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By Dale Rankin

The seasons of 2026 are rolling through as the days are getting noticeably shorter and just a little bit less hot as autumn takes over here on our little sandbar. The water still tastes a bit like the bottom of Lake Corpus Christi and makes coffee taste...well, like coffee with mud in it but it got better as the week wore on and we will survive.

The good news is that we have now slipped right through another hurricane season without playing Storm Chicken making it two years in a row and if the Weather Wonks are correct we will have our first Less Than Hot Front come easing in from OTB this weekend along with the rumor of water from the sky which always confuses Island Dogs.

It's a proven fact *Around the Island* that the first cool breeze of the season blows in the Winter Texans with the proof coming on Saturday afternoons at *The Gaff* in Port Aransas as the Winter Texans line up to watch the belt sanders run and the Port A Rockers get the band back together.

Beachcombing celebration



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

Have you ever found something on the beach and wondered what exactly it is? Well, you can get an answer from Island Moon columnist and professional beach guru Jace Tunnell on Michael J. Ellis beach on Saturday, October 10. Jace will be on hand to answer questions and show off his collection of beach findings including his Scary Dolls! The event starts

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Series of openings set at Whitecap NPI

Construction of homes near Dasmarias Dr. expected in early 2027

By Dale Rankin

Work at the Whitecap NPI development is moving forward on several fronts as 2026 winds down. Terence Johnson, Executive Vice President of Ashlar Development, appeared on the *Island Moon Live* radio show on September 24th and outlined plans as the Phase I of the project continues.

The first new amenity will be the opening of the Wake Zone activity area located off of Compass Street

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Whitecap NPI model home construction is winding down

The nets are up!




The nets are up on the new pickleball courts but no date has been set for the ribbon cutting of the opening of Commodores Park after the recent improvements there. Mayor Paulette Guajardo said this week the opening is tentatively set for mid to late October.

Regulating Short-Term Rentals

Effort to rewrite the city rules points out challenging issues

Headed to city council in November

By Dale Rankin

A Short Term Rental Committee (STR) is now meeting each Friday at the City of Corpus Christi's Developmental Services Office on Leopard St. to rework the current four year-old city ordinance governing the operation of the approximately 1547 STR units across the city.

The committee is made up of members from all sides of the issue and the discussion at this week's meeting emphasized the myriad of challenges they face in working to present an ordinance for approval to the Corpus Christi City Council in November, after the city elections.

The candidates for mayor and District 4 who appeared at a candidate forum on Padre Island this week all stated they will work to preserve the current cutout in the city's STR ordinance which prohibits their operation on Padre Island in property zoned RS-6 residential. That ordinance allows for 15% of the homes on each block in the remainder of the city to be operated as STR, overnight stay, properties. The revisiting of the

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A little Island history

Louis and Violet Rawalt found The Island was the place to discover how to live

By Linda Gilpin

October 17, 1979

An old conch shell sticks part way out of the sand reaching out to be discovered, picked up, examined. A youth brings it up to his ear listening in wonder to what he things is the roar of the seas. It contains not idealistic truths, only evidence of where it has been and how it survived. History.

Louis Rawalt is 81, gray-haired



Rawalt and his artifact collection.

legally blind. He watches sports games as best he can on television and enjoys retirement with his wife Violet. She watches soap operas. They seem a typical couple growing old together – they have grandchildren and pet schnauzer pups. They live in the house they had built. But Louis and Chic, as he affectionately calls his wife of 52 years, are peerless. For the first 18 years of their married life they were inhabitants of Padre Island.

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By the numbers

Nueces County Budget

The Nueces County Commissioners Court has approved its budget for 2027.

\$146 million Operating Budget

\$18 increase in county property taxes across the county. (Note the increase in the amount of property tax on Padre Island is about three times that of the amount of increase across the city and county due to the difference in appraised property value)

4% increase in pay for county employees

\$182,808 Median Value of Homestead Property in Nueces County 2026-2027

\$536.85 Median County Taxes without tax increase 2026-2027

\$541.35 Median County Taxes with approved tax increase 2026-2027

Important Election Dates

Monday, October 5th: Last day to register to Vote

Friday, October 23rd: Last day to Apply for Mail Ballot

(Ballot must be received by then)

Monday, October 19th: First day of Early Voting

Friday, October 30th: Last day of Early Voting

Tuesday, November 3rd: Election Day

Voting locations

Island Presbyterian Church
14030 Fortuna Bay Dr.

Ethel Eyerly Senior Center 654 Graham Rd. Flour Bluff

Port Aransas Community Center
408 N Alister St, Port Aransas





Sand from North Packery has been used to renourish the beach in front of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall. As of this week, the bollards are still in place



The beach gets thinner on Whitecap Beach the closer you get to Bob Hall Pier.

Financial Focus: Stay one step ahead of cybercriminals

Cybercriminals are after your money. They’re getting smarter and increasingly using AI. But you can stay a step ahead.

Scammers often troll for consumers; it’s called phishing. Be cautious of unexpected emails, texts or calls. And verify requests through a trusted phone number or website before taking action.

Next, strengthen your accounts. Use a unique password for every login and enable multifactor authentication whenever possible. Better yet, choose passkeys or security keys when available.

Scammers create urgency. AI can mimic voices and create urgent messages that appear to come from family members, executives or government agencies. If a request feels rushed or unusual, pause and verify it independently.

Finally, keep devices updated and back up important files. Security updates close vulnerabilities, while backups help you recover from ransomware or other attacks.

Small habits can make a big difference. Take steps to help safeguard your money, identity and long-term financial goals.

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Island Candidate Forums



City Council District 4 and Mayoral Candidates attended a forum at the Presbyterian church and discussed Island Issues. The forums for At-Large, District 4, and Mayor are on padreislandneighbors.com

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which includes pickleball courts, boat docks, a lawn area with a stage for concerts with a rolling open beginning in October and running through the end of 2026. It will include Freedom Boat Club rentals, Wind & Wave Watersports, and also includes a site for a future restaurant.

That will be followed by an open house event for the homes now under construction planned for November, and then the start on the first of 42 homes by builder Esperanza Homes which has placed 42 homesites under contract.

“We expect to see sticks coming up out of the ground on the lots around Dasmarinas Drive in the first quarter of 2027,” Johnson said.

Those houses are currently under design and will be “coastal contemporary” he said, which will be two and three story priced just under \$1 million. “We are talking to builders who are looking at taking 50 to 100 lots at a time,” he said. As the lots are sold buyers could buy from the builders with pricing and design inside the parameters set by the development, or they could buy directly from the developers.

Crews are also finishing work on a driveway that will connect Nemo Court to the site of

the future marina and dry stack boat storage on the south side of the channel adjacent to the Don Patricio Bridge.

“We are looking at the design for the boat storage facility,” Johnson said. “It may be a traditional design or it may be more automated. Development there has been waiting to make sure the canal is going to be open to the gulf.”

On the opposite shore, north of the canal adjacent to the bridge, plans call for an open-air amphitheater. “That will be a place where people can watch from the shore or from their boat,” he said. There will also be commercial and retail space along that side of the canal. The timeline for the marina and other development in that area is a “two to three year” process, he said.

The following phase includes a hotel on the northeast side of the property near the intersection of Compass St. and Commodores Dr.

“Two groups have risen to the top of the pack,” Johnson said. “They are looking at the number of visitors to the area and the seasonality of that business. The operators, for strategic reasons, would like to be open by 2030.” Once an operator is identified construction is expected to take two to three



Work on the model homes at Whitecap NPI is winding down and expected to be finished by the end of the year.



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Letters to the Editor

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Lake Padre Sand Plug

The most recent issue of the Island Moon notes that there is no word on when the sand plug on Lake Padre will be removed. The plug was placed to prevent the type of bulkhead damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto in 2024. The plug appears to be five or six feet above sea level, and the Food Insurance Rate Map estimates the storm surge at ten feet above sea level, which would breach the sand plug. Isn't the risk of tidal wave damage, which could occur if the plug is breached, greater than the risk associated with removing the sand plug? This should be considered in the ongoing, never conclusive hydraulic studies about this area.

Bill Bath
Editor's note: Bill, The City's Director of Engineering Services has said in several meetings on the subject, including one with the Island Strategic Action Committee, that he agrees with your assertion that the presence of the sand plug at Lake Padre could pose a greater threat than not having it in place if a tidal surge of the type that accompanied Tropical Storm Alberto were to hit again. The plug was put in place shortly after Alberto to allow for repairs to the bulkheads east of the Don Patricio Bridge and has remained in place since, largely at the urging of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association to allow for repairs to damage done by that storm. In both cases that work is complete.

In a side note, when a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) presented the new flood map to the ISAC when they were completed he said for Padre Island to get up to nine feet of water on an incoming surge tide the nine foot water level would have to reach all the way up Oso Creek to the north side of the city. However, a fast, incoming surge tide could create the problem you describe holding the water back at the sand plug until it fails creating a surge of fast water through the canal system. The opening of the canal under the Commodores Bridge will help to ease pressure on the PIPOA canals, and keep in mind that the canal was not open when Alberto did damage in 2024. The idea of construction of a seagate at the opening between Packery Channel and Lake Padre seems to have been dismissed, at least for the foreseeable future, and the possibility of some sort of a flow restriction device to manage water flow is being explored, however, before a design for that permanent structure would be undertaken a data base of how the water will move through the entire system would be established before a location could be determined.

Nothing has been announced publicly at this point but it appears the sand plug will likely be removed in October. The City of Corpus Christi is in the process of placing water flow meters under the city-owned bridges, Don Patricio, Whitecap Blvd., and Gypsy St.



City to Open Applications for Minor Home Repair Program Eligible Homeowners May Receive Up to \$24,999

The City of Corpus Christi will accept applications for the Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) from October 13 through October 27, 2026. Grants of up to \$24,999 are available to 38 eligible homeowners to address health, safety, and habitability repairs needed to make their homes safe and livable, such as roofing, plumbing, electrical, HVAC systems, minor structural repairs, and accessibility modifications. Applicants must have at least one identified critical repair and be 62 years of age or older, be a Veteran, be the surviving spouse of a Veteran, or have a disability (applicant or household member).

For a complete list of qualifications and to apply, please visit <https://cctx.info/CCMHRP>.

For those needing assistance completing their application, staff from the Planning & Economic Department will be available from October 13 to October 27 at La

Retama Central Library, located at 805 Comanche Street. Assistance will be offered Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All applicants must provide a valid photo ID and the most recent income documentation for all adult household members, such as pay stubs, Social Security award letters, veterans' benefits, and retirement income statements. The application and staff assistance will be available in English and Spanish.

The number of requests is expected to exceed the available funding. All applications will be entered into a random selection process, also known as a lottery.

The MHRP is supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

State News

National Domestic Violence Awareness

The month of October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the National Research Center on Domestic Violence, 3 in 10 women and 1 in 10 men are affected by domestic violence. Unfortunately, this means that this is a common problem for many people. Additionally, it is estimated that annually 20 million people will be abused by their partner. Therefore, millions of people are in a constant state of fear for their livelihood. As a result of the alarmingly high statistics, it is important to be educated about domestic violence and to be aware of the signs to protect those around you from domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a critical month for the public and survivors of domestic violence. The purpose of this month is to raise awareness regarding domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Awareness Project describes domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behaviors—including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks as well as economic coercion—used by one intimate partner against another (adult or adolescent) to gain, maintain, or regain power and control in the relationship." Abusers use a wide variety of methods to scare, terrorize, humiliate, injure, and in some instances kill their partners. Domestic violence is incredibly dangerous since this can have lasting emotional, psychological, mental, and physical effects on those being abused by their partners.

In addition to the horrible effects of domestic violence, anyone can be a victim regardless of gender, race, or age. Due to this, it is important to know the signs of domestic violence. A few of the signs that someone is being abused are: someone telling their partner they never do anything right, showing jealousy when their partner spends time with friends rather



than with them, insulting or shaming their partner in front of others, and blaming their partner for their violent behavior. If you believe someone is being abused, reach out to them and inform them of their options to get help.

For more information about domestic violence and resources to help those being abused, please visit The National Domestic Violence Hotline at <https://www.thehotline.org/>. Additionally, The National Domestic Hotline is 1.800.787.3244 and is available 24/7. Along with this, The Purple Door is a great resource in the Coastal Bend which helps those who have been affected by domestic violence. To learn more about The Purple Door you can visit their website at <https://purpledoortx.org/>.

If you have questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this week's article, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol or District Office. Please always feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or issues regarding a Texas state agency, or if you would like to contact my office regarding constituent services. As always, my offices are available at any time to assist with questions, concerns, or comments (Capitol Office, 512-463-0672; District Office, 361-949-4603).

- State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

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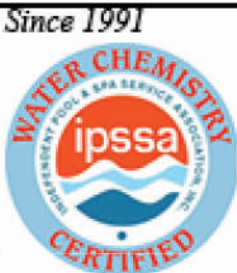
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Stuff I Heard on the Island

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By Dale Rankin

four year-old STR ordinance is the result of complaints to the city council in September about noise and parking problems along Ocean Drive where an operator has been using properties as STR. That operator, Chris Munro is a member of the STR revue committee.

The current 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 or listing the owner as a third party who then rents it short-term and city regulators have allowed this process to happen even though it is in 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 70 decibels at the property line. Part of the discussion among the committee members this week is whether to combine all of the STR into a single category to simplify enforcement.

At the heart of the matter are two key points: One, how to protect the rights of the operators of STR owners in neighborhoods where residents purchase homes strictly for long-term residential use. Second, what is the definition of “residential” versus “commercial” use and where is the line between the property rights of STR operators and permanent residents?

A long list of issues

Facing the committee is a complicated and overlapping series of issues to be addressed in the new ordinance. One of the proposals is to move from the sole use of a STR ordinance to the use of zoning to enforce the new rules. The following is a list of issues and difficulties discussed at this week’s meeting.

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at 10 a.m. and parking is available at the seawall parking lot. You can’t go wrong with a day at the beach!

Taste of the Island

The annual Taste of the Island will be on Wednesday October 14 at Mansion Royal in Flour Bluff. The event sponsored by the Padre Island Business Association runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. It features cuisine from island restaurants with a People’s Choice competition, silent auction, raffles, cash bars and live music. Complimentary valet service is provided and tickets are still available.



Sharkathon 2025 was another packed year!

Sharkathon

The 2026 Sharkathon is on for the weekend of October 9. The location has shifted this year so see their website Sharkathon.com for details.

That’s all for now everybody. We’re heading into the heart of the Premier Island Season when the water is warm and the air is less than hot and every town in Texas throws a festival for a truck crop, farm animal, or sea creature. It’s a good time to be on our little sandbar so say hello if you see us *Around the Island!*

Wake Zone Progress

The Wake Zone at Whitecap NPI is scheduled for the month of October



Sports Talk Special to the Island Moon



Volleyball, The Rules of the Game

Dotson’s Note: Volleyball is one of the most fun, exciting and popular sports in the world. The game, originally called Min-tonette when it was invented in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1895, has developed into what we now know as indoor volleyball. The sport has evolved further to be played in various disciplines and formats across different surfaces based on the same set of core rules.

The basic rules of volleyball are the same across all variations of the sport. Play is typically organized with two teams organized in a formation on either side of a net. Each team attempts to score points by sending the ball over the net to their opponent, with the goal of having the ball hit the ground to end each rally.

To begin play, one team serves the ball over the net to the opposing team. Once the serve has been received (serve receive) the receiving team has up to three contacts before they must send the ball back over the net to continue the rally. The rally continues, with each team allowed as many as three consecutive touches, until either a team makes a “kill”, grounding the ball on the opponent’s court and winning the rally; or (2): a team commits a fault and loses the rally. The team that wins the rally is awarded a point and serves the ball to start the next rally. Players rotate clockwise around the court in a set order depending on who has possession of the ball.

Most rallies consist of the first two touches used to set up an attack, where the team tries to put the ball in the most advantageous position possible to score a point against the other team by sending the ball over the net in a way that their opponents are unable to keep the ball from hitting the ground. Players can legally contact the ball with any part of the body.

Rule Differences

The primary differences in rules internationally concern substitutions. In international rules, substitutions are limited to 6 per set for each team. Substitutes can replace players of the starting lineup only once per set. Currently in domestic rules, up to 12 substitutions are permitted per set for each team, and there is no limit on the replacement of players from the starting lineup.

The specific rules for volleyball competition vary in the United States. Internationally, there is a set of rules promoted by the FIVB which determines and oversees the rules for play between countries and at events such as the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cup. In the United States, competitive volleyball rules vary at the collegiate level driven by the NCAA, at the high school level for interscholastic play determined by the NFHS, and for club play which are determined by USA Volleyball.

Notable Rules for Beach Volleyball

There are some specific and unique rules in place for beach volleyball. The most

obvious difference is team size – beach volleyball is played in pairs, also called “doubles.” In the beach discipline, matches are typically played to 21 points, with players switching sides every 7 points to allow for equal playing conditions on both sides of court (often influenced by outdoor conditions like wind, sun, etc.). On the beach, the court size is 2m shorter and 1m narrower than an indoor court, allowing players to cover more ground and making it more difficult for the opponent to score on a well-placed shot.

Beach volleyball is played with a different style of ball from the indoor version, slightly larger and lighter. Double contact calls are much stricter in beach volleyball, allowing for very minimal rotation of the ball in the air after it is set, and players are not allowed to “tip” the ball over the net using an open hand.

Notable Rules for Sitting Volleyball



In sitting volleyball, the net is about 3 feet high, and the court is 10 x 6 meters with a 2-meter attack line. The court is divided into two sides of 5m deep by 6m wide. The net height is set at a height of 1.15m for men, and 1.05m for women.

Players are allowed to block serves, but one “cheek” must be in contact with the floor whenever they make contact with the ball. Additionally, players must remain in contact with the court at all times when handling the ball. Standing, rising, or taking steps is not permitted. A short loss of contact with the court is permitted in two scenarios: when making a defensive play in the back zone to save a ball and when making a defensive play in the front zone.

Anyone can play! Sitting volleyball is fun for disabled or able-bodied athletes. But if you want to play on the U.S. National Team or in the Paralympic Games, there are classifications for competition.

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They live in a 10-by18-foot shack built from driftwood and dunnage Louis had combed from the beaches. They had no plumbing or water, no electricity, they cooked their meals over an open campfire. They drifted to sleep each night to the murmur of the surf.

Louis Rawalt came home from World War I with a stomach scarred by shrapnel and lungs damaged by poison gas. He was in and out of hospitals. Doctors told him more than once he has less than a year to live. He was a “skinny bugger” when he married Violet in 1927 and, at 80 pounds had a hard time finding employment in Corpus Christi. The newlyweds moved to Padre Island because of Rawalt’s health.

In the invigorating air of Padre Island they fished offshore. If it was stormy, or the fish – cash income and main staple of their diet – weren’t biting, they went beachcombing. Rawalt, more interested in items left behind by humans than by nature, began collecting artifacts.

When the two children came along, the family’s nomad life didn’t change much. All three then four, went fishing together, the children collected shells and romped on open beaches, in the next few years they owned, at different times, three houses in town. The children were born in Corpus Christi. Friends visited them on The Island, helping the Rawalts enjoy their life of much work and little worry.

“We sold 50 percent of the fish commercially,” Rawalt said. Half of that went to the Nueces Hotel and the balance went to Sid Headeran, a former city councilman. “We fished with rod and reel, throwing our lines from shore.”

“I came to town on Thursday to pick up provisions, then drove back on Fridays. I’d sell fish, then buy a slab of bacon, flour, coffee, salt pork, beans and potatoes, sugar and a few condiments. And I picked up blocks of ice. We had a big icebox that washed onto the beach from a shipwreck. The box was lined with lead, and I built a lid for it. We buried it in the sand each morning before we went fishing, then dug it up at night.”

“Sound romantic doesn’t it,” said Mrs. Rawalt, as *Days of Our Lives* ended. “Well, let me tell you, it was the sort of life that would appeal more to a man than to a woman. We didn’t worry about anything because we didn’t have anything. When we went to town for provisions we also got the clothes washed,” she added, “And we bought magazines to bring back to The Island.” Mrs. Rawalt preferred *Ladies Home Journal* and *McCalls*, her husband read westerns by Brett Hart and Louis L’Amour.

When the second World War ended Mrs. Rawalt moved the two children, Louise and Charlie to Corpus Christi so they could start school. Her husband remained on The Island, coming to town two to three times each week to visit his family. Until the children were teenagers the Rawalt family spent summers on Padre Island.

Rawalt lived there until three years ago, “until it got so there was too many people there,” he said. “Every time I’d go to town for supplies, they’d break in and clean me out. Lots of my artifacts got stolen.”

Rawalt found most of his artifacts in the

winter, when the gulf was too rough to fish. He “just prowled around and picked up stuff.” It wasn’t until a three-year drought, starting in about 1946, that Rawalt really began finding valuable artifacts.

“We had a high north wind,” he recalled, “that moved the dunes back about 150 feet. I’d go to where they had moved from and that’s where I found artifacts, where the Karankawas had camped. I never found but two camps on the east side.”

Rawalt’s collection is dated, classified, and catalogued waiting to be displayed in a museum on Padre Island - so far non-existent. “That’s where they came from and that’s where they are gonna go,” he says stubbornly. Until then, they are stored away.

From the La Venta culture of the Mayans there are serpentine figures dated to about 4500 B.C. and a three-hole “gorget” or necklace amulet, that denoted the caste of the wearer. He has flint-tipped arrowheads and spearheads from the Karankawas, a small pipe left by an Irishman during the settlement of the Impresario, a whole box of hand-made bronze nails from Spanish ships, an eight reales coin minted during the reign or Philip V, a champagne bottle with a 1918 calling card of a French lieutenant inside, a bottle of blown glass used in 1620.

“Wouldn’t it be something if each piece could talk?” Rawalt’s voice was child-like. In his hand rested his oldest artifact – a tiny fling “folsum,” or spearpoint from about 18,000 B.C. “If each piece could talk and tell its story the volumes would be immense. Just immense.”

Editor’s note: Rawalt died on January 27, 1980, just three months after that story was written. His obituary written by Cage-Mills Everhart Chapel reads as follows:

Louis Enoch Rawalt, 81, of 4026 Willow, died Sunday at his home after a short illness. Rawalt, who owned Coastway Bait Stand on the Intracoastal Canal, moved to Padre Island in 1925 and for many years lived in the Big Shell area. While living there he became known as one of the best informed and most successful beachcombers on Padre Island.

He was an Audubon Society Manager for more than 30 years. Through the years he lived on Padre Island Rawalt collected Spanish, French, and Mexican artifacts. He also collected coral, seashells, and old bottles he found in the dunes.

He is survived by his wife, Viola; one son John C. of Corpus Christi; on daughter, Mrr. Louise Willimson of Riviera; one sister, Mrs. Margarite Rawalt of Washington D.C.; five grandchildren; one great-grand-child.



Interior of Coastway Bait & Tackle.



Coastways Bait & Tackle founed by Louis Rawalt before its demolition in 2016.



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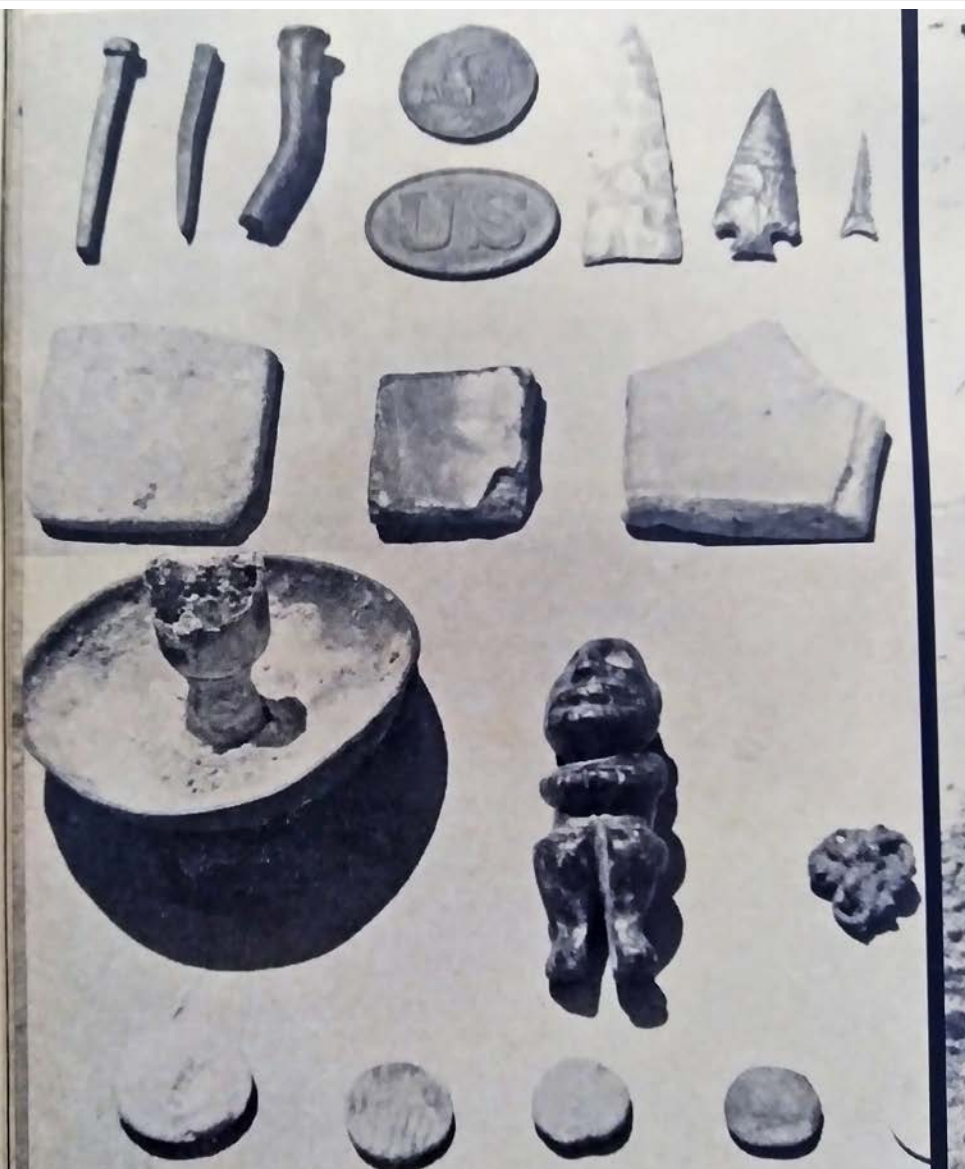
The Island as it was from the files of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times



Bob Hall Pier and the boat that hit it in 1971



Bob Hall Pier 1971 with the hit from the boat



The hundreds of ships washed up or wrecked on Padre’s long stretch of beach carried cargoes of everything from nails to gold. Above are some artifacts, dating back to pre-Colombian times, uncovered by Louis Rawalt.

Island Outdoors

Nature Notes

Spin, Swim, Survive: The Story of Wilson’s Phalarope



Wilson’s Phalarope. Photo via Wikimedia Commons

By Kayla Pringle

A small, greyish shorebird spins in tight circles on the water. It’s not confused — it’s stirring up its own mini whirlpool to bring food to the surface. I personally call this phenomenon ‘invertebrate soup.’ It’s peak fall migration right now, and Wilson’s Phalaropes do this wherever they stop to feed. Their invertebrate soup typically consists of midges, shrimp, and other aquatic invertebrates. It’s one of the strangest and most unique feeding behaviors in the bird world.

Wilson’s Phalaropes do not breed in Texas, but they do migrate through Texas during fall and spring migration. While they are migrating, their preferred habitats to stop at include coastal wetlands, marshes, and sewage ponds. Wintering grounds include high Andean salt lakes and coastal wetlands in southern South America.

Breeding season for Wilson’s Phalarope takes place in the interior of the western US and western Canada. All phalaropes have a polyandrous mating system. This means that females will mate with multiple males. Female phalaropes prefer aggressive males — ones that jut their heads back and forth in a posturing display, sometimes breaking into fights with other males. Once the female has chosen a mate, she will then lay her eggs in a simple scrape in the ground (usually 4 eggs per clutch). Once she lays her eggs, the female will abandon the nest and go mate with another male.

During breeding season, phalarope females will have more colorful plumage than the males. This is also atypical — usually the males are the ones with the brighter plum-

age, since they’re the ones competing for a mate’s attention. But from what we know about their polyandrous mating system, this makes complete sense. Females are the ones competing for males, so they’re the ones who evolved to stand out.

Male phalaropes will tend to the scrape and bring in vegetation to help the nest blend in to its surroundings. The males will incubate the eggs for 18-27 days. Chicks will pop out of the egg with feathers, eyes open, and the ability to feed themselves. In the bird world, we would refer to their chicks as precocial, meaning they are able to take care of themselves from the beginning of their life with relatively little help from the parents. For example, baby songbirds are altricial, since they hatch with no feathers and eyes closed. Songbird parents have to spend most of their energy taking care of their babies until they fledge, and sometimes afterwards too.

While Wilson’s Phalarope are of low conservation concern, they are still declining overall, like many other bird species. They had a sharp population decline in the early 1900s, but conserving and protecting wetland areas helped them rebound and stabilize. Wetlands, water quality, and the availability of surface water are crucial to the survival of Wilson’s Phalarope. Continued habitat protection, particularly around the shallow saline lakes and wetlands they rely on during migration, will be essential to keeping their numbers stable in the years ahead. With ongoing conservation efforts, this unique little shorebird can remain a familiar sight across its breeding and wintering grounds for generations to come.



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Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell

Ladder from the High Seas



70 foot long rope ladder laid out on beach

One of the most unusual things I found washed ashore this week wasn’t a shell or sea bean. It was a rope ladder, nearly 70 feet long, lying in a tangled heap above the high tide line. Judging by its size and heavy-duty construction, it almost certainly fell from a large cargo ship or tanker making its way through the Gulf.

Rolling it up was no small task. As I worked my way down the beach, I couldn’t help but admire the craftsmanship. Each wooden step was grooved across the top to provide extra traction, helping prevent wet boots from slipping. Every rung was secured with a wooden block above and below on each side. The rope fit neatly into grooves carved into those blocks, while tightly wrapped twine locked everything firmly in place. The ladder looked as though it had come straight from the pages of a pirate adventure novel.

Despite that old-fashioned appearance, rope pilot ladders remain an essential piece of modern maritime equipment. Large ships are often too big to pull alongside docks or harbor facilities, so harbor pilots climb aboard using these ladders while the vessel is still offshore. Those pilots then guide the ship safely through channels, into ports, and

around hazards using their local knowledge. Crew members also use rope ladders for boarding from smaller boats or for maintenance while the ship is at anchor.

International maritime standards govern exactly how these ladders are built because lives depend on them. The hardwood steps resist wear and weather, while the carefully designed rope system keeps each rung level and secure even under the weight of a climber.

Standing beside this massive ladder on an empty Texas beach, it was easy to imagine the countless sailors, pilots, and crew members who had climbed it somewhere far offshore. Before ending its journey on our coast, it had already traveled the world, one careful step at a time.

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).



Closeup view of the construction of a rope ladder



Roseate Spoonbill By Riekie Roncinske



On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Celebrations and Coral Reefs



Independence Day celebration in Belize City

We are definitely past the crescendo of summer at this point folks, but it's not quite time to turn off the air conditioner and open the windows. As I write this, we have the remnants of Hurricane Polo from the Pacific headed in this direction with some gloom and doom forecasts regarding rainfall totals. We'll see if the Moon Monkeys have to deliver papers in the rain this week or not.

Sonja and I bombed down to Belize to help them celebrate their 45th Independence Day from the United Kingdom. Now, I don't personally have any beef with the Brits, and I didn't see any effigies being burned. What we witnessed was a very jubilant country that takes their celebrations seriously. There are several centers of celebration, including Belize City, Orange Walk, and of course Caye Caulker, where we revisited.

The parade is the Big Event of the year, and it marks the end of summer and a lull in their tourist season before Snowbird season (yes, they have one too). We did the usual activities, ate lobster, rode bicycles around town, had drinks at the local watering hole at sunset, and the usual Island activities. I caught a couple of bonefish off the dock; we took the ferry to Bliss Beach north of the Split and went to Stingray Beach. Rinse and repeat. But what we did differently this time was actually get on a boat and go on a snorkeling tour.

There are a handful of operators out there, and we picked a good one and took off towards Hol Chan Marine Reserve. The Belizean government has actually set aside some areas as a marine reserve, because we saw some areas that were devoid of any fish over about five inches, and it is warranted. But we sailed out on a nice catamaran, had some rum punch and enjoyed the day. The first stop was a turtle grass flat, and there were a few nurse sharks and jacks lurking around, with a brief sighting of some spotted eagle rays and permit.

The next stop was the highlight of the trip. We actually clipped off on a mooring ball right at the reef break and eased off for a quick trip around the bowl. I snapped a ton of pics but was pretty disappointed in the state of the reef. There was black band disease and bleaching everywhere. I didn't

see any live staghorn coral (but plenty of dead) and algae eating the live corals. I got depressed as we made our way around, but then the clouds parted as I found something that I find interesting; a very large southern stingray up on a sand flat.

As you loyal readers know, I used to do a lot of diving and counting fish underwater when I lived in Key Largo. Fish cleaning stations are always a good time, but one of the fish behaviors I enjoy the most is nuclear hunting. This is where several different types of fish get together in a pack and go across the reef and catch what they prefer as things are stirred up in front of them. A stingray flapping around and pulling things out of the sand gains the attention of other fish, and I watched a nice hogfish, some porgies, mojarra, a schoolmaster snapper, and a slippery dick move along with the stingray and pick up small crabs and mollusks that the stingray ignored. It's better than watching television, at least for me.

We moved around and looked at some more sad corals, and then out of the green water, we found a manatee! It was resting on the bottom in around 30 feet of water. Woohoo! I had some mediocre fins, my mask was flooding, and I had to clear my ears twice, but managed to get down and get most of the frame of the gentle giant. Everyone was stoked, as manatees are high on the list for sightings.

Well folks, I gotta run this week, the deadline is sneaking up on this edition and my emails are coming in faster than I can read them. I'll try and hit some of the highlights of the rest of the trip, as I had to leave the Caye and catch up with Roadkill Willie in San Antonio for the Rush concert. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Observing a manatee



Nuclear hunting strategy in action

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

The Drum Run Continues!



Declan caught his first black drum this week with his Mom and Great Uncle! We were using shrimp in the canals along some oyster beds.

I saw the tide had swelled up into the bays and green water filled the Oso Bay as I came back into town from the ranch. Away in the brush is a good break from the salt. I always have my places of judgment of the bay as I come home across the Causeway. Looking for tide night, water quality, birds, and flow. This week we have a big tide that swept in right on time with our last full moon. It's great to see that even without the surge of tropical storms our tides still come in and with it a giant flush of oxygen filled water, water over the extreme shallows, and a load of small life forms. October can be some of the best fishing of the year, while at the same time very difficult to unlock success.

Plenty of food sources can be a problem when hunting game fish in target rich environments. With the migration of mullet, shrimp, crabs, and Shad out of the back bays towards the surf, timing your fishing to the lunar tables is very important. Many times folks head out and fish forming the slowest times of day, the lose any convenience they thought they had. Timing your efforts works in your favor. I choose to explore and check out other spots firming the low points of the lunar tables. Putting myself in the prime spot during the best time. Right now many fisherman and guides are still using croakers, when the majority of trout and redfish are eating other food sources. Using lures lets us entice them with baits that look and swim like small pin perch, eels, and minnows. We are also covering a lot of water. Higher tides sometimes spread fish out, after a summer of low tide many fishermen have been locked into their summer patterns and are reluctant to change. Flow through the bay looking for good water, baitfish visible, the presence of diverse bird species in the area, maybe a little luck.

We parked at the PACKERY Bridge with the Spot Lock Trolling Motor. I had already done a few scans with the side scan and located some redfish along the deep drop off. Guys from the beach casting out, boats fishing back and forth. Combat fishing at its finest! We slipped in a few heavy jig heads without the plastic in and baited them with dead shrimp. A small tasty treat for those big ole redfish. They were staging in the current while the tide ripped out into their face. We caught 8 nice big reds one after another, until the other boats got jealous and crammed in too close. We backed out and let them all fishy it out. In these situations you will see many boats close together. Do not approach with your big motor! Use a trolling motor to quietly move in and spot lock in one place. If you don't have one find a similar place away from the crowd. I rarely enter the combat fishing zone, I'm old school and don't play well with rude fishermen.

I see that the city has finally started to move the Big Dune at North Pack, what a dumb Butt move, and waste of money. The wind

is just blowing the sand back and forth anyway. Not to mention the millions of dollars they spend moving sand around for no reason on the beach. No clams, no birds, no shells, no life can exist after bull dozers every morning. On top of that great decision is the new beautiful Packery Channel Fishing Pier! A narrow channel full of boat traffic all year long and now we are going to have a bunch of long line fishermen casting out across the entire channel! This is going to get nasty, just wait and see! BUT!!!, we can all forget about the nonsense when that sun hits the horizon out here on Padre Island, I like to look up right when it's going down next to some palm trees.

That's all folks.

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Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

This week in Island real estate

As we wrap up the final week of September, it was a little surprising to see a slower week in the Padre Island real estate market. With the end of the month here, everyone is working hard behind the scenes to get transactions across the finish line before we turn the calendar to October.

In the detached home sector, three properties entered the option period this week, while one successfully made it to the closing table. The condominium sector remained steady, with one property entering the option period and one successfully closing. In the townhome sector, we saw two properties successfully close this week.

Although this week's numbers were lighter than expected, there is still plenty of activity happening behind the scenes. I have a feeling next week will be a busy one as the remaining September transactions make their way to the closing table and we hit the ground running for October.

Stay tuned to see what the first week of October brings for the Padre Island real estate market!

Detached Homes In The Option Period:

-15346 Cartagena Ct (Listed for \$699,000)
-15669 Three Fathoms Bank (Listed for \$439,000)
-14717 Dasmarrinas Dr (Listed for \$397,500)

Detached Home That Sold:

-15609 Escapade St (Listed for \$370,000)

Condominium In The Option Period:

-15034 Aruba Dr Unit 109 (Listed for \$199,000)

Condominium That Sold:

-14434 E Cabana St Unit 305 (Listed for \$195,000)

Townhomes That Sold:

-15326 Cruiser St Unit A (Listed for \$325,000)
-14422 Verdemar Dr Unit 301 (Listed for \$220,000)

The Traveling Moon



David, Erica, Wes, and Hilda took the Island Moon to Vernazza, Italy



Ruby-throated Hummingbird on Padre Island By Britt Thompson

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Island Crossword
Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

- 1. Like a tack
- 6. "Animal House" attire
- 10. Craving
- 14. Boring thing
- 15. At the summit of
- 16. Blood fluids
- 17. Surgeon's requirement
- 18. Brad of "Fight Club"
- 19. Miles away
- 20. Wise trainers?
- 23. Country getaway
- 24. Yank's foe
- 25. Easter and Christmas
- 27. Mad PI?
- 32. "___ Maria"
- 33. Took a look at
- 34. X
- 37. Back of the neck
- 39. Worked for Hilfiger
- 42. Hindu deity
- 43. Flee to unite
- 45. Borodin's prince
- 47. Zip
- 48. An operatic plant?
- 52. Beast on a coat of arms
- 54. South American tuber
- 55. Bon follower
- 56. Dealers with the sole of discretion?
- 62. It was sacred to Tut
- 64. Logical beginning?
- 65. Put more paint on a brush
- 66. Balm ingredient, perhaps
- 67. New driver, typically
- 68. Church doctrine
- 69. Jekyll : Hyde :: Superman : ___
- 70. Nobel Institute city
- 71. Express contempt

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Down

- 1. Succumbs to gravity
 - 2. Sinuous dance
 - 3. Wide-eyed with expectation
 - 4. Look up to
 - 5. Come before
 - 6. Spanish appetizer
 - 7. Concerning the ear
 - 8. Like some romances
 - 9. Most fitting
 - 10. Dos Passos opus
 - 11. Elegance of manner
 - 12. Ten C-notes
 - 13. Deserves
 - 21. Toes the line
- 22. Skirt feature, sometimes
 - 26. Dyed-in-the-wool
 - 27. All there
 - 28. Roundish
 - 29. Change the locale
 - 30. Driving gadget
 - 31. Track legend Moses
 - 35. Satanic pursuit
 - 36. Garage activity
 - 38. "The Ten Commandments," e.g.
 - 40. Quiche ingredient
 - 41. Supporter of the arts, perhaps
 - 44. Eve's grandson
 - 46. 33s and 78s
- 49. Isle of Capri attraction
 - 50. Rulers contain them
 - 51. Assume, as a task
 - 52. Inuit vessel
 - 53. Aristocratic centerpiece
 - 58. "The Beat Goes On" singer
 - 59. Sidle
 - 60. Hoarfrost
 - 61. Practice for the fight
 - 63. Complete collection

Fifteen years ago in the Island Moon



The restaurant building at Bob Hall Pier was under construction.



Riley P. Dog went swimming with his pals.



Schlitterbahn owner Jeff Henry and Island developer Paul Schexnailder made their first appearance at the Corpus Christi City Council.

Fifteen years ago this week the Corpus Christi City Council got its first look at the proposed Schlitterbahn waterpark on Padre Island. The developers were there to push for funding for what is now the Don Patricio Bridge which was seen as a crucial part of the project.

Once the council passed a resolution in favor of the bridge, which they did, the Texas Department of Transportation began the final design and engineering phase of the bridge which would cross under SPID at a point near the site where the 11th hole on Padre Isles Country Club existed. Once the final design was done the plans and an environmental impact study came back to the council within one year for a final vote. The bridge design included paths for pedestrians and golf carts to pass under the bridge and on to the Ellis Beach and seawall along the Gulf. Project co-developer Paul Schexnailder told the council that the “Schlitterbucks” for the project had

been raised. “There are no issues there,” he said. “But without the bridge the concept of a pedestrian oriented Island development doesn’t work. We are laying an infrastructure for progress.”

The bridge would be the starting point for a 3300-foot long Island Walk canal on the west side of the road which would allow for retail and resort development along its banks, now fifteen years later that work is in progress.

Funding for the water exchange bridge was approved in a citywide 2004 bond election but funded at only \$1.4 million of the \$8 million needed in 2011 which eventually increased to just over \$20 million. The vote taken that day at city hall was when the bridge moved from planning to becoming the Don Patricio Bridge Water Exchange that is in place today.

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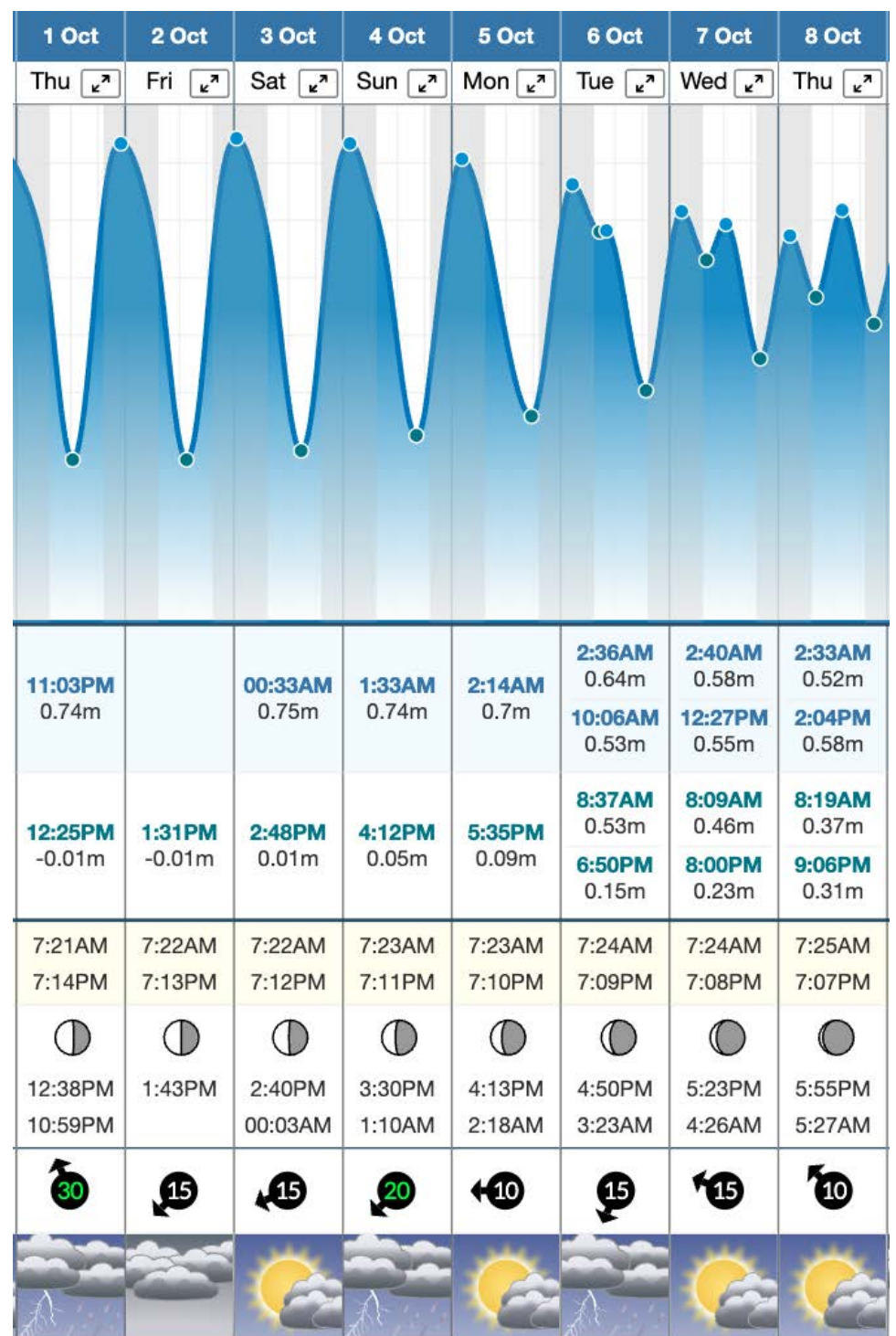
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Corpus Christi Marina By Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

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Thoughts from Reverend Ken



By Rev. Dr. Ken

World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October has traditionally been a time to celebrate World Communion Sunday in the Christian church. Christians around the world come together to partake of the Lord’s Supper. It symbolizes unity, ecumenical ties, and the oneness of the body of Christ across denominational and cultural lines. This Sunday is World Communion Sunday.

The first World Communion Sunday occurred in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. It was designed to unite Christians in fellowship and mission during the Great Depression.

Places in the Heart is the Academy Award winning written and directed by Robert Benton. It is a depression-era story set in 1935 Jim Crow rural Texas. Edna, a recent widow, struggles to survive with two small children, a farm to run, and very little money in the bank. Edna takes in a blind boarder. She also employs an itinerant Black farm worker Moze. Moze’s original intent was to steal from Edna. However, he decides to stick around and teach her how to plant and harvest the cotton. She also must confront the principalities and powers of evil in everyday life. There are a deadly tornado and the unwelcome presence of the Ku Klux Klan. Lynchings, brutality, infidelity, racism, greed, duplicity are all woven into the lives of those who make up the tapestry of the story.

The scene of the attempted lynching of Maze is especially powerful. It follows a scene that celebrates that this rag-tag bunch has bonded together to overcome travail and loss. They care about each other very deeply. The story could have ended at this point of bliss. But it doesn’t.

The members of Klan ambush Maze in the barn after luring him there with music. The blind Will, a WW I veteran, intervenes with a gun. He is more than willing to start firing! Will identifies them all by voice and they run off. Will kneels in dust to comfort Moze, who knows he must leave to protect his own life.

It is a powerful picture of the way evil destroys the delight that God sees in the way of being for which God made the world. Would the movie end with a bittersweet ending? No, what follows is one of the most remarkable and profoundly Christian endings in all of cinema.

The final scene is a church service. The initial camera angle implies a sparsely populated sanctuary. Another camera angle will soon reveal a very full church. All the characters in the story are present. This included Moze, who would never have been allowed to attend such a service in 1930s Texas. He’s seated not far the men in the Klan.

1 Corinthians 13 is read by the preacher, “Love is patient and kind” After this, the choir sings In the Garden while the elements of the Lord’s Supper, communion are passed down the pews. The banker and others who conspired to take the farm from Edna receive the bread and the cup. The young mom receives and passes the plate to her deceased husband, who is very much alive. He passes it to the young Black Wiley who had accidentally killed the sheriff in the opening scene and was lynched for it. Wiley passes the plate to the sheriff. All are wishing each the “peace of God.”

All commune; all are gathered around the table of grace and life. It is a stunning vision of the kingdom of God. In love, God had enabled everyone to come home. It is a reminder that violence and evil will not have the last word. The lambs and wolves, the wronged and the wrongdoers, the betrayers and the betrayed are all together as one. The love of God in Jesus Christ has the last word.

The church and the world and the nation are quite fractured. World Communion Sunday is an opportunity to remember it doesn’t need to be this way. Writer-director Robert Benton explained that he wanted to use a powerful visual image to express grace, equality, and forgiveness in a way that spoken words could not. Love and reconciliation can find a way. Hope is alive.

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.

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Three Chords and the Truth

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It's finally October...



Hotter than the hinges on the gates of Hell.

It's finally October! Suddenly everything is orange and smells of nutmeg...sort of. I guess you already know that. What that means to me is that it WILL (probably) start cooling down soon and all the valid October events are rapidly approaching. My suspicions tell me that all of you are also done with this Texas heat. We only got about fifteen minutes of spring, as is usual, so this "change of seasons" better happen or I'm going to hold my breath until it does. It's maddening. Everyone one I know is fried. The only time I've been able to put on some long sleeves is to make sure I won't turn into a piece of fried bacon. I was born and raised in Texas and am what they call a "land ender". Born in Edinburg, raised in Lubbock, then I slid on down to Austin, then kept my compass headed south to San Antonio, then finally Port Aransas is where I ran out of land. So I guess it's now a matter of merrily riding my days out right where I am. At least I'll have a good tan when I croak. Thanks for hearing an old dude's insipid banter about something he can't do anything about.

On the local front...



Born in November will play Shorty's Pig Party on the 10th.

The good news is we still have great live music and events in this season of the pumpkin. There's a SURF FEST this weekend and the 51st Annual Rockport-Fulton SeaFair on the 1st thru 4th. The famous 36th Annual Shorty's Pig Party is on Saturday the 10th and the big daddy 78th Annual Shrimpooree will be going down in Aransas Pass on the weekend of the 16th. There's a Drag Show at the House of Rock on the 10th and the 40th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta will come barreling into town on the 24th. And as for Halloween, the Rialto Theater in AP will host a FREE Haunted Theater on the 23rd and 24th for Toys for Tots. I'm sure the bars in Port A will have it going on. But for my money, Shorty's has it tops on the coolio meter with the King of Tex-Mex Joe King Carrasco taking the stage. Plus I see our wonderful-eight-piece-party-horn-band, Cruise Control, will spook it out at the Sip Yard. And I know I'm a tab bit premature here but Red's Riviera will host an "all things pink" Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl on November 8th, the same day as the Port Aransas Farmer's Market. And you know what? I'm just might wear a long sleeve t-shirt to all of these events just to prove a point.



All the Dolly Partons at the Slp Yard last Saturday.

Scattered shots...



Triptonite ripping it up at Shorty's last Saturday.

It was deliriously animated at the Sip Yard last Saturday for the Dolly Parton look-alike contest with the great Cruise Control on stage. There was enough pink in there to choke a Pepto-Bismol bottle. Seriously, there was a huge turnout of dress-up Dolly's who spent a lot of time on Dolly wigs and sticking padding in their bras. Barbie would be so proud. And I can never get enough of Cruise Control. In my opinion their lead singer, Lisa Lehman, is so good she could make a baby stop crying and start taking notes. And combined with that spot-on horn section, I'd say they are the team to beat. Also last weekend I ran down to the beach and stuck my nose into the Parrot Heads beach bash with local rock stars Jim Dugan, Brad Ethridge and Billy Snipes. And the rest of my weekend was dedicated to the Triptonite gig at Shorty's. These are my boys!!! They haven't played Shorty's in good while and I've been missing there. These kids know exactly how to dial the groove in to a mixture of funk, reggae and rock. They had the girls wiggling from downbeat. Hank Harrison is a natural band leader. He's knows how to create an appropriate set list before the show to keep that groove moving. That's a great skill for sure. And with David Wirth on lead guitar and vocals combing with a super tight rhythm section of Andrew Kaneubbe on bass and Wildman Luke Magee on skins ,it's easy to see why this band scratches that itch that most can't quite reach. Also with a couple of personnel changes, their alter ego, Irie Rebels, are also a band to catch. They are pretty much all reggae. Do you love it? I do.

Coming this weekend...

The wicked weatherpersons have called for a long overdue weekend of rain stemming from the hurricanes hitting the west coast and moving across the country with forecasts of flooding coming as far Austin and San Antonio. I feel for all the bands and outdoor venues that might have to reschedule or, as in Shorty's case, scale it down and take it indoors. And the folks at Rockport's Seafair and the Surf Fest in PA, I'm sure will be running around in circles. We need the rain but the repercussions are far reaching. On Thursday, Oct 1, Da Gaff will have Bobby, Russ & Rob Dark... no idea. Also the Johnson All Starz will play the usual gig at Shorty's. Coming on Friday the 2nd the Palacios Bros will play at Shorty's, Andrea Marie will play the Gaff, the Back Pew Revival will play Treasure Island and the Sip Yard will have Tex Zep Trib to Led Zeppelin... I'm a big Zeppelin fan. And coming on Saturday the 3rd, the legend Taj Mahal will play the Harbor Tent in RP. Also on Saturday the Sip Yard will have a rock tribute band, Rock of Ages, with a new group Dirty Ridge that I'm looking forward to seeing. Plus the Toman Bros will play Shorty's, the National Nobodys will play Treasure Island and Coach Big Jim Dugan will play the Gaff. Check out the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box for most of your upcoming Coastal Bend shows. You got options! Yall be safe and keep an umbrella handy.

And, that's the truth



The National Nobodys will play Treasure Island on Saturday.



Taj Mahal will play the Harbor Tent in Rockport on Saturday.



Tex Zep will pay tribute to Led Zeppelin this Friday at the Sip Yard

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

October 1

SEAFAIR

ROCKPORT

Johnson All Starz @

Shorty's

Bobby, Russ & Rob

Dark @ Gaff

Brad Brown @

Blackbeard's on the

Beach

Mosh Pit Addicts @

House of Rock

David Martinez @

Brewster Southside

Kunkle @ Brewster

Island

Brian Zampini @

Anchor Bar

Marti J @ Sandbox

NPI

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Honey's

Carl Hayes @

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Trisum @ Surf Clug

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BRAD ETHRIDGE	OCT 4
BOO & POO	OCT 9
BELT SANDER RACES	OCT 10

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

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PIG PARTY SATURDAY, OCT 10
ELI BROWN (1:00-4:30)
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DREAMING IN COLOR (9:00-1:00)

Friday, October 2

SURF FEST PORT

A

Palacios Bros @

Shorty's

Tex Zep- Led

Zeppelin Trib @ Sip

Yard

Back Pew Revival

@ Treasure Island

Andrea Marie @

Gaff

Billy Snipes @ Bier

Haus PA

Groove 2.0 @

Pelican Lounge

Josh Meloy @

Brewster Downtown

Scarecrow People @

Brewster Island

Fuzion @ Annex

Marti Jay @ Anchor

Bar

Carl Hayes @

HardKnocks

Alee Valazco @

Fajitaville

Ryan Talley @

Sugar Shack Fulton

Michael Burts @

Sandbox NPI

Melissa Ann @

Gallery 41

Jerry Ward @ Doc's

BACK PEW REVIVAL OCT 2
NATIONAL NOBODYZ OCT 3
LUCKY DOGZ OCT 10
RAUL AYALA OCT 11
JAM BAND OCT 16
GROOVE 2.0 OCT 17

TEX ZEP OCT 2
ROCK OF AGES OCT 3
DREAMS OCT 9
BROOKE GRAHAM BEACH BASH OCT 10
ECLIPSE OCT 16
THE KLOCKS OCT 17

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Saturday, October 3

SURF FEST PORT A

Taj Mahal, Johnny

Nicholas @ Harbor

Tent Fulton

Billy Snipes @

UTMSI SCIENCE

DAY

Boo & Poo @

Seafair Rockport

Rock of Ages, Dirty

Ridge @ Sip Yard

Toman Bros @

Shorty's

National Nobodys @

Treasure Island

Jim Dugan @ Gaff

Cathouse @ Pelican

Lounge

Rusted Cage @

Brewster Downtown

Scarecrow People @

Brewster Southside

Fuzion @ Rockit's

Dreaming in Color

@ South TX Ice

House

Kelly Kenning , Carl

Hayes @ Anchor Bar

Tate Mitchell @

Fajitaville

Philip Dean @

Hideout 35

Red Feather @

Sandbox NPI

Just Cuz, US Music

@ Pier 99

Love Street @

Blackbeards

2Gann Band @

Doc's

Sunday, October 4

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz

@ Shorty's

Brad Ethridge @

Gaff

Blues Jam @ Pelican

Brad Brown @

Seafair RP

Kimmie Rhodes,

Gabe Rhodes @

Harbor Tent RP

Red Feather, Phillip

Dean @ Anchor Bar

Ryan Talley @

Fajitaville

Johnny Wilds @

Sandbox NPI

Melissa Ann @ Pier

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