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By Dale Rankin

We enter the first Labor Day weekend *Around the Island* with a 50 mph speed limit in place. This may be the acid test as newcomers not aware of the lower limit may find themselves looking at flashing red lights in their rearview but if we get through with limited wrecks then we can call the speed reduction a success. Last year across Texas 26 people died in wrecks that were drug or alcohol related, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

## \$142 million project

It was announced this week that a \$142 million improvement is coming to Highway 361 across the bay. The 361/Spur 202 project in Gregory will include an elevated Single Point Urban Interchange at a cost of \$142 million and is scheduled for 2028.

## Conquer the Coast

The annual Conquer the Coast bike run is set for Saturday, September 19 so be ready for some traffic snarls. In the meantime there is still time to register to ride.

## Flour Bluff football

The Hornet eleven had a heart-breaker in their season opener at Hornet Stadium last Friday that went down to the last play. But it's a long season and they will tee it up this Friday when Laredo LBJ comes to visit.

## Old Island Italian

Work crews this week are removing the metals and other materials from the old Island Italian restaurant location. The wrecking ball won't be far behind as the site is prepared for expansion of the AEP substation. Power to The Island!

## Paddle for Parkinson's this weekend

The 19th annual Paddle for Parkinson's event will happen this Saturday, September 5, at Billish Park beginning at 9 a.m. but paddlers should be there by 8:30. Islander Mona Singleterry began the event after a family member was diagnosed with the disease. Any watercraft that is paddled is eligible to enter.

## Billish skatepark design

The design for the skatepark at Billish Park is nearing completion and will be reviewed by the Island

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## Proposals for Bob Hall Pier restaurant expected to be out by end of September *Expected to open in early 2027*

By Dale Rankin

Proposals for the concession contract at the 5000 square-foot restaurant structure now under construction on Bob Hall Pier are expected to be out to prospective bidders by the end of September, according to Troy Adler, Chairman of the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board which is in charge of the bidding process.

Adler said this week a scoring committee, made up of board members, is expected to have a Request For Proposals ready to is-

*Bob Hall cont. on page A7*



Work continues on the Bob Hall Pier restaurant

## A plan for Harbor Island *Details of desalinization plant outlined Would be a regional water provider*



Location of proposed Harbor Island Desalinization plant.

Photo from Nueces River Authority

By Dale Rankin

A plan for a desalinization plant on Harbor Island came into focus this week after a presentation to the Corpus Christi City Council by an official from the Nueces River Authority.

After months of discussions John Byrum, Executive Director and CEO of the Nueces River Authority on Tuesday outlined a plant for a 55 million gallons per day desalinization plant adjacent

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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 22. 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.



Rendering of the new Briscoe King Pavilion with the existing pavilion on the left side.

## A little Island history

### Padre Island in 1968

*A snapshot of history through the eyes of a person who lived it*

*Four burger joints, 19 surfboard rental shops, three Hippy Communes*

Editor's note: When Mike Ellis founded the Island Moon 2007 he began collecting Island memorabilia that ranged from the original drawings of the original development to broken guitars from memorable events, to the flying pig that graces our front office today. The idea was that one day we could have an Island museum to display the history of our island and in the 19 years since we took over the Moon in 2007 the memorabilia has

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Gladys Lehman's Sandyburger operated from 1968-1977. In those years there were four hamburger business, 19 surfboard and float rental shops on Padre Island.

## By the numbers

### Races for Corpus Christi City Council

*Total political contributions as of July*

The most recent period for reporting political contributions for the November 3 City of Corpus Christi elections was July, 2026. The following numbers reflect the filings with the City of Corpus Christi. They do not include personal loans made to the campaigns by the candidates. Some candidates currently running did not file for office by the July deadline and are not included, others, primarily incumbents, filed but had not announced for re-election and had not begun fundraising. Candidates who filed in the July period who showed no contributions or showed contributions less than \$100. There is another filing deadline before the November election which will have more comprehensive numbers.

**\$125,000** Fair Water Amendment Political Action Committee (Austin)

#### Mayor

**\$49,200** Paulette Guajardo  
**(\$25,588** maintained in account from previous reporting periods)  
**\$3800** David Ainsworth (**\$2000** maintained in account from previous reporting period)

*Races cont. on page A11*

## Paddle for Parkinson's Saturday, September 5

The 19th annual Paddle for Parkinson's fundraiser is set for this Saturday, September 5 at the Gypsy Street boat ramp across the street from Billish Park. The event begins at 9 a.m. and registration includes a t-shirt and barbeque. Late registration packet pickup can be done on September 3 from 4-7 p.m. at Brewster Street Icehouse on The Island, 15251 Leeward Dr.

To register or volunteer go to [www.catchthecure.org](http://www.catchthecure.org) or call 361-960-9597. The annual event gives Islanders a chance to show support for those with Parkinson's and their loved ones. The event is open to the public.





Work continues on the fishing peir and the walkways at Packery Channel Park. Work should be completed by the end of the year.

### Three candidates for three seats...no challengers in Flour Bluff ISD board election

The November 3 election will not bring any new members to the Flour Bluff ISD School Board. Three seats are up for election and the only candidates to file for the race are the three incumbents: The terms are for four years:

- Place 2, Dr. James Needham
- Place 4, Mrs. Shirley Thornton (Board Chair)
- Place 5, Mrs. Jean Blankenship-Paluseo



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#### Debunking five common Social Security myths

Social Security is often a cornerstone of retirement income, but it's often misunderstood, leading to confusion, worry and poor planning decisions. Here's the truth behind five of the most common misconceptions.

First, it's not going broke: if no action is taken, benefits could drop around 2032, but policymakers have options to strengthen it.

Second, it won't replace everything. It covers roughly 40% of your income, so retirement savings are still critical.

Third, claiming early and working won't permanently reduce benefits; payments are later increased for reductions that occurred before full retirement age.

Fourth, if an ex-spouse claims benefits based on your earnings record it doesn't reduce your benefit.

And fifth, benefits are still taxable if your combined income exceeds certain thresholds, though some temporary deductions exist.

The more you understand Social Security, the more control you have over your retirement outcome. Grounding your decisions in facts rather than assumptions can make a meaningful difference in your long-term financial security.

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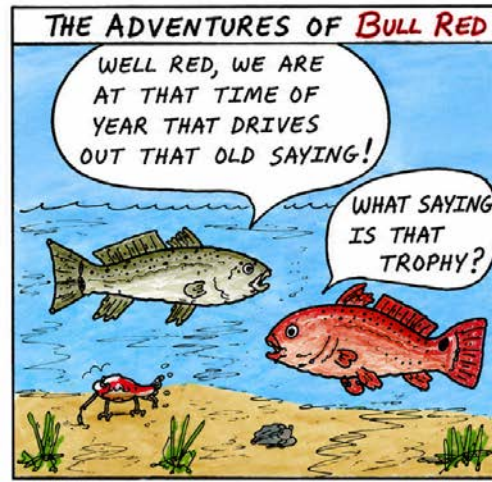




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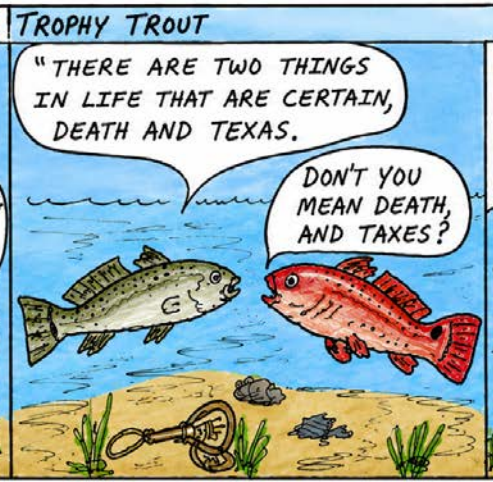
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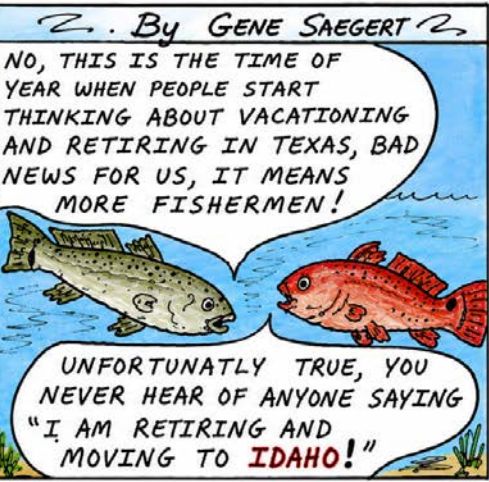
DON'T YOU MEAN DEATH, AND TAXES?



2. By GENE SAEGERT 2.

NO, THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN PEOPLE START THINKING ABOUT VACATIONING AND RETIRING IN TEXAS, BAD NEWS FOR US, IT MEANS MORE FISHERMEN!

UNFORTUNATLY TRUE, YOU NEVER HEAR OF ANYONE SAYING "I AM RETIRING AND MOVING TO IDAHO!"



Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



U.S. Appeals Court Rules to Protect Imperiled Sea Turtles from Drowning in Fishing Nets Rejects Louisiana Shrimp Association attempt to exempt shrimp boats from using Turtle Excluder Devices

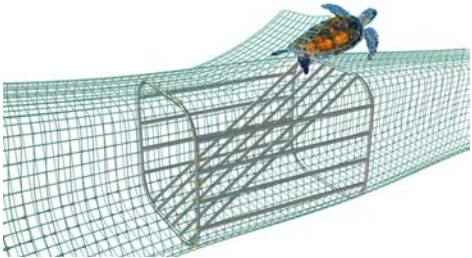
New Orleans, Louisiana— A federal appeals court has affirmed a district court ruling upholding the National Marine Fisheries Service’s (NMFS) 2019 rule requiring some shrimp trawling vessels to use turtle excluder devices (TEDs). The August 28 unanimous panel decision by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rejects a challenge brought by the Louisiana Shrimp Association and several individual shrimpers, who argued the rule was arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The court found that NMFS provided a rational, evidence-backed explanation for the rule’s TED requirements for skimmer trawl shrimp vessels 40 feet and longer, citing federal observer data and post-interaction mortality studies showing that skimmer trawls capture and kill imperiled sea turtles. The court also pointed to evidence demonstrating skimmer trawl vessels’ widespread noncompliance with tow-time restrictions (limits on how long trawlers can tow their nets before having to check for captured turtles) that the rule replaced. In some years, less than 35% of observed tows complied with the limits.

The Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, and Turtle Island Restoration Network, represented by Earthjustice, filed an amicus brief in the case in support of TED requirements to protect endangered and threatened sea turtles. TEDs have been required, and successfully used, on many fishing vessels for nearly forty years to help sea turtles escape when they get caught in shrimp trawler nets. Conservation groups have long advocated for TEDs to also be required on skimmer trawl vessels, which for decades operated under an exemption that conservation groups say allowed thousands of preventable sea turtle deaths in the Gulf of Mexico and along the southeastern coast.

Background: The 2019 rule was the product of a regulatory process stretching back to 1987, when NMFS first required TEDs on larger offshore shrimp trawlers. Skimmer-trawl vessels — used almost exclusively out of Louisiana, with smaller numbers operating from Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, and Florida — were exempted from the TED requirement in 1992 and allowed instead to comply with tow-time restrictions. After a 2012 spike in sea turtle strandings in the Gulf, NMFS proposed eliminating the tow-time alternative altogether and replacing it with TED requirements, but withdrew that proposal in 2013 after discovering flaws in existing TED designs. Following years of additional testing and a 2016 proposed rule, NMFS finalized a narrower version in 2019, applying the TED requirement only to skimmer-trawl vessels 40 feet and longer. That restriction reduced the number of affected vessels by roughly 82% compared to the original 2016 proposal, while still projecting a conservation benefit of 801 to 1,168 sea turtles annually across the southeastern U.S. shrimp fisheries. This ruling is the third time a federal court has weighed in on the 2019 rule. The Fifth Circuit previously dismissed a separate challenge from the State of Louisiana for lack of standing, and the D.C. Circuit upheld the rule against a 2024 challenge from environmental groups arguing it was not protective enough.

Turtle Island Restoration Network



Something has to be done!



I thought they were going to add two lanes this week!



Thank you from OTB Future Fishers

A message from members Samantha & Michael Lacy and Over The Bridge Future Fishers (OTB)

Dear Padre Island Yacht Club,

Thank you for helping make our OTB Coastal Youth Classic such an incredible day for our kids and families.

Our young anglers spread out across 11 different fishing locations around the island, with lines in the water early and a mission that went beyond catching fish. At every location, our kids and families picked up trash and left the area better than they found it. When everyone returned to PIYC, they kept going — picking up additional trash around the property and even removing trash from the water.

And they definitely caught some fish! One of the highlights of the day was an incredible 33.5-inch PIYC black drum that took home a trophy.

By the end of the day, we had welcomed about 100 people, awarded 40 trophies, had zero incidents, and saw a whole lot of smiles and happy families.

Having PIYC welcome our families and give us a place to come together for the celebration was a huge part of making the Coastal Youth Classic what we envisioned — a day built around fishing, family, stewardship, and giving kids something they will remember.

Thank you for opening your doors to OTB and for being part of what we are building for the next generation here on the island.

We caught fish. We picked up trash. We made memories. And we left it better.

With gratitude,

Over the Bridge Future Fishers



From the islandmoon.com website.

State Highway 361 signs

Letter to the Editor: Wondering if others are confused by the latest TXDOT signs on 361 with alternating messages of “Check Your Speed” and “Drive Like a Texan”. Which action do they want? When the DPS troopers get tired of writing tickets and go back to assisting the federales arresting construction hands, everyone will resume driving like a Texan: doing 75 in the 50 zone rather than the previous 75 in the 60.

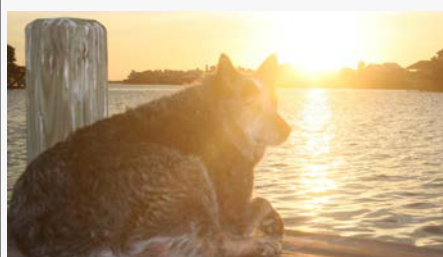
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By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council meeting this week lasted just a little bit less than the Seven Years War. The council killed the Inner Harbor desal plant unless it is revived by the new council in January making it *The Issue* in the upcoming council races. There is nowhere to hide now, the cost as of Tuesday was set at \$980 million which doesn’t sound like a lot if you say it real fast, and they also got a presentation from the Nueces River Authority which in effect said our city as the Regional Water *Provider* will now become a Regional Water *Customer*, buying water from a new plant on Harbor Island and reselling it to the seven counties it supplies water to. We fiddled and Rome burned. Score it as a victory for the anti-desal crowd which is really the anti-port industry crowd, but at the same time the Harbor Island plant will eventually provide all the water needed for expansion at the Port and the current sturm and drang will have been for naught.

The future for the next generation was laid bare for everyone to see. We Corpused things up and as we sit here today are no longer in charge of our own water future if we ever want to grow. But there were a couple of other items that of particular interest to Padre Island that caught my eye...

Island Taxes

The council voted to increase the No New Tax Rate but in an election year the increase was only .05%. When questioned the city staff told the council that is an increase of \$5 to the average taxpayer/homeowner across the city. But as we reported here a few weeks ago it will be higher here on The Island. Here are the numbers...

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| The following numbers show the change in the amount of City Property Tax paid on each \$500,000 of appraised value. |
| <b>\$2,984.925</b> per each \$500,000 of home value with no Property Tax increase                                   |
| <b>\$2,998.87</b> per each \$500,000 of home value with the increase approved this week                             |

So if your home is worth \$500,000 in appraised taxable value you will pay \$14 more in city property taxes, that’s not going to break the bank. But compare a \$14 increase on Padre Island to \$5 average across the city and you get a sense of how much of the property tax burden across the city falls on the pocketbooks of Island homeowners. Per capita the checks we write for city taxes are almost three times those paid by homeowners across the city.

The good news is that the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 on Padre Island, now one of seven across the city, will generate revenues \$6,264,417 in the 2027 fiscal year, according to budget numbers released this week. Currently \$2-\$3 million is being spent from the TIRZ #2 for improvements to the Michael J. Ellis Seawall each year up to a total of \$15 million over about five years as the TIRZ #2 keeps Island money for Island projects.

But when you boil it all down the additional \$860,000 generated by the .05% tax hike in 2027 Island homeowners will pay three times the average paid across the city. Keep in mind that streets are but 1% of the General Fund.

Hotel Occupancy Tax

I gathered the numbers for the Hotel Occupancy Tax for the cities of Port Aransas and Corpus Christi.

In 2025 the City of Port Aransas generated \$10 million in HOT and every cent of that is used to promote the tourism industry there.

In Corpus Christi in both 2024 and 2025 the HOT generated \$19 annually across the city with \$3 million of that coming from Padre Island. Those numbers do not include the condominiums located between Packery Channel and the Port Aransas City Limits which generate another \$3.5 million each year. So out of \$19 million overnight stay

businesses on The Island generated about \$6 million. On top of that the State HOT generates another \$3.8 million, about half of which comes from The Island or hotels along the SPID corridor which fill up with beachgoers in summer months. Keep in mind that the last numbers we have seen from our city showed that the Hilliard Center downtown eats up \$14.5 million in cost overruns each year accounting for a chunk of the HOT revenue for which The Island gets no discernable benefit – if anything it competes with Island tourism.

Now comes an increase of the price of Beach Parking Permits from \$12 to \$20 starting in 2027 which is anticipated to generate an additional \$2.7 million in 2027. Do the math:

|                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>\$6 million</b> in Island HOT                                                                                                           |
| <b>\$1.8 million</b> from permit sales at \$20                                                                                             |
| <b>\$900,000</b> in revenue from increased beach permit sales                                                                              |
| <b>\$2 million</b> in State HOT- \$900,000 of that is currently being covered by the State HOT which will cease after the increase to \$20 |
| <b>\$10.7 million</b> in revenue from the tourism industry on The Island                                                                   |

Those are round numbers but any way you slice it that’s a lot of sand dollars. So what exactly do we get from that? About \$5.5 million comes back in the form of beach maintenance operations, that number does not include construction. I don’t want to get too far out in the weeds here but look around at the public facilities on city beaches versus Nueces County Beaches. City beaches have trash cans, restrooms on the seawall (out of six miles of city beaches), and a lot of portable outhouses. Packery Chanel was paid for and is maintained by TIRZ #2 money generated on The Island, not HOT revenue.

By contrast, county beaches have Bob Hall Pier at \$20 million, with a restaurant coming at another \$6 million, Briscoe King Pavilion which is about to get an \$8 million renovation (paid for with TIRZ #2 funds). It puts into perspective the Return on Investment from our HOT and Beach Parking Permits dollars which come from the city.

So what is to be done?

If we keep doing what we are doing we are going to keep getting what we are getting. More than 30 cities across Texas have created Texas Tourism Public Improvement Districts (TPID) under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 372 that levies a self-assessment fee on hotel room nights to fund coordinated marketing, advertising, and convention-boosting incentives inside the district. Until a few years ago creation of a TPID required a vote of the legislature but now the Corpus Christi City Council with five votes, or the Nueces County Commissioners with three votes can create one unilaterally.

The Island HOT generates \$8 million at .09 cents per \$1 of hotel rates. In general numbers our .02 rate would bring in \$1 million to \$2 million per year that could be allocated to promote Island tourism controlled by a board made up of Islanders who work in the tourism business. Hotel operators across the city have already created their own TPID, effectively throwing up their hands – like in thirty other Texas cities - admitting that reforming spending on citywide HOT funds which are designed by law to promote tourism is being poached for other things and fixing it is a fool’s errand.

We are in an election season and I’m guessing that most of the candidates for city council are not familiar with the concept of a TPID and most have no idea how HOT money is spent. It has not been an issue because we have not made it one and maybe now is the time.

Because if we keep doing what we are doing we are going to keep getting what we are getting.

A day for Melissa

And finally for those who have asked about the absence of the column by Melissa Mitchell in the last few issues, Melissa is in California helping her daughter through a medical problem. She will be back in the Moon when she is able to return and will reopen her Evoke studio then.

In the meantime friends of Melissa are pitching in for a Special Opening Day of Evoke Studios this Saturday, September 5, from noon until 4 p.m. at the studios at 14646 Compass St. Suite 1. Stop by and support Melissa and say hello if you see us Around the Island.



By Chris Jordan

Vida Mae Sweeten’s place was near Camp Wood on the Nueces River. We’d been camping there a few days enjoying excellent fishing. On these extended-family camping trips, we’d often go on a day-long sojourn to someplace or another. This time we opted to visit Rocksprings. If you’re not aware, this part of the Hill Country is sparsely populated. You learn a lot about a town this small if you spend a day in it. So it didn’t come as much surprise that not long after our arrival, we became aware that Vida Mae’s father-in-law, J.R. Sweeten, had founded Rocksprings in 1891. Small world — or at least a small part of it. If you ask a local what’s special about Rocksprings, they might just tell you it’s “the top of the world.”

Driving up from Camp Wood, you’d be hard-pressed to disagree. The river started carving this canyon from limestone 25 million years ago — and it’s still at it, leaving a steep, convoluted topography. The river in these parts runs at about 1,400 feet above sea level, but the tallest nearby hill towers 500 feet over the canyon. This Pikes Peak was so named after the same explorer as the mountainous behemoth in Colorado. Zebulon Pike’s expedition passed right by Camp Wood on the way back from Colorado in 1807. But once you hit Rocksprings, the hill party is mostly over — the town sits on top of the Edwards Plateau and really is like a big flat table. Arid, too, as it sheds most of its rainfall into the river valleys below. Top of the World indeed.

But wait, there’s more! Rocksprings is the mohair capital of the world! If you don’t know what mohair is, your ignorance is hereby dashed: it’s the hair of the Angora goat. Warm, yet breathable, mohair is also incredibly lustrous. It takes dyes well and presents them with vibrant color. And so it came to be that Aunt Mary bought a very colorful mohair duster in Rocksprings, Texas, in late June 1979. It was way too warm to don at all on this particular trip — hell, it was June — but you couldn’t tell Mary that. She put it on right away, insisting that it would be most handy back at camp around the fire at night. Mary was visibly uncomfortable: hotter than fresh-f\*\*\*\*d sheep, as my friend Tiddle Caylor would say. She eventually — and quietly — put that duster away to be excitedly unboxed come winter, no doubt.

These trips into a nearby town also allowed us to fetch life-sustaining supplies like cornmeal, gunpowder, ham hocks, and guitar strings. And block ice and beer. We’d been getting our sundries at a little store in Camp Wood but had been inspired to check out another little town we’d passed through on our trip to Rocksprings. The next day, Dad, Uncle Jack, and I loaded up and set out for Barksdale. You know how kids latch on to an article of clothing or something? Kind of like a security blanket? Well this summer I had a Budweiser trucker hat and an army-surplus rucksack that went everywhere with me. Just as we were leaving my grandmother stuffed a sandwich and a soda into my little rucksack. And good thing too, because it turns out, there ain’t much at all in Barksdale — it’s just an even smaller fish in Camp Wood’s small pond. There was a single business in Barksdale that housed a U.S. Post Office, a feed store, and a gas station. And that is exactly where we had our fortuitous introduction to one Mr. Gene Borchardt.

Gene chatted with my dad and Uncle Jack

Under a Rock, Part III

for a while. I was looking for my chance to butt in and ask Mr. Borchardt if he was kin to my pal back in New Braunfels, Will Rob Borchardt, but I didn’t dare. The convo underway was just the kind three men might be having in a combination feed store, post office, and gas station. You know... weather, guns, and trucks. I hadn’t yet arrived at the level of near-manhood that would have allowed me to interject: I was about to turn eleven.

Gene had a sizable ranch on both sides of the East Fork of the Nueces a few miles up FM 335 from Barksdale. I had apparently just watched the forging of new adult friendships: Gene asked if we’d like to follow him to the ranch so we’d know where it was. Uncle Jack and Dad looked both a little puzzled and a lot flattered at the suggestion. Mr. Borchardt clarified: “...so y’all can come camp out at my place anytime you want.” I couldn’t stand it anymore and blurted it out: “Mr. Borchardt, are you related to my friend Will Rob Borchardt?!” The man put his hand on my shoulder and very kindly said — like only a Texas cowboy can — “I reckon so, son.” That was good enough for me, and it made me smile big. I didn’t know it at the time, but the feeling I had was pure pride: I was part of the conversation.

Gene Borchardt’s place was especially beautiful. You went in a bump-gate off FM 335. There was a little ranch house just inside. Someone was messing around in the yard. We all pulled up and Gene introduced us to his daughter, then told us to hop in his truck and he’d give us a tour. Mr. Borchardt and Uncle Jack rode in the cab — Dad and I jumped in the bed. Gene took us around, showed us what he thought might be some good campsites. On about the fifth time we crossed the river, Gene suddenly took us pell-mell down the river itself in his truck. Parts were shallow, some parts dry, and of course Gene knew his land well and kept us out of anything too deep.

After a bit, we stopped in a mostly dry fork of the river. The men chatted in the shade. Gene pointed out a giant alligator gar swimming in a pool nearby and said it’d been there since winter. Mr. Borchardt threw some deer corn in the water for it. I reached in my little rucksack and retrieved the tongue sandwich my grandmother had made for me. I ate it with one hand while I turned over rocks with the other, hoping to find a fossil, and I did: a Devil’s toenail. I was excited all over again. Dad told me to ask Mr. Borchardt if I could keep it. I did and that man put his hand on my shoulder again and said “I reckon so.”



An alligator gar



The Devil’s toenail

Around cont. from A1

Strategic Action Committee after we go to press on Wednesday. The \$1 million project is being funded through the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2.

Canal Waterflow

As we continue to await the removal of the sand plug at Lake Padre to allow for the opening of the canals on Padre Island to waterflow we would like to hear from readers what you think about the subject. Would you like to see the canal open, or do you think it poses too much of a threat to the Island bulkheads? Go to theislandmoon-newspaper on Facebook and let us hear what you think.

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kept coming in as long-time islanders moved away, passed away, or cleaned out their attic and found items that, as Mike liked to say, was just a little bit too good to throw away.

A few years ago long-time islander John Trice stopped by the office and dropped off a cache of items he had accumulated since the 1960s and included in it was a box full of photos and letters covering an array of island topics and in the next few issues we will feature bits of island history from that box.

The first is this letter written in the 1999. It is written in longhand and difficult to decipher in some places so we have come as close as we can on the sir names, it is unsigned but we believe it was written by Gladys Johanna Lehman who passed away in 2007. Here it is:

By Gladys Johanna Lehman

This is my story about when I came to Padre Island from 1968.

My first husband and I came out to The Island and put a hamburger stand called the Sandyburger and surfboard rental business one mile south of Bob Hall Pier. In that year my husband's sister and husband had a place on the beach called Byrds Nest, a hamburger place and rentals. About in the 1970s there came two more hamburger stands and grocery store came to beach and 19 rentals businesses all lined the beach. At that time there were lots of people coming out to the beach from Laredo Air Force, Arlington Air Force, San Antonio soldiers, Naval Air Station, sailors and nurses. The beach was crowded four to five days with people everywhere. People rented tents on the beach also. We had five buildings we rented for \$10 a night, nothing in them but one light bulb – they would sleep on the floor or rent cots that we had for rent. There was also a building named the Sand Dollar on stilts that had been there before 1968 and sold beer and food. Holly Fauts (sp) also had a horse stable on the highway to the National Seashore. He rented horses, he closed in 1974.

**This is some stuff about other business that came out later.**

Ira's. Ira Vanoy (sp) built the building that is now Tradewinds. I had a hamburger place there in 1972 which Tom Hale bought in the 1970s. He was the next business out here after '76, then there was Frenchy's, and shell shops. Seven Seas opened a shell shop past Tradewinds, which burnt down in 1974. Jito's opened a store and eating place, closed in the 70s. These were the places that came out in the 70s.

I forgot the motel where Island Italian is now (the building currently being torn down), also the motel next to Tradewinds, they also had a bar next door, and also the JFK Bridge in the 70s, can't forget the Million Dollar Inn and all the hippy communes

the sand dunes. There were three communes and hundreds of hippies living in the dunes for a long time - a couple of years. They built places to live in out of anything they could find and they could stay there for a long time. Not like today when they have to leave the beach every day. This used to be a fun place, now too many regulations. We never had any problems in years past, everyone just wanted to have fun – with no problems.

E.O. Lehman and his first wife Rae and two children moved to Padre Island in 1950 because his wife's doctor told him to move to an island where there was no poisons, they had allergies from the farm where they were living in the London community. He built the first business on The Island, (a motel). All that were here were bait stands. The motel had a house and four rooms which he rented for \$10 per day. He also worked at the Toll Gate and laid brick, also sold real estate when Padre Island Development came to The Island.

E.O. closed the motel when his wife passed away in 1975 and never reopened again. He said he was tired of working 24 hours a day seven days a week. He never left The Island when a hurricane came, he built this place to withstand high winds. In 1962 Hurricane Carla washed out the draw bridge, his kids had to go to school by boat. He had very little damage to the motel. In 1970 Hurricane Celia did little damage to roofs and windows. He let crews from CP&L stay at the motel and fed them – to repair service to Flour Bluff and Padre Island.

I guess he was the oldest living person when he passed away still on The Island in 1994. He had started the Better Business Bureau in Flour Bluff in the 60s and also started to get the National Seashore here as The Island also got Lady Bird Johnson to be here to dedicate the seashore.

I was very enmeshed on this island for many years. I married E.O. in 1977 until his death in 1994. I was the last business to survive on the beach. A hurricane in 1977 took my place and I couldn't reopen because the state took all the land all the way to the dunes. The landowners lost the land to the state. I was there for ten years, there was no electricity, running water, or telephone. We stayed in a bus the first few years. No conveniences until 1975. We finally got electricity and a trailer.

I may not have written everything that I know about this island, I have been here so many years, for 31, but I would not live anyplace else. I love this island. There have been so many things that have happened on this island I can't think of everything that has gone all these years. This is the Sandyburger story, if you want to know anything about this island come by. I also remember everything about Frenchy and all his businesses.

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American White Ibises and Tricolored Herons generally get along well and often forage or nest peacefully in the same wetlands. By Riekie Roncinske

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# Island Outdoors

## On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

### Summer ends, Shenanigans begin...

Well, we finally hit the crescendo of summer. This is marked by the sun starting to set a minute or two earlier every day and starting to wane towards the south on the horizon, a light southwest winds in the morning off the Wild Horse Desert, and a deafening chorus of chicharras (cicadas). The mornings have been pleasant enough to coax me out of bed a bit earlier than usual to enjoy my yard coming to life.

One of the first things I notice is the heated aerial dogfights between the growing numbers of hummingbirds. I'm not sure if these new birds are the young-of-the-year, or early migrants, or a mix of both. I mostly have ruby-throated, and a few black chinned mixed in. I'm keeping my eyes peeled for a specialty bird like a rufous, and I'm missing my buff-bellies. Make sure to get those feeders up, spread them out, use a 4-1 water/sugar mix, and put them in the shade. I make a double batch and keep a pitcher in the fridge at the ready.

The upwelling just won't go away! I've never seen it last this long into the season. While the water temperatures in the middle of the gulf look like actual fire, it remains cool and turbid along our coast, and well down into Mexico where this stuff all starts from. The water clarity is a 5 out of 10, and water temps are a little lower than the 90 degrees that they normally would be.

The large gyre that calved off from the Loop Current is actually re-joining the Loop Current, which is slowing down in response to the El Nino weather patterns we're experiencing. That basically just means that we will continue to be spared of the sargassum seaweed that other places are getting whopped by, including Belize, the Mexican Riviera, and the Florida Keys. Speaking of water conditions, I hear they're installing the NOAA/TCOON station off the end of Bob Hall lately. Having this station back up and running will be a big help in predicting tides and flooding. There should also be atmospheric testing equipment (wind speed, air temperature, etc) that will give us all a better idea of what conditions are like out that way.

Speaking of the gulf and beach, Sonja came down from up high in Austin and joined us for a couple of adventures this past week-end. Big Al called me Friday and coaxed me to an early morning jaunt to the Fish Pass jetties to see what was shaking, and Sonja walked over from Mustang Island as she only has a 2-wheel drive. I walked to the end of the jetty and only had one small skipjack on briefly. I should have stayed up by the beach, as Big Al wore the trout out in the first gut. He caught a few keepers but also caught probably 3 dozen undersized trout. He was just fishing for fun anyway.

After a few hours of goofing off, we bumped a mile north and caught up with Mardi, his mom, and Flo who were attempting to catch some pompano. Even though the tide was out, the guts there by Fish Pass are much deeper than they are along most of the rest of the beaches, and being height-impaired folks, none of us could get through the wade gut to get out past the first bar. Your odds of catching pompano dramatically increase the farther out you can cast. Mardi got at least four stingrays and a handful of smaller whiting, before doing a hero cast and catching two small poms (released). Oh well, it's better than catching hard heads.

The rest of the weekend was nice and relaxing, and I needed it. Plus it was hot outside! I got to hang out with a couple of ginger kids in the pool, and visit with some of my fellow Moon Monkeys. Dove season has started, and we're headed into the final weekend of the summer season with Labor Day. Y'all please drive safe and don't get too crazy out there. Stay hydrated, drop me a line at [jaygardner1032@gmail.com](mailto:jaygardner1032@gmail.com) and we'll see you next week on a short week On the Rocks.



Al is always serious.



Myself, Al, and Mardi out at Fish Pass



Mardi with one of his Pompano

## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

### Magic on the Water



Keegan and Kaiya Ocean jumped onboard for an afternoon trout slam this week! Live piggy perch are a hard bait to find but work like TROUT CANDY!

The first flock of white pelicans of the season caught my eye as we steamed south, headed for the flat where we started that morning at sunrise. The moon had sunken below the horizon a few hours passed and I was anticipating a good Noon:30 bite. I watched the stream of white birds pitch and swing with the wind I knew that they were the first of many to come south from the Great Lakes for the fall and winter months. They were a sign of change in season coming upon us here. Just a few moments later I saw a mass of baitfish swimming against the waves. The water exploding with Shad being busted from the whitewater. Rolling orange torpedoes swirled and slashed like Mad Sharks upon a feeding frenzy. I readied my anglers with rods in hand and wizzed up to the school of giant redfish with the trolling motor. I pitched over and into the school with the plastic and saw one giant redfish turned and bolted towards my jig. As I pulled the rod to a bend the school scattered and busted the water up like bombs. Two casts later all three of us were hooked into 40" Giants! These are the daily happenings within Sept and October, some of the greatest gatherings of bait and gamefish you will ever see. Sitting in one location can bring good things but being loose and mobile gives anglers a much needed advantage in finding big concentrations of activity.

Separate the Bay into Zones and check for bait sources. Ultra clear water is not often productive water, hunt down dusky green conditions that show a tide carrying small particles and sediment. Water too clear makes hunting minnows and shrimp hard for predatory gamefish. Sunlight penetrates and heats up the bottom and gets in their eyes during an attack. Stay close to the changes in depth and structural transitions in the bays to stay along the strike zone. Pick a good drift, line up your drift with the wind to carry you down and along the sweeping edges of bottom change. The more time you spend in that transitions zone the better. When the wind is dead stay out deep! When its gusty fish will feed more readily in the clear and shallow waters. The Surf and offshore fishing have been outstanding! Flat seas have opened up the Gulf to small boats and folks along the shore. Nothing quite beats walking the edge of the world barefoot at sunrise dancing a

topwater over the ocean, except the sound of a trout, snook, or Spanish Mac slamming the plug and ripping drag. First and last light are always best as offshore gamefish push bait and corner them against the beach at night. The super clear water also makes fish with great eyesight shy away from hooks and leaders, dawn and dusk. Shiny burps of oil came to the surface along the edge of the grassy flat as the sun peaked over the sand dunes of Padre. The slicks reflected the yellow and orange glow only to be broken by the slapping of baitfish on the surface. Schools of Shad had encompassed the area during the night and feeding fish now burped up oily digested Shad. When these slicks reach the surface the oily spots tell anglers where to find the gamefish. I can smell the difference in certain kinds of food sources that are being eaten, just in smell alone. A few dozen casts and fish into our morning I slipped the boat up close to some skirting menhaden, pointed a cast to my guest and watched as his lure landed just where the Shad had bolted from. Seconds later I saw the rod tip dip and a silver face of a giant trout rise with a slash of whitewater. As she cart wheeled her body over a wave, baitfish jumped as if they were diving from her grips. Her tail slapped the water then pushed her into a drag peeling run. Around the boat she ran, rebelling each attempt to bring her to the edge of our vessel. When she came up again her thick black shoulders turned and shined silver and blue to our eyes. When the yellow mouth opened and my net passed under her she laid flat and fat in our clutch. I lifted her and placed her into the live well so she wouldn't slam against the floor of the boat. Her eyes reached mine as I gently kept water over her body. The big ones are smart, intentional, and special. We took a few pictures of the old trout, 8-10yrs old and dipped her back into the Sea. Contact with trophy caliber fish is always more than a goal achieved. It's a pivot point in life and fishing. When something that you love in the highest form comes to hand, and then you set it free to be what it is, and Loved For.

The Next few months are going to be magic on the water. Our tide has started to rise and the enormous migrations of fish will roll to the ocean. Weather patterns are going to be changing and bringing new life to us all. Let's find YOUR DAY this fall and remember to follow all of our fishing on Facebook and Ticktok at Capt Joey Farah's Backwater Fishing! 361-442-8145



We boated this Incredible 30" Trout this week on a Pink Panther DOWN SOUTH LURES Super Model Soft Plastic. We were drifting the King Ranch Shoreline South of Bird Island. Farah



One of many GIANT REDFISH that have been schooling up and chasing schools of baitfish through the Lagoon on their way to the surf! These were pulled out of a school of 100 fish with the DSL Pink Panther. Farah

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# Nature Notes

## Roadkill recyclers



Black Vulture by Celeste Silling

By Caleb Clarkson

On the rural county roads of coastal Texas, the carcasses of animals that met the ultimate wrong-place-at-the-wrong-time fate occasionally pepper the ditches and culverts along the unshouldered, two-lane roads. As I drive past roadkill, I try to save myself the grisly details by keeping my eyes on the road. Often, I fail. When I cross paths with roadkill, I can't help but try to identify the creature and figure out how everything went wrong. Maybe someone ought to. It feels right to acknowledge the unintended costs of convenience and feel for the critters who may never know what a road is until they've crossed their first, only, and last.

But I'm not the only witness. In the trees, a committee of vultures gathers, waiting to start the wake. To humans, roadkill and dead animals often evoke disgust and the deep-seated urge to turn around and look away. We're wired that way! An early human stumbling upon a waterhole surrounded by dead animals would probably be wise to avoid drinking the water. Disgust is an evolutionary tool that pushes us away from danger. But for vultures, like the Turkey Vultures found here in Texas, death is an opportunity.

When an animal dies, the systems that maintain life cease to function. When the cogs stop turning, they don't just cease to exist. It takes a long process to return what once was into what it always was: a collection of molecules. In the grand scheme of things, most of the matter that makes up life on Earth simply changes form. Dinosaurs, giant bugs, mammoths, and dodo birds come and go, but the things that make them don't. They just change shape. Vultures are some of the first to start that process.

The same odors of death that make us retch, Turkey Vultures can detect at remarkably low concentrations. Using the natural rising air thermals of the landscape, they cover vast distances, gliding and expending very little energy as they search for their next meal. Vultures are not necessarily the most charismatic creatures, with their bald heads and raspy calls, and many people view them with a sense of disgust. However, their unique appearance actually makes them quite efficient

scavengers. Their bald heads help keep feathers from becoming dirty as they feed while also reducing places where harmful bacteria can linger. Their stomach acid is extraordinarily strong as well, helping them break down bacteria and other potentially harmful substances that could make other animals sick.

It's only natural to equate the dirty business of carcass disposal with the ugly-duckling image of the vulture, but vultures have not always been seen that way. In ancient Egypt, the goddess Nekhbet appears as a vulture or as a woman with the head of a vulture. Vultures were associated with motherhood and protection, far from the grim associations we often give them today. Other cultures throughout history have also found meaning in the vulture's relationship with death, sometimes viewing them not as bad omens, but as part of the process of change and renewal.

So maybe next time, when I'm driving down the road, still trying to look away and still failing, I won't just see death. I'll see a procession of vultures, and instead of a bad omen, it will be a sigh of relief. The thing that once was is returning to the ecosystem, taking new shape and beginning again.



Bob Hall cont. from A1

sue before October 1, followed by a bidding application process of two to four weeks, followed by a review of applicants with the new concessionaire selected by the end of October, 2026. Adler said the length of the contract and the payment terms – a set monthly fee or revenue sharing plan – will be negotiable and will be determined once applications are filed. “We are going to be open to various possibilities once we receive the applications,” Adler said. “We encourage applicants to include their suggestions for that in their application filing. We hope to have an applicant selected by the end of October and ready for final review by the Nueces County Commissioners.” Work on the new structure where the new restaurant operation will be located is expected to be completed by no later than the end of 2026 followed closely by the opening of the new restaurant soon after. Access to the bidding process will be posted on *theislandmoonnewspaper* Facebook page and *islandmoon.com* website as soon as it becomes available.



The current condition of the road in front of Bob Hall Pier

### New road construction

Adler said construction on the new road from Padre Balli Park Road to Bob Hall Pier is set to begin this week. The road will allow access to the pier for emergency vehicles and will include a small paved area for service vehicles, ADA parking spots, and limited public parking near the base of the pier. Vehicle access on the beach will remain open during the construction process.

# Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

## “Not Fiberglass: Millions of Sea Butterflies Wash Ashore”



The high tide line littered with sea butterflies.

This week, I received calls from a couple of surfers who had an unusual complaint. Something that looked and felt like fiberglass was covering the beach and poking into their skin.

When I went to investigate, I quickly found the culprit: sea butterflies. Millions of them. For at least 20 miles of beach, the tide line was thick with their tiny, delicate shells. In a single pinch of sand and shells between my fingers, I counted about 50 sea butterflies. After handling them, several of the sharp little shells became stuck in my fingers and had to be pulled out, explaining exactly what the surfers had experienced.

Sea butterflies are small marine snails known as pteropods. Unlike the snails we normally think of crawling along the bottom, sea butterflies spend their lives drifting and swimming in the open ocean. Their name comes from the winglike structures they use to move through the water.

There are many species of sea butterflies in the Gulf, ranging from those with tiny coiled shells to species with more elongated, needlelike shells. Despite their small size, they are an important part of the marine food web. Sea butterflies are eaten by fish

and other marine animals, including some whales.

I scooped Gulf water into a glass jar and found live sea butterflies actively moving through it. Seeing them alive made it clear that this wasn't simply a mass of empty shells washing ashore. Large numbers of living animals were being carried right to the beach.

Ocean currents, winds and waves can concentrate enormous numbers of small drifting organisms along the shoreline. That's one of the fascinating things about beachcombing. A beach can look completely different from one day to the next.

Millions of sea butterflies may line the Texas coast today, but after a shift in wind or current, they could be gone tomorrow.

Jace Tunnell is the Director of Community Engagement for the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. His Beachcombing series appears in newspapers, as a weekly video on YouTube and KEDT PBS, and as a weekly feature on KEDT NPR. Follow Jace at [harteresearch.org](#), Facebook ([@harteresearch](#)) and Instagram ([@harteresearch](#)).



A live sea butterfly captured in a glass of water.



Jace Tunnell holding a handful of sea butterflies that washed up at the beach.



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## Gene's Corner



By Gene Saegert

With the advent of Labor Day coming up it seemed only fitting to do the Labor Day BBQ thing. I had one of those chimney type charcoal starter things and if you add enough charcoal lighter fluid to it you can get some really tall flames shooting up incredibly high. (Kids, do not try this at home.) Not that I would do that, although charcoal, charcoal lighter and a grill always have the makings for a guy thing.

Now, being safety conscious, I had the charcoal flames disappearing into the trees at least a foot below the tree branches a mere two to three foot high flames. At that time my wife walked by on the way to the workshop. Now, she could have said "How's it going Hon?" or "Nice big flames, they remind me of the torch I carry for you." But, "don't burn down the trees" was a potential moment killer. Now I realize that women never forget your mistakes, and I am sure she had in mind "The Great Bottle Rocket Fire of 85. In my defense how was I to know that an innocent bottle rocket fight would escalate into kin against kin bottle rocket Armageddon and grass fire....

Ok, to my wife's credit, maybe we should have heeded her warning that day, and maybe 23 acres of brush and a two story house would not have been threatened. But to my credit no buildings were lost, just a little grass, and as far as chicken coops go.... Well let's just say if you have ever lived on a farm and butchered your own chickens, you know that the chickens have to be singed any way. Also to our credit the bucket brigade and the wet blanket handlers got the fire out eventually and the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department didn't even have to get involved. As far as Great Grandma's handmade quilt, it was very old and I don't think it was going to last much longer anyway.

Well then it was back to the task of grilling the burgers and the shrimp kabobs. Just so you will know, no trees were burned and I am pretty sure those tomato plants were dying anyway.

*Thought for the day. When vultures fly, do they get one carrion bag free of charge?*

## Island Real Estate Roundup



Apryl Noles

### Real Estate market picking up

We wrapped up August with a very busy week on Padre Island, finishing out the summer market on a strong note as we officially head into September and the start of our fall market.

The detached home sector saw significant buyer activity, with six homes entering the option period and one successfully closing. The condominium sector was especially active this week, with four properties entering the option period, one moving to pending, and three successfully closing. The townhome sector also had a solid finish to the month, with one property entering the option period and three successfully closing.

Overall, it was an encouraging way to close out August. With multiple properties moving into the option period across all three sectors, we'll be watching closely to see how that activity carries over into September as we transition from the summer season into our fall market.

Below, you'll find a complete breakdown of this week's Padre Island real estate statistics. Stay tuned for next week's update as we continue to follow the numbers and see what September brings to the island market.

#### Detached Homes In Option Period:

- 15945 Punta Espada (Listed for \$1,395,000)
- 13838 Halyard Dr (Listed for \$939,900)
- 13818 Mizzen St (Listed for \$899,000)
- 14158 Atascadera Ave (Listed for \$659,000)
- 13929 Blackbeard Dr (Listed for \$499,000)
- 15002 Dasmarinas (Listed for \$425,000)

#### Detached Home That Sold:

- 15825 Almeria Ave (Listed for \$624,900)

#### Condominiums In Option Period:

- 14300 Aloha St Unit 128 (Listed for \$220,000)
- 14300 Aloha St Unit 114 (Listed for \$220,000)
- 14721 Whitecap Blvd Unit 265 (Listed for \$219,000)
- 14434 E Cabana St Unit 305 (Listed for \$195,000)

#### Condominium That Is Pending:

- 14825 Windward Dr Unit 111 (Listed for \$144,500)

#### Condominiums That Sold:

- 14721 Whitecap Blvd Unit 331 (Listed for \$229,900)
- 14428 Compass St Unit 104 (Listed for \$229,900)
- 14428 Compass St Unit 207 (Listed for \$204,900)

#### Townhome In Option Period:

- 14422 Verdemar Dr Unit 301 (Listed for \$220,000)

#### Townhomes That Sold:

- 15405 Cruiser St Unit B (Listed for \$489,000)
- 15314 Bonasse Ct Unit A (Listed for \$395,000)
- 14901 Windward Dr Unit 801 (Listed for \$365,000)

### Harbor cont. from A1

to the ferry landings on Harbor Island which they said could begin construction within one year and begin producing water by 2029, however other water experts in water issues privately took issue with that timeline with a construction start of four to five years more realistic.

The plant would be designed and built by the Israel based IDE technologies which currently operates 400 plants around the world and managed through the NRA. An official from the IDE told the Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday that while the plant would initially produce 55 million gallons of water daily it could be scaled up to 100 million gallons by 2032.

The plans call for a fourteen-foot inflow line running to the plant from open gulf and an outflow line into 37-feet of water offshore. The plant would be funded through the NRA which is currently seeking financial aid from state and federal sources.

While, John Byrum, Executive Director and CEO of the Nueces River Authority, who made the presentation to the council on Tuesday did not give an estimated cost of the plant or the price of desalinated water in previous presentations he has said the plant would cost about \$6.4 billion and the cost

of water in the range of \$14 per thousand gallons, about four to five times the current rate paid by customers.

The City of Corpus Christi, as the water provider for seven South Texas counties, has paid \$2.7 million to reserve up to 50 million gallons per day. The NRA currently has agreements to provide water to about twenty cities ranging from San Antonio, Medina and Atascosa counties on the west and Hays County on the northeast.

While the non-descript facility located adjacent to the ferry landings on Harbor Island would cover about twenty acres on land owned by the Port of Corpus Christi, the infrastructure outlined to the council on Tuesday would be massive, including an 82-inch feeder line under Red Fish Bay which is seeking permitting, and a series of pump stations to feed the water north, along with three million gallon storage tanks built in San Patricio County.

An official from the IDE said the Harbor Island plant would be modeled after the plant in Haifa which is designed to pump water over adjacent mountains to the Sea of Galilee. NRA officials said they expect to return to the city council by year's end with specific costs of water to the city.



*Paddle for Parkinsons 2011, the second year it was a paddle event instead of a fishing tournament Photos by Jan*



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Knuckle-Cracker

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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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# Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

### Across

1. Common tater  
5. Greek letters shaped like pitchforks  
9. It may be at the finish line  
13. Film  
14. Halfback's juke  
15. Up in years  
16. It pulls a bit  
17. Florentine poet  
18. Circus stage  
19. One making amends  
21. Embargo  
22. Postal district  
23. Excessive excitement  
24. Word with North or South  
26. Walked boldly  
28. Estuary  
32. 4-Down, e.g.  
35. Diner's snippet  
36. Eye part  
37. Stingee's response  
38. Religion based in Haifa  
40. Prince, presumably  
41. Significant ones?  
43. Small newt  
44. Norse writings  
45. Signature melody  
46. Famed cop-slapper  
48. Become beloved  
50. For the bees  
54. Extend across  
57. "Bali \_\_\_\_" ("South Pacific" song)  
58. Channel swimmer of 1926  
59. Mauna Loa output  
60. Name in puppetry  
62. Calico's comment  
63. Monumental  
64. Attractive physical appearance  
65. Novelist Rice  
66. Use hip boots  
67. Basic French verb  
68. Do-well intro

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### Down

1. Word to a pest  
2. Statue in St. Peter's  
3. Coalition  
4. Comics debut of 3/12/51  
5. Pod piece?  
6. Adventurer of film  
7. Type of valve or manifold  
8. Pool party?  
9. Jungle swinger  
10. Exchange premium  
11. Teller's partner  
12. Periphery  
14. H.S.T. predecessor  
20. Break bread  
24. \_\_\_\_ Maar (Picasso subject)  
25. No-win situation  
27. Filches  
29. Emulated Ananias  
30. Camelot lady  
31. Manor near Twelve Oaks  
32. Word with camp or hill  
33. Baseball legend  
34. Lumbago, e.g.  
36. "Puttin' on the \_\_\_\_"  
39. Worship from \_\_\_\_  
42. Cartoon dog  
46. Extremist  
47. Long-faced  
49. Wild Asian dog  
51. Dunne of "I Remember Mama"  
52. Peake novel "Titus \_\_\_\_"  
53. Comparatively recent  
54. Killed a dragon, e.g.  
55. One of the three bears  
56. Dyed-in-the-wool  
58. Some MIT grads  
61. Musician Turner

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## Turtle Nest Count

### Kemp's Ridley Turtle

So far this year, **696** 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 Kemp's ridley nests found this year include (north to south in state):  
5 Galveston Island  
2 Surfside Beach  
1 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach  
2 Matagorda Peninsula  
16 San Jose Island  
40 Mustang Island  
369 North Padre Island, including 336 at PAIS  
208 South Padre Island  
53 Boca Chica Beach

### Green Turtles

So far this year, **86** green turtle nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, exceeding the previous annual record of 51 nests, set in 2023.  
Green turtle nests found this year include (north to south in state):  
2 San Jose Island  
1 Mustang Island  
63 North Padre Island, including 58 at PAIS  
16 South Padre Island  
4 Boca Chica Beach

### Loggerhead Turtles

So far this year, **6** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):  
4 North Padre Island, including 4 at PAIS  
1 South Padre Island  
1 Boca Chica Beach



Kemp's Ridley Turtle on PINS



# Thoughts from Reverend Ken



By Rev. Dr. Ken

## Remembering Dolly

The response to the death of Dolly Parton has been noteworthy. Most of the grief is from people like me who never met her in person, even though none of her songs not on my playlist. Celebrities die, but few have garnered the communal collective grief as the death of Dolly has. Even the University of Tennessee football team will wear special Dolly Parton tribute decals on their helmets this year.

She was unique, her Dolly-look, her talents, to how she lived. I heard her referred to as our Backwoods Barbie. Yet it is Dolly’s relational footprint that is substantially larger than her prodigious musical and acting career. Dolly made the world a better place, because she authentically lived her Christian faith. Her faith is at the heart of her immeasurable legacy.

Dolly’s faith did not fit neatly into any standard theological framework. Her beliefs didn’t reconcile easily with the theology of the churches she knew. It didn’t bother her. It doesn’t bother me.

She often talked about her faith. Yet, she was quick to say that she didn’t practice her faith, she lived it. Someone once quipped that she would make a great preacher. She responded that she is a great preacher.

Her generous record of giving back has been well documented. She has sent over 300 million high-quality books to children through The Imagination Library. Increasing literacy is one of the more effective ways to overcome poverty. She donated significant amounts of money for medical research and vaccines, especially for public health concerns. She responded very generously to disasters. Some have estimated that she gave away \$550 - \$600 million during her lifetime.

Jad Abumrad, the creator of Radiolab, said he never thought about Dolly much until he saw her perform in Queens, NY, in 2016. It was the crowd that caught his attention that gathered amid the raw presidential campaign season. There were drag queens, evangelical Christians, hipsters, and people whose lives otherwise seemed unlikely to overlap. They were all waiting to see the same person, Dolly Parton. She connected people across extreme political, generational, and social

differences. She did this through love and affirmation.

Dolly Parton loved and accepted people where they were and for who they were. She didn’t judge or condemn. She thought we were all God’s children. She lived in the understanding that every human being has worth. Afterall, Christians believe we humans are created in the image of God. Dolly created space for people who are very different from one another to be different from another. One of my favorite Dolly quotes is, “Find out who you are, and do it on purpose.”

In a 2016 Vogue interview, she was asked what she thought people saw in her. She responded that she would like to think it’s God’s spark. She prayed daily that love would pass through her. She said, “I want to be loved, and so I try to love everybody.”

She truly lived out the question, what would love have us do? When Dolly saw people in need she worked to meet those needs. She invested in poor communities and offered people hope. She pursued mercy and kindness all in love. She welcomed all to the table. We don’t see that very much with other public figures. This is what made Dolly special.

The hostility in American life has not subsided. As it has been said, contempt is profitable. Dolly has shown us in practical terms that love is more valuable. I think it is God’s spark.

Beach worship concludes for the season this Sunday, as we continue our sermon series, “Understanding Revelation.” 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. Each Sunday a bunch of humans gather to worship God in community at Island Presbyterian Church, giving thanks for grace, love, healing, and hope, working for peace, justice, and reconciliation. There is always room at the table for you! Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m., 14030 Fortuna Bay Drive, or on our Facebook page. Choose kindness, compassion, and love; do justice and make peace; welcome the stranger.

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Races cont. from A1

**\$1000** Gil Hernandez (**\$22,758** maintained in account from previous reporting periods)

**\$0.02** Kaylynn Paxson (**\$3534** maintained in account from previous reporting periods)

**At Large**

**\$13,035** Scott Corliss (**\$13,035** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

**\$8906** Michael Miller At-Large (**\$5019** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

**\$3108** Richard Shelton (**\$349** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

**\$125** Conde Vidal

**\$0** Carolyn Vaughn - incumbent (**\$1038** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

**\$0** Mark Scott incumbent (**\$4287** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

### District 4

**\$39,538** Dan Herrington (**\$27,340** maintained in account at end of reporting period)

58 individual contributors)

**\$1100** Kristina Nelson (\$100 maintained in account at end of reporting period) (Self-funded)

Two additional candidates in District 4 had not announced by the July deadline and did not file reports

# Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon

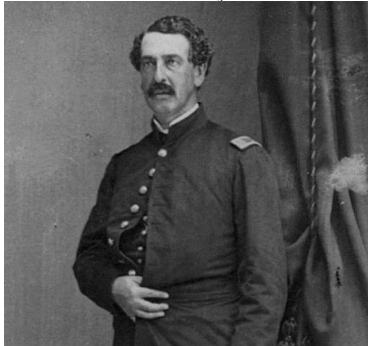


## Baseball - Our National Pastime Part 1

Baseball’s story is wound tightly with the growth of the United States as illustrated in this painting of Union soldiers playing in Salisbury, N.C. in 1862 during the Civil War (National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum). We play it as kids, we watch it and listen to it as adults, and we pass down our love of the Game through generations. Baseball is an American family tradition. It is in Cooperstown where we learn so much about the bond that baseball has with American culture. Looking back, time and time again, baseball has been there, through the good times and the bad, often bringing us together. Those moments transcend the action on the diamond. Thanks to Bill Morgan for many of the facts and photos contained in this report.



From the Civil War to Civil Rights and all points in between and beyond, the game of baseball reflects American life, from culture to economics and technological advances. It inspires movements, instills pride and even heals cities. These stories are preserved and shared at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. These are just a few of the times where the history of our National Pastime and American history have crossed...



The first professional baseball games were played in the wake of a young nation’s darkest days. The amateur version, however, has roots that reach back decades before the war began. Reporters described baseball as a mania back in the 1840s; the sport was already established as a popular pastime when Civil War soldiers on both sides played it as a diversion. Many veterans took the game home after the war and it became a great unifier in the years that followed the bloodiest conflict in U.S. history.

Though since disproved, the invention of the sport was originally believed to have occurred in Cooperstown, N.Y. and was credited to Civil War hero Abner Doubleday. Doubleday was at Fort Sumter in South Carolina when the first shots were fired in defense of the Union. He went on to rise to the rank of Major General and served with distinction during the Battle of Gettysburg. During World War I, 227 major leaguers served in various branches of the military. Among them were several future Hall of Famers, including Christy Mathewson, Branch Rickey, George Sisler and Ty Cobb, who all served in the Chemical Warfare Service, commonly referred to as “The Gas and Flame Division.” These baseball icons were instructors, training U.S. troops and conducting drills.

One of these drills sent soldiers into an airtight chamber into which actual poison gas was released. During one of these training exercises an accident occurred, causing Cobb and Mathewson to be exposed to the gas. Cobb recovered, but Mathewson was exposed to a much larger dose of poison, which damaged his lungs and contributed to his death from tuberculosis eight years later at the age of 45.

With our Country fighting WW I, Game 1 of the 1918 World Series between the Cubs and the Red Sox, which featured Babe Ruth on the mound for the Sox, was highlighted by a performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner” that stole the show.

The song would not become our official National Anthem until 1931, but when Red Sox third baseman Fred Thomas, an active-duty sailor on leave from Naval Station Great Lakes, heard the band strike up the song during the seventh inning stretch, he turned to face the flag, snapped to attention and offered a military salute. The other players seeing Thomas, turned to face the flag and put their hands over their hearts.

The fans, seeing what was happening on the field, roared to life, cheering and singing

along, in a spontaneous show of patriotism. The “Star-Spangled Banner” has been performed at every World Series game since, and the tradition of playing the song before every big league game started 24 years later during World War II.



Larry Doby served in the United States Navy during World War II.

In World War II, more than 500 major leaguers – and 37 Hall of Famers – served in the armed forces, with many of them sacrificing prime years of their careers. In January 1942, with the United States fighting in World War II, the Commissioner of Baseball, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, wrote to President Roosevelt asking if professional baseball should continue or be suspended during the War. In response, Roosevelt sent the “Green Light Letter” clearing the way for baseball to continue throughout the war. The President’s response to Landis read in part:

*“I honestly feel that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going. There will be fewer people unemployed and everybody will work longer hours and harder than ever before. And that means that they ought to have a chance for recreation and for taking their minds off their work even more than before.”*

This historic letter from FDR to Landis is part of the collection in Cooperstown. The War years also saw the founding of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, established in part to compensate for the loss of many of the best major league players to the war effort.

### Civil Rights

African-Americans played baseball on Southern plantations during the 1850s. A century later, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier and reintegrated the game. There were numerous strides and setbacks in between. An unwritten agreement barred Black players from professional leagues from the late 1800s and into the 20th century. Before that, the professional game had bucked the trend, as Bud Fowler – a native Central New Yorker – played in the 1870s and ‘80s despite the proliferation of Jim Crow laws.



Jackie Robinson became a key symbol of equality during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s.

Within the African-American community, baseball was a great source of pride as dozens of barnstorming teams traveled from town to town to entertain crowds. The Negro Leagues fielded outstanding players, many of whom have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Baseball led the way on integration, as Jackie Robinson became a key symbol of equality during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s.

“Jackie Robinson made my success possible,” said Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Without him, I would never have been able to do what I did.” The magnitude of those words cannot be overstated. Dr. King’s lasting work as a Civil Rights pioneer touched all areas of the American experience, yet he credited a baseball player with making his dream viable. King’s words speak to the breadth and depth of baseball’s presence in America. The game represents the American ideal at its root: That hard work and fair play are the keys to success.

*Dotson’s other note: Once Robinson was allowed to demonstrate his ability in the big leagues, the doors appeared open to everyone. It was a message that only baseball – with its power to cut across cultures – could deliver.*

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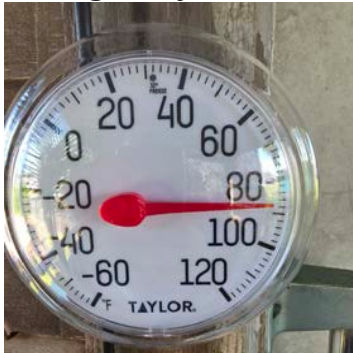
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# Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour  
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## The gates of Hell...



It's been 90° in the shade and humid as all get out at our house all summer.

Finally that nasty August is done, gone, out of here, adios. Which hopefully means these ridiculous weather patterns should be hitting the road also. I'm not sure, and I'm a little reluctant to speculate what might be in store next in the "how bad could it get" department. Just in Texas we've seen droughts followed by torrential downpours dropping up to 28 inches producing deadly flash floods, tornadoes, high winds and late summer wildfires that exploded over 85,000 acres in Palo Pinto and Jack Counties. Along with persistent late-summer record-shattering heat waves and multiple heat domes, we've experienced everything short of the next *Stone Age* triggering disaster declaration and deaths in dozens of Texas counties. In short, the air remains hotter than the hinges on the gates of Hell. The weather wonks would explain that "the United States has a diverse continental climate driven by major air masses, jet streams, and regional geography." This, in a perfect world, means our winters are cold, summers are hot with fairly frequent heat waves and droughts will plague us. But not much longer now that September is a bit cooler, and it's a lot closer to October. At this point my mantra is, "Come on November!"

## On the local front...



Macky and Mathew Ward's benefit will be held at Shorty's on Sept 12.

This coming Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is LABOR DAY boys and girls and the seasonal slowdown will perk its busy head yet one more time. We had a short reprieve with schools starting but get ready for another onslaught of tourists... and then on September 22<sup>nd</sup> it becomes Autumn and our summer tourist season is officially toast. You may recall me telling you about my island brothers Macky and Mathew Ward who had suffered a house fire in their family's historic home in Port A. It was bad enough to displace them and left them in a place where they were wearing their friends T-shirts and underwear. It was a bad fire and the boys could sure use our help. Enter a benefit for the brothers on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Shorty's. These two guys are sweethearts and are true treasures of the island. Their families, the Wards and Mathews, have been a part of our town for many generations. They are also huge live music fans and we are looking for musicians to play us some tunes for the event... let me know if you are interested. There will be smoked bbq and a silent auction. It goes from 2-8 and **Dreaming in Color** will be performing from 9-1. Let's all gather at Shorty's on the 12th and help our brothers out in their time of need.



Southern Alibi played the Gaff last Saturday

## Scattered shots...

My **Mermiad Gal** was out of town last weekend attending the annual alumni event at *Kickapoo Kamp* in Kerrville. So I puttered around town in my trusty golf cart and witnessed some pretty great shows. Once again the *Sip Yard* took home the prize for the niftiest bands. The **Casey Chesnutt** band was great plain and simple. Of course Casey comes from country music royalty and their professionalism shows. It was high energy and just a whole lot of fun. Also, I wasn't familiar with **Scotty Alexander** but brother, I am now. At this point in my life I need high energy and Mr. Alexander did provide. I've had it with those bands that all fluff and no substance, especially the cry in my beer bands. I hope to see much more of this band. I also caught another unknown band (to me) at the *Gaff* called the **Southern Alibi Band** from Canyon Lake who caught my attention when they busted into *Bad Moon Risin'* by **Creedence Clearwater Revival**... nuff said! *Shorty's* had a couple of first class bands on board last weekend. The ever so dreamy **Dreaming in Color**, led by the one and only **Debra Scott-Brown**, got the late night crowd up and dancing. Debra is a keeper. Her vocal range is spot on and her stage presence will keep you captivated. Her husband, **Doug Brown**, is the band leader and bassist and is great at keeping the ball rolling. Also at *Shorty's* last Saturday a man that I have booked there for the last 16 years, **Todd Dorn**, brought his roving camp of **Sea Drifters** to the party with our old friend **Woody Lawson** on bass, who you might remember from his days with **Triggerfish**. Todd also brought the thoroughly seasoned **Oscar Rios** on skins. Plus **Austin Forrest** played the *Sip Yard* and **JonMikael MREZ** played *TI*.

## Coming this weekend...



Red Feather will play Shorty's on Saturday.

Buckle up Buttercups, we got lots more music to hear. Coming this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Todd Dorn** will play the *Gaff* and the **Johnson All Starz** will have some jumping blues for us. On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> look for the **Toman Brothers** at *Shorty's*, looper **Brad Ethridge** will play *Bron's* and Americana studs **Clay Hollis** and **Nick Lawrence** are back at the *Sip Yard*, cover rockers **Splendiferous** will play *Treasure Island* and **Orlando Herrera** will play the *Gaff*. On Saturday, **Diamond's Edge** will definitely get the party started at *Treasure Island*, **Coach Jimmy Dugan** will play the *Gaff*, **Tallulah Junction** from Austin will play *Bron's*, **Ejey Eddie Alaniz** will bring his band **Red Feather** to *Shorty's* and the big show of the evening will be Mr. Island Time his own self, **Larry Joe Taylor** from Stephenville, will play the *Sip Yard* with **Guitar Grady** opening the show. I worked with Grady back in the 90's when I had my booking agency with the *Antone's Record Label* and he played sideman with one of my artists, **Lazy Lester**, who I traveled the world with. On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> its **Dugan and Dietz** at *Shorty's*, a **Dolly Parton** tribute party with **Five Card Draw** at *Treasure Island* and the **Dunebillies** will be at the *Gaff*. And don't forget this coming Monday is LABOR DAY with **John Elijah** will be playing at *Shorty's*. Now get out there and have some fun.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Diamond's Edge will play Treasure Island on Saturday.



Larry Joe Taylor will play the Sip Yard this Saturday.



Tallulah Junction will play Bron's on Saturday.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Thursday.

### September 3

Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's  
Todd Dorn @ Gaff  
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach  
David Martinez @ Brewster Island  
Nathan Allen @ Brewster Southside  
Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar  
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox NPI  
Orlando Herrera @ Pier 99

## Friday, September 4

Splendiferous @ Treasure Island  
Toman Bros @ Shorty's  
Brad Ethridge @ Bron's  
Clay Hollis, Nick Lawrence @ Sip Yard  
Orlando Herrera @ Gaff  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards on the Beach  
Lucky Dogz @ Lulu's Landing  
Logan Ryan Band @ Brewster Downtown  
Peter Salas @ Brewster Island  
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Southside  
FUZION @ Pelican Lounge  
Pat Green @ Fifth & Elm Portland  
Golden Mic Showcase @ House of Rock  
Dreaming In Color @ Exchange  
Palacios Bros @ Fajitaville  
Marty J @ Anchor Bar  
Mesquite Moonshine @ Sandbox NPI  
Kelly Kenning @ Sugar Shack RP  
Carl Hayes @ Hard Knocks  
Mike Luna @ Headliners Fulton



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| TODD DORN                  | SEPT 3  |
| ORLANDO HERRERA            | SEPT 4  |
| JIM DUGAN                  | SEPT 5  |
| TATE MITCHELL, DUNEBILLIES | SEPT 6  |
| OPEN JAM                   | SEPT 9  |
| BELTSANDER RACES           | SEPT 12 |



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JOHNSON ALL STARZ EVERY THURS  
JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN

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GROOVE 2.0 SEPT 19  
PALACIOS BROS SEPT 26



BRAD ETHRIDGE SEPT 4  
TALLULAH JUNCTION SEPT 5  
DAVID FLOREZ SEPT 6  
LANDRY ALLEN SEPT 11  
DAVE FLOREZ SEPT 12  
REVOLUTION SEPT 18



CLAY HOLLIS SEPT 4  
LARRY JOE TAYLOR SEPT 5  
NICK LAWRENCE SEPT 6  
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