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Eclipse By Steve Coons



By Dale Rankin
It's been one of the busiest weeks in memory Around The Island this week. Local hotels and the recreational vehicle park at Balli Park filled to the brim along with local beaches on Saturday as people came from all over to watch the sun go dark. It's going to happen again in April but we won't have as good a seat for that one.

Running turtles

The Turtle Trot and Sea Turtle Festival will be at Briscoe King Pavilion this Saturday, October 21. The event is a fundraiser for the Texas Sealife Center and registration to run 5K is \$30 and 10K \$40. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the run begins at 8 a.m. then the festival will continue until 4 p.m. with live music, vendors, food trucks and a few of the residents at the Texas Sealife Center. The festival may answer once and for all the eternal question, how long does it take for a turtle to trot 5K?

Return of the Chef



The big culinary news this week is the return of Chef Gail Huesmann who will be working at the new Merida's Tapas & Cantina restaurant under the ownership of Islander May Mendoza in the building that was the German Bakery. Chef Gail worked at several Island locations including the Black Marlin at Palmilla Beach Resort & Golf Club in Port Aransas and the restaurant at the Wyndam Hotel. She said this week the theme at the new restaurant will be Global Tapas with the opening scheduled in the next few months when work on the building is complete. The design will be an open kitchen format so diners can watch the kitchen magic as it happens. Welcome back Chef Gail and Vita!

School vouchers

As the debate over school vouchers continues in the Texas Legislature the outcome could have an impact on The Island's Seashore Charter Schools which currently get \$6500 per student in state funding, under the Senate plan now making its way through the Texas House that would increase to \$8000. With 418 students, you can do the math, that would mean

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A Tour of the Whitecap North Padre Island site



Commodores Bridge Location Aerial by Jacob Augs

By Dale Rankin
The first thing you notice on a tour of the 240-acre Whitecap North Padre Island site is the scale. Most Islanders drive past the site every day as we go about our lives, but it takes an on-site tour to drive home how vast the undertaking really is. So far crews have moved 1.5 million cubic feet of sand, most of which has been used to raise the elevation across the site. Construction is currently underway to install a series of ten-foot by ten-foot box culverts and vehicular bridges that will allow for water passage through the

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It was a good day to be the boss!

"You lift us up!"

Principal TJ Bonham has only been on the job since July and when she showed up Monday morning at Seashore Learning Center she thought it would be just another day at the office. What she didn't know is that it was National Bosses Day and the students had a plan. The staff and students had a theme of "You Lift Us Up" so the surprise included balloons, lots of balloons.

Principal Bonham arrived at Sea-



shore Charter Schools after a path in education that took her from the University of Missouri to Georgia State University, and then Delta

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Packery Dredging ready to Begin

Crews from contractor Callan Marine are scheduled to begin moving equipment into place to commence dredging Packery Channel in early November after action by the Corpus Christi City Council this week. According to city plans dredging will be continuous on a twenty-four hour basis with a plan to limit noise and lighting during the hours between 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Dredged material from the \$3,531,549 million project will be moved to Whitecap Beach and the southern portion of Michael J. Ellis Beach along the southern



end of the seawall via a pipeline that will be moved to allow for widening the beach along the

seawall past the 150-foot width required to allow for vehicular

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A little Island history

Spanish Land Grants in the Trans-Nueces Region

By: Aldon S. Lang and Christopher Long
From the Texas State Historical Association
Private land grants in what is now South Texas did not begin until the mid-eighteenth century. Settlers in the colonies founded by **José de Escandón** in South Texas requested individual land allocations as early as 1753, but not until 1767 did a Spanish royal commission began the work of surveying and granting possession of land to individual colonists at the Rio Grande *villas* of Laredo, Mier, Camargo, Revilla (later Guerrero), and Reynosa. The commissioners, Juan Armando de Palacio and José de Ossorio y

Llamas, were instructed to survey the various settlements and jurisdictions, to distribute the land to individual settlers, and record all transactions. The land was to be divided on the basis of merit and seniority, with the colonists divided into three categories: original, old, and recent settlers. Due to the shortage of water and the importance of irrigation for agriculture in the region, the commissioners surveyed long, thin strips of land, each with narrow frontage on a water course. These elongated quadrangles were known as *porciones*. The *porciones* in each of the five settlements was assigned a number. Many of the grants, especially



the larger ones, also acquired names, usually derived from saints' names, physical or natural characteristics of the region, or events. The grants were finalized by an act of juridical possession

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Early Voting starts Monday, October 23

Ballot includes tax reduction amendment

Early voting for the November 7 Election begins on Monday October and will include a Constitutional Amendment which could have a big impact on Island voters. In the last Constitutional Amendment elections in 2021 just over 11,000 votes were cast in Nueces County with just over 1100 of them on Padre Island where there are currently just over 8400 registered voters. If approved Proposition 4 would reduce the value of appraised property values of homesteaded property for property tax purposes and provide additional relief for homeowners over 65 years of age. *The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:* "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in

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Election Information

Important Dates

First day of Early Voting - Monday, October 23rd

Last day to Apply for Ballot by Mail - Friday, October 27th

Last day of Early Voting - Friday, November 3rd

Last day to receive Ballot by Mail - Tuesday, November 7th

Election Day - Tuesday, November 7th

Voting sites

During Early Voting ballots may be cast at any voting site in Nueces County, voters to not have to vote in their home precinct. Here is an abbreviated list of voting sites for Island voters. Hour are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. October 23-28, and October 30-November 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. November 2-3.

Island Presbyterian Church
14030 Fortuna Bay Dr.
Port Aransas Community Center
408 N. Alister St.
Ethel Eyerly Senior Center 654 Graham Road Flour Bluff
Nueces County Courthouse 901 Leopard
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center 5151 McArdle Road



Evelyn Pless Schberth



Coyote walking on the seawall By Evelyn Pless Schberth



Cabana Pantry Grand Opening

Photos By Debbie Nobel





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Letters to the Editor

Stuck in a scene from the movie Ground Hog Day
It seems like we the islanders are constantly fighting the same battles over and over again. We again find ourselves having to refight the STR battle because one particular home builder, Mike Mostaghasi apparently thinks he does not have to adhere to the city ordinance that bans STRs in RS6 zoned areas. He has three STRs located on the island. He has been reported and fined multiple times. He does not care, he says it's just the cost of doing business. Now he is challenging the city and us by going to court to overturn the ordinance. HE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED! Contact our city council each one of the including the Mayor and city manager Mr. Zanoni, to express your displeasure with Mostaghasi's actions of blatant disrespect to islanders and our city government.

The other issue is the restaurant and Bob Hall Pier. Again we were asked what we wanted. We expressed our desires to have a restaurant equal or better than what we had prior to hurricane Hannah. Plans were presented to the Commissioners and Judge, plans were approved and we were FUNDED for the pier and restaurant.
Then in Judge Scott's infinite wisdom, she was the deciding vote along with Hernandez and Gonzales to take it all away. She sites budget shortfall. The shortfall she refers to is this year's budget not last year's budget and that is where the money is! The Pier and restaurant are



fully funded. That particular fact was confirmed in the meeting prior to the vote multiple times.

The current concessionaire, who still has a contract with the county, operated in the black. The restaurant was the first "concessionaire" to do so. In fact from the time it opened until the pier was destroyed, the county was paid \$700k. In one swift vote that went against the wishes of constituents, the county turns their back on profitable income. I understand there is not any money like that coming in from the restaurant at this time. What I am trying to point out is that it was and still can be a money maker.

The county cannot have that kind of income from a fishing pier charging a per rod fee along with selling a hotdog or two in their concession stand they plan to build on the pier. Most fishermen and their families bring their own food and drink.

Please if you want the restaurant back, a place



*The Don Patricio is almost done Bud
Maybe they should hire these guys to
build that big bridge downtown.*

where young and old come to gather. A place to bring your out of town guests to sit, have a meal and enjoy the beauty of what we have right here in our own backyard. Call, email, attend the Commissioners meetings and express your desire to have the restaurant. Tell them of your displeasure on how they turned their backs on all citizens of Nueces County. Ask them to overturn the no vote and be a positive custodian of our County.

Sandy Graves

Moon Monkeys

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Vote NO! on Proposition A

At the November election, the City Council will ask voters to approve a \$1 Billion expansion of the downtown convention center using local city and state sales tax revenue. Here are 8 reasons to vote NO!

1. The expansion of the convention center 20 years ago was supposed to be self-sustaining by producing enough annual revenue to pay its annual maintenance and operating costs. It never has. The annual losses began at about \$2 million and increased continuously over 20 years to \$14.5 million in 2021-2022. Covid did not cause the 2021-2022 loss because the pre-Covid year loss was as great.
2. The convention center has had to reduce convention prices 66% below costs to get conventions to come here. That 66% discount below cost is indisputable proof the convention market is overbuilt. Spending \$1 Billion to expand the convention center will only make the market more overbuilt and increase losses.
3. The 2022 Texas Legislature approved using state sales tax revenue to build, maintain and operate new convention expansions projects. By doing so, it obviously hopes and expects state convention centers like ours to buy market share from the competitor cities in the US that presently dominate the convention industry. Those cities are Miami (super white sands, clear water, sport fishing), New York

(Broadway shows, Statue of Liberty), New Orleans (creole restaurants, bar jazz), Las Vegas (gambling, spectacular shows), Los Angeles (Hollywood, Disneyland), San Francisco (Napa valley wineries and Golden Gate Bridge).

4. Trying to buy market share by discounting prices below cost in an overbuilt, over capacity market is a fool's game. All competitors discount their prices still lower, and prices spiral down in a death spiral until the financial weakest competitors fail and shut down. That will be Corpus Christi.

5. Accepting state sales tax revenue puts the state 100% in control. If the project fails the state will cancel the sales tax revenue, the bonds will default, the convention center will be bankrupt, and Corpus Christi will be left to deal with the consequences. Witness how the state legislature has treated Corpus Christi and the other 14 coastal counties for hurricane windstorm insurance. If Corpus Christi does this deal with the state, it will be treated likewise.

6. Because convention center capacity will be so overbuilt, the new headquarters hotel will have to discount its room rates below costs. Its capital, maintenance and operating costs will be 100% paid by local and state tax revenues. It will discount its room rates below costs to fill rooms because every room dollar is pure 100% profit for it. That will be disastrous competition for existing downtown hotels. They will fail,

shut down and be abandoned to rot away like the old courthouse.

7. The only proof the city council has that the \$1 Billion expansion will succeed and be self-sustaining is an outside consultant's opinion. I remind the city council; the original convention center expansion 20 years ago was also based on another outside consultant's opinion. That opinion was disastrously wrong.

8. The Corpus Christi economy does not need this project. The tourist industry only produces about 6% of the economy. Convention visitors account for less than 1% of Corpus Christi visitors compared to 85% plus who come here for the beaches and water. Even if this project was hugely successful and increased convention visitors by 5 times, which is still only 5% of the 6% of tourist economic benefit. It is foolish to risk \$1 Billion for a miniscule benefit of 0.3% of economic growth.

This is the most critical vote residents will make in the next 25 years. If it loses \$1 Billion of local and state sales tax revenue as I expect, it will jeopardize the future of Corpus Christi. If approved, there is no turning back because the state won't allow it. We need a maximum voter turnout on Padre Island and flour Bluff to offset the downtown special interest groups.

Ralph Coker



Helen with her guitar

Hello Moon Monkeys (Dotson Lewis gets full credit for this cliché) ~

I am writing Helen's story about living on Padre Island in the 1960s. She's 101yo. I have a few questions here:

1. Do you know the **corporate executives** that promoted Padre Island by flying prospective residents/clients in? They would put them up in a hotel. Not sure of the **hotel name** here.
2. Was **Oscar Wyatt** any part of Padre Island marketing?
3. Do you know about "**sing alongs**" that took place in one of the hotels for people to enjoy?

Dale Rankin? Greg Smith? Anyone else who can rewind to the 1960s with information. Thank you.

Martha de Simon

Editor's note: Can anyone help Martha with these questions?

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a substantial increase for the schools which are 80% funded through the state and 20% through fundraising.

And they're off!

And finally for the uninitiated who have never experienced the thrill of watching belt sanders race at the Gaff in Port Aransas this was the scene last Saturday as the crowd packed the place to watch the running of the power tools. When are we going to get a belt sander track on our end of this little sandbar!? Until then enjoy the weather and say hello if you see us Around The Island.



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By Dotson Lewis

Theodore Roosevelt Remembered



Dotson's Note: On October 28, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt was born into one of the wealthiest and most well-established families in New York. His father, Theodore Roosevelt Sr., was a descendant of the original group of Dutch merchants who made their fortunes building New York harbor into one of the most prosperous ports in America. Theodore Sr. was a gentleman and a glassware merchant. His wife, Martha Bulloch, was descended from the southern "aristocracy" of Georgia. Together, they belonged to the uppermost echelons of New York society. Not at all surrounded by the type of men he would come to champion in years to come, Theodore Jr. was well-positioned to lead a life of privilege and leisure. Thanks to my high school history teacher, in 1943 for the facts and photos contained in this report.

Despite the wealth and social position of his family, Roosevelt's young life was far from easy. He chronically suffered from violent attacks of asthma and poor eyesight. Yet his illness inspired him to embrace life all the more fully. To improve his health, he boxed and lifted dumbbells in a room in his home which he had converted into a gymnasium.



In the fall of 1876 Roosevelt entered Harvard University. He excelled in his studies and graduated magna cum laude four years later. While at Harvard, he met Alice Lee, a beautiful young woman, who would become his wife soon after graduation. By 1881, he had entered politics as a New York Assemblyman. A life in politics was virtually unheard of for a man of his social standing and background. In his autobiography, Roosevelt wrote of the disapproval, "These men laughed at me, and told me that politics were 'low'; that the organizations were not controlled by 'gentlemen'; that I would find them run by saloon-keepers, horse-car conductors, and the like, and not by men with any of whom I would come in contact outside." Yet this discouragement only spurred Roosevelt further in his determination to be active in the government of the country. Social unrest was his main concern as New York Assemblyman in 1881. While he served as the New York City Police Commissioner in 1895 he worked alongside Jacob Riis, the author and social reformer, to improve living conditions in the tenement districts.

During his early years in politics, Roosevelt enjoyed success in his professional life but suffered personal tragedy privately. In 1884 his mother died of typhoid fever. Two days later, his wife died after giving birth to their first child, Alice Lee. Although he would go on to marry Edith K. Carow, a family friend since childhood, he continued to blame himself for his "inconstancy" to the memory of Alice. On second marriages, he wrote, "I have always considered that they argued weakness in man's character. You could not reproach me one-half as bitterly as I reproach myself."

In 1898 the United States entered the war against Spain and began an imperialist course which would end with the acquisition of colonies in the Caribbean and the Pacific. Roosevelt, believing staunchly in American democracy and the expansion of its ideals, was vehemently in favor of U.S. involvement. He organized a band of volunteers, later to be known as the "Rough Riders," whose exploits in Cuba became the stuff of national legend. Roosevelt returned as a war hero to an adoring American public and his popularity won him the governorship of New York in 1898.



Alice Lee & Teddy

As Governor, he again defied what was expected of him. Roosevelt attacked the political bosses and the monopolistic big

businessmen, labeling them as "the wealthy criminal class." The New York Republican boss, Thomas C. Platt, responded by influencing Roosevelt's nomination to the vice presidency in 1900; a position where Roosevelt could do little harm to the bosses' control over the Republican party. Roosevelt knew he was being "shelved," declaring the vice presidency "a position in which there is no work at all and no reputation to make. The office is merely a show office." But when president McKinley was shot and killed by an anarchist just one year later, Roosevelt could not have been in a better position. He took the oath of office as the 26th (and youngest) President of the United States.

In his role as President, Roosevelt expanded the powers of the executive office. He functioned as a moderate Progressive, effecting legislation which was pro-environment, supporting labor in the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902, and "trust-busting" more than 40 holding companies during his terms in office. Behind all of these actions was his firm sense of moral correctness. The theme of his administration was fairness for all; he promised a "square deal" for all groups of people. This made him an enemy to the big business interests, who had been favored under McKinley's administration, and a hero to the "common man."



National Parks-1903

While adored during his presidency, Roosevelt often pushed at the boundaries of his power and influence. He backed the "square deal" with a "big stick" in both domestic and international matters. Fearing foreign intervention when the Dominican Republic could not pay off its debts to European creditors, he declared the United States to be the "international policeman" of the Western hemisphere. To the outrage of Latin Americans, Roosevelt boldly assisted with the debt and declared the Republic to be off limits to all countries except the United States. In another questionable gesture, Roosevelt gained the right to build the Panama Canal in 1903, providing a fruitful link between the Atlantic and the Pacific, only after backing Panama's revolt from Colombia, the country with the rights to the zone. Yet his assertive way of using the "big stick" yielded him great fame. In 1905 he became the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize after mediating and arranging peace terms between Germany and Russia in the Treaty of Portsmouth.

In domestic affairs, he functioned in much the same way. Roosevelt felt that "bad" trusts, big business conglomerates which hampered free competition, should be exterminated. In 1902 he charged the Northern Securities Company with a lawsuit later upheld by the Supreme Court in 1904. His sense of moral rightness extended to matters of minute detail as well. Feeling that the spelling of the English language was not accessible to all, in 1906 he demanded that spelling be simplified in all government publications; changing "honour" to "honor," "through" to "thru" and so on. The order created a national sensation and placed Roosevelt's manipulation of his powers as president in a new light.



Dotson's Other Note: Remaining true to a statement he made when he took the oath of office for a second time in 1904, Roosevelt did not run for a third term. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Thursdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8-10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397. It's your two hours; please let us hear from you.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin



The lakes on the west side of the Whitecap NPI site will remain.



The three arches of the Don Patricio Bridge are complete.



The open space between the two sides of the bridge.



The work underway this week on the main entryway from Whitecap Blvd.



The clearance from the water to the center arch of the bridge is 14 feet.



The bulkheads on the west side of the Don Patricio Bridge are now under construction. The first bulkheads were removed to widen the channel after plans changed. The original plans called for retail and office space on the south side of the channel, but the channel was widened to allow for the location of a marina, dry stack boat storage, and yacht club there. The north side of the channel (right) will include retail and residential space but final plans are not yet complete.



This berm of sand will be removed when the channel under the new bridge is opened to connect the six miles of newly dug canals on the Whitecap NPI site to the existing Island canals and saltwater in the next few months.



This channel will connect the new canals to the existing canals.



Excavation is underway at the site of the new marina immediately west of the Don Patricio Bridge.



A nature preserve in the center of the site will include this six acre lake which is already attracting a bird population.

several months later. The transactions were recorded in documents known as *Acts of the Visit of the Royal Commissioners* (visitas). Some 170 *porciones* granted in what is now Texas are entered in the five *visitas*. In addition to the grants with water frontage, the royal officials also made larger grants at the back of the *porciones* or along the Gulf of Mexico. Most of these grants, which were intended for grazing, went to influential citizens of Camargo and Reynosa. They often covered large expanses of land, the largest being the 600,000-acre Agostadero de San Juan de Carricitos grant to José Narisco Cabazos.

The small number of grants initially made to women usually went to recipients whose husbands had died after the grants were initiated and before they were perfected, or to women who were heads of households. A number of women, particularly from wealthy or influential families, were in possession of large parcels of land by the end of the colonial period.

Tamaulipas and South Texas

Officials of Tamaulipas, which included much of what is now South Texas, also sought to encourage colonization of its vacant lands through the colonization law of 1825. Grants were made to Mexican ranchers, but the attempts to attract large numbers of settlers proved unsuccessful. In 1836 the first Congress of the Republic of Texas declared that the Texas boundaries extended to the Rio Grande, but the state of Tamaulipas continued to issue land titles in the trans-Nueces region until the Mexican War ended in 1848. As a provision of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the boundary dispute with Mexico, the new state of Texas officially recognized the land grants made under Spanish and Mexican rule as valid. To quell confusion, in 1848 Governor Peter H. Bell called on the legislature to conduct an investigation of claims arising from the Tamaulipan and Chihuahuan cession. In 1850 the legislature instituted a board of commissioners to oversee the process and appointed William H. Bourland and James B. Miller as commissioners. The recommendations of the commissioners are contained in a document known as the Bourland and Miller Report, now in the archives of the General Land Office. In February, 1860, the legislature passed a measure that gave the responsibility for confirming Spanish and Mexican titles to the district courts.

Land grants for military service

Both the republic and state granted lands for military service in the form of bounty and donation grants. An act of December 21, 1837, provided for donation certificates of 640 acres each to all persons who had engaged in the battle of San Jacinto, to all who were wounded the day before, and to all who were detailed to guard the baggage at Harrisburg; by the same act bounty warrants were granted to those who had participated in the siege of Bexar, the Goliad campaigns of 1835 and 1836, and the battle of the Alamo, or to their survivors. By an act of 1879 certificates for an additional 640 acres were granted under stringent restrictions to indigent veterans of the Texas Revolution. An act of 1868 granted warrants to Texans who had fought in the Union Army, but no land was ever claimed under this law. In 1881 the state voted to issue bounty warrants for 1,280 acres to Confederate veterans who had been permanently disabled in service. Bounty and donation grants for military service amounted to a total of 3,149,234 acres. Vast areas of Texas lands were also granted in return for making internal improvements: building railroads, canals, and irrigation ditches, constructing shipbuilding facilities,

clearing river channels, and, during the Civil War, manufacturing firearms and munitions and constructing highways. Lands granted to railroads amounted to 32,153,878 acres, or nearly one-fifth of the total area of the state. For other internal improvements a total of 138,640 acres was granted. Finally, special education land grants totaling 172,319 acres were made by the Republic of Texas to private colleges and seminaries. Other lands were subsequently set aside for state educational and eleemosynary institutions, but they are more appropriately classified as land appropriations for education rather than grants.

Spanish Land Grants in the Tran-Nueces

- (1) José Salvador de la Garza, “Espíritu Santo”
- (2) Bartolomé and Eugenio Fernández, “Concepción de Carricitos”;
- (3) José María Ballí (Rosa María Ynojosa de Ballí), “La Feria”
- (4) Juan José Ynojosa, “Llano Grande”;
- (5) Juan José Ballí, “San Juan de Carricitos”;
- (6) Vicente de Ynojosa, “Las Mesteñas, Petitas y La Abra”;
- (7) Juan José Ballí, “San Salvador del Tule”;
- (8) Manuel Gómez, “Santa Anita”;
- (9) Julián Fariás, “San Ramón”;
- (10) Alejandro Fariás, “San José”;
- (11) Francisco Ygnacio Fariás, “Santa Cruz”;
- (12) José Francisco Ballí, “La Barreta”;
- (13) José Pérez Rey, José María Pérez Rey, and José Manuel García, “Rincón de los Laureles”;
- (14) José Lorenzo, José Domingo, and José Julián de la Garza, “Santa Gertrudis”;
- (15) Francisco Cordente, “Santa Cruz de la Concepción”;
- (16) Rafael Ramírez, “San Pedro del Charco Redondo”;
- (17) Rafael Ramírez, “Santa Rosalía”;
- (18) Gregorio Fariás, “El Diezmero”;
- (19) Mariano López de Herrera, “El Diezmero/Barranco Blanco”;
- (20) Joaquín López de Herrera, “El Diezmero/Barranco Blanco”;
- (21) José Vicente López de Herrera, “El Diezmero/Barranco Blanco”;
- (22) Vicente López de Herrera, “El Diezmero/Barranco Blanco”;
- (23) Juan José de la Garza Montemayor and sons, “Casa Blanca” or “Peñitas”;
- (24) Benito López de Jaén, “San Agustín de Agua Dulce”;
- (25) Andrés Fernández de la Fuente, “Puentecitas”;
- (26) Xavier Vela, “San Antonio Viejo”;
- (27) Andrés Bautista Pereda, “Charco de la India”;
- (28) José Manuel Pereda, “Cerrito Blanco”;
- (29) José Vásquez Borrego, “Hacienda de Dolores”;
- (30) Antonio Gonzales, “Santo Tomás”;
- (31) Joaquín Galán, “Palafox”;
- (32) Joaquín Galán, “Balconcitos”;
- (33) Antonio Guerra

Island Obituary

Cyn-Dee Jones October 19, 1960-October 14, 2023



Long-time Islander Cyn-Dee Jones passed away this week. A beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, who departed this world on Saturday, October 14th, after a courageous 13-year battle with breast cancer, only five days before her 63rd birthday. She was born on October 19, 1960, to Cristina Gunter and Crescencio “Chico” Lozano Jr.

Cyn-Dee was born in McAllen, Texas and her adventurous spirit led her to call Austin, Texas, her home where she attended UT Austin achieving her associate degree in general studies. While in Austin, she met her husband of forty years, Tom, whom she married on December 30, 1983. She also called San Antonio, Houston, Corpus Christi, and Texas City her home throughout her life. Cyn-Dee’s passions were as vast as her love for her family. She found immense joy in the simple pleasures of life, cherishing moments spent with her husband, Tom, and reveling in the laughter of her children and grandchildren. Cyn-Dee had a zest for life that was infectious, and her enthusiasm for making memories was boundless.

Her love for family was immeasurable, and she leaves behind a legacy of warmth, kindness, and unconditional love. Cyn-Dee’s heart expressed endless affection, not only for her immediate family but also for her

extended family and friends. Her nurturing spirit touched the lives of everyone she knew.

Cyn-Dee had a passion for travel, exploring the world hand in hand with Tom. She loved the feeling of the Aruba sand beneath her feet and the sound of waves crashing on the beach. Her love for karaoke brought joy and music to family gatherings.

Above all, Cyn-Dee cherished her role as a grandmother. Her grandchildren, Joaquin, Isabella, Tommy, Samantha, Camden, Camille, Dominic, Alexander, Addison, and Abira brought immense joy to her life. She treasured every moment spent with them, imparting wisdom, laughter, and endless love.

In the face of adversity, Cyn-Dee exemplified strength, resilience, and grace. Her legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and the memories she created. While we mourn her passing, we also celebrate the extraordinary life she lived and the love she shared.

Cyn-Dee will forever remain in our hearts as a beacon of love, kindness, and inspiration. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her memory continue to bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

Cyn-Dee is preceded in death by her brother, Delmar Elias Lozano. Cyn-Dee is survived by her spouse, Tom Jones; parents, Cristina and Crescencio; children Chad Jones and his wife Sibonae, Ryan Jones and his wife Melissa, Rebecca Martinez and her husband Aaron, Benjamin Jones and his wife Whitney and Danny Briseno and his wife Shy; grandchildren; sisters, Judy Eaton, Lori Salazar, and Kathy Lozano and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Susan G Komen, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380

Principal cont. from A1

she heard of the opening for a principal at Seashore Learning Center. “I applied and was lucky enough to get the job and I love it,” she said. “My job is to create stability and consistency with our traditional values and bring everybody together as we recover from the Covid period.”

Bonham said one of the things she has noticed in her time as principal is that Island

kids have a fearlessness that comes from spending a lot of time outdoors. “The kids here are adventurous by nature,” she said. “From a young age they surf and swim in waves that would scare me. If you are that fearless then being fearless in learning and education is an easy transition.”

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Walking the Texas Coast

Jay and Chrissy Kleberg passed through Padre Island this week on a 370 mile walk along the Texas Coast from the Sabine River to the Rio Grande in twenty days. Along the way they interviewed residents and scientists including Jace Tunnel from the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. They walked the length of San Jose Island this week, paddled their kayak across Packery Channel, and headed south through Padre Island National Seashore on their way to the state’s southern border.

“We grew up in Texas and have traveled and worked in conservation all over the state and western hemisphere. So much growth and so much of our natural assets are on our coast,” Chrissy said. “Jay took on a new position at the Gulf of Mexico Trust, and we thought that a tour of the coast would help better under-

stand the changes of occurring, the communities, and the issues. The more we researched it, we realized that no one had hiked the entire length of Texas’ seven barrier islands. When we mentioned it to our filmmaking friends, they suggested that we document our journey and the team at Austin PBS offered to be our broadcast distribution partner.”

Their trek will be chronicled in a film called *Chasing the Tide* which will air on Public Television in August, 2024 across the state.



Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon

Somethings You May Not Know About Ichiro Suzuki

By Dotson Lewis



Dotson's Note: Ichiro played for the Japan national baseball team in the inaugural World Baseball Classic in March 2006. During the 15 March Japan-Korea game, Ichiro was booed by some spectators during every at-bat, reportedly in response to a previous statement that he wanted to "beat South Korea so badly that the South Koreans won't want to play Japan for another 30 years. That, however, was an incorrect translation mostly spread to the public through some TV stories. Thanks to Peggy Aoyama Lewis and Bruce Jenkins for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Suzuki at the World Baseball Classic 2006

Suzuki was variously quoted as saying “I want to win in a way that the opponent would think, ‘we cannot catch up with Japan for the coming 30 years’. We should not merely win the games.” Japan would later beat Korea in the play-offs and win the tournament after defeating Cuba 10–6 in the finals. For the tournament, Ichiro had twelve hits including a home run, seven runs, and four stolen bases. Despite struggling uncharacteristically during most of the tournament, Ichiro provided the game-winning hit in the Championship game against South Korea. With two outs in the top of the tenth inning, he broke a 3–3 tie with a two-run single off a ball in the dirt. This would prove to be the margin of victory in Japan’s 5–3 defeat of South Korea. Ichiro ended the night 4-for-6, bringing his total to 6-for-10 in WBC championship games.



Ichiro in 2005

Sportswriter Bruce Jenkins said: “There’s nobody like Ichiro in either league, now or ever. He exists strictly within his own world, playing a game 100 percent unfamiliar to everyone else. The game has known plenty of ‘slap’ hitters, but none who sacrifice so much natural ability for the sake of the art. And he’ll go deep occasionally in games, looking very much like someone who could do it again, often ... [but] the man lives for hits, little tiny ones, and the glory of standing atop the world in that category. Every spring, scouts or media types write him off, swearing that opposing pitchers have found the key, and they are embarrassingly wrong.”

While he was known for his hitting ability, he did not draw many walks. In 2004, when he set the single-season record for hits, his low walk total (49) led to him being on base a total of 315 times. It was the 58th-most times a player has reached base in a season and short of the major league record of 379 set by Babe Ruth in 1923. Some criticized his inability to improve his power when his Mariner teams were often low-scoring while noting that he also did not steal bases as frequently as Rickey Henderson or Tim Lincecum. Ichiro, however, once commented, “If I’m allowed to hit .220, I could probably hit 40 [home runs],

but nobody wants that.” Ichiro had long been interested in pitching professionally, and he actually took the mound to pitch to one batter in the 1996 NPB All Star game, reaching close to 91 mph in warm up pitches. In 2009, it was reported that during an early February workout at the World Baseball Classic his fastball was clocked at 92 mph. On the final day of the 2015 season on 4 October, Ichiro pitched in his first MLB game, throwing one complete inning at the end of a 7–2 Marlins loss against the Philadelphia Phillies, allowing one run on two hits. Less than three weeks before turning 42, he was still able to touch 88 mph with his fastball to go along with a mid-80s slider. Ichiro is the only left-handed hitter in Major League history with at least 2,000 plate appearances against left-handed pitching to display a reverse platoon split—that is, he had better results hitting off left-handed pitchers than right-handed pitchers. Ichiro received recognition for playing superior defense in right field, with above-average range and a strong and accurate throwing arm. During his career, he won 10 Gold Glove Awards.



Ichiro was noted for his work ethic in arriving early for his team’s games, and for his calisthenic stretching exercises to stay limber even during the middle of the game. Continuing in Seattle the custom he began in Japan, he used his given name (written in rōmaji) on the back of his uniform instead of his family name, becoming the first player in Major League Baseball to do so since Vida Blue. In addition to being a ten-time Gold Glove winner, Ichiro was a ten-time All-Star selection from 2001 to 2010. His success has been credited with opening the door for other Japanese players like former Yomiuri Giants slugger Hideki Matsui; former Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks catcher, Kenji Johjima; former teammate So Taguchi; and former Seibu Lions infielder Kazuo Matsui, and active players Shohei Ohtani and Seiya Suzuki to enter the Major Leagues. Ichiro’s career was followed closely in Japan, with national television news programs covering each of his at-bats, and with special tour packages arranged for Japanese fans to visit the United States to attend his games. Ichiro’s agent described his client’s status: “When you mail Ichiro something from the States, you only have to use that name on the address and he gets it in Japan. He’s that big.” Ichiro’s status in Japan fueled interest in Major League Baseball in Japan, including the \$275 million broadcasting rights deal between MLB and Dentsu Inc. in 2003. Ichiro performed in TV commercials in Japan for ENEOS. His likeness was used as the basis of the character “Kyoshiro” in the anime and manga *Major*. When he first came to the United States, he especially enjoyed trips to Kansas City to talk with former Negro leagues star Buck O’Neil. When O’Neil died in 2006, Ichiro sent a very large memorial wreath to the funeral service. The following year, he visited the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum while on a road trip to Kansas City and made what, as of 2016, remains the largest contribution ever made to the museum by an active MLB player. When Ichiro was traded to the Yankees in July 2012, longtime Mariners fan Ben Gibbard (of Death Cab for Cutie) posted his tribute song, “Ichiro’s Theme”, on his SoundCloud page. The previous year, The Baseball Project had released the tribute song “Ichiro Goes To The Moon” on their album *Volume 2: High and Inside*.

Dotson's Other Note: If a bunch of you Moon Monkeys don't remember Ichiro-san, I could be persuaded to write the Sport Talk report "The Baseball Legend."

Game Warden Field Notes

In a Heap of Trouble

A Smith County Game Warden received a call from a landowner about materials dumped along a bridge and creek on his property. While the materials included mostly sheetrock, housing trim and lumber. The warden did find a box with a bar code that allowed him to trace the materials to a local store and, ultimately, the owner of the credit card used for the purchase. The warden interviewed the cardholder, who had just completed a home remodel for his family. He told the warden someone familiar with his family had offered to haul off the unused materials for a small fee. The suspect kept the money and dumped the trash onto private property. Along with Smith County Sheriff’s Office environmental deputies, the warden served a warrant for felony commercial dumping over 200 pounds. When arrested, the suspect had more building materials and trash in the truck.

Just Winging It

A Karnes County Game Warden received a call from someone asking if dove season was open because their neighbors were shooting excessively. When the warden arrived at the location, he could hear shooting. Making his way to the back of the property, he witnessed several subjects hunting doves and found they were over their bag limit of mourning doves, as Karnes County is in the Special White-Wing Dove Zone. Additionally, two of the hunters did not have valid hunting licenses, nor had they taken hunter’s education classes. The warden issued citations, seized and donated 29 doves.

Ignorance Isn’t Always Bliss

A landowner notified a Hays County Game Warden that a hunter killed a white-tail doe out of season. The hunter, who paid a fee to hunt hogs that day, was visiting from Maryland with his son. The landowner found out about the doe after he received pictures from the hunter and his son posing with their harvest and asking for a ride back to their truck. The hunters became irate after the game warden told them it was not deer season. The landowner provided the game warden the signed liability waivers from the hunters, which only mentioned hog hunting. The hunters said they were never told they needed hunting licenses and that they should have been provided with certain services like a hunting guide, verbal education on hunting regulations and signage around the site stating hunting laws. They also assumed that, like Maryland, they didn’t need a hunting license and could hunt anything on private property. The hunters stated that after a day without services and no animal sightings, they became upset with the landowner. During a phone conversation, the landowner stated, “everything is open.” The hunters interpreted the landowner’s statement as every animal on the property is open to be killed, when instead, the landowner was referring to every blind and stand being open for the hunters to use. The game warden issued citations for hunting and possessing white-tail deer in a closed season and not having a nonresident hunting license.



The following items are compiled from recent [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department \(TPWD\)](#) law enforcement reports. Images of individual field notes are available upon request from the TPWD press office.

Investi-gators at the Ready

While responding to an anonymous call about alligator poaching on the Neches River, game wardens from Anderson, Henderson and Smith counties found an alligator shot with a compound bow behind the Lake Palestine Spillway. After injuring the 4.5-foot alligator, the suspect jumped into the river to retrieve the alligator. Two other people assisted in dispatching it with a knife before the trio began taking pictures and a video to post on social media. Eventually, the two accomplices left the scene with the alligator while the shooter remained behind and was discovered by the Henderson and Smith County game wardens. The shooter initially swam to the other side of the river, but ultimately returned to the wardens. After interviewing the suspect, the wardens pieced together a timeline of events and gathered enough evidence to file appropriate charges against the shooter. However, their attempt to locate the alligator and the second and third suspects proved unsuccessful until the shooter provided video to the Anderson County Game Warden better identifying the individuals. As a result of the wardens’ investigation, multiple cases were filed including hunting alligator during a closed season and hunting without a license. The cases are currently pending along with civil restitution.

Hi, I’m the Problem, It’s Me

While patrolling over Labor Day weekend, Panola County Game Wardens contacted several dove hunting groups across the county. While most of their interactions were positive, the wardens contacted three different groups hunting doves over baited areas. They issued a total 19 citations for hunting over bait and seized 108 doves from the three parties.

Jumping Through Hoops

While Texas Game Wardens from the Zapata District were patrolling Falcon Lake, wardens found eight hoop nets on the Texas side containing bluegill, channel catfish, blue catfish, freshwater drum, common carp and Rio Grande cichlid. Wardens seized and destroyed the nets and returned the fish to the water alive and well.

Dredge Cont. from A1 traffic as required by the Texas General Land Office. Rotating portions of the beach will be temporarily closed as the pipeline is moved about throughout the process but otherwise the beaches will remain open. Vehicle crossings over the pipeline will be located at each roadway along with stairs for pedestrian crossings. Pipeline installation and dredging mobilization is scheduled to begin in November and run through January, 2024 with completion scheduled for January 2024. When complete the channel will be dredged to eight feet between the mouth of the Packery Channel Jetties to the State Highway 361 Bridge.



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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner



The Anglers Night Out went great the other day. We had Athena talking about Bringing Baffin Back, Ashley from the Marine Development Center (MDC) talking about hatching fish, Dr. Matt Streich talking about artificial reefs, and our own Moon Monkey Joey Farah talking about where and how to catch fish. All the speakers had the crowd enthralled, and everyone learned something. I'd like to thank our speakers for taking their time and coming out. We will do another one in February, and we've already started planning.

The weather has been gorgeous lately, and as I type this on Wednesday, I'm looking at a potential pompano window on Friday and Saturday. A pompano window is usually associated with the first several fronts of the season, of which this is the second one. What you're looking for is a light west wind for several days: three days being the absolute best. The west wind blows the surf flat and out, which makes it easier to reach the second bar, which is your goal. If you're not out past the first bar and gut, then you're just hanging around in hardhead and whiting land.

The gear for pompano usually consists of long rods (10-13') with either spinning or baitcasting gear. As I mentioned, you're aiming for the horizon to get out to the fish. I typically have to walk out as far as I can over my waist, and then give it all I have to barely get to the pumps. Standard leaders include double drop leaders with 1/0-3/0 circle hooks, and 3-5 ounces of weight. It's helpful to have floats on the hooks for an attractant and use a combination of fish-bites and peeled shrimp. You can use ghost shrimp but remember ghost shrimp pumps are illegal to use on the Seashore.

Pompano are hard fighting fish, and will sometimes come out of the water after being hooked. They are delicious fish on the grill; I will leave the skin on while filleting the fish, and simply rub the meat side with a bit of olive oil and sprinkle with your favorite seasoning. Grill meat side down for a few minutes on medium heat, and then flip over and finish skin side down until fork

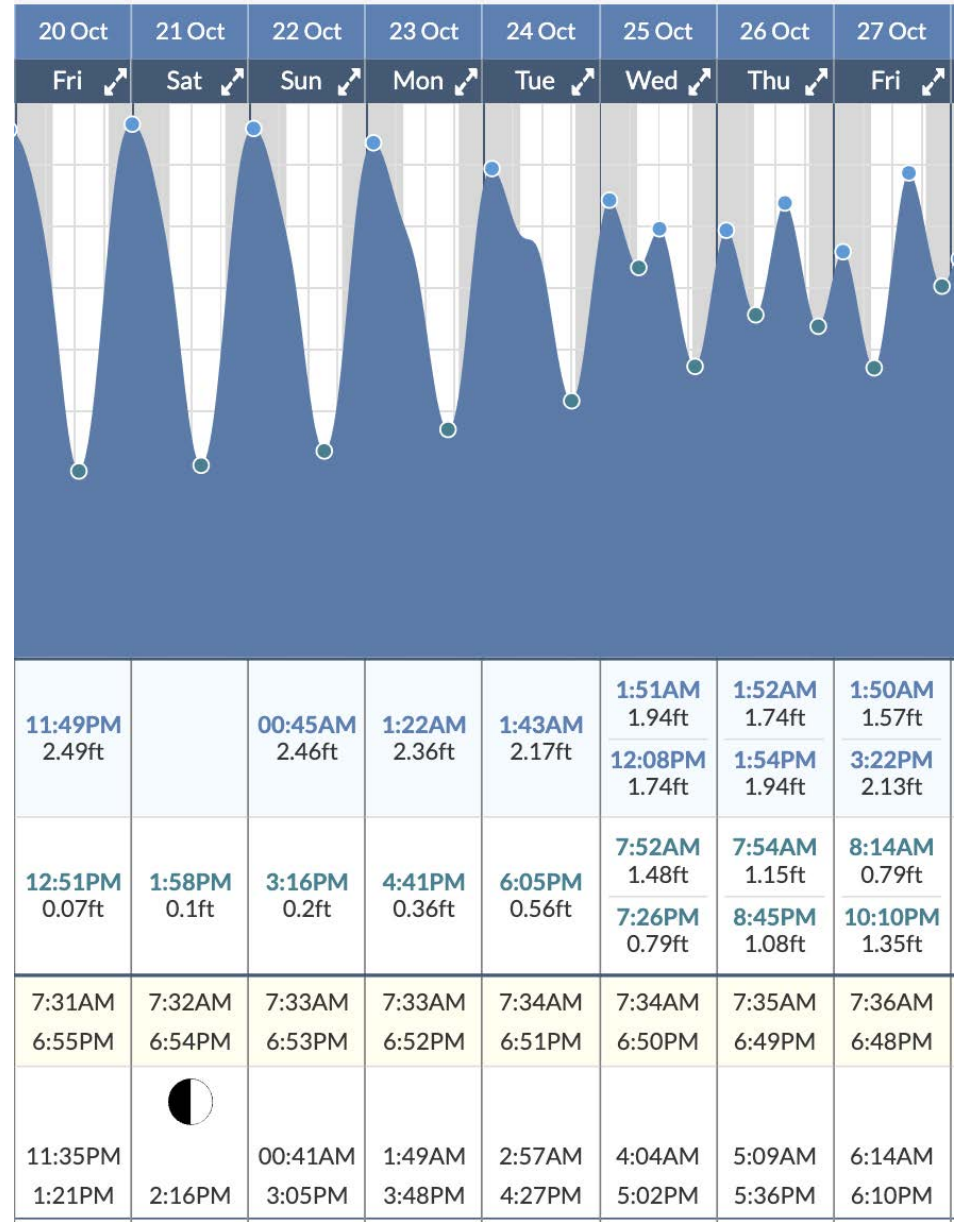
tender. That is my absolute favorite fish, and absolute favorite way to cook them, although there are some variations that are fabulous as well. There ya go, I've given you *most* of the secrets to pompano fishing, and some of my friends will hate me for alerting people, as it's kind of a local's secret.

We are about to get into the Sportsman season here in the next couple of weeks, where almost everything is open, from quail to dove to duck to deer. Folks are making plans, filling feeders, and buying shells and gear while they are still on the shelf. For instance, if you don't have a pair of waders by this time of the season, you're going to have to go draw from the interwebs, as most of the local stores resemble war-torn Bosnia. There are some exceptions, such as Roys, but they are the exception. BirdCast shows that there will be another bird migration towards the weekend with the same west winds that we will be enjoying for pompano. They are estimating somewhere around 300 million birds to head off across the gulf, however the main launching point will be up the coast a bit. I still have a couple of hummingbirds lurking around in the yard, but I know they are experiencing shivering nights. There was a speckled trout scoping meeting the other day, but because of the magic of deadlines, my report will have to wait till next week (or maybe the week after, depending on travel plans). As instructed by the ISAC committee, I coordinated with city legal and the Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee (WBAC) chair regarding their Lifeguard pay leveling resolution. We will wait until WBAC has passed their resolution, and then formally present our recommendation in support at the following council meeting. Just keeping y'all up to date that we are moving things forward. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and maybe I'll see you On the Rocks next week if I'm around.



Jay Gardner and Joey Farah Speaking at the CCA Anglers Night Out

Tides of the Week



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures



Thermal Flux

Temperatures have changed drastically in the last two weeks. An average 20 degrees and more in water temperatures have brought bait and gamefish to head towards their winter feeding zones. Each year as winter nears the bottom of the food chain settles in soft bottoms in deep water. Shrimp, crabs, sand eels, worms, and all tiny organisms bury deep into the mud to survive the deep winter. Baitfish that feed on these as well as gamefish will also stay near. Finding these areas now can set you up for a full winter of great angling. Watching where birds are gathering and what bait is present during warm periods are a good way to find these gathering zones.

Cold and deep are the battle cry of the first months of winter, as warm water holds to the bottom as the surface cools off quickly. When fish run deep, expect that the first few days they will be active and warm before they drop their body temperature. If the weather continues to be cold they will fall into a few days of dormant behavior waiting for a warming trend. Before this slow down they will feed heavily as most of the bait and food sources will all be grouped together. As the sun warms the flats and that water slides off into the mid depths gamefish will again follow their food out to the grass flats. In deep water I like a 1/4-3/8 jig head with a soft plastic. Keep the bait tight to the bottom with only a foot or so movement above the bottom. Many times cold fish strike so soft you feel like you have only hung some grass on the bottom, reel down and set the hook, a monster winter time trout might raise her head in white frothy foam.

Most of the fall fishing success will be from the boat in 4 feet of water. This is the magic zone where the masses of bait and gamefish lay. Lots of action and fun, 1/8-1/4 oz jig heads with a few of my favorite soft plastics. The DOWN SOUTH SUPER MODEL IN GLOW/chartreuse, AND PURPLE REIGN!! Two of my other favorites for fall and winter time fishing are the DOA 3" CALL SHAD, this bait is a perfect small minnow. Perch, mud minnows, and Shad all will be mimicked exactly with this bait. I love the DOA 5.5" JERK BAIT AS WELL with a light 1/16-1/8th oz jig head to work the shallow sand pockets for monster trout hunting and sunning along the remote shorelines.

November is by far my favorite month of the year to fish. So many unbelievable mornings catching trout, reds and flounder on lures, with perfect weather and crisp



Betsy caught her personal best trout this week. THIS BIG OL MUSTARD MOUTH came from a grass line in Baffin Bay.

mornings. There are very few boats around as most outdoorsmen are in the woods. If you have been waiting for YOUR DAY on the water, learning new techniques and absorbing how to read the water now is the time.

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Nature Notes

Shining a Light on Dark Skies

By: Celeste Silling



Some outdoor lighting fixtures are more effective than others
Photo by Celeste Silling

It’s finally fall, which means that billions of birds and other animals will be migrating through Texas! Most migratory birds migrate at night. They use the stars, rising sun, and other clues to navigate their route South, usually stopping to rest somewhere safe during the day. There are many dangers along their route including nighttime light pollution, which can confuse them, interrupt their navigation, and draw them into populated areas full of buildings to collide with. But worry not! Light pollution is perhaps one of the most manageable forms of pollution, and you can easily help birds by avoiding it.

Light pollution is defined as the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light. This might not sound very dangerous, but it can be very harmful on a large scale. Large scale light pollution can result in Skyglow, which is the glow of the sky above brightly lit inhabited areas. You can see this if you’re ever driving at night between towns and see a general glow coming off of a city, town, or settlement. It’s almost as if the air above the area is giving off a glow of its own! This blocks the stars and can give the false impression of an approaching sunrise.

Nighttime lighting isn’t inherently a bad thing. It makes it easier for us to drive and walk at night, and makes us feel safer when we’re out. The issue comes when the lighting is excessive or ineffectual. Many lights, including street lights, yard lights, and the lights of stores and gas stations, are poorly designed in this sense.

The first question one must ask when considering a nighttime light is: what is it meant to be illuminating? If it’s a street light, it’s meant to illuminate the street and sidewalk underneath it.

If it is not illuminating this, it’s not doing a very good job! Unfortunately, many street lights and other lights are designed in a way that shine light upwards or to the sides, away from where it’s supposed to be. You can use shielding (picture a lamp shade) to funnel the light down where it needs to be. This increases the visibility on the illuminated area, and decreases light pollution.

If you’re looking to see this firsthand, try this experiment. In a darkened room, place a book next to a flash light (or a phone with the “flashlight” on) on a table. Turn the flashlight on and put it on the table facing upwards. Then try to read the writing in the book. Believe it or not, this is how many outdoor lights are designed, facing upwards. Not only do they pollute the night sky and blind the people walking by, but they fail to light the sidewalk (or book) beneath them.

Now place your hand flat about an inch or so above the light. Is the book easier to read? Perhaps a little, as there is less glare and more of the light is bouncing downward. Finally, hold a bowl around the light, hovering a few inches or above it. Now look at the book. It should be well lit, as all of the light is angling downwards and not above or to the sides. This is the most effective outdoor lighting, as it goes where its supposed to, doesn’t pollute, and doesn’t blind the user. If only all outdoor lights were designed in this way!

There are plenty of ways to decrease your light pollution, including turning off unnecessary lights, angling lights downwards, dimming the lights that you do use, and educating others. How ever you do it, the birds will thank you!

Whitecap cont. from A1

six miles of new canals- A master plan of amenities is planned to include canal docks, a community pool, a dog park, and other features. Construction of these amenities is set to begin in 2024.

Work on the model homes in the first phase of the \$800 million project is expected to begin in early 2024 once streets and infrastructure are in place. “A complex of representative homes will be built in phase 1 to display the look and feel of this coastal contemporary community” said Steve Yetts, President of Dallas-based Ashlar Development. “Future lot phases will be rolled out based on market demand.”

The project is designed around the roughly 30-acre Whitecap Preserve containing a six-acre freshwater lake located in the center of the site. An experienced design team, including a botanist from Texas Parks and Wildlife, is consulting Ashlar Development on how to grow and maintain natural vegetation in the preserves. Reuse water from the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant is planned to be piped in for irrigation and to keep the lakes at a constant level.

Work on a \$9 million water exchange bridge may begin as early as the end of 2023. The bridge will allow for the extension of the canal north of Commodores Drive to connect to the Whitecap NPI site. The connection to the Laguna Madre will occur upon completion of the Commodore exchange bridge. During construction, a detour will be built across the Whitecap NPI site.

As part of the Island Mobility Study currently in the public comment stage, approximately three miles of pedestrian and/or cart paths on the site will be connected to Whitecap Boulevard on the south, an improved Commodores park on the north, and the Don Patricio Bridge on the east.

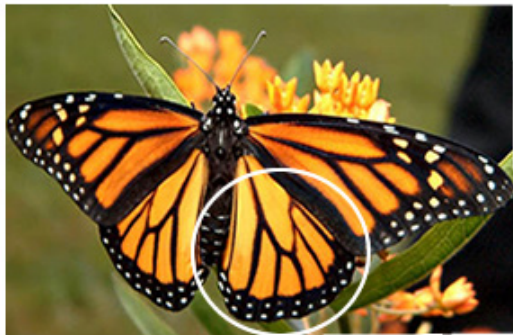
This will establish an interlocking system of pedestrian and cart paths from gulf beaches to Island residential neighborhoods on the west.

Phase I of the project does not include the mixed-use area at the corner of Compass Drive and Commodores Drive where a future hotel and retail space is planned. Yetts said that will come as the community matures and market demand dictates. As shown in the graphics in this issue, the residential structures will be up to three stories, and most will include flat roofs built with enough inclination to allow for efficient draining surrounded by low-rise walls. The project is the first master-planned community in the Coastal Bend and is owned by Diamond Beach Holdings LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of International Bancshares Corporation. Financing for the project is being done through the bank. The project development team also includes PLACE Designers Inc. as the residential architects, Turner Ramirez Architects for amenity and commercial architecture, Cadence landscape architects, LJA Engineering LLC as the structural engineers, DeLeo & Fletcher Design for interior design, and Strategyst LLC for marketing and sales. When the entire project is complete it is planned to include just over 600 single-family homes, about 80% of which have the option for Short-Term Rentals. The dwellings located near existing Island homes will not be rented short-term. The final community is envisioned to include pools, parks, pickleball, a marina, and more.

Going Native

Monarch butterfly gets a boost

By Ed Proffitt



Monarch
Danaus plexippus



Viceroy
Limenitis archippus



Recently the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has moved monarch butterfly from “endangered” (of going extinct) to “vulnerable” (having experienced a decline but perhaps showing some recovery). So, because it’s a cautiously happy time for this iconic butterfly, I’m giving a bit of a review.

It’s widely known that monarchs (*Danaus plexippus*, which loosely translates as “sleepy transformation” because they both hibernate and metamorphize) migrate in the case of the “eastern population” over 2000 miles from breeding grounds in the northern U.S. and Canada to overwintering areas in forests of mid Mexico. The “western population” in North America migrate a shorter distance to overwinter in southern groves. Native plants play an important role in migrating populations because, although adult monarchs feed on nectar and thus pollinate many species, it is largely milkweed (species in the genus *Asclepias*) serve as hosts for the larvae. Note here that larval use of some “milkweed vines” in the genera *Cynanchum* and *Funastrum* has been reported too. Nevertheless, larvae are mostly using about 33 of the 108 species of *Asclepias* found in North America. An interesting side note is that some individuals don’t migrate and it’s unclear to monarch specialists if this constitutes a distinct subspecies or just variability in behavior. Further, there are entire non-migratory populations in southern Florida and California as well as Central America that do not migrate and breed year around.

Although they appear to have originated evolutionarily in North America, populations now occur in South America, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere (see a nice review by Nail et al. 2019 *Frontiers of Ecology and Evolution* and a full size image of the worldwide distribution).

Populations suffer pressure from predators (e.g., birds, spiders, mantis, etc), parasites (some wasps and flies lay eggs on larvae; a protozoan is also a key parasite in some locales), and most especially loss of milkweed as human populations urbanize more and more sites (like is happening here!). Predation rates are low compared to other butterfly and moth species because the monarch incorporates toxins while grazing on milkweed and to “taste bad” to many predators. Predators learn early on at first bite that monarchs taste bad and then recognize the bright black and orange coloration and largely avoid eating them later. Interestingly, viceroy butterflies (*Limenitis archippus*), which are not closely related to monarchs, mimic the visual pattern of the latter but do not incorporate milkweed toxins. Initially, this was thought to be Batesian mimicry (after Bates who first described it) but now is described as Mullerian mimicry based on a simple experiment where someone removed the distinctive wings of both species and found that predators regarded both as unpalatable. I leave it to you to look up the differences in the two types of mimicry so you can seriously impress members of the opposite sex at parties.

However, the bottom line for us is that monarch populations are still low, even if not currently endanger of going extinct. Supporting them by Going Native and planting native milkweeds in your yard is an important step that we could all take.



Global range of monarchs

Voting cont. from A1

certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”

What it does
HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation

from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of homeowners over 65 years of age or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.



Images from Whitecap looking North by Augs Services



Business Briefs

Minos Talarantas opened Beeville Diner in 2013 and sold it this past summer. Fortunately for us Islanders this Greek restaurateur will be opening a restaurant at the old Country Store (blue building SPID.) He has no name yet but he does not want “diner” in the name because it will be that and so much more. It will be open seven days a week and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be steaks, Greek dishes including gyros, special appetizers, more seafood dishes and he is thinking about turkey and dressing on Sundays. The All American breakfast menu will be similar to the Beeville one. Minos intends to get a full liquor license. His staff will include those from Beeville who want to follow him here. “ I’m going to make this a one-of-a-kind place. I want to get the local people and make them happy.” It’s hard not to love this guy. He believes he will be able to open in January. Can I hear an AMEN!



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Dog-Gone Days presented by the Animal Hospital of Padre Island will be held on Friday, October 27th 4 - 7 pm. There will be a pet costume contest, free food and drinks plus giveaways.

Texas State Aquarium will present Boo in the Blue this weekend Saturday, October 21st and Sunday 11 am - 4 pm. There will be spooky decor throughout the Aquarium, fun photo opps, a virtual costume contest, diver pumpkin carving contests, spooky animal enrichment, animal encounters and candy.

South Texas Botanical Garden will host Hay Maze starting Saturday, October 21st with spooky Halloween decor.



The 62nd Annual Jazz Fest will be held at Heritage Park October 20 - 22 with free admission. There are three shaded stages with music on Friday 6:30 - midnight, Saturday noon - midnight and Sunday noon - 5:30 pm. There are lots of vendors and food trucks and you are sure to run into other Islanders.

The Sea Turtle Festival/Turtle Trot will be held at the Briscoe King Pavilion on Saturday, October 21st. The 5K run is \$30 and 10K \$40. Registration is at 7 am and the run begins at 8 am. If you register ahead you are more likely to get a t-shirt. The festival will go on 11 am - 4 pm with live music, vendors, food trucks and some ambassador animals from the Texas Seaside Center.

The City of Corpus Christi will be doing a presentation of the Island Mobility Plan survey results and get input from Islanders on Wednesday, October 25th 5:30-7:30 pm at the Seashore Middle Academy cafeteria.

Early Voting is Monday, October 23th until Saturday, November 4th.

Third Coast Theater will feature Larry Joe Taylor on Friday, November 24th and Max & Heather Stalling on November 25th both at 8 pm. There are surprisingly still seats available.



Larry Joe Taylor



Max and Heather Stalling

Island Market IGA Find of the Week is Mainstream Produce strawberries. They are red and juicy from stem to tip.



The Island Moon Newspaper “**Forum**” Facebook Page has nothing to do with the Island Moon although it is made to look like it is. I have seen Islanders post on it. Don’t be fooled.

Random Stuff

The Rolling Stones newest album “Hackney Diamonds” will be released Friday, October 20th. Their last album was made 18 years ago. Two singles from the album have already been released and Lady Gaga and Stevie Wonder are part of the “Sweet Sound of Heaven” one that sounds like a gospel song. At their European tours last year Mick Jagger had the same swagger and moves he has always had and his voice hasn’t changed. Apparently for rock stars, 80 is the new 40.





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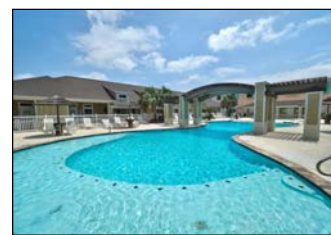
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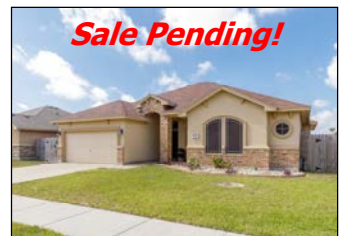
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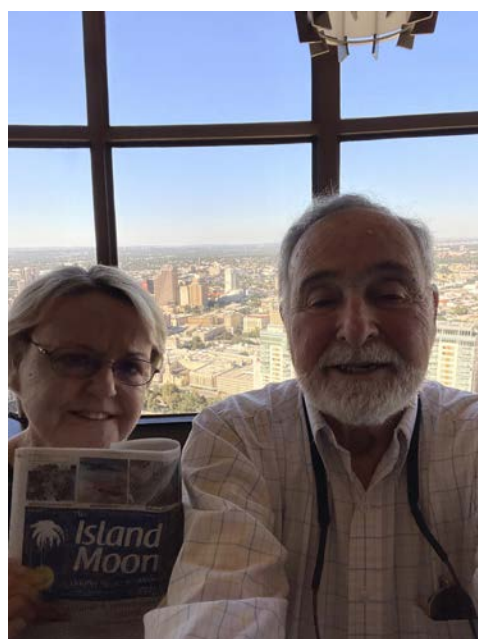
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Dr. Yoke Lye Kwong says aloha from Hawaii.



I carried the Island Moon in my bike basket for five days until we remembered to take a dang picture! We were having too much fun! Albuquerque, NM 51st Balloon Fiesta via bike, Durango, CO and Million Dollar Scenic Highway then Taos and Sant Fe, NM. Over 2,700 miles with the IM! Perrie Marrs, Jannine Osborne of Port Aransas.



The Mandels are opening our 40th anniversary celebration with the Island Moon at the Chart House at the Tower of the Americas in San Antonio. This is just the beginning of the fun. Our first day was at the Chart House Malibu, CA



Eddie and Angela Amaral and friends took the Moon to Rothenburg, Germany to visit Käthe Wohlfahrts Christmas Wonderland.

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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Last Saturday the island was teeming with bargain hunters and observers of the ring of fire at the beach. In some cases, persons were members of both groups! Armed with hash tag addresses on personal devices and special glasses for eyes it was a uniquely interesting day. As the clock approached Noon, in mass we put on those special glasses and looked up to see the amazing display of the glory of creation.

Here on the island, we have an opportunity for a special perspective of the rhythm in creation. The rising and setting of the sun, tides and waves, the stages of the moon, and a solar eclipse can leave us in awe. It's all bigger than we are. It humbles me and reminds me that I am not the center of creation. Despite the insistence of our consumer culture that tells me it's all about me and my ever-increasing wants, there is something bigger and more awesome than me.

We need that rhythm in our lives. It gives perspective and a sense of connection, as we experience orderliness and beauty. Although sometimes it's hard to see rhythm, orderliness, or beauty in our lives. When I look at my life, I certainly don't see perfection! When we see ourselves, we tend to only see our flaws. We see so many things that need to change. We get the same feeling when scrolling through our feeds and social media accounts.

There is a preacher story (those stories we preachers tell over and over and over and . . .) about a woman who had an awful day at work. Everything had gone wrong. There was one interruption after another, each one with more challenging news than the prior.

When she arrived home, she knew that her husband must have had a similar day. She could see it on his face. She spoke first, "I

have had the worst day of my life; it's been bad news, bad news, bad news. I don't know that kind of day you've had, but, if at all possible, can you share some good news with me?"

The husband considered the request for a moment and then said, "Of course I can. You know we have three beautiful children, right?" She agreed. "Well," he said, "two of them didn't break a leg today."

In the Christian tradition, the One who created a universe that produces rings of fire, sunrises and sunsets, waves and tides, also created all humans in the image of God. We are works of art; we are divine masterpieces. We may not always think so; that is because we are works in progress.

Maybe that is why we so wanted to pause a few moments from bargain hunting to glance up to the sky and look through flimsy special glasses. The rhythm of creation was able to remind us of the rhythms of love. It was a great day!

So, now what do we do with these cardboard special glasses?

Speaking of rhythms, a bunch of humans gather each Sunday for the rhythm of worship in community at Island Presbyterian Church. There is always room at the table for you! Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m., 14030 Fortune Bay Drive, or on our Facebook page.

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Giving to Charity: How Much Goes to the Cause?

By Tom Cullinan

Consider that there are more than 1,500,000 charities in the United States, and 60-plus percent of Americans give to them each year. While most of these charities are reputable and worthy of financial support, some don't live up to our expectations. How can we be sure our donations are put to good use?

In many ways, charities conduct their operations like for-profit businesses, and philanthropy is another highly competitive sector of our economy. Every one of them is managed by imperfect people, some of whom are excellent and others who may lack skill, motivation, training, or honesty. Thoughtful givers like us don't want our donations winding up in the wrong hands, misused, or wasted by charities that are poorly managed.

On Padre Island, we see a flood of charity advertising — especially during the “giving season.” It shows up through postal and electronic mail, broadcast media, point-of-sale canisters, and other solicitations. We see a lot of it here because people who live on the island are known to be exceptionally generous and helpful to others in need.

Where to Look

Before making a charitable gift, smart people do research on the prospective recipients. They investigate the organization to assure it is legitimate, reputable, and effective in fulfilling its mission. Grant-making foundations make this same evaluation, too.

Not surprisingly, some charities are better than others and the good ones stand out. We typically want our gifts to be applied to the charity's programs and services, not eaten up by overhead or dubious expenses. Smart donors will make the effort to figure this out before they make large financial gifts. This personal scrutiny relies mostly on information provided by the charity. Websites, publications, testimonials, impact statements, and newsletters can help us learn about its good works. Family and friends may introduce us to their favorite charities, too. Sometimes these sources are sufficient, especially for smaller contributions.

Due Diligence

The large gift commitments we make — and each donor determines what “large” is — require more due diligence from us. One essential source is an organization's

federal tax return. It shows how money is spent on its programs and services, fundraising expenses, and top executives' compensation. Other financial data is revealed about its assets, liabilities, investment income, and program service revenues.

The Internal Revenue Service makes these tax returns available to the public. However, know that in 2022 the IRS was delayed in releasing more than 500,000 returns dating back to 2020. So, while online lookup services like GuideStar and Nonprofit Explorer may not contain recent returns, those are not the only option. Upon your request, every charity is required by federal law to provide its Form 990. You simply ask for a copy. Not all will comply, but those that don't likely fail the test to earn your trust and thus will not merit your gift.

Other Factors

I personally like to evaluate the charity's board and how it exercises its leadership. It is reasonable to expect that all sitting members of the board make a sacrificial financial gift every year (either personally, through a business, or using a donor advised fund). The reason is simple: Each board member has a fiduciary duty, and the board's prime directive is to assure the financial health of the charity. Their collective personal commitments demonstrate serious support for (and confidence in) the charity's mission. After all, why should the charity expect you to be “on board” if its key leaders aren't?

No reputable charity will name a board member that doesn't give, but it should disclose what percentage of board members contribute financially.

Whether you are thinking about giving \$100, \$1,000, or more, you need to trust the charity receiving your gift and the people using it. You want to have every confidence that the money will be spent for programs and services that fulfill its mission effectively.

If you still have concerns, pay attention to your instincts. Resolve your doubts if you can by talking directly to the charity's executives or board members. However, if the answers don't relieve your hesitation, know that you can readily find alternative charities that can accomplish a similar mission.

Wooden Boat Festival this weekend in Port Aransas

Port Aransas Wooden Boat Festival and all its festivities will be held at Roberts Point Park, 301 J C Boulevard, Port Aransas.

Friday, Oct. 20

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- 🕒 **9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** — Family Boat Build Begins
- 🕒 **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.** — Food Trucks, Coastal Market, Kids Activities and Live Music

Saturday, Oct. 21

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Sunday, Oct. 22

- 🕒 **9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** — Family Boat Build Continues
- 🕒 **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** — Food Trucks, Coastal Market, Kids Activities and Live Music
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It’s about time to have a Dog gone good time and support our local charity Shelter-A-Mutt. The Padre Island Poker run takes place on October 26th starting at 6:00 pm at The Black Sheep restaurant. Decorate your cart, jeep or ATV in a gone to the dogs theme to win a prize. There will also be a dog costume contest so dress up the pups too.



The Island October 2013

Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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- Across
- Down
1. Revived a dying flame

6. Make a hole bigger

10. Polluted air

14. Contents of a sensitive layer

15. Toledo's lake

16. Ghana neighbor

17. Lord Nelson statue site

20. Heralds' wands

21. More emaciated

22. Counterfeit

23. Olympic basketball team

24. Clog or sandal

27. Really long time

29. GM line

33. "Some Like it ---"

34. Word with souci or serif

36. Vietnam's --- Van Thieu

38. About 66 degrees south latitude

41. Twerp

42. Acquire by one's efforts

43. Abel's mother

44. Vega's constellation

45. Get one's wires crossed

46. Mr. Gynt

47. --- guzzler

49. Emulate Otto Dix

52. All natural

56. China and Japan, e.g.

60. Site of many disappearances

62. Cheese coated in wax

63. Fencing sword

64. Pouty looks

65. Spinning toy

66. Remove, to the printer

67. Cabbage side dishes
24. Head and shoulders cover

25. Baklava ingredient

26. Playful mammal

28. Willow rod

29. "--- Father, who art..."

30. School on the Seine

31. Dig for data

32. Villainous look

34. --- Lanka

35. Sampras serve, often

36. Maker of the first mechanical cash registers

37. --- rummy

39. Santa ---, Calif.

40. Happy-go-lucky

45. Houdini feat
46. Hydroxybenzene

47. Serengeti critter

48. Gave help to

50. --- chi (Chinese martial art)

51. Packs tightly

52. Do what you're told

53. Decorate again

54. Blue's opponent

55. Firearm filler

57. Spanish water

58. Did away with dragons

59. Polanski flick

61. --- Aviv, Israel

Police Blotter October 9th -15th

JFK Causeway to SPID-Aquarius intersection

- Disturbances**
SH 361/Waldron Exit Ramp 8 p.m. October 15
- Suspicious Person**
10800 block SPID 11 p.m. October 13
11800 block SPID 4 p.m. October 11
13500 block SPID 6 p.m. October 14
13500 block SPID 10 a.m. October 14
13300 block SPID 1 p.m. October 11
- Traffic**
45 Traffic Stops
13500 block SPID 11 p.m. October 13 Crash

SPID West to Laguna Madre

- Crimes against Property**
14200 block SPID 2 a.m. October 13 Burglary of a Building
13800 block Halyard Dr. 1 p.m. October 9 Theft \$750-\$2500
15300 block Cruiser 8 p.m. October 12 Criminal Mischief \$110-\$750
13700 block Eaglesnest Bay 11 a.m. October 15 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
15700 block Finistere St. 11 p.m. October 9 Criminal Mischief \$100-\$750

- Disturbances**
13800 block Brigantine 3 p.m. October 14 Noise Ordinance Violation
15300 block SPID 2 p.m. October 10 Fire
15400 block Fortuna Bay 4 a.m. October 15
- Suspicious Person**
15600 block Cuttysark St. Noon October 10 Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information
- Traffic**
169 Traffic Stops
SH 361/SPID 10 a.m. October 14 Crash
14000 block La Blanquilla 7 a.m. October 13 Crash

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico north to city limits

- Crimes against Person**
15200 block Windward 4 a.m. October 15 Assault (two counts)
- Disturbances**
15000 block Windward Dr. 1 a.m. October 15 Noise Ordinance Violation
15200 block Beach Way Dr. Midnight October 14 Public Intoxication
- Suspicious Person**
15800 block SPID 11 p.m. October 10 Leeward Dr./Aruba 3 a.m. October 13
11000 block Gulf Beach 4 p.m. October 15
11000 block Gulf Beach Noon October 14
- Traffic**
73 Traffic Stops
15200 block Leeward 7 p.m. October 13 Crash
10500 block SH 361 6 a.m. October 13 Crash

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In addition AA meetings are held Friday 7 pm and Sunday 8 am at The second Gazebo on the **Boardwalk behind Briscoe King Pavillon**



Cruising between the lines By Lu An Kingsbury



Anhinga By Britt Thompson

Crossword Solution

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Tuesday, October 24, 2023
5:30 PM
Wyndham – Corpus Christi Resort North Padre Island Hotel
15202 Windward Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
Streaming to PIPOA Facebook Page
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

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1.

CALL TO ORDER
2.

RECEIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT(S)
3.

PRESENTATIONS:
1.

ACC Presentation – Rick McGinley (ACC Chairperson)
4.

MEMBERS’ COMMENTS (3 minutes, per member)
- PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:
5.

As Needed
6.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – The Board will receive a report on important topics from the previous meeting.
1.

Next Board Meeting: December 12, 2023
2.

Executive Director’s Report
3.

Compliance Enforcement Update
1.

Current Open Violations / Closed Violations Reports (Enclosed)
4.

Bulkheads
1.

Repair Activity Report (Enclosed)
7.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Routine items; acceptable without further discussion)
1.

Secretary’s Report: September 26, 2023
1.

Email Votes - None
8.

TREASURER’S REPORT – FINANCIAL REPORTS: (The Board will review, discuss, and then accept all financial reports, with possible motions.)
1.

September 2023 Treasurer’s Report & September 2023 Financial Statements.
2.

Status of 2022 Tax Return.
3.

Initiate Work on 2024 Budget.
4.

Contacting Reserve Study companies for bids.
9.

OLD BUSINESS (with possible motions):
1.

Status of Diamond Beach-NPI canal connection.
2.

Status of Hawksnest Bay bulkhead repair Update.
1.

Use of Kodiak Fiber Rod for Bulkhead Cap Repair
10.

NEW BUSINESS (with possible motions):
1.

ACC – Security Fence Policy
2.

Discussion of Short-Term Rental Amendment to Declarations
11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
1.

Legal Matters (if warranted)
2.

Personnel Matters (if warranted)
3.

Contract Matters (if warranted)
4.

Appeals (if warranted)
12.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION
13.

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Eclipse watchers By Debbie Nobel



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\$1.9 Million Grant to Protect Texas Oyster Reefs

By Sally Palmer
University of Texas Marine Science Institute

Oyster fisheries in Texas are an important driver for the coastal economy and tourism. Oyster reefs can be difficult to manage because little is known about how protective actions like restoration or fishery closures impact reefs. A large-scale project will begin this year to collect a wide variety of data to understand which management actions work best and in what locations and why.

A new 1.9 million dollar award was recently announced from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to The University of Texas Marine Science Institute with partnerships with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, The Nature Conservancy, Texas Coastal Conservation Association, Mission-Aransas Reserve, and the City of Port Aransas. Researchers will study the response of oyster reefs to management actions and work with various stakeholders to present and digest the findings.

Oyster reefs are a cornerstone of the Gulf of Mexico’s ecosystem, offering benefits that include supporting valuable fisheries, protecting coastlines from erosion, improving water quality, and providing habitat for essential marine species. Unfortunately, these reefs have substantially declined, prompting the need for well-informed conservation strategies.

Currently overseen by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the management of oyster reefs involves techniques like long-term harvest closures and supplementary actions like oyster transplants and resurfacing. Despite these efforts, the impact of these management actions on reef health and functionality needs to be more understood.

This newly funded project seeks to address this knowledge gap by answering crucial questions:

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What is the variation in oyster reef ecosystem health across five bays in South Texas?

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How strongly does oyster

- abundance correlate with other indicators of reef health?
- 🕒

What are the effects of reef harvest closures on reef health compared to other environmental factors?
- 🕒

Which currently closed reefs could benefit from restorative actions or live oyster transplants?
- 🕒

Which currently opened reefs need protective measures?

Over three years, the project will employ advanced monitoring techniques on fifty oyster reefs. These methods include analyzing oyster population dynamics, assessing physical reef structures, and monitoring associated communities using environmental DNA surveys and passive acoustic techniques. Additionally, the project will track sportfish use of oyster reef habitats and assess environmental factors such as water quality, ecotoxicology, and disease prevalence.

The project aims to develop a tool that uses the collected data to predict the effects of different management actions under specific local conditions. This tool will be shared with TPWD, enhancing their ability to make well-informed decisions regarding managing Texas’ oyster reefs.

The effort is led by Dr. Simon Brandl, Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI). The project also includes Drs. Keisha Bahr, Daniel Coffey, and Jennifer Beseres-Pollack (who serves as co-production lead) from TAMU-CC, Drs. Jordan Casey, Christopher Biggs, and Kristin Nielsen from UTMSI, Dr. Emma Clarkson with TPWD, Dr. Lauren Williams with The Nature Conservancy, Shane Bonnot and John Blaha with Texas Coastal Conservation Agency, Katie Swanson at UTMSI’s Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Rae Mooney with the City of Port Aransas.



Oyster bed next to the lighthouse in Port Aransas

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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On the local front...



Chris Jordan says, *You can't have a pig party without a pig.* Photo by Andrea Shaw

Last weekend was a total hoot. For one thing the weather tried it's best to represent the change of seasons. It felt great being outdoors for a change. *Shorty's* had their 40th *Pig Party* on Saturday and I'd say it was a rousing success. **Chris Jordan** brought a pig to cook and I got to help him get it on the spit. That was a first for me when it came to sticking a steel rod in strategic places on said pig. I'm just going to leave that right there. But in the end (no pun intended) it came out perfectly cooked and was absolutely delicious. It was a great party and being that it was the first *Pig Party* at the new location; I'd say it was a rousing success. The weather was finally comfortable and there was a good crowd for the whole event. I'm starting to really love this new spot that *Shorty's* moved to. It has the "right in middle of town" feel to it and I think we may have a new "downtown" in the making. At this point there are a dozen or more clubs and restaurants within a short walking distance: *Shorty's*, *Red's*, *VFW*, *Salty Dog*, *Treasure Island*, *The Gaff*, *La Playa*, *Lelo's*, *Mac Daddy's*, the *Venetian Hot Plate* and the *Crazy Cajun* plus *Bron's* is just a half mile south on Station. Plus, **Melissa Crowley**, manager of the *Journey* tribute and classic rock band; **SA Lights**, tells me that the old *Stripes* on Cotter and Station is being repurposed and will become *Beach Bums*, a new live music venue and sports bar which should be open by early February. And you can't help but notice the new *Sip Yard* going up on the corner of Alister and Cotter before our very eyes... it's huge! And although I haven't bonded with them yet, there are three more recent entries on our hospitality scene: *The Sand Bar* on Cutoff Road, the *Beer Haus* where *Shells* was on Ave G and the old *Flat's Lounge* are all up and running and don't forget *Bernie's Beach House* is still plugging away over on Tarpon Street as are the *Swing Bar* and the *361 Bar* out on 361. Our little drinking village with a fishing problem is growing by leaps and bounds and right before our eyes. It will be interesting to watch what develops in the next few years. Can you say *Short Term Rentals* and ten dollar beers? And finally on the local front, I want to congratulate my pal **Macky Ward** for driving his 1998 Dodge Neon 200.9 MPH in the standing mile at the *Texas Mile* in Beeville last Saturday. He's now a member of the coveted 200 mph club. Way to go Macky!

Scattered Shots...



Macky Ward is now a member of the 200 MPH Club.

It was a big weekend for live music on our little sand bar, especially if you're a fan of San Antonio musicians. On Friday the storied **Toman Brothers** played *Shorty's* and on Saturday **Ruben V** played the *Pig Party* and **Chris Boss** played *Bron's*. After Ruben played the *Pig Party* I took him by *Bron's* to say hey to Chris Boss and play a little guitar with him. I've been friends with both of them for 25+ years and have seen them play many dozens of times and have nothing but respect for both of

them. I finally got to hear Chris do his guitar instrumental of the *National Anthem* which he plays at *Spur's* games in the AT&T Center in S.A. It's a jaw dropper! I also got to see **Johnny Elijah** and his band the **CBDB's** at the *Port A Days* celebration in Roberts Point Park on Friday. They had a chili cook-off going and fun stuff for the kiddos. I also saw **Stevie Start** and **Mike O'Neil** perform at the *Pig Party*. I hadn't see Stevie play in a long time. He's been holed up playing his weekly residencies on Padre Island for several years now claiming old age has him working in a ten mile radius.



San Antonio represented...Chris Boss and Ruben V played shows in Port A last Saturday.

DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...



Stevie Start got the ball rolling at the *Pig Party* last Saturday at *Shorty's*.

Coming this weekend... there's a big ska show at the *House of Rock* this Friday the 20th with the **Expendables** and **Bumpin' Ugliers**. That will be a killer show! Also on Friday the new kid on the block, **Raul Ayala** will play *Shorty's*, **Mike O'Neil** will play *Bron's* and the **Cleartones** will play the *VFW*. Also this weekend we have the three day perennial favorite, the 62nd *Texas Jazz Festival* in Heritage Park with 50+ bands on three stages. And in Port A the annual *Wooden Boat Fest* will be going on at Roberts Point Park. There will also be a *Paella Competition* during the fest. On Saturday guitar monster **Ruben V** will play *Bron's*, the **Jam Band** will play *Treasure Island*, **Chris Boss** will play *Shorty's*, the **OTB Band** is at the *VFW* and **Coach Jim Dugan** will play the *Gaff*. Plus in town **Cruise Control** will play the *Surftoberfest* at the *Executive Surf Club*, **Randall King** will play *Brewster Street Downtown* and **AhhFugYeahs** will be at *Vernon's*. On Sunday **Casting Crowns** will play the big room at the *American Bank Center* and *Shorty's* will have their weekly *Sunday Funday* with **Coach Jim Dugan** playing 4:00- 8:00 and singer songwriter excellent **Ty Diez** playing 8:00- midnight. And during the week watch for *Rasta Cowboy* **Billy Snipes** will begin his Tuesday residency at the *VFW*, on Wednesday the **Cleartones** will begin their weekly residency at the *VFW* and **Brad Ethridge** will host his weekly open mic at the *Gaff*. On Thursday **Selfie** will play their weekly gig at *Shorty's* as they have for years. It's nearly time for *Halloween* so yall get your costumes together. That ought to hold you for a while. Be safe out there!

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Mike O'Neil Band with Charlie Rouzer, Antone Perez and Art Galvan will play *Bron's* on Friday



The OTB Band will play the VFW on Saturday



The Jam Band will play *Treasure Island* on Saturday

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Friday,

October 20

62nd Annual Texas Jazz Fest @ Heritage Park
Wooden Boat Fest @ Roberts Point Park

Raul Ayala @ Shorty's
Mike O'Neil @ Bron's Backyard
Robert McCoy @ VFW

The Expendables, Bumpin' Ugliers, Claire Wright @ House of Rock

The Groove @ Pelican Lounge
Michael Anthony Perez @ Rockit's Patio

Los Guys @ Cassidy's Pub
Matt Hole @ Executive Surf Club
ChillBillies @ Retro
John Cortez @ Boozers
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
David Salinas @ Paradise Key Rockport

Saturday,

October 21

62nd Annual Texas Jazz Fest @ Heritage Park
Wooden Boat Festival @ Roberts Point Park
Rockport Market Days
Art Faire @ Shorty's
Chris Boss @ Shorty's
Ruben V @ Bron's Backyard
Jam Band @ Treasure Island
OTB @ VFW
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Jon Car @ Pelican Lounge

Michael Burts @ Packery Bar
Robin Blue @ Angry Marlin
Surftoberfest w/ Cruise Control @ Executive Surf Club
Randall King @ Brewster Downtown
AhhFugYeahs @ Vernon's
Audio Box, Eclipse @ Rockit's
Flatbroke @ The Exchange
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David Salinas @ Paradise Key
Rockport
Raul Ayala, JR Cole @ Robstown Cotton Fest

Sunday,

October 22

62nd Annual Texas Jazz Fest @ Heritage Park
Casting Crowns @ American Bank Center
Ty Dietz, Jim Dugan @ Shorty's
Rich Lockhart @ VFW

Catfish Blues Jam @ Rialto Theater AP
Jam Night @ The Exchange
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
AhhFugYeahs @ Packery Bar
Michael Burts @ Pier 99
Lady Kat & Mattman @ House of Rock
Jennifer Gayle
Bradley @ Blackbeard's

Monday,

October 23

Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Lance Covington @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday,

October 24

Billy Snipes @ VFW
Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Joey St. Vincent @ Mesquite Street
Southside
Saul Padron @ The Exchange

Wednesday,

October 25

Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ Gaff

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