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By Dale Rankin

It's been a good week here on our little sandbar. Labor Day wasn't much work *Around the Island* this week as the beaches were full but not packed, about like a mid-summer weekend, as the late arrival of Labor Day seemed to tamp down the OTB invasion.

Historically our tourism season was considered to be 100 days starting with Memorial Day and running steady through September but as state-mandated back to school days moved steadily into August our season is now closer to 75 days but our shoulder seasons in April and October have consistently been busier in the years after Covid when we were overwhelmed. Our tourism industry is changing and our Island is changing with it as we can see by the new construction going up *Around the Island*.

Longtime real estate professionals report that potential buyers are now migrating to Padre Island as prices from Rockport to Port Aransas have jumped with the rebuild after Hurricane Harvey and there is upward pressure on the price of Padre homes even in the current tight market. We have been discovered.

Open Enrollment

For Islanders of a certain age the annual Medicare Enrollment Period, when you can select a plan, is October 15 – December 7 this year. Enough said.

Open canals



The sand dam blocking water flow under the Don Patricio Bridge

We continue to await the removal of the sand plug on Lake Padre to open Island canals to water flow. There was nothing public to report

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42 homesites under contract at Whitecap development

Special events space nearing completion

By Dale Rankin

Builder Esperanza Homes has placed 42 homesites under contract at the Whitecap development on Padre Island.

According to a release by the company the McAllen based Esperanza Homes is nationally recognized as a Builder Magazine Top 100 Builder and has been named to the Inc.5000 list of fastest growing



Bob Hall cont. on page A3

The island with the model homes is in Whitecap phase I

Work begins at new Briscoe King Pavilion



The old Briscoe King Pavilion and Bob Hall Pier

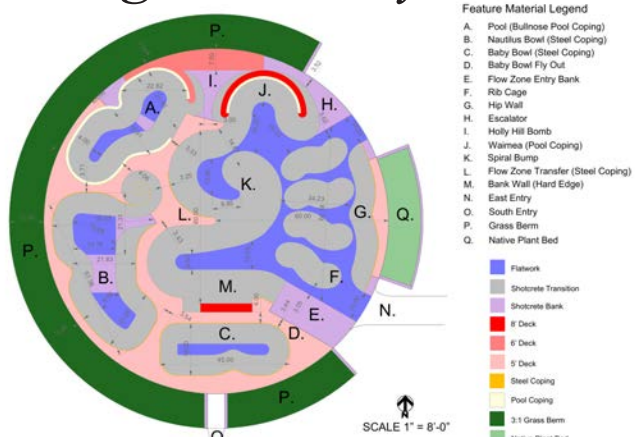
Work began this week with groundbreaking for the new \$8 million Briscoe King Pavilion at Padre Balli Park. The new facility is located just behind the dune between the current pavilion and Bob Hall Pier. It will include 5000 square feet of air conditioned meeting space as well as a banquet kitchen. It is funded through the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 and is expected to be completed in 2027.

Design for Island skatepark complete

Construction to begin January 2027

Design on a \$1 million skatepark planned for Billish Park is complete and construction set to begin in January, 2027, according to information presented to the Island Strategic Action Committee this week.

The park will be located in the south-central portion of the park and is designed for all levels of skateboarders, including a separate section for beginners.



The circular skatepark design set for Billish Park.

A little Island history

Groundbreaking at Briscoe King Pavilion is latest development in long history

By Jim Atwill and Dale Rankin

With the groundbreaking for the new Briscoe King Pavilion this week we take a look at the man behind the name. Who was Briscoe King and how did the pavilion at Balli Park come to be named after him?

There is very little on the written records in Nueces County that addresses that question so when

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Briscoe King Pavilion this week

Open House for Highway 361 Plan

Monday, September 21

Islanders will have a chance be part of the planning process for improvements to State Highway 361. Texas Department of Transportation is holding an open house to residents, businesses, commuters and visitors to join a community conversation about safety along the SH 361 corridor on Monday, Sept. 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Island in the Sun United Methodist Church, 10650 SH 361.

It will be conducted in a come-and-go open house format, giving attendees an opportunity to stop by at their convenience, talk directly with TxDOT staff, review ongoing safety efforts, and share their thoughts about the corridor. No formal presentation will be given.

The goal is to gather community feedback to help shape both near-term and long-term strategies aimed at improving safety along the corridor.

September 25-27

Wounded Warrior Beach Bash needs sponsors

The 12th Annual Wounded Warrior Beach Bash is on for the weekend of September 25-27.

Each year wounded veterans and their families are invited to the Surfside Condos for an all-expense paid weekend. The organizers are looking for sponsors for packages starting at \$60 to help pay the expenses for the event. To sponsor the event contact Linda Lindsey, 830-591-8212.



A family enjoys some restful time at the Wounded Warrior Beach Bash. Photo courtesy of KRIS



Randy Yoder hooked this 43-inch beauty on Labor Day in the Lower Laguna Giant with Guide Adrian Woschnagg.

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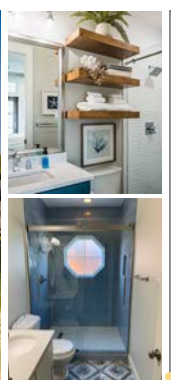
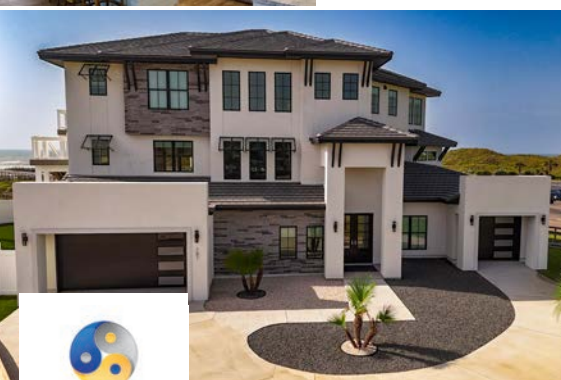
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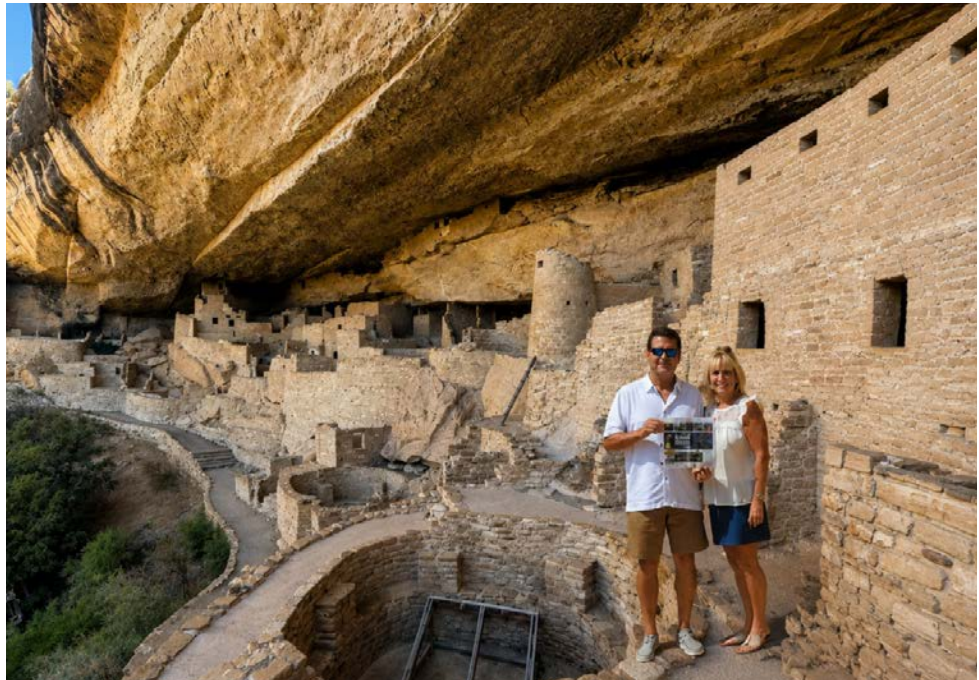
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The Traveling Moon



Hi! My name is Jazzlyn S. Krueger, and I took this at Cheonjeyeon Waterfall at Jeju, South Korea. I'm a native Padre Islander stationed in South Korea, and I grew up with the Moon. I'm so happy I get to share! Thank you!



Mike and Catherine Clark took the Moon to Mesa Verde National Park where civilization transcends time.



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UFO's

In reference to the Pentagons’ release of more info about UFOs, flying saucers, ETs and so forth. There is no proof or evidence of any kind anywhere in the world that the earth has ever been visited by anybody from outer space.

A photo or a moving camera image is not evidence since evidence must be identified to what it is, otherwise it is not evidence. There is a lot of other things in the earth or things that have happened that would make you think otherwise but there just isn’t anything provable.

The precision made, interlocking rock walls with large pivoting doors in Bolivia might have been made by somebody from outer space because it is unknown exactly how or why they were made. And possibly there has been some update finding that I am not aware of. It’s assumed it was made by inhabitants of Bolivia because there is some head images of Bolivian Indians among the scattered and broken, damaged rocks that probably an earthquake or enormous flood caused. As far as I know, no scientist has ever figured out what tools were used to make such things ant could only be made with the most modern tools of today.

No lore about the rocks was ever handed down through the ages so it’s possible when the rocks were scattered, it killed anybody connect to them. In the past thousands of people have been killed by just one earthquake. I am not aware if scientists have proven anything new about the rocks.

If somebody, in the past, had visited earth from outer space, it would have made headlines and be known today because there is no reason any government or country would keep it unknown. Scientists have stated that those rocks might be the oldest rock works in the world, 12,000 years or older.

Bobbie Kimbrell

Whitecap cont. from A1
private companies in the US. A statement from Whitecap developers says: Esperanza Homes and Whitecap are working together to develop a new cottage series of homes designed specifically for Whitecap.

“This is about more than adding another builder to Whitecap,” said Terence Johnson, EVP and GM/Ashlar Development. “We are working closely with Esperanza to create a cottage product specifically for this community. They understand what we are trying to accomplish at Whitecap and have embraced the opportunity to design something that fits the character and lifestyle we are creating.”

Esperanza Homes said construction is anticipated to begin in early 2027. Design work on the cottage series is underway, with plans, elevations, pricing and other details to be released as the product is finalized.

“The addition of this cottage series gives us another important housing choice within Whitecap,” Johnson said. “Our objective is to offer a thoughtful range of homes and price points without losing the overall design quality and identity of the community. Esperanza is helping us accomplish that.”

Events Center

The special events area at the Whitecap development is also nearing completion with portions expected to be open to the public by the end of 2027. The area includes pickleball courts, an outdoor events area, boat docks, restrooms, food trucks, a tour boat, and a restaurant site for future development.



It's the time of year The Island takes a breather..

TxDOT invitation to SH 361 Safety Conversation

Monday, Sept. 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Island in Son Methodist Church

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is inviting residents, businesses, commuters and visitors to join a community conversation about safety along the SH 361 corridor.

The **SH 361 Corridor Safety Conversation** will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Island in the Son United Methodist Church, 10650 SH 361, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418.

The event will be conducted in a come-and-go open house format, giving attendees an opportunity to stop by at their convenience, talk directly with TxDOT staff, review ongoing safety efforts, and share their thoughts about the corridor. No formal presentation will be given.

Whether you travel SH 361 every day, live nearby, own a business in the area, or

simply use the corridor from time to time, TxDOT wants to hear from you. Community feedback will help shape both near-term and long-term strategies aimed at improving safety along the corridor.

“We know the people who use SH 361 every day have valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities along the corridor,” said TxDOT officials. “This conversation is an opportunity to listen, share what we’ve learned so far, and work together toward safer travel for everyone.”

Attendees will have the chance to learn more about current and future safety initiatives, provide comments and discuss concerns directly with TxDOT representatives.

Your experience matters. Stop by, share your perspective and help shape the future of safety along SH 361.

Public information, free speech rights go hand in hand

By Kelley Shannon

It takes time and energy to keep a close watch on our government, but it’s our right as citizens. Really, it’s a duty. Transparency laws along with liberties granted by the U.S. Constitution help us do the job.

Access to public information and free speech go hand in hand. We can’t effectively speak to and about our government without knowing the facts.

Yet freedom of speech and one of the state’s main transparency laws, the Texas Public Information Act, are in the spotlight amid concerns they are being eroded. The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas will explore these topics at its state conference “Tracking the Truth, Safeguarding First Amendment Rights” on Sept. 18 in Austin.

Free expression on college campuses is the focus of the conference’s opening session, featuring former KUT News general manager Debbie Hiott, whose recent firing by the University of Texas at Austin ignited a free speech and transparency controversy. The conference will also include First Amendment experts; a look at access to immigration enforcement information; a keynote address by Garrett Haake, chief White House correspondent for NBC News; and a session on using the Texas Public Information Act.

Despite a weakening of the Public Information Act over the years, the 53-year-old law still allows light to shine on government to answer essential questions about how taxpayer money is spent and how government officials make decisions. At its core, as it was written and intended, the law is strong and protects citizens’ right to know. That’s because government information is presumed to be open, unless a legal exemption to disclosure exists.

This structure gives power to the people by requiring a governmental body that seeks to withhold information to argue why it should be permitted to do so. In most cases, it must seek a ruling from the Texas Attorney General’s Office.

That means the attorney general fulfills a vital oversight role. It’s a much better system than letting government officials make



those decisions themselves, something the opening words of the Public Information Act warn against.

“The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know,” the law states.

But there are problems with the act we cannot ignore.

Some governments abuse the law by delaying information releases. They unnecessarily seek attorney general rulings when information is clearly public or give requesters unfair expensive cost estimates for obtaining records. Some misuse the attorney-client privilege and litigation exceptions and others to try to block disclosure of information.

The act needs stronger enforcement measures. This can take several forms. One method is to ensure that records requestors who must go to court to force the release of information can recover their legal fees from that government. Currently, this isn’t a given in Texas.

The state Legislature should address these areas in its 2027 session. We need a back-to-basics approach to the Public Information Act to remain true to its intent of helping citizens watch over their public servants and tax dollars.

Our information rights give us the ability to track the truth as we use our free speech rights to make our voices heard.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, a nonprofit based in Austin. For more information about the organization and its upcoming state conference, which is open to members of the public who register, go to www.foift.org.

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long-time so we talked to Port Aransas resident, former Justice of the Peace, and former owner of the Tarpon Inn Jim Atwill to find the answer. Mr. Atwill actually knew the man who called himself R. Briscoe King – the R standing for Russell – and combining Mr. Atwill’s knowledge with what we could find from other sources here is what we know about R. Briscoe King.

The first thing to know is that his lineage is not connected to the famed King Ranch. His father was Judge James A. King in Austin who was appointed by Gov. William P. Hobby as State Tax Commissioner in 1919. Judge King was the author of a book “*When Friends Become Foes, a story of the Civil War.*” He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and he also taught Sunday school at the First Methodist Church for ten years.

His son R. Briscoe King was born January 29, 1905 in Karnes City and attended elementary school in Floresville. After studying at the University of Texas he attended the University of Oklahoma Law School where he graduated in 1930 and passed the bar examinations in both Texas and Oklahoma that year. King was a practicing attorney in Corpus Christi from 1930 until his death and was active in political affairs. He was state executive committeeman for the 20th Senatorial District from 1960-1962 and in 1960 was Nueces County chairman for Gov. Price Daniel. He also served for a short time as special judge of 117th District Court. He was also the head of the Buccaneer Commission from 1961-1963.

He was the City Attorney of Corpus Christi from 1937 until 1942 when he joined the Navy for four years reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander and serving as Military Governor of U.S. Opposition Forces in Sasabo, Japan. But it was his work he did shortly before leaving for World War II that arguably had the greatest impact on the history of Corpus Christi.

Since the 1919 hurricane which devastated downtown the need for a seawall on Corpus Christi Bay was realized but as is often the case when it comes to Corpus Christi politics it was a contentious project and by the 1930s the project was still moving through the process and found its way into the courts and that is where Mr. King became involved. Throughout the 1930s as City Attorney he was involved with using imminent domain to claim the bay front land needed to build the seawall. Through his efforts the seawall was completed in 1941 when Mr. King left to join the Navy.

He returned to Corpus Christi and practiced law until becoming Nueces County Judge from October 3, 1969 after being appointed to succeed Noah Kennedy who left to become Judge of 148th District Court. Then in 1970 Judge King ran for judge of County Court-at Law #2 and won the Democratic nomination by a majority of 4-1 and was elected without opposition in the General Election. He was to take office on January 1, 1971 but died before being sworn in.

So what does any of that have to do with Balli Park? Briscoe King served on the Board of Directors of the Nueces County Parks Board from 1964 until he was appointed County Judge in in 1969. His wife died January 10, 1970 and R. Briscoe King followed on November 24, 1970 and was buried in Seaside Memorial Park. In honor of the fact that he was Nueces County Judge and a member of the Nueces County Parks Board for five years seems plenty of justification for Nueces County Commissioners putting his name on a building that is now about to get \$8 million in expansion.

And now you know who Briscoe King was.

Who is this guy Briscoe King?

By Jim Atwill

Being one of your weekly readers and loving all the yellowed historical sections, I thought you and your readers might want to know more about Briscoe King as his name is associated with the Pavilion I started practicing law in 1966 with a law firm in Corpus Christi known as Sorrell, Anderson, Porter and Stone.

Although not a member of the firm, Briscoe rented a space in law office where he conducted his law practice. As a new lawyer, I would often seek advice and then listen to his stories. He advised me to start volunteering to various charities in town in order to meet people and get my name around. He was Chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter and in 1969 he asked me to become Disaster Chairman, saying there is very little to do and you’ll meet a lot of people. Well, then comes Hurricane Celia, we all now the rest. Briscoe was a lawyer admitted to both the Oklahoma and Texas bars. He started in 1930 in Corpus Christi and in 1937 became City Attorney of Corpus Christi and was instrumental in acquiring land along the bay front by eminent domain in order for the City to build the sea wall along Shoreline. He served in the Navy for 4 years in WW II and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander and served as the Military Governor of the US Opposition Forces in Sasabo, Japan. Later he represented most all of the major railroads operating from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande Valley, was active in the Democratic Party, served on many civic and county boards and in 1969 was appointed Nueces County Judge to succeed Noah Kennedy. In 1970 he ran for Judge of County Court of Law No. 2, I was his campaign chairman and won the election by a majority of 4-1, however, he later died before he could take office.



Construction began this week on the new Briscoe King Pavilion.

Working at a Speedy Pace



Work continues at the Speedy Stop on the Island. The access to Highway 361 is under construction on the right, and the car wash, gas pumps, and convenient store are all moving along.



Speedy Stop with Packery Basin in the background



Morning sunrise By Michelle Walters

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On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

I hope you loyal readers had a great Labor Day! Augs had his annual skeet shoot out at Roadkill Willies ranchita, and we sweat-ed through a few rounds of knocking down some orange clays and laughing at each other missing. Skeet shooting and dove hunting are long time south Texas traditions that involve passing down gun safety to the new shooters, good food, and mostly the embellished stories of the past that are told in between rounds. Don't forget to pick up your shells!



Finn had a great time helping pick up shells



Lauren and Rachel

Not only is it dove season, it's also Political season, and there have been lots of shots fired. I had expected that after the Inner harbor desal vote last week that things would calm down at council, but I was wrong. They've hit another gear, and I suppose I will go back to just seeing what the head-lines are in the news the next day instead of watching it.

The temporary stoppage of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) releases from Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi has hit the front burner lately, and it seems a lot of desal people have jumped on that bandwagon and taken to social media in droves. Folks, we have to have fresh water getting into our bays and estuaries at critical times for fish, shrimp, and crabs. Because there haven't been inflows, the Nueces Bay complex is suffering. The lack of freshwater inflows is more environmentally damaging than the Inner Harbor desal plant would be to the bays. Read that again.

The current Agreed Order calls for the release of 36,500 acre feet over a period of 120 days (for simplicity). An acre foot is about a half of an Olympic-size swimming pool, so we're talking about over 18,000 swimming pools. That's a lot of water. While I would love to see that kind of volume go into the Nueces Delta, we do have to be pragmatic

about things. There are also two other things that have changed since the Agreed Order (besides the drought) is that science finally caught up with the timing of releases, and we don't need to be releasing water during the summer. Also, the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries has a water control gate adjacent to the by-pass pump to direct water into the Delta that wasn't there in the beginning of the Agreed Order. So, we could get away with doing much smaller, directed "releases" at the right time of the season. Think of a garden hose on trickle instead of a fire hose at full bore. It would be much more effective and leave more water in the lake. Middle ground. That is one of the first things that will come from the Nueces Estuarine Advisory Committee over the next couple of months. Stay tuned for sure on that one.

The beach continues to be a mystery on why the upwelling is still hanging around, making things a bit chillier and keeping the water clarity between dusty and messy. Driving is still terrible down south. I postulate that there is a correlation between El Nino and the upwelling. In the Pacific, El Nino either drives or suppresses the upwelling, which can have dramatic effects on nutrients, fishing, and hurricane steering. I think it's the same thing here, only in reverse order. The effects are also showing up in the Loop Current, which is doing some interesting things.

One of the effects that this phenomenon is having is that Mayan Riviera (Belize and Mexico) are getting absolutely pounded with sargassum. They have set up a National Sargassum Task Force to address impacts that sargassum is having on tourism. They are attempting to counter the influx of the stuff with beach raking, workboats, and specialized collectors. They are working on offshore barriers to block it from coming in, and I'm thinking of some of the seaweed fences that are by some of the boat ramps over in Flour Bluff. They keep a lot of it out but doesn't prevent it.

I dug in a bit deeper, and sure enough, there has been a steady increase in sargassum over the past decade or so. The Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt is the official title of the brown menace and is increasing in volume "hyperbolically" from the coast of Africa, across the Atlantic, into the Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and then back out into the Atlantic. I don't need to tell you loyal readers what beaches are like when that stuff is piled 4 feet high as far as you can see. Forecasting models indicate that it's going to get worse. More later.

Well folks, now that summer is officially over, school is back in, and football season has started, I'd say we're about to get back into a comfortable pace but I know that's not what happens. Southeast of Disorder will have to wait. What happens is that schedules become double booked and there is always another meeting to go to. There will be some meetings scheduled regarding Hwy 361 coming up soon, as well as other MPO projects. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Finn with Joby and Jozy out at the ranchito

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Old tricks pay off



Big stringers FULL OF REDS AND TROUT THIS WEEK!

The sea grass fell from my guests hook, yet on the boat something in it wiggled. I bent over and picked up a tiny Ballyhoo. Just 4 inches long this small baitfish is like candy to many saltwater species. One of dozens of food sources that is so plentiful this time of year. As the season for bay fish and bait to be born and grow to the size that is ready to migrate out of our bays, there are an entire different set of species that come in from the gulf now for their time in the protected back waters. Each sweep of fresh tide will bring in Shad and small bait along with that green tide and set fishing on fire!

Anglers following mullet will have good fishing but those that pay close attention and find the concentrations of Shad, and tiny ocean bait will be closest to the best bait source and most mature gamefish. The high oil content of this super baitfish is higher, and the real trophy fish will follow and seek them out.

Our biggest catches in the last few weeks have not been by accident, but from carefully playing each cast of the lure. Repeated casts to the same area, Rhythmic reeling and pumping the rods do not trick the old and Wise. As my bait hits the water my imagination brings me into being the baitfish. Splashing down, skittering an attack and flowing towards the grass to hide. Frantic bursts of movement just as pin perch close in and peck at the tail. Mimicking the real story playing out under the sea. Casting past glowing sand pockets and pausing the bait in the open for an easy strike. Watching bait and seeing slashing of gamefish through schools of scattering Shad. Being completely focused and ready to cast to the action. One of my jobs on the bait is to point out and teach my guests how

to react to real time signs of the presence of gamefish feeding.

Lately I'm asked each day what are my favorite times of year to be on the water. I always say November and the first two weeks of Dec. Right now is pretty special and each day I see some things that are incredible, BUT hold on to your britches, FALL IS ON ITS WAY!

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Immature male Regal Jumping Spider
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By Hailey Burrow

Though human brains receive a variety of information from all of our sensory organs, we tend to rely heavily on vision. Like many other animals, we use vision to take in our surrounds, look for food, and keep an eye out for danger. So how do human eyes measure up against the best vision in the animal world?

A few factors influence what we might consider ‘good’ vision. One is the ability to see color. Humans are trichromats, which means that we have three types color receptors, known as cone cells. These color receptors allow us to perceive different combinations of the three primary colors of light: red, green, and blue. Through these different combinations we can perceive all the colors of the rainbow. We have most mammals beat in color vision; only a few species of primates and possibly marsupials are trichromats. Most mammals are dichromats; they have only two color receptors and see the world in shades of blue and yellow, similar to red-green color blindness in humans.

Outside of the mammal class, many other animals have our color vision beat. Many species of fish, bird, and reptile are tetrachromats, with four types of cone cells. These extra color receptors allow them to see ultraviolet light, another range of color we can only imagine. It doesn’t stop there though! There are many invertebrates with even more types of color receptors, most notable of which is the mantis shrimp. With 12 to 16 different types of cone cells, mantis shrimp have the most types of color receptors of any animal, with the ability to see deep into ultraviolet wave lengths. However, research has shown that even though their range of vision is great, the mantis shrimp’s ability to differentiate between similar colors is very poor.

Plenty of animals can beat us in color vision, but how do they measure up to our visual

acuity—the clarity of our vision? In other words, how many letters would they be able to read on an eye chart (if they could read)? Human visual acuity is actually quite good compared to other animals. Details that are clear to us are often blurry or difficult to decipher for other creatures. Small animals and animals with compound eyes like insects and crustaceans have particularly poor visual acuity, but even larger animals might have very poor vision.

However, there are some animals that can match or surpass our visual acuity. One that might surprise you is the jumping spider. These species of tiny spiders have the some of the best vision among arthropods, even with their tiny eyes being less than an inch long. Their visual acuity is believed to be comparable with cats or elephants, with human vision being only 5 to 10 times better than the spider’s. This good vision is only limited to a couple of their eyes, however. Though their other eyes grant them a near 360-degree view of their surroundings, only the space they are pointing their two principle eyes toward will have color and clarity. Another set of impressive eyes can be found on sharks. Sharks have the best underwater vision, and are able to see several yards in clear water, and very well in very low light. Compare that to the last time you tried opening your eyes underwater with no goggles!

But the true champions of vision are birds, especially birds of prey. They have two fovea—a focal point with a high concentration of cones that provides the sharpest vision—while humans only have one. Combine this exceptional visual acuity with their impressive color vision, and binocular eye placement, and it’s easy to see why these predators have the best eyes. With all these adaptations working together, birds of prey can pick out details from miles away. So good luck to any prey that are trying to hide from them!



Ruby-throated Hummingbird By Britt Thompson



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By Jace Tunnell

Monkey Combs Wash Ashore

Jace holding a few Monkey Combs

One of my favorite things about beachcombing is finding something I have never seen before. No matter how many years I spend searching the Texas coast, there is always something new waiting to wash ashore. During my weekly beach survey, I started finding strange, round objects covered with hundreds of little projections. My first thought was that they looked like the ends of toilet scrubbers. After finding several, though, I realized these weren’t pieces of trash. They were some type of seed or fruit. Then I found one with part of its stem still attached, and something clicked. I had seen these before while flipping through my sea bean reference guides. They were monkey combs. Monkey combs are the fruits from a tropical tree called Apeiba sp., native to Mexico and Central America into South America. The unusual woody fruits can grow several inches across and are covered with flexible bristles, giving them their distinctive appearance and name. Inside are numerous small, oil rich seeds. I ended up finding around 10 monkey combs, which made this an especially exciting survey. Sea beans and other drift seeds fascinate me because they show just

how connected the Texas coast is to distant tropical environments. Fruits and seeds can enter rivers, reach the ocean, and then be transported by currents before eventually washing ashore. We may never know exactly where these monkey combs started their journeys or how long they spent at sea. Monkey combs also have a history of human use. Their seeds have been used traditionally for oil and hair treatments, while fibers from the tree have been made into rope, baskets and other useful items. Finding something new still gets me excited. That’s what keeps beachcombing interesting. You never know what the next wave will deliver. Sometimes, what looks like a toilet scrubber turns out to be a tropical traveler. 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).



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Discovering the Familiar ... *Looking back at 911*

By R. Michael Stallings

Originally published, October 14, 2001

We've all heard the expressions "when the smoke clears and when the dust settles." Given time, the smoke in our life does clear; the dust does settle, giving us an opportunity to see things more clearly, to look and think upon the familiar in an unfamiliar way.

With the smoke cleared and the dust settled in New York City, Washington, D.C., and a field in Pennsylvania, with the window of our perspectives forever changed, what do you see? What do you think? What or whom do you look upon differently than before?

Bill was born in 1925. When he was 17, he joined the United States Navy. He and his friends were eager to join the fight. They even worried the war would end before they could get in it.

In "The Greatest Generation," Tom Brokaw writes, "They answered the call to help save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled, instruments of conquest in the hands of fascist maniacs."

With his hair now more white than gray, Bill has become, some claim, a WWII historian through a voracious appetite for reading (begging the pardon of a certain military history professor at Texas A&M University who, on the first day of class, set forth the difference between those to be considered history buffs versus historians).

In fact, so enthusiastic was he about his research that his exuberance often spilled over and he was compelled to enter a room full of perfectly content, disinterested family members only to crack open the latest addition to the voluminous bedside stack and share a paragraph or two. Satisfied he had gained everyone's attention (disturbed or interrupted them), he would return to his bedroom library undaunted by the disinterest; it was just further evidence of his superior intellect anyway.

Nowadays, post Sept. 11, I listen to this WWII veteran's stories with a sharper ear. I hear things I've not heard in a story I've heard a dozen times. I listen and I am moved to absorb all I can, while he is still here to tell me.

I am getting a firsthand account from a member of what Brokaw so aptly calls The Greatest Generation. I desire not to just sum up his experiences as "he served his country." I want to know the specifics. I want to know what it was like for him; what it was

like for the white-haired man standing before me who eagerly joined in the fight to keep the enemy from our shores, from our cities and from our homes.

Brokaw reminds us, "These men and women came of age in the Great Depression, when economic despair hovered over the land like a plague. They had watched their parents lose their businesses, their farms, their jobs, their hopes. They had learned to accept a future that played out one day at a time. Then, just as there was a glimmer of economic recovery, war exploded across Europe and Asia. When Pearl Harbor made it irrefutably clear that America was not a fortress, this generation was summoned to the parade ground and told to train for war."

"They faced great odds and a late start, but they did not protest. At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure, love, and the lessons of the workaday world, they were fighting, often hand to hand, in the most primitive conditions possible, across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria. They fought their way up a neck-lace of South Pacific islands few had ever heard of before and made them a fixed part of American history — islands with names like Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Okinawa. They were in the air every day, in skies filled with terror, and they went to sea on hostile waters far removed from the shores of their homeland."

Yes, the smoke has cleared, the dust has settled from Sept. 11, and now we look upon the familiar in an unfamiliar way. Today, tomorrow, and the coming months will certainly be a time of discovery, in essence, a time of discovering the familiar. For me, the discovery has already begun. I look and think upon someone familiar and see in his 76 years, a dad to be proud of.

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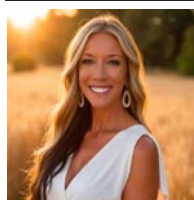
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Island Real Estate Roundup



Apryl Noles

September market off to a good start

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What a great start to September as we officially transition out of the summer season and into our fall real estate market here on Padre Island. Buyer activity remained steady across all three residential sectors this past week, giving us a positive start to the new month.

In the detached home sector, five homes went under the option period and two properties successfully closed. The condominium sector also saw continued activity, with two properties entering the option period and one closing. In the townhome sector, one property went under the option period and two properties closed.

It is encouraging to see continued movement across each sector as we begin September. With summer behind us and the fall market underway, I'll continue watching our local numbers closely to see how inventory, buyer activity, pricing, and closed sales develop throughout the month.

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 tracking the Padre Island market!

Detached Homes In Option Period:

-14329 Emerald St (Listed for \$685,000)
-14854 Highland Mist (Listed for \$659,900)
-14218 Punta Bonaire Dr (Listed for \$649,000)
-15285 Cartagena Ct (Listed for \$475,000)
-15609 Escapade St (Listed for \$370,000)

Detached Homes That Sold:

-15826 Almeria Ave (Listed for \$625,000)
-15274 Caravel Dr (Listed for \$295,000)

Condominiums In Option Period:

-14810 Windward Dr Unit 603 (Listed for \$249,900)
-14300 Aloha St Unit 128 (Listed for \$220,000)

Condominium That Sold:

-14721 Whitecap Blvd Unit 254 (Listed for \$219,500)

Townhome In Option Period:

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

Townhomes That Sold:

-15509 Cruiser St Unit A (Listed for \$389,900)
-14901 Windward Dr Unit 801 (Listed for \$365,000)

What a Difference a Day Makes

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Monday (left) and Tuesday (right) at the Port Aransas Ferry landing.



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Knuckle-Cracker

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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

- Across
1. Obscure
7. Dance at a Jewish wedding
11. Essen interjection
14. Trusted (with "on")
15. Corrosive stuff
16. Caroler's syllable
17. Definition of an egotist (Part 1)
19. Behavioral quirk
20. Artist's hat, perhaps
21. Office abbr.
22. Comic strip sound effect
23. Needs to catch up
24. Never say this
25. Come together
26. England's Isle of —
27. Seasonally decorated tree
28. Friday program?
30. Dr. King, for one
31. Most frightful
32. Definition of an egotist (Part 2)
34. Perfunctory
36. Gloomy guy
37. Backslides
38. A Turner
39. Letterman's network
42. Massenet offering
43. Third degree?
44. Algonquian living in Canada
45. Pirates' quaffs
46. Wynken, Blynken and Nod, e.g.
48. McCullough's "The — Birds"
49. Took the cake?
50. Definition of an egotist (Part 3)
52. Pole footage?
53. Edison's middle name
54. Monogram bearer
55. NYC zone
56. Invigorates (with "up")
57. Takes back the lead?

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- Down
1. Suitable for plowing
2. Invalidate, as a law
3. Priests and ministers
4. River in England and city in France
5. Branch headquarters?
6. Old name for Tokyo
7. Part of a ship's bow
8. Baron in "Der Rosenkavalier"
9. Laughfest
10. Pitched messages
11. Fictional Mason, for one
12. Exhibits fear, in a way
13. Comedian Buddy
18. Hair removal brand
22. Commences
24. Sidetrack
25. Pillage
27. Bogart's snap brim
28. 601, to Caesar
29. Extended
30. Makes reference to
31. Where to sweat it out?
32. Symphonic segment
33. Printer's measures
34. Assess proportionally
35. Regards as
38. You, once
39. Embezzlers, burglars, etc.
40. Songwriter Taupin
41. Has a funny feeling
43. Type sizes
44. Hutch contents, often
46. Ceramic slab
47. Party giver's abbr.
48. Old despot
50. Drop the bait gently
51. Seashell seller?

Island Moon Live

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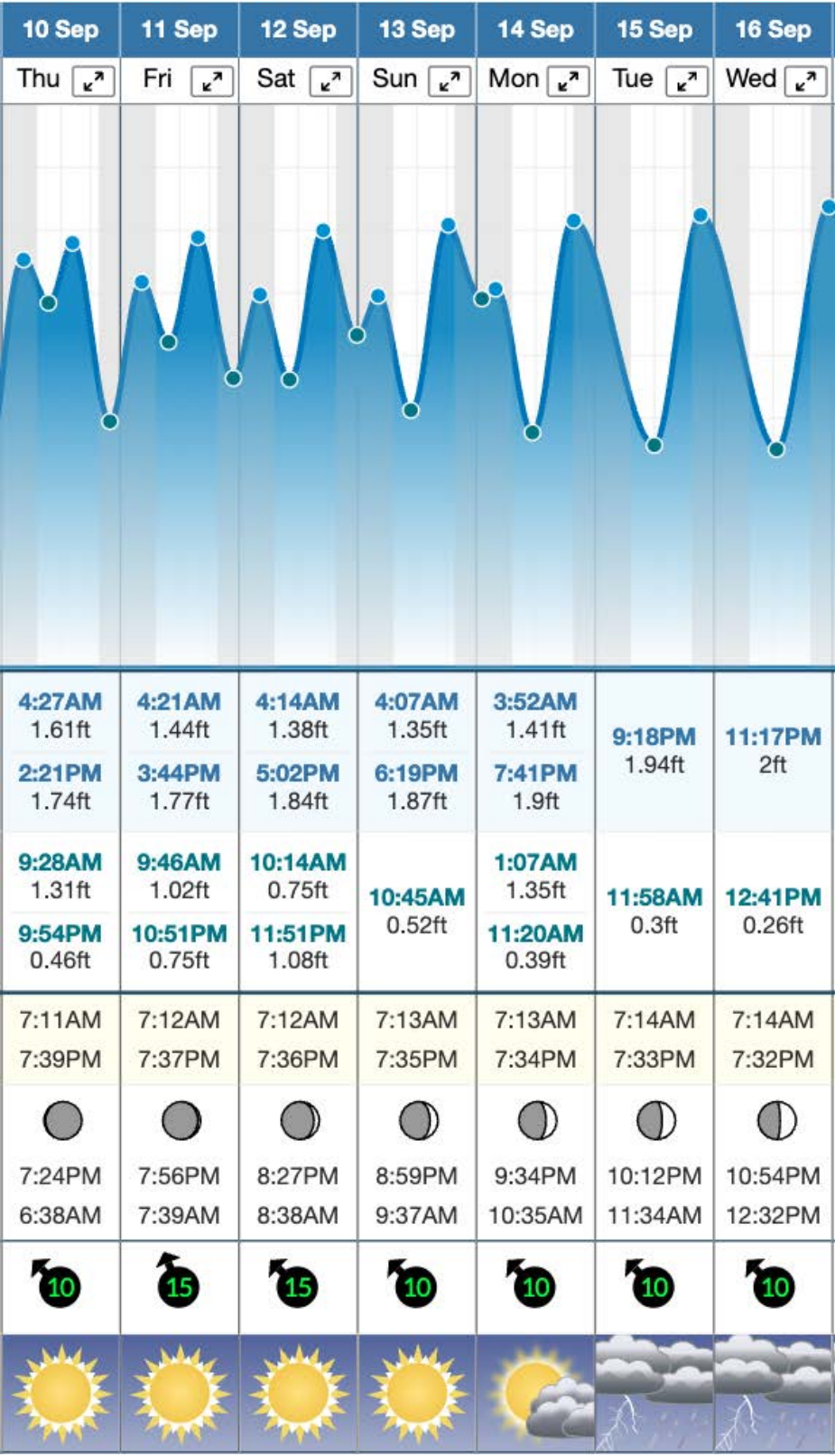
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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

“You better swing at everything...” *Mercy is in short supply*

A man was pulled over for speeding. He tried to talk the officer out of issuing a ticket. The prospect of his insurance premiums rising, as well as the fine, worried him. He pleaded that he was normally a very safe driver, along with some other excuses. The officer told him he would have to take it up with court. He issued the citation for speeding.

A few months later, it was the first game in the local recreational baseball league. The man who had been cited for speeding was the umpire for the game. The very first batter of the game was the officer who had issued the speeding ticket.

As the officer stepped into the batter’s box both men recognized each other. The officer asked how it went with the speeding ticket. The umpire responded, “You’d better swing at everything!”

We live in an eye for an eye world. Our desire for retribution goes beyond the athletic field. It is worked out on battlefields, in political and social arenas, online, and in our relationships. You hurt me, I hurt you. Although in today’s world sometimes we feel the need to hurt you before you hurt me. We call it a preemptive strike.

Too often retribution also resembles a scorched earth approach. You take my eye, I blow your brains out; you cross me, I’ll destroy your character and career; you strike me, I will annihilate you.

Mercy is needed desperately in our day. Evil begets evil; harm generates harm; outrage generates outrage; attack generates attack. Jesus teaches another way. He said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” Mercy breaks the chain with the unpredictability of grace.

In the Bible, mercy is a big broad concept. It is linked with compassion, one of the primary motives of the earthly ministry of Jesus. In today’s brutal world, compassion is often seen as a weakness. In the Bible, compassion is a strength.

Mercy involves helping and serving people in need. Jesus taught that it is giving food to the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Mercy requires empathy, seeking to understand life from the perspective of another. It is standing in

solidarity with the marginalized. Being merciful is being a good human. Mercy also involves forgiveness extended to the other. The merciful don’t focus on the speck in another’s eye while forgetting the log in their own eye. They turn away from revenge and retribution. In fact, they pray for the persecutor and love the enemy. Human forgiveness is based in God’s mercy. As we receive forgiveness in Christ freely, so we seek to forgive freely. This can be hard and take time to do. Mercy is not the same thing as forgiving and forgetting. Mercy frees us from endlessly replaying the grievances of yesterday. These lead only to bitterness. To be merciful is to live with the past without being held captive by the past. It is the refusal to be defined by circumstances; it gives the ability to change course; it will reframe the narrative; it will create unexpected set of possibilities for the future.

The late Bishop Desmond Tutu grew up under the horror of apartheid in South Africa. He insisted that without mercy there is no future. When apartheid was overthrown, he rejected a trial model of dealing with the cycle of violence, war crimes, and other injustices. He argued for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This process offered amnesty and forgiveness for any perpetrator of violence who would come forward and publicly confess the full truth of their actions. He suggested that the alternative to mercy would have continue the cycle of violence.

Mercy is the counternarrative of hope given by God. It is the alternative way of being in a world defined by rage and grievance, meanness and bitterness, revenge and retribution. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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.

What is New for Hunting Season 2026-27

AUSTIN — The 2026-27 hunting season has kicked off successfully with the dove opener across Texas on Sept. 1. However, hunters should be aware of regulation changes before entering the field.

Licenses Changes

Updated identity verification rules are now in effect for Texas hunting and fishing license purchases to combat residency fraud and support Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement. Additional information can be found at the License ID Validation FAQ page or the Purchase Requirements for Licenses, Endorsements and Tags page on the TPWD website.

All recreational licenses and endorsement stamps also have a digital option. The digital license option is available through online purchase only. Digital license holders must keep their digital license available via mobile device while in the field or on the water as they will not receive a printed license or tags. License holders must access and use their digital tags through the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app. Digital licenses can be viewed through the Texas Hunt & Fish and TPWD Outdoor Annual mobile apps.

Regulation Changes

- “Doe days” expanded in 21 counties from four to 16 days.
- Earlier start for the South Zone Dove regular season.
- Elimination of Special White-winged Dove Days.
- Matagorda and Wharton counties now closed to Wild Turkey hunting.
- Harvest of unbearded Wild Turkey hens now prohibited statewide.
- Definition of muzzleloader modified to allow for use of new muzzleloading technology.

Season Date Changes

Hunters should be aware of several season date changes for the 2026-27 hunting seasons before their first hunt, including:

The regular dove seasons are as follows:

- North Zone: Sept. 1 – Nov. 8, resuming Dec. 18, 2026 – Jan. 7, 2027

- Central Zone: Sept. 1 – Oct. 25, resuming Dec. 11, 2026 – Jan. 14, 2027
- South Zone: Sept. 1 – Oct. 25, resuming Dec. 18, 2026 – Jan. 21, 2027

The expansion of “doe days” in Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Comal (east of IH 35), DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad (north of U.S. Highway 59), Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays (east of IH 35), Jackson (north of U.S. Highway 59), Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Travis (east of IH 35), Victoria (north of U.S. Highway 59), Waller, Washington, Wharton (north of U.S. Highway 59), and Wilson counties will provide hunters with more opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer.

The expanded doe day season in these counties is:

- Nov. 14 – 29, 2026 (second Saturday of November through the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving)

The chachalaca season dates have been updated to be the same as quail season Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2027.

Turkey Harvest Map:

Turkey hunters have a new tool available this year called the Turkey Harvest App that utilizes mandatory harvest data provided by successful hunters to display county-scale harvest throughout the fall and spring seasons.

New World Screwworm:

New World screwworms (NWS) are parasitic flies that lay eggs in open wounds or mucous membranes of live warm-blooded animals. Hunters are encouraged to be vigilant while out in the field by reporting any animals they might see with suspicious wounds and thoroughly inspect their harvested game for wounds that may contain NWS larvae (maggots). Management of wildlife carcasses that may contain NWS larvae is important. Ensuring that no viable NWS larvae are left on or in the carcass will be of paramount importance to stop the NWS life cycle.

Hunters are encouraged to utilize Texas Animal Health Commission’s interactive NWS Zone Map before they hit the field and can find information about NWS at [screwworm.texas.gov](https://www.screwworm.texas.gov).

Teal Season in Texas Commences Sept. 19



Green-wing and Blue-wing Teal Photograph by Chris Morrow

Teal hunting season opens Sept. 19 with a nine-day early season for the second consecutive year.

The 2025 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Canadian Wildlife Service estimated the blue-winged teal breeding population at 4.4 million birds, which was 13 percent below the long-term average.

Unfortunately, the most recent 2026 May survey indicated the numbers dipped lower again this year with an estimated 3.96 million blue-winged teal. It’s an 11 percent drop from last year’s numbers and remains below the 4.7-million threshold that is required for a 16-day special early teal season. Therefore, hunters can also expect another shortened season for the 2027-28 hunting season.

“Breeding population size is only part of what ultimately determines the number of birds hunters see in September,” said Kevin Kraai, Waterfowl Program Leader for TPWD. “Hopefully, good production in the Prairie Pothole Region puts a substantial number of young-of-the-year birds into the fall flight despite the smaller breeding population counted earlier this spring.”

Blue-winged teal is the second most abundant duck in North America and the primary species targeted during Texas’ early teal season. Despite lower breeding population survey numbers, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists are encouraged by reports of strong production in portions of the Prairie Pothole Region this summer.

Another important aspect of the teal-season story is that the migration of blue-winged teal appears to be changing. Historically, bluewings moved through Texas during a relatively predictable and compressed period, with migration generally building through September and peaking late in the month. That pattern is becoming less predictable.

“We are now seeing blue-winged teal migrate across a much broader period in the fall. Migration still begins in mid- to late August, but substantial numbers of birds can remain much farther north, including portions of the Prairie Pothole Region and breeding range, well into October and even November,” said Kraai. “At the same time, many birds do not appear to be moving as far south as they historically did.”

According to TPWD biologists, historically, relatively few blue-winged teal remained available to Texas hunters during the regular duck season. Today, a substantial portion of the population winters no farther south than the Texas coast, and blue-winged teal has become the number one harvested duck in Texas in many recent regular seasons.

“At this point, I expect a below-average early teal season overall in Texas,” added Kraai. “The continental breeding population is down again, the nine-day season gives us very little room to accommodate increasingly prolonged migration, and habitat is drying across several important teal regions of the state.”

The nine-day statewide 2026 early teal season in Texas will run Sept. 19-27. The daily bag limit on teal is six, with a possession limit of 18.



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Three Chords and the Truth

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Adios Labor Day...



The Labor Day ferry lines were packed leaving Port A.

Unless you're a local, I'm guessing that my Labor Day may have different perimeters than yours. Having lived in Port A for nearly two decades, the mere mention of Memorial Day and Labor Day strikes fear in my heart due to the fact that I know there will be thousands of people soon to be spitting on my neck and shopping at the local grocery store with three generations of family tagging along and blocking up the aisles. It's called the 100 Day Summer Tourist Season which is also dictated by the ever the changing school schedules. The good news is that we are finally at the end of this annual monster. And don't forget the big daddy's of them all, Spring Break and Sand-Fest which is a whole other can of worms.

Time to breathe...



Labor Day traffic on the dreaded Hwy 361 going into Port A.

Think I'm over reacting? Walk a hundred miles in my flip flops and see if you don't want to hunker down. I mean we have other shorter holidays such as Christmas, New Years, Easter and Thanksgiving that come and go quickly and really don't have a down side and few homegrown holidays such as Talk Like a Pirate Day and the Black Eyed Pea Off that are a lot of laughs. My personal favorite is Halloween in which I'm really looking for to this year because my pal Joe King Carrasco will be playing Shorty's that night. I really only have to consolidate my moves when the 100 Days of Summer Tourist Season comes around or as I call it The 100 Days of No Left Turns. The floodgates are now closed, the lodging rates are cheaper and the trailer parks have emptied out. So for now, what we get are the locals (of course), second homers, fishermen and day trippers. I know this is bad for retail but it wasn't like this when we were just a little drinking beach town with a fishing problem... but now we are a bonafied tourist trap and it's time to breathe.

Ward Bros Benefit...

Coming this Saturday, September 12th Shorty's will be hosting a benefit for Macky and Mathew Ward. The brothers had a bad fire at their house which was in the family for generations. Macky and Mathew are great guys and have many friends here who want to help the guys with getting their house back up and livable. The benefit will be from 2-6 and will have Edwin Meyer's famous jambalaya, an auction and silent auction and live music. I have enlisted about 20 musicians who will donate their time for this event including Ray Summy, John Elijah, Brad Ethridge, James Derkits, Eli Brown, Billy Snipes, Ron Baker, Austin Forrest, Tex Beaumont, Red Feather, Brad Brown, Jered Clark, Craig Ware, Scott Graham, Miguel Cantu and Christopher Ivory. It looks like this may turn into a pretty cool jam. Hope to see yall there.



Brothers Mathew and Macky Ward's benefit will be this Saturday at Shorty's (2-8).

Scattered shots...

The highlights of my weekend were running into my old friend Guitar Grady from Austin who opened the show for Larry Joe Taylor at the Sip Yard. I've know Grady since the 90's when I was booking for the Antone's Record Label of which he was the guitarist for swamp pop artist Lazy Lester. Grady is a good dude and I gave him the ten dollar tour of Port A. I'm hoping to see more of him in the coming months. I also enjoyed the Dolly Parton Tribute at Treasure Island last Saturday with Five Card Draw. Not to mention a super great show from Nick Lawrence, Kelly Kenning and Clay Hollis also at the Sip Yard. Plus I caught some of the very interesting Red Feather show at Treasure Island.

Coming this weekend...



Guitar Grady from Austin opened for Larry Joe Taylor last weekend at the Sip Yard

Moving right along... we have another fun weekend in store for you live music lovers out there. Starting off the weekend, the Johnson All Starz will play the weekly Thursday gig at Shorty's with Art Galvan, Antone Perez and Wildman Ray Ray Summy. And coming this Friday the 11th we have the Lucky Dogz featuring Darrell McCullough on guitar and lead vocals. Also on Friday Landry Allen will play Bron's, the delightful B-Flat Dueling Pianos will bring their baby grands to the Yard yet one more time and finally blues man deluxe, John Cortez, will play Shorty's. And coming the Saturday the 12th the Gaff will have their WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES at 5:00 with Coach Big Jim Dugan providing the tunes before and after the race and Todd Dorn will play that night. BTW, my world famous racer, the Moon Monkey probably won't make it to this race since I'm tied up with Macky and Mathew's shindig going on at the same time. Rest assured, I'LL BE BACK. I want to also mention that after the benefit at Shorty's, which ends at 8:00, Dreaming in Color will take the stage from 9:00- 1:00... that's eleven hours of straight live music. Better get you naps in! And finally on Saturday, Americana stud Mario Flores will play the Sip Yard and Dave Florez will play Bron's. I should also mention that the heavy medal outfit Sevendust is playing Concrete Street on Saturday. And I would be derelict in my duty if not to mention the Tuesday the 15th is my Mermaid Gal's birthday and we're going to dinner at Lisabella's, yummy.

On the horizon...

And on the near horizon keep an eye out for shows by the Jam Band, the Palacios Brothers, Squeezebox Bandits, Revolution, Boo & Poo, the INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY PARADE at the Gaff on September 19th, Ton of Brass, Cathouse, Aloha Dave, Triptonite, Cruise Control, San Juan Underground, Fuzion, Heavy Soul, a Doors Tribute, Whole Lotta Zep, Hard Rock Comedy, Mosh Pit Addicts and the Expendables at the House of Rock, Dallas Moore, West Bound Hearts, Emerald Unplugged, Red Feather, Josh Meloy and the undeniable King of Tex Mex Senior Joe King Carrasco.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



John Cortez and Jody Jennings will play Shorty's on Friday. Photo by David Dickie



Bartenders Linda Morgan and Hope Shoemaker gave tribute to Dolly Parton at Treasure Island last Sunday.



The Belt Sander Races are back at the Gaff starting this Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

September 10

Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Geoff Tate @ Brewster Downtown
Dan Harrington @ Brewster Southside
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Island
Austin Carlile, Thuggernaut @ House of Rock
Rick's Duo @ Rockit's
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox NPI
Carl Hayes @ Hemingway's
Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar

Friday.

September 11

Lucky Dogz @ Treasure Island
John Cortez @ Shorty's
Landry Allen @ Bron's
B-Flat Dueling Pianos @ Sip Yard
Phillip Dean West @ Gaff
N.E.F. @ Pelican Lounge
Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Island
Eric Graham @ Brewster Southside
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown
Cathouse @ Exchange
Fuzion, AJ Cruz @ Sugar Shack
Dos Locos @ Blackbeard's
Darren McGill @ Sandbox NPI
Jules Taylor @ Fajitaville
Carl Hayes @ HardKnocks
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OPEN MIC	SEPT 16

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SEPT 11	SEPT 12 (2-8)
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Treasure Island

LUCKY DOGZ	SEPT 11
JAM BAND	SEPT 18
GROOVE 2.0	SEPT 19
PALACIOS BROS	SEPT 26
BACK PEW REVIVAL	OCT 2
NATIONAL NOBODYZ	OCT 3

Bron's BACKYARD

LANDRY ALLEN	SEPT 11
DAVE FLOREZ	SEPT 12
REVOLUTION	SEPT 18
LANDRY ALLEN	SEPT 19
ALOHA DAVE	SEPT 25
CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT	SEPT 26

Sip Yard
B-FLAT DUESLING PIANOS
MARIO FLORES
SQUEEZEBOX BANDITS
TONS OF BRASS
DALLAS MOORE
CRUISE CONTROL

SEPT 11	SEPT 12
SEPT 18	SEPT 19
SEPT 25	SEPT 26

Cuz @ 18 Eighteen
Bill Goodge @ 5th & Elm Portland

Saturday.

September 12

WARD BROS
BENEFIT (2-8) @ Shorty's
BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Dreaming in Color @ Shorty's
Mario Flores @ Sip Yard Sat Sept 12
Dave Florez @ Bron's Sat Sept 12
Sevendust @ Concrete Street Sat Sept 12
Chuck Almaraz @ Blackbeard's
Rip Tide Cowboy @ Billish Park
Bayside Acoustic, EJ Mathews @ Fajitaville
Love Street, Carl Hayes @ Anchor Bar
Us Music @ Pier 99
Rinkinkaya @ Sandbox NPI
Billy Snipes @ Doc's

Sunday.

September 13

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Rick's Duo @ Surf Club
Lisa Sullivan @ Blackbeard's
Red Feather @ Anchor Bar
Melissa Ann @ Pier 99
Eli Brown @ Sandbox NPI
EJ Mathews @ Anchor Bar
Caleb Griffis @ Fajitaville
Melissa Ann @ Doc's
Joe Padilla @ La Playa CC

Monday.

September 14

John Elijah Band @ Shorty's
Johnny Kiser @ Pelican Lounge

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