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by Reed Watson



With winter officially still a month away we Islanders broke out our fur-lined flip flops this week. We have three seasons hereabouts one with our air conditioner on freeze, one with our heater on blast, and a short one when we get to turn both off. The Old Farmer's Almanac calls for a colder than normal winter with the coldest temps in early December and late January. The white pelicans have arrived and the first Whooping Cranes have been seen so the Winter Texans won't be far behind when the first snow falls north of Swinney Switch. It's time to start tuning up the belt sanders.

**Air conditioner**

While it may be out of season Red reminds Island homeowners that changes in rules for air conditioners in Texas will change in January 2023 with new more efficient units costing about \$300 more than current units so if you have an old air conditioner that is in need of replacing doing it before the end of 2022 will save a bit of money.

**Bell ringers needed!**

The Salvation Army this week sent out a notice for bell ringers in the coming Christmas season. If being a Santa-clad bell ringer is on your bucket list now is your chance. To be a volunteer go to [www.RegistertoRing.com](http://www.RegistertoRing.com) and see if they have a bell with your name on it.

**The battle is over but the war goes on...**

We may have thought that that the contentiousness at the Nueces County Commissioners Court might subside as the race for a new County Judge has been settled but Wednesday's meeting put that notion to rest. The Island has a couple of crucial items that will be before the new court that takes office in January. The first is the design of the new Bob Hall Pier where the funds to rebuild the pier are in place with the exception of an estimated \$3 million to change from the first design that called for a single row of support pilings to a new design with two rows. One plan floated calls for the needed funds to come from reducing the width of the new pier from the previously planned twenty feet to the width of the old pier at fifteen feet.

The second item with Island implications is the appointment of three of the five members of the board at the Nueces County Emergency Services District #2 which on Wednesday was postponed until after the new court takes office in January. Three Islanders have applied for the three seats: Alan Guggenheim, Steve Gagnon, and Mark Drew. EMSD #2 serves Flour Bluff and Padre Island with a budget of over \$1 million with the majority of that coming from Island property taxpayers. The appointments will be made by members of the commissioners court.

**La Posada**

We feature several items in this week's issue on the La Posada season which is upon us. The emphasis this week is on getting boats in the parade and with that in mind the organizers have added a decoration event to help fence sitters get their boats in the water for the parades.

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Crews this week began work to line the bottom of the channel under the Water Exchange Bridge under construction on SPID. The blocks seen here are designed to harden the floor of the eight-foot deep channel to prevent erosion.

Photo by Jacob Augs

## Lake Padre Development takes Shape

### Second driveway to Padre Harbor under construction

### Site plan not yet available to the public



By Dale Rankin

Workers at the 220-acre construction site are putting the finishing touches on a second driveway into the property from SPID even as final plans for the work have yet to be released to the public.

The project is being built under the title of Padre Harbor and so far only

platting documents have been filed with the City of Corpus Christi leaving in doubt the configuration of the final project where work on vertical structures is expected to start in early 2023.

However, the platting documents, latest aerials of the work site, and plans for the development submitted

a decade ago by the previous owner all coincide and point to the current configuration now under construction to mirror that of the decade-old plans and the platting documents on file with the city, which has so far declined to release them to the public at the request of the developer.

See the drawing for the \$500 million development in this issue.

## Hornets headed for the Alamodome!

*The Flour Bluff Hornets football team will take on Lockhart in the Alamodome in San Antonio in the second round of the playoffs. The game is at 7 p.m. Friday, November 18. Tickets are all sold online and are \$8 General Admission, \$5 for students, \$10 on game day. Fans may carry in items in a clear plastic bag or wallet size clutch.*



A little Island history

*Editor's note: In 1861 the Civil War found its way to Padre Island and a battle was fought on what is now Whitecap Beach. Before manmade changes to The Island, Corpus Christi Pass ran from the Laguna Madre at a point where Fish Pass now begins, parallel to the beach to a point near the end of present day Whitecap where it emptied into the Gulf of Mexico.*

In 1861 Union and Confederate troops fought a battle there which ended with the Confederates in possession of two Union ships which were abandoned near the mouth of the channel.

The following is an account of the

## The Battle of Whitecap Beach

### Civil War Battle Leaves Union Ships Stranded Near Whitecap Beach

battle from the two leaders, first the Union, then the Confederate.

From the Union Leader

U. S. FLAGSHIP NIAGARA, Off Fort Pickens, December 2, 1861. SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival at this place on the 27th ultimo of the U.S.S. DeSoto and the U.S. bark Afidnight, and on the 29th ultimo of the U. S. gunboat schooner Rachel Seaman. The Afidnight I have dispatched to cruise on the coast of Texas, between Galveston and Matagorda Bay; pg 803 v16.

396 WEST GULF BLOCKADING SQUADRON. Expedition in search of Confederate schooner from Corpus Christi, December 7, 1862. Report of Acting Master Johnson, U. S. Navy, commanding U. S. S. Sachem. U. S. S. SACHEM, Aransas Bay, Tex., December 8, 1862. SIR: I beg leave to make the following report: I caused to be captured on the night of the 6th instant, about 9 p.m. in a small schooner and sloop loaded with salt, about 400 bushels, and three men belonging to Corpus Christi. I learned from them at once of an armed Confederate schooner having left

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## How We Voted in November

### Padre Island, Mustang Island, Flour Bluff, Port Aransas

**Total Votes**

7882 registered Island voters  
5113 Total Padre Island Votes cast  
6000 Total Votes Flour Bluff  
11,113 Total Votes Padre Island and Flour Bluff combined  
213,925 Total registered voters Nueces County  
89,445 42% Total votes cast this election

1849 Total Votes Port Aransas

**Padre Island vote**

**Flour Bluff ISD Races**

**Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 2 (uncontested)**  
3650 Jim Needham (uncontested)  
**Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 3**  
2304 65% David Gerlach (Winner)  
1264 35% Nicole Dowd (Incumbent)  
**Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 4 (uncontested)**  
3508 Shirley Thornton (Incumbent)  
**Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 5**  
1386 39% Nicole Peters (Incumbent)  
2198 61% Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo (winner)  
**Flour Bluff ISD 12.6% Tax Increase \$4.1 million**  
1257 27% Yes  
3448 72% No  
4705 Total votes Padre Island  
**State Senate District 27**  
(Covers eight counties, Padre Island and Port Aransas)  
3842 76% Adam Hinojosa  
1204 24% Morgan LaMantia  
(LaMantia won the race with 87,860 votes, 50.2%, a winning margin of  
*Vote cont. on A3*

## La Posada Boat Decorating Party

*Saturday December 3, Padre Island Yacht Club  
La Posada boat parades  
Friday, December 9 and  
Saturday, December 10*

If you are thinking of decorating your boat for the 52nd running of the La Posada Lighted Boat Parades but need some help in getting it done mark your calendar for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3 at the Padre Island Yacht Club. Uniform Marines will be on hand along with Island volunteers to help Islanders get their lights and decorations mounted on your boat. There will also be some technical elves on hand to help get stubborn generators up and running. A crew from KRIS 6 television will be on hand for the occasion and KRIS 6 will televise the Friday night boat parade live. The La Posada Kickoff Party is set for Thursday, December 1, at Hard-Knocks Sports Bar & Grill where a silent and a live auction will be held which includes a four-wheel drive vehicle, and tickets to the Las Vegas Raiders vs. San Francisco 49ers on

*La Posada cont. on A8*



# Did Ya Hear?

By Mary Craft  
mkay512@aol.com

**The Annual PIE (Padre Island Enrichment) Thanksgiving Bake Sale** will be on Tuesday, November 22nd 9 am - noon at the Keller Williams Realty front porch. This year they are adding a lot more variety of baked goods instead of just pies. There will be cookies, mini loaves, coffee cakes and more. Proceeds go to

**South Texas Botanical Gardens** has Holly Days at the Gardens every Friday and Saturday 6 - 7:30 pm November 25 - December 17. There will be lighted trees, photos with Santa, hayrides, hay maze, petting zoo, holiday cut-out photo ops, s'mores and cocoa plus more.



**The 2nd Annual Coastal A's & Rods Toys for Tots Car Show** will be held at Brewster Street downtown on Saturday, December 10th 10 am - 3 pm.

**Lyle Lovett** will be performing at the Selena Auditorium on Friday, February 10th.

**The Port Aransas Realty Turkey Trot** at Palmilla Beach Resort & Golf Club will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd 9:30 am. There will be a 5K/2K and Tot Trot. They invite you to stay for the brunch and Bloody Marys afterward.

**Padre Island Holiday Market** will be held Sunday, December 4th 1 - 5 pm at the Island Presbyterian Church.

**Classified Ad feature of the week:**

A 6' surfboard Pilot Model by Eric Arakawa made in Hawaii complete with shipping/carrying case is for sale for \$500. It is in excellent condition. Call 413-374-5345.

**Island Joe's** has new specials on particular days.

Monday: plain greek yogurt cup with oats, fruit, honey, and your choice of nuts, coconut, and chia.

Tuesday: toasted plain bagel topped with your choice of avocado spread or cream cheese.

Wednesday: 4-cheese grilled cheese with house-made cheese spread.

Thursday: baked egg wrapped in crispy bacon.



**Jack's Beachside Cookshack** on Whitecap offers free delivery to the Island. This week they had a beef stew special. To place an order call 682-229-5769.



**Gobble on the Grand Turkey Bowling Tournament** will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd 5 - 9 pm. There will be live music, vendor village, kid zone, bounce house, glow golf, auctions and more. Entry is free but cash is recommended for food and bar.

**The Padre Island Home Tour** will be held on Sunday December 4th 1 - 5 pm. There will be eight homes decorated for the holidays some with goodies. Tickets are \$25 and your ticket puts you in a raffle for \$250. The event is sponsored by the Padre Island Enrichment Club and proceeds go to the PIE scholarship program for area students.

**The Island Holiday Golf Cart Parade** will be on Sunday, December 4th 4:30 pm.

**The Padre Island Farmers Market** will be held Thursday, November 17th 4 - 8 pm at Briscoe King Pavilion (the winter location.) There will be about 20 vendors and The Most Comida Food Truck will be there.



*Mother Clucker Farm* eggs will at PI Farmers Market this week.

**The Flour Bluff Hornet Football Team** will play Lockhart in the Area Championship game Friday, November 18th 7 pm at the Alamo Stadium. Tickets are \$8 and \$5 for students and are only sold online. Lockhart is located roughly midway between San Antonio and Austin. This is the link to watch the game online. There were 8,000 viewers for last week's playoff game. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq17h9AJssI>

**Padre Island Art Gallery** is hosting a Toy Drive for CASA (Court appointed special advocate) through Thursday, November 26th. Owner Melissa is asking that you bring an unwrapped toy for tots through teens. She has personally worked with this group of volunteers as a foster parent in the past and says they do amazing work for children. The Sip & Shop will be held on Friday, November 18th 5 - 8 pm. There will be an autumn cocktail, heavy hors d'oeuvres and artist demonstrations. Check out the ornaments, holiday decor and gift ideas. The gallery is offering a new class where you make two ornaments and choose shapes from seahorse, Christmas tree, turtle or star forms. The class will be held Sunday, November 20th at 2 pm.



*Padre Island Art Gallery sealife tumblers by Catherine McNew.*



**Wind & Wave Watersports** has over 150 kayaks in stock and they offer free test demos. They have many items in the store that make for great ideas so be sure to ask about their holiday specials. They are located at the corner of Laguna Shores and Frontage Road. For more info call 937-9283.



**Black Sheep Bistro** will be serving on Thanksgiving Day 1 - 4 pm by reservation only. The main courses are traditional baked turkey, ham, smoked prime rib and smoked beef tenderloin. The starter is soup or salad, sides are garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes. Dessert choices include pumpkin pie, bread pudding, pecan pie and pumpkin cheesecake. The cost is \$40/person and \$20 for children under age 12. To make a reservation call 972-523-6368 or 210-418-4819, email [gmier@theangrymarlin.com](mailto:gmier@theangrymarlin.com) or visit their web site.

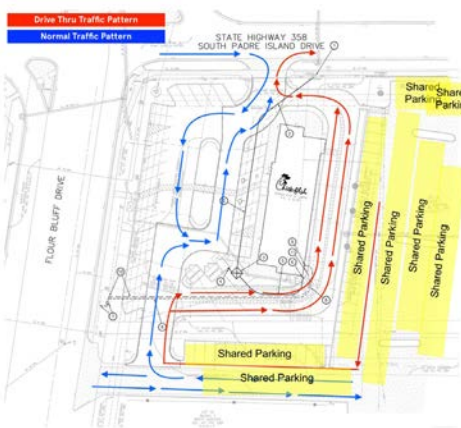
**The 5th Annual Corpus Christi Wine Festival** will feature Stoney LaRue plus 16 other bands/artists on three stages Saturday, December 19th 3 pm until around midnight at Heritage Park. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold at the event.

**Random stuff**

I just noticed the defrost button on my toaster that I have started using since I normally freeze my bread. You just push the button after you lower the lift. It either extends the toast time or starts on lower heat to defrost before toasting depending on the model toaster. Of course you can also microwave 15 seconds or put in fridge 2 - 3 hours.



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Letters to the Editor

The Old Man and the Typewriter

Editor's note: Regular readers of these pages know that we often feature stories by long-time Flour Bluff resident Bobbie Kimbrell. This week writer Jon Brauchle turns the tables and writes a story about Mr. Kimbrell.

By Jon Brauchle

"Hello, my name is Jon, and I'm a retired game warden."

"You're a what??" he asked with his hand cupped around his ear and a puzzled look on his face.

"I'm a retired game warden. I've read some of your stories, and I'd like to talk to you about them."

"Oh. Come on in."

He offered me a chair at his small dining room table. As I took the seat, he sat down, still puzzled, directly across from me.

I told him that I really enjoyed reading the stories he has written for the Island Moon, a newspaper published weekly covering local news for Padre Island and Flour Bluff in Corpus Christi. The puzzled look faded. His eyes lit up a bit, and he spent the next hour-and-a-half telling me about a lifetime of fishing on the Laguna Madre. But the story he told that stuck with me the most had nothing to do with fishing.

When Bobbie was in the fourth grade at the elementary school in Glen Rose, Texas, he was given an assignment by his teacher to write a poem about a vegetable. He chose the potato. In writing his poem, he purposefully changed the spelling of certain words to accentuate the rhyme. His teacher was so impressed with his writing, that she sent him to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms to share his work. Bobbie beamed with pride as he read his poem to his younger schoolmates. However, he was none too pleased with the grade he received when he got his paper back. It was a B. When he asked his teacher why, she said that it was because he had misspelled some words. He was not happy.

I don't think his fourth-grade fallout with writing had anything to do with it, but for whatever reason, Bobbie quit writing for a very long time. After high school graduation and a two-year stint in the army, Bobbie spent the next 50 years fishing to make a living. He didn't start writing again until he was 70 years old.

You wouldn't know he had taken such a long hiatus by reading his stories. Bobbie has amazing recall and tells colorful, well-written tales about life in Flour Bluff in the 40's, 50's, and 60's from the eyes of a fisherman. He types up his stories on an old Brother electric typewriter that sits on a desk in a corner a few feet from his kitchen table. When he finishes one, he mails it to the Island Moon. Some get printed, and some don't. He's never been paid for anything he has written, but that's never discouraged him. At 92, he still finds time, at least once a week, to write.

So, I found the fisherman I was looking for and more. And although, other than being an old fisherman, he shares very little in common with the "Santiago" character from Ernest Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea, he is a character, nonetheless. Bobbie Kimbrell has led an interesting life. And fortunately, for those of us who have an interest in how things used to be, there are folks, like Bobbie, who have seen and experienced those things and, most importantly, have taken the time to write them down.

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.

Native Palms,

I appreciated seeing the native and adaptability status of palms being addressed by Ed Proffitt in the recent issue and I thought he might appreciate some updated information. I have attached an issue of The Newsletter of the Native Plant Society of Texas which offers evidence that Sabal mexicana is native far north of the Lower Rio Grande Valley including the central Texas coast. This population was almost totally removed prior to the 1900's for use as wharf pilings or to use as ornamentals. Also, Sabal mexicana is completely hardy to cold in the coastal bend, they went undamaged during the 2021 freeze and would not be killed even in the all-time record cold set in 1899. The same can not be said for non-native palms like the Mexican fan palm (Washingtonia robusta).

In addition to Sabal Mexicana being native to the coastal bend, another native Sabal is still here, Sabal minor, a small, non-trunking palm that is still found in habitat in Nueces county and elsewhere. I've seen them along Oso creek and there are many of them at Hazel Bazemore County Park. Is Sabal minor exactly native on the island? Well I've had trouble verifying that for sure but there are a couple growing naturally at the Packery Channel Oak Motte Sanctuary, and I'm not referring to the planted S. Mexicana there.

Anyway, either of these two coastal bend native palms are worthy of inclusion in a native minded palm planting, just some food for thought.

Ammon Eubanks

Vote from AI

569 votes)

Nueces County Judge

3854 76% Connie Scott (R) Padre Island

1224 24% Barbara Canales (D) (Incumbent) Padre Island

49,091 56% countywide Connie Scott (winner)

39,051 44% countywide Barbara Canales

Corpus Christi Mayor

3058 68% Paulette Guajardo (Incumbent) Padre Island

1459 32% John Wright Padre Island

53,536 73% Paulette Guajardo (winner) Citywide

20,155 27% John Wright Citywide

Corpus Christi City Council At-Large Island vote

(In order of finish -top three win)

2995 32% Michael Hunter (winner)

2725 29% Mike Pusley (winner)

1124 12% Jim Klein (winner)

631 8% Rachel Caballero

646 7% Nancy Vera

622 6% John Martinez

City Council Precinct 4 (uncontested)

3676 Dan Suckley

Flour Bluff vote

(Precincts 6, 18,117, 122)

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 2 (uncontested)

4381 Jim Needham (incumbent)

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 3

2653 258% David Gerlach (Winner)

2017 42% Nicole Dowd (Incumbent)

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 4 (uncontested)

4298 Shirley Thornton (Incumbent)

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 5

2128 45% Nicole Peters (Incumbent)

2482 55% Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo (winner)

Flour Bluff ISD 12.6% Tax Increase \$4.1 million

2354 42% Yes

3187 58% No

Vote Totals Flour Bluff ISD ballot items Padre Island and Flour Bluff

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 2 (uncontested)

8031 Jim Needham

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 3

4957 60% David Gerlach (Winner)

3281 40% Nicole Dowd

8238 total votes

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 4 (uncontested)

7658 Shirley Thornton

Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors Place 5

3514 43% Nicole Peters

4680 57% Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo (winner)

Flour Bluff ISD 12.6% Tax Increase \$4.1 million

10,246 Total Votes

3611 35% Yes

6635 65% No (measure failed)

Port Aransas

County Judge

1405 77% Connie Scott (R) (Winner)

418 23% Barbara Canales

Proposition A

1325 75% For

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State Senator District 27

(No incumbent)

1340 73% Adam Hinojosa (R)

484 27% Morgan LaMantia

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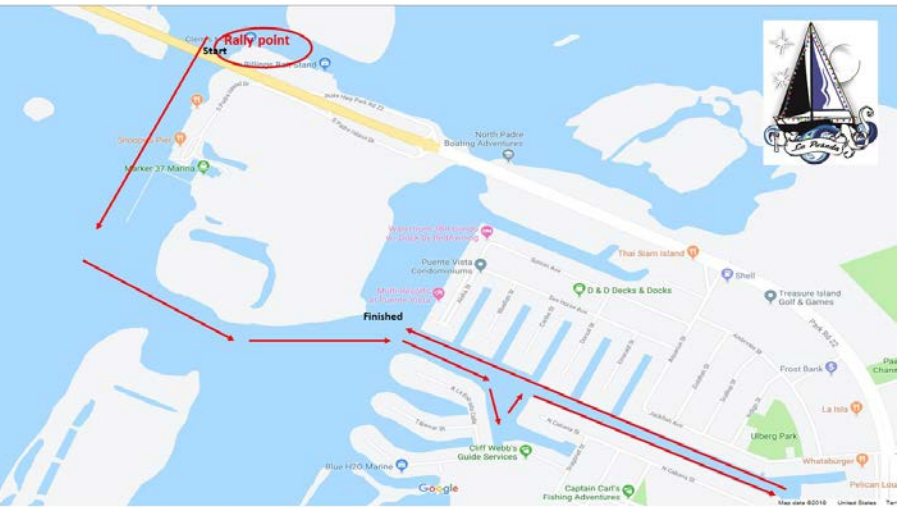
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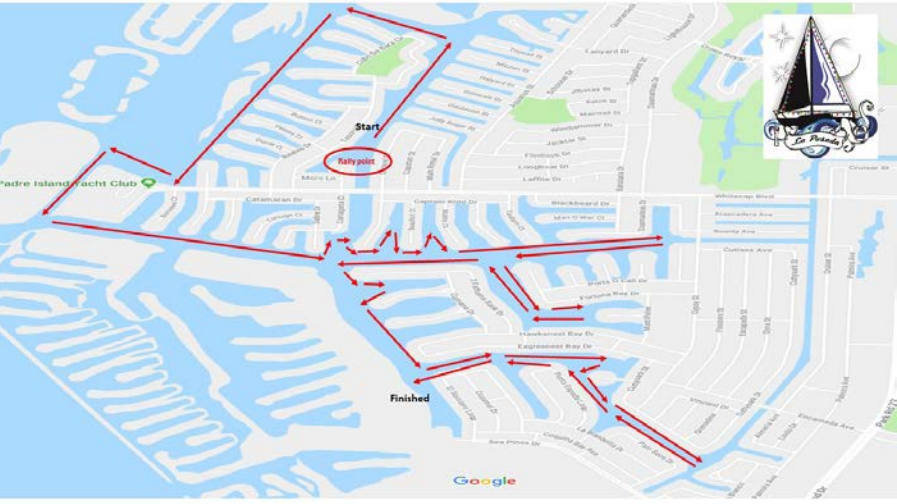


Schedule for 2022 La Posada Events

Thursday	December 1st	6:00 PM	Silent Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
		7:30 PM	Live Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
Saturday	December 3	10:00AM	Boat Decorating	Padre Island Yacht Club
Sunday	December 4	5:00 PM	Land Parade	Briscoe Pavilion
Friday	December 9	7:00 PM	Boat Parade	Packery Channel
Saturday	December 10	6:00 PM	Boat Parade	Caravel Boat Ramp
Sunday	December 11	8:30 AM	Breakfast for Marines & Load Toys – PIYC	
Monday	December 12	6:00 PM	Awards Presentation	PIYC



Friday Parade Route



Saturday Parade Route

La Posada from A1

2022 La Posada Lighted Boat Parade Registration Form

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To register your boat for the 2022 Lighted Boat Parades fill out this form and drop it at any of the registration sites listed in this issue. Or copy it from the Island Moon website [Islandmoon.com](http://Islandmoon.com) and email it to the email listed below. Or simply visit a registration site.

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ADDRESS

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER-

E-MAIL ADDRESS-

Power-Sail-

BOAT NAME-

Boat DescriptionState Registration

Name of Insurance Company

The following are the Parade routes and dates. Please check which nights you can participate in.

Friday, December 9, 2022, North Canals Staging area from just north of JFK Bridge, East along bait shop by 6:30 P.M. Parade starts at 7 P.M.

Saturday, December 10, 2022, South Canals. Staging area from Caravel boat ramp North by 5:30 P.M. Parade starts at 6 P.M.

Please provide a brief description in print or video of decoration theme, time it took to decorate, how many lights etc. at the mandatory Captain’s Meeting on December 5 at 6 p.m. at the Padre Island Yacht Club. This information will help the KRIS 6 News Commentator in describing the parade.

SignaturePrinted Name

Any questions call Bob Corbett 254-722-6131 or Ann Aylesworth 305-609-4694

Email Bob [bob.corbett895@gmail.com](mailto:bob.corbett895@gmail.com) or Ann – [Ann@mptusa.com](mailto:Ann@mptusa.com)

Around from A1

Early moon deadlines next week

The Island Moon deadlines will move up a day next week as we will come out a day early on Wednesday so we don’t look like turkeys delivering papers on Thanksgiving Day. We

ask advertisers and columnists to get copy in by Monday evening. It’s going to be a good La Posada season everybody and in the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.

History from A1

Corpus Christi for the pass, for the alleged purpose of sounding the channel.

I at once went on board of U. S. bark Arthur and reported the same to her commanding officer, Lieutenant T. F. Wade. It was thought best to send an expedition to capture her, the Arthur to proceed in advance to Corpus Christi Pass, while a boat expedition from the Sachem proceeded by way of Corpus Christi Bay. The Arthur accordingly got underway at 3 a.m. and boats from this vessel at 6 a.m., consisting of 18 men and two boats, in charge of Mr. A. H. Reynolds, acting ensign, and G. C. Dolliver, masters mate. After proceeding about 28 miles, a schooner hove in sight, standing toward Corpus Christi. She at once changed her course and stood direct for Corpus Christi Pass, Mr. Reynolds and the expedition chasing her, and then about 5 miles astern.

The chase was continued for 8 miles, and at 11 a. m., when within about 150 yards of the Pass, and then under a high bluff of land called Padre Island, being hard pressed by the boats, she was run ashore, officers and soldiers abandoning her, and took refuge behind sand hills. As soon as our boats rounded the point of land, they were attacked by volleys of musketry from behind those hills, wounding Mr. Reynolds badly, and killing two of the Sachems crew and wounding two more; also killing a man, a refugee from Corpus Christi, whom I asked as a favor to join the expedition. Mr. Reynold’s party being within 30 yards of the enemy, was compelled to land his men opposite, on Mustang Island, where he could choose his distance, and there fought the enemy for one hour and a half, defending his boats.

Receiving another wound in the mean- time, and finding all hopes of assistance from the bark impossible, he was compelled to abandon his boats, bring in his wounded off with him, and making his retreat to this vessel by and to this bay, a distance of 30 miles, and arriving on board at 12, midnight. I at once sent a boat on board the Arthur for her doctor, who came in and cared for the wounded. Mr. Reynolds is badly wounded, one man severely, and one slightly. It was ascertained that the rebels had considerable forces on Padre Island, besides the forces on the schooner. I can not say too much in favor of Mr. Reynolds in so ably conducting this expedition against such odds as were brought against him, and as a brave and very efficient officer. And Mr. Reynolds compliments Mr. Dolliver to me for rendering him very efficient service during the whole engagement, but especially after Mr. Reynolds having received the last but most severe wound, which I most cheerfully recommend for your consideration.

The names of the killed and wounded are: Mr. A. H. Reynolds, acting ensign, two wounds in right side, badly; Thomas Mollman, in right arm, slightly; John Carey, landsman, in breast, etc., severely; William Nicholson, landsman, killed, shot through the head; Benjamin F. Cowen, landsman, killed, shot through the breast, Peter Baxter, a refugee from Corpus Christi, and a native of the city of Perth, Scotland, killed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, Amos JOHNSON,

Rear-Admiral D. G. FARRAGUT, Acting Commanding Western Gulf Blockading Squadron. P.

S.J wish to state, also, that all the arms were saved, excepting those of the killed and those belonging to John Carey, severely wounded.

Report of Captain Wilike, C.

U.S. Army. Corpus Christi, Tx., December 8, 1862.

From the Confederate leader

MAJOR: I have the honor to report that on the 5th instant myself, Captain John Ireland, and 7 of his men went on a surveying expedition in the Queen of the Bay, to ascertain the depth of the channel at Corpus Christi Pass by actual measurement. The boat was in charge of Jack Sands, Pat Reil, and Tom Simpson. Corpus Christi Pass is about 5 miles long, and has a bar outside of the Gulf and another inside one toward the bay. We found 5 feet water on the former and 3 feet on the latter. The wind was very contrary, and it took us one day and a half to ascertain these facts, when we were compelled to cast anchor and stay overnight in the middle of the channel, the wind being due north and the channel too narrow to beat. On the morning of the 7th we detected the bark Arthur outside, evidently cruising for us, for when they had detected us they stood off into sea to beat back to Aransas Pass.

Captain Ireland and myself went to Mustang Island to watch her, but arrived [too] late at the Gulf shore to find out if she had left any boat behind. We watched her until 11 o’clock, when the wind turned toward the east, and we returned to the boat to weigh anchor. At 12 o’clock we started homeward. When near the inner bar we detected two of the enemies launches fully manned, who had come into our rear over the mud flats near Shell Bank. They were about 2 miles from us and we could not find out if there were any more hidden behind the shore, so I gave orders to turn our boat around and run nearly before the wind back toward the Gulf.

The boats were in hot pursuit, using both sails and oars, and gained slightly on us, so that they were a little over a mile behind us when we arrived at the bluffs of Padre Island. We ran the Queen ashore close to the hills, jumped out with the most necessary baggage in case we should lose the boat, and took position on the hills, keeping ourselves hid. They came in close, and at about 200 yards we opened fire on them. The first two shots disabled 2 of their men, and they at once changed their course and took position in the center of the Pass, all the while shooting at us, but without any effect, while our balls were flying close to their boats, probably wounding some of them, for they at once went across the channel to Mustang Island, ran both boats ashore, and jumped out as fast as they could, leaving everything in their boats except their guns, which were not fastened to their bodes which returned to the fire, and ran farther up the beach, taking position about 1,000 yards opposite to us.

From there they fired occasionally on us, but their shot fell short, while one of our men at that distance killed one of theirs. When they saw that even at that distance they were not safe against our shot they retired still farther and disappeared behind the hills. During the time the breeze had become stronger and driven their boats from shore. One came right toward us, and Captain Ireland, with 2 men, went waist-deep into water, securing her. He found one dead body and a wounded man in it, besides a good many articles of clothing and arms. The other boat, whose sail was still flying, drifted toward the Gulf, and Jack Sands took a small boat, went over, and took her also. Captain Ireland then succeeded in shoving the Queen into deep water, and after securing the corpse of the man who lay shot on Mustang Island we soon after ward made good our retreat toward Corpus Christi, where we safely landed about 9 oclock in the evening with our whole booty.

I must mention here the bravery of all the men. Captain Irelands men were selected from among the best shots of his company, and I take pride in mentioning their names, for they did really such very good execution. They were W. E. Goodrich, W. Saffold, F. G. Roberts, S. K. Elliott, John Keill, John Haley, and Nat Henderson, all from or near Seguin. About Captain Ireland I need not mention anything to you, for he behaved exactly as you would have a brave man to behave. We were 7 armed men against their 22, for Captain Ireland and myself had only six-shooters and the three boatmen had nothing. The latter did their part in shouting and urging on our men. We took 2 launches (one metallic), with full equipments in sail and oars, 6 great-coats, 4 percussion muskets, 1 double-barrel shotgun, 3 holster pistols, 4 cutlasses, 1 bayonet, 3 cartridge boxes, 3 pistol cases, and sundry small articles, which I had turned over to the quartermaster and ordnance officer. Three of the great-coats were issued by my order to the three sailors, two of whom have since they are in the service received neither pay nor clothing and scarcely any rations, for they belong to no company, and nobody has ever drawn for them. I believe I can direct the quartermaster to issue to them rations and pay them their wages and let some of the captains draw their clothing for them. They are good sailors, and I wish to retain them in that branch for our boats. Have I a right to do that or must they join a company I I would request you to send me an answer to that question.

I remain, very respectfully, your most obedient,

H. WTLIKE, Maj. E. F. GRAY, Captain, Commanding Post.



# The Island Outdoors

## On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Hopefully I don't sound like a broken record full of good news (mostly) but the city council approved the first reading of the TIRZ #2 re-authorization the other day, with the expanded boundaries, projects to include the county projects, the Whitecap PID projects, and of course the multi-modal plan for the Island. The second reading should be in December, and then the Project and Financing Plan will get some additional details placed in it. This is the time that the Island Strategic Action Committee needs to consolidate our prior projects and get that list to the city for inclusion in the project plans. This stretches back to some of the "six-pack" items that have been ignored for years.

### Island Overlay

We had an Island Overlay meeting the other day, and I'll report more in detail at the next Island Strategic Action Committee, but there were a few things that popped up. One was the changes to the parking regulations for the Island. You all know that there are required parking spaces for businesses and multi-family dwelling, and the overlay allows for a 10% credit for those that provide 100% of their parking to the side and/or rear of the fronts. In addition, businesses can also claim a 10% credit of the parking spaces that are designated for golf carts. Both of these allowances are in attempt to get parking behind the buildings, and to encourage multi-modal patronage of businesses. There are some issues with the landscaping requirements and sidewalks, but we'll delve into those later.

### State of the Port

We attended the State of the Port luncheon the other day and heard the story how the port is one of the main economic drivers here in the area, and it has been for many years. No surprise there. The main focus is of course the large vessels coming in, but rail is still very important to the port, and they are expanding their switch yard. Most people don't realize that we still have three rail lines that serve Corpus Christi and the Port, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF – who has been a huge supporter of our artificial reefs in the Rio Grande Valley and our Packery Channel reef), the Union Pacific (UP), and the Kansas

City Southern (KCS). Many people have forgotten the fourth rail line, the Tex-Mex rail line that went from Laredo into Corpus, through Robstown, and then its spur went by the airport, and then down Holly Road, across the Oso, and then into the Naval Air Station. It's this spur that the city is going to renovate to include a multi-modal path from in town to Flour Bluff on the Bond program that just passed. Whew! That might be a new record of circling the plane and never landing it, even for this page.

### "The city shall..."

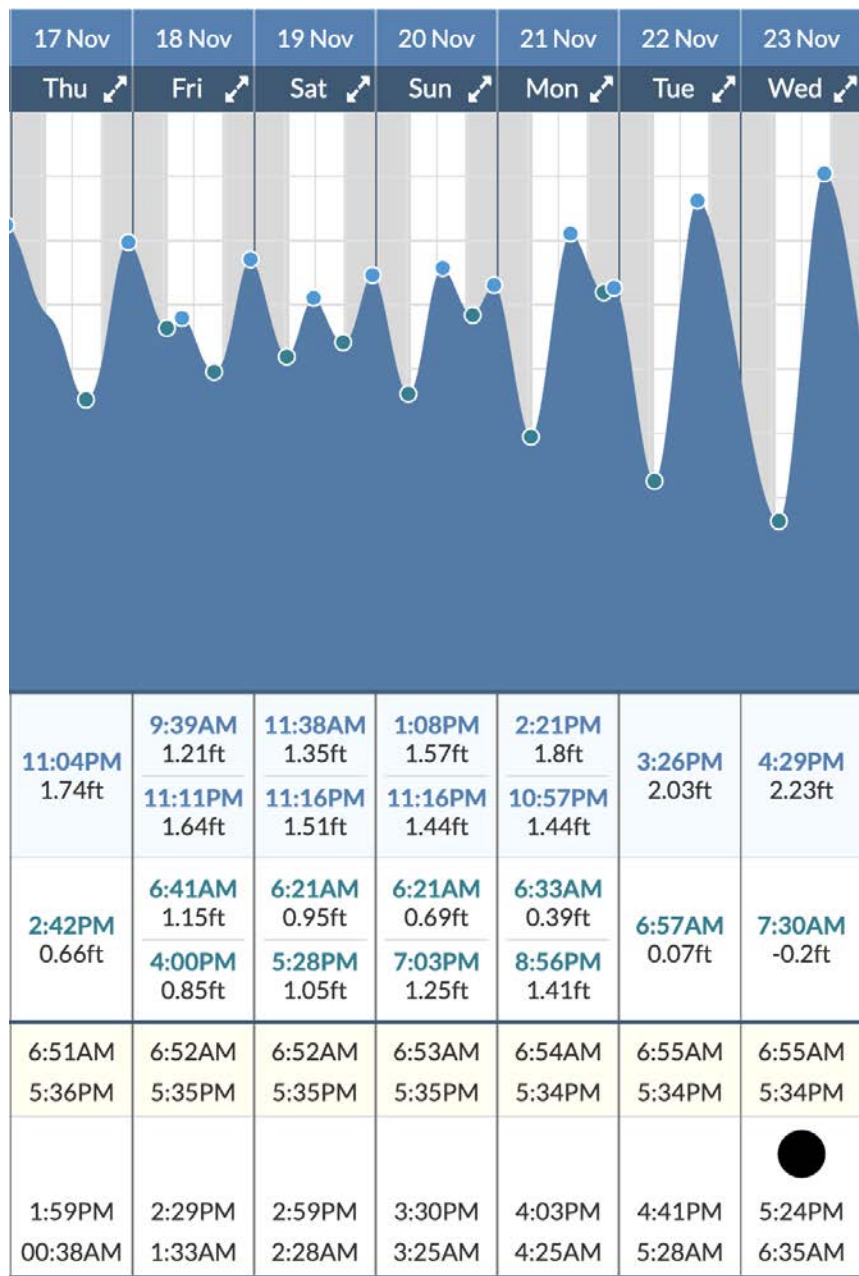
I'm just going to leave this right here for you loyal readers - Texas General Land Office Lease SL20110014 was enacted between the City, TxDoT, and the General Land Office back in 2011 for the area under the JFK Causeway from the Billings boat ramp breakwater down to the Clem's boat ramp (excluding Billings, Packery Flats, and Clems, but including the parking lot, some bulkheads, and shoreline). This lease is in place until August 31, 2036. The city "shall have the right to use the surface for the limited purpose of construction, operation, and maintenance of public boat ramps and public parking..." something to think about.

### Flounder season

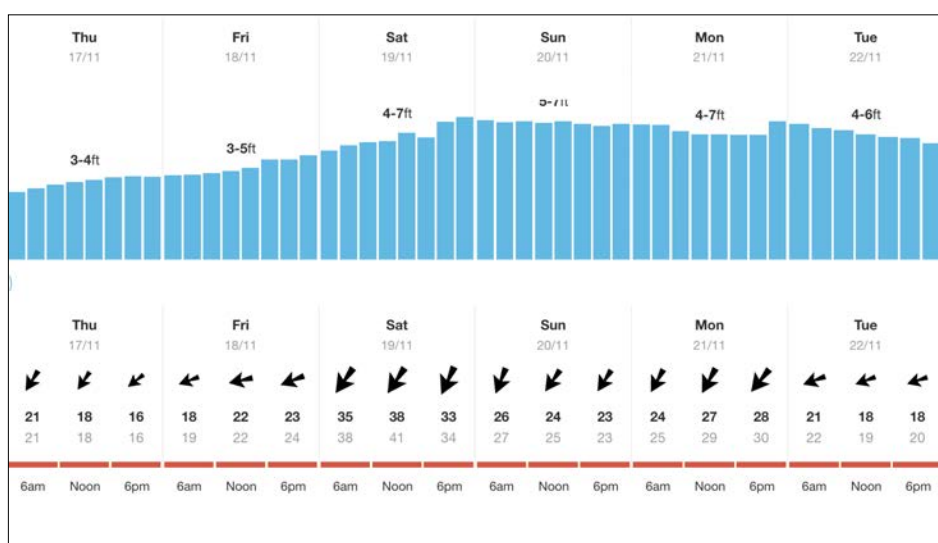
Flounder season is still closed until December 14th, which I assumed was next week based on the weather, but no, we're only here in mid-November. Sheesh. I've started on the wintertime projects this year in earnest because this weather reminds me of Groundhog Day in the depths of February. Might as well get some things done instead of turning into a couch potato every evening after work. Drop me a line at [tarponchaser@mail.com](mailto:tarponchaser@mail.com) and I'll see you next week On the Rocks.



## Tides of the Week



## Packery Channel Surf Forecast



## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Farah's Fishing Adventures



*This redfish was caught in the flats just along the ICW in the Laguna Madre with a stiff North Wind Blowing! Down South Lures Bone/DIMOND and a red headed OWNER 1/4ounce jig head.*

Winter presentation of lures must differ from those of hot summer fishing. Gamefish will be temperate now and their activity level will change with their body temperature. Possibly most important is the fact that gamefish will have a change in the speed their bodies digest their food. This means that a heavy feeding will secure their appetite for longer. Understanding when and where different groups of fish are feeding and on what can better help us make fish smart decisions.

As cold fronts roll in and drop water temperatures, gamefish will fall into deeper water. Yes the ICW and various deep canals are refuge, but the deeper areas of the flats are sufficient enough for gamefish to move to during these short lived cold snaps. I'm finding good holdings of fish out in 4-5 feet of water off of the King Ranch Shoreline. Getting your soft plastic to the bottom and keeping it in the strike zone is essential, 1/4 ounce OWNER JIGHEADS are what I have once of the time in these areas. With clients, especially first thing in the morning I want them to be able to cast far and feel their baits. The 1/4 ounce jig head paired with a DOWN SOUTH LURES Super Model swim bait is perfect. Color preference has been easy, darks, brights, and naturals. I've had more catches using brights at dawn, like Bone/DIMOND and darker colors like the Purple Reign when the sun comes out. With cooler weather keep the action of your rod small, light lifting of the tip will insure that your bait doesn't "whiz" by them but teases them into a strike with your bait in their face. Trout love to follow a bait and wait for its weak moment to attack. A soft retrieve just above the bottom with small teasing jolts of lifting will spur those trout to hit the bait on the fall. Keep your rod strokes across your chest and your rod tip at about 11 o'clock.

### Southeast winds and warm days

When those Southeast Winds return and warm days are upon us expect the fish to turn on in anticipation for their next cold snap. On these warmer days I like to dance a lighter jig head size of 1/8th ounce to create hang time in my lures and a softer fall. I also tend to fish

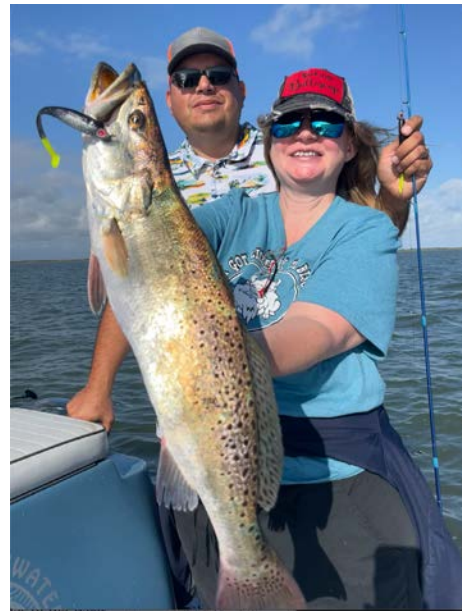
shallower flats as gamefish will move towards the shallows as the skinny water gets those rays of sunlight. Hovering a DOWN SOUTH LURES Victoria Secret Super Model in a shallow sand pocket along the east shoreline south of Bird Island will just be a matter of casts before you watch it get inhaled by a nice trout or big redfish.

One thing that I've been practicing is going light with my weight when the lunar feeding times are slow, and when I want the lure to tease gamefish when they have plenty of time to look at it. A controlled descent with flutter of firing movements, like a wounded baitfish slowly swimming down. Directly opposite of that is a fast retrieve burning your lure or lifting it up into the mid water column with a heavier jig head up to 3/8ths and triggering a reaction strike. Keeping an assortment of rods ready with your confidence lures and two different jig head weights at hand can be a great way to deliver varied presentation at the trade of a stick.

### Shrimp

Deeper water has had loads of shrimp burrowing up in the mud. These fish will be feeding during nighttime hours, finish at or just before dawn, but will have a slight feeding at noon or later and opposite of night time lunar feeding times. Pin perch and mullet will be hiding at night in thick grass and up in remote shallow water. At first light they will become active and create the mass of your morning bite. Trout and redfish have had freshly eaten pin perch in them all morning.

The first two weeks of December are some of the best fishing of the year. All gamefish will be feeding heavy in preparation for the coldest part of the year. Baitfish will drop into the deeper areas as all life forms find their winter staging grounds. It's a special time of year and one full of great angling opportunity. Call me to find YOUR Day on the water. 361-442-8145



*A magnificent big speck we caught and released this week along the King Ranch Shoreline. Down South Purple Reign has been the color on the warm days between fronts.*



*Mr Eric Foley came down from Ohio to visit family, and get his hands on this big redfish! DSL Purple Reign!*

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## Nature Notes

### Long-billed Curlew



*Long-billed Curlew observed feeding along the shore of Matagorda Peninsula. Picture taken by Taylor Bennett on Oct. 5, 2022 in Matagorda, TX.*

Gulf Coast Bird Observatory surveys for non-breeding shorebirds along the Upper Texas Coast as part of our research. GCBO intern, Alex Percy, and I monitor Matagorda Beach, Bryan Beach, Quintana Beach, Surfside Beach, and Follet's Island from the beginning of August to the end of March. Our target species are Piping Plover, Snowy Plover, Red Knot, Black Skimmer, and American Oystercatcher. We often come across other bird species as well. For instance, the Long-billed Curlew.

Long-billed Curlews are classified as being the largest shorebird in North America. They migrate from their breeding grounds in the Western United States and Southwest Canada to their wintering grounds in California, Texas, and Louisiana.

Their habitat differs depending on the season. During the winter, they are often observed along the shore and within mudflats. During the Spring and Summer, they nest in short or mixed grass habitat. During the winter, we often observe them feeding along the shore of Matagorda Beach. They have similar habitat as Marbled Godwit.

Along with being the largest shorebird, the Long-billed Curlew has several features that help it stand out from other shorebird species. First, it's very long and curved bill. Second, it's plumage. Long-billed Curlews have speckled and cinnamon colored upper parts, streaked buff colored bellies, and long pale blue legs. In flight, you can see that their underwings are also cinnamon in color.

Unlike most shorebird species, the plumage of a Long-billed Curlew does not change between seasons.

There are very subtle differences between the male and female. The females tend to be larger than the males and their bill is also slightly longer. The "curlew" part of the name comes from their *Curluoo* call. They are very similar looking to Whimbrel. Whimbrel are smaller in size with shorter bills, lack the cinnamon color, and have a distinct pale crown stripe which makes it look like it has white eyebrows.

Long-billed Curlews are carnivores and prey on a variety of organisms depending on the habitat they're in. Their prey mainly consists of burrow-dwelling organisms, which they are able to capture with ease thanks to their long and slightly curved bill. They feed on different things depending on the season. During the breeding season, they prey on insects of grassy habitats including grasshoppers, beetles, and earthworms. During the winter season, they prey on marine crustaceans and benthic invertebrates including crabs, shrimp, bivalves, and marine worms.

Unlike our target species, Long-billed Curlew are considered a species of least concern, meaning that they are plentiful in the wild, but they're still protected via the Migratory Bird Act. When visiting the beach, please remember to give birds space, drive carefully, keep dogs on a leash, and keep the beaches clean by picking up trash. On behalf of Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, thanks for reading.



### Ambushed by Blue Crabs

For years, scientists have believed that low tide provided fiddler crabs with a refuge from predatory blue crabs because the fiddlers could crawl around on the mud, out of the water where the danger lurked. But, new observations at a Virginia salt marsh suggest that blue crabs have a few surprises up their claws when it comes to hunting for dinner during low tide. Researchers watched as blue crabs hid out in shallow mud pits filled with sea water and waited, not for the tide to return, but for fiddler crabs to inch their way closer to the edge of the pit.



*A blue crab holding an ambushed fiddler crab. Credit: David Johnson, Virginia Institute of Marine Science.*

When one fiddler crab ventured close enough, the blue crab lurched out of the water, grabbed it and began chowing down on its meal. Another blue crab ventured out of its pit and slowly stalked a fiddler crab before snatching it and rushing back to its pit. The scientists noticed leftover fiddler crab claws outside several water-filled mud pits, "like the discarded bones of villagers outside a dragon's lair," wrote the scientist.

What makes these observations so extraordinary is that blue crabs typically live, breathe and hunt underwater. Scientists have long believed that these and other swimming crabs almost exclusively feed when they are completely submerged. While blue crabs have been seen to dash from the water a short distance across land to grab a fiddler crab, that behavior was different from these ambushes far away from the water's edge. The blue crabs dig the pits themselves or use other crabs' pits when convenient. They successfully grab fiddler crabs about a third of the time, but sometimes try to steal prey from other crabs. By remaining still, camouflaged by mud in the pit, they also escape the notice of seabirds, their own predators.



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## Going Native

By Ed Proffitt

Response by Ed Proffitt to Letter to the Editor in this issue:

Your letter brings up interesting points about the palm *Sabal mexicana* and I appreciate your knowledge of the subject and interest in discussing the species further. After seeing your letter and the short article you included I delved further into the subject and read an earlier in-depth article by Landon Lockett (2003, Texas Native Plant Society journal) that included historic accounts of palms in various locations in Texas from as early as the 1700's. Therein, Lockett provided a very meticulously researched historic account of palm occurrence that is somewhat compelling. I suspect that Lockett is correct that *S. mexicana* may have been in Texas for a long time and may be native to some parts of Texas, although unfortunately there's no way to verify the species identity of palms mentioned in the very early historic accounts.

But, the scientific literature is not particularly supportive of the idea that *S. mexicana* is native north of the Rio Grande Valley area. One of the deans of palm biology and distribution, Scott Zena, notes in his 1990 monograph on the genus *Sabal*, that *S. mexicana* is a tropical species with a range from Mexico through Guatemala and parts of the Caribbean. His map of the cladogram (species distributions in taxonomic "space") overlaid on a geographic map of the Caribbean does not show any occurrences north of the Rio Grande. The problem I have -- and I confess, it's just my assessment of the "literature", and other botanists / ecologists are entirely justified in their own opinions --- is that the published scientific literature that I've seen doesn't support the notion that *S. mexicana* is naturally native (in a population sense) anywhere north of the Rio Grande Valley. Also, various publications do list individual or small group occurrences well north of there, but they don't provide any evidence that any of these locales have viable reproducing populations that can maintain themselves over long time spans -- which is needed in my view to be considered native. A few "old" individual trees in isolated and disjunct locations are present doesn't indicate that the these trees represent a viable and reproducing population throughout much of SE Texas. Further, if you go to <https://www.palmpedia.net/> and scroll down past most of their pictures of palms, you'll find a map of the distribution of *S. mexicana* in Texas which shows a very disjointed set of occurrences that: a) does **not** include North Padre Island or Nueces county and b) shows multiple gaps in distributions among many east Texas counties. Some of these gaps are likely because of a lack of records from biologists, but there are too many gaps for that to be the primary reason because other literature indicates that this species is "weedy" (for a tree) and thus should persist and spread like we'd expect a weed

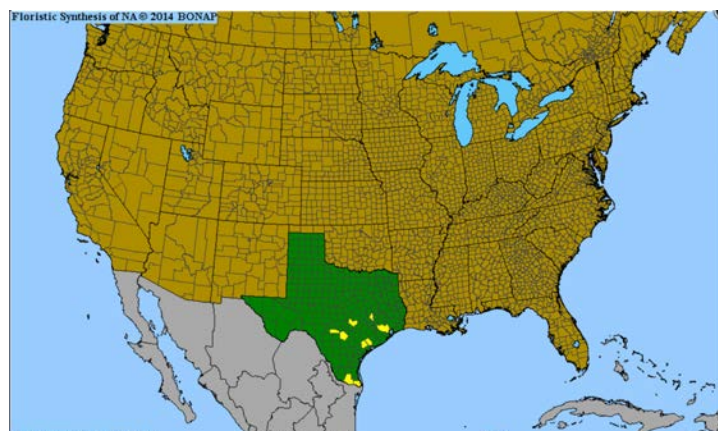
### Palm Trees

would. Instead, we don't see it spreading except here and there. It seems more likely (to me, based on accounts I've read) that current distributions of the species in most of Texas is a function of planting for landscaping (which has been widespread in recent decades) and secondary recruitment of seedlings from these artificial plantings. If so, is that really native? I think not.

There are also suggestions that the current paucity of "wild" palms reflects their extensive use as fence posts and dock pilings in the past. While these uses certainly occurred, there is no subsequent data to indicate that the cutting for human uses occurred to such a degree that Padre Island (or even the broader Nueces county) was denuded of the species. I searched through old records from the Caller Times from 1800's and up through 1942 and have not found compelling accounts of palms on north Padre Island, although, in fairness, that's not really the focus of most news articles. That's all I've had time to go through for this week's Island Moon other than a nice paper provided by the TAMUCC Research Librarian which was also inconclusive. So, that's a long-winded way of saying "I'm not sure" although the evidence seems to lean against any true native populations of *Sabal mexicana* on our Sand Bar. Certainly, individuals occur **now**. But they've been planted! Some volunteer individuals also appear to occur now, but they are likely the offspring of the planted individuals. Since they don't even occur at all in the National Seashore (see reference in last week's Going Native) it seems most likely that there was not a relatively large, viable reproducing population of this species on north Padre Island in the past. So, should they be counted in with truly native species in terms of native landscape use for habitat -- based on the current evidence I've seen, I don't believe so.

In tentative conclusion, until more information becomes available, I have to go with the articles mentioned in my Going Native article last week that at least as early as mid-1800's, there were few, if any, palms on N. Padre Island. Also, that there's no historic evidence of a "reproducing, self-sustaining population" on Padre Island. *Sabal minor* that you also mention largely falls in the same category, regardless of a couple of individuals occurring here or there. And, finally, being a scientist, I have to "go with" the scientific literature -- and Zena's monograph on palms notes that *S. mexicana* is a tropical species and extreme south Texas seems to be at the edge of its current native range.

But that's my current opinion. I'll keep looking through the scientific and other literature, and will report what I find in upcoming Going Native columns. Maybe my mind will change. Again, I appreciate the letter and the opportunity to exchange ideas on this very important topic!



*sabal mexicana distrib from palmpedia.net*

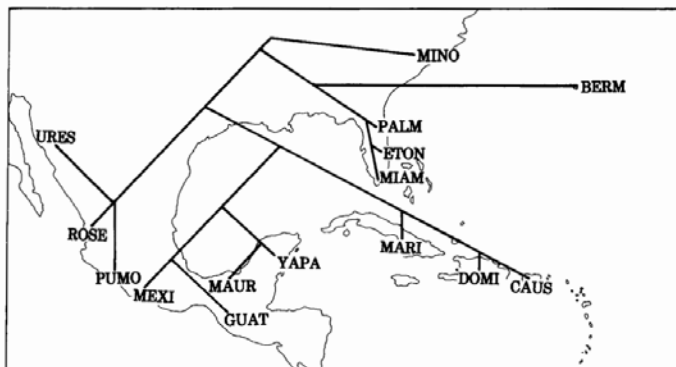


Fig. 15. Cladogram (as in Fig. 14) superimposed on a map of the Caribbean basin. Proposed phylogenetic relationships are highly congruent with biogeographical data.

*zona palms monograph fig of cladogram on map*

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# Sports

## Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



## Nadia And Bart: Olympians in Love Part 2

By Dotson Lewis

*Dotson's Note: They began working together about five months later in promotions and exhibitions. The attraction was immediate. But one-sided. Thanks to Alice Steinbach, Bill Morgan and Wikipedia for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.*



"At first she had a hard, outer shell about her. It was an attitude and a look, to be honest, that was quite unattractive to me," Bart says. Upon hearing this, Nadia, who is by any standards a beauty, starts rolling her eyes. He turns to her: "We've talked about this."

But as time passed, he saw that the "coldness and tough edge" were a result of her lack of trust and fear of being vulnerable. "Then I began to see glimpses of a charming, really warm, sweet person. And in the last year-and-a-half as she's learned to trust people, there's been a total metamorphosis."

### "He Didn't Like Me"

"It's true," says Nadia. "I didn't have too many friends. Just my family knew really the kind of person I am. And I can say that it was hard for me with Bart because I liked him from the first, but he didn't like me." She laughs. "But it was, like, well, through the time he will see what kind of person I am."

Then, Nadia moved from her part time from her apartment in Montreal to Norman, Okla., where Bart was running a gymnastics school. They patched together a nice network of careers: In addition to their affiliation with gymnastics and Jockey, he broadcasted for ABC-TV and she became national spokeswoman for the Step, an aerobic fitness apparatus. And in 1984 Disney made the movie "Nadia." All that and enough Jockey underwear to last a lifetime. Who could ask for anything more.



Some of you Moon Monkeys asked for more information about Nadia's husband, so here goes:

Bart Wayne Conner is a retired American Olympic [gymnast](#). As a member of the US men's [gymnastics](#) team at the [1984 Summer Olympic Games](#), Conner won two gold medals. He currently owns and operates the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy in [Norman, Oklahoma](#), along with his wife, [Romanian](#) Olympic gold medalist [Nadia Comăneci](#). In addition, both Comăneci and Conner are highly involved with the [Special Olympics](#). Conner was born on March 28, 1958, the son of Harold Conner and Jacqueline "Jackie" Conner-Wolthausen, and grew up in [Morton Grove, Illinois](#). He first became involved in gymnastics at school and his local YMCA. He was later on the gymnastics team at [Niles West High School](#), where he graduated in 1976.

He later attended the [University of Oklahoma](#) to work with coach [Paul Ziert](#) on the gymnastics team. He graduated from OU in 1984, where he was an All-American and won the 1981 Nissen Award as America's best gymnast.

He won the 1972 U.S. Junior National Championships when he was 14 and the U.S. Gymnastics Federation All-Around championship when he was 17, and was the youngest member of the Olympic team during the [1976 Summer Olympics](#). He also won a team all-around gold medal at the [1975 Pan American Games](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

Although he qualified for the 1980 Summer Olympics, he was unable to participate due to the [boycott](#). Four years later, in the [1984 Summer Olympics](#), he won two gold medals for the [team all-around](#) and for the [men's parallel bars](#). His win on the parallel bars helped the U.S. win its first men's Olympic gymnastics gold medal in 80 years. He also demonstrated an original move called the "Conner spin" during the 1984 Olympics. He also acted in the movie [Rad](#).

Conner is a highly decorated gymnast who has won "medals at every level of national and international competition." Some of his honors include "induction into the USOC Olympic Hall of Fame (1991), the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame (1996), Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame (1997), and the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame (1997)."<sup>1</sup> While Connor did not compete in the 1980 games, he was one of 461 athletes to receive a [Congressional Gold Medal](#) many years later.

On November 27, 1989, [Nadia Comăneci](#), the famous Romanian gymnast Conner had met at the 1976 Montreal games, [defected from Romania with a group of other Romanians](#). In January 1990, when Conner read in the newspaper that she was scheduled to be interviewed on [The Pat Sajak Show](#), he contacted the producer and arranged to make a guest appearance on the show. Conner liked the idea of surprising Comăneci: "I'm thinking if she's going to be on Sajak, I might as well go out there and say, 'Hey, Nads,'"

Actually, Comăneci was in an abusive relationship with the person who had led the escape group and who was acting as her current manager and promoter. Conner sensed her fear of this person and reached out to help. According to a 1996 *New York Times* article, "He helped make the connections that eventually led to her escape from that abusive relationship, and a new life in Montreal with a Romanian rugby coach and his family. For a year, they were phone pals."

Later in 1990, Conner interviewed her for [ABC](#). A few months later, Conner was invited to her 29th birthday party, after which they developed a long-distance friendship for a few years. When a mutual friend died in an accident in 1991, Conner invited Comăneci to come to Oklahoma to help him run a gymnastics school. They were together for four years before they became engaged. On April 27, 1996, Conner and Comăneci were married in a ceremony in [Bucharest](#) that was televised live throughout Romania. Their wedding reception was held in the former presidential palace.<sup>[2]</sup> Conner and Comăneci have one child, a son named Dylan Paul Conner who was born on June 3, 2006, in [Oklahoma City](#), Oklahoma.



*Dotson's Other Note: Well, there you are. By the way, my friend, Islander Ted Mandel sent me a text: "Enjoyed the Nadia/Bart column. My daughter was a gymnast and competed at their gym in Norman, OK." Thanks, Ted, for being a good friend and a loyal reader of the Island Moon.*



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By Andy Purvis

## Cakes



*Bobby Cremins*

Condors and the Carolina Cougars of the ABA, Cremins headed to Italy for a year of hoops. He returned to New York City, where he worked as a bell-hop and earned enough money to return to USC to get his degree in marketing. His love of basketball never left and he took his first coaching job in 1972, at Point Park College in Pittsburgh. PA. Afterwards, he became the assistant coach under McGuire at USC, for two years. In 1975, Bobby began coaching the Appalachian State University Mountaineers. They would win three Southern Conference Championships in the next five years. Bobby won the Southern Conference Coach of the Year Award four times, (1976, 1978, 1981, and 2011).

Cremins was hired by Georgia Tech at the end of the 1981 basketball season. Before he left in 2000, he had been chosen ACC Coach of the Year three times (1983, 1985, and 1996) and the Naismith College Coach of the Year in 1990. On March 10, 1985, Bobby Cremins stood outside the Georgia Tech locker room at The Omni Center, in Atlanta. Wet with sweat, his blond hair disheveled, he looked like he had seen someone with two heads. His Yellow Jackets had just won the elusive ACC Championship Game that he had so dearly wanted. They had swept Kenny Smith, Brad Daughtery, Joe Wolf and the Tar Heels, during the regular season, and had beaten Dean Smith and Carolina, 57-54 that night. It had taken him 15 years to make things right. His teams won the ACC Tournament Championship three times (1985, 1990, and 1993) and they also won the Regular Season ACC Championship, in 1985 and 1996. Although Cremins was a terrible free-throw shooter as a player, the guy sure could recruit. Players like Mark Price, John Salley, Dennis Scott, Tom Hammonds and Kenny Anderson, all made their way to Atlanta. Jon Barry, Travis Best, Stephon Marbury, Jason Collier and Matt Harpring all followed. In 2000, after 25 years, Bobby stepped away from coaching; he was exhausted.

In 2006, a refurbished Cremins returned to coaching at the College of Charleston. There he would not only restore their program but as mentioned earlier, he won another Southern Conference Coach of the Year Award, in 2011.

I met Bobby Cremins at the 2011 NCAA Final Four in Houston, Texas. I was introduced by my pal, Ronnie Arrow, who was coaching at South Alabama at the time. I could feel the intensity in Cremins' handshake. Bobby Cremins retired from coaching March 19, 2012.

Andy Purvis  
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## La Posada cont from A1

New Year's Day, a scooter, and a kayak.

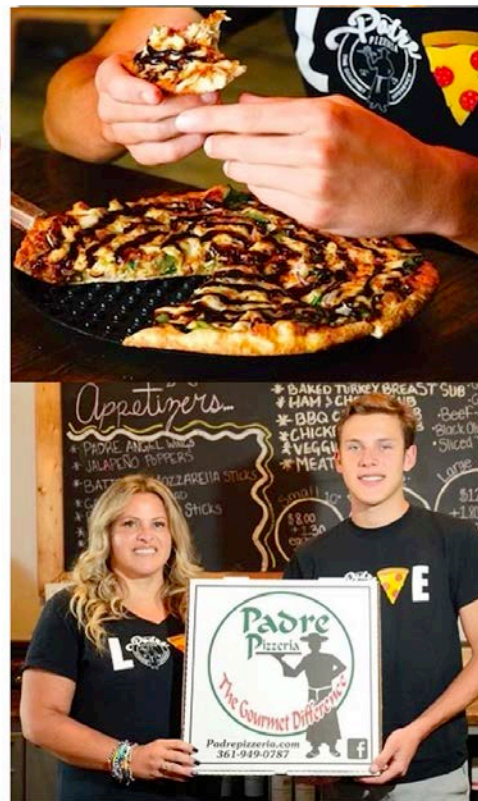
### *Last day to register your boat*

The last day to register a boat for the La Posada parades is Saturday, December 3. Getting your boat registered for the parade is a simple –one-stop process. Registration forms are available on The Island at Ace Hardware, IGA Island Market, and Hardknocks Sports Bar & Grill. Simply walk in and fill out the form and file it there. Or to register by email contact Bob Corbett, the 2022 Boat Parade Captain, at [bob.corbett895@gmail.com](mailto:bob.corbett895@gmail.com) and he will send you the forms which can be filed out and submitted. You can also get the forms at the event website at [laposadafoundation.com](http://laposadafoundation.com). There is no fee. There will be a captains meeting on Monday, December 5, at the Padre Island Yacht Club. For the second year the Friday night parade will be televised live starting at 7 p.m. on KRIS Television. For the parade routes and details on La Posada events see the items in this issue.

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## Port of Corpus Christi Sets New Tonnage Record For Third Quarter Fueled by Crude Exports



The Port of Corpus Christi set a tonnage record in the third quarter of 2022, driven in large part by record exports of crude oil. The new quarterly tonnage record of 48.3 million tons surpassed the previous tonnage record set in the second quarter of 2022 of 46.4 million tons, a 4 percent increase on overall tonnage. The growth primarily was a result of strong exports of United States produced crude oil to Western European buyers who have moved away from Russian crude imports. The U.S. and its Western European allies have placed restrictive trade sanctions on Russian crude oil as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Added strength in exports came from refined petroleum products and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Additional tonnage records have been reached in 2022 in renewable energy components as more wind turbines and blades are moved through the Port of Corpus Christi.

The Port of Corpus Christi also established a new monthly crude oil export record of 2.2 million barrels per day in October, for more than 60 percent market share of the national total crude export market. Crude oil shipments for Q3 2022 totaled 28.7 million tons, for a gain of 5 percent over the prior record set in Q2 2022. Refined products amounted to 8.3 million tons, an increase of 4.4 percent from the previous quarter. LNG shipments increased by 5.8 percent to 4.2 million tons, and dry bulk cargo came in at 2.1 million tons – 3.7 percent above Q2 2022. Total year-to-date waterway tonnage through Q3 2022 was 138.3 million tons.

The Port Corpus Christi is the largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. It includes a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot deep channel.

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*PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President*



### News you can Use

News from the PIPOA-  
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As always, let me have your thoughts. You can reach me at [marvin@pipoa.net](mailto:marvin@pipoa.net) or call me at 469-231-3485. You can also call the Padre Isles Property Owners Association (PIPOA) office with any questions you have at 361-949-7025.

**2023 Board of Directors Election-** In March of 2023, two (2) Board of Directors seats are up for election. The seats are currently held by Marvin Jones and Sandy Graves, respectively.

For Padre Isles POA owners wanting to run for the Board, the registration period will open on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 8:00 AM Central and will close on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM Central.

Per the Bylaws, Board Members must be at least 18 years old and be members of the Association (own property in the PIPOA).

Interested members are asked to please send a notice and a brief resume, along with a picture, to the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, [gary@pipoa.net](mailto:gary@pipoa.net). Resumes may also be mailed to the PIPOA office or dropped off at the office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

Candidate-submitted resumes will be published in a newsletter; be placed on the PIPOA's Facebook page, and put on the PIPOA's website. The PIPOA will not proofread resumes prior to publication.

For questions, please contact the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, at the email address above, or call 361-949-7025.

**Good News-** State Representative Todd Hunter, with the help of Island resident Ted Mandel, has organized an advisory committee to begin studying the possibility of a second bridge on and off the Island. I have been asked to participate in this committee. The process of getting a second bridge to the Island will no doubt take several years.

Funding for the project would come from both the State and Federal governments. We all know how government works; the politics of a second bridge should be interesting.

**Solar Panels-** Several members are beginning to install solar panels on their homes. Prior to installing solar panels, members are required to submit the plans and gain approval from the PIPOA's Architectural Control Committee (ACC). State Law guarantees members the right to install and use solar panels. However, State Law also allows the PIPOA to review the plans, including the materials, color, and placement of the panels. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

**Common Area Maintenance Fees (Dues)-** Every year during the PIPOA Board election season, the question of will CAM fees be increased. There will be NO increase in CAM fees for 2023. It requires a 51% vote to amend covenants in each subdivision within the PIPOA to raise CAM fees. Furthermore, this issue will not be on the ballot.

**Towing-** Over the weekend, no vehicles or trailers were towed from the boat ramps. You can purchase your vehicle and boat trailer stickers at the PIPOA office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Drive. The vehicle sticker is \$5.00, and the trailer sticker is \$10.00.

**Board Meeting-** The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. All PIPOA members are invited to attend.

**La Posada-** December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the boat parade on the North canals, and December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the boat parade in the South canals. For a full listing of dates and events, go to the La Posada Facebook page. In addition, La Posada invites those participating in the boat parade to a boat decorating party on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Padre Island Yacht club volunteers, along with the Marines, will be available to help you decorate your boat. Bring your lights and decorations, and they will all pitch in to help.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President

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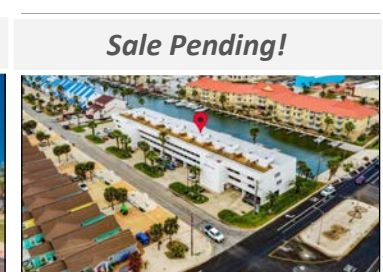


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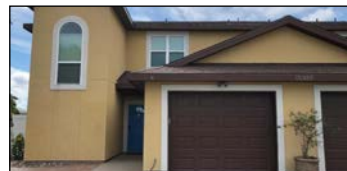
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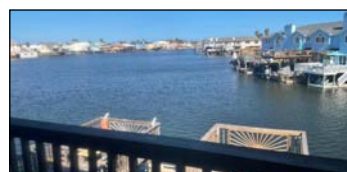
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I would like to share that eight Islanders went on a vacation to the Yucatan, Progreso, Mexico, and Merida, Mexico. We took some awesome photos of us with the Island Moon while there. We had Tammy and Greg Harrison, Crystie and Tim Fogle, Robin Maccoux and John Tiner, myself Debbi Davis and my husband Mike Davis.



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## Wabi-sabi Shopping

By Chris Jordan

Last week I used an image of a vintage candy ad that should have been attributed to [www.adanmedrano.com](http://www.adanmedrano.com). I regret the oversight.

The Japanese concept of *wabi-sabi* suggests that all things are inherently imperfect, incomplete, and impermanent, and that true beauty lies in austerity and the present. Embracing this could be what gets you through preparing food in the weeks ahead — and it could even bring chill tidings to your holiday experience in general.

So you’re hosting Thanksgiving this year. Good for you. And even if you don’t know exactly who all is actually coming over, at least you have a general head count. Great. And you’ve made a list of the dishes you will prepare. Super. And from that list, you’ve derived another: the shopping list. Outstanding! Let the fun begin!

H-E-B is my happy place. But it’s a different animal this time of year. You know what I mean: the abundance of humanity. Oh! The humanity! Don’t fret. You are in control of how you experience grocery shopping during the holidays. It starts with your emotional regard for the trip even before you leave the house. You don’t have to work yourself up into a lather of dread. Decide ahead of time you’re going to enjoy it — and then do just that. Wear comfy clothes, drive leisurely, stop for a cappuccino, and don’t worry about parking. Just park way out in the lot where you won’t even have another vehicle on either side of you. That walk to the entrance? Pffft! Once you’re inside, you’ll be walking further than that between the Pampers and the pumpnickel.

Take your time getting a cart. While you definitely don’t want one that has half a string mop caught up in one of its wheels, you don’t want to get too picky either. Remember to embrace imperfection. A cart with one slightly wobbly caster? Sweet! See all those people rushing around you, maybe even eyeing you suspiciously for your obvious casualness? *You* are not those people. *You* will stop by the loo on your way in, just in case. *You* will not find yourself unable to concentrate on finding where the hell they keep the pimientos because you just realized there are three acres of frantic moms and crispy fried onions between you and the restroom and you’ve had to pee since you got here.

You’ve got your list but you haven’t even looked at it yet. You’re not in a hurry. You’re feeling your wabi-sabi. Sometimes there’s a new shampoo you’d like to try, but there is none today. You mosey through the toiletries and on to the dish soap and paper towels. It is time to consult your list, but where is it? You had it in your hand as you walked across the parking lot but now it’s gone. Did you drop it? Is it on the floor in the restroom? On a shelf next to the Pert? Panic is about to set-in when you see it on the lustrous concrete just a few feet away. You scurry, bend, and reach. You hold the list at arm’s length, lower your gaze,

and peer over your readers. Damn. It’s not *your* list. But it is a list. And it’s got some of the same stuff on it. A novel idea begins to form.....could this be a sign? Has wabi-sabi embraced *you*?

You ravish in the thought for a moment but soon you are self-aware and semi-ashamed. Someone is listless. You look around. That lady staring catatonically at the milk — did she drop her list? No. She’s just marveling at all the non-milk milks: oat, pea, almond, and their various non-milk milk ilk. No one else around you looks lost. Your guilt is assuaged by nothing in particular. This is your list now. Wabi-effing-sabi.

This is fantastic! Logic and Order have been majestically upended! Instead of your boring old list, you have a stranger’s list. What are they cooking? For how many people? Why is it in black *and* blue ink? There is cursive *and* print too. Were there two different list makers or a single psychotic shopaholic? You must deduce dishes and decode abbreviations.

Brd crumbs. Chix stock. Yams. Jello. Karo (dark). Pecans, shelled. Pie crust. Cream mush soup. Shoestring pot’s. Cool whip. Mand orange slices (light syrp). Canned grn beans. Ritz crackers. Cheez Whiz. Kitchen Bouquet? What? Were these list makers some kind of gravy cheaters? Apparently.

You need to get to the marshmallow creme but there’s a conspicuous dad bod in your way. He’s thinking of buying generic. He’s taking his time. One more minute at the store is one less minute spent wallowing in the emptiness of his life at home. He looks at his AppleWatch. His wife — who has a well-paying job in pharma — won’t be home from work until five o’clock.....day after tomorrow. He thinks about giving the kids benadryl tonight and staying up late playing Fortnite online with some of his college buds who are not similarly betrothed and bedaddied. Maybe. A man can dream. Can his brats possibly discern the difference in their Rice Krispies Treats? He doesn’t care. He’s jacked-up on avocado toast, pumpkin spice chai latte, and his son’s inhaler. You skip the marshmallow creme. Your adopted list is incomplete but that’s ok. Wabi-sabi.

Finally, you’ve completed your pilgrimage to the frozen crypt of once-resplendent birds; it sprawls before you. You pause to honor the turkeys. Surely they knew a thing or two about imperfection, incompleteness, and impermanence. You contemplate this. Your breathing is becoming fully autonomic, someone has turned the sound off, and you are involuntarily meditative. The shoppers move in slo mo. They are checking dates on labels just as living ancestors do on tombstones in an old graveyard. The scene could not be more austere, but is there beauty in it? You don’t know. You see yourself in a Thanksgiving future, holding a gravy boat, contemplating the giblets, and spilling one out for the homies.

# Economic Outlook for the Coastal Bend

Officials form the Regional Economic Development Corporation presented at update on the Economic Outlook for the Coastal Bend to the Nueces County Commissioners Court this week. Here are some highlights



## Corpus Christi Local Market Housing Data

Date	Sales	Dollar Volume	Average Price	Median Price	Total Listings	Months Inventory L/M	Corpus Christi MSA
Sep. 2021	423	\$112,186,731	\$265,217	\$245,000	726	1.9	2.1
Jul. 2022	346	\$103,273,270	\$298,478	\$272,500	1,000	2.4	3.0
Aug. 2022	375	\$115,733,501	\$308,623	\$280,000	1,046	2.8	3.1
Sep. 2022	358	\$113,143,699	\$316,044	\$262,178	1,007	2.7	3.1

## Sales Tax Collection Allocations

	Sep.YTD 2022	Sep.YTD 2021	2021	2020	2019	2018
Robstown	1,358,943	1,406,059	1,860,293.13	1,974,500.81	2,483,352.35	2,321,308.71
Corpus Christi	69,041,985	64,141,327	86,039,294	79,718,714	81,124,576	80,402,819
Port Aransas	2,837,156	2,490,314	3,372,428	2,687,502	2,966,923	2,343,787
Bishop	238,574	244,741	350,122	361,533	296,083	273,922
Agua Dulce	36,062	39,149	51,652	53,409	57,018	36,243
Driscoll	51,302	51,919	70,104	61,449	60,071	65,398
Combined Totals	73,564,022	68,373,509	91,743,893	84,857,107	86,988,023	85,443,477

## September 2022 Employment by Sector for Corpus Christi MSA

Industry	2019 Change	Monthly Change	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Sep. 2020	Sep. 2019	Sep. 2018
Total Nonfarm	-3,393	500	190,600	190,100	184,700	179,300	193,800	192,300
Mining, Logging and Construction	-4,800	200	18,900	18,700	19,000	19,100	23,700	23,900
Manufacturing	-500	-100	8,200	8,300	8,100	7,800	8,500	8,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	500	-100	33,500	33,600	33,200	32,000	33,000	33,000
Information	0	0	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,700	2,700
Financial Activities	200	0	8,600	8,600	8,300	8,100	8,400	8,200
Professional and Business Services	600	300	19,200	18,900	18,100	17,500	18,600	18,400
Education and Health Services	-300	200	31,900	31,700	30,400	31,000	32,400	32,200
Leisure and Hospitality	800	-800	26,900	27,700	25,300	22,300	26,100	25,600
Other Services	100	0	6,300	6,300	6,000	5,600	6,200	6,200
Government	200	800	34,400	33,600	33,700	33,300	34,200	33,800
Unemployment Rate	C.C. MSA 5.0% Texas 3.8% U.S. 3.3%							

# Twenty Years ago in the Island Moon



Last voyage of the Stock Picker



Oil platform visits downtown Port A



Riley P. Dog was on watch.



Bull. Courtesy of Extreme Coast

# Sudoku

*Sudoku answers are not available.  
Play at your own risk!  
Going Easy On You...*

		3			6			
	1	2		7		6	4	
				5		8	3	
6	2		9					8
	4		2		1		6	
1					7		2	4
	9	5		3				
	6	4		2		5	1	
			6			4		

## Knuckle-Cracker

	1		3				4	9
9	8				1			
	7			9	4	6		
7	6	3						2
2						5	1	7
		6	7	3			5	
			9				3	8
5	3				8		9	

## Mind-Numbing Frustration

8				4	1		2	
	4		1				8	
	1			8				
	6			4			3	9
7								5
3	9			7			4	
				1			6	
	8				3		2	
9		3	2					1

## Brain-Buster

8	7					5	2	
			5				6	
				2	8			
3			9			2		
7				5				1
		2			4			7
			3	1				
	2				9			
8	4						9	3

# Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

- Across
- 1. Comics' place
  - 6. One of the Lesser Sundas
  - 10. In a skillful manner
  - 14. Kind of hole or layer
  - 15. Middle Eastern muck-a-muck (Var.)
  - 16. Professor Plum's game
  - 17. Zoologist's study
  - 18. Seneca's student
  - 19. Bamboozles
  - 20. Life imitator
  - 21. World Series precursor
  - 24. Achy
  - 25. Word after big, motor and bad
  - 26. The 75th meridian in the East
  - 31. Bindlestiffs
  - 32. Mighty trees
  - 33. \_\_\_ volente
  - 36. All over again
  - 37. "Uncle!"
  - 39. Globe production
  - 40. Happened upon
  - 41. \_\_\_ all-time high
  - 42. Bluffer's ploy
  - 43. "Mister Roberts" role
  - 46. Where many changes take place
  - 49. Units of energy
  - 50. Captain's superior
  - 53. Any ship at sea
  - 56. Lounge about
  - 57. What little things mean?
  - 58. Bee-fitting description?
  - 60. Quaint sigh
  - 61. Where water became wine
  - 62. Dither
  - 63. Former news agency
  - 64. Type of lift
  - 65. "So long!"

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17						18					19			
20				21	22						23			
26	27	28					29	30						
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50							51	52				53	54	55
56						57					58	59		
60						61					62			
63						64					65			

- Down
- 1. "Nude Lying on a \_\_\_"
  - 2. Former Winter Palace resident
  - 3. Trounce
  - 4. Motor lodge
  - 5. Some legumes
  - 6. Streamer
  - 7. Supplicant's conclusion
  - 8. One-time change in Rome
  - 9. Tyson's moniker
  - 10. Build up, as interest
  - 11. Puff up
  - 12. Type of counter
  - 13. Acquiescent answers
  - 22. Memorable time
  - 23. Some turkeys
  - 24. April or November surprise
  - 26. Bedding item
  - 27. Timbre
  - 28. Assist in malfeasance
  - 29. "Nothing \_\_\_!"
  - 30. 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
  - 33. 554, in stone
  - 34. Natural effortlessness
  - 35. \_\_\_ and terminer
  - 37. Phrase of affirmation
  - 38. Moo goo \_\_\_ pan
  - 39. They hang together
  - 41. Part of A.D.
  - 42. Tykes TV show or movie
  - 43. Philadelphia squad
  - 44. Ambrosia accompaniment
  - 45. Prior to
  - 46. Key of B
  - 47. Wahine's welcome
  - 48. Soothing rub-ons
  - 51. Love handles, essentially
  - 52. Island close to Mull
  - 53. S or XL, e.g.
  - 54. Partially obscured
  - 55. "Watermark" chanteuse
  - 59. Chart type



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Traffic

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14000 block SPID 1 p.m. November 11 DWI

SPID/Aquarius 4 p.m. November 8 Crash

### SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

14200 block Cabo Blanco 8 p.m. November 12 Assault

15900 block San Filipe 4 p.m. November 7 Assault by Contact

Crimes against Property

15400 block Salt Cay 11 a.m. November 11 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

14200 block SPID 8 a.m. November 8 Criminal Trespass

14500 block SPID 7 p.m. November 7 Theft of Services

14500 block SPID 6 p.m. November 7 Credit Card Abuse

15300 block Bonasse Noon November 7 Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information

Disturbance

Cobo de Bara/Tesoro 7 p.m. November 13 Noise Ordinance Violation

14300 block SPID 6 p.m. November 13

15500 block Cuttysark 8 a.m. November 12

Suspicious Person

15100 block Barataria 6 p.m. November 14

14800 block Coba de Bara 3 p.m. November 11

15400 block Cruiser 7 p.m. November 7

15600 block Gypsy 3 p.m. November 12

13900 block Ports O Call 10 p.m. November 10

Treebine/Sea Pines 10 a.m. November 10

Traffic

131 Traffic Stops

14500 block SPID 3 p.m. November 13 DWI

15400 block Gun Cay 9 a.m. November 11 Crash

13800 block Eaglesnest Bay 3 pm. November 10 Crash

15600 block Palmira 4 p.m. November 8 Parking Violation

### SPID East to Gulf of Mexico

Crimes against Property

100 block Breezy 7 p.m. November 11 Burglary

Disturbance

Beach Access Road 3A/Gulf Beach Noon November 8 Public Intoxication

Suspicious Person

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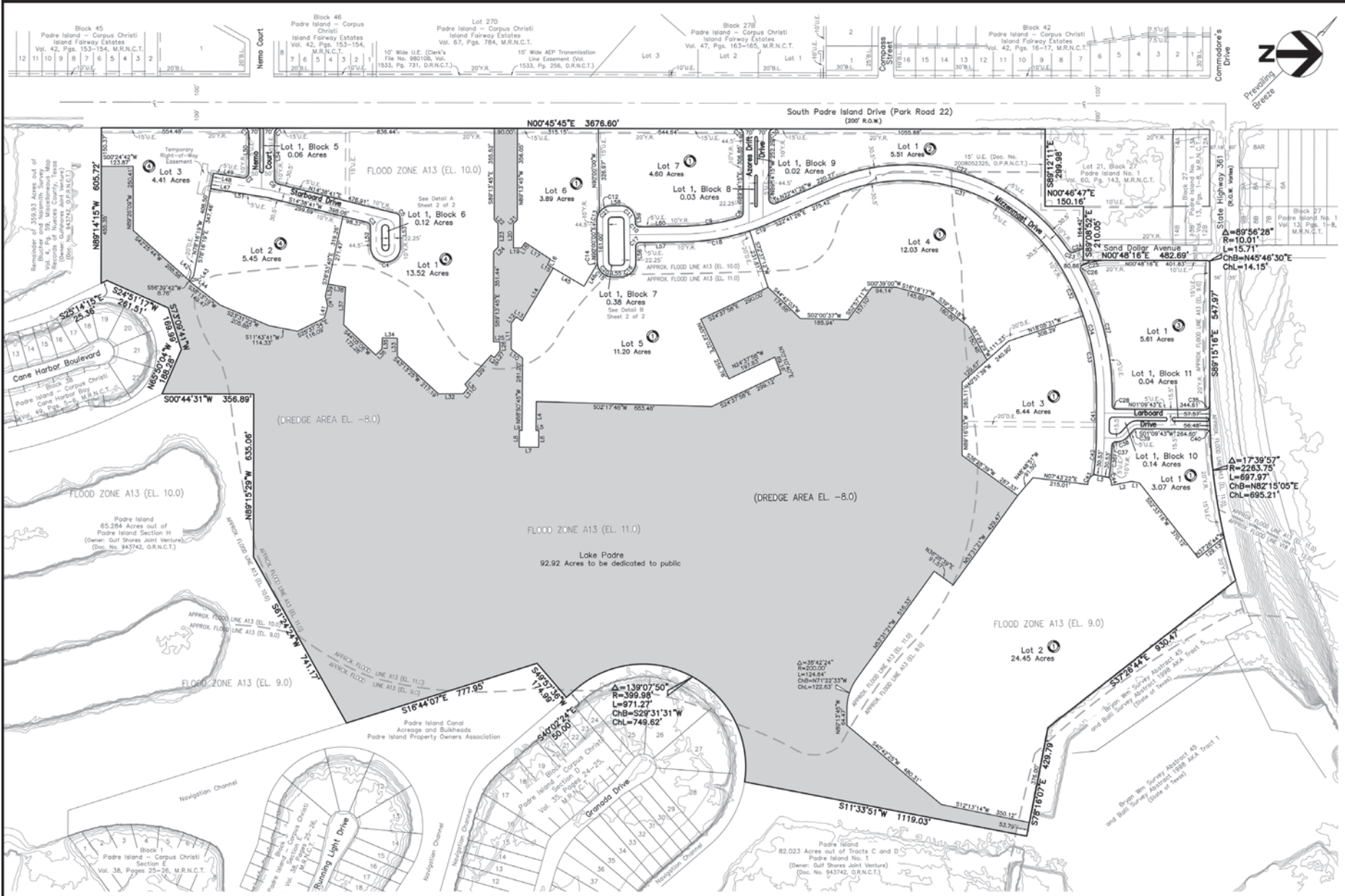
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The plans for the Padre Harbor project around Lake Padre as submitted to the city.-2

## Advanced Arts Workshops at Rockport Center

### Online registration now open for 2023 sessions

[Rockport Center for the Arts](#) (RCA) has announced a series of advanced workshops to begin in 2023, a significant addition to its educational offerings.

The new 1.2-acre RCA campus includes a two-story, 14,000-square-foot visual arts and education building, slated to open by year's end, which includes five classrooms to facilitate the expanded schedule. Building on its reputation for providing excellent, hands-on classes and workshops designed for all levels of ability since 1984, including painting/drawing, jewelry, photography, mixed-media, sculpture, and new media, RCA has begun enlisting the talents of instructors nationwide to lead the advanced, multi-day workshops designed for the artist wanting to take their craft to the next level.

"The new facility allows us to expand our educational offerings and provide the kind of instructional opportunities we've always dreamed of," said RCA Education Coordinator Kathleen Clark. "We have traditionally offered dozens of classes annually for anyone interested in art, from beginners to someone who is trying to improve their craft. This new series of workshops is a step up, designed for those who may be, or are about to become, professional artists. We're excited to be bringing together fantastic instructors and students from around the country, developing another avenue for local tourism, and creating an infusion of master artists to our art colony in Rockport."

All instructors and presenters share their knowledge, insight and techniques while providing a guided hands-on learning experience, including the advanced workshop offerings, including:

- [Pure Plein Air – How to Improve Your Observational Skills](#) with [Nancy Tankersley](#) (March 20-23, 2023)
- [Dynamic Portraits in Colored Pencil](#) with [Jesse Lane](#) (Sept. 8–10, 2023)

- [Capturing the Light in Pastels](#) with [Susan Kuznitsky](#) (Nov. 1–3, 2023)
- [One of a Kind Forms](#) with [Peter Callas](#) (Nov. 27–Dec. 3, 2023)

Current classes are being held at alternative locations while final work continues on the new RCA campus located at 204 S. Austin St. in the heart of downtown Rockport. Although some locations and schedules may vary based on the media being taught, most classes, including the new advanced workshops, will be held in one of five classroom spaces located on the main level: the Fernandes Family Studio, the main classroom for advanced workshops; the Margaret Sue Rust Foundation Studio; the June Ainsworth Studio; the Bridgie & John Barrett Studio; and the Bill Hildebrand & Sam Williams Ceramic Studio, the main classroom for advanced clay workshops.

Sign-ups are first-come, first-served, online at [rockportartcenter.com/classes-workshops](https://rockportartcenter.com/classes-workshops) with a direct registration link under each class or workshop offered. RCA Member pricing ranges from \$60–\$340 for regular classes and \$525–\$900 for advanced workshops, with slightly higher fees for non-members. [RCA memberships](#) may be purchased online starting at \$50 a year for an individual, with special student pricing, family and other membership levels also available.

"We would encourage anyone who has an interest in art to become an RCA Member," said Clark. "Whether you are a practicing artist or a casual observer, you'll be supporting the arts in our community. Plus, members receive special pricing on all classes and workshops, plus, they have the opportunity to display their work in our member's gallery, providing them a way to possibly sell their art, if they choose to do so."

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# Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour  
ronnienarmour@gmail.com

## Walk of shame...



Ronnie takes that long walk of shame at the Gaff's Belt Sander Races last Saturday.

This pic is of me and my BELT SANDER RACER, the **Moon Monkey**, in yet one more *Walk of Shame* which I had to endure last Saturday at the *Gaff's* bi-monthly races. I once had a competitive racer not terribly long ago. And I have the medals to prove it. But lately... not so much. My biggest problem is the *Tractor Supply* in AP have a BIG contingency of power tool enthusiasts who all use the same basic design on their racers and brother, they literally fly down the track. This is a cry for help. I need a new pit boss. Sorry **Chris Jordan**! Your time has come. You have way too much on your plate to be messing with my *Tom Foolery*. I'm starting all over... except for the name. The Moon Monkey will abide... eventually. Maybe.

## Turkey Bowl 2022...

And speaking of goofy fun stuff at the *Gaff*... the proprietor **Kip Shannon** informs me that they will be honoring our dear departed *Back Porch Bar* with the much anticipated *Turkey Bowl* that **Susan Powell** put on the map. It will be held on the Sunday after Thanksgiving on November 27 at 3:00 PM. The first time I wrote about the *Turkey Bowl* was October, 2009 and I actually won it in 2012. I had to beat **Big Tim Everitt** to do so. This, my fellow islanders, is a good thing. With all the old bars closing around here, it's good we have one of our island traditions to carry on. And the *Gaff* is the perfect place. He's actually thinking about having the kids bowl first ala: *Back Porch* but not the doggie costume contest (this year). Thanks Kip for rising to the occasion!

## Sisters on the Fly...



The Sisters on the Fly made another visit to Port A.

And finally on the *Local Front*... you may have seen a large group of ladies, make that 80+ ladies in Port Aransas who were wandering around looking for people to help. Yup! The *Sisters on the Fly* were back in town last week. They're now calling themselves the "Sisters-Corps" and are a non-profit that brought us 93 volunteers from 19 states in 2017 to help us dig out from the Cat 4 Hurricane Harvey. I truly appreciated their help five years ago when they put my fence back up and helped with a bunch of other back breaking tasks. For more information about these angels of mercy, go to [sister-corps.com](http://sister-corps.com). They hold workshops training for their various projects. President **Leeann Moore** from Colorado explains, "that in the large projects, Sister-Corps Volunteers come prepared to do everything from demolition work, hanging drywall, laying flooring, operating chainsaws, and removing debris in the field with the support of a base camp crew that prepares meals, provides medical care to the group, and keeps up with clerical work at their "base of operation". Thank you ladies... you got gold! Interested parties can email Miss Moore at [president@sister-corps.com](mailto:president@sister-corps.com).

## Scattered shots...



Brooke Graham made a music video at Bron's with Lee Haile, Luis Villareal and Ronnie Narmour on tiny guitar.

Troubadour **Brooke Graham**, from Taylor, Texas, was here at *Bron's* last week to make a music video for her upcoming album release. You may remember Brooke from her annual "Beach Bash" that she hosts here in Port A each year centered around the *Gaff*. Somehow, I was volunteered for the shoot because they liked my hat. Brooke had all her Nashville folks sponsoring the record. And what's interesting is that half of them were from Lubbock. Go figure. I was handed a ukulele in which I finally figured out three chords on it by the time it was all over. Pretty cool, huh? I really enjoyed meeting all those folks. I also caught **John Elijah** and **Padrinos** later that evening at *Bron's* and **Brad Ethridge** at the *Gaff*.

## DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...



John Elijah and Padrinos played Bron's on Saturday night.

On this Thursday, November 17, one of the greatest reggae/ska bands on the circuits today, **Fortunate Youth**, from Hermosa Beach, California, will play *Brewster Street Downtown*. I saw them five years ago with **Pepper, Katastro** and **Iration** at *Brewster* and it was epic. I'm taking my **Mermaid Gal** and as many of our Port A pals that we can fit into the Chevy. Also, **Passafire** and **Joe Samba** will be performing on the same bill. On Friday, the **Jimmy Buffett**-ish Tropical Island beat will play the *VFW*, **Brad Ethridge** will play the *Gaff* and **Justin and Niki** will bring the same genre to *Bron's*. Plus on Friday, a band I've been meaning to see, **Dreams: Fleetwood Mac Tribute** will be playing *Brewster Downtown* and **Satisfaction: A Rolling Stones** tribute band will play the *House of Rock* with **John Cortez** opening. On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the **Daze** will play their cover rock at the *VFW*, the awesome **Free Beer Band** will play at *Island Wine*, **Coach Jim Dugan** will be at the *Gaff*, the Latin variety band, **Profiles** will play *Bron's*, Americana studs **Randy Rogers** and **Gary Allan** will play the big room at *Concrete Street*, **Stony LaRue** plays the *Wine Fest* in *Heritage Park* and there's a **Motley Crue** tribute band, the **Crue**, playing *Brewster Downtown*. And finally, on Saturday, the *Exchange* will be hosting their *LIT Fest* 22 festival with an all star local lineup that includes **Sun Salutation**, **Triptonite**, **The Chainlinks**, **Matt Hole** and the **Hot Rod Gang**, **Rudolph Llanes**, **Afterglow** and **Saul Padron**. Also there's a *Wine Festival* in *Heritage Park* that will feature **Stoney LaRue**, **JonMikael MREZ** and **The Alley Catz**. Holy Moly is that a big weekend or what?

## On the horizon...



Brad Ethridge will play The Gaff on Friday.

One the near horizon there's a *Thanksgiving Dinner* at the *VFW* on the 24<sup>th</sup>, **Larry Joe Taylor's** at *Third Coast* on the 25<sup>th</sup> and **Max and Heather Stalling** will play there on the 26<sup>th</sup>, head bangers **Judas Priest** and **Queensryche** will play *Concrete Street* also on the 26<sup>th</sup>. That ought to hold you for a spell. Be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Triptonite will play LIT Fest this Saturday along with six other bands at the Exchange.



Reggae & Ska maestros Fortunate Youth will play Brewster Downtown this Thursday.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Thursday,

### November 17

Fortunate Youth,  
Passafire, Joe Samba @  
Brewster Downtown  
Joseph Martinez Duo  
@ Rockit's  
Michael Burtts @  
Brewster Southside  
Brian Winfrey @  
Blackbeard's  
Robin Blue @  
Scuttlebutt's  
Ruben Limas @ Island  
Italian  
Art Barrera @ Packery  
Bar  
Acoustic Open Mic  
@ Rockport Little  
Theater

## Friday,

### November 18

Dunebillies @ VFW  
Justin & Niki @ Bron's  
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff  
Dreams: Fleetwood  
Mac Tribute @  
Brewster Downtown  
Scarecrow People @  
Brewster Southside  
Returned 2 Sender,  
David Martinez @  
Rockit's  
Dreaming in Color @  
Executive Surf Club  
John Cortez,  
Satisfaction: Rolling  
Stones Tribute @  
House of Rock  
Jered Clark @  
Virginia's  
Ruben Limas @  
Blackbeard's  
Karaoke @ Island  
Wine  
The East & the Crow  
@ Packery Bar  
Afterglow @ Sugar  
Shack Fulton  
AudioBox @ Pelican  
Billy Snipes @  
Rockport Market Days  
David Salinas @  
Paradise Key Rockport

## Saturday,

### November 19

Daze @ VFW  
Free Beer Band @  
Island Wine  
Jim Dugan @ Gaff  
Profiles @ Bron's  
Back Pew Revival @  
Treasure Island  
#LIT Fest 22: Sun  
Salutation, Triptonite,  
Chainlinks, Matt Hole  
+ 3 @ Exchange  
Dreaming in Color @  
Pelican  
David Salinas @ Doc's  
Ruben Limas @  
Blackbeard's  
Randy Rogers, Gary Allan @  
Concrete Street  
Motley Crue Tribute  
ft/ The Crue @  
Brewster Downtown  
Michael Burtts @  
Brewster Southside  
Passing Strangers @  
Rockit's  
Ruben Limas @  
Blackbeard's  
Dreaming in Color @  
Pelican  
Rockaholics @  
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Stoney LaRue, Alley  
Catz , JonMikael

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Shack  
Shinyribs @ Gruene  
Hall

## Sunday,

### November 20

Tumble Dry Low @  
Bernie's  
Kyle Smith, Damn Right  
Duo @ House of Rock  
Jennifer Gayle Bradley  
@ Blackbeard's  
Jerry Ward @ Pelican

## Monday,

### November 21

Ruben Limas @  
Blackbeard's

## Tuesday,

### November 22

Open Mic @ House of  
Rock  
Chuck Almaraz @  
Blackbeard's  
Dunebillies @ Red's at  
Palmilla  
Billy Snipes @ Doc's

## Wednesday,

### November 23

Riptide @ VFW  
Singer Songwriter Open  
Mic @ Island Wine  
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21  
Robert Ray, Ricky  
Ram Band @ Brewster  
Downtown  
Art Barrera Dreaming  
in Color @ Pelican  
Billy Snipes @  
Scuttlebutt's  
Ruben Limas @  
Blackbeard's  
Kevin Kurtz @ Packery  
Bar  
Afterglow @ Sugar  
Shack Fulton

## Thanksgiving,

### November 24

Thanksgiving meal @  
VFW  
Brian Winfrey @  
Blackbeard's  
Acoustic Open Mic @  
Rockport Little Theater  
Ruben Limas @ Island  
Italian  
**Friday, November 25**  
John Elijah & Padrinos  
@ Bron's  
Free Beer Band @ VFW  
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff  
Bottles & Bandits @  
Treasure Island  
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Chicago Tribute  
@ Brewster Street  
Downtown  
Michael Burtts, David  
Martinez @ Rockit's  
John Cortez @ Exchange

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