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By Dale Rankin

It's been a rather slow week Around the Island as the football season swung into action keeping Islanders glued to their sets and backyard docks. The expected relief from the air-you-can-wear season is yet to arrive but beaches have been slightly bereft of crowds as we wind down into the sweet park of the season here on our little sandbar.

Big night for Bummer

The Island's own Geoff Bumstead took center stage at the IceRays game this week as he was honored for his time with the team where he scored 88 goals. Bummer as he is known to Islanders was a fan favorite in this time with the team and got a rousing welcome from the crowd.

Meet the candidates

By the time you read this the first of two Meet the Candidates night will have been held at Island Presbyterian Church with the second set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 16 which will include candidates for the District 4 seat and the Mayor's race. Voter registration ends on October 5 for the November 3 election and Early Voting begins October 19.

Conquer the Coast this Saturday

The Conquer the Coast bike rally will make its way Around the Island this Saturday, September 19. It kicks off at 7 a.m. from Whataburger field and will wind its way down Highway 361 and back OTB bringing it to an intersection near you sometime mid-morning through early afternoon when the anchorman will huff and puff his way through. The good news is the traffic should be clear by the end of the first half of the early college football games and if you have to make a store run before that use the Encantada Ave. route.

An Island-sized sinkhole

Waves pushed by ships through the channel have carved this

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Island under Construction

New buildings changing Island landscape

Island Mobility Plan needed to address additional traffic on SPID corridor

By Dale Rankin

The addition of several new buildings along the crucial corridor along South Padre Island Drive is expected to alter and increase traffic between the Commodores Drive intersection and the JFK Bridge. Robert MacDonald, Transportation Planning Director for the Metropolitan Planning Organization told the Island Moon Live radio audience this week that the organization recognizes the need to improve the roadway there and has funds available to help pay for the work.



Buildings cont. on page A7 The Lighthouse property looking Northwest to the JFK Causeway

Widening the Beach



Renourishing the beach in front of the Island House on the Seawall.

Aerial by Jacob Augs

Crews from the City of Corpus Christi Beach Maintenance Department this week have been hauling truckloads of sand from north of Packery Channel to the beach along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall to widen the beach. The crews were waiting for the end of the summer season to begin the work, according to supervisor Darren Gurley. Gurley said crews added about 30 feet to the seawall beach over the summer and will widen the beach to 150 feet as far south as the sand supply lasts.

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Signs of the Times



New signs went up at American Bank locations on Padre Island and in Port Aransas this week. American Bank completed its merger with Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. on January 1, 2026, for \$321 million in stock and is updating its branch names and signage to Prosperity Bank.



A little Island history

Is it Saint Joe or San Jose or St. Joseph's? An Island by any other name...

If you have never taken the ferry boat across the channel in Port Aransas to the largest privately-owned island in the United States you are missing an only-on-the-island experience. But when you get there what Island are you on? Even locals vary from Saint Joe to St. Joseph's or San Jose, when referring to it so which is correct?

The island was purchased by oilman Sid Richardson 1959.

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Sid Richardson at the wheel on the island with FDR.

Your taxes and you 2028 is coming – but 2027 comes first

By Brian McCabe

If you own residential property on Padre Island, there is a date worth knowing: 2028.



Under the Nueces Central Appraisal District's newly adopted Biennial Reappraisal Plan, residential property in Flour Bluff ISD and CCISD Area 3 is scheduled for reappraisal during the 2028 cycle. The plan specifically lists approximately 15,613 Flour Bluff ISD accounts and 26,708 CCISD Area 3 accounts, along with separate categories for condominiums and townhomes.

That is important news for Island homeowners.

But it needs an equally important qualification:

2028 does not mean nothing happens in 2027.

Quite the opposite.

Every year the appraisal district still has to determine the appraised value of property for that tax year. Property owners will still receive appraisal notices when required. They will still have the right to protest. Informal discussions will still occur. Appraisal Review Board hearings will still occur. And the appraisal roll will still ultimately be completed and certified.

The three-year reappraisal cycle is an additional layer of the appraisal process. It does not replace the annual appraisal process.

That distinction is worth understanding before 2027 arrives.

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JFK Causeway Cleanup this weekend

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Immediately after OTB's August 29 Coastal Youth Classic, our kids and families looked at the condition of the JFK/North Padre entrance and decided we were going to do something about it. Three weeks later, with no paid advertising and no media campaign driving attendance, that decision has grown through OTB families, current and former youth participants, partners and word of mouth into a coordinated youth-led shoreline operation.

Saturday, September 19 | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

North Padre Island — JFK Causeway entrance / road toward the docks

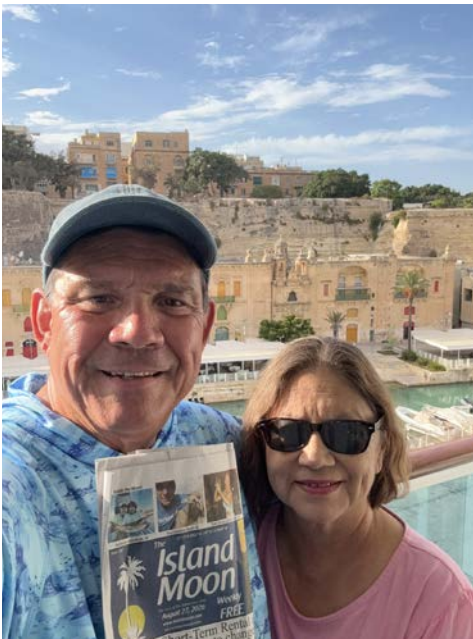
This is more than a cleanup. Our youth will be running cleanup zones, serving as safety ambassadors, documenting debris, identifying recurring hotspots and helping

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The Traveling Moon



Jay Gardner took the Moon to the On the Rocks Bar in Miami Beach



We are on a Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Rome. We took this photo in Valleta, Malta.



Deryl and Karen Travis are Winter Texans from Northern Kentucky. The Island Moon passed through the Arctic Circle, 66° 33 N, on Norway's west coast.



The Fahrentholds took the Moon to Da Conch Shack Restaurant in Blue Hills in Turks and Caicos

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If you're not sure where your money goes, just observe for a few months. Check your accounts without judgment, noting money coming in and going out.

Then, take small steps. Even 15 minutes a week reviewing your spending can make the process feel less daunting.

Budgeting apps can help, whether you prefer automatic tracking or a more hands-on approach.

To stay on track, substituting or reducing expenses, creating more income as needed or adding a small cushion for unexpected expenses can help.

Simple steps can make budgeting feel more manageable, and you can better align your money with what really matters.

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build the case for a lasting stewardship and gateway-improvement strategy. The site itself crosses City, County, TxDOT, Texas GLO and private-property responsibilities, and OTB has been working through those jurisdictions to get Saturday's work on the ground correctly. Texas GLO Right of Entry coordination has been completed for the applicable state-controlled area. For the Island community, the significance is simple: these are the same kids who fish these waters, use these beaches and bring their families across this entrance every week. We want them to grow up believing that taking care of North Padre is part of belonging here.

OTB currently has 120 youth in its Fall program and has served or enrolled 364 unduplicated youth in 2026.



The OTB crew cleaning the canals.

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Beach Conditions

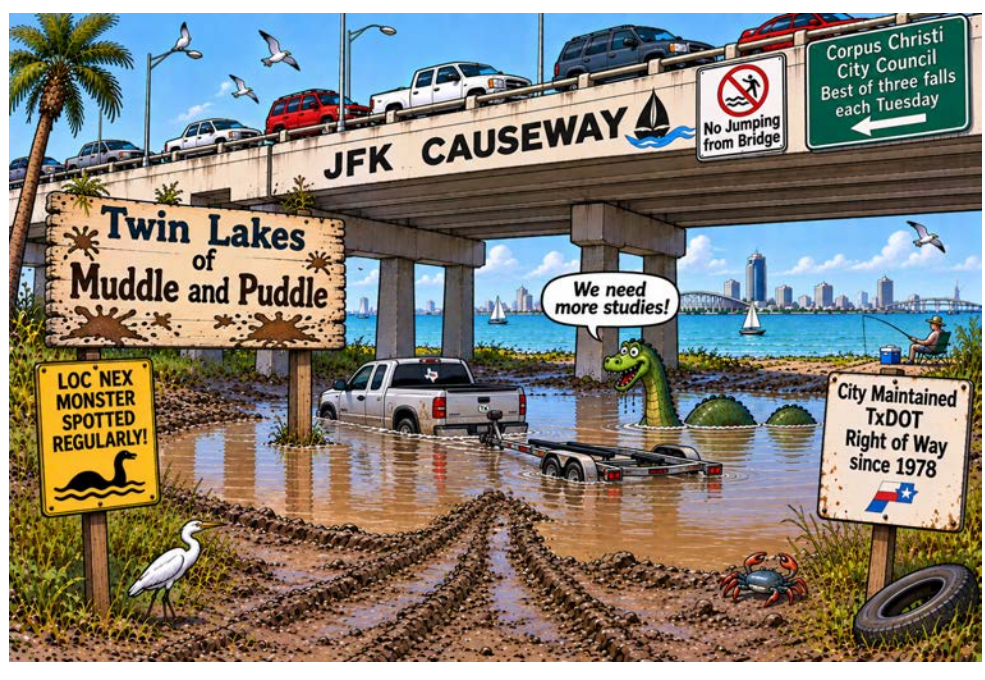
Jay,

I wanted to reach out regarding an issue involving beach conditions along Mustang Island that we thought may be of interest to you. Your recent columns and coverage in the *Island Moon* reflect an ongoing interest in beach access, beach management, and issues affecting the Island, and we thought it would be worthwhile to share some additional perspective on conditions that Sea Gull and Sandpiper have been documenting along this section of beach.

Concerns regarding the narrowing of the usable beach and the ability to safely accommodate pedestrians and vehicular traffic at the same time have been developing for several years. This past spring, however, conditions reached what the associations believe was a tipping point. During periods of higher water, the available beach became so constrained that vehicles, pedestrians and beachgoers were being forced into an increasingly narrow area. As vehicles attempted to remain out of the water, traffic was also observed moving farther landward into areas along the vegetation line and dune toes, creating additional concerns regarding both public safety and protection of the beach and dunes.

The associations have attempted to address these concerns through discussions and correspondence with the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, the Texas General Land Office, and other appropriate agencies. Those efforts have included documenting beach widths and conditions, reviewing applicable beach-management requirements and ordinances, and providing photographs and video illustrating the conditions being observed.

An additional concern that has developed involves the City's beach-maintenance practices in this area. Based on observations from the properties, maintenance equipment appears to repeatedly grade and alter portions of the beach profile used for vehicular travel. The concern is that this activity reduces the existing grade or elevation of portions of the beach used for vehicular travel. When tides subsequently rise, those lower areas are reached by the water sooner, further reducing the amount of usable beach and compressing vehicles and pedestri-



ans into an increasingly narrow area. The maintenance activity itself, including the movement and placement of sand, has also raised questions that the associations are seeking to better understand.

It is also important to recognize that these conditions vary seasonally. We are currently experiencing the lower water levels that are typical during this time of year, and the beach presently has considerably more usable width than during periods of seasonally higher tides. The conditions that have generated the greatest concern occur when water levels are higher and the available beach becomes significantly compressed. During those periods, the effects of the existing beach profile and maintenance practices become much more pronounced, with less usable area available for pedestrian and vehicular traffic to safely coexist.

The issue for Sea Gull and Sandpiper is ultimately one of **public safety**. The associations are not seeking to restrict the public's use or enjoyment of the beach. Their concern is whether vehicular traffic should continue when beach conditions do not provide sufficient space to safely accommodate vehicles and beach users simultaneously, and whether current maintenance practices may be contributing to those conditions.

Rather than simply sending you a large volume of documents and photographs, we would welcome the opportunity for you to visit Sea Gull and discuss the issue with us. While current seasonal conditions may not fully demonstrate the conditions shown in the video, we can walk the beach with you, show you the maintenance areas and beach profile we are referencing, provide some of the history behind the issue, and discuss what has been observed as conditions change throughout the year.

We believe seeing the area firsthand, together with the documented conditions shown in the video, would provide useful context for understanding the concerns Sea Gull and Sandpiper have been raising.

If you are interested, please let me know and we would be happy to coordinate a time to meet at Sea Gull.

Thank you,

Casey Patterson

General Managing Director

CCMS LLC

Casey,

Agreed, the beach is really thin there, because that is an eroding area...you are right in the middle of it between the asymptotes between the fish pass and Aransas jetties you can find those maps online, as the TGLO just updated them for the entire Texas coast... not sure what good they will do you though, knowing you're eroding over a foot a year... we have done some work in the past with a few of the condos in that section...

Yes, the beach management practices, especially in that area, are not helping the situation....that is the city of Corpus Christi, and indeed, you can work with them to keep them from exacerbating the situation (they could change the angle of the motor graders along that section and help the grading to widen the beach)...

I apologize that I'm getting to this late, and don't have adequate time to respond to all of your concerns, which are real, and hazardous to the safety of people on the beach...I am traveling for the next few weeks, and may take you up on your offer to visit after I return...

thanks for reaching out!

Jay

By Bobbie Kimbrell

Retired and Still Kicking

Editor's note: Mr. Kimbrell moved to Flour Bluff in the early 1940's where he was a commercial fisherman until his retirement.

Flour Bluff is the home of the UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION, which was very instrumental in the training of the pilots who helped us defeat Japan and win World War II. Naval pilots sank most of the Japanese navy ships and destroyed most of their airplanes. Pilot Waldron was one of the first naval pilots killed in the Pacific. Flour Bluff got its name when ships sailed through Packery Pass and unloaded sacks of flour at what is now the NAS during the Civil War. The stacked white sacks of flour could be seen across Corpus Christi Bay by Corps Christians.

Monk's Place, (emporium), which also bought fish, was built a year or so before 1940 and is one of the oldest businesses in Nueces County and has been a fish market for almost 87 years. The market has changed hands, (ownership) many times and is currently being managed by Kenny Danley whose father, Jiggs Danley was an early settler and commercial fisherman in Flour Bluff. Their cousin, Senator John

Bluff Stuff...and Facts

Cornyn also was an early settler of The Bluff. Cornyn's brother cleared lot of brush oaks for development with a tractor and brush mower.

The Laguna Madre never salted up again after the Intracoastal Canal was completed between Flour Bluff and Port Isabel in about 1948, which resulted in no fish ever dying again because of too much salt in the water. The Intracoastal Canal was dredged so that in the event of a future war oil could be shipped up and down the coast whereas a submarine could not sink the oilers transporting oil. Port Mansfield and the Mansfield Pass also came into being because of the war effort because it was believed that a German submarine in the gulf or German warship might try to make a landing in the uninhabited area of Port Mansfield.

The digging of the Intracoastal Canal also inspired the JFK Causeway between Flour Bluff and Padre Island to be built in about 1949. The development and tourist attraction of Padre Island also inspired the Padre Island National Seashore to come into being, dedicated by LBJ's wife, Lady Bird. History was made. For a fact Flour Bluff and Padre Island together are home to about 32,000 people and increasing. It's also a fact that more trophy fish are being caught

than ever before, thanks to the ingenuity of fishing guides and avid anglers.

I forgot to mention, the fact that the land where Dunn's cattle crossed the lagoon at Laguna Shore Road and Yorktown has been vacant for years and is now tidal land, could be designated as an historical site and have an historical marker erected there. The cattle, after wading across the Lagoon were held in a corral with hay to feed on, until they could be trucked further north to the market in Ft. Worth.

Laguna shores and Yorktown across the lagoon to the Island

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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

It was Gideon J. Tucker, a New York politician and judge who said in 1866 that “No man’s life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session” and we are now being reminded that the same rule applies to the Corpus Christi City Council. The council is now in the throes of an eleventh hour revision of the city’s Short-Term Rental Ordinance (STR) which will be reviewed and presumably voted on by the outgoing council soon after the November election when outgoing council members are not subject to voter review.

As a result Islanders are once again faced with a challenge to our peace, tranquility, and base ownership rights as homeowners by interests from OTB who see us as nothing but a cash register, or more to the point an Island chicken to be plucked.

How this started

A review of the STR ordinance passed in 2022 came about after a group of homeowners on Ocean Drive complained to the council that an entrepreneur bought up what he told the council is \$20 million worth of real estate along Ocean Drive and started renting it for short-term stay. A look at the location of the 1547 STR units across the city finds a cluster of them near downtown where nearby residents say overcrowding in STR units, noise, and parking have become an ongoing problem.

In a discussion of the problem at a recent council meeting the problems were plain and rather simple.

The ordinance adopted in 2022 divides STR into two types. Type 1 requires that the person listed as the homesteaded owner of the property be present at the home while renters are there (think of it as a Bed and Breakfast). But over time some owners have skirted this provision by leasing their property to a single renter who then rents it short-term and city regulators have allowed this process to happen even though it is in direct violation of the language in the ordinance.

Type 2 is a STR unit that has a registered manager who must have a phone number registered with the city and answer calls twenty-four hours per day. Once notified the registered manager has one hour to fix the problem or face a \$500 per-day fine. The plan calls for a neighbor with a complaint to call the city STR hotline and the operator there calls the registered owner which starts the one-hour clock running – The problem is that the City of Corpus Christi staff discontinued the hotline for reporting abuses at STR locations, as called for in the 2022 ordinance, due to lack of calls from the public and instead police officers have been thrust into the role of enforcement STR rules, a roll which essentially consists of an officer going to the location with a sound meter to see if the noise is over 80 decibels at the property line. Police officers are not city code enforcement officers.

A solution as described by the city staff is to implement the International Property Maintenance Code beginning in January 2027 which would address both of those issues. The problem is the current city council in the glare of the political season has decided to reopen the discussion of the entire STR issue rather than simply address the problems as they are now known by appointing an advisory committee to come

up with suggestions which has led us right back to where we were on Padre Island in 2022 when this ordinance first passed.

The threat to The Island

As is to be expected those guided by their own financial interests, IE the Corpus Christi Association of Realtors, look at Island homes and see higher sales prices and commissions if cash flows from STR are rolled into the sales price of Island homes and want to end the carve out which currently prohibits STR in Island neighborhoods zoned RS-6 Residential. Their laughable argument is that “homeowners rights” override the wishes of Island homeowners who have made it clear they don’t want STR next door. To be clear, no one is trying to outlaw STR where they are now allowed, we are talking only about single-family homes in Island neighborhoods. We are simply talking about keeping the rules as they are but with the added enforcement called for in the original ordinance.

What is coming and how we are vulnerable

The council’s mandate to the newly appointed advisory committee, which includes a member of the Island Strategic Action Committee and a member of the Padre Isles Property Owners Board of Directors, was to beef up enforcement of the ordinance as mandated in the original 2022 ordinance but as soon as the decision to seat a committee was taken the politicking began to revisit the prohibition of STR in Island neighborhoods and in an election year that is dangerous.

The advisory committee seated to consider using zoning rules to enforce parking, unit capacity, and noise violations now can go back to council and advise removing the Island carve out – the only one in the city – which prohibits STR in neighborhoods. This poses two serious problems.

First, if the city removes the prohibition on STR in Island homes our last line of defense is in our deed covenants which were written long before STR rentals existed. They outlaw “commercial” use in Island subdivisions but a court ruling in Boerne found that STR do not fall under the definition of commercial use so the deed covenants alone would not stop them. That language needs to be changed which requires a vote of the majority of homeowners in each of the subdivisions.

Second, as our friends in Port Aransas have discovered, once city ordinances allow STR rentals they can never be removed since zoning them out would constitute down zoning which requires the homeowners to be compensated by taxpayers. They are like your flatland cousin who moves in and you can’t get rid of him.

So as we move toward the November election now is the time to hold our city council candidates and members accountable. The interests who want to usurp our homeowners’ rights are not without influence, especially in an election year but neither are we. When you speak to anyone running for city council ask them directly if they support keeping the carve out that prohibits STR in Island neighborhoods...if they waffle don’t vote for them – they are not your friend.

The council is in session and our property is not safe.

The Port A Cookbook



By Chris Jordan

Chicken Piccata



Chicken Piccata

The way things are done in a residential kitchen — even if it’s being helmed by a chef — are quite different than the way things are done in a restaurant kitchen. And the way things are done in a catering kitchen are even more different still. Yet, some ingredients, techniques — and even gear — can crossover.

If you don’t have a sous vide set-up, get yourself one. You’ll need an immersion circulator and a vacuum-sealer. It’s not that expensive but incredibly useful. For example, sous vide isn’t just for cooking proteins to perfection (and it’s really good at that), but it is an absolute game-changer for holding delicate sauces.

Same goes for an immersion blender — AKA a stick blender or hand blender. If you don’t have one, you’re really missing out.

The Port Aransas Cookbook catered a wedding with 70 guests over the weekend. Here’s the menu:

Miniature crab cakes with Franco-Creole remoulade
Bruschetta
Miniature duck breast medallion skewers with port-pomegranate drizzle
Grilled fish tacos with fine ribbons of cabbage and cilantro-lime crema
Seared beef tenderloin au jus with mashed potatoes
Chicken thigh piccata with Caesar salad

Just a friendly reminder that the phrase “*au jus*” is French. It is pronounced oh-ZHOO and translates to “with juice”. It is the *way* a dish is served: with juice. If you ever need to refer to the juice itself, you just say “jus”.

Let’s have a look at this chicken picatta. The dish is traditionally a thin chicken breast cutlet, dredged in seasoned flour, and pan-fried. A pan sauce is then made by deglazing with lemon juice and/or white wine, loosening the fond, adding capers, and emulsifying butter into the pan.

Needless to say, making chicken picatta one or two portions at a time (as required by the traditional technique) ain’t gonna get it in a catering setting. So — as is often the case — special adaptations must be made.

First off, we make the sauce by itself. Because we are not building the sauce in the pan with the fond and the chicken juices, we accommodate that change by using a chicken base in the sauce. The sauce is made as a *beurre monte* base which is built upon to create the piccata sauce. We use a little concentrated chicken stock to have it be as much like a true pan sauce as possible. We stabilize the sauce with a small amount of xanthan gum.

We use chicken thigh because there is so much more fat and moisture — things you want when a protein needs to be prepared in advance. Seventy chicken thighs can be easily cooked on a flat-top grill with a little bit of oil in one or two batches. We season them with salt, pepper, granulated garlic, and poultry seasoning. We have an internal temperature target of 175°F for dark meat, so we pull the thighs off the

grill at 170°F to allow for 5°F in carryover cooking. Meanwhile, the sauce has already been made and we just put the chicken in a chafing dish at the catering gig and pour the sauce over it. We garnish with minced fresh flat-leaf parsley.

Here’s a recipe for just the sauce that keeps the tradition while adding some modern convenience. Pasta is traditional, but I like it better with mashed potatoes. I’m sure you can figure out how to cook a piece of chicken to your liking!

Sauce Piccata

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 0.5 cups dry white wine
 - 1/4 cup caper brine
 - 1.5 teaspoons chicken base (such as Minor’s or More Than Gourmet)
 - 1/4 teaspoon xanthan gum (available in the baking aisle)
 - 1 pound unsalted butter, cold and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 - 1.5 cups nonpareil capers, drained (half rough chopped, half whole)
 - 0.5 teaspoons freshly ground white pepper
 - ¼ cup minced flat-leaf parsley
- #### Method:

1. In a large liquid measuring cup, combine the lemon juice, white wine, and caper brine.
2. Submerge an immersion blender (hand blender) into the liquid and turn it on. While the blender is running, gently tap the xanthan gum into the liquid. Blend for 30 to 45 seconds. The liquid will thicken slightly and look like a thin syrup — this step is the secret to keeping the sauce smooth and preventing it from separating later.
3. Pour this thickened liquid into a medium saucepan and place it over medium heat.
4. Add the chicken base and whisk well as the liquid heats up, making sure the paste completely dissolves.
5. Bring the liquid just to a gentle simmer — look for small bubbles starting to form at the edges — then immediately turn the heat down to low.
6. Start adding the cold butter cubes a handful at a time, whisking constantly. As the butter melts and disappears into the sauce, add more cubes. Keep whisking and adding butter until it is all incorporated. The most important rule here is to keep the sauce warm but never let it boil or even get too hot. If your newly-added butter pats are melting, it’s warm enough.
7. Once all the butter is whisked in and you have a smooth, creamy sauce, take the pan off the heat.
8. Stir in the chopped and whole capers, whisk in the pepper, pour over chicken, and garnish with parsley and/or a lemon wheel.

We’re taking orders for Thanksgiving now, so reach out before we’re booked up.

Speedy Stop construction continues



The new 20 million dollar Speedy Stop location now under construction south of the Commodores Dr./SPID intersection includes access to both SPID and Highway 361. The project is expected to be open by Spring Break 2027, according to Scott Campbell, Vice President of Retail for Speedy Stop Food Stores, LLC. “Work on the building is on schedule,” he

said. “It has been a long process but we are moving forward.” State and local filings show the cost of the 17,500 square-foot main building at \$15 million, the tunnel-style carwash at \$4 million and the \$1 million Speedy Liquor 100 store at 5300 square feet. The Speedy Stop owners purchased the right of way connecting the north end of the property to SH 361 and work on the driveway was completed in the past week.

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Richardson and his friend Clint Murchison, who son once owned the Dallas Cowboys, were two of the three richest men in Texas, the richest being H.L. Hunt whose family still owns the Kansas City Chiefs. Murchison had recently purchased most of adjacent Matagorda Island and when his good friend Richardson came to visit Murchison taunted him, “Why don’t you stop sponging off me and buy your own island.” So he did.

In 1936 Richardson bought the 17-mile long, five mile wide, island then named St. Joseph’s Island which had been operated as a cattle ranch owned by the Richard H. Wood family until they sold it in 1922 before Richardson bought it.

Richardson realized that the island was well suited for cattle raising without the need for building fences and where water suitable for cattle could be had only a few feet below the surface. He bought 100 Santa Gertrudis bulls from the King Ranch and began a cattle operation on the island’s 33,000 acres. One of the bulls, Mr. Sid’s Ditto, won seven grand championships by the time it was two years old in Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston, all in the same year. Eventually Richardson ran 2800 head of cattle on the island including Texas Longhorns and he engaged famed Texas historian J. Frank Dobie to help him select stock to begin his herd. They chose a group of longhorns from East Texas because they were the closest to the original longhorns that roamed freely on the Texas plains. The descendants of those longhorns can be seen on St. Joseph Island today.

He also built a shellcrete house which is still there today, kept a hunting reserve and built a landing strip for visitors which over the years included Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1939 Roosevelt brought is personal boat, the Potomac – a converted Navy boat made of metal since Roosevelt feared an onboard fire – and anchored it in the Laguna Madre while he visited Richardson and Murchison on the island to work out details for providing oil to power the world war they all knew was coming.

Richardson died on the island at the age of 68 on September 30, 1959 from an apparent heart attack. Richardson was a lifelong bachelor and left the island to his nephew Perry Bass who had designed the shellcrete house that remains there today.

Bass began an effort to change the name of the island from St. Joseph’s to San Jose which he thought sounded more beautiful than St. Joseph’s which many people shortened to St. Joe. There was some

historical context for the name change since a Mexican Land Grant of 1834 and some ancient Spanish maps identified it as Isla de San Jose.

But, for more than a century the name had been Anglicized by English speakers who settled there before the Texas Revolution who called it St. Joseph’s. In 1845 General Zachary Taylor landed United States troops there since it was just north of Nueces Bay which was the northernmost boundary of the disputed Nueces Strip between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande River where ownership was the catalyze for the U.S. Mexican War. Taylor planted the first American flag ever to fly on Texas soil on the island before marching his army south to Monterey. When Taylor landed he called the island St. Joseph’s.

Soon after Taylor’s landing a community of bar pilots, lightermen, and island ranchers founded a settlement they called Aransas on the south end of the island, across from today’s Port Aransas. The settlement began to unravel with the Union blockade of Corpus Christi in the Civil War which included raids by shore parties who burned much of the town including houses, warehouses, and wharfs and St. Joseph’s Island became unpopulated.

Then on January 10, 1973 Judge John H. Miller of the 36th District Court signed an order officially changing the name to San Jose. A statue passed by the Texas Legislature further established the name as San Jose. But even with the official name change many locals still refer to it today as St. Joseph’s which had been the name since the early 1830s.

Today visitors can take the Jetty Boat across the channel and walk the beach north. A point six miles up the island known since 2017 as ground zero marks the spot where Hurricane Harvey first made landfall. A walk along the secluded beach is a walk into Texas history...no matter what name you call it by.

Dale Rankin



Sid Richardson. Courtesy of the Texas State Historical Association.



The shellcrete house on the island today.



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Taxes cont. from A1

What Happens in 2027?

The District’s own residential timeline makes this particularly clear. From roughly January through February, residential staff wrap up appraisal work, handle outstanding field checks and permits, and complete remaining property review. During March and April, the District reviews neighborhoods, performs additional review, and runs reports establishing preliminary values for appraisal notices. Then comes the part most property owners recognize. In May, appraisal notices are in taxpayers’ hands, questions begin arriving, and the District prepares for protest season. Informal discussions may occur between property owners and appraisal staff. If the matter is not resolved, the property owner may proceed to a formal hearing before the Appraisal Review Board. According to the District’s timeline, the ARB process continues through approximately July 25, followed by certification of the appraisal roll. In other words, 2027 remains a complete appraisal year. There will be a January 1 valuation date. There will be appraisal work. There will be notices. There will be protests. There will be hearings. And there will ultimately be a 2027 appraised value. The fact that a particular area is scheduled for its more comprehensive reappraisal in 2028 does not suspend any of that.

So What Is Different About 2028?

The District divides residential property into geographic market areas and places those areas on a reappraisal cycle. For 2027, the plan assigns several other areas of Nueces County to the residential reappraisal program. For 2028, the schedule moves to areas that are particularly important to Island residents: CCISD Area 3, CCISD Area 3 condominiums and townhomes, and Flour Bluff ISD. That means 2028 is the year in which those residential areas are scheduled for the District’s more systematic reappraisal review. But another misconception should be avoided. Reappraisal does not mean an automatic increase in value. The purpose of reappraisal is to determine whether the District’s property information, neighborhood classifications, appraisal models and resulting values continue to reflect the market. Some values may rise. Some may remain approximately the same. And market conditions could support reductions in some circumstances. The reappraisal plan is a process for arriving at a value. It is not a predetermined result.

What Will NCAD Be Looking At?

The residential section of the plan describes a fairly broad process. The District uses market information, sales data, neighborhood analysis, permit information, aerial photography, existing property records and field review. It performs sales-ratio studies and statistical analysis to test whether appraisal models are producing reasonable and consistent results. That is important because residential appraisal is generally not a matter of an appraiser simply standing in front of one house and deciding what it is worth. NCAD appraises a large number of properties using mass-appraisal techniques. Properties are grouped into neighborhoods and market areas. Sales and other market information are analyzed, and appraisal models are developed and adjusted. The plan specifically describes neighborhood analysis as part of the residential appraisal system. Appraisers consider physical, economic and market forces and examine how individual neighborhoods behave within the larger market. For the Island, that can matter considerably. Waterfront location, canal access, age, condition, construction quality, remodeling, storm exposure, neighborhood differences and property type can create substantial variations even among houses located relatively close to one another.

Does Reappraisal Mean Someone Will Inspect My House?

Not necessarily. The plan provides for field



review, but the District also relies on existing appraisal records, aerial photography, building permits, market information and office review. Residential properties may receive physical or exterior review where appropriate, but the reappraisal process does not necessarily mean an appraiser will conduct an individual interior inspection of every residence. That makes the accuracy of the District’s existing property record especially important. A homeowner should periodically check whether the District’s record accurately describes the property. Is the square footage correct? Is the construction type correct? Does the record show a garage, pool or other improvement that no longer exists? Has a major addition been made? Does the record accurately reflect the condition of the property? Those are not merely technical details. They can affect the appraisal model applied to a property.

2027 May Also Affect What Happens in 2028

This is another reason homeowners should not treat 2027 as a waiting year. The District’s market-analysis staff work throughout the year. The plan calls for continuing sales analysis, neighborhood review and appraisal-model adjustments. Sales information is used to determine how accurately appraised values reflect market activity. The information developed during 2027 will therefore help form part of the background for the 2028 appraisal process. That makes the next year a useful time for owners to become familiar with their own property records and with sales occurring in their neighborhood. You do not have to become an appraiser. But you should probably know more about your own property than anyone else does.

When the 2027 Notice Arrives

When you receive your 2027 appraisal notice, look at it. That sounds obvious, but it is probably the simplest useful advice I can give. Do not put it on the kitchen counter and assume that because the Island is scheduled for reappraisal in 2028, the 2027 value does not matter. **It does.** Check the value. Check the property description. Compare the appraisal with what you know about your property and, where possible, with relevant market information. If you believe the appraisal is incorrect or unequal, Texas law provides a protest process. You do not have to wait until 2028 to use it. And if the 2027 appraisal appears reasonable, that information is useful too. It gives you a reference point when you receive the following year’s notice.

Then Comes 2028

By the time the 2028 appraisal notices arrive, Island property owners should not be surprised that their area has received additional attention. The District has told us in advance. Its adopted plan identifies our portion of the county as part of the 2028 residential reappraisal cycle. That is actually useful information. It gives homeowners time to make sure the District’s records are accurate, understand their neighborhood market and keep records of significant property conditions that might not be apparent from a computer screen or aerial photograph. It also gives us an opportunity to understand something that gets confused almost every appraisal season: **An appraisal is not a tax bill.** NCAD determines property values. Taxing units later adopt tax rates. Exemptions and other provisions affect taxable value. All of those pieces eventually produce the tax bill. A reappraisal in 2028 therefore does not by itself tell us what anyone’s 2028 property taxes will be.

The Calendar Matters

The easiest way to think about the next two years may be this: **2027: Your property is still appraised. Notices are still issued. Protests and hearings still occur. A 2027 value is established. 2028: All of that happens again, but Island residential property is also scheduled to be part of NCAD’s periodic residential reappraisal program.** So yes, 2028 deserves our attention. But don’t skip 2027 on the way there. When that appraisal notice arrives next spring, open it. It is your 2027 value that will be in front of you then, and if you have a question about it, 2027 is the year to ask it.

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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Jay went on pilgrimage to his point of origin in South Beach Miami this week, the On The Rocks bar on 71st. He paid homage to Luka, Aria, Christian, and the rest of the lunatics at the Sane Asylum, aka The Vortex - Atlantic Ocean Office (VAOO). He did not get his content submitted on time for this week's installment, which we're all sure would have been a real "page turner", but assures us here at the Moon that next week's column will be a doozy, despite the fact that he will be in Caye Caulker. We begrudgingly support him in this time of yearly mental rejuvenation, and hope he doesn't wind up in a straight jacket (again). As a reminder to the rest of the Moon Monkeys, we're also going to have to cut back on sending bail money to foreign countries due to the exorbitant fees. Sell more ads. For goodness sakes, it's political season. That should be easy enough given all the blood in the water. Furthermore, we at the Moon recommend to our writers that you either behave and turn in your articles on time, (good luck with that) or run for political office, actually win, and have your assistant phone in your material. Hopefully

it's worthwhile and submitted early with plenty of photos of cute cats eating donuts or children on the beach or politicians with their hand in the cookie jar or something. Not so much the latter though. We prefer cute over dirty laundry here at the Moon. Remember kids, tip your Uber drivers, look both ways before crossing the chicken, and Jay will see you back here next week On The Rocks jaygardner1032@gmail.com. RIP Brett Fitzgerald. More later



South Beach Turtle Nest



Aria from the On the Rocks Bar with The Island Moon



This is Rita Moncayo who caught this 8.5 pound Drum off the Port A jetties.

Beach cont. from A1

Once the beach is 150 feet wide rules from the Texas General Land Office allow for the wooden bollards blocking traffic to be removed or moved south. The sand is being hauled by seven trucks each with a capacity of 22 yards moving the sand from the mound where it accumulated north of the channel.



The Michael J. Ellis Seawall this week.

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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Roots



Ms Crosby spent the day throwing soft plastics in the Laguna Madre with her husband and brought this beautiful redfish to hand along with a limit of trout! We were drifting the flats along the ICW west of the National Seashore. Farah

Long ago Mr. Ernie Butler ingrained a lesson that I never forgot. He said," Back in the old days Joey, fishermen had a fish house that they used and it was "their" place." Loyalty meant CONSISTANCY, friendship, good advice, help when you needed it, and a family of like minded people. For 35yrs I've lived by those words and have always considered MARKER 37 MARINA MY HOME. Over the last decade or so that part of the Island that Ernie built by hand has grown and changed hands more than a few times BUT, those roots run deep into the salty sand. Come to the dock any morning or mid day and you will be greeted with smiles from myself and the greatest fishermen in the area. Mr. Cliff Webb, Loomis, Shultz, Patrick, and each generation of the best guides and fishermen are on the dock every day. If you want to pull in at noon and sit at the bar overlooking the boat ramp you can listen and meet hundreds of year's worth of fishing knowledge. This is what I used to do at Bucky's Fish market and Ernie's Marker 37 when I was a kid. Soaking up every single story of when, where and why fish were feeding, migrating, and so many stories of great days of the past. Sometimes when there is a crowd, me and some of the veterans will boast up and say something like, "where did you catch them? You remember Ol Mike Singletery's Flounder spoil? Yep, south tip of that one!"Nobody has a clue... Those ROOTS are there for you with open arms, especially now that the summer crowds have slid away, and the best months for fishing are ahead of us! We have two LOCAL YOUNG MEN that have grown up at the marina running the bait house and supplying the Island and Corpus Community with the best bait around. A stocked tackle shop with just about anything you need. They have the best hangout spot at sunset to get away and spend some quiet moments hand and hand with someone special. Bars are open, they can order food and have them bring it over from SNOOPY's, and a list of fun evening stuff going on all Fall just when the temperatures are getting right to sit along the water and watch football! Migrations!!! I'm seeing the Shad disappear this week and loads of small Ballyhoo everywhere! This is like trout candy, and they are following close by. The redfish this week really have not been balled up in large schools but scattered through the flats in areas where they are feeding at night. I know quite a few went out to the surf last week on the dark moon. They will be replaced and movements of bait and fish are flowing every night towards the gulf passes. I'm keying in on small slicks and bird activity to keep up with the most sought after food sources. My lure selection this week has continued to be the DOWN SOUTH LURES PINK PANTHER, this pearl body with pink glitter on top sure patterns a Shad perfectly. I've also been having great action from the MIRRO LURE SOFT DINE; this erratic slow sinking bait can be worked quickly under the surface, then a slow wobbly fall that trout cannot resist. The ho-

logram sides just drive them crazy and with its soft texture. It feels real when they strike it. When the wind is up make drifts along the transitions in the Laguna Madre working baits with 1/8-1/4oz jig heads. When the wind is dead I'm staying deep on secluded grass beds working light jig heads and those MIRRO DINES. In the weeks to come we should keep our tides and even hopefully get some surges of fresh green water. The migrations of gamefish I've mentioned will funnel along bends in contours throughout the bay. Study maps looking for pinch points and shorelines that might gather bait, then go hunt down the key signs to bring you into the hot zone. This week we have a great morning boating for limits of trout plus 100's we released and 7 redfish. I wanted to make a drift on an emerald green flat close to the bridge on the way in. As the boat slowed to a float I told my anglers about a school of reds that had been here recently. A few nice trout on the bite I guess they forgot all about those redfish until the lead man on the bow yelled," LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE REDFISH!!" I yelled back CAST, CAST, CAST!! They were frozen, I sailed my plastic over their rods and in front of the school, eruption of water and redfish blurred everyone's thoughts. As the first reel screamed they came to and started casting at the school of 50's of reds that seemed to belly up right in front of us. We landed a few and then they disappeared back into the depths of the Mother Lagoons Grassy Floor. Adventures this time of year are precious now that summer crowds are gone. Get out in the boat or on foot and do some soul searching. You can't make anyone happy if YOUR NOT HAPPY... come back to your roots and hang out at the Marina about noon-2, fishing tips, stories, and lore is free! You just have to figure out what's real and what's FISHTAILS. Follow all of our fishing on Facebook every day!! Joey Farah's Backwater Fishing, Ticktok@ Capt Joey Farah's Fishing or just pick up the phone and find YOUR DAY ON THE WATER! 361-442-8145



REDFISH ARE RUNNING!! This is definitely the best time of year to hook into a nice red when the wind is blowing!



Ovenbirds are one of many species that commonly die from window strikes.
Photo by Sheryl Travis

By Rebecca Bracken

Fall migration is in full flight! Right now, there could be millions of birds passing overhead, especially at night. Birds are undertaking their massive migrations from the warmer, chillier weather conditions of the northern hemisphere, to the warmer climates of the central and southern Americas as the cold air begins to set in in the north.

During this complex annual cycle, birds often take cues from the environment about when to time their migration, including changes in light throughout the day. Humans do the same; many of our tasks are dependent on daylight, with our schedules shifting often in response to the decreasing amounts of light in the fall. Unlike most humans, birds are often very active at night, with up to 80% of all North American migratory bird species choosing to migrate at night.

While migrating at night allows birds to avoid certain predators and use less energy due to the cooler temperatures the night air brings, it can also be risky. Natural light sources, like the moon, stars, and illuminated dawn horizon, help guide birds on their way. But as the night sky becomes less and less bright in response to rapid urbanization, birds are increasingly at risk.

It is estimated that up to 99% of all humans in the United States and Europe live beneath artificially lit skies, with many areas too polluted to see the Milky Way on any given night. While having light beyond sunset might be advantageous to many people, research suggests that enjoying a night sky filled with stars is critical to the endurance of many wildlife habitats and the survival of nocturnal animals. Because birds and many other animals are adapted to detecting low levels of natural light, blasting artificial light can cause confusion and disruptions to the natural systems.

For birds in particular, artificial light at night is a major issue, especially during migration. They are often drawn to the artificial light and, as a result, collide with large structures such as high-rises in large cities. City lights can create confusing and dangerous environments for birds to traverse. It is estimated that as many as one billion birds per year are killed by building collisions in the US alone. In many cases, it's not only tall, glass buildings that cause problems. It is thought that up to half of these collisions occur with homes and smaller buildings. In reality, we don't know the true number of birds killed by window collisions; many birds are simply stunned, but fly away and die elsewhere, either from an internal injury that wasn't visible, or are slowed enough to allow a predator to catch them.

While many birds can avoid collisions or recover from one, others become too disoriented by artificial light and never make to their final destination. Artificial light can draw birds off course, or alter the timing of the migration. Light pollution is known to cause shifts in migratory timings by as much as a week. You may think that this doesn't sound like much, but to a bird that is dependent on specific weather and food conditions, a migration mistiming can be deadly.

You can be part of the solution, and help us protect our bird species. There are many programs, including Lights Out, Texas and the International Dark Skies program, that work to educate communities about responsible lighting practices, pass dark sky friendly legislation, and continue to research this advancing field. You can get involved by following some simple guidelines – assess your home's lighting, use DarkSky approved lighting wherever possible, and help spread the word about this important issue. Remember, during fall and spring, turn off your lights at night!

Buildings cont. from A1

“The MPO has set aside \$18 million in federal assistance money to help improve the road and the right of way there,” MacDonald said. “The money is available and just needs implementation of the Island Mobility Plan by the City of Corpus Christi.”

The Island Mobility Plan has been approved by both the Island Strategic Action Committee and the Corpus Christi City Council and is awaiting further action for implementation. According to the tenets governing the



Work on two new buildings that will be home to the Lighthouse development continues and will include driveways to SPID. The 32,000 square-foot building will include retail space.

Site work has also begun on the retail development adjacent to the Lighthouse location and will include a Surfing Crab restaurant as well as retail.

Plans for a new restaurant between Starbucks Coffee and Packery Channel have been changed, according to a contractor on the project and no decision has been made on what will be placed there.



By Jace Tunnell

One Lucky Sea Urchin

Jace Tunnell holding an Atlantic purple sea urchin.

This week, I came across something I definitely wasn't expecting to find during my Beachcombing survey, a live sea urchin floating on a piece of debris.

It was an Atlantic purple sea urchin, *Arbacia punctulata*, a species I normally associate with rocky areas such as jetties. This one was miles away from the nearest jetty, apparently catching a ride on debris that eventually washed ashore.

When I picked it up, I realized it was still alive. Fortunately, I carry a glass jar with me for exactly this reason. You never know when a live animal might need a little help getting back home.

The urchin went into the jar and joined me for the next couple of hours as I continued my survey by electric bike. Eventually, I made it to the jetties in Port Aransas, where I have seen plenty of this species over the years, and released it back into the Gulf.

Atlantic purple sea urchins range from Massachusetts through the Gulf and into parts of Central and South America. Despite their name, they can appear very dark purple or nearly black.

Like other sea urchins, they have an amazing feeding structure called Aristotle's lantern. It contains five teeth that allow the urchin to scrape and chew food. Atlantic purple sea urchins are omnivores, feeding on algae as well as sponges, bryozoans, mussels and other small animals.

And yes, people eat sea urchins. The edible portion is the gonads, commonly called uni, particularly in Japanese cuisine. More

than 40 sea urchin species are harvested around the world, although Atlantic purple sea urchins are not currently a commercially harvested species. Researchers have even investigated whether they could someday have potential as seafood.

For this particular urchin, however, its biggest adventure may have simply been surviving an unexpected ride down the beach and getting a little help finding its way back home.

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Underside view of the Atlantic purple sea urchin.



Atlantic purple sea urchin released at the jetty.



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Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles



A slow week for real estate

A slow week for real estate
This week was one of the slowest weeks we have seen in the Padre Island real estate market so far this year, but that doesn't bring any discouragement. Real estate has its ups and downs, and sometimes we simply have a quieter week. If history tells us anything, we may see the market make up for it next week.

In the detached home sector, activity was very quiet this week, with just two homes making it to the closing table and officially selling. The condominium sector saw a little more movement, with two condominiums entering the option period and one condominium closing out the week as sold. Over in the townhome sector, we had one townhome move into pending status and one townhome officially sell.

It may have been a slower week for Padre Island real estate, but the market is always changing from one week to the next. You can find the complete statistics here, and stay tuned for next week's update to see what the Island market brings!

Detached Homes That Sold:
-13834 Captains Row (Listed for \$1,149,000)
-15834 Cuttysark St (Listed for \$615,000)

Condominiums In Option Period:
-14013 Ports O Call Dr Unit 13C (Listed for \$330,000)
-14401 Commodores Dr Unit 211 (Listed for \$209,900)

Condominium That Sold:
-14825 Windward Dr Unit 111 (Listed for \$144,500)

Townhome That Is Pending:
-15512 Spyglass Dr (Listed for \$324,900)

Townhome That Sold:
-14878 Granada Dr Unit 103 (Listed for \$436,900)



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Billish Skatepark Design

Plan for Billish Park Skatepark
From the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department

The design is organized around **four distinct riding environments**:

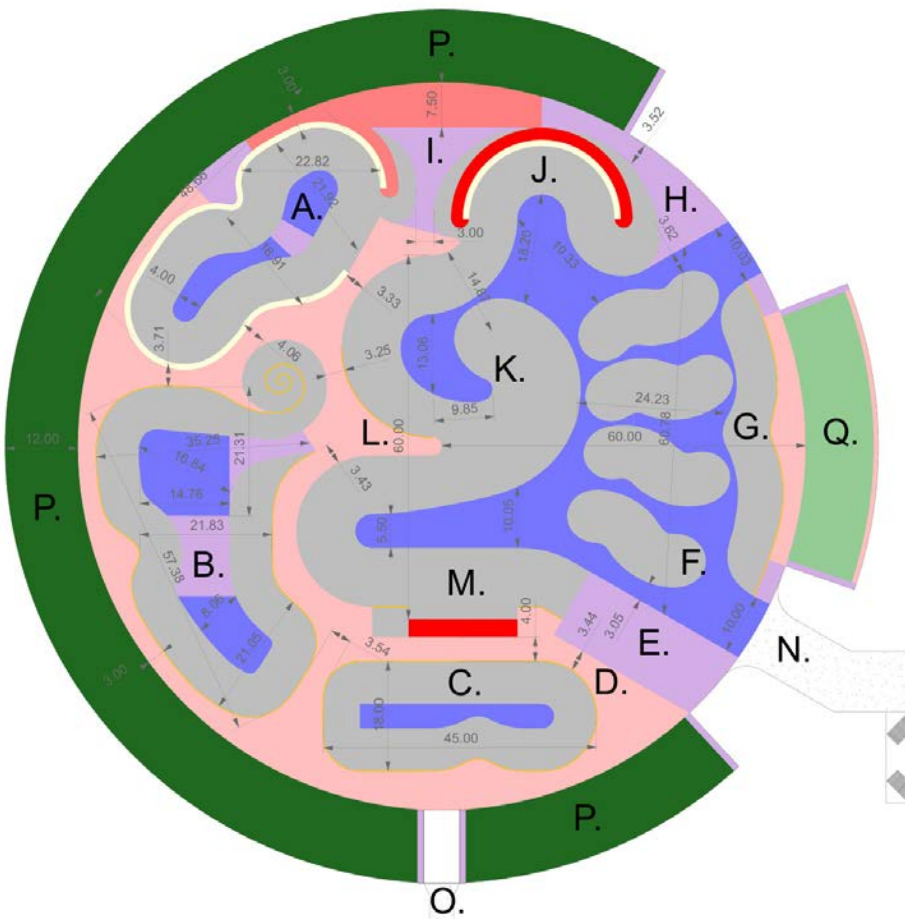
- Baby Bowl – Beginner:** fully enclosed, with mellow transition geometry appropriate for children and beginning riders.
- Intermediate Bowl – Beginner/Intermediate:** enclosed, with larger walls but also a beach entry, allowing riders who cannot yet drop in to enter and progress naturally.
- Advanced Bowl – Advanced:** fully enclosed, with taller walls and more challenging geometry for experienced riders.

The fourth area is the **Flow Zone**, which is intentionally open and multi-directional.

The **Flow Zone is intentionally open, visible, and multi-directional**, allowing riders to creatively connect features rather than follow prescribed routes. Intersecting lines are therefore an intentional design characteristic, managed through **clear sightlines, elevated staging areas, open visibility, and adequate approaches, exits, and recovery areas**.

The central design idea is: **use physical separation where greater control is desired and visibility where greater freedom and creativity are desired.**

3 separate enclosed riding areas, which eliminate the potentials of collision unless someone “rolls in” on someone, which is bad etiquette. Each enclosed bowl is deliberately scaled for a different level of ability.



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- J. Waimea (Pool Coping)
- K. Spiral Bump
- L. Flow Zone Transfer (Steel Coping)
- M. Bank Wall (Hard Edge)
- N. East Entry
- O. South Entry
- P. Grass Berm
- Q. Native Plant Bed

- Flatwork
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- Shotcrete Bank
- 8' Deck
- 6' Deck
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- Native Plant Bed

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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. Bummer for a batter
6. Self-serving slant
10. Ski areas: Abbr.
14. Toxic __
15. Clinton's attorney general
16. Je t'__: I love you, in Lourdes
17. Dumbstruck
18. Angry, with "off"
19. The "Y" in YSL
20. Present holder
23. Consultation cost
24. Gaze intently
25. Opposite of NNW
28. Corn unit
30. "True Blue" Canadian brewer
34. Queens stadium
36. Not able to hear
39. Gymnast Comaneci
40. Symbol of commitment
43. Roman fountain
44. Achy
45. Classic song by the Village People
46. Famous fiddles
48. Long-distance letters
50. Bourbon and Wall: Abbr.
51. "Catch-22" or "Mila 18"
54. LP successors
56. Flowers in a hospital room
62. Rowlands of "Hope Floats"
63. Tall tale teller
64. Sip
65. Dress designer Vera
66. Weighty volume
67. Pester
68. Highland hillside
69. Chirac's state
70. Unpleasingly plump

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1. Great gulp
2. Legal scholar Guinier
3. Abbr. on a B-52
4. Work calendar string
5. Miniature
6. Span. Miss
7. Nest protests
8. Bumbling
9. "This negotiation is a bust!"
10. 1958 Buddy Holly tune
11. High-tech video recording brand
12. Ariz. neighbor
13. His, in Honfleur
21. Aptly named author Charles
22. Sturm und __
25. Some NCOs
26. Brief
27. Sniggling sort
29. Wine list heading
31. First vice president
32. Touch of color
33. Triumphant cries
35. Competitive edge
37. Hubbub
38. Al dente
41. Golfer's nonplaying wife, facetiously
42. Candy wafer maker
47. Gracefully slender
49. "Beats me"
52. "Adam Bede" author George
53. Alpaca's cousin
55. Edible pigeon
56. Paraphernalia
57. Sicilian resort city
58. Author Harte
59. Sudden impulse
60. Those, in Toledo
61. Place for a b  ret
62. Presidential monogram, and this puzzle's theme

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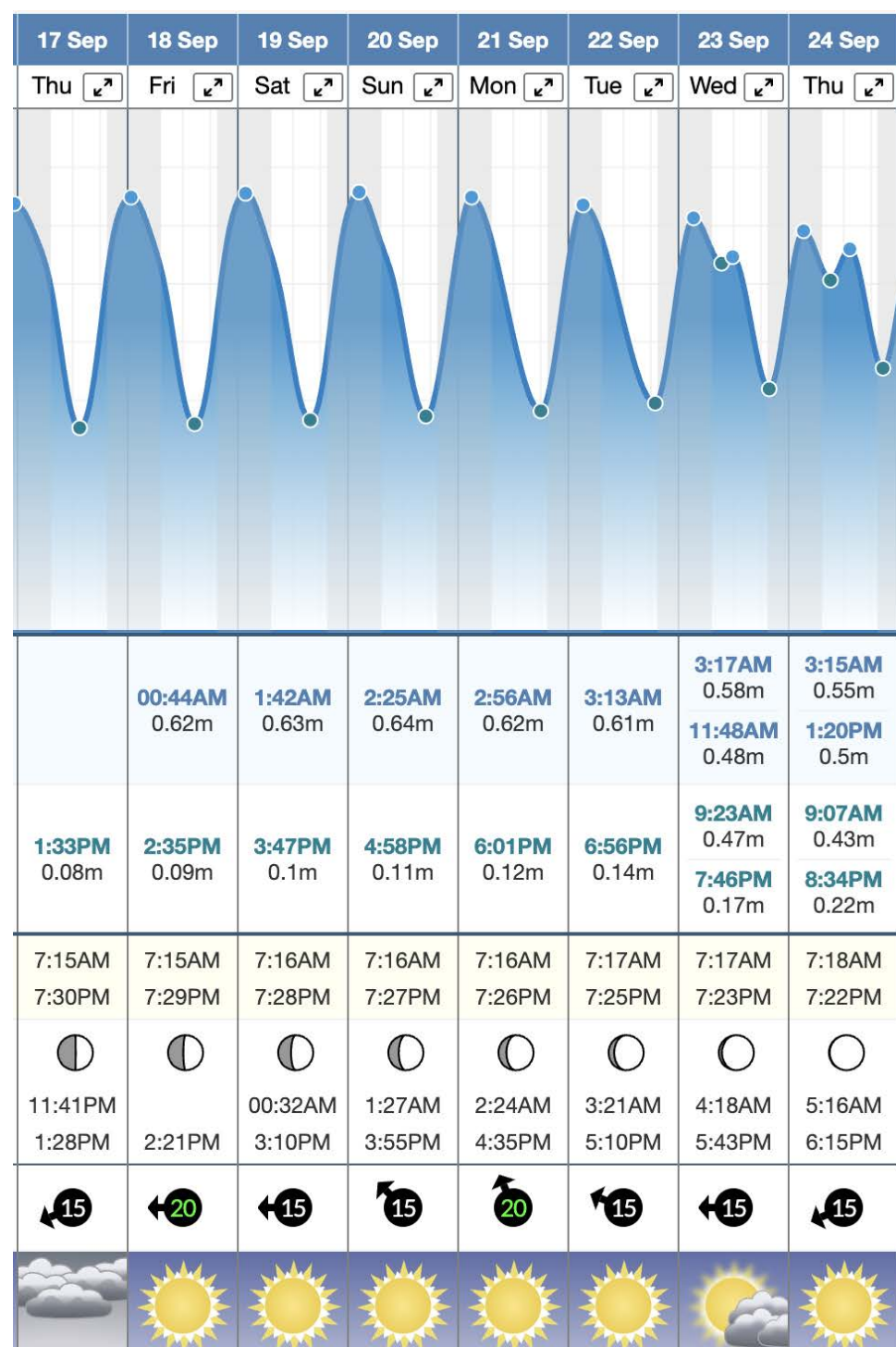


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Baltimore Orioles have adapted well to human settlement and often feed and nest in parks, orchards, and backyards.
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Tides of the Week



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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Faults are thick where love is thin

One of my favorite movies is Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. It’s the hilarious story of two very mismatched people trying to get to their destinations through holiday travel nightmares. There is the easily excited control freak Neal Page, a marketing executive played by Steve Martin. Then there is the talkative, annoying shower curtain ring salesperson Del Griffith, played by the late John Candy.

In a scene early in the movie Neal loses all patience with Del and lambastes him. He judges him without mercy for all his shortcomings and faults. Of course, there is so much more that occurs in the movie that pushes Neal’s patience even further. However, in the end, it is Neal who invites the lonely Del home for thanksgiving dinner with Neal’s family.

We laugh long and hard throughout the movie at the over-the-top characters. Yet we have been the one judged by another in frustration, sometimes hurt to the core by their intolerance and impatience. We have also been the one judging another in frustration, sometimes lashing out in intolerance, hurting another.

There is an old English proverb that says, faults are thick where love is thin. Wendall Berry suggested, war begins in a failure to accept another. We might also include the failure to tolerate each other.

Otherness frightens us and often brings out the worst in us. This has led to an intolerant culture. We judge instead of welcome; we quarrel instead of listen; we impose instead of letting go; we choose pride over humility; we avoid rather than engage. Tolerance doesn’t mean we cannot have a commitment to our beliefs, as John F. Kennedy said. However, tolerance doesn’t allow us to oppress or persecute others.

Tolerance is the willingness to accept, respect, and endure behaviors, beliefs, or phys-

ical conditions that differ from our own. Tolerance gives room for the other to be other than us. This strengthens our human community. Diversity is a gift of God.

There are reasons for intolerance, of course. We must be intolerant towards racism, misogyny, xenophobia, greed, abuse, hatred, criminal activity and other behaviors that threaten the welfare, safety and freedom of others. We must speak truth to power.

Nor does tolerance mean we must always agree on everything. Certainty is an enemy of tolerance. It’s a lie to think that one must be absolutely right and the other must be absolutely wrong. This leads one to think that to prove one’s rightness the other must be punished and eliminated as being wrong. A difference of opinion without hating and hurting each other is healthy for our human community.

We can be united without being uniform. We can accept without requiring assimilation. We can stand in solidarity without being the same.

The Bible calls for Christians to live to the Lord because of the love of God given to us through Christ. To live to the Lord of love, grace, compassion, and life is to choose to live in the ways of Jesus. To follow Jesus is to manifest love in all places and situations. Christ has demonstrated the opposite of that English proverb. Faults are thin where love is thick.

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. pastor@islandpresby.com

Around cont. from A1

sinkhole behind the bulkhead along Charlie’s Pasture in Port Aransas. The water has found a path under the structure and continues to erode its way inland.



When will the water flow?

The most frequently asked question *Around the Island* continues to be “why did we build bridges if we are going to block the water?” More than three months after the opening of the canal under Commodores Drive the sand plug on Lake Padre continues to block water flow into the Island canal system. There has been much discussion between parties to try and resolve the matter and the Padre Isles Property Owners Association Board of Directors has called a Special Meeting for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22 where there may be an update. The effective end of our Hurricane Season 2026 is just a couple of weeks away so maybe they will free the water after that.

That’s all for now. We’ll see you at Honey’s for football and say hello if you see us *Around the Island*.

Fifteen years ago in the Moon



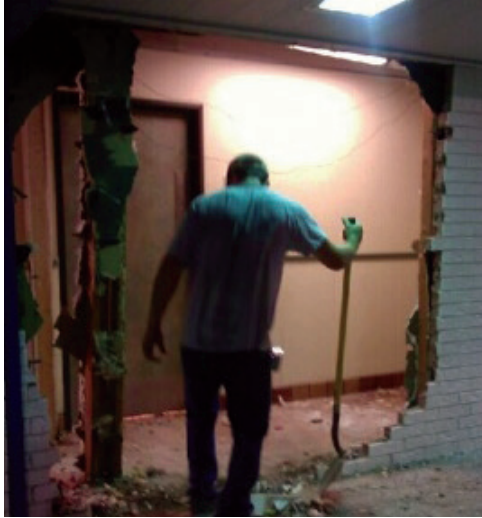
The restaurant on Bob Hall Pier, September 2011.



The beach was well beyond the 150 foot width required to allow for vehicles in September 2011.



Bastrop fire from Austin skyline.



What a wreck. An irate man drove his truck through the wall at the Whataburger on The Island after being told the store was closed.



Pine trees from the Bastrop fire were used to construct the ceiling in the old clubhouse of the Schlitterbahn waterpark on Padre Island.

Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Invites Nominations through Nov. 1

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for next year’s induction. Nominees can be either individuals or organizations who’ve made important contributions to fishing in Texas. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 1.

“The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame currently honors 41 individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact on freshwater fishing in the state. Potential nominees can be an outdoor writer, accomplished angler, conservationist, fishing club or industry leader.

The nominees will be evaluated by the hall of fame committee, which is made up of industry professionals comprising anglers, fisheries biologists and organizations involved in Texas freshwater fishing. The committee will choose the inductee(s) based

on the following criteria: ethics, leadership and commitment, unselfish contributions to the sport, scope of impact on freshwater fishing, fishing/fisheries management expertise and overall impact.

The honoree(s) will be announced in Spring 2027 and officially inducted during a special ceremony and banquet in the fall.

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is open to the public at the TFFC. Its mission is to “recognize and honor those who have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas, and to foster a sense of appreciation, awareness and participation in the sport of fishing.

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Ward benefit debriefing...



The gathering at Shorty's Benefit last Saturday. Photo by Neesy Thompkins

We had more fun than a bag of cats at Macky and Mat Ward's benefit at Shorty's last Saturday. I had the distinction of organizing and playing MC/ Stage Manager for a dozen bands and soloists. I made up the schedule, cracked the whip, brought 'em up and took 'em down, and all in 90°+ heat. And everything worked out finer than a frog hair split four ways. Meanwhile **Clare Mathews Adams** and **Tesha Ogle** did a splendid job of presenting the Silent Auction which raised \$13,348. Clare tells me that Tesha deserves 75% of the praise having collected most of the items for the auction herself. I didn't take as many photos as I had wanted too but **Neesy Thompson** came through like a champ. It was amazing how generous and anxious everyone was to help. By the end of the benefit we had a full fledge jam going on with the likes of **John Elijah, Miguel Cantu, Scott Graham, Ray Ray Summy, Bayside Electric, Red Feather** and on and on. Everyone involved completely volunteered their services and some came from as far away as Austin just to attend this event. It became quite apparent that the **Ward** brothers have more friends in than **Carter** has peanuts and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of my old friends as well. I didn't realize it but Macky told me his great, great (I don't know how many "greats") grandfather settled here back when we were called *Tarpon, Texas* back in the 1890's. Those boys have deep roots and a whole slew of close friends. GOOD JOB EVERYBODY!!!

On the local front...



Happy Birthday to my Mermaid Gal. You couldn't tell by the weather but next Tuesday is the official first day of autumn. And with this change of season comes a bunch of cool events. The coveted *Shorty's Pig Party* will be on October 10th this year and will play host to **Born in November, Dreaming in Color** and **Eli Brown**. The 65th Annual Texas Jazz Fest will be held in *Heritage Park CC* October 16-18 and has featured jazz greats since 1959 such as. **Arnett Cobb, Al Hirt, Spyro Gyra, Ramsey Lewis, Zoot Sims** and **Al Jarreau**. And also on October 16-18, Aransas Pass comes alive with their annual *SHRIMP-OREE* with the great zydeco master **Wayne Toups** headlining on Sunday the 18th. And on October 24th the *Harvest Moon Regatta* will come sailing out of Galveston heading to Port Aransas on a dead run. Pro tip: watching the boaters sprinting towards the finish line at *Roberts Point Park* is an image you will never forget. And on *Halloween*, the unadulterated *King of Tex Mex*, **Joe King Carrasco**, will leave his humanitarian aiding in Ukraine and head straight for *Shorty's*. And finally, the *Sip Yard* has loaded up on some very cool tribute bands in October paying homage to the likes of **Led Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac, Journey, Tom Petty**, the **B-52's** and to many of the rock legends (**Rock of Ages**) that colored our paths. Also on the local front, I want to wish my **Mermaid Gal** a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Scattered shots... Most of my scattered shooting last weekend was centered around the benefit. It was a full slate with many soloists/duos such as **James Derkits, Eli Brown, Clark Brothers, Brad**

Etheridge, Tex Beaumont and Billy Snipes. And I've already mentioned the bands who played,,, **John Elijah, Red Feather** and **Bayside Electric**. I did make it out a little later after I changed my sweaty shirt and got something to eat, I went by the *Sip Yard* to catch **Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band**, who I absolutely adore. Trust me, he's a bonafied keeper.



Mario Flores and the Soda Creek Band played the Sip Yard on Saturday.

Coming this weekend...



The Groove 2.0 will play Treasure Island this Saturday.

Coming this Thursday the 17th, the *Gaff* will pay tribute to everyone's favorite, **Dolly Parton** with **Melissa Ann** taking the honors and the **Johnson All Starz** playing their weekly residency at *Shorty's*. On Friday the 18th, the good folks at the *Port Aransas Parks and Red Department* found a last minute replacement with **Tausha Jackson** playing the last show of their summer concert series, *Sunset Sounds* held in the *Patsy Jones Amphitheater* located in *Roberts Point Park* overlooking the Port A Ferry Landing. It's free of charge, so bring the kids, bring the dogs, bring your ice chest and bring some lawn chairs or a blanket for one of the more comfortable concerts you'll ever attend. Also on Friday, the local **Jam Band** will be jamming it up at *Treasure Island*, the **Palacios Brothers** from Hebbronville will be ripping it up at *Shorty's*, the accordion driven **Squeezebox Bandits** will debut at the *Sip Yard*, **Revolution** is at *Bron's* and our all time favorite Coonasses, **Boudreaux and Pousson** aka; **Boo and Poo** will be creating some outstanding monkey jumpin', chicken pluckin', Creole cookin', dance floor packin' music straight from Louisiana to your awaiting ears...trust me, they will have the gals wiggling in two shakes of a goat's tail. (And keep in mind that *Mardi Gras* falls on *Fat Tuesday*, February 17th this go round.) And on Saturday the 19th it's the INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY and our favorite pirate bar, *Da Gaff*, will host the annual *Pirate Parade*. So deck out those golf carts and line up in front of the *Da Gaff* at 4:00. There will be prizes for best decorated floats and costumes. Aaaarg me maties. It's time for some grog!!! Also on Saturday, cowboy **Todd Dorn** is at *Shorty's*, **Landry Allen** is at *Bron's*, **Ton of Brass** (no description needed) will play the *Sip Yard* and the rock cover band, the **Groove 2.0** will be at *Treasure Island*. And on Sunday, **Michael O'Connor** and **Gabe Rhodes** will play the *Harbor Tent* in Rockport and the **Rip Tide Cowboy** plus **Tate Mitchell** will play the *Anchor Bar*. And please send me your upcoming shows and I'll put them in the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box for all to see.

And, that's the truth



Aloha Dave and the Tourists will play Bron's on Sept 25th.



This year's Pirate Parade is this Saturday departing Da Gaff at 5PM



The Palacios Brothers will play Shorty's this Friday the 18th.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, September 17

Dolly Tribute @ Gaff
Melissa Ann @ Gaff
Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Alley Catz Duo @ Brewster Southside
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Friday, September 18

Tausha Jackson @ Sunset Sounds
Jam Band @ Treasure Island\
Palacios Bros @ Shorty's
Squeezebox Bandits @ Sip Yard
Revolution @ Bron's
Boo & Poo @ Gaff
Tryptonite @ Pelican Lounge
Eric Graham @ Brewster Southside
Meza @ Brewster Island
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San Juan
Underground @ Exchange
Fuzion @ Annex
Heavy Soul @ Surf Club
Dos Locals @ Blackbeard's
Billy Snipes @ Terri's Cinnamon Shore
Melissa Ann @ Sandbox NPI
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Saturday, September 19
INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY
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Sunday, September 20
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
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