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By Dale Rankin

It's been Week of Musty Water *Around the Island* this week as our drinking water has tasted a little bit like the bottom of a dry lake recently filled with rainwater. City officials said this week that contributing factors such as low river levels and high temperatures can prolong the time it takes for conditions to improve as water moves through the distribution system. They also said that line flushing to address odor and taste is not recommended while the Mary Rhodes Pipeline is under repair after a 17-foot long section of the line began leaking and had to be shut down. Flow through that line had to be stopped but things are expected to clear up by the weekend. We will get through this everybody...maybe we should come up with *Island Moon Musty Water Lemonade*...

PIPOA News

News from the Padre Isle Property Owners Association meeting this week is that the ManageCasa system is going the way of the dinosaur. The system was launched a couple of years ago to update the way the board communicates with the members but was never fully embraced with only about 35% of the current 4967 property owners registered on the site. The system will be phased out by the end of October and moving forward members will be contacted on the way to pay dues through Quick Books. Voting in the annual March election of officers will be done with paper ballots.

The PIPOA staff is also working to collect back dues for Common Area Maintenance fees some of which have been in arrears since 2018 and beyond, and in fact some owners have never paid. The report this week is that the association currently has \$14.5 million in the investment account and voted to seek a new account manager to invest the funds. The board has also increased the amount spent each year on bulkhead repair from \$440,000 to \$1.3 million. Crews continue to install 18-foot sheet-piling pilings to shore up the island bulkheads at a cost of \$1600 per foot and so far this year have done 1800 feet of cap repairs and filled 100 washouts. There is still no word on when the sand plug on

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Forming a plan for State Highway 361

Meeting held this week, additional state funding may be needed

By Dale Rankin

The process of forming a plan for the future of State Highway 361 on Padre and Mustang islands took a step forward this week as the Texas Department of Transportation held a public forum to gather sugges-

tions from the public for the 16 mile stretch between SPID and Port Aransas.

More than 100 people gathered at Island in Son Church on Monday to view the latest in drawings showing

possible additions to the roadway and to add their own, in anticipation of action by either TxDOT or the State Legislature when it convenes in Austin in January.

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Locations identified for potential traffic lights or flashing beacons.

Old Island Italian building demolished



The Island Italian and hotel property this week as part of the expansion of the AEP Substation



Tony Tagliaferro standing in front of demolished Island Italian

Nature Notes

As the Raptors Soar - Hawk Watchers



Broad-winged hawks and other raptors flying over the tower.

Photo by Joe Kennedy

By Martin Hagne

There are amazing avian events happening here along the Texas coast throughout the year, one of which is hawk migration in the fall. Unnoticed by most people, large numbers of raptors, such as hawks, falcons, kites, eagles, and vultures, funnel down along the coast from all across the eastern half of the continent into a narrow flight path about 50 miles wide

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A little Island history

This week's demolition marks the end of an era

By Dale Rankin

Demolition of the Oyo Hotel this week closes a chapter in Island history that stretches all the way back to 1950 when the first motel and also the first business on Padre Island other than bait stands was begun.

A letter by Gladys Johanna Lehman who moved to Padre Island in 1968 and eventually married E.O. Leh-

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The old Loma Alta Motel

By the numbers

How will
Island voters
impact city and
county races?

Editor's note: The best indicator of how voters on The Island will impact the upcoming November General Election in races for seats on the Corpus Christi City Council and countywide races are numbers from the last gubernatorial cycle elections in 2022. If the November 2026 turnout numbers follow the pattern of 2022 between 6% and 7% of the total votes cast in Nueces County will be from The Island. Note that county records show that between the November 2022 General Election and the May 2026 Primary Election the number of registered voters in the two voting precincts on Padre Island dropped by 424. Here are the numbers from the Nueces County Clerk.

November 2022

213,925 registered Nueces County voters

79,236 cast ballots

37% turnout countywide

Island Totals

November 2022

5,130 voted

8905 total registered

57% turnout

May 2026 Primaries

218,368 total registered voters

Nueces County

8481 Registered Island voters

5004 Islanders will vote based on 2022 turnout (59%)

80,796 will vote countywide based on 2022 turnout (37%)

Free, family
friendly event
on Ellis Beach

Saturday, October 10



Jace Tunnell with a beach find.

The Harte Research Institute's (HRI) Beachcombing program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will hold a public community event on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Michael J. Ellis Beach and Seawall.

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Port Aransas Pirate Parade

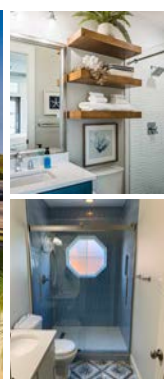
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Packery Channel Park Update

Completion date for Packery Park work extended

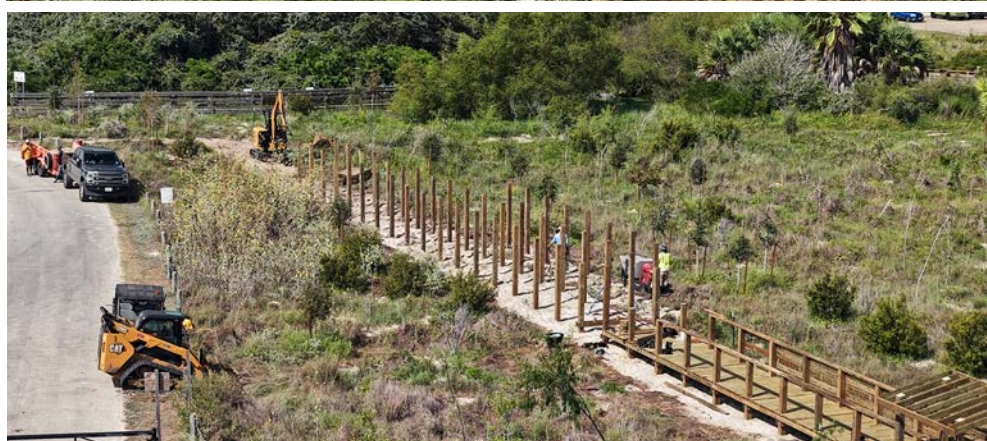
The completion date for the work at Packery Channel Nature Park was extended to October 16 this week due to an unexpected underwater discovery during the ongoing work there.

Crews installing the living shoreline feature at the site discovered a large fishing net buried below the surface which had accumulated debris and fishing tackle over the years and will require \$46,375 in additional labor. The work will include the addition of 28 disks in order to maintain a consistent elevation level across the entire project. However, according to county documents, the overall cost of the project will not increase due to offsets through savings in other parts of the project.

The project includes a living shoreline feature, nature trails, and a fishing pier along the channel. The project is being paid for through federal grants.



The current state of the fishing pier



Work continues on the boardwalk



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The event is open to the public with the idea of turning a Saturday morning into a beach treasure hunt, combing the shoreline toward the jetty in search of shells, sea glass, and whatever else the tide has washed in. Free bags will be on hand for anyone who wants to turn their stroll into a cleanup, giving guests a hands-on way to protect the beaches they love while taking home a good story and maybe a hidden gem, to show for it.

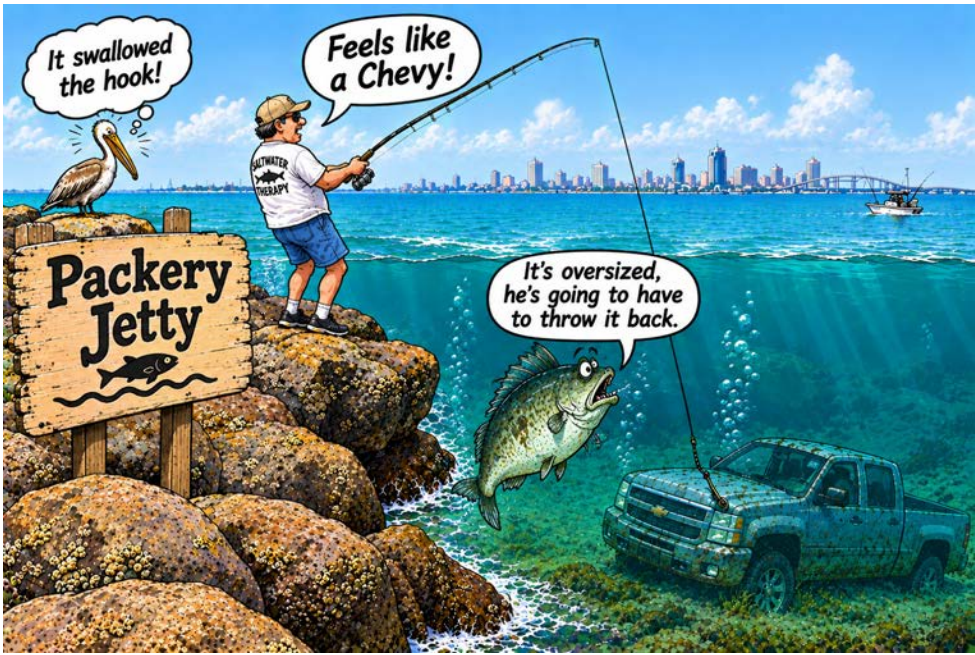
Guests can browse display tables featuring items that commonly wash ashore, along with giveaway tables offering Beachcombing T shirts, posters, sea beans and other coastal curiosities. Jace Tunnell, HRI Director of Community Engagement, will lead a short presentation on Beachcombing and the marine debris that wash ashore onto Texas beaches, followed by a question-and-answer session.

“Every time you walk the beach, there’s an opportunity to discover something new and learn a little more about the Gulf,” said Jace Tunnell, HRI Director of Community Engagement. “That’s what I love about Beachcombing. It gets people outside, looking closely at what washes ashore and thinking about where it came from and what it can tell us about our coast. I’m excited to bring that experience to the community and give families a chance to explore the beach together. We’re grateful to Phillips 66 for their support in helping us make this event possible and expand the reach of the Beachcombing program.”

The event is funded through a Phillips 66’s \$25,000 sponsorship of by Phillips 66.



A few shots from Jace’s Beachcombing Adventures!



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Lake Padre will be removed and water will begin flowing through Island canals.

Seawall beach work

City crews continue to bring in loads of sand to widen the beach along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall this week and also extended the effort south to Whitecap Beach. The work will continue until the sand accumulated at Mount Padre north of Packery Channel has been depleted. Once the work is done the wooden bollards blocking traffic will be moved south to the point where the replenished beach reaches 150 feet out from the base of the seawall.

Surfrider Foundation September 28

The Surfrider Foundation will hold a meeting to discuss problems caused by monofilament fishing line at the NRC Building on the Texas A&M Corpus Christi campus at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 28. A representative of the Texas Sea Grant & Mission-Aransas National Estuaries Research Reserve will be on hand to talk about what the public can do to help keep the fishing line out of the environment.

News from Ukraine

Ronnie features some news from the Ukraine this week as our friend Joe King Carrasco continues his journey through the country delivering cars to be turned into ambulances and doing concerts. We will have Joe King back on Island Moon Live radio as soon as he returns stateside.



Get ready to vote

In case you missed the marching army of political signs dotting the landscape, remember the election season is upon us. Monday, October 5th is the last day to register to vote, Friday, October 23rd is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot, and Early Voting begins Friday, October 30. Vote early and vote often and in the meantime say hello if you see us Around the Island.



Beach renourishing continues in front of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall



Work continues on the road to the Whitecap Marina off of Nemo court

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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

My friend Robert Bob is a full blood member of the Creek Tribe who lives just outside Eufaula, Oklahoma. I am always amazed at the tribal grudges that ring down through the ages, many if not most of them along the eastern edge of that state where the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole nations settled during the 1830s at the end of the Trail of Tears. I have seen fistfights, and some involving knives, that began over discussions of the slowness with which the leading tribes moved on the long walk up from the Deep South which resulted in the Creeks and Choctaws who were behind them getting caught, according to their grievances, being left still walking the trail when a bitter winter fell. A few decades later the Kio-was were pushed south from Montana and settled in the area west of the Creeks and where they allied with the Comanches and created a rift between them and the Creeks that still resounds today.

I say all of this because I got a text from Robert Bob this week informing me that much to our regret our favorite watering hole has closed for good. It has been some years since I was up that way but when I passed through a stop at BJ’s Icehouse was always on my itinerary. It was located several miles down a gravel road off of a Farm to Market Road and in times of heavy ice patrons could be iced in overnight or longer. BJ’s would hold tabs through the end of the month until tribal checks arrived and patrons could settle up and start anew in spending money they did not yet have. I took Jan there once but she took a look at the place and refused to get out of the car.

A high window for horseback customers

The place was run by a guy who was a Kio-wa but who got along with both the Creeks and the Choctaw customers who came by, often riding horses where they could use the head-high service window out back without having to dismount. There was also a big fire pit out back which was the site of many fire-starting contests between members of the various tribes and the local ranchers who worked cow-calf operations in the adjoining pastures. The tongue in cheek (or Creek) mantra from my Creek friends was “white man fire much smoke no heat stand way back, Indian fire much heat no smoke stand real close.”

As a newcomer to the state it was a good place for me to get some local color without a lot of pretense and it didn’t hurt that the wife of the proprietor, known affectionately as Sarge because that was her rank in the Army, had been stationed in San Antonio and worked at a place called Bettys’ Battalion where reporter types would hang out when a big overseas deployment was coming since it was across the street from Fort Sam Houston where Army medics trained and they were often the first to be informed of a pending deployment and for the price of a few beers would tell us where in the world the next war was about to be fought.

BJ’s was so far out in the country that if anyone was in conflict with the constabu-

lary they were still safe there as long as they stayed away from tribal politics because the arrival of any newcomer was announced well in advance by a cloud of dust. But other than tribal friction which was mostly good natured there was never any real trouble there except for one bone of contention that as far as I knew until this week never got settled. The men’s room was the former bathroom of the trailer which constituted about half of the total square feet of the place and there was a leaky toilet in there that never stopped running during the years that I stopped by with the exception of the winter when it got so cold it froze the leaking water and patrons who huddled around the wood stove next to the pool table had to brave the elements for relief. The place must have been on a water well because otherwise the water bill would have surely bankrupted it because it didn’t just trickle it ran full bore twenty-four hours a day. The patrons complained but since Sarge did all the repair work around the place and the toilet in the ladies room worked just fine that mens room throne never got fixed, it just ran water out the drain in the floor year after year. If we had built a pipeline to Lake Texana our city would never had had a water shortage.

I describe all this because it leads me to why Robert Bob messaged me this week after I had asked him if he had been to BJ’s lately. “No, I got banned,” he said. “Banned!? From BJ’s,” I didn’t know that was possible. Did you shoot someone in there?”

As it turned out one day while the patrons complained about the tracking of toilet water to the pool table Robert Bob decided on a strategy to finally motivate the owner to fix the leaky toilet. “I’m going to start calling you Chief Running Stool,” Robert Bob said, and he did, and boy did it catch on. Much to the dismay of the owner who hated it from that day forward his name was Chief Running Stool and the more he objected the more it spread like a prairie wildfire.

“No he didn’t like being called Chief Running Stool and he banned me for life,” Robert Bob said. “And that really hurt because I could walk there from my house.” Robert Bob was between pickups for a few years running and when it got cold enough he would climb on the roof and wrap himself around the chimney of the stove to stay warm rather than walk the two miles to his house after the place closed.

Given my infrequent trips north of the Red these days the closing of BJ’s Icehouse won’t affect me much. But it reminds me that as the years pass so do many of the friends in the places that I have left behind at various stops in my years of moving around and as they pass so do the shared memories that go with them. If I ever get back up that way I will probably drive down that dirt road for one last time trailing a cloud of dust in remembrance of a time that was and the friends who populated it and it wouldn’t surprise me if that stool in the men’s room is still running.

So long Chief Running Stool wherever you are.



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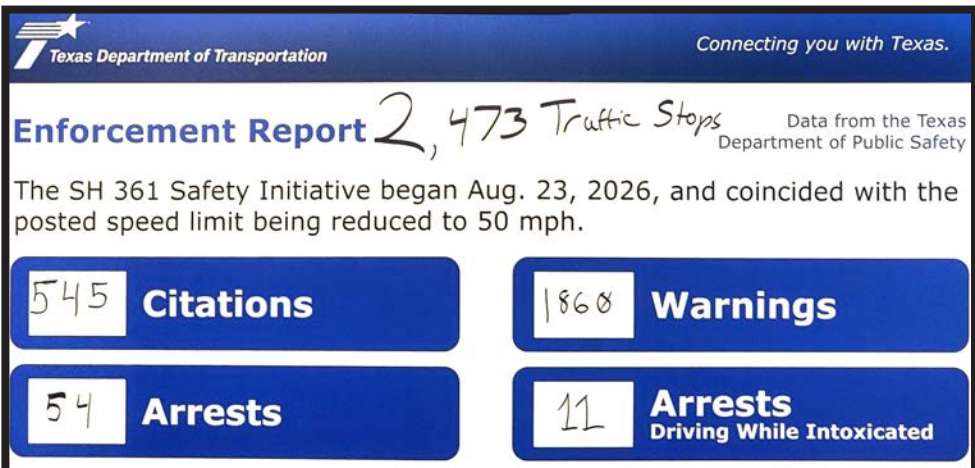
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“This project will be on the radar in the legislature,” State Representative District 32 Todd Hunter said. “There are some things that can be done within the planning process of TxDot and possibly some that will need to be addressed in Austin. We will work on both.” Among the list of improvements formed after the planning process began in 2024 are: Rumble strips along the center and edges of the roadway; lighting at four locations, wider, more visible roadway striping, a speed reduction (already in place), driver feedback signs, the addition of traffic or warning lights, and safety message boards. In the longer term additional lanes are likely to be included. Traffic counts from TxDot monitoring devices show an average daily traffic count of 17,820 vehicles travel the roadway throughout the year, however that number swells to more than 50,000 at peak holiday weekends. The move to improve the roadway took on

added urgency with three fatalities there in the course of two weeks during the recent summer season. Since that time the speed limit has been reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph and a heavy law enforcement presence has been in place for several weeks. TxDot officials said this week the next step in the process will be an internal review of the suggestions gathered at this week’s event followed by a possible elevating of the project on the list of items to be designed and funded through TxDot planning. Hunter said some of the improvements can be done with funds available through TxDot, while longer-term work may require additional funding through the legislative process. “This project is a priority,” Hunter said this week. “We are going to work closely with TxDot and will be meeting with their planners in the coming weeks to decide what we can do now.”



Attendees at the TxDot Meeting



DPS enforcement numbers on HW 361 as of a month ago

By the numbers

How to improve Highway 361

What the driving public said

Texas Department of Transportation conducted a public input program from August 20-September 8 to gather opinions on steps to take to make State Highway between SPID and Port Aransas safer. They received 151 responses, the following are the results. The most common suggested actions from the public were:

- 71 Add a center barrier
- 65 Add additional travel lanes
- 43 Continue increased law enforcement presence
- 33 Add traffic signals
- 32 Reduce speed
- 28 Add turn lanes
- 23 Do not reduce speed
- 16 Increase roadway lighting



Improvement areas within Corpus Christi and Port Aransas City Limits



A few ideas on how to reduce traffic on Hwy 361

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man relates the story of how the Loma Alta Motel came into being at the intersection of SPID and Verdemar Drive on the highest hill on The Island – hence the name. As Ms. Lehman relates the story E.O. Lehman and his first wife Rae and two children moved to Padre Island in 1950 because his wife’s doctor told him to move to an island where there was no “poisons,” they had allergies from the farm where they were living in the London community.

When they arrived he built the Loma Alta Motel on eight lots which he purchased for \$149,236.89 and consisted of a house and four rooms which he rented for \$10 per day. The rooms were 20 feet by 12 feet and included a desk, chairs, one or two double beds with the best in innerspring mattresses...modern head boards etc.... Baths have tile showers, Formica walls.... kitchen equipped with combination stove and refrigerator; Formica table, leatherette chairs, sink and Formica drain boards, and furnished with dishes and cooking utensils.

According to a letter written by long-time Island resident and Lehman’s friend Louis Rawalt in support of Lehman’s move to add buildings to the site in 1966: *The above-mentioned lots are 23.7 feet above the mean low tide. The mean deviation of the tide in this area established by the Corps of Engineers is 0.9 feet. This property is well stabilized, and has been held in that position*

through the hurricanes of the past century by heavy growth of scrub oak and bay trees. In 1519 the Spaniards who surveyed this area made field notes giving a physical description. They described this area by calling it Los Laureles Division of Padre Island, which they termed Isla Blanca.

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

Gladys Lehman married E.O. in 1977 until his death in 1994 but they never reopened the hotel. But in her letter Gladys Lehman mentions that by the time the Loma Alta Motel closed in 1975 another locally owned motel had been built and that is the building that was torn down this week. The site of course was also the previous location of Island Italian Restaurant. The building that was the Loma Alta Motel is long gone and now so is the motel that survived it as The Island marches on.



The Loma Alta Motel grounds



E.O. Lehman with his multi-lawnmower rig. The tower in the image below was rented to people who wanted to sleep up there.

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Loma Alta Motel Winter Rates

The Art of Island Life

By Melissa Mitchell



A Quick Personal Update and Creating in the In-Between

After weeks in California with my daughter following an unexpected medical emergency, I flew back to Padre Island to check on home, Evoke, and all the things that have been patiently waiting for me here. It will be good to walk through the doors of Evoke again, to see familiar faces and be surrounded by the artwork and little things I’ve collected there.

But this isn’t quite a “I’m back for good” announcement. There are still unknowns with my daughter’s situation, and I may be on a plane back to California. For now, I’m opening Evoke while I’m here and taking things a day at a time. I’ll keep everyone updated if that changes. It’s a strange place to be—here, but not quite settled back into home. Returning to the familiar while still waiting to see what comes next.

A few things have naturally been put on hold. I haven’t written lately. For someone who normally writes every week, I’ve noticed the absence. I haven’t written my newspaper column, and I haven’t tried to force one. Writing comes from a more emotional place for me. It requires me to go inward—to think about what I’m feeling, make sense of it, and find the words to put around it. It takes something from me. Right now, I don’t have much of that part of myself to spare. Drawing is different. I can get lost in the simple act of making something. Straighten a line. Add a little shading. Change a shape. Move something over. Erase it and draw it again. It’s busy work for my hands and just enough focus for my mind without asking me to think too much. So while the words haven’t been coming, the drawings have. During some very long days in California, that gave me somewhere to go for a little while.

A Little Taste of Fall

And, California certainly gave me plenty of inspiration. I left the Island and found myself waking up to 40-degree mornings, which I was completely unprepared for. Suddenly I was digging for warmer clothes, running out to buy sweaters and pumpkin spice lattes. It felt like fall. For someone who loves the season but doesn’t get nearly enough of it back home on the Island, I enjoyed that little change more than I expected.

That little taste of the season inspired the first of two new collections I created while I was away from Evoke: *Gathering Fall*—pumpkins, autumn leaves, a cozy latte, and a loaded old pickup.

One drawing led to another. Then the individual illustrations began finding their way into repeating patterns and onto blankets, tea towels, notebooks, clothing and socks. Before long, I had created an entire collection without really setting out to create one. That’s one of the things I love about surface design. A drawing doesn’t necessarily stay a drawing. An pumpkin spice latte drawn on an iPad during a long afternoon can become part of a pattern. That pattern can become fabric. An old pickup filled with pumpkins can eventually become a woven blanket you can actually hold. There’s still something a little magical about that to me.

Then my drawings took a slightly different turn. *Spooked* came next. My daughter’s favorite time of year is what she calls “Spooky Season,” so this one is for her. Nothing particularly frightening seems to be happening in this collection, yet everyone appears mildly alarmed.

In real life, there were moments when I was much more than mildly alarmed. There



were days I was genuinely frightened, and even now, the uncertainty hasn’t completely gone away. Maybe that’s part of why these funny little characters appealed to me. They gave some of that nervous energy somewhere harmless to go—a startled ghost, a worried spider and an overly dramatic black cat. Nothing truly scary. Just a little world where everyone could be alarmed and everything would still be okay. There’s even a little **“Hey Boo” Mommy & Me set** with coordinating pajamas for Mom and a matching baby bodysuit. The nervous little spider has his own baby beanie. Once I start drawing, I shouldn’t be left unsupervised.

Creating Without a Plan

Looking back at everything I’ve made recently, I think the fact that none of it was planned is part of what means the most to me. I wasn’t trying to be productive. I wasn’t sitting in California thinking about launching collections or expanding inventory. There wasn’t a marketing calendar behind any of it. I simply needed something positive to put my attention toward for a while.

Creating gave me that. Sometimes creativity is about making something beautiful. Sometimes it’s about building a business or developing an idea. And sometimes it’s simply a place for your mind to go when it needs somewhere gentle to land for a little while. This time, I think it was a little of all three.

A Little More Evoke Online

In those weeks, the creating spilled over into Evoke too. Since I already had my laptop with me, I began working on the website during some of the downtime. One update led to another, and I finally tackled something I’d wanted to do for quite a while: expand Evoke’s online Gift Shop into more of a shopping experience of its own. The physical gallery will always be at the heart of Evoke. I love watching someone walk through the doors, discover the work of one of our artists and find something they weren’t necessarily looking for when they came in. I don’t want the website simply to duplicate that experience. Instead, I’m beginning to build an online shop with a broader selection of seasonal gifts, stationery, artist-designed merchandise and Online Exclusives that you won’t necessarily find inside the gallery. Both *Gathering Fall* and *Spooked* are now part of that shop, along with quite a few other additions. And there will be more. Just perhaps not all at once. For now, I’m home. Evoke will be open while I’m here, beginning Tuesday, September 15th. I’m checking on my business, catching up on home chores, spending time with people I’ve missed, and waiting to see what the next few weeks bring. I’m still not writing my regular column. I’m not quite ready for that yet. But in the meantime, there are pumpkins, cozy lattes, an old pickup, one startled ghost, and a very nervous speeder to keep me company. Creating doesn’t wait for life to settle down. Sometimes it simply meets us in the in-between. If you’d like to see what I’ve been creating during these weeks away, I’d love for you to take a peek. *Gathering Fall*, *Spooked*, and quite a few other new finds are waiting for you in the newly expanded Evoke Gift Shop. TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT’S NEW AT EVOKE

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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

The fall bird migration has really kicked off recently with the slow advance of the cool fronts that are sweeping down from the Canada and the upper tier of the country. Sunday night we had over 400 million birds that went over our heads and were headed south, but I really didn't see anything in my yard except extra hummingbirds. Later in the week, the projections are still around 120 million birds a night that are headed south, and instead of just the central flyway, they are coming in from the eastern seaboard, and the Pacific Northwest. The migration pattern has shifted slightly however, and BirdCast is showing that these birds are angling towards Mexico instead of jumping straight over the Gulf. Smarter move in the event those southeast winds crank back up, but that has the birds moving along the coast right here in our back yard.

I've been sneaking out to the jetties a lot of evenings after work, just in time for sunset and the witching hour. These cool fronts really have the fish moving, as the gulf menhaden (shad) are pouring out of the bays and lurking around the pass where they are getting ambushed hourly. There are a lot of skipjacks waiting for them, and while they are fun to get a jump or two out of, they will wreck your tackle. There are a few tarpon still lurking around in the mix, and I just can't seem to figure out which lure they will eat. I usually land at least one a season out there, and my time is running out. As Lily would say, it's really fishy out there.

There are a few Spanish mackerel in the mix, although they are the smaller ones. I see people catch them and just leave them on the deck before taking them home. Spanish mackerel actually make really good sashimi and sushi, but you need to take care of them. First off, when you catch one, you should bleed it out immediately. This can be as simple as pulling a few of the gills out with your fingers or cutting the gills out with a knife. You don't have to get as complicated as *ike jime*, but watching Jeff do it on a couple of fish in Costa Rica has made me want to try it. The flesh comes out perfectly white.

Anyway, after you've bled the fish out, whichever method you use, make sure to get it on ice as soon as you can. While block ice works, it creates cold spots which turn out mushy when you go to clean it. An icy slush is the absolute best way to preserve your fish. While the fish should be good to go after a few hours, some folks will age their fish for a day or even two but remember to gut the fish if you're going to go that route. Make sure to get up in the fish's cavity and get out all the goodies or you will spoil your fish. Yummy, right?

There's also been a few redfish taken off every day that I've been out there, mainly by people that are finding mullet. There are lots of menhaden that are readily available, and I'm seeing people throwing castnets all along the jetties. The problem is that I know folks are losing castnets in the rocks, which is a real problem. When Augs and I were doing a clean up a few years ago, the castnets we found in the rocks had collected lures and hooks and were trailing line. Those things were the most hazardous "ghost traps" that I have seen in a long time. I've also seen reports of folks having to rescue turtles that are tangled up. If you see a turtle that is tangled up, and you can't get to it yourself, and no one else is, call 1-866-TURTLE-5 and report it.

There are some cool birds hitting the menhaden run including black terns, least terns, and royals and Caspian terns. Next time out I'm going to take a pair of binoculars and spend a few minutes double checking myself to make sure that a black noddy didn't sneak in the mix. We did see a frigate bird circling above the JFK Causeway the other day, so you never know what's around if you don't look. As I was beach combing the other day, a piping plover passed me on the right within just a few feet. I'd never been that close to one and of course didn't have a camera in my hands.

Make sure to watch your speed in the school zones and drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks



Reddish Egret on the South Jetty By Jay Gardner



Wilted Beauty By Lu Ann Kingsbury.

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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

THE REDS ARE RUNNING!!

Lots of excitement in the fishing community right now with everyone chasing the FALL REDFISH RUN! Schools of slot and slightly over-sized fish will circulate from the FLATS, the PASSES, and the SURF. They are riding the tide and following bait sources. When they get to the PACKERY

and Port Aransas Jetty you will see a MOB of fisherman grouped up in boats and on foot under bridges and along the rocks. Keep your gear ready and stop and check those places ready to deploy on an active redfish school at any time!



I'm finding scattered bull redfish along the deep grass beds in the Laguna Madre. Using 1/4oz jig heads and Big DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODELS in Bone Dimond & WhiteIce. Keep the bait bouncing off of the bottom and swimming just above. Those big reds move out to deeper water in the mid day heat, staying close to the schools of Shad holding out in deep water.



Morning dance with Little Blue Heron and Tri-colored Heron By Riekie Roncinske



Great Egret By Janie Alvarez Rosamond

Nature Notes

Nature cont. from A1

over land. This stream continues along the Gulf coast into Mexico, narrowing even more as mountains squeeze the land mass down to just a couple of miles wide.

Because raptors are just about impossible to survey and count on their northern breeding grounds, there are hawk watch sites that have been established to monitor them where natural land features concentrate them heading south in their fall migration. These hawk watches help collect data which shows the population health of these species, and by collecting numbers over many years we can establish population trends.

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory is in its 30th year of raptor counting at our Smith Point Hawk Watch station. Each year, the count runs from August 15th through November 30th. This time period represents the peak fall raptor migration along the Upper Texas Coast, and Smith Point offers an exceptional viewing point as the birds head south. The station is located in southwestern Chambers County on the eastern shore of Galveston Bay and the hawk watch tower is located within Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Candy Abshier Wildlife Management Area. There is an official counter on the tower 7 days a week from 8:00 until 4:00, and many days volunteers are helping out as well.

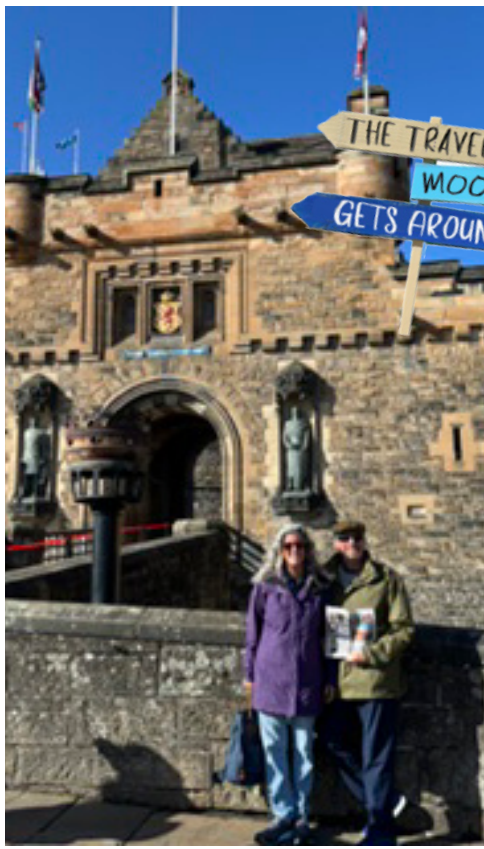
Although we typically record 20-21 species of raptors at Smith Point, the largest percentage of birds are Broad-winged Hawks, whose migration peaks in late September. Ten thousand or more of these birds can pass by the hawk watch in a single day when weather conditions are right. Raptors use the rising air currents caused by the sun heating the ground to move long distances, which

uses a minimum expenditure of energy. The birds ride up these thermals until they reach the point at which the cooling air is no longer rising, and then, perhaps several thousand feet off the ground, they sail off for miles in the direction they want to go, gradually dropping until they reach another air current. Like all birds, raptors use stored fat as fuel during migration, helping them move the 4,000 miles or so between their northern breeding grounds, and winter grounds in Central and South America.

Ours is one of many hawk watches in the world. Further south, there is a fall raptor count at Hazel Bazemore Park near Corpus Christi which is staffed similarly. And a few hundred miles south of the Rio Grande in the Mexican state of Veracruz lies the grand champion of all New World hawk watching sites. It is aptly called the "River of Raptors" and it lives up to its name. Here, where the flight path is squeezed down between the mountains and the sea to just a mile or so wide, up to four million raptors are counted each fall.

GCBO will be celebrating 30 years at Smith Point on Saturday, October 3 at the tower! The Hawk Watch Celebration runs from 10:00am to 1:00pm and will feature free hamburgers, hotdogs, and cupcakes, live birds of prey you can see up close, booths, and of course we hope there will be many migrating birds in the air! We will also highlight the need for the tower to be rebuilt after this season. It is now 20 years old and the harsh coastal weather elements have taken their toll. Come join us celebrate the raptors and research! Hope to see you there!

The Traveling Moon



Islander Paul and Dori Hestand took the Island Moon to Edinburgh Castle



The Island Moon went to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic this week!



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Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

My Beach Collections



Jace Tunnell with some of his coral found washed up at the beach.

One of the questions I get asked more than any other is, "What do you do with everything you find on the beach?" Most people imagine my house looking like a pirate museum, overflowing with seashells and driftwood. The truth is, they're not entirely wrong.

How much I bring home depends on how I'm traveling that day. If I'm riding my electric bike, space is limited. If I'm in a truck, I can haul larger items. Even then, I try to leave as much as possible where I found it. Shells, sea beans, driftwood, and other natural treasures are best left behind for the next beachcomber to discover or for wildlife to use. Empty shells become homes for hermit crabs, and many natural materials continue to play a role in the coastal environment.

The things I almost always bring back are hazards to wildlife, such as fishing line, hooks, netting, and other marine debris. I also rescue unusual finds that have educational value or simply tell an incredible story. Messages in bottles, creepy dolls, sea pig piggy banks, glass and metal fishing floats, and other oddities often end up in my collection.

For years I convinced myself I wasn't bringing much home. Then I started looking around my house, garage, backyard, office, and the Harte Research Institute. Apparently, I was wrong.

Today, my collection includes more than 200 pounds of coral that has washed ashore, over 60 messages in bottles, more than 80 sea pig piggy banks, hundreds of sea beans

that I give to students, and eight mysterious witch bottles that may, or may not, still contain their original spells.

Every shelf tells the story of a different beach adventure. Every bottle has a mystery. Every odd object sparks a conversation. That's one of the things I love most about beachcombing. You never know what the Gulf will deliver next, and you never know which discovery will inspire the next generation of coastal explorers.

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).



Jace with a portion of his 80 sea pigs that reside in his garage.



Jace's office shelves full of beach finds.



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Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

Real Estate Comeback!

What a comeback we saw in the Padre Island real estate market this week! After one of the slower weeks we've experienced this year, activity picked up significantly, with several higher-priced properties making moves in the detached home sector.

In the detached home sector, six homes entered the option period, one moved to pending, and three closed. It was especially encouraging to see activity among some of the higher-priced homes, showing that buyers are still actively making moves across different price points on the Island. The condominium sector also saw activity this week, with two condos entering the option period. In the townhome sector, two properties entered the option period and two successfully closed, adding to an overall strong week for our Island market.

Real estate can certainly change from one week to the next, and this week was a great example of just how quickly the market can pick back up. Here you'll find a detailed list of the properties that made moves this week. Stay tuned for next week's Padre Island market update!

Detached Homes In The Option Period:

- 14117 Jackfish Ave (Listed for \$1,200,000)
- 13825 Captains Row (Listed for \$1,050,000)
- 13769 Eaglesnest Bay Dr (Listed for \$889,000)
- 13765 Eaglesnest Bay Dr (Listed for \$624,900)
- 14702 Aquarius St (Listed for \$425,000)
- 13950 Ketch St (Listed for \$400,000)

Detached Home That Is Pending:

- 13801 Topsail St (Listed for \$2,590,000)

Detached Homes That Sold:

- 13818 Mizzen St (Listed for \$899,000)
- 14114 Bounty Ave (Listed for \$455,000)
- 13845 Gunwale (Listed for \$450,000)

Condominiums In The Option Period:

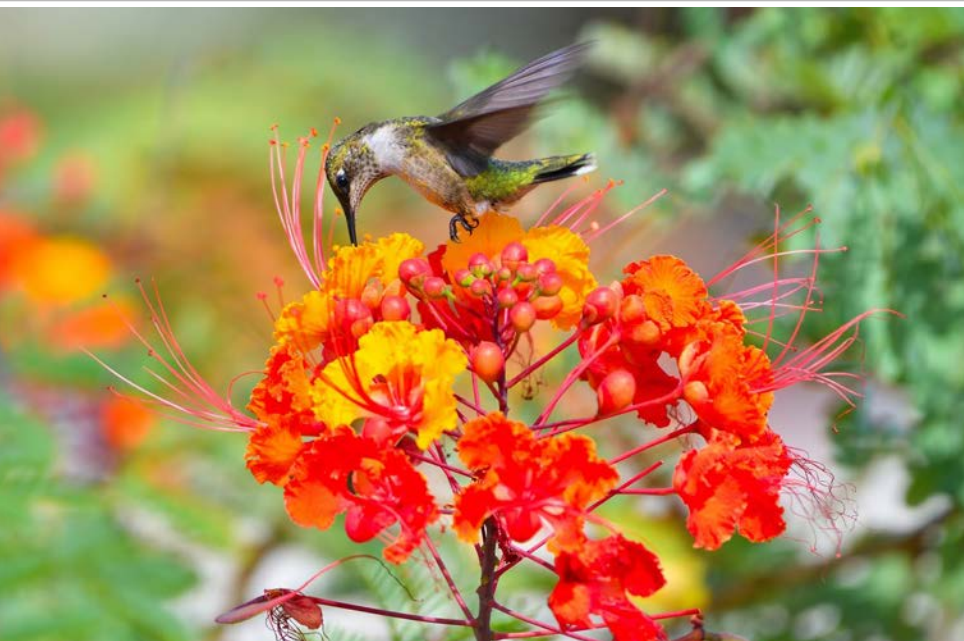
- 13970 Fortuna Bay Dr Unit A (Listed for \$355,000)
- 15340 Leeward Dr Unit 306 (Listed for \$300,000)

Townhomes In The Option Period:

- 14890 Granada Dr Unit 107 (Listed for \$499,999)
- 15402 Gun Cay Ct Unit 604 (Listed for \$399,000)

Townhomes That Sold:

- 14858 Granada Dr Unit D (Listed for \$520,000)
- 15104 Dory Dr (Listed for \$260,000)



Ruby-throated Hummingbird on Padre Island By Britt Thompson

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At-Large Candidate Forum on the Island



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Annual Job Growth Exceeds 159,000 in Texas

Texas added 5,600 nonfarm jobs in August to reach a total of 14,469,300 positions. Over the year, the state added 159,400 jobs for an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent, outpacing the national rate by 0.7 percentage points.

Texas' civilian labor force registered at 15,932,600 after adding 17,100 people over the month. Over the year, Texas' civilian labor force has added 10,900 people. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas registered at 4.4 percent. The Leisure and Hospitality industry had the largest private sector over-the-month increase in August after adding 4,900 jobs. Professional and Business Services added 4,500 jobs over the month while Manufacturing added 2,200.

The Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA) had the lowest unemployment rate

with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 3.3 percent in August. It was followed by the San Angelo MSA at 3.6 percent and the Abilene and Amarillo MSAs, which registered 3.7 percent.

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Knuckle-Cracker

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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

- 1. Leaf gatherer
- 6. Country way
- 10. E-ads, e.g.
- 14. Please no end
- 15. Like sore muscles
- 16. Flag holder
- 17. Ride for Alexander?
- 19. Feels regret over
- 20. "So that's it!"
- 21. Like many cheeses
- 22. Soak
- 24. Timber processing site
- 26. Siamese or Persian
- 27. Kids' cone contents, usually
- 29. Crow's cry
- 32. Presents
- 35. Uses the knocker
- 36. Cannes companion
- 37. 4,840 square yards
- 38. This puzzle's theme
- 40. WBA decisions
- 41. Word heard in a herd
- 42. 50-and-over org.
- 43. "Angels Along the Way" autobiographer Della
- 44. Nav. Academy grad
- 45. Climbing legume
- 48. Many new drivers
- 50. Gallery event
- 54. Army attack helicopters
- 56. On vacation
- 57. Feathery scarf
- 58. Wild animal home
- 59. Seedling for Thomas?
- 62. "Beetle Bailey" bulldog
- 63. Smell
- 64. First name in cosmetics
- 65. Easter egg colorer
- 66. Small horse
- 67. Back on the ocean

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Down

- 1. Seized vehicles
 - 2. Lei bearer's greeting
 - 3. Comics punch
 - 4. Hot time in Montréal
 - 5. Stays
 - 6. Mailing supplies
 - 7. Battery fluid
 - 8. Flyers' org.
 - 9. Ophthalmologist's prescription
 - 10. Binge
 - 11. Dessert for Ezra?
 - 12. One of the Baldwins
 - 13. Fit well
 - 18. Look at boldly
- 23. Employees with samples
 - 25. Speck of dust
 - 26. Gravy holder
 - 28. Party paper
 - 30. "Famous" entrepreneur Wally
 - 31. Lead-in for acre or cracker
 - 32. Jacks, e.g.
 - 33. Desktop graphic
 - 34. Snack for Robert?
 - 38. Setting for a 1964 Rod Steiger classic
 - 39. Mine extracts
 - 40. Afternoon affairs
 - 42. Out of port
 - 43. Does a second draft
- 46. Cheap and showy
 - 47. Ask for divine guidance
 - 49. Reason to recalculate
 - 51. Subside
 - 52. Solitary one
 - 53. Gobbled up
 - 54. Lump of dirt
 - 55. Like Cheerios
 - 56. Presley's middle name
 - 60. Hue and cry
 - 61. WWII transport

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Our Thursday radio show is on 1440 KEYS and 98.7 fm as well as streamed live on YouTube and Facebook! We record the show on Thursdays live from 11 am to 1 pm. We have an enormous amount of different friends and guests, telling stories about how the Island used to be, and where we are heading. All of the videos are free to watch, and can be found on YouTube at Island Moon Live via this QR Code.



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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Of water and the wilderness



Officials describe our tap water as earthy or musty. Nasty would be a word that comes to mind. Apparently the reason is a naturally occurring increase in organic compounds. Yup, that about defines nasty. Supplies of fresh water worldwide are under strain from global warming and increased demands. We know this firsthand amid of our stubborn drought. It is as if we are journeying through wilderness. In the wilderness we thirst. Wilderness journeys are never easy. They can be debilitating, stressful, overwhelming, discouraging, and frustrating. We can become fatigued and isolated. It is a time when we may wonder about faith. God, are you among us or not? In the wilderness we encounter suffering, a horrible diagnosis, loss of a dream. In the wilderness dying and death come calling. In the wilderness there can be chaos and disorder, uncertainty and challenge, pain and loss, anger and bitterness. Why? Where? How? Who? When? Is the Lord among us or not? After the Exodus and the ancient people Israel were freed from slavery, they journeyed in the wilderness for 40 years. Yes, the men should asked directions! Yet, even in the space of depravity where people’s most basic needs can be lacking the wilderness journey was a place and time of formation. The people needed to embrace dependence and trust in God. Many of the biblical stories of that wilderness time describe the people as grumbling, stiff-necked, bitter, and rebellious. In one of the stories, they were lacking water. Water in the wilderness is a real issue and lack of water is a serious threat. The people wondered if they had been brought out into the wilderness to die. They expressed a nostalgia for their former life of slavery. How quick the mirage of nostalgia takes over. Is the Lord among us or not? The people began to revolt against their leader Moses. Moses took it up with God. Moses used the same staff he used to strike the Nile to strike a rock. Water was provided, in abundance. I wonder if it tasted earthy or musty. An astonishing aspect of the story is that God chose a stone as the source for the surprising wellspring. The rock, one of worst

threats became a wellspring of promise. The stone became transformed. God’s presence was revealed in the place least likely to be seen. The people remained in the wilderness. All the challenges of the wilderness remained. However, they were empowered with endurance and hope. It was a time of being formed and shaped with a faith and trust that moved beyond survival to thriving. Was the Lord among them? Yes! God sees our sufferings, struggles, and needs. God sees us in all our wildernesses, however deep, dark, or overwhelming. More importantly, Jesus is our reminder that God has chosen to be among us in those wildernesses in love, grace, mercy, and hope. An inmate complained to a teacher about how the system had worked against him. She agreed that there was a lot of truth in what he said. Then, she asked what he was going to do about it. His initial response was a fatalistic, “What can I do?” The teacher helped him to see what he could do about the situation, rather than what he couldn’t do about the situation. She helped him realize that the stone that had been his greatest threat could be transformed to a surprising promise. Sometimes we view our wilderness experiences fatalistically. Afterall, what can we do about it? We yearn for a day we think was far rosier than it actually was. Yet, the Lord is before us. We need not fear; we need not chase after false gods. The Lord is among us. It may not improve the taste of our water. However, we can be empowered to endurance, hope, and faithfulness. We can choose love and mercy, peace and justice. 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



Keep one eye out and your mind awake. Hummingbird By Riekie Roncinske

Sports Talk Special to the Island Moon



Baseball - Our National Pastime Part 2

Dotson’s Note: On Sept. 1, 1971, the Pirates became the first AL or NL team to field an all-black, or all-minority lineup. Roberto Clemente was part of the lineup that day, a fitting inclusion for a player who willingly spoke up about issues affecting Latino players of his era. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Wikipedia for many of the facts and to Bill Morgan for the photos contained in this report.



On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run in front of a crowd of more than 53,000 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, passing Babe Ruth’s record of 714. The Dodgers’ legendary broadcaster Vin Scully summed up the moment with his call: “It’s a high drive into deep left center field. (Bill) Buckner goes back to the fence... It is gone. What a marvelous moment for baseball. What a marvelous moment for Atlanta and the state of Georgia. What a marvelous moment for the country and the world. A Black man is getting a standing ovation in the Deep South for breaking a record of an all-time baseball idol.” Aaron’s uniform from this historic moment is on display in the Hank Aaron: Chasing the Dream exhibit on the National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum’s third floor. Exactly one year later, on April 8, 1975, Frank Robinson broke new ground in baseball’s quest to truly become the National Pastime. Robinson, hitting second for the Cleveland Indians as their new player-manager, was the first Black man to be a full-time manager in the AL/NL. Every baseball fan who is old enough to remember our Nation’s Bicentennial Celebration recalls April 25, 1976. On that day, Rick Monday of the Chicago Cubs saved the American flag from being burned by protestors on the field during the fourth inning of a game at Dodger Stadium. When Monday came up to bat in the fifth inning, the Los Angeles Dodgers fans gave him a standing ovation and the scoreboard displayed the message, “**RICK MONDAY...YOU MADE A GREAT PLAY.**”



Mike Piazza wore this jersey when he hit a home run on Sept. 21, 2001, the first game played in New York after Sept. 11, 2001.

On the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball’s color barrier and paving the way for Black ballplayers to compete in the National and American Leagues, his No. 42 was retired across the sport. Commissioner Bud Selig, was joined on the field at Shea Stadium by Rachel Robinson and President Bill Clinton, to make the announcement. BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner Claire Smith, who was covering the ceremony, said: “When he (Selig) announced it, there was a collective gasp in the stadium, and around baseball. I was stunned. Obviously, it had never been done before in Major League Baseball to universally retire one number. And in the four major sports, it had not been done. ... Jackie Robinson is my hero. He’s why I write. And that was the most moving thing I’d ever seen on a baseball field.” The *Character and Courage* display features statues of Lou Gehrig, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente that welcome every visitor to the Museum. For many, 9/11 is a moment etched into our memories. The events of that day left us with a tremendous sense of loss and anger for what had been taken from us, and a heavy feeling that our lives would be changed forever. Thankfully, baseball was there to help us heal again. Just 10 days after the attack, on Sept. 21, Major League Baseball resumed in New York. The city was still reeling and coming to grips with a changed world. That game represented hope – and gave people faith that despite our terrible loss, America was going to persevere. The evening reached a crescendo as future Hall of Famer Mike Piazza of the New York Mets hit one out of Shea Stadium to beat the rival Atlanta Braves. The crowd went wild – screaming, jumping, hugging and crying together. The jersey Piazza wore that day now splits time on display between the Museum in Cooperstown and the Mets Hall of Fame and Museum at Citi Field.

The 2013 Red Sox proved “Boston Strong” with a World Series win in the shadow of the Boston Marathon bombings. Again, in Houston, baseball served an important purpose. As the region crawled back from the destruction of Hurricane Harvey, the 2017 Houston Astros claimed their first-ever World Series championship. The Museum documents these moments and more. Moments in which baseball and our culture have intersected in powerful ways.

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Joe King stuck in Ukraine...



Joe King Carrasco with the K City Rockers in Poltava, Ukraine

To bring you up to date, the unadulterated *King of Tex-Mex*, **Senior Joe King Carrasco** is back in Ukraine on task of transporting humans and many dogs back into safety. He has found himself both in peril and in delight. He has been raising money to support his mission and has received two vehicles which he has named *BEVO 1* and *BEVO 2*. And along the way, Joe King has been teaming up with local Ukrainian musicians and playing local venues. When they were leaving Poltava on Sunday, *BEVO 2* wouldn't start and the entourage was stuck like Chuck and had to get a tow to the shop to "reconfigure the situation" being they found themselves on the eastern front of Ukraine with Russians and North Koreans a mere 2 kilometers away. This is where our Texas boy straight out of Dumas jumps into action proclaiming, "this ain't my first rodeo!" Hell, he even got a new song out of the "situation" called *Help Bevo on the Side of the Road*. So they scaled it down to just *BEVO 1* and everyone piled into their only vehicle and headed for the vet clinic to unload a buku of dog food and stuff. In Joe's own words, "We're just trying to get this longhorn down the road and save lives and get the mechanics paid." Donations are needed at [missionaidforukraine.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/1716709243/videos/pcb.10217143282250291/1060075953530263). And if we don't help our guys out pretty quickly then I'm going to have to find another band for *Halloween* at *Shorty's*. Here's Joe's song he wrote on the streets of Ukraine during this ordeal: <https://www.facebook.com/1716709243/videos/pcb.10217143282250291/1060075953530263>

Mum has gone to meet her maker...



Our sweet Mum, Barbara Creager passed away recently.

I want to mention that our dear friend **Barbara Creager** died recently. Barbara, who we called **Mum**, was **Kiwi Berryman's** mother and was absolutely adored by everyone at the *Gaff* and beyond. Born in New Zealand in 1935, she moved to Texas in 1972. It's so easy to see why Kiwi was so special. There will be a service to celebrate her life at *Trinity by the Sea Episcopal* at 11:00 this Saturday the 25th. Rest in Peace dear lady, you were loved. And you can read her proper obit at [Seasidefuneral.com](https://www.seasidefuneral.com)

Pirate Parade 2026...



Pirate Parade 2026 is one for the record books.

It was all about our annual *Pirate Parade* on the mean streets of Port A (literally) last Saturday. I wasn't exactly sure what year the parade got going. I feel sure that **Janet Planet** would know. I looked back in Moon files and I go back 13 years. The parade this year wasn't as big others. I've seen the line backed up all

the down the beach before. Be me and my **Mermaid Gal** had us some bonafied giggles dressing up like little kids. It was really fun and some of the costumes and "floats" were nothing short of outrageous. I'm telling you, you couldn't swing a cat without hitting a drugstore pirate over there.

Pig Party Oct 10th ...

We have some pretty cool stuff coming up on our near horizon that I'd like to remind yall of...*Shorty's 43rd Annual Pig Party* is will take place on October 10th with performances by **Born in November**, **Dreaming in Color** and **Eli Brown**. The tradition began in 1984 to celebrate the birthday of the bar's namesake owner, **Gladys "Shorty" Fowler**. It started back when *Shorty's* was known as a biker bar and bikers from far and wide would bring **Miss Shorty** a pig of some sort for her birthday. They'd bring her stuffed pigs, and figurines and such. Even after a few hurricanes, there is still a collection of assorted pigs on premise.

On the local front...

Elsewhere on the local front the annual **SHRIMPOREE** in AP will be happening October 16-18 and will have a performance by none other than **Wayne Toups**, an incredible zydeco artist who is not to miss. Suffice it to say, I got history. Also coming up, the 65th *Texas Jazz Festival* will be held in *Heritage Park* in CC. This festival is the oldest running jazz fest in the country and was started with a group of music students at *Del Mar College*. And on October 10th, the *Brooke Graham Beach Bash* will take place with performances by **Boudreaux and Pousson**, **Jonas Lawrence**, **John Cowsill & Vicki Peterson**. And finally, on the local front, I want to mention the *Sip Yard* has a very cool series of tribute acts in October that include **Tex Zep (Led Zeppelin)**, **Rock of Ages (Rock Legends)**, **Dreams (Fleetwood Mac)**, **Eclipse (Journey)**, **Damn Torpedoes (Tom Petty)** and **Mock Lobster (B-52's)**. Also in October, the *Harvest Moon Regatta* will come racing through *Roberts Point Park* where they'll park it and party hardy before racing back to Galveston.

Coming this weekend...



Boo and Poo will play the Gaff this Friday

I want to mention straight off the bat that the **WORLD FAMOUS BELTSANDER RACES** have survived their month off in August and are officially back in the proverbial saddle... well actually they showed up on the first Saturday in September but I missed it because I am a drugstore pirate. But you can bet good money that me and my **Moon Monkey** will be there this Saturday. So this weekend I'm seeing **Cathouse Raphael** hitting the *Oldest and Friendliest* this Friday the 25th and the mighty **Aloha Dave** with his **Tourists** in tow coming to *Bron's*. Americana stud **Dallas Moore** plays the *Sip Yard* also on Friday and **Boo and Poo** will play the *Gaff*. On Saturday the 26th, the *Port A Parrot Heads* will host their annual *Wings Over Port A Beach Bash* with the band **Lost Shaker of Salt**... sounds like Buffett to me. And the show I'm most excited about is the magnificent, outstanding, great **Triptonite** will finally return to *Shorty's* this Saturday and man am I glad to see them back. And Finally on Saturday the **Palacios**' will play *Treasure Island*, **Christopher Wright** will play *Bron's* and *Cruise Control* will play the *Sip Yard*.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Dallas Moore will play the Sip Yard this Friday.



Harvest Moon Regatta will come racing through on Oct 24th.



Tryptonite will play Shorty's this Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

September 24

Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Philip Dean West @ Gaff
Lawson Knight @ Brewster Downtown
Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Island
Michael Burtt @ Brewster Southside
The Expendables @ House of Rock
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's
Randall Hunt @ Sandbox NPI
Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar
Johnny Kiser @ Doc's
Orlando Herrera @ Honey's Drive N Dive



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PHILLIP DEAN WEST	SEPT 24
BOO & POO	SEPT 25
JIM DUGAN	SEPT 26
BRAD ETHRIDGE	SEPT 27
OPEN JAM	SEPT 30

Marty J @ Anchor Bar
Just Cuz @ Eighteen 18
Damon Scott @ Honey's Drive N Dive
Orlando Herrera @ Boatman's Bar
Tumble Dry Low @ Headliners Bar Fulton



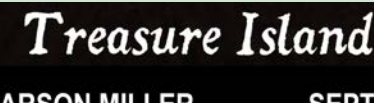
JOHN ELIJAH BAND EVERY MONDAY
JOHNSON ALL STARZ EVERY THURS
JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN

CATHOUSE	SEPT 25
TRIPTONITE	SEPT 26
PALACIOS BROS	OCT 2
TOMAN BROS	OCT 3

Saturday.

September 26

BELT SANDER RACES 4PM @ Gaff
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
PARROT HEADS
WINGS OVER
PORT A BEACH BASH
Lost Shaker of Salt @ WINGS
Tryptonite @ Shorty's
Palacios Bros @ Treasure Island
Chris Wright Band @ Bron's
Cruise Control @ Sip Yard
Chainlinks @ Pelican Lounge
Emerald Unplugged @ Brewster Southside
Whole Lotta Zep @ Brewster Downtown
Unloco @ House of Rock



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MIKE LUNA SEPT 26
BACK PEW REVIVAL OCT 2
NATIONAL NOBODYZ OCT 3
LUCKY DOGZ OCT 10
RAUL AYALA OCT 11



ALOHA DAVE SEPT 25
CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT SEPT 26



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