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Nilgai on the Island south of the causeway. Photo: Jacob Augs



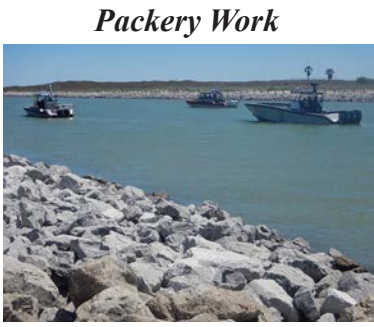
By Dale Rankin

Note to Islanders...do not be alarmed if the sun goes dark on Monday. It does not mean the Karankawa gods are angry nor is it in any way connected to tax season. In case any citizens have been living in a cave the Powers That Be this week issued a stern warning against staring straight into the sun; which we would point out is good advice pretty much anytime except at night. This is just Mother Nature's way of reminding us that the earth is round.

The partial solar eclipse will begin at 12:13 p.m. and end at 2:54 p.m., with a maximum eclipse (92.9 % coverage) to occur at 1:33 p.m. Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend will not be within the path of totality so those who plan to view the eclipse must use protective eyewear. As you watch throw yourself back a couple of hundred years and just imagine what the Karankawas must have thought when they saw the sun go dark. In March 1504 explorer Christopher Columbus used the occasion of a total lunar eclipse to scare the Jamaicans into feeding his men, our goals are not as lofty as we only seek to have four open lanes of the JFK Bridge.

**JFK Bridge repair**

Nightly closures of westbound outside lane on bridge of JFK Causeway begin this week and will continue through the latter part of the week. This is the final portion of the project which began two years ago and must be complete by the beginning of Hurricane Season 2024 on June 1. We almost through everybody and the work had to be done.



**Packery Work**

If you saw this flotilla of Homeland Security boats in Packery Channel on Wednesday it wasn't an invasion, it was the presence of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz that brought in security for the ribbon cutting.

**Commodores Bridge**

Work resumed on the Commodores Bridge this week after several weeks of delay while work crews waited for Spectrum cable to remove their lines from the right of way. That work was completed last week and work on

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## Packery Channel work Complete

### \$15 million in repairs after Hurricane Harvey in 2017

The City of Corpus Christi has completed the Packery Channel Restoration, Dredging, and Beach Nourishment projects, marking a significant step in the City's infrastructure development and environmental preservation efforts. City, State and Federal officials turned out en masse Wednesday along the shores of Packery Channel to note the completion of \$15 million in repairs to the jetty system after damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

attended a celebratory event today, including US Senator Ted Cruz, US Congressman Michael Cloud, State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, State Senator Morgan LaMantia, and State Representative Todd Hunter, alongside city and county officials Construction on the project began in 2021 with



District 4 City Councilman Dan Suckley at the Packery ribbon cutting.

funding from FEMA and the Island's TIRZ#2 funding. Over 12,000 tons of rock was shipped in from Kentucky to reinforce the jetties. Sand from the maintenance dredging of the channel was recently completed and provided nearly 300,000 cubic yards of sand to nourish the Michael J. Ellis beach



Longtime Islanders (left to right) Robert Pruski, Jay Gardner, and David Perry with Sen. Ted Cruz.



Dave Clenney and Ron Kurz from American Legion Post 229 with Senator Ted Cruz

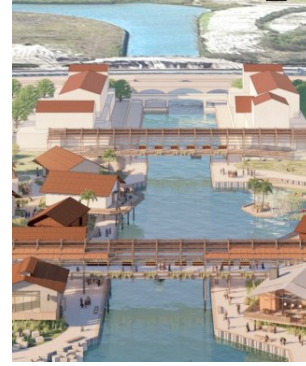
## Lake Padre Project

### Plans nearing completion on Marina and Apartments

By Dale Rankin

The infrastructure at the Lake Padre development is in place and final plans are nearing completion for one of two marinas and an apartment complex at the site, according to developer Tim Lange this week.

"We are waiting for the architects



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Concept Art for the future pedestrian and cart paths.

## Fish Cleaning Station on Packery Channel



A new fish cleaning station with running water and shade has been installed next to the Packery Board ramps on Packery Channel. The idea for the station came from the Saltwater-fisheries Enhancement Association (SEA) who donated \$10,000 and became a reality with the help of District 4 Corpus Christi City Councilman Dan Suckley who pushed it across the finish line. Crews from the City Water Department ran the water line to the site.

## A little South Texas history

### A 1968 Treasure hunt finds Spanish coins and trouble

*Editor's note: The following story comes to us from Long John Latham's True Treasure Magazine in June, 1968. Much of the writer's beach experience will sound familiar to those who drive the beach today. It ran under the subhead:*

*On a barren sand spit lying a few miles off the coast of Texas, the author and his wife found a hoard of old Spanish coins – and an overdose of trouble that very nearly landed them in the pokey!*

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Stanley and Ida Bandranke

## By the numbers

### Lake Padre Development

- \$196,210,000 total cost of project
- 102 acres total project size
- 50 acres of commercial space
- \$7.5 million annual city tax revenue when complete
- 500 permanent jobs

## By the numbers

### Island Moon Rain Report

By Tom Cullinan

Moderate rainfall totals have continued in a month when Stage 2 Water Shortage Conditions were declared by the City of Corpus Christi, and enforcement may begin in mid-April. Compare the following totals with the city's normal average precipitation for March (2.07") and year-to-date (5.04").

#### March 1 – 31

##### Padre Island

- Cayo Cantiles 0.79"
- Dyna St. 0.75"
- Elbow St. 0.73"
- Reales St. 0.91"
- Scallop St. 0.86"

##### Mustang Island

- Boardwalk Ln. 1.26"

#### January 1 – March 31

##### Padre Island

- Cayo Cantiles 4.68"
- Dyna St. 4.66"
- Elbow St. 4.72"
- Reales St. 5.30"
- Scallop St. 5.19"

##### Mustang Island

- Boardwalk Ln. 5.50"

Source:

## Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, & Snow Network

Participate in hands-on science: Island Moon readers who are interested in weather and want to help our local community can volunteer for this practical and enjoyable activity. It takes only a few minutes to submit your regular observations using quality rain gauges and the CoCoRaHS website or apps. More information can be found at [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)





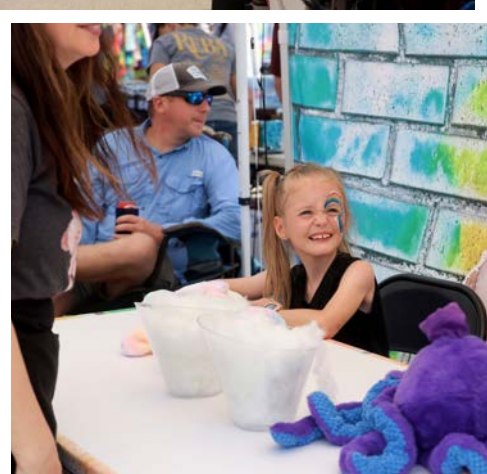
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Coyote on the Seawall By Padre Island Madre



Island Presbyterian Easter Market. Photos by Debbie Noble

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# Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



*In regard to the article by Andy Purvis about the Star Spangled Banner, the singing of and the correct usage...*

The reason the flag could still be seen as written by Francis Scott Key as the was imprisoned aboard a British war ship that was bombarding Ft. McHenry, was because the flag was mounted atop a trimmed down 90-foot tree which was the flag pole. Part of what Key wrote is: Is our flag still standing oer the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Bobbi Kimbrell

Good morning,  
Is there anywhere we can find the Moon radio show recording? I missed it this morning and would really like to listen in when I miss it. It's one of my favorite things to listen to every week. Thank you so much for all y'all do.  
Holly

*That is in the works and will be fixed shortly!*

## The May 4, 2024 Appraisal District Election

*Editor's note: This is the first submission for candidates running for the three At-Large seats on the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors. This is the first time in the history of Nueces County members of the board have been directly elected by voters.*  
*Early voting begins Monday, April 22 and Election Day is Saturday May 4. Voters can vote for one candidate in each of the three places on the ballot. As stated in the last issue we offer space here for the candidates in the race in order to keep readers informed of their choices.*

Dear Mr.Rankin: I very much enjoyed meeting with Mr. McCabe and you last week. As a follow up, allow me to elucidate my reasons for running for public office for the first time. For the past 5 years I had the honor and privilege of serving on the Nueces County Appraisal Review Board, having been appointed to the position on three (3) separate occasions by a District Court Judge. My third and final term on the Board ended on December 31, 2023.

## Letters to Riley P. Dog



Dear Riley P. Dog,

I am sorry I can't send any hotdogs, but maybe a hooman will, if you can help out.

We have a big problem here in "Paradise." There are too many dogs and (stooped) cats that are living in shelters. They are full to overflowing and the nice hoomans are going crazy trying to keep us clean, fed , and walked, not to mention finding us real homes. I need a home too, as a kindly cat person took me in, but I am tethered in the backyard, surrounded by prowling felines. We're all very nervo0us and can't live like this 4ever.

The animals in the shelters are worse off, they don't even know if a hooman will come and bail them out. Please tell you fans to try to help out, even if they already have pets – they can give the shelters money, food – probably not hot dogs, or they can come and visit so the nice doggies and (stooped) cats don't turn into wild coyotes or vicious panthers.

Thank you for your help

Freddy (not my real name)

Male Sheppard pup between six months and one year, 50 pounds. Fixed at Oso Creek vets. Please text a 361 244-3783.



Quick background: I was born, raised and educated in Boston' Massachusetts, graduating from Boston Latin School, Boston College and Suffolk Law School. I was in the practice of law as a trial attorney for over 40 years until I retired in 2015. Rather than retire to Florida, my wife and I decided to move to Corpus Christi, with one daughter and two grandchildren living in San Antonio and my other daughter living in Austin. We arrived in Port Aransas in November 2015. Having served on the appraisal review board for five years, I know the landscape surrounding the appraisal district,, which on the whole I found to be fairly well run by the administration and blessed with some excellent and dedicated appraisers and staff. From my very first day on the ARB, we were reminded day after day that the ARB was separate and independent of the District, despite the fact that our offices are in the same building, with daily contact. Nonetheless, I do believe that to this point the ARB in making its decisions is not influenced by its close contact to the District. We made our decisions based on the evidence submitted to us by the District on the one hand, and by the Property Owner on the other.

My main reason for running for a seat on the Appraisal District is the fact the new law grants the new elected members a veto power concerning new appointments to the ARB. I strongly believe that the ARB is an underappreciated and underutilized advantage that the average property taxpayer has in the state of Texas. Back home in Mass, no such agency exists. You have a problem with your appraised value, your only remedy is to hire counsel and file a lawsuit. I believe i have the knowledge and experience to properly vet potential ARB members. Lastly, living in a 10 unit condominium here in Port Aransas, in which my family is the only full time resident, I have strong opinions concerning Short Term Rentals and how those properties are assessed by the District. Should you have any questions or comments regarding my candidacy, please feel free to call.or text me at 781-910-1178 or email me back. Thank you for what you do for the islands and Flour Bluff.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Titlebaum

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Michael W. Britt, M.D., 61 years of age, went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 24, 2024. Dr. Britt was born November 3, 1962, in Austin, TX. He was the son of a football coach and an art teacher who moved frequently and settled in Medina, Texas, where Mike developed his love of football playing for his father, Coach Britt. Mike attended Angelo State where he played college football for 2 years then set aside the sport he loved to focus on his pursuit of a medical degree.

A 1990 graduate of the UTMB School of Medicine, Dr. Britt returned to UTMB for a clinical research fellowship in surgical infectious disease following his internship at Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his orthopaedics residency at the University of Missouri -Kansas City and a fellowship in Adult Reconstructive and Arthritis Surgery at the Florida Orthopaedic Institute. After beginning his professional career in private practice, he later joined the faculty at Louisiana State University - Shreveport and returned to UTMB as a faculty member in 2018. In 2023, Dr. Britt retired from UTMB and relocated to Corpus Christi where he worked for Coastal Orthopedics at the time of his passing. Mike also played semi-professional football for the South Texas Heat and was a devoted Texas Longhorn fan. He was called to medicine and loved everything about orthopedics. He leaves behind a group of brothers, sisters, and friends in the medical community who he grew up and trained with. The relationships he had with his patients, and the love and respect they had for him, are a testimony to the giving heart he is.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joe R. Britt, his mother Virginia A. Britt, and his sister Kimberly Britt Eoff. He is survived by his wife Kristi Britt, his children Jordin Gonzales (spouse Arturo), Kimberly Britt, Jonathan "Reagan" Britt, Meredith Britt, his sister Lisa Britt Shope (spouse Lanny), brother-in-law Sam Eoff, his grandchildren Arturo Gonzales III, John M. Gonzales, Gavin M. Gresh, Elijah J. Gonzales and Noah M. Gonzales along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at St. Andrews by the Sea, 14238 Encantada Ave, Corpus Christi, TX on April 13th. A rosary will be held at 9:30 A.M. followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Andrews by the Sea or the charity of your choice.

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# Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

## Poncho Vella Part 4



*Dotson's Note: Another skirmish was fought on June 9, north of Pershing's headquarters and the city of Chihuahua. Twenty men from the 13th Cavalry encountered an equally small force of Villistas and chased them through Santa Clara Canyon. Three of the Mexicans were killed, and the rest escaped. There were no American casualties. Thanks to Clarence C. Clendenen, Mrs. Golvía E. Lewis, The First Cavalry Division, and Wikipedia, for the facts and photos contained in this report.*



On May 9, at a face-to-face meeting in El Paso, Texas, Carranza's Secretary of War and Navy, General Álvaro Obregón, threatened to send a massive force against the expedition's supply lines and forcibly drive it out of Mexico. Funston reacted by ordering Pershing to withdraw all his troops from San Antonio de Los Arenales to Colonia Dublán. Although the order was rescinded on the evening of May 11 when no evidence of Carrancista troop movements was found, the southernmost supply depots had been closed and materiel sent north that could not easily be turned around.

Pershing was ordered to halt in place at Namiquipa, making tactical dispositions of his forces there and on El Valle to the north. The movements began a gradual withdrawal of the expedition to Dublán. On May 19th, units of the 10th and 11th Cavalry returned to the base to guard the supply lines with Columbus and conduct reconnaissance in the absence of the temporarily grounded 1st Aero Squadron. As the threat of war with the de facto government increased, the northward movement continued. Pershing's headquarters left Namiquipa on June 21st, setting up again in Dublán, after which the advanced supply depot at Namiquipa closed June 23rd. June 29th found the expedition concentrated on the main base and a forward camp at El Valle 60 miles to the south.



Above, Buffalo Soldiers of the American 10th Cavalry Regiment who were taken prisoner during the Battle of Carrizal, Mexico in 1916

The last and most costly engagement of the Mexican Expedition was fought on June 21 when 3 officers and 87 men of Troops C and K of the 10th Cavalry, sent separately to scout Carrancista dispositions reported along the Mexican Central Railway, combined into a single column and encountered a blocking force of 300 soldiers. They were soundly defeated at the Battle of Carrizal, with Captain Charles T. Boyd, 1st Lt. Henry R. Adair, and ten enlisted men killed,<sup>[1]</sup> ten wounded and another 24 (23 soldiers and 1 civilian guide) taken prisoner. The remainder, including the sole surviving officer, Capt. Lewis S. Morey, were rescued four days later by a relief squadron of the 11th Cavalry. The Mexicans did not do much better; they reported the loss of 24 men killed and 43 wounded, including their commander, General Félix Uresti Gómez, while Pershing listed 42 Carrancistas killed and 51 wounded.<sup>[2]</sup> When General Pershing learned of the battle he was furious and asked for permission to attack the Carrancista garrison of Chihuahua City. President Wilson refused, knowing that it would certainly start a war.



Above, Column of 6th and 16th Infantry, on route to the States, between Corralitos Rancho. The action at Parral in April had made the destruction of Villa and his troops secondary to the objective of preventing further attacks on U.S. forces by Carrancistas. The battle at Carrizal brought the countries to the brink of war and forced both governments to make immediate overt gestures clearly showing their intent to avoid it. Although the United States deployed 100,000 troops on the border, by July 4 the major crisis had passed The Punitive Expedition, U.S. Army remained at Colonia Dublán indefinitely as a fixed-base operation to be a negative incentive to the Carranza government to take seriously its obligation to catch Villa. The Carranza government proved unequal to the task but nevertheless U.S. operations inside Mexico virtually ceased over the next six months.

A Joint High Commission for negotiations with the Carranza government was agreed upon in July, and the first of 52 sessions met on September 6th in New London, Connecticut. Although the commission reached accord on all issues, the negotiations failed to result in a formal agreement for withdrawal of U.S. forces signed by the Mexican government. Despite this, Pershing was ordered on January 18, 1917, to prepare the expedition for return to the United States, which was executed between January 28 and February 5. While the expedition made a dozen successful contacts with Villista groups in the first two months of the campaign, killing many of his important subordinates and 169 of his men, all of whom had participated in the attack on Columbus, it failed in its other major objective of capturing Villa. However, between the date of the American withdrawal and Villa's retirement in 1920, Villa's troops did not again successfully raid the United States.

Between June 1915 and June 1916 raiders from Mexican irregulars carried out 38 raids on the United States, resulting in the deaths of 26 soldiers and 11 civilians. Following the attack on Glenn Springs, the Army transferred three regiments of active-duty soldiers to the border area. On May 8, state militia units from Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico were activated. On June 15, 1916, another attempted raid by Mexican border-crossers, this at San Ygnacio, Texas, 30 miles downstream from Laredo, was repulsed by soldiers with casualties to both sides. As a result, using powers granted by passage of the National Defense Act of 1916, Wilson on June 18 fully mobilized Guard units from the remainder of the states and the District of Columbia for duty on the border.

*Dotson's Other Note: More than 140,000 National Guard troops were called up, but only two regiments, the 1st New Mexico Infantry and the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry, were actually assigned to the Mexican Expedition, and those to guard the base at Columbus. Historian Clarence C. Clendenen asserts that although no Guard units officially crossed into Mexico at any time, soldiers from the two regiments at Columbus did enter Mexico to perform various tasks. The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Thursdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8-10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397. It's your two hours; please let us hear from you.*



## Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

If you can live on them little cocktail wieners and water you can just about live free on The Island these days just by making the rounds of ground breakings and ribbon cuttings. Just wave a shovel or a pair of giant scissors around here and office seekers will line up for a photo op and we get to sample some of them little cocktail wieners. Personally I like mine slathered in barbeque sauce. So with that said and with a move to revive the Island United Political Action Committee underway to unite the Island's 8459 registered voters behind friendly candidates this November we have to ask ourselves the real question; what do we want?

### November

Let's start with what will be on the city ballot in November. The first of what will be many briefings on the revised version of the city's Proposition A was given to the Island Strategic Action Committee on Tuesday night. At issue, among other items which we will explore as things move forward, is how to allocate revenue from two 1/8-cent city sales tax streams which each raise \$8 million per year for the next 25 years. The last iteration of Proposition A sent only a scintilla of the \$1.5 Billion - with a B - of that money to The Island and coincidentally or not that plan went down in flames by a two-to-one margin. The six percent or so of the citywide vote that will emanate from Padre Island in the fall could make the difference in round two which raises the question of whether any of that Prop A money could be used on Padre Island.

The answer on Tuesday was that it can be used for "drainage and storm water projects" along the SPID corridor. As you read this there is \$17 million in federal/state money in the bank awaiting the completion of the Island Mobility Plan which includes cart and pedestrian paths along that corridor and if funds from Proposition A could be used to cover the current bar ditches that \$17 million could be used in for other purposes as our island becomes a connected grid of paths over the next few years.

### Bonds

Then there are the bonds. Sometime in August as the Corpus Christi Council sets the details of Proposition A they will also set a

bond package that will be somewhere in the \$100 million range of which Island taxpayers will pay somewhere in the range of \$20 million with debt service. It seems like we ought to get something for that. Most of the money raised for Proposition A will go downtown to prop up the cost over runs at the American Bank Center so our Return on Investment will need to come from the bonds.

Since 2016 the ISAC has generated a modest wish list of Island project for funding and as a result there was \$1.15 million in 2018 for improvements under the JFK Bridge and \$1.5 million in 2020 for improvements at Commodores Park - neither of which are currently underway. There have been some success stories such as the new access road on SPID between Jackfish Avenue and Commodores Drive and the improvements on Jackfish which are currently underway.

Almost fifty years after a grid of Island streets east of SPID, between Verdemar Drive and State Highway 361 were designed they still remain "Paper Streets" as that is the only place they actually exist. Every two years for the past two decades it has been proposed that they be included on a bond package and every two years for the past two decades they missed the cut. This is especially exasperating since the underground utilities - half the total cost - are already in place. Some money from the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 have been earmarked but bond money could complete the funding. We are also seeing development on the south end of The Island stymied due to lack of a main sewer line; exactly the kind of projects bonds are designed for.

I could continue but you get the point. The process going forward is for ISAC members to develop a list of items to be included in the next iteration of Proposition A and in the November bond package. As we sit here today there is already \$2 billion in new development happening around us and the planning process for the next 25 years in now underway. It's time we get a fair shake from city hall and it starts in November.

We're going to need a lot of them little cocktail wieners.

## Coastal Bend Bays Foundation to Host 25th Annual Earth Day - Bay Day FREE Festival

-- **Coastal Bend Bays Foundation** (CBBF) will host its free **25th Annual Earth Day-Bay Day** festival Saturday, April 13 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Heritage Park, Corpus Christi. Come early to get the full experience of celebrating our Coastal Bend's community and environment in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

More than 65 different exhibitors including environmental, academic, industry, and community related organizations will come together to engage attendees with activities, nature crafts, networking, food, and tons of giveaways. This event is designed to help educate and promote environmental awareness and community opportunities. Last year's event directly impacted nearly 10,000 people.

CBBF President Sandi Hart expresses her excitement for the event saying, "This is a super-charged festival that grows every year by not only educating our community about our environment, but we also bring in all different types of organizations, academic programs and community services ultimately having a more meaningful and direct impact on our community."

Highlights for the 2024 festival include: Wild Sky Productions "Birds of Prey" presentations, Gladys Porter Zoo animal presentations, Valero plant giveaway (2,000 plants), Fishing's Future Catch & Release fishpond, Youth Odyssey climbing rock wall, PORTable Learning Lab, LyondellBasell's hydration station, live music by "The Deadbeats," free commemorative 25th anniversary event poster, electric vehicles display, free emissions testing, animal adoptions, Texas Parks & Wildlife's Coastal Expo marine life touch tanks, and much more!

This unforgettable experience is only made possible through the generosity of the Coastal Bend community's businesses, organizations, CBBF members and volunteers that believe in and continue to support this important cause.

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History cont. from AI

By Stanley Bandranke

Ida and I drove from Michigan to Texas on our recent vacation, taking along our little dog Frack. While there we lived on Padre Island for two weeks. The 110-mile long island, stretching from the general vicinity of Corpus Christi to the Mexican border, is now being converted into a national park. But it is still unimproved, practically uninhabited and barren.

Driving to Texas from our home in Michigan in a Jeep took us almost five days. We were very tired from being in cramped quarters when we arrived at the park are on the north end of the island near Bob Hall's fishing pier. But tired as we were we decided to make the long drive south towards the Manfield Pass area, about 75 miles down the island. Our driving time was slow, averaging from 10 to 15 miles per hour. We had heard the south end of the island was no place to be stranded without food and water. Not being an experienced beach driver, I followed advice given to me at the pier and stuck close the water's edge for smoother faster driving. About 20 miles down the beach we started to drive over thousands of small sea shells. The area is known as *Little Shell* and it was here that disaster almost overtook us.

### A foolish mistake

The beach became more and more narrow and difficult to drive. I noticed a huge log lying across the beach in front of us. I decided to drive around it, because the high ground looked too soft to travel on. This was a foolish mistake, for when I attempted to drive around the log we bogged down in the soft shell and sand, and were stuck.

The tide started coming in. huge waves hit our Jeep, causing the engine to stall. I couldn't get it started and we became concerned about being washed out to sea with the Jeep. I tried to dry off the engine, but it was constantly flooded with water. I started to call for help on my Citizens Band (CB) radio. I burned out my main battery calling for help. I then switched to my auxiliary battery that we carried for just such an emergency. I kept calling out *this is K-N-M 0750 Michigan mobile local, now on Padre Island, approximately 20 miles south of the Bob Hall Pier. I am stuck and the tide is coming! Does anyone copy? I need help! Does - anyone - copy?*

After continually repeating my message hoping my auxiliary battery would hold up, I finally made contact with someone on the mainland. Our words were cut off now and then because the wires and mic kept getting wet. He said he would get us help and then mentioned something about the navy and a tow truck. I couldn't understand him very well, and then everything went dead.

My wife and I were worried that the Jeep and all our camping supplies and equipment were going to be washed out to sea. We started to carry all of our belongings to high ground beyond the beach. As we were carrying our few supplies away from the stranded vehicle, we heard the roar of a low-flying airplane. It was a U.S. Navy helicopter. I started waving like mad, and after circling a few times it landed. As the machine set down, its rotors blew sand in all directions. Were we happy to see the pilot! As the pilot walked over to us, he said, "It looks like you folks are a in a little trouble here." He said would send help and took off, hours later a tow truck arrived.

### Help arrives

It was at this point that an experience started that I hope I never have to undergo again. The tow truck arrived about three hours after the helicopter left. It was a large truck with big balloon tires and two men riding in it. Before the driver tied a towline to my Jeep I told him I was flat busted. The seawater had ruined most of my traveler's checks. I later lost what was left of them in the sea. They must have fallen out of my shirt pocket while I was trying to dry off the plugs and points get the Jeep started. I offered to give him my Polaroid camera and case as collateral, and I promised to pay him the full amount of the towing bill as soon as I got back to Michigan, if not sooner. He said it wasn't necessary to give him the camera, and that we could send the money later. He towed the Jeep out of the soft shells and sand and then gave us a fast tow to get the car started. Ida and I thanked him

and his partner for helping us and they left.

Just then a navy truck arrived. I told the driver that I thought the truck that had just pulled our Jeep free was the one sent by the helicopter pilot. The driver told me it wasn't, and that the man who had pulled my Jeep out of the sand was a shrewd operator who charged sky-high prices (as I was to find out later).

I told the Navy people I was sorry they had made a long trip for nothing and the driver said he was sorry that he couldn't have saved us a large towing bill.

We spend the night at the camp of some people we had met on the beach and as we were driving back to camp I noticed jackrabbits running in all directions in front of the headlights. I have never seen so many in my life. Our friends advised us to keep on the back roads to avoid what is known as *Big Shell*, an area more hazardous than *Little Shell*. We left early the next morning. As we were heading into what I call *No man's land* the day seemed much better than the one before. The sun started shining brightly, the temperature was just right, and the waves coming in from the sea were calm. Everything seemed to tell us that our trip to Padre Island was not to be in vain, and that we would discover treasure of years gone by. I felt this was the right place to search for old Spanish coins and relics. But with the coming darkness Ida and I went to bed so that we could get an early start the next morning, it was to be a longer night than I expected.

### Trouble arrives

About 3 a.m. we heard a loud horn blowing outside our tent. It was the tow truck that had pulled us out of *Little Shell*. I recalled being told that these two men had beat an old man over the head with a tire iron simply because he didn't have enough money to pay his tow bill. I told Ida to stay in the tent because it looked like trouble. I went out to talk to the two men. I didn't get to say much. The driver was a big fellow and his partner was medium-sized and both were stone drunk.

"I was thinking it over and changed my mind - I want some collateral for the \$75 you own me," the driver more or less yelled at me. It was my first inclination the bill would be so high. The driver wanted my camera, metal detectors, our stove, ice chest and a few other things. He told me he was going to take them or else! He started toward me from the front while his partner was edging around toward my back. Just then Ida stepped out of the tent with my .35 caliber carbine. She had it cocked and pointed straight at the driver's head.

She told the two that we had offered the camera once, and it had been refused. As soon as we could get our traveler's checks reimbursed we would pay the full tow bill. I told the two men that my wife was a very nervous person, and that I thought it would be best if they left. As they were driving away, the driver hung his head out the window and hollered back. "You'll hear more about this. No one pulls a gun on me and gets away with it."

The next day, a fisherman drove by our camp and handed us a letter that a constable had asked him to deliver. The letter informed us that he would like to see us on a matter "of utmost importance...when you leave the island."

*Next week: After things calmed down the hunt for Spanish coins begins...*



# The Port Aransas Cookbook

## Easter at the Crossroads

By Chris Jordan



Antique magnifying lamps and flocked damask wallpaper at The Esquire Tavern

It was Good Friday and the specter of Easter loomed ominously.

I'm not talking Resurrection, I'm talking tourists. By midday, the volume of traffic in Port Aransas was portending quite the weekend. I love that people love this town, but sometimes it can be a bit much. Spring break wounds were still being licked. Was there something to be done? I called my partner Andrea and told her to pack a bag: we were going to turn the tables on San Antonio.

It took me a while to sew-up my Friday work obligations and we didn't get on the road until late afternoon. Apparently I don't know how to get to Sinton the back way anymore. There used to be a four-way stop for US 181 at TX 188. No more. I guess there's an overpass and an exit now. We realized something was amiss right away but decided to live life on the edge and drive on to Papalote. From there, we figured we'd just stick with good ole US 181 all the way. It was a trip down memory lane seeing all those towns for the first time in decades: Skidmore, Beeville, Normanna, Tuleta, Pettus, Tulsita, Kenedy, and Karnes City.

It was getting dark when I let Andrea take over driving. After a minute, my mind started to wander. Having spent my formative years in the Hill Country near San Antonio, I definitely have a connection to the town and love it to this day. San Antonio has such a great vibe. For one thing, the people are authentic and welcoming. For another, San Antonio history runs *deep*. We all know about the battles waged for sovereignty over the area, but there is so much more. My mind eventually wandered all the way back to 1936. Something magical was happening in San Antonio over Thanksgiving that year: Robert Johnson was recorded performing sixteen of the only twenty-nine songs we would ever hear by him. And it was going down in room 414 at The Gunter Hotel.

We breezed on through the evening. I was tired and had Robert Johnson songs drifting in and out of my head. "Dust My Broom", "Sweet Home Chicago", and of course "Cross Road Blues". We passed through Hobson, Falls City, Poth, and Floresville. The haunting "Terraplane Blues" had just visited me when we emerged from Elmen-dorf into San Antonio proper. I snapped out of it and got on my phone to book us a room.

We'd stayed at The Gunter Hotel the last time we were in San Antonio and I didn't see any reason to break with this nascent tradition. Room 414 was unavailable the last time and the story was the same on Good Friday. It didn't matter to us, really. I've got mixed feelings about sleeping in that room anyway: it's not like Robert Johnson slept there. Oh, hell no. He was just recorded there. By some white dudes. Johnson slept in a boarding house during his time in San Antonio.... and that was only when he wasn't being beaten and jailed by the local constabulary.

We were hungry by now. I briefly entertained the notion of making a last-minute reservation at one of the restaurants I'd had my eye on but it was late and no opportunities presented. After a few minutes we decided to hoof it around the corner to The Esquire Tavern. I'd remembered the food was good when we'd skulked in there for late-night snacks a few years ago with Susan and Gentry Powell. When I was a youngster, businessmen who worked downtown would go there in the daytime for a Scotch, but going in that joint at night back in the day was breeding scabs. It's not like that now. The Esquire is a cool joint. The decor is spot-on with dim lighting, semi-swanky booths, a tin ceiling, flocked damask wallpaper, and a notably long-ass bar.

Do they make their own ginger beer? Of course they do. Do they have copper cups? Check. A little vodka, lime juice, and crushed ice later and I was enjoying a perfect Moscow Mule replete with the mint garnish. Andrea opted for a French Seventy-five. They've got a fun little selection of food at The Esquire - all of which was available until 11 PM - with some things served all the way until 1 AM.

We started with deviled eggs that had a piped-in filling of yolk mousse. I could detect smoked paprika and a briney-ness that may have been from dill pickle juice. Whole grain mustard and fried green peppercorns adorned this snack for the brief duration of its existence.

We next had small side salads consisting of mixed greens, lettuce, plum tomatoes, and English cucumber, dressed with basil vinaigrette, and loaded with tiny croutons. What kind of people leave their home on The Gulf to order seafood platters inland? We are. We are those kind of people. The giant panko-breaded shrimp were cooked perfectly as was the beer-battered cod. The tartar sauce was a bit overwrought, leaning into the realm of remoulade, but was good nonetheless. The platters came with chili-salt fries which reprised the role the smoked paprika played in our appetizer. They are available *à la carte* and I would eagerly order them that way in the future.

We had a big Saturday planned and got up early. First stop was Fanick's Garden Center. This lovely oasis is to be unexpectedly found at the end of a residential street in Southeast San Antonio. I bought a couple of pots of herbs and Andrea liberated some hanging baskets. We moved on to Paul's Desert - a nursery devoted exclusively to cacti and succulents. Andrea collects these and made quite the haul. Next, we swung into Asian Supermarket for whole duck, duck eggs, Lao-style sausage, and some pantry items before we closed-out the day at Central Market for wine, cheese, and pastries. We left ourselves enough time to rest a bit before dinner, but just barely.

We'd been hearing about the *cebiche Peruano* at Leche de Tigre since our last trip and had made reservations for 7:30 PM. Let me tell ya folks, this place will open your palate to a whole new world of uncooked seafood. The Cebiche Classico featuring kampachi (amberjack) was bathed in the titular leche de tigre - a concoction of lime juice, fish stock, ginger, and various alliums, spices, and chiles. It was scrumptious and we also really enjoyed the Pulpo al Olivo that showcased Spanish octopus in avocado crema. We sat at the counter directly in front of both of the young men preparing the cebiche as well as the *chef de cuisine* who meticulousized each hot entree with tweezers before sending them to tables. Back at The Gunter Hotel, we closed down the bar with a few tourists and the duo of Brazilian jazz-fusion musicians playing there.

I was tired on driving back to Port Aransas Easter Sunday. I was listful of the road all the way to the island. I thought about Robert Johnson again and half-sang one of his songs in my head. But it wasn't any of the well-known ones I'd thought of on the way up to San Antonio. It wasn't any of the others either like "Stop Breaking Down", "Hellhound on My Trail", or "Traveling Riverside Blues". Nope. The air had changed now. It was thicker. Wetter. Saltier. And a little bit stinky. All-in-all it was like breathing-in home. I couldn't remember all the words to "Dead Shrimp Blues", but I got close.



Pulpo al Olivo at Leche de Tigre Cebicheria Peruana

  
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### Business Briefs

By Mary Craft  
mkay512@aol.com

**The Pearl Front Yard** has opened recently with a grilled food menu and outside bar. Some of the food items are mesquite grilled oysters 3 for \$7, surf or turf skewers with spicy garlic aioli \$8, three different style grilled all beef hotdogs \$10 plus more. There is live music Thursday - Saturday 6 - 9 pm and Sunday 3 - 6 pm. It opens at 3 pm Thursday - Sunday. At the indoor bar you can order a pint of draft for \$3 Monday - Friday noon - 5 pm.



**Redline Helicopter Tours** leave from Corpus Christi Airport and can be booked by up to three passengers 10 am - 6 pm daily. A 12 mile 7 - 8 minute ride is \$49/ person, 24 mile ride 13 - 15 minute ride over the Lexington is \$99 and a 75 mile 40 - 45 minute ride along the Bay to Port A is \$299. A gender reveal powder drop anywhere is \$399. To book go to corpushe-li.com or call 806-683-6777.



**La Isla Mexican Restaurant** burger was recommended by a friend and sure enough it is tasty and juicy plus only \$8 with fries.

**Coastal Woodworking & Concrete Design Wine and Wood event** will be on Friday, April 12th 7:30 - 10 pm. This class

will be building large 40” planters and the cost is \$100. There will be free local wines. There are 28 open spots and the last class sold out. The next event will be Margarita and Wood and will be building bench planters. The shop is located at 10514 in the Bluff. Call 239-2611 for more info.



**South Texas Botanical Gardens Big Bloom mega plant sale** will be on Saturday, April 6th 10 am - 5 pm with \$2 admission. There will be a lady bug release, butterfly release, personable parrots, animal ambassador meet, food trucks and more.



**Cabana Pantry Lunch 'n Learn** class is the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am and the cost is \$15. On April 10th the class will prepare tortilla espanola which is a Spanish omelette. That's a great price since you would probably spend that much

to eat lunch plus you learn how to cook it. The Kids Cooking class is the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm for \$10. The one this week was “All about Eggs” and the kids fried quail eggs and placed them on mini maple buttered waffles. The next one is May 7th “All about Cheese.” Reserve your place at the table at cabanapantry.com or stop by the shop located next to Isles Mail & More.



**The Texas State Aquarium** is looking for 9th - 11th grade students who are interested in exploring careers in the STEM (science, technology , engineering and math) field. This summer program requires a commitment of 65 hours June 3rd - August 9th. For students of all ages the Splash Park is open Saturdays and Sundays 11 am - 5 pm.



**These Island businesses scored a perfect 100** on their Nueces County Health Inspections: Hardknocks, The Pearl, Snoopy’s, Donut Palace and Siren’s Call Winery. That’s especially impressive for a busy restaurant.

**The Dollar General** app on your phone allows you to get \$5 off a \$25 purchase every Saturday. Some Saturdays I have a hard time getting to \$25 especially going down the \$1 aisle.

**The POA Board election results are:** Drew Diggins and Ray Singleton got re-elected and Thomas Gottemoller is the new board member.

**The Corpus Christi Hooks** season officially begins on Friday, April 5th vs Midland at 7 pm and there will be a Bud Light Fireworks display. The Saturday game is at 7 pm and Sunday 5 pm.

**Video Transfer Services** can take your tapes, videos, slides, cassettes and more and put them on a flash drive. Art Carroll does the transferring at his home so no worries about your precious memories getting lost in shipping. Call 549-3312.

Random Stuff

**In 1990 I was living outside Chicago** and it was the year the cicada, that come out every 17 years, happened. The air was thick with these flying bulging red eyed insects and they were loud. Now 34 years later it will be even bigger because Illinois will experience an overlap of two broods. The adults come out of the ground mate, lay eggs and die.



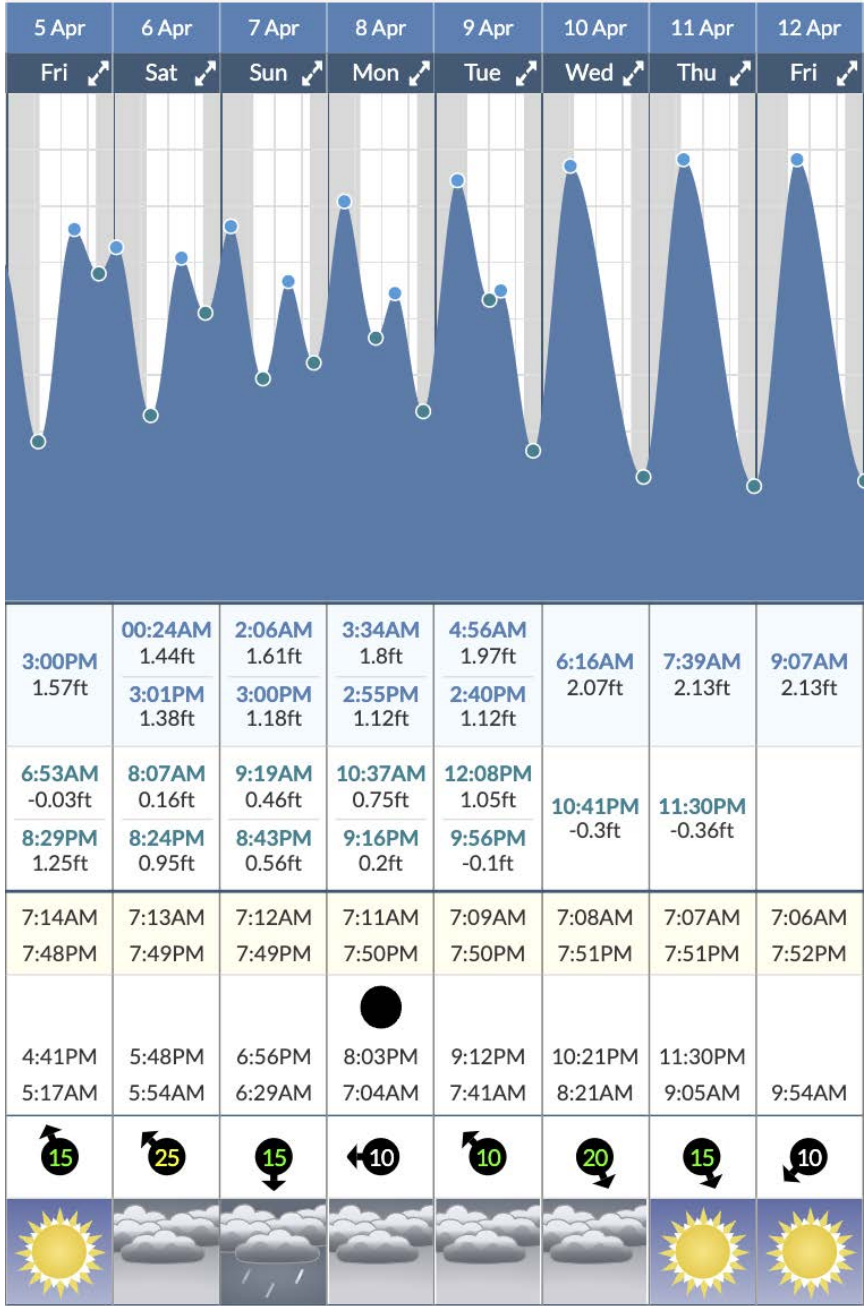
**My latest favorite country song lyric** is “I woke up on the wrong side of the truck bed this morning.”

**UFL San Antonio Brahmas** head coach is Wade Phillips. Although the Brahmas were not favored last Sunday they won 27 -12. The most fun trick play was the punter pass to the center for a 40 yard touchdown. Of the 400 UFL players 315 have played for the NFL. This league is much better than previous spring ones. The NFL takes away ideas from this league like the new punt return rule. No player can move until the returner touches the ball.



Photo of Bob Hall Pier Circa 2002

Tides of the Week



Surfrider Foundation Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup - Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> We'll meet up at the Padre Balli Park headquarters at 8:30 am, then head to our cleanup area. Bring a hat, sunblock and a reusable water bottle. Free hot dogs and drinks when we finish!



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Lake Padre cont. from A1

to get us the final drawings and we will be ready to go,” Lang said. “We are entraining offers from restaurant operators and other who are interested in locating businesses there.

The information on the project in this issue is taken from a presentation to the Corpus Christi City Council.

The master plan for the project includes

- Full service marina and drystack boat storage
- Class A Apartment Community located on the promenade
- Canal Walk including Restaurants and entertainment area
- Public areas for outdoor events
- Resort hotel including event center
- The Cove Residential District with town-homes and condominiums
- Cove shops including retail and grocery
- Channel side gated residential community

Infrastructure

\$11,455,739  
(Complete)  
Underground utilities  
Canal, Seagate, bulkheads and caps  
Streets and utilities

Phase I first year

\$188,433,439 projected cost  
Five year buildout  
Drystack and storage  
Marina retail  
Phase I Marina slips and fuel dock  
Apartments  
Resort hotel  
Canal residential lots for sale  
Boardwalk golf cart and pedestrian bridges

Phase II begins year five

\$78,180,000 projected cost  
(Three-year buildout)  
Canal residential lots for sale  
Canal Retail II  
Parking garages

Phase III begins year three

\$196,210,000  
(Five-year buildout)  
Cove – multi-family for sale  
Apartment Phase 2

Phase IV begins year three

\$172,504,400  
(five to seven year buildout)  
Channelside townhouses  
Channelside Single family  
Channelside Retail  
Cove Channelside infrastructure

Phase V begins year seven

\$61,205,000  
(five year buildout)  
Cove shops  
Cove grocery  
Cove hotel

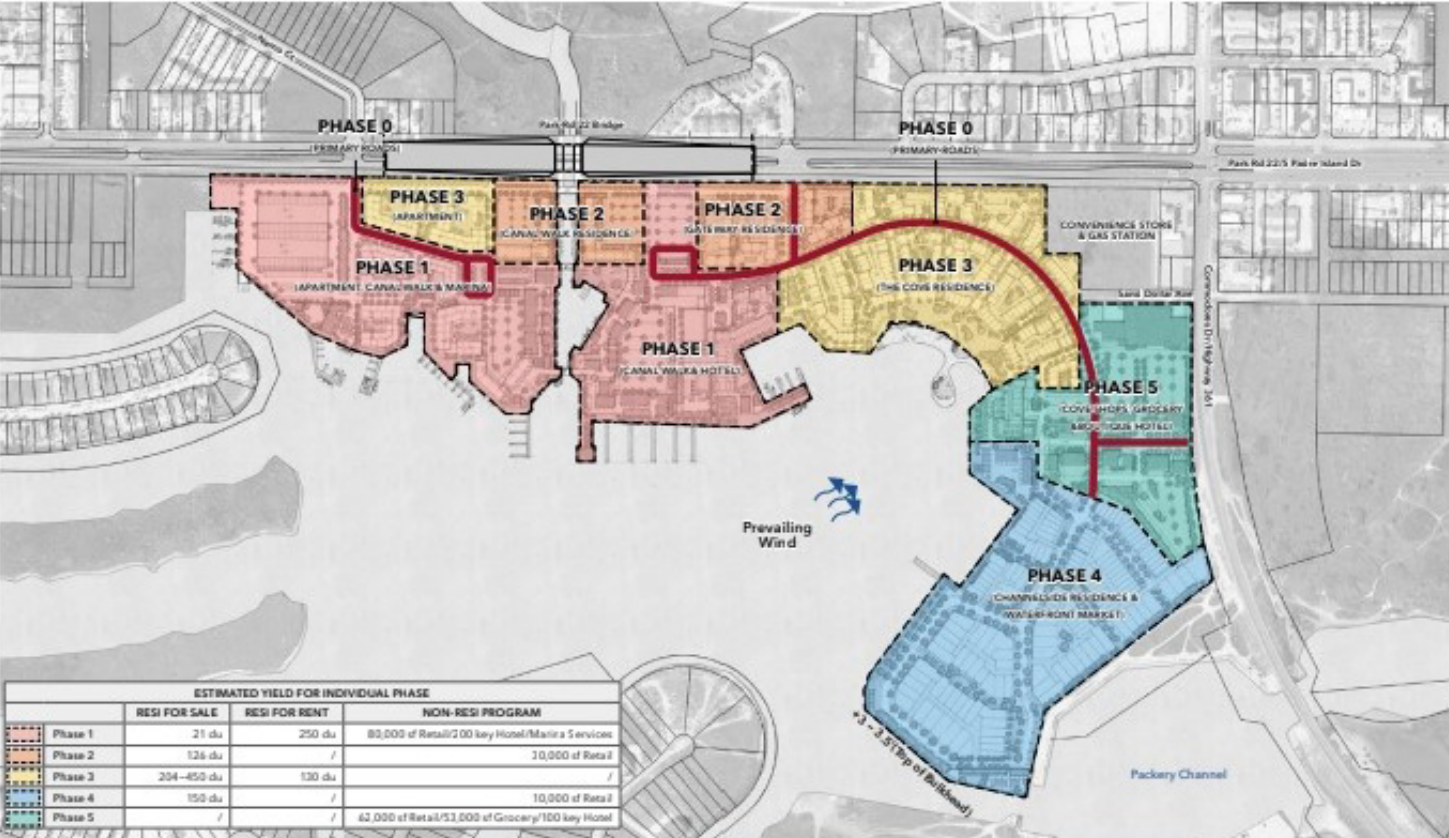
Public amenities subject to reimbursement from TIRZ #2

- Promenade including two miles of waterfront open space 11.17 acres (436,637 square feet) \$16,390,925
- One golf cart bridge over canal \$1.2 million
- Pedestrian bridges \$1,980,000
- Golf cart path and ramps to connect to bridges and Park Road 22 connection through Don Patricio Bridge and south for future beach access \$1,030,940

\$20,601,865 total public improvements



Spoonbill By Linda Wilgus Quaid



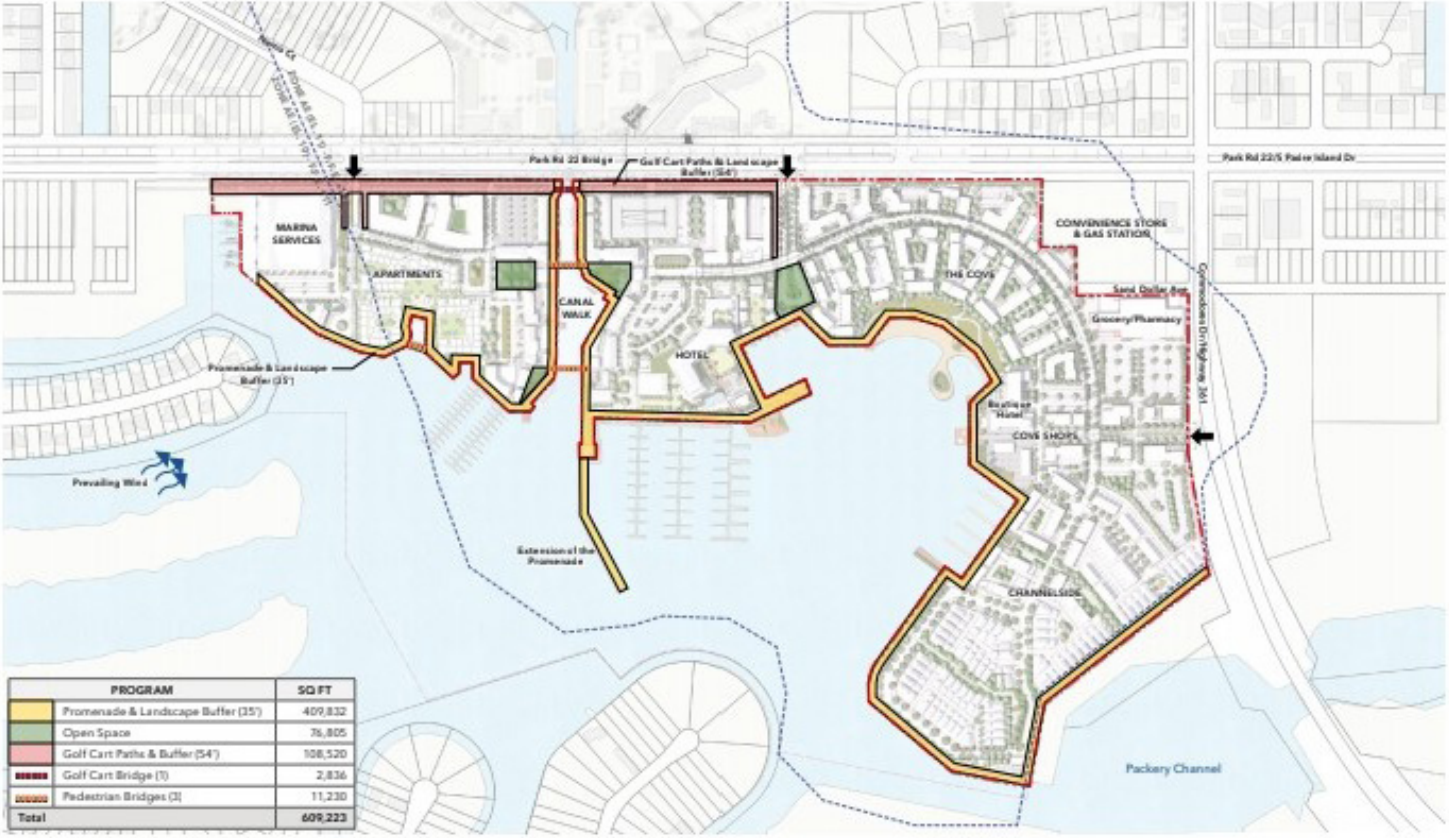
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Concept Plan



Promenade Section Alternatives



Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone



# Island Outdoors

## On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

This time of year always wears me thin. We get close to having consistent spring-time conditions, and then we get another cool front that drops the temps and spins the wind around on our heads. I know, you're supposed to be careful what you wish for, but I'm ready for fun times on the water and down the beach. But, I suppose we should bide our time a bit longer.

### Desalination Issues

As I dig into local water authorities and water sources, it becomes clear that there are already many desal plants operating all over Texas. For example, back in 2004, the Southmost Regional Water Authority in the Valley constructed a brackish well-water desal plant and have expanded it twice to current operating capacity of 10 million gallons per day (MGD), although it is designed for double that capacity. The plant uses water from 20 water wells drilled into the Gulf Coast Aquifer (same one that stretches underneath us all the way to Mississippi) from 200 to 300 feet down. This is a regional plant, instead of a few scattered across the landscape, and owned and operated by one entity, however there are seven more smaller desal plants sprinkled through the region for smaller towns and irrigation users.

This was in response to the Amistad and Falcon reservoirs (that Texas shares with Mexico on the Rio Grande) falling below 20 percent back in the 1990's. That drought was so bad that the Rio stopped flowing, and without water to pull, the taps dried up. Their plants came online within a year or two. I know most of you loyal readers have heard the term "Evangeline Aquifer" which is part of the same massive aquifer. If we choose to get that online, the water from the Evangeline will also have to go through desalination, although the suspended solids and salts are much less than seawater. It's a less intensive process but includes very similar infrastructure. Plus, the "brine" from the Evangeline can be put right back in a ditch or river with nominal impacts, and in the absence of any other flows, might prove beneficial. Florida has been doing this since the 1980's.

I'm not writing about this because I'm short on topics. I'm writing about desal because the Center for Coastal Studies is continuing to monitor the Nueces River and Nueces Delta, and the results are fairly dim. Dissolved oxygen is already at dangerous low levels, and salinities are higher than they are supposed to be anywhere near the river. The lack of fresh water in the delta is hampering production of fish, shrimp, oysters, and crabs for the entire bay system. This is one of the things that I'm hoping that the

Evangeline and seawater desal will help with, is restoring flows to our delta, river, and bays. There will be more on this later.

### Birds of a Feather

Heather let me know that there was a small fall-out on the Island the other day. I didn't have time to look up, as I'm still running a grinder on a boat. Ebird is showing some signs of life, as is BirdCast. Anyone seen the cattle tyrant around lately? I haven't heard of any reports. But the hummingbirds are moving through the area, and I had all three "common" species on my feeders at one time the other morning. Everywhere I look, the local birds are carrying nesting material. They will have a jump on the migrants that are still lingering in South and Central America and Mexico.

### Political Season is upon us

Well folks, get ready to be bombarded with more advertisements about Type A funds, who's running the best campaign, and whose political record is better than whose. I'm about to head out to the Packery Channel ribbon "re-cutting" ceremony. This is going to be a rough election season, and I plan on spending as much of it as I can on the water. Palmtag will be here next week, and the McMorran brothers the week after. The Sink Your Shucks Oyster Recycling Program at HRI will have events on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Drop me a line at [tarponchaser@mail.com](mailto:tarponchaser@mail.com) and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



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## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah  
Farah's Fishing Adventures

The WINDS OF MARCH started the last week of March and seem to be taking over the first half of April this year. It's a sign of spring tradition between average north winds and prevailing southeast winds. Southeast winds will bring in our big spring tides and each of these will flush water, bait, and gamefish from the south into our Baffin Bay system. Higher tides in our northern bays will send this movement towards the back lakes of Shamrock Cove, and behind St. Jose Island. It is a wonderful time of year to wade fish the back side of Padre Island in all the shallow lagoons and marshes. Take a walk along any dock or shoreline and you will see swarms of tiny baitfish everywhere. Spring is here so get out and embrace it before the heat of summer.

### Back Lake Redfish

Back Lake Redfish, are bountiful between Port A and North Padre. There are many dirt road access points where one can park and walk, kayak, or fish from the shore. The Mustang Island Park Fish Pass on the bay side is a great place to start. Topwater plugs and soft plastics under a cork will keep you from getting grasses up. My favorite is a lightly weighted soft plastic lure with a 1/16-1/8th oz jig head. Casting at all fish that you see can be good, sometimes it's just mullet but then it's not, redfish explosion! Entering these areas in a boat can be tricky with so much shallow water and twisting islands. Take your time and idle in the flats, running on top can get you into shallow water where you can't get out. The shoreline north and south of Bird Island Basin is also a great place to access some pristine fishing.

### Trout Fishing is on fire

On the boat we have been catching lots of slot trout with multiple oversized trout a day along with some redfish and a few flounder. The flounder typically come back into the bays around March and April. The smaller males are easy to catch; the females are spread out and along the canals and deeper drops. Our redfish have been coming from the shorelines up shallow and the spoil islands along the ICW. Perch and shrimp have been in their bellies. Along the ICW spoils live shrimp and popping corks, and soft plastics under a cork has been best. Big Trout have been On Fire! We have released a lot of trophies this year and many oversized fish. Following the migration of bait and birds seems to be the key. Presenting lighter colored soft plastics at dawn and switching to darks mid morning is still working well. Finding the right sand pocket where multiple fish are bedded up doing their spawning has been important and picking the best part of each sand pocket for the bigger females to be hiding while making your cast. I don't just throw to the middle of the pocket. I pick through the edges and



Flour Bluff Graduate Brandon Barret brought his sons back home to do some fishing this week and we hooked this big redfish first thing in the morning on soft plastics along the King Ranch Shoreline. Farah

cast far beyond the pocket and lightly swim my bait into the corners and settling the baits down in the middle of the sand. Make each cast count and imagine yourself as the baitfish.

### Let's go fishing

May will be an exciting time of year when our bays are at the peak! We will have fishing of all types at a high point of greatness and I'd love to share it with you, your family, and customers. Let's find YOUR DAY to learn and laugh on a great day on the water. FOLLOW ALL OF OUR FISHING ON FACEBOOK AT JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER FISHING. 361-442-8145



This young man braved 36mph winds this week and caught this nice trout on soft plastics. It's not too windy just go try! Farah



Don Patricio Bridge and Lake Padre. Photo Augs

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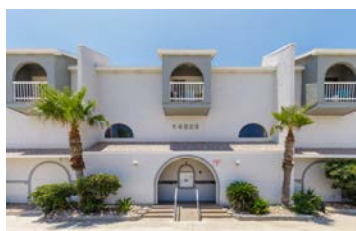
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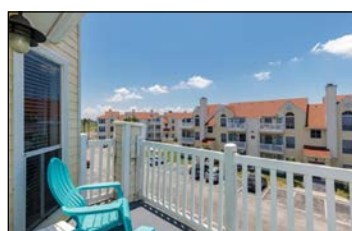
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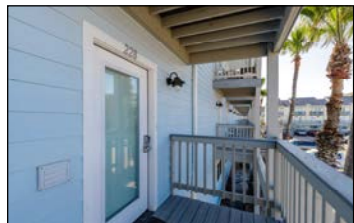
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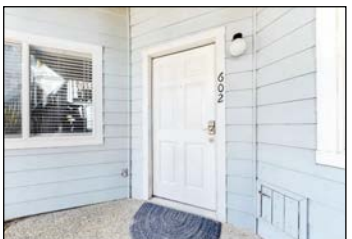
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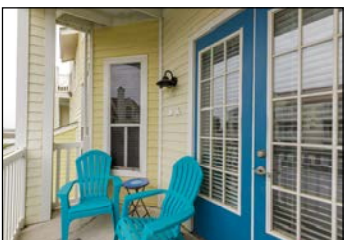
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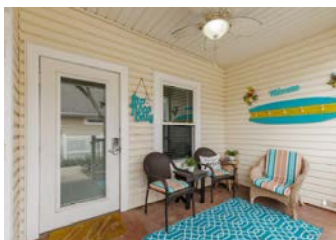
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Olivia & Mike Hale tied the knot on Saturday, March 30th at the Little Chapel in the Dunes in Port Aransas. Olivia is long time columnist Jay Gardner's sister. Congratulations to the Hale and Gardner families.



The Texas A&M-Corpus Christi beach volleyball team won the Islander Classic Tournament this weekend at their home court at Water's Edge Park, beating SFA 4-1 and Texas 3-2. Photos By Debbie Noble



Mustang Island had an agricultural burn this week, getting attention from miles around.



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# Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Allow me to tell a story on myself. Heading into the St. Patrick’s Day weekend, my wife Barbara and I boarded a plane to Los Angeles to see family and to cheer on our daughter in the LA Marathon. Meredith had never run a marathon. In fact, she had not done much running until the middle of last year. The preparation for the marathon quickly became a source of healing for the intense brokenness in her life. We needed to be there.

We arrived on Thursday night and proceeded to the rental car location. The clerk showed us a row of cars from which we could choose the car we wanted. We chose a car; we walked around the car to inspect for any damage. There was some slight damage on the rear bumper, so I took a picture. We loaded up the car and got in. At the last minute we decided to change cars.

The suitcases were moved from the first car to the second car. Off we went on the one-hour drive to Orange County to see members of Barbara’s family. We arrived at our hotel to check-in before looking for some late dinner. As I got out of the car, I opened the back door to get my backpack. No backpack. No backpack in the trunk. I immediately realized the backpack was in the backseat of the first car.

When I travel my backpack is my life. On this trip it held my laptop, iPad, work files, charging cords, hearing aid supplies, and medications. I suddenly felt very vulnerable.

It was late and we decided to look for a place to eat. While eating I tried to contact the rental car company. It was clear I would not be able to talk to a human being at the site from which we rented the car. We decided to make the one-hour trip to the rental car site first thing in the morning.

Upon arriving we waited to see the lost and found person. When she emerged from the backroom, we told her our story. I even showed her the license plate of the car with my backpack from the photo I took the night before. After more waiting she informed us that the car had been rented that morning. My backpack was off on an adventure. After more waiting, the manager contacted the person who had rented the car. The person was on the other side of Pasadena headed to an appointment. He would return the car, and backpack, on Tuesday morning.

I asked the manager to contact him again and inquire about finding a public place I could meet him to retrieve the backpack. I offered to go anywhere in southern California. I needed the medications. We waited some more. The person was not returning the manager’s call.

We left and headed back to Orange County to see family. This began a constant week-end preoccupation with checking my phone for updates via messages, texts, or emails. Several times a day I would reach out to the manager. No, the other customer was not

responding to calls, texts, and emails. I was doing a slow burn for most of the weekend. Didn’t the other customer realize I needed those medications? While we were with family, there were times I was not all there.

Sunday morning, we made our way to the finish line of the marathon. It was going to be too crowded to follow our daughter along the race. We decided to wait for her at the finish line, checking her progress by following her phone on my phone. Of course, this allowed me to also check for updates on the backpack!

We found a couple of seats in the bleachers about fifty yards from the finish line. Our daughter Meredith was not going to be among the early finishers. It would be a couple of hours until she made it to our location.

In that time, we saw a lot; I saw a lot. I saw runners stop to help their fellow runners who needed assistance getting to the finish line. I saw a LAPD officer help a runner get to the finish line. That video went viral. I also saw a LAFD officer and a member of the private security company working the race do the same with other runners. A few runners sprinted to the finish line. Where did they find that energy after twenty-six plus miles? I saw expressions of agony that revealed the ecstasy of accomplishment. I saw runners raise their arms in exhilaration. I heard screams of joy from runners and their families who had gathered to cheer them. I saw tears on runners and supporters.

I saw our daughter nearing the finish line. We screamed her name; she heard and saw us. Her expression, even through the clouds in my eyes, is one I will never forget. She had taken another important step in her journey of healing. She finished the marathon.

It was just a backpack.

We were reunited with the backpack on Tuesday morning before we left to come home. However, my perspective had been changed. Easter does that for us.

Easter is not over on the following Monday. Resurrection brings moments of new life and new perspectives daily. In brokenness big and small, in death, tiny and large, God finds us with hope and healing; God recenters us on the joys of life and love in the living Christ.

Speaking of life, a bunch of humans gather each Sunday to worship in community at Island Presbyterian Church, giving thanks for grace, love, healing, and hope, working for peace, justice, and reconciliation. There is always room at the table for you! Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. , 14030 Fortune Bay Drive, or on our Facebook page.

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## Tears Of the Old Bob Hall

by Bob Skipper

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Still stands as a sad reminder,  
Amidst a lonely, gloomy pall.

She stood for years on Padre Isle  
A monument to strength and pride.  
Now lost to sight forever  
To the strong ever-changing tide.

She was to show a path to all,  
Who comes to Padre’s shores.  
Guarding the way for others  
Not knowing what lay in store.

In 2020, a hurricane,  
Hannah, she was called.  
Laid waste to the Bob Hall pier  
And caused a legend to fall.

Now, only the Mikel May remains,  
To show where the pier once stood.  
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Knuckle-Cracker

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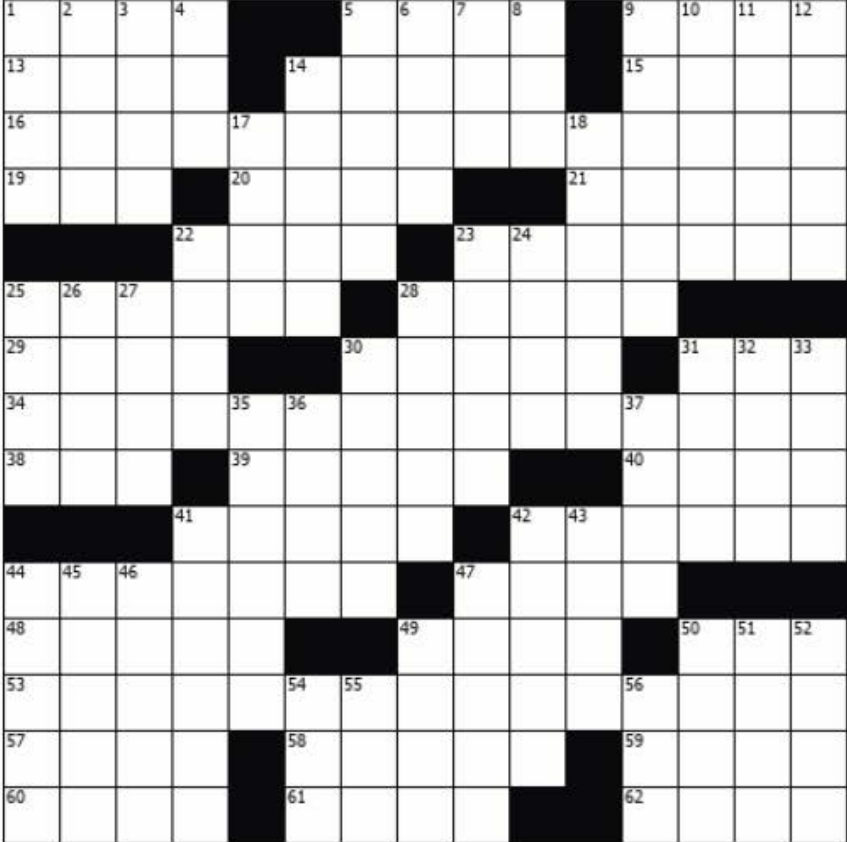


## Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

### Across

1. Lose color  
5. Hill's partner  
9. Klutz's cry  
13. It has a Minor part  
14. Gourmet mushroom  
15. Father on the farm  
16. "Before the horse" trio  
19. Seafood delicacy  
20. Cookie treat  
21. Dunne in "Cimarron"  
22. "Wheel of Fortune" choice  
23. One at a wedding reception  
25. It's smaller than a village  
28. Moe's foil, sometimes  
29. Word with wilderness or rest  
30. Blake's Broadway salute  
31. "--- Stoops to Conquer"  
34. Trio of horses  
38. Porkpie or pillbox  
39. Neighbor of Montpellier  
40. Circle of angels  
41. Behind the times  
42. Capital of the Northern Mariana Islands  
44. Malodorous creature  
47. Deficiency  
48. Here and there  
49. Moons, suns, etc.  
50. Moo goo gai pan pan  
53. "After the horse" trio  
57. Transport dating from the Stone Age  
58. It voids warranties  
59. Spiraling current  
60. Latin 101 verb  
61. The heart of the matter  
62. Jam



### Down

1. Something you want to save  
2. New York City stadium name  
3. Use a rotary phone  
4. Corny bit?  
5. Respected man  
6. Golden Fleece ship  
7. Island welcome  
8. Little helper  
9. Fish-eating hawk  
10. Edmonton player on ice  
11. Supine's antonym  
12. Where Trixie's husband toiled  
14. Boy Scout badge  
17. Gangly pace  
18. Names in publishing  
22. Croat or Bulgar  
23. Ice formations  
24. Dry as dust  
25. Chop finely  
26. Verdi's "Caro nome," e.g.  
27. Disappear, à la the Wicked Witch  
28. Like smokehouse meat  
30. Irish revolutionary Robert  
31. Word with bubble or opera  
32. Gyrating dance  
33. Beau Brummell's alma mater  
35. Ordains  
36. Lovely meter maid  
37. IOU  
41. Mock  
42. Cavalry side arm  
43. Amphora handle  
44. Analyze a sentence  
45. Iridescent gemstones  
46. Loads with cargo  
47. Take away forcibly  
49. Musical composition  
50. Like some loads  
51. Racetrack info  
52. Features of Florida  
54. Crone  
55. It's a wrap  
56. Search for the right word

## Police Blotter March 25 - March 31

### JFK Causeway to SPID/ Aquarius Intersection

#### Disturbances

13300 block SPID 9 pm March 29

#### Suspicious Person

11800 block SPID 3 am March 25  
10800 block SPID 1 am March 25  
13500 block SPID 2 am March 25

#### Traffic

38 Traffic Stops  
10800 block SPID 4 pm March 29  
Crash  
13500 block SPID March 28  
Crash  
13300 block SPID 1 am March 25  
Crash

### SPID West to Laguna Madre

#### Crimes against Property

14400 block SPID Noon March 31  
Trespassing  
14800 block Ketch 2 pm March 28  
Theft of Services  
14500 block SPID 2 pm March 27  
Trespassing  
Commodores Dr./SPID 1 pm March 26  
Damage to a Vehicle other than a Collision  
15300 block SPID 9 pm March 30  
Theft of Services  
15300 block SPID 2 am March 30  
Trespassing  
15200 block Capstan 6 pm March 28  
Destruction or Criminal Mischief

#### Disturbances

Lanyard Dr./Dasmarinas Dr. 9 pm March 29  
Noise Ordinance Violation  
14400 block SPID 4 pm March 26

14400 block Compass 3 pm March 26  
15300 block Yardarm 7 am March 30  
16000 block El Socorro Loop 9 pm March 27

#### Suspicious Person

Jackfish Ave./Scallop St. 10 pm March 30  
14800 block Highland Mist 5 pm March 28  
Cobo de Bara Circle/Carlos Fifth Court 5 pm March 26  
15200 block SPID 4 am March 31  
14800 block Highland Mist 5 pm March 28  
13900 block Mingo Cay 4 am March 31

#### Traffic

86 Traffic Stops  
14500 block SPID 1 pm March 31  
Crash  
14000 block Ambrosia Noon March 29  
Parking Violation  
SPID/Encantada Dr. 10 pm March 30  
Crash

### SPID East to Gulf of Mexico – north to the City Limits

#### Crimes against Person

15200 block Leeward Dr. 3 pm March 25  
Harassment/Criminal Trespass

#### Crimes against Property

15200 block Windward 7 am March 31  
Theft of Services  
15200 block Windward Dr. 9 pm March 30  
Found Narcotics

#### Disturbances

152000 block Windward Dr. 1 am

March 31  
15200 block Windward Dr. 11 pm  
March 30  
15200 block Windward Dr. 9 pm March 30  
15200 block Windward Dr. 7 pm. March 30  
14800 block Granada 4 pm March 30  
Public Intoxication/Under the Influence  
11400 block Gulf Beach 2 am March 30  
Noise Ordinance Violation  
6800 block SH 361 8 pm March 31  
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#### Suspicious Person

15800 block SPID 9 pm March 31  
Windward Dr./Whitecap Blvd. 10 pm March 31  
15000 block Windward 4 am March 31  
15100 block Boca Grandi Midnight March 29  
100 block Zahn Road 1 am March 31  
11000 block Gulf Beach 3 pm March 27  
10900 block Gulf Beach 8 am March 25  
11100 block Gulf Beach 1 am March 25

#### Traffic

59 Traffic Stops  
Leeward Dr./Windward Dr. 11 pm March 29  
DWI  
15000 block Aruba 3 pm March 29  
Crash  
11500 block Gulf Beach 11 pm March 30  
Crash  
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# Sea Turtle Nesting Season has Arrived

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Turtle nesting season is now underway and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reminding Islanders if they see a nesting turtle call 1-866-TURTLE-5 (1-866-887-8535). After observing and reporting a sea turtle, visitors are asked to remain at the site until a biologist arrives. If it is not possible to stay until a biologist arrives, visitors are asked to carefully mark the site by laying pieces of beach debris, such as pieces of wood or other debris, in a large circle around the nest area so biologists will be able to find the nest when they arrive. To help ensure the survival of nesting sea turtles and eggs, biologists and volunteers will patrol Texas beaches throughout the nesting season. The Service, along with the National Park Service, Texas A&M University at Galveston, the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, Sea Turtle, Inc., Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Turtle Island Restoration Network, and the Texas Sealife Center on Padre Island will be working together to coordinate a response when a nesting sea turtle, tracks, or nest is found.

This year marks 46 years (1978-2024) of bi-national Kemp's ridley sea turtle conservation. In 1947, an estimated 40,000 Kemp's ridley turtles nested on one stretch of beach near Rancho Nuevo, Mexico. This was the only known nesting site at that time. Over the next four decades, the species suffered a devastating decline with a 99.4 percent reduction in numbers of nests. In response to the dramatic loss of this species, the Service and its partner agencies launched a cooperative international project in 1978. The project focuses on nest protection efforts in the U.S. and Mexico, implementing regulations requiring the use of turtle excluder devices on commercial shrimp boats, and establishing a second nesting colony of Kemp's ridley sea turtles at Padre Island National Seashore, Texas, where historical nesting had been documented. Cooperative efforts continue to help the Kemp's ridley sea turtle population. In 2023, 256 Kemp's ridley nests were found in Texas – the largest number recorded in Texas since 1978 was in 2017, when 353 nests were documented.

# Padre Island Rotary Club Invites the Community to Nite at the Races April 11

By Linda Moyer Walsh

We are excited to announce we are bringing back an Island Favorite activity after 7 years, "Nite at the Races 2024," a unique blend of fun and fundraising. Follow us on Face Book for pictures of past "Race Nites". Slated for Thursday, April 11, 2024, this event is more than just a fundraiser. "Nite at the Races 2024" is an innovative, interactive event where participants can experience the thrill of horse racing in a fun, simulated environment.

Padre Island Rotary Club is extending an open invitation to the entire community to join in on this exciting event at HardKnocks Sports Grill. It's an opportunity to have fun, meet new people, and most importantly, contribute to meaningful causes. Tickets for "Nite at the Races 2024" are now available on line. You can also reserve a 4-top or 8-top table on line as well. Those interested in purchasing tickets, or learning more about the event can visit <https://padreislandrotary.org/nite-at-the-races>. You can also visit the Padre Island Rotary Club face book page and click on the event at top of page.

Get out your Derby Best! There will be a parade of interested participants for the Best Ladies Derby Hat and the best Derby Outfit for Men. The winners will each receive a \$100 VISA gift card. The evening will include simulated horse races and betting with Island Bucks (funny money). You can also purchase a horse for \$20 cash, 10 horses per race and if your horse wins, you win \$100 and a bottle of champagne! Doors will open at 5:30. A buffet dinner will begin at 6:00, and races begin at 7:00. When you enter you will receive an envelope with your dinner ticket, a door prize ticket and \$1000 in Island Bucks (funny money). This will enable you to place one bet for each race. Minimum bets are \$100 Island Bucks. If you run out you can always buy more, \$10 US Dollars will buy you \$1000 Island Bucks.

We have some awesome raffle items donated by various business partners and individuals supporting the goals of our Rotary Organization. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each and put your ticket in the jar in front of the item you want. At the end of the evening you can also trade your Island Bucks (funny money) winnings in for raffle tickets. \$1000 Island Bucks buys One raffle ticket. We will have the

drawings at the end of the evening. We have a fantastic Beach Shrimp boil and bonfire for 10 including chairs, music and games. A Beach Day in Port A for 2 including umbrella, 2 chairs, table and food delivery. Jewelry. A Certificate for 4 people to play golf at Lozano/Oso Golf Course, A chartered fishing trip for 2 in the Upper Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay, Kentucky Derby Gift basket, A shrimp Boil and Bonfire for 20. Other beautiful gift baskets and we are still receiving items all the time. If you would like to donate a gift item or basket contact Linda Walsh by email; [lawalshva@yahoo.com](mailto:lawalshva@yahoo.com)

The proceeds from "Nite at the Races 2024" will go towards various community service projects. These projects range from local environmental efforts to educational initiatives, such as the enhancement and maintenance of Maryanne's Way Memorial Park at the end of Whitecap and the addition of a Memorial paver park. The Butterfly and Bee Gardens partnering with our Seashore Schools and the community to preserve and protect natural habitats on the island helping to save the endangered Monarch butterflies and increase the bee population. We will educate students and community individuals with the help of local naturalists and Master Gardeners. Various programs to help and serve our local Veterans. The SIL program, Supervised Independent Living, a partnership with TAMU-CC and the Department of Family and Protective Services to help young adults aging out of Foster Care to transition from foster care to independent living at TAMU-CC while earning a degree. Adoption Awareness is one of our most endearing projects held two times per year at various locations in our community. Partnering with the Department of Family and Protective Services we provide a memorable day for children in the foster program to help facilitate adoptions with vetted individuals, while providing these children time to reunite with siblings for a fun day with games and food. These projects and many more are aimed at enriching our Island and its residents.

For more information on The Padre Island Rotary Club contact Linda Moyer Walsh at [lawalshva@yahoo.com](mailto:lawalshva@yahoo.com) and our FB page, Padre Island Rotary Club. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at HardKnocks at 5:30 pm in the back meeting room. Come and join us anytime and get a glimpse of what we are all about.



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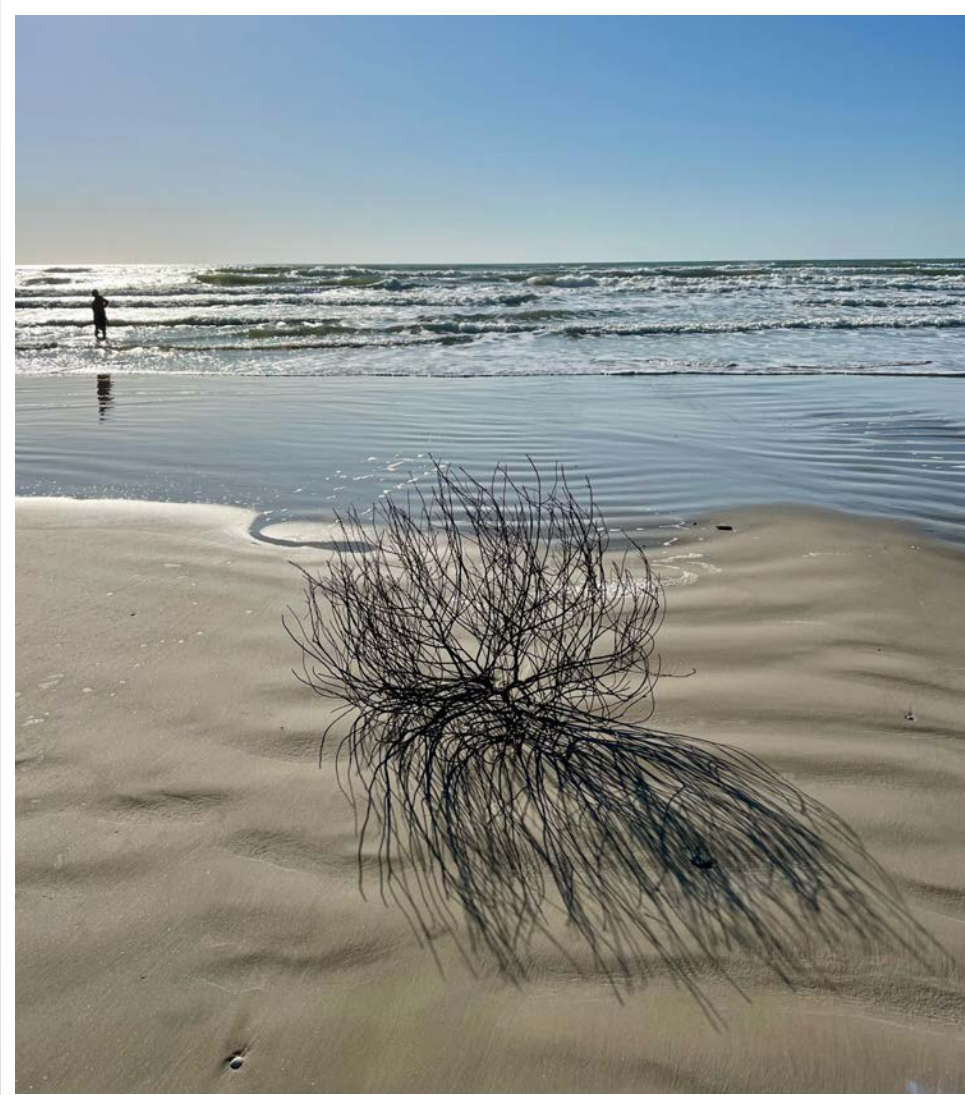
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By Ronnie Narmour  
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Lost friends...



Lynn Fowler's send off will be this Saturday at the beach then Shorty's and Red's.

Our dear friend, **Lynn Fowler**, who passed away recently, will be honored with an island send off this Saturday starting at 3:00 on the beach at pole 22. It will then proceed to *Shorty's* and then to *Red's* where they will have a BBQ potluck. Of course Lynn's little Yorkie **Elvis** will be on hand. We really loved Lynn. He was such a sweet man. Also, I want to mention that Port Aransas lost another great friend on Easter Sunday when realtor **Mark Grosse** passed away. He had been suffering from cancer for some time and was most recently in hospice care. Mark called Port Aransas home since the 70's and will be dearly missed by his many, many friends here. Mark leaves a legacy of generosity and love.

On the local front...



Red's manager KK Knapp awards my Mermaid Gal Tracy Weatherall the first place prize for her lobster deviled eggs at the Easter celebration last Sunday at Red's.

As you know, last Sunday was Easter and, as usual, me and my **Mermaid Gal** went to the pot luck dinner at *Red's Riviera* where **Tracy** entered and won the annual *Deviled Egg Contest* with her lobster topped delicacy. They were absolutely delicious. I also want to mention that last Wednesday was the last show of the season for the **PA Rockers** at *Bernie's Beach House*. The joint was typically packed with *Winter Texans* getting their last dose of the Rockers until next year. We also have a couple of note worthy events on the near horizon with *SandFest 2024* only a few weeks away. Just to state the obvious, *Texas SandFest* is a time honored festival where world classed artisans from around the world come to create artistic masterpieces from a medium that is temporary at best (sand). The fest began in 1997 as a small local completion and fundraiser to the Port Aransas Art Center and has grown to become the largest sand sculpturing event of its kind. Each year this festival donates many thousands of dollars to local non-profit groups and scholarship funds. So mark your calendars for April 19-21 for some great family fun. There was a time way back when, that I booked and managed the music tent for about five or six years with the storied **Janet Planet**. It's since grown by leaps and bounds. Some of the musical acts to see this year will be **Bri Bagwell**, **SA Lights**, **Squeezebox Bandits**, **Micky and the Motorcars**, the **Selfless Lovers** and the **Spazmatics**, etc. And on the Monday



SandFest is rapidly approaching.  
Photo by Steve Coons

Three Chords and the Truth

after *SandFest* on April 22, Port Aransas and the world will *International Earth Day* by forming a huge human peace sign on the beach. We do it every year and its good clean fun. All the peace loving hippies in Port A meet in mass, lock arms and make a human peace sign right on the beach. Why not?

Shorty's 78th Anniversary...



April 22nd is Earth Day and Port A peaceniks will celebrate by forming a Human Peace Sign on the beach at 4 PM.

Coming up on Saturday, April 13th, Port A's *Oldest and Friendliest* will celebrate their 78th birthday with a big party. Our old time pal, **Joe King Carrasco**, will be headlining the event as he has many times before. In case you've been hiding under a rock in Dumas, you probably know the **JKC** is the universal *King of Tex Mex* and always will be. Also on the bill will be the most outstanding **Heavy Soul** and **Peter Salas**. The music will run all day and night and there will be great bbq to go with the great music. I strongly advise everyone to come to this celebration. It will be historic.

DO NOT MISS LIST  
Coming this weekend...



Tumble Dry Low will play Treasure Island this Saturday.

Coming this weekend you have options. On Friday the 5th, *Shorty's* will have the great **Funk Rock Stereo** with the man with the golden pipes, **Art Barrera** leading the charge. This trio is made up of veteran musicians who have their funk down to a science. I highly recommend this band. Also on Friday, blues rocker **Rich Lockhart** will play *Bron's* and the **National Nobodys** will play *Treasure Island*. I caught the National Nobodys for the first time a couple of weeks ago and was really impressed. They have a tight unit and really seem to have a good time on stage. Elsewhere on Friday, the *Rasta Cowboy* his own self, **Billy Snipes** will play the *Gaff*, the **Spazmatics** will bring their *Nerd Rock* to *Brewster Street Downtown* and downtown Corpus will host their monthly *Art Walk* with stages everywhere. Coming on Saturday bluesman **John Cortez** will play *Shorty's*, the super great country band **Tumble Dry Low** will play *Treasure Island*, the big ten piece horn band **Cruise Control** will play *Bron's* and the 80's cover rock band, the **Groove**, will play the monthly first Saturday at the *VFW*. And elsewhere on Saturday, **Diamond's Edge** will play at the *Pelican Lounge* and the *House of Rock* has an interesting show called "Gimme Gimme Disco" plus **Raul Ayala** will play at the *Annex*. On Sunday, *Shorty's* has their weekly Funday with **Jim Dugan** and **Ty Dietz** and on Thursday they have the weekly mania with wild man **Ray Ray**. Also the Thursday the *House of Rock* will have a wild rocking show with **Pinata Protest**. I want to also mention that **Brad Ethridge** hosts a weekly open mic every Wednesday at the *Gaff*.

On the horizon...

On the near horizon... coming this Friday the 12th our Cajun/zydeco pals **Boudreaux and Pousson** will play *Shorty's*, the **Lucky Dogz** with the delightful vocalist **Darrel McCullough**, **Buddy Cortines** will play *Treasure Island* and the great **Mike McClure** will play the Port A listening room, *The Third Coast Theater*; and **Stoney LaRue** will play at *Brewster Downtown*. Coming Saturday the 13th, **Triptonite** will play at *Bron's* and **Carson Miller and the Coastal Cowboys** will play *Treasure Island*. Also coming the weekend of April 13-14 Aransas Pass will have their annual *Fish Fest* at *Conn Brown Harbor*. I want to also mention that on *SandFest* weekend *Bron's Backyard* will have a killer lineup with **Ruben V** and **Chris Boss**. That ought to hold you for a while. Be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Joe King Carrasco will headline Shorty's 78th Anniversary show on Saturday the 13th.



The Rich Lockhart Band will play Bron's this Friday.

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The Groove @ South Texas Ice House  
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Jam Band @ La Playa by the Bay  
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Saturday, April 6

John Cortez @ Shorty's  
Tumble Dry Low @ Treasure Island  
Cruise Control @ Bron's Backyard  
Clark Bros @ Virginia's on the Bay  
The Groove @ VFW  
Raul Ayala @ Annex  
Gimme Gimme Disco @ House of Rock  
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Diamond's Edge @ Pelican Lounge  
The Drive @ La Playa by the Bay  
Brad Brown @ Sunset Hideaway  
Joey St. Vincent @ Eighteen 18 Bar  
Billy Snipes @ Pier 99  
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Sunday, April 7

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's  
Michael Burttis @ Pelican Lounge  
Clark Bros @ Virginia's on the Bay  
Catfish Blues Jam @ Rialto Theater

Monday, April 8

Raul Ayala @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday, April 9

Open Mic w/Rev Matt @ House of Rock

Wednesday, April 10

Brad Ethridge OPEN MIC @ Gaff  
Cleartone's @ VFW  
Billy Snipes @ Doc's  
Ty Dietz @ Vernon's  
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Thursday, April 11

Selfie @ Shorty's  
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff  
Clark Bros @ Virginia's on the Bay  
Pinata Protest, Total Chaos + 2 @ House of Rock  
Jam Night @ Exchange  
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Friday, April 12

Boudreaux & Pousson @ Shorty's  
Lucky Dogz @ Bron's  
Buddy Cortines @ Treasure Island  
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Triptonite @ Pelican Lounge  
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Saturday, April 13

Joe King Carrasco, Heavy Soul, Peter Salas @ Shorty's 78th Anniversary  
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