starz** at *Shorty's* every week. The heart and soul of the **Johnson-ettes** is the stellar rhythm section of **Art Johnson** on bass and **Antone Johnson** on skins. The guitar/vocals is usually **Ray Ray Johnson** but sometimes they bring in **Reno Johnson** or **Mike O'Neil Johnson** when Ray Ray needs the night off to floss his tonsils and clip his toe nails. Also coming this Thursday, **Jerry Ward** will play the *Yard*. Coming this weekend we have the world famous **TWAT Fishing Tournament** going on with photo ops of plenty and the *TI Beach Bash* with **Splendiferous** both nights. Also on Friday the 21st we have the island's favorite son, **John Elijah** will honor the **Patsy Jones Amphitheatre** stage in *Roberts Point Park* overlooking the ferry landing for another installment of the *City of Port Aransas Park and Rec Department's* summer concert series; *Sunset Sounds*. It's a very cool deal so load up the golf carts with your ice chests and lawn chairs and be a part of this concert which is open to all ages and is FREE. You can't beat that. Also on Friday, **Austin Forrest** will play *Bron's*, our Cajun pals **Boo & Poo** are over at our favorite pirate bar, *Da Gaff*, **Bo Luna** at the *Sip Yard* and the hottest of hot licks blues, **John Cortez** will play *Shorty's* as he always does every month. John could be considered a tribute band with his note perfect renditions of **Jimi Hendrix** and **Stevie Ray Vaughan**. Its blues rock at its finest. And coming this Saturday the 22nd, it's **Tate Mitchell** at the *Gaff*, plus the always fun **Palacios Brothers** from Hebbronville at *Bron's*, **Left Right Left**, with their grungy reggae sound will play *Shorty's* and once again the *Sip Yard* has the big show in town with Americana queso grande **Darryl Lee Rush** and **Tyler McCumber**. And finally on Sunday we come back around to **Dugan** and **Dietz** playing their Sunday residency at Port A's *Oldest and Friendliest*.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Darryl Lee Rush will play the Sip Yard this Saturday.



John Cortez will play Shorty's on Friday,



The Palacios Brothers will play Bron's on Saturday the 22nd.

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Treasure Island

BEACH BASH	AUG 21-22
SPLENDIFEROUS	AUG 21-22
RAUL AYALA	AUG 28
JONMIKAEL MREZ	AUG 29
MARIO FLORES	SEPT 4
DIAMOND'S EDGE	SEPT 5

Bron's BACKYARD

AUSTIN FORREST	AUG 21
PALACIOS BROS	AUG 22
KAT & THE NAT 20'S	AUG 28
TATE MITCHELL	AUG 29
BRAD ETHRIDGE	SEPT 4
TALLULAH JUNCTION	SPET 5

Sip Yard
JERRY WARD TRIO
BO LUNA
DARRYL LEE RUSH
DEAN PAUL WILLEFORD
CASEY CHESNUTT
SCOTTY ALEXANDER

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DARRYL LEE RUSH	AUG 22
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Philip Dean @ Commercial St. Icehouse AP
Darren McGill @ Fajitaville

Interstate Daydream @ Sandbox NPI

TriSum @ Pier 99

Just Cuz @ 18

Eighteen

Michael Burttis @ Honey's Drive In & Dive

Saturday, August 22

Jim Dugan @ Gaff

Darryl Lee Rush, Tyler McCumber @ Sip Yard

Palacios Bros @ Bron's

Left Right Left @ Shorty's

Splendiferous @ Treasure Island

Michael Rivera @ Surf Club

Irie Rebels @ Pelican Lounge

Klocks @ Rockit's

Scarecrow People @ Brewster on the Island

Super Trouper @ Brewster Downtown

Kunkle Family Band @ Brewster Southside

Dreaming in Color @ Retro

Lucky Dogz @ Fulton's Irish Pub

Austin Meade @ Post OG

CBDB's @ Exchange

Austin Forrest @ Anchor Bar

Alley Catz @ Sandbox NPI

Jules Taylor @ Fajitaville

Just Cuz @ Blackbeard's

Joe Padilla @ Commercial St. Ice House AP

Michael Burttis @ Anchor Bar

Red Feather @ Island Retreat

Orlando Herrera @ Tannis Wine Bar

Kelly Kenning @ Hideout 35 RP

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