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Island Moon Live

By Dale Rankin

By the time you read this the La Posada Season will be well underway *Around The Island*. The second annual lighting of the Island Christmas tree at Whitecap NPI is set for Wednesday night marking the official kickoff of La Posada events with the Kickoff Party set for Thursday evening at HardKnocks Bar & Grill. Event organizers say as of mid-week less than a dozen boats have registered to enter the lighted boat parades on Friday and Saturday, December 12-13 and more boats are needed. The weather wonks are predicting party cloudy skies and temperatures around 60 degrees both nights so weather is no excuse folks. The Friday night parade is being televised around the city again this year and this is a time for The Island to put its best foot forward so get out there in the garage and untangle the wad of Christmas lights and get them up there on your boat for the parade. For newcomers to our Island the La Posada parades and the 4th of July fireworks show are the occasion for the Mother of All Deck Parties *Around The Island* each year and more boats make for better lighted boat parades. You can register online. For the first time this year saxophone music is anticipated at the Friday event...

New space for the Island Farmer's Market

Crews at Whitecap NPI have begun work on a new space for the Island Farmers Market next to the sales office on Compass St. (See the photo here) The new area will include space for vendors and for parking when the monthly event moves back outdoors after the winter season.



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Work to fortify Island canals continues as hurricane season ends More than \$1 million and counting

By Dale Rankin

As Hurricane Season 2025 comes to a close work to repair damage to Island bulkheads caused by Tropical Storm Alberto in June 2024 is largely complete and the effort to shore up all the 32 miles of bulkheads in anticipation of the opening of canals to water flow continues. So far the Padre Isles



Repaired bulkheads in the Island Canals

Property Owners Association has spent just under \$2 million to repair and fortify almost 1000 feet of bulkheads since Alberto struck and work continues.

Most of the work has concentrated on the "hot zone" in the canal between the bridge on Whitecap Blvd. and Encantada Ave. and the

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Drone Fishing in Texas

What is legal, illegal, and the reasoning behind it all

By Jacob Augs

Working commercially in the drone industry, I get a ton of questions about this. Between scouting offshore and working the flats to find fish, there are rules you need to follow, and for good reason. Texas Parks and Wildlife has had to clarify their position on this multiple times, but the overall rules remain the same.

There's a LOT of misinformation floating around about drone fishing in Texas, so here's the simple, straight-forward truth based on TPWD rules:

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Drones are being produced with large payload capacity for the exclusive purpose of deploying baits for fishing. Here is an example of one of the newest designs.

Photo courtesy of Eric Ozolins

Update on Island projects

Bob Hall Pier, new Briscoe King Pavilion, JFK Bridge area improvements

By Dale Rankin

The Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) met this week and received updates on several Island projects.

Bob Hall Pier

ISAC Chairman and the representative for Nueces County on the committee told the board that completion of the new Bob Hall Pier is now set for February, 2026, how-



ever, due to a complication in the construction process the lighting on the new pier may not be turned on until mid-2026. The problem, he said, is that the utility boxes for the entire pier will be located in the new restaurant structure on the pier which is not expected to be complete until that time. He said county officials were only

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A little Island history

La Posada Lighted Boat Parade is cornerstone of Island event calendar

52nd year for the event and 11th for the Kickoff Party

By Dale Rankin

This year's La Posada Lighted Boat Parades mark the 52nd year for the event and the 11th year for the La Posada Kickoff Party. Islanders first began holding a boat parade in 1970 when there were only a handful of Island residents but by 1974 the first parade under the La Posada name was held to commemorate the search by Mary and Joseph for lodging as described in the Gospel books of the Bible and the event has grown from there. Bishop Thomas J. Drury from the Diocese of Corpus Christi blessed the boats as they set out going from house to house

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The Sunday morning loading of the toys at the Padre Island Yacht Club has become part of the annual tradition. By Gil Shelden

It's time to La Posada!

The tree is lit and the party is on! The La Posada Lighted Boat Parade schedule has officially begun with the second annual tree lighting at Whitecap NPI on Wednesday December 3 and the Kickoff Party Thursday night, December 4.

Thursday December 4 Kick-Off Party at Hardknocks Sports Grill. Doors open at 6:30 pm Music by DLB DJ Entertainment

The lighted Boat Parades

Friday December 12 7:00 pm televised by KRIS 6 at Doc's Waterline. Register your boat to participate at Laposadafoundation.org

Saturday December 13 Parade begins at 6:00 at Caravel Boat Ramp



1976 boat parade

Barefoot Mardi Gras 2026 date set Beach Parade Saturday, February 28

Each year since 2010 Islanders and a few thousand of their friends from OTB have gathered on Island beaches to celebrate Mardi Gras in their own Island way. The first year about 3000 spectators turned out and now 15 years later the crowd is expected to top 20,000 for the 2026 edition of the Barefoot Mardi Gras Beach Parade along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall.

To allow more room for spectators the route has been extended to include the beach from Whitecap Blvd. south to Padre Balli Park where the

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Bingo for Bags was a success! Photo by Debbia Noble

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THE ADVENTURES OF BULL RED & TROPHY TROUT

By GENE SAEGERT



Letters to the Editor

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Announcement of Marriage

Corpus Christi Island resident Anthony Joseph Botzo to Thi Hong Ngoc Nguyen of Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam. The couple held their wedding and reception at The Chapel of Flowers in Las Vegas Nevada on August 30, 2025 and it was witnessed by Dani Cline and Casie Cline from Long Beach California. They will reside in Corpus Christi Texas.



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made aware of the problem until this week and are looking for solutions. The 5000 square foot restaurant space on the pier is being done through a separate construction contract from work on the pier itself. Guley also told ISAC members that the Texas General Land Office has approved construction of a small paved landing area on the beach at the base of the pier to bring it in compliance with the tenets of the Americans with Disabilities Act removing what had been an obstacle in moving forward with construction around the new \$22 million pier.

Briscoe King Pavilion

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Island Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone #2 is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 at Corpus Christi City Hall to consider a request for an additional \$2.1 million from the TIRZ #2 to cover increases in the cost of construction of the new Briscoe King Pavilion at Balli Park. The TIRZ #2 board so far has committed \$5.9 million in funds for construction of the new pavilion which would include meeting space and that money has been turned over to Nueces County. However, county officials reported in November that required upgrades in the structure of the new facility, including a new sewer system, and the need to sink 47 support pilings 35 feet deep to support the foundation of the new structure have pushed the cost to \$8 million. ISAC members this week did not take a position on committing the additional \$2.1 million in TIRZ #2 funding citing the need for more information. According to figures provided this week by city staff the TIRZ #2 fund which collects about \$6 million annually is anticipated to have only about \$400,000 in funds available in January 2026.

JFK improvements

The city staff also provided an update on proposed improvements to the area under the JFK Bridge where a total of \$2.5 million bond money has been earmarked with the design now at 60% complete and construction on pavement, lighting, and signage expected to begin in May 2026 pending approval of the plans by the Texas Department of Transportation. About \$650,000 of the bond money is left after several studies regarding wetlands and design were conducted. ISAC members voted to make the improvements under and around the JFK Bridge the top priority for Island projects in the next city bond election anticipated for 2026.

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parade will form and run north along the beach to the seawall where spectators can gather.

The Barefoot Mardi Gras Kickoff Party is set for Doc's Waterline on Friday, January 30.

The charities for the 2026 event are the Texas Sealife Center on Padre Island, the Corpus Christi Firefighters C.A.R.E. Foundation, and the Corpus Christi Police Foundation. The 2025 event raised about \$30,000 that was donated to local charities.



Barefoot Mardi Gras logos over the years

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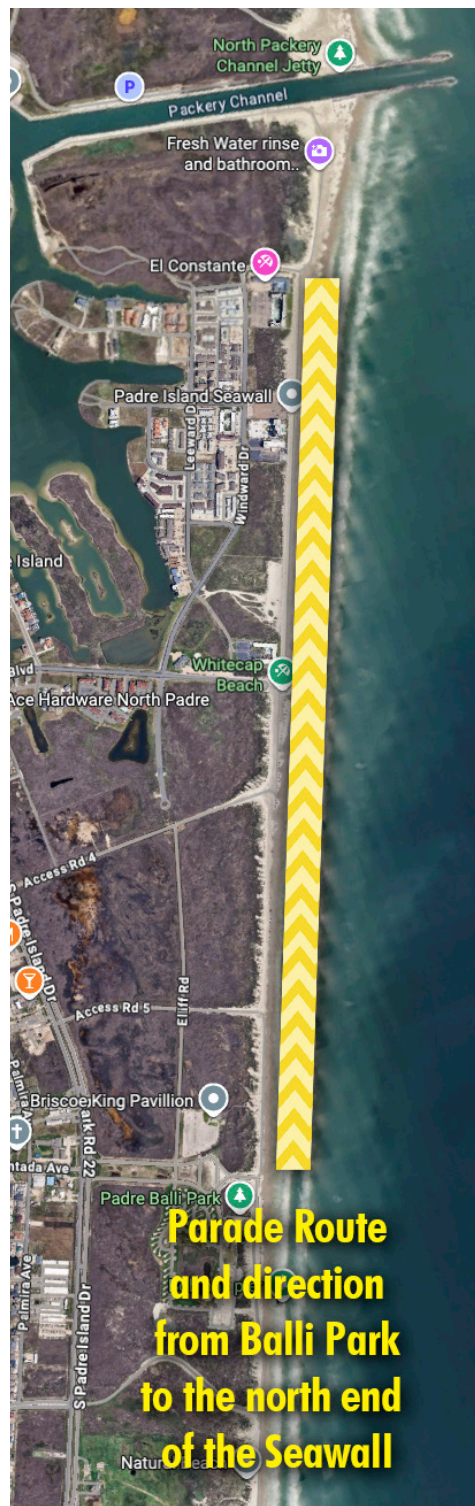
La Quinta Inn

We have had several inquiries of late about the status of the La Quinta Inn & Suites at 14430 SPID on Padre Island. The front doors were locked mid-week and we contacted the parent company, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts who reported they are still taking reservations at the location but did not provide an information on future plans. We will keep asking and report the results here.



Beach Parking Permits

As reported here a few weeks ago the price of annual Beach Parking Permits may be about to go from the \$12 cost where it has been for more than twenty years to \$20 in January 2027. The increased revenue is needed to pay for beach renourishment projects straddling the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi City Limits where two new access roads will open up about seven miles of beach to easier access and prompting the need for wider beaches where erosion has made driving there a challenge. The new access road in Port Aransas is already complete with a second new road planned for a location just south of the city limits in the near future. Currently revenue from the sale of the parking stickers is split between the cities of Port Aransas and Corpus Christi and Nueces County according to the linear



Parade Route and direction from Balli Park to the north end of the Seawall

feet of beach maintained by each. Initial plans as reported here two weeks ago called for Nueces County to continue to receive 16% of the revenue collected by each of the two cities which would increase the county's take of the proceeds due to the higher sales price. However, city staff told members of the Island Strategic Action Committee Tuesday that a proposal now under discussion would call for each of the three entities to "keep what they sell" which could result in a much smaller share for Nueces County.

The Port Aransas City Council and Nueces County Commissioners are scheduled to take up the matter in January and February meetings followed by the Corpus Christi City Council in March. All three of the entities would have to agree to the price hike or more than a single Beach Parking Permit would have to be used due to the price differential. The matter has come up in years past without resolution, however, the increased cost of beach renourishment seems to be forcing the issue this time around. Even at a \$20 annual fee it is a small price for year-round access to beaches from Port Aransas to Kleberg County.

That's all for now everybody it's time to La Posada here on out little sandbar where at least half of the parade watchers are above average...we'll see you at the parades and in the meantime say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

My first La Posada, at least the first one I can remember, I think was 2003 when Mike Ellis took me to the party at the Hinckle’s house on Jackfish Ave. It was an Island event in the sense that if you heard about it then you were invited. People would show up with trays of food and the party was on. Over the years that party has expanded from the Hinkle’s house to neighboring houses and in one case when the house changed hands the responsibility to hold the party came with the house. Of all of the La Posada events for me this party is the connection to the history of La Posada and where each year I see people I haven’t seen in years who come back to The Island for the party.

Until 2015 the event stayed pretty steady with just the parades until along about 2014-2015 when Vic and Fred Edler took things over. They showed up in my office seeking suggestions on events that might be added. Up until that point there had been a sort of mandatory captains meeting the night before the first parade which was the only pre-parade briefing and the result was predictable. Random boats jumped into the procession causing mucho confusion as judges tried to sort out the boats that were in the parade to be judged and those that were parade crashers.

I remember judging one year at the Yacht Club and looking down at my judge’s sheet seeing next entry as “The Spirit of Christmas” and looking at a boat with nothing but a large Grinch. It didn’t seem like the type of spirit they were likely going for and then I saw the next boat with a giant Santa – the Spirit of Christmas. It was a common occurrence so several things were changed. What to do? I suggested a Kickoff Party where the boat captains could congregate and collect lighted plates with their boat number so the judges knew who they were looking at. The first Kickoff Party was held in 2015 at Scuttlebutt’s and was a big hit raising toys and funds for Toys for Tots and introducing some structure to the parades. With that in mind the Coast Guard Auxiliary was bought in to marshal the parade and they placed a spotter on the lead boat with a walkie talkie to communicate with boat captains to maintain spacing and it worked great even on year when a boat caught fire in the entrance to the Main Canal and burned to the waterline. Everyone got off okay but the procession was held up for about an hour leaving our friend Riley P. Dog doing the peepee dance on our boat. We drifted up to a dock where Riley was able to find solace and we made a new friend in the process that night.

A land parade and worn out legs

Also that year a decision was made to launch a land parade before the water parades and a call went out in the Island Moon for neighborhoods who wanted to participate and as it turned out that was pretty much all of them so Vic and Fred drew up a parade route that started down south and wound around every main artery on The Island. It sounded good at the planning meeting and the Jeep club was contacted and showed up in force. Everything went swimmingly for the first half of the parade route, but then a few problems arose. First, the golf carts which led the parade started to run out of gas or battery power causing a traffic snarl which slowed things to stop-and-go driving leading to the Island’s first documented traffic jam. The Jeep drivers were driving mostly standard shift vehicles and it wasn’t long before left legs working the clutch began to burn causing many to jump from the parade route and head out across Island parks bound for home. We were riding in the back of Tony’s limo and bailed out somewhere near Douden Park. That was pretty much the end of the sanctioned land parade that still continues now on Sunday night in a blaze of flashing lights and emergency sirens that leads those unaware of the parade to think something has blown up. In fact there was a year along about 2012 I think when there was a massive fire that burned all the way though the Ski Basin making the southern slice of the parade route look like something from Dante’s Inferno as it burned for hours after the parade was over.

That was also the year we revived the tradition of awarding prizes for home light decorations, both on the land side and the water side. It sounded good at the planning meeting, but it was soon discovered that boating up and down all sixteen miles of Island canals and driving all the many miles of Island streets was a three-day effort and was scrapped after only one year and went the way of the leg-numbing land parade marathon.

2018 and beyond...

The 2015 year was a watershed for the La Posada event as the structure that was put

in place then that has stayed pretty much intact since. The only real change came in 2018 when the idea had come to me as I watched the parade the previous year that televising the parade would be a good way to show the rest of the city the Island’s best side and I approached Joe Gazin at KIII and that year we set up an anchor spot at the Yacht Club where Joe and his co-anchor were to broadcast the parade. It was also the first year that a Parade Marshal was added, which turned out to be serendipitous when a couple of things went wrong.

The first was that Joe’s co-anchor was new to town and went to the wrong marina. Imagine her chagrin when she arrived at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club and found no lighted boats. As a result the co-parade marshal who had a microphone became the unofficial co-anchor and she did a bang up job and as a result got an offer to host a local show which she still does today; a television career launched do to a mixup! C’est la vie...

The second problem that arose was due to timing. The parade was set to begin at six over north of Whitecap Blvd. so we set the start of the television broadcast for seven when we figured the first boat would be passing by the yacht club. It sounded good at the planning meeting but when we hit air at seven there were only a handful of boats still left downstream of the yacht club and less than fifteen minutes into the broadcast the last boat passed Joe by leaving him to tap dance his way through the rest of the show, a jig that became more difficult when a gust of wind blew away his notes! Yikes.

For more than a decade Daniese threw a party at her place at La Mansion which had a great view of the Main Canal and that is where I was stationed for the live broadcast so that I would be at the end of the parade and do a couple of minutes to help close the show. But fifteen minutes into the broadcast Joe was out of boats so I ended up doing more than twelve minutes of back and fill while the rest of the people at the party complained that I was blocking their view of the parade by hogging up the balcony – which I was.

We adjusted the next year and then as things developed we approached KRIS TV to broadcast the parade and they could only do Friday night due to Saturday football games so the route of the Friday parade was extended to begin at the JFK Bridge and the Friday Night parade took on a new identity. The businesses along the Intracoastal were perfect viewing spots and this year the cameras will roll at Doc’s Seafood & Steaks giving viewers across the city a look at our Island parade framed by the bridge. The first time I watched the broadcast of the Friday parade – I wasn’t asked to be host when the stations changed – it hit me that what I was seeing was exactly when we had talked about before the first parade was televised – it gave non-Islanders a glimpse of Island life. There is nowhere else in the Coastal Bend where an event like that with a venue like that can be held. I am working on a plan to televise the parade Texas wide next year to spread the word of what happens here.

So this year the organizers have named me as the Parade Grand Marshal. I was both surprised and flattered by the invitation (there may have been some last-minute panic involved) and I look forward to being in the parade for the first time in many years. I don’t have to make any speeches and I don’t have to lift any heavy objects so I’m in and I have done what any red-blooded American Parade Marshal would do – I have hired a saxophone player so you can hear us coming down the canal.

Come on everybody decorate your boat and get in the parade. Let’s put out best Island foot forward and be part of Island history.



Bonita Too in 2010 Photo by Terry Groff

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While paddling and casting baits are legal on the National Seashore, drones and traditional methods are legal north of PINS to catch sharks like these. Photos courtesy of Eric Ozolins

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narrow portion of the east end of the Main Canal between the Cruiser Canal and the Gypsy St. Bridge which is the most susceptible to damage to it narrowing which speeds up water flow. The first work after Alberto was to repair the damage at the intersection of the Cruiser Canal and the east end of the Main Canal where narrowing of the channel caused water flow to speed up. Aside from that repair work PIPOA crews have also sunk 18 foot-long sheet piling along about 500 feet of adjacent bulkheads and another 200 feet on the east side of the Cruiser Canal where scouring had dug a hole more than fifteen feet deep, according to Jerry Watkins who is supervising the work for the PIPOA.

“The panels in the bulkheads have been there for more than forty years,” Watkins said. “And there is only a foot or less of the bottom of the panels in the bulkheads in that crucial area that are still below the mud line.” A resident of one of the two homes where the bulkheads were damaged told the PIPOA board in early 2025 that the canal depth at that location increased from seven feet to eleven feet after the opening of the canal system and prior the arrival of Tropical Storm Alberto.

Watkins said the long-term solution is to sink 18 foot-long sheet piling all along that crucial stretch of the canal system but the existing docks there are an obstacle. He said the next work to be done will be to shore up the portion of the Cruiser Canal immediately south of the Whitecap Blvd. Bridge where only about ten docks are located. A more difficult task will be access to bulkheads between the Cruiser Canal and the Gypsy Bridge where about fifty docks will have to be either altered or removed in order to gain access needed to install the deeper sheet piling.

“One thing that will help moving forward will be located new pilings for decks and docks at least three feet out from the bulkheads so that we can get in there and do the work we need to do,” he said. “We are going to need some kind of policy for accessing the existing docks as we move forward in order to do the work that needs to be done.”

Crews in February, 2025 completed four months of work to repair bulkheads dam-



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aged by Tropical Storm Alberto rebuilding a total 160 feet of the bulkheads at the canal at the corner of the canal at Cutlass Ave. and Cuttysark Street at a cost of about \$592,000 which was less than the original estimates allowing for \$360,000 to be returned to the reserve fund for future work.

The damage was caused by a combination of an incoming tide pushed by Tropical Storm Alberto and four inches of rain which produced an outflow and combined the moving water created a four-foot gap between the bottom of the canal and the eight-feet-deep bulkheads at that location causing them to fail.

The first step in the repair process was to construct a second concrete wall four feet behind the old bulkhead with pilings fourteen feet down and install tie-back supports every ten feet to hold the old wall in place. They then filled the space between the new and old structure with four feet of concrete encased in plastic bags then placed a beam on top of the new wall to hold both structures in place. The final step was to sink the Truline vinyl pilings twenty-four feet long on the waterside of the old bulkheads to create an integrated, three-walled, system to protect it from future storms. Work was then done to shore up the section of the old bulkhead left sagging about ten inches, pushed down by its own weight. The new bulkhead structure is one foot higher in elevation than the old one it replaced. Crushed gravel was placed between the structures to create an integrated and fortified unit to withstand future erosion at the critical corner of The Island’s bulkheads.

PIPOA President George Reed said the bulkhead work so far has cost just under \$2 million but that figure is still a work in progress.

“This is going to be a long process,” Reed said this week. “We have made progress but there is still a lot that needs to be done.” No timeline has been announced for when water will once again flow from Lake Padre and under the Don Patricio Bridge into the Island canal system.



Photos courtesy of PIPOA

Nature Notes

Skunks of Texas

By Celeste Silling



Striped Skunk by Sue Heath

Texas has five native species of skunk, more than any other state in the nation. These species are the Striped Skunk, Western Spotted Skunk, Eastern Spotted Skunk, Hog-nosed Skunk, and Hooded Skunk. The Striped Skunk is the most well-known species of the five, with a black body and two white stripes down its back. The Spotted Skunks are slightly smaller, with black bodies with white spots. The Hog-nosed Skunk has a longer snout and only one white stripe running down its back. And finally, the Hooded Skunk looks much like its Striped Skunk cousin, but with longer fur and a hood of long hair on its neck.

Skunks are crepuscular, meaning they are most active during dawn and dusk. They are usually solitary and shelter in burrows during the daytime. Their diet consists of both plants and meat, including leaves, berries, nuts, bees and other insects, worms, rodents, lizards, frogs, snakes, and eggs. They catch bees by scratching at bee hives until the insects come out, using their thick fur to protect against stings. To find their worms and grubs, skunks use their long claws to dig in the ground or break open rotting logs. They can also be found eating garbage out of trash cans (who can resist a half-eaten burrito?).

The feature that skunks are most known for is, of course, their spray. Skunks use their spray as a defense mechanism, expelling

a mixture of chemicals from two scent glands at their rear. The chemical mixture is foul-smelling, thanks to the presence of sulfur, and also happens to be highly flammable. This odious spray can be enough to ward off predators, such as bears, and perceived threats such as curious children.

An average skunk maintains enough mixture in its scent glands for about five or six sprays. If this ammo is depleted, it takes about ten days for them to replenish their supply. With this in mind, a skunk will usually do its best to warn predators away, so as not to waste any supply. The skunk will hiss, stamp its feet, raise its tail, and pose with the glands pointed threateningly. A skunk's reputation usually precedes it, as foxes, wolves, and other native predators tend to stay away from the black and white menaces.

If you see a skunk walking around your neighborhood here on the Texas Coast, odds are that it's a striped skunk. They are the most prevalent type and tend to move around conspicuously. The Spotted skunks can climb trees with more ease, and they are more active at night, so are harder to spot. The Hooded Skunk is far more prevalent in the Southern part of the state, and the Hog-nosed is found more easily in the Hill County. Still, the next time you see a skunk, you might want to check what species it is; take a close look, but not too close!



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Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell



Shipworms



Jace Tunnell holding a log riddled with shipworms

During my weekly 40-mile beach survey on an electric bike this past week, I noticed something unusual washing ashore — logs riddled with small, burrow-like holes. These weren't just any beach relics; they were home to one of nature's most persistent and fascinating marine creatures — the shipworm, also known as the naval shipworm.

Despite the name, shipworms aren't worms at all. They're bivalve mollusks, related to clams, and they've earned quite the reputation for their ability to live inside and feed on submerged wood. Found in oceans worldwide, these slender, pale creatures can grow up to 20 centimeters long. They spend their lives inside wooden structures — driftwood, docks, ships, and even piers — where they carve out intricate tunnels using their small, shell-like cutting edges.

As they burrow, shipworms secrete a calcareous coating from their mantle that lines the walls of their tunnels, creating a smooth, chalky interior. This coating helps protect them and keeps their woody homes from collapsing. Shipworms are voracious feeders, using their shells to grind wood fibers and their cilia to transport the particles to their mouths. They also take in plankton through their siphons, adding some variety to their diet.

Females are prolific reproducers, spawning up to four times a year and releasing as many as five million larvae each time. While many of these larvae don't survive, enough do to keep shipworm populations thriving around the globe. They play an important ecological role by breaking down dead wood in marine environments and creating small habitats for crustaceans and other organisms.

However, shipworms are also known as the termites of the sea, responsible for billions of dollars in damage to wooden ships, piers, and seawalls. To prevent destruction, marine engineers now rely on non-wood materials and protective geotextiles.

So, as you stroll the shoreline and spot wood peppered with tiny holes, you're seeing the handiwork of the shipworm — a remarkable creature that reminds us how even the smallest organisms can leave a lasting mark on our coastal world. Jace Tunnell is the Director of Community Engagement for the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. His Beachcombing series appears on YouTube and you can follow Jace at harteresearch.org, or Facebook (facebook.com/harteresearch), Instagram (@harteresearch) and X (@HarteResearch) (the platform formerly known as Twitter).



Close up of a log containing shipworms



Shipworm tubes made by a clam

The Art of Island Life

The Art of Holiday Kindness— One Small Gesture at a Time

By Melissa Mitchell

What a week it has been—opening day at Evoke, Thanksgiving gatherings, Island Bingo, and a whirlwind of activity that left my heart full and my to-do list growing by the minute, with Christmas shopping still untouched and inventory arriving faster than I can unpack it. Even in the rush, I’ve found myself thinking a lot about gratitude—not just the kind we talk about on Thanksgiving, but the quiet, everyday kind that catches you by surprise.

It’s in the early morning breeze coming off the water.
It’s in a neighbor’s wave across the parking lot.
It’s in the warm chaos of a kitchen full of family.
And sometimes, it’s in the tiniest moments we often overlook—at least until they remind us to slow down.

As we shift from Thanksgiving into the heart of the holiday season, those little reminders feel especially meaningful.

The Power of Small Gestures

The holidays have a way of bringing out both the best in us and the busiest in us. But I’ve learned that the most memorable moments are rarely the big, planned ones. They’re the simple acts of kindness and small joys that slip in quietly: someone holding the door when your arms are full, the unexpected compliment from a stranger, a friend dropping off dinner “just because”, or a spontaneous evening boat ride with a good friend!

These little moments of connection are what make our Island feel like a community—not just a place. And maybe that’s why I’ve been thinking about the traditions we carry into this season...the new ones, the old ones, and the ones we don’t always realize we’re building until we look back later.

Holiday Kindness, Island Style

So as we head into December, my hope is simple: that we all make a little space for kindness. It doesn’t need to be grand. It doesn’t need to take time you don’t have (trust me, I feel the Christmas countdown already). It just needs heart.

Sometimes it’s something as small as discovering your drive-through order has already been paid for by the car ahead of you. You didn’t expect it and you can’t explain it, but suddenly your whole day feels a little lighter. And nine times out of ten, you pass it forward—because kindness has a way of multiplying the moment it’s shared.

A warm hello
A smile at the checkout line
A handwritten note
Buying local when you can
Checking on a neighbor
Paying for someone behind you
Sharing a memory with someone who needs it
These are the small things that ripple out in big ways.

Carrying Gratitude Into the Season

A little tradition worth mentioning: If you spot one of the hand-made ornaments tucked around the Island this season, keep it as a gentle reminder of beauty—or pass it along to brighten someone else’s day. A simple gesture, but sometimes simple is all we need.

After a week filled with celebration, community, and more moving parts than I can count, I’m deeply aware of how blessed I am. But more than anything, I’m grateful for the shared moments—the kindness and the unexpected stories—that remind us what this season is truly about.

The Art of Island Life will return next week with more coastal stories and community inspiration. Have a holiday tradition or memory you’d like to share? I’d love to hear from you at contact@melissamitchellart.com



Boat ride with the lovely Debbie Noble



Hidden Treasures on the Island

The Islands first Shop Small Business Saturday

Photos by Debbie Noble

Shop Small Saturday kept Island businesses busy on Saturday. Twelve Island businesses took part in the first ever Island event. Texas Sealife Center, Nauti T's, My Coastal Home, Island Wellness, Beach & Blooms, Isle Mail & More, Cabana Pantry, Evoke Studio, Island Family Eyecare, Agave Beach, PI Cigar co. and Island Day Spa. Photos By Debbie Noble





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in their symbolic search for shelter in 1974. The boaters decorated their boats and sang Christmas carols at each stop. The parade began in the canals on the north end of the Island canal system and was expanded over the years into two separate parades with the Friday route in the north canals and the Saturday event in the south canals as more houses were built in that area of The Island.

In the beginning the boats set out from the canal across the street from the entrance to Padre Isles Country Club and eventually moved the muster point to the canal behind Anchor Resort where the Padre Island Yacht Club had set up shop. While the event was never formally sanctioned by the Padre Island Yacht Club it was run by club members and in August 1996, the doors to the current home of the Padre Island Yacht Club, the two-story building at the west end of Whitecap Blvd. were opened and that location became ground zero for the parade as boats lined up and made the turn past the Yacht Club where the judges for the Saturday parade were located. This was the choice spot for parade watching as it is where the boats would make their promenade to impress the judges.

In the beginning there was annual funding for the parades from the Padre Isles Property Owners Association. The money was used to pay various expenses and in some cases to help decorate boats and pay for trophies for the winners. Seashore Charter Schools became the host of the event partially because that is where the account for the event was kept, and Seashore kids began designing a new logo each year which was printed on tee-shirts sold to raise money and on Christmas ornaments made by the kids. That practice continued until 2010 when the school handed the reins to the Padre Island Yacht Club which handed it off as a separate to a Not for Profit organization in 2017 where it remains today. Along the way Toys for Tots was added as the event's charity and it has now become the largest single toy-raising event in Texas. The local chapter of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which helps kids without families support during the holiday season is also now a benefactor handing out toys through

the Corpus Christi Police Department where officers collect addresses of kids in need of toys then distribute them in the days leading up to the Christmas holiday.

In 2010 the La Posada Kickoff Party was added and a number of events have been added since.

In 2018 three big changes were made when a Grand Marshal was added, the Friday night parade route was extended to include the area near the JFK Bridge, and local television began broadcasting the Saturday parade live. The first two years the parade was televised were on KIII TV before moving to KRIS TV where it remains today. The first two years the parade was televised on Saturday night. That changed when the broadcast was moved to KRIS TV and switched to Friday night which led to the extension of the Friday parade route to the current muster point at the JFK Bridge where the largest crowds now gather.

So when you take part in the La Posada Boat Parade you are helping to grow an Island tradition that began as informal get together way back when a new home cost \$34,900, gas was 55 cents per gallon, inflation was 11%.



Lighted boat in the 2010 parade



The Friday night party on Jackfish has become a tradition and collection point for toys.



Loading the toys at the Friday night event 2011.



Auction table at the 2015 Parade Fundraiser

La Posada through the years

La Posada 2002 through 2012 from the Island Moon Archives



Island Outdoors



On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

And so it begins....wintertime in South Texas. The first cold fronts make me want to stay on the couch and shop for Caribbean flights and vacations, but I eventually get up and wander outside and start picking at the infamous wintertime projects that I write about every year. I actually got one of them done last year, I painted the trim on the front of the house. The green that I picked out at the store didn't quite turn out the same green on the house, but whatever. It's painted. Now on to the patio, which I've been dreading. Anyone want a propane cabinet smoker that needs a new burner?

ISAC Updates

The Island Strategic Action Committee was held the other day downtown (again), and we received a few updates from city staff, although we didn't get the anticipated update regarding the Bond 2018 JFK Causeway project, which has been stalled at 60% design since June. There was a comment that TxDOT won't allow the city to make improvements to anything they own, which is not true. There have been agreements for many years dating back to 1979, with no expiration date. It's still current. There is a supplemental agreement between the city and TxDOT for the Billings and Clems boat ramps that is from 2012 when Jeff Edmonds and I worked on that project that is for "bulkheads, boat ramps, and parking facilities" under the JFK. I'll provide a copy to anyone who wants them. There have been long-standing agreements between TxDOT and the city for exactly the improvements we're trying to get done.

There are also agreements between the city and the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) for improvements outside the TxDOT right-of-way under the bridge; remember TxDOT's territory is 150 feet from center-line of the roadway either direction. The TGLO and city agreement was recently renewed till like 2056. In addition, there have been previous plans and concurrence from the USACE that the area is not jurisdictional wetlands. All agreements and authorizations are already and have been in place to get the projects done. There's voter approved money in the project. Let's get the gateway to the Island up to safety standards and looking better.



Red Cardinal By Riekie Roncinske

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Now is also the best time to trim your oak trees and cut back your milkweeds now that the monarchs have all moved through. This helps with oak wilt and the monarch parasite, respectively. Roadkill Willie always tells me to trim the oak limbs that are hanging down and leave the ones growing upwards. As far as the milkweed is concerned, there is disparity between not trimming the native milkweed vs. trimming the tropical milkweed. I can't tell the two milkweeds apart anyway, so don't listen to my advice.

Tis the Season

If you noticed that the shotgun blasts calmed down in the laguna after this past weekend, you are correct, we are now in the "split" of the duck season, which closed for a couple weeks November 30th until December 13th when sandhill crane starts as well. The second dove season opens the day before that on the 12th, so enjoy your break and sleep in late as you can the next couple of weekends before the blasting starts again.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I was distracted by work issues most of the time and didn't get much done, although we did get a surprise visit from Brud and Cali. Val did show me how to bake pies, which turned out great. However, the stove is busted at my house, and I'd better enjoy the ones we made for a while. The weather actually doesn't look half bad this weekend on Sunday, and maybe we can sneak out to the beach. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you early again next week On the Rocks.

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

The Eel

Let that tail float up when your jig head is tapping the bottom, watch your bait as it comes back to you, become that little victim.

Natural color patterns for eel lures are white or pearl, especially when they are cold, or have been under the bottom for long periods of time. Tan, Rootbeer, red, purple, and black are some other realistic colors, but any could appear perfect to a fish depending on light, angle of sight, and water clarity, I keep varying between brights-darks-and natural color baits. I also believe that at any time a switch between jig head weights can make an extreme difference in catches. 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8&1/2 oz jig heads all have a place in my box for a number of circumstances. For long casts, high winds, deep flats, and to keep yourself connected to the bait, start off with a 3/8-1/4oz short shanked jig head. These are best for tapping that eel's head on the bottom like he is digging into the mud. For mid level presentationI like the 1/8 ounce heads to produce a controlled decent flutter. In extreme shallow water or to work the bait on or just below the surface that 1/16th is the right choice. We are seeing movement right now as water temperatures get between 60 and 70 degrees, sand eels and other under mud creatures moving to their winter zones. These will be soft mud mid-deep water spots close to shallow warming flats. Predators will be following these important pieces of their winter food stocks. Some of my absolute favorite lure choices have been consistent for a variety of reasons.

The down south lures big smooth.

This bait is an innovative soft plastic that has a great outline, incredible mid body movement and a soft playable body, but the head is dense to hold the jig head, jointed mid length, the soft tissue bends in the water when pulled creating a perfect swim pattern of the sand eel. The winter colors I like in this bait are true plum, bone diamond, and big poppa pearl. That gives you darks, brights and natural colors.

This winter make it a point to cast out what the fish can't resist, send them a soft body sand eel, work it slow and smooth, just like you can imagine an eel would be moving. Desperately trying to get back under the surface of the bottom, caught out in the open and looking like a plate full of Christmas brownies! This winter break call me and let's take those kids, family and friends fishing. It's always a nice fishing trip, it's memories and adventure that will last forever, as well as a step through a door into learning and understanding the Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay works much better. Learn to leave the bait behind and be in control of your fishing, not just as good as your bait is that day. Follow all of our fishing at JOEY FARAH BACKWATER FISHING ON FACEBOOK. Or give me a call at 361-442-8145.

Redfish will feast on sand eels filling their stomachs to the max! This nice fish was caught this week along the edge of a undeveloped canal.

Sometimes I feel guilty when I reach into the cabinet and finger a few cookies or pass a platter of fresh brownies; I have to STRIKE just one once! It's too easy, they are presented right in front of my eyesight, they are so easy to chew, swallow, and devilishly forget about, then slip back and maybe get a second! This is how gamefish in the Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay feel about EELS and MUD WORMS!

They are the irresistible fall and winter snacks in our bay systems. As the months slide into cold temperatures these under mud creatures move towards their winter hideouts. They will seek out soft bottoms where they can bury down deep and escape extreme cold temperatures. When warm streaks appear, they will be out and about, especially on or around dark New Moon Nights. Anglers should absolutely start to add some of these very effective lure style baits to your fishing and tackle bag. They will be a staple of my every day fishing for the next four months.

Under the lights at night one may witness flurries of many species of organisms that most never see and are not offered at the bait shop. Small sand eels and mud worms are one of the most common food sources in the winter months. With no heavy bones or scales they are easy to digest without using much energy. They are also pretty easy to catch without fins, and exposed from the bottom. When a sand elk finds itself out in the open it needs to dig itself down into the bottom. Swimming then diving down and poking its nose into the floor of the bay to see if it can screw itself down into safety. If it's too hard then it swims along to the next possible sand pocket and probes for soft bottom. Imagine your bait a scared and frantic sand eel trying to find a way into the mud.

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Running Away from Home at Christmas

By Chris Jordan

As far as I've ever been able to tell, families all have their holiday traditions.

Mine is no exception. For starters, my extended maternal family all gathered together to spend at least Christmas Eve at someone's house. It was a proper sleepover. Counting the grandparents (Mum and Daddo), the aunts, uncles, and cousins, we totaled thirteen. We saw each other frequently throughout the year and were a pretty close-knit bunch — but Christmas was extra special.

In the run-up to Christmas, Daddo would ask me to make a Christmas list for Santa. When I was old enough to question how Santa was going to get my list, Daddo explained that we'd put the list in the fireplace, the embers would rise out of the chimney, and be carried on the wind all the way to the North Pole. Through his Christmas magic, Santa would restore my list. I held onto that one, and only learned it was not a ritual observed by anyone else in the world when I was an adult. Santa's magic had nothing on Daddo's.

Each year, some traditions were undertaken well before Christmastime. More an ant than a grasshopper, Daddo was keen to cut firewood as soon as summer was over. He'd get the fireplace going at the first hint of cold weather and run out of firewood soon enough. The first step was scouting for dead — and preferably fallen — trees. Often on private property, permission to cut up and haul off these trees was universally — and enthusiastically — given.

Daddo preferred a decent deciduous tree, but he would not refuse a conifer. Most often these were post oak and scrub juniper — what everyone called “cedar” in the Hill Country. Though Daddo was 71 years old the day I was born, he was fully physically adept at least until I hit my tweens. We'd dust off his prewar Stihl chainsaw — new technology at the time — and head out in his 1961 Ford F-100 stepside pickup. No dead tree was safe. We stacked the fireplace-sized logs neatly in the bed until the load was slightly taller than the rails. When the rear axle's leaf springs bottomed out, we figured we had about half a cord.

Mum was never idle, and she'd take a break from making Christmas candy to serve Daddo and me lunch. You work up an appetite cutting, loading, unloading, and stacking firewood. A typical lunch might be a BLT, some french fries, and a cup of soup. Regardless, there was always iced tea with lemon and a sprig of mint from the garden. There was a compulsory nap after lunch and then it was back to work. At any other time of year it might be building furniture in Daddo's workshop or helping Mum tend her garden and greenhouse, but in the days leading up to Christmas, it was probably gonna be candy and firewood.

I had to call in for backup on this memoiristic endeavor. I couldn't remember all the different kinds of candy Mum made, so I texted my cousin, Rob, who filled in the blanks: pecan pralines (the chewy caramel kind), peanut brittle, bourbon balls, chocolate truffles, homemade Reese's cups, some kind of chocolate-covered peanut cluster, divinity, and fudge — plus nutless versions of those last two to accommodate Uncle Jack's aversion to nuts. There was fruitcake, too, but no one — and I mean NO ONE — but my grandmother ate it: a lone aberration among yuletide perfection. Sorry, Mum.

Come Christmas Eve, with the entire clan assembled, the festivities began in earnest. There was a whole lot of cooking and eating. Several of us had our signature dishes. Guacamole was cousin Rob's and deviled eggs were mine. I would fast before making them just so I could cram the maximum number possible down my gullet. Once, in the midst of crafting the best batch of deviled eggs ever, I was low on blood sugar, unnaturally excited about my endeavor, felt quoozy — my mom's mash-up of queasy and woozy — and had to lie down. I still enjoy cooking just as much.

Daddo had been in a band off and on. Think prewar big band. His outfit wasn't as well known as bands led by the likes of Bob Wills, Milton Brown, or Spade Cooley, but they played a lot and wore the tuxes just the same. At some point, Daddo had a pin-up girl painted on the head of his banjo. Half of the family were musicians — at least accomplished, if not professional. The repertoire came mostly from Daddo: there was big band, ragtime, Western swing, vocal jazz, standards, and the occasional Elvis or Merle song thrown in. By the time the play-book was exhausted, it was time to move on to mixed drinks and poker.

The stakes were decidedly low: penny ante. There was no minimum age to participate. If you knew how, you could take a turn at the table. I personally loved it and took great delight in plopping down my massive cache of pennies. When it was Daddo's turn, he only ever dealt one game: five-card stud — one card down and four up. Nothing wild. His son and sons-in-law had fun calling for wilder games they knew just to hear Daddo's audible groan. If someone wasn't adhering to proper poker etiquette, Daddo would inform them it might get them shot under the table. He wasn't going to shoot anybody, but he said it with a seriousness that hinted at experience.

After poker, there was dinner. And it was a spread. All the usual suspects, plus a few gelatin dishes born of a midcentury trend. In a convention seemingly incongruous with being allowed to play poker, we kids sat at a separate table. I think it was more about space than stature. We were served a conciliatory glass of watered-down wine and that made up for it, I guess. Some of the family were more serious Christians than others, but Daddo always led a dinnertime prayer on Christmas Eve. He specialized in asking the Lord — in the sweetest, nostalgic, most sentimental way possible — to please look over all the weary travelers wherever they may be and shepherd them safely to their families and destinations, and so on. Sometimes he would go on in this vein for quite a while. The longer he went, the more likely his prayer would get peppered with stifled giggles.

The grand finale, of course, was the opening of presents. Every one of us gave every other one of us some kind of gift. We took turns, only opening one gift at a time. Sometimes they were gag gifts. One year, my cousin Rob gave me a gift in a surprisingly heavy box. It turned out to be layers upon layers of near-infinite wrapping and boxes inside boxes. In the end, there was nothing at all inside. The next year I bought everyone something from Papa Jim's Botanica in San Antonio. It was a shop that sold everything needed to practice Santeria, supply a bruja, or just fuel a healthy interest in the occult. It didn't go over that well, but neither that, nor anything else, could diminish the love we all had for each other.

For a time, as dear ones departed, I retreated from the remaining family. I just couldn't take it. Though that would eventually pass, I would still give anything for one more Christmas with each and everyone of them.



The author, quite displeased with Christmas, running away from home, and taking his kid sister with him.

Senior Moments Special to the Island Moon

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency



By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency hosted a National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Sept. 19, 2025. Established in 1979 by presidential proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter, the day honors former prisoners of war and those missing in action from past and current conflicts, with the third Friday of September designated for the annual observance. Its creation stemmed from the determined efforts of families wanting accountability and remembrance for their missing loved ones. Thanks to Army Staff Sgt. Keion Jackson for many of the facts contained in this report.

Fern Sumpter Winbush, DPAA principal deputy director, delivered the opening remarks, reflecting on the solemnity of the day and how it remains deeply intertwined with the agency's mission. “As we gather today, let us remember that our mission upholds a sacred promise,” Winbush said. “That no matter how many years go by, we will never quit, regardless of the challenges. We will continue to honor the fallen and offer hope to the families who are depending on us.” The ceremony began with the playing of the U.S. National Anthem, the Hawaii State Anthem, and the posting of colors by members of each military branch. Hawaii Governor Josh Green, who was part of the official party, read the official State of Hawaii POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation, which honored those who were prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action and reaffirmed the state's commitment to remembering those who never returned. The keynote speaker was Natalie Anderson Rauch, gold star family member and daughter of U.S. Air Force Col. Warren Anderson. On April 26, 1966, an RF-4C Phantom II aircraft carrying Anderson and another crew member departed on a photographic reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. As expected, radar contact with the Phantom was lost as it approached its target, but contact was never reestablished and the aircraft failed to return. Despite search efforts, no trace of the Phantom or its crew was ever found. Anderson, a Michigan native and member of the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, served as the aircraft commander. He and his copilot were lost with the aircraft, and his remains have never been recovered. Following the incident, the U.S. Air Force posthumously promoted him from captain to colonel. Today, Anderson is remembered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where his name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing, and on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., a lasting tribute to his sacrifice alongside his fellow service members. Rauch was about 8 years old when her father deployed to Vietnam. She recalls him as a funny man who loved to make people laugh and was always the life of the party. Speaking of his legacy, Rauch emphasized that the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is not only about recovery, but also about keeping faith with families like hers and honoring the sacrifices of service members like her father who served. “You might see a little grey hair up here, but inside I'm still just that 8-year-old little girl waiting for her dad to come home,” said Rauch. During the program, U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacob Magana, Indo-Pacific Directorate and DPAA Officer of the Year, rang America's

Freedom Bell, a bell forged with metal from the 9/11 Twin Towers, bearing the emblems of all U.S. Armed Forces, the inscription “Honoring Our Armed Forces Past, Present and Future,” and 50 stars symbolizing the nation. The bell was tolled once

for POWs, once for each military service branch, and once for civilians. The ceremony also included the reading of 204 names of U.S. personnel accounted for since the previous year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day, honoring their memory and reaffirming the agency's commitment to bringing America's heroes home. Following the reading, representatives from military organizations and veterans service groups laid wreaths and rendered salutes, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of prisoners of war and those still missing. The ceremony concluded with a rifle salute, the playing of taps, and the retiring of the colors, solemn traditions that emphasized both honor and remembrance. Earlier in the day the Pentagon also hosted a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony hosted by Pete Hegseth, Secretary of War, and Kelly McKague, DPAA director. “Using painstaking historical research; exhaustive, on-the-ground excavations; and the most advanced, forensic science techniques; the DPAA is steadfast in its accounting for missing Americans, no matter how far away,” said Hegseth. National POW/MIA Recognition Day serves as a powerful reminder of the nation's commitment to those who gave everything and to the families who still wait for answers. Through ceremonies such as this, and through the ongoing mission of DPAA, the United States reaffirms its pledge to never forget those who have not yet returned and to honor their legacy for generations to come.


Soldier Accounted For From Korean War

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced today that U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jack B. Baker, 19, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 28, 2025. In 1950, Baker was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action Sept. 5, in the vicinity of Taegu, South Korea after his unit encountered enemy combatants. He was never reported as a prisoner of war and subsequent searches of the battlefield failed to recover his remains. Lacking evidence of continued survival, the U.S. Army issued a presumptive finding of death of Dec. 31, 1953. This is an initial release. The complete accounting of Baker's case will be published once the family receives their full briefing.

Dotson's Other Note: For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving their country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency PAO Washington, D.C. 2300 Defense Pentagon Attn: Outreach and Communications Washington, D.C. 20301-2300 Email: dpaa.ncr.oc.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil. There are still about 7,000 MIAs from the Korean War. I think about 200 are from my outfit in Korea.

THANK YOU FOR READING





Gene's Corner

The Merrimac and the Monitor, another fishy history lesson

By Gene Saegert


Although history teaches us that this was a battle between the North and the South, sources that cannot be disclosed because of the journalism privacy policy tell a different story. The captains of the Merrimac and the Monitor were actually rival fishing guides who were fighting over a secret fishing spot. After many rounds of cannon fire and small arms fire and since there was no enclosed foam flotation in those days on these vessels they both eventually sank. (This incident was eventually responsible for the adding of foam filled compartments to our fishing boats.) Consequently, this also led to Styro-foam ice chests which kept us from having to drink warm beer like the English do. (The real value of this was realized of course only after the readily available supply of ice.)

Oops. Sorry, I got sidetracked, But unfortunately because their boat insurance excluded

acts of war their insurance companies didn't cover it. And neither one had sufficient funds to acquire new boats this became the real beginning of serious Pier and wade fishing as we know it today.


And let me add this word of wisdom, When you are out fishing and the bite is really on and you are running out of bait, try using the lyrics from that little know country and western song. "Darling, save the last shrimp for me." Just be sure and only use it when you are fishing with your wife, because if you use this when you are fishing with a group of guys, you may not be asked back again.

Warning: If you see a lady with a child on a harness do not ask if it is a rescue.....no special reason, just saying.



MONITOR AND MERRIMAC.

Monitor and Merrimac - Battle of Hampton Roads
Courtesy of A.C. Bosselman & Co.



Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

As we move through December towards the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, one of the titles associated with Jesus is mentioned frequently, Prince of Peace. Will there really be a day when nations and peoples do not learn war anymore? Will there really be a day when justice and equity for all humans is manifested? Will there really be a day when broken relationships know reconciliation? There will, because this is where God is taking us.

In 1929, the classic comedic duo of Laurel and Hardy released a silent short movie called, "Big Business." (Yes, I have a very eclectic taste in music and cinema!) Stan Laurel and Ollie Hardy are door-to-door Christmas tree salesmen.

Things go well until they encounter a real-life Grinch who is not interested in what they are selling. He shuts his door on them. A branch got caught in the door. Ollie rang the bell to the house. The owner irately opened the door and then slammed it again. This time Stan's coat got caught.

Ollie rang the bell again. He tried to explain to the homeowner what happened. The owner slammed the door again and caught the entire tree! Ollie rang the bell again. This time the owner had clippers when he opened the door. He destroyed the tree.

Ollie pulled the wires of the doorbell out of the wall. The owner called the police. Ollie cut the phone line. The story escalated. The homeowner destroyed the other trees and the pair's truck. Laurel and Hardy destroyed the house. What started with Merry Christmas ended with two piles of rubbish.

Nearly 100 years later the story remains a relevant parable for our times. Grievance and retribution stoke the fires of scorched earth choices. Fear fuels endless justification for xenophobia and injustice. Nations, communities, families, and relationships all know the wreckage of the lack of peace. The birth of the Prince of Peace draws us into another scenario.

When the Bible talks about peace it is based on the Hebrew concept of shalom. Shalom refers to wholeness, prosperity, health, equity, harmony, as well as the cessation of hostilities. Shalom is life as God intended it for all creation, including diverse humanity.

This is why the Bible calls on leaders to be those who seek justice and rescue for the marginalized, the oppressed and the poor. Leaders are to express God's heart for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

However, this kind of peace seems impossible. Our stories have already taken shape. Our relationships are already tangled. Our choices have already been made. Our past decisions inexorably affect all that follows. And if the direction of our own lives already feels set, the course of the whole sweep of history and culture feels even more so. To use theological language, sin has been set in motion and compounded over centuries.

Jesus brings the hope of peace. He gives a new way of living, the possibilities of life when situations point to death. When we allow Jesus to burst our dams of fear, cynicism, and anger


we can flow freely towards his love. This is the love that gives hope and enables us to be agents of that love in our nations, communities, relationships, families, and lives.

Wayne Gretzky is the leading points scorer in the history of the National Hockey League. He was asked how he accomplished this feat. Gretzky said that while most players chase the puck on the ice he would go to where the puck was going.

In days to come we retell the story of the coming of the Prince of Peace so that it takes deeper root in us. God is bringing a new day that will be one of shalom. As we retell the story, we also live into this reality of where God is going. Blessed are the peacemakers.

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By Riekie Roncinske



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Sports Talk Special to the Island Moon



Top quarterbacks of all time-
Part 3

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Who is the greatest quarterback of all time? It's a question that has been posed countless times. You might have a good idea on who is No. 1. But what about Nos. 2-25? Now those are the spots in the football universe where the QB debate gets pretty interesting. Makes for good conversation, too. I thought it would be a good time to discuss the game's most exalted position, and to contrast the most celebrated players that played it. It's always best when composing a list like this to allow some time to have passed since the most recent triumphs and victories. Otherwise, those achievements may seem greater than they will be after the passage of time. Therefore, we are going to only going to look at the quarterbacks who were playing through 2019. We're not considering anything that has happened in the 2020s. Patrick Mahomes won his first Super Bowl in 2019 so he, and all the newest "crop" of quarterbacks, can't enter the conversation at this point. Thanks to the late Bill Morgan and to Elliot Harrison for many of the facts contained in this report and to the late Bill Morgan.

Here we go: 15-Steve Young-Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 1985-1986; San Francisco 49ers, 1987-1999. Steve Young retired in the previous century, but he's a prototype of the modern player who can throw, run, and throw on the run. In fact, he might be the most complete quarterback to ever lace 'em up. You read that right. He was the Russell Wilson of his day, using his athleticism to make plays with his legs, yet knowing when to call it a day and play another down. He was as accurate as Drew Brees, and he was as tough as they come. Young's touch? Well, sorry, no one in the NFL displays that now. Not like Young, anyway. He didn't become the 49ers' full-time starter until 1991, his fifth season with the team, yet what he accomplished in limited time is remarkable. Young won one Super Bowl as a starter, two MVPs, and led the NFL in passer rating six times. He's one of the all-time leaders in rushing yards by a quarterback. Most importantly, he played brilliantly when he did reach the Super Bowl, helping the 49ers take their fifth Lombardi Trophy. Stat you need to know: Young is the only player in NFL history to lead the league in passer rating for four consecutive seasons (1991-1994). He was able to pull that feat off while replacing a legend in Joe Montana, which is beyond admirable. Young was tops in passer rating two more times before retiring, which gave him six such titles in eight seasons as San Francisco's starting quarterback. 14-Troy Aikman-Dallas Cowboys, 1989-2000. If Young was the prototype for the modern-day quarterback, Aikman was the embodiment of what every GM in pro football was looking for at the position from 1950 until Y2K. That is, a tall, steady presence in the pocket and in the huddle, complete with a strong arm that operated with a tight release. Aikman could see, sense, and let it fly as quickly as anyone, despite not being necessarily known for doing so. You might have heard that Aikman's numbers aren't as impressive because the Cowboys' offense was all about running the football. Well, that isn't exactly true. What is accurate is that Dallas' offense was a replica of the Air Coryell attack, which threw for quality, not quantity. With the Cowboys leading so often late in games in the '90s, there was no need to keep chucking it. From 1992 through 1995, the Cowboys led the league in fourth-quarter rushing attempts every season.

Thus, the low passing yards. Moreover, Aikman was a master of the intermediate throws: the deep outs and the skinny posts. So, no, his passer rating didn't soar over 100, because he didn't incessantly toss the Sam Bradford-to-Jerick McKinnon 2-yard dumps that inflate completion percentage and passer rating. What Aikman did do was win. He won his first seven postseason starts, ultimately finishing with an 11-4 playoff mark. He was outstanding when the Cowboys needed him to be. From 1992 through '95, there was no better playoff quarterback. Perhaps what is most notable is what many opponents (and the legendary Pat Summerall) said about Aikman: That he was the most accurate passer they ever saw. Stat you need to know: As many avid historians and sports bar debaters already know, Aikman doesn't hold a batch of impressive records and bloated stats. What you might not know is the data behind that, uh, lack of impressive data. From 1991 through '96, when the Cowboys were in the postseason every year and hoisted three Lombardi Trophies, Dallas not only threw the ball less, but the number dwindled by the quarter. Here are the Cowboys' league rankings for percentage of plays in which they threw the ball, by quarter First quarter: 15th, Second quarter: 25th, Third quarter: 29th & Fourth quarter: Last. It's tough for a passer to get into a rhythm, or rack up garbage-time stats, when there is no garbage time. 13-Bart Starr-Green Bay Packers, 1956-1971. Starr always gets placed third among the Packers quarterbacks. It's not fair, especially when most analysts say the game is about winning and not stats. Who can match Starr's 9-1 postseason record? (Answer: Nobody.) Starr ranks below Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers here -- and it's clooooooose -- only because he struggled early on and near the end of his 16-year career. Starr was not quite the same player without Vince Lombardi, with the exception of maybe the 1968 season. Yet, that doesn't downgrade his game. In other words, Lombardi might not have been nearly as successful without Starr. Consider that the Green Bay icon's postseason passer rating was 104.8, with 15 touchdowns and three interceptions. This was back in the 1960s, when an 80 passer rating put a quarterback near the top of the charts. The Packers' offense was known for the vaunted sweep, but Starr's teammates have often discussed how that sold their quarterback short. After all, this was a guy who was known around the league for routinely going deep on third-and-1. When Starr did take chances downfield, it often paid off. He hit two huge deep balls in perhaps the finest performance of his career, the 1966 NFL Championship Game, on his way to four scoring strikes and no picks. That was a year before the most famous play of his life, the QB sneak in the Ice Bowl. That's the play everyone mentions. We mentioned it. How about some more perspective. Stat you need to know: To this day, Starr still owns the highest postseason passer rating at 104.8 (minimum 150 pass attempts). That's no anomaly. Starr was the first quarterback in league history to have two seasons featuring a triple-digit passer rating, which he did all the way back in 1966 and '68. To think, the entire league only produced six 100-plus passer ratings during the 1960s, and Starr owned two of them.

TO BE CONTINUED

State News

Toys For Tots

State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

With the holidays in full swing, it's the perfect time for the residents of the Coastal Bend to join together to assist those less fortunate. In the spirit of the holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to bring attention to certain efforts in our area that will benefit many families this holiday season.

Toys for Tots is a nationwide campaign and has very strong roots and participation in Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Rockport-Fulton, and the Coastal Bend area. The initiative began in 1947, when Marine Major Bill Hendricks collected and donated 5,000 toys to children in their city. The campaign was so successful that Marine Reserve Units around the country began collecting and donating toys, under the shared objective to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Since its inception in 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has distributed over 452 million toys to more than 209 million needy children across the country. Events are held around the area to promote the Toys for Tots holiday drive effort from the public, along with Marines from the local Naval Air Station who collect donations. With a great military base, strong charity presence and generous-minded people and industry, District 32 is a great place for Toys for Tots to contribute to the children of our area. If you would like to learn more or get additional info, please visit their website at: <https://corpus-christi-tx.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>

In addition to this great organization, there are many other charitable events in the area occurring this holiday season. To find volunteer opportunities, you can look at



Feeding Texas's website <https://www.feedingtexas.org/food-banks/>. As we prepare for the holiday season, let's join together in helping the community and bettering the lives of those around us.

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

- State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

Rep. Hunter represents Aransas County and part of Nueces County. He can be contacted at todd.hunter@house.texas.gov or at 512-463-0672.



Red-footed Booby (*Sula sula*) photographed behind the Texas State Aquarium, Corpus Christi, Texas. Rare visitor in this area.
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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. "I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo"
5. Washington, e.g.
10. Penultimate letter
13. Backless slippers
15. Rock climber's spike
16. L.B.J.'s beagle
17. Description of a sunset, perhaps
19. "___ Not for Me to Say"
20. Airplane pilots
21. Flaxlike fiber
23. Bread often shaped like a teardrop
24. Is expanded
25. Tiresias and Nostradamus
27. Absolutely gorgeous
31. Fittings for guitar strings
34. Cousin's mother, to you
35. Train unit
36. Layer of the eye
37. Main line
39. Riley's life
40. Voyage preceder
41. Poem telling of heroic deeds
42. Your spouse's mother, to you
43. Like a beautiful sunrise, perhaps
47. Mosaic units
48. Some paper rectangles
49. Super, to a Beatles fan
52. Temple gateway in Japan
54. Cheapest ship accommodations
56. Fish spawn
57. Like an elaborate display, perhaps
60. Seine for catching fish
61. Entire amount
62. Ill-tempered
63. Before, in verse
64. Alley score
65. It can hold the line

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Down

1. Jordan's capital
2. Fruit used in making jams
3. Thickening gum
4. Al Capp's hyena
5. Widely cultivated Japanese shrub
6. Nervous twitches
7. Took in a poor boy?
8. 2,240 pounds, in Britain
9. Plead for
10. Capricious
11. Monster of the Himalayas
12. Gaelic language
14. Stringed instruments of India
18. It may precede a stroke
22. Gopherwood construction
25. Word in the title of Kubrick's last film
26. European volcano
27. A tropical constrictor
28. Heel and ankle bones
29. Endeavour acronym
30. Mushroomed
31. West Indies' largest island
32. Swear to be the truth
33. Soak in
37. Recess of a church
38. Exclamation of a klutz
39. Celebrated twin
41. Joins the military
42. Entomologist's subject
44. Sundial hour
45. Baby's noise maker
46. The start of an invention
49. Type of start
50. Colorful quartz
51. Blue-green stone
52. Way of speaking
53. Redundant partner of "done with"
54. Simba's animated uncle
55. Person kicking himself, maybe
58. Unannounced, as a quiz
59. Zeta-theta connection

10 years ago in the Island Moon

It is Official – Duck Hunting Within 1000 Feet of Island Homes is Now Illegal

Decade-long controversy finally settled at City Hall

As we reported last week the Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday finally weighed in on the enforcement of a ban which prohibits discharging a firearm within 1000 feet of Island homes.

Homeowners near freshwater ponds near the end of Primavera and Sea Pines have complained for years about hunters shooting too near their homes and last year filled the air with a barrage of flack as dry conditions pushed more hunters into areas near homes and Corpus Christi Police officers found themselves caught between irate homeowners, a handful of hunters ignoring the law, and a city ordinance too full of holes to be enforced.

The problem with enforcement of the 1000-foot provision in the ordinance stemmed from two sources.

One, the City Attorney’s Office for the past two duck seasons has cited a clause in applicable state law (which we printed in The Moon a few issues back) with forbids cities from regulating hunting in areas annexed into the city after September 1, 1981. City Attorney Carlos Valdez told the Island Strategic Action Committee in its September meeting that a change in state

law would be required before the ordinance with its 1000-foot prohibition could be enforced. However, in the ISAC’s last meeting in December, he said the problem could be fixed by simply amending the current city ordinance which would render the clause in the state law inapplicable.

That amendment to the city ordinance was approved on first reading by the City Council on Tuesday.

The second obstacle to enforcement has been lack of clarity of about where the 1000-foot barrier is located. To correct this problem the city, at the request of the ISAC, will erect signs delineating the 1000-foot line.

In the meantime, many duck hunters have used GPS to locate their blinds in areas which are outside the prohibited 1000-feet. As a result of this effort, along with increased attention from CCPD, and barriers to prevent trespassing from the land side of the Laguna Madre, complaints about duck hunting during the recent season have been cut down considerably.

The current duck season opened November 3, closed Nov. 25 and reopened Saturday.

Dale Rankin



Surf was up, and J. Jalufka was on it.



Let's go for a walk they said. It'll be fun they said.

Pet Adoption Fees Waived Now Through December 15

Corpus Christi Animal Care Services (CCACS) is waiving adoption fees for animals from December 1 through December 15.

Pets can be adopted at Corpus Christi Animal Care Services, located at 2626 Holly Road, Monday to Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- CCACS is participating in this program to expand the number of available kennels for animal intake. Each adoption opens space to care for more animals.
- Animals adopted from CCACS during this event will have a waived adoption fee and be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped, ensuring that they start their new lives in their forever homes with the essential health care they need.
- To see all the adoptable pets at CCACS, visit our website at: <https://www.corpus-christitx.gov/department-directory/animal-care-services/adopt/>

Please consider fostering if you are unable to add a pet to your family.



Hapa, an adopted Island dog, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

The last Padre Island Charity Poker run of the season was held on Saturday, November 29th benefitting CASA of the Coastal Bend. Attendees were generous with donations of toys and funds. Thank you for a great season everyone. The Poker runs will resume in March!

Photos by Debbie Noble



Crested Caracaras, Caribbean Dr. Flour Bluff Photo By Britt Thompson



Even before Hurricane Harvey, the walls along Packery Channel continued to collapse and were in need of repair. City money was used for the repairs, part of which was refunded by FEMA

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Come on people now...



Santa takes a turn.

Jing Jingle Ling yall... we've finally made it to the end of the year. This isn't a year I'm particularly happy about but at least now, we get to try it again. I'm not going to rehash 2025 with a blow by blow "year in review"... it was too messed up in so many ways. So I think at this point we should concentrate on a joyous holiday season and a celebration of the happy New Year yet to be seen. We've all got to work together, which was not the case in 2025. Division is perhaps the more appropriate term. In the immortal words of the **Youngbloods**, "Come on people now, shine on your brother. Everybody get together; try to love one another right now. RIGHT NOW!!! RIGHT NOW!!!!!" I hope every one of you will have that song stuck in your heads all day long. Out with the old and in with the new. I confess... I'm just an old peace loving hippie at heart. Look around, we walk amongst you.

On the local front...

The *Gaff's* 2025 *Turkey Bowl* was bonafied. It was a cold booger and I nearly made it to the



2021 Port A Lighted Boat Parade

end. But these old bones they move slow but I did hurl a couple of strikes and took a bunch of pics, though. BTW the *Gaff* is leading the way with our local holiday fun. With the bi-monthly BELT SANDER RACES (every 2nd and 4th Saturday) and *Chicken Poop Bingo* leading the charge, followed by the hurling of dead frozen turkeys we still have more holiday events yet to come. This Saturday is the 14th Annual *Christmas Parade* departing the *Pizzeria* on Station and Avenue G. And then the PORT A LIGHT-ED BOAT PARADE will light the way on Saturday the 13th followed by the annual (DO NOT MISS) JAMES HAYES *UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY* at the *Gaff* on Monday the 15th, the CHRISTMAS EVE EVE PAJAMA PARTY at the *Gaff* on Tuesday the 23rd, the CHRISTMAS CUP COMPETITION at the *Gaff* on *Christmas Eve* and an all day *Christmas Celebration* and finally the *Gaff's* coveted BLACK EYED PEA OFF on New Year's Day. Thank goodness for the *Gaff* for always keeping it lively on our little island no matter what season it is. They bonafied. And I would be derelict in my duties if I weren't to mention all the super cool stuff happening on Padre Island this month such as the *LA POSADA* lighted boat parade in which everyone's pal, **Dale Rankin** will be the *Grand Marshall*, complete with a saxophone player (**Charlie Traeger**) following him around playing disjointed melodies to the back of his head.

Scattered shots...

I only made it out to see a couple of shows last weekend. Our old pal from San Antonio, **Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters**, played *Shorty's* on Saturday. Todd is a country western style of musician complete with flip flops and a cowboy hat. He plays mostly original material with a few tasty covers thrown in along the way. I also made it by the *Sip Yard* on Saturday to see the **Justin Gallegos Band**, also from San Antonio. These guys sounded like they had just come from the *Esquire Bar*. They were the perfect San Antonio bar band, plain and simple... their gimme caps sold me.



Deno Fabrie won the 2018 Ugly Sweater Party at the Gaff.

Coming this weekend...



Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters played Shorty's last Saturday.

Coming this weekend, on Thursday slide master **Robert McCoy** will play the *Gaff* and the **All Starz** featuring **Art Galvan** on bass and **Antone Perez** on drums will play their weekly residency at *Shorty's*. Art and Antone are a well respected rhythm section in the Coastal Bend and are experts and many musical genres. They bring a different guitar picker every week, such as **Ray Ray Summy** or **Reno Perez**, etc. On Friday, December 5th our real deal Cajun buds from Louisiana, **Boudreaux and Pousson** will be rompin' and stompin' at the *Gaff*, San Antonio guitar god **Ruben V** will play the big room at the *Sip Yard* and original singer-songwriter **Boone Holding** from up Medina way will be strutting his stuff at *Shorty's*... not too shabby. On Saturday, December 6th the **Drive** will be rocking *Shorty's*, **Coach Big Jim Dugan** will play his usual Saturday gig at the *Gaff* and blues rocker **Rich Lockhart** will be making noise at the *Sip Yard*. Also on Saturday the classic rock gang, the **Groove** will play the *Port A VFW* and the great **Bob Livingston** of **Los Gonzos** fame in Austin will be performing at the *Harbor Listening Room* in Fulton. Those cats in Rockport and doing great things over there in the name of ex-resident and boat maker, **Guy Clark**. Watch for their *RED, WHITE AND BLUES FEST* at the *Harbor Tent* in Fulton on February 13-14 feature such luminary as **Tab Benoit**, **Paul Thorn**, **Lisa Sanders**, **Brown Segan**, **J. Plank**, **Johnny Nicholas** and the great **Jimmy Vaughan** and the **Texas Horns**. What a sweet *Valentines 'Day* that will be. **John Macy** and all those cats with the *Rockport Songwriter Association* are doing great things over there. BTW **John Cortez** is playing *Shorty's* on New Year's.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The mighty, mighty Ruben V will play the Sip Yard this Friday.



Adysen Malek will play the Sip Yard Dec 12



John Cortez will play Shorty's on New Year's Eve.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

December 4

All Starz @ Shortys
Robert McCoy @ Gaff
Andrea Marie @ The Slip
Michael Anthony
Perez @ Surf Club

Friday.

December 5

Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
Ruben V @ Sip Yard
Boone Holding @ Shorty's
Dreaming in Color @ Executive Surf Club
Alley Catz @ Brewster South
3rd Coast Duo @ Tannin's Alameda
The Groove @ Pelican Lounge

Saturday.

December 6

14th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE PORT A
The Drive @ Shorty's
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Rich Lockhart @ Sip Yard
The Groove @ VFW
Retro G @ Politics
Art Barrera @ Dink & Drink Calallen
Palacios Bros @ Candy Cane Lane CC
Bob Livingston @ Harbor Listening Room RP
Diamond's Edge @ South TX Icehouse
Lisa Sullivan @ Rabbit Hole
Michael Burts @ Pelican Lounge
Alley Catz @ Brewster Island
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Bay Area Brew
Michael Anthony
Perez @ Politics

Sunday.

December 7

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Palacios Bros @ Harley Davidson CC
Punk Rock Karaoke @ House of Rock
Chainlinks @ Executive Surf Club

Sharioke @ Pelican Lounge

Monday.

December 8

Ejey- Eddie Alaniz @ Pelican Lounge



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RUBEN V
RICH LOCKHART
ADYSEN MALEK
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JASON SUTHERN
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**GOLF CARTS
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Thursday.

December 11

All Starz @ Shortys
Tyler Jordan @ Gaff
Chiodos, Holy Water, Big Ass Truck @ Concrete Street
Jim Ward @ House of Rock
Sonny Salinas @ The Slip
Latin Talk @ Port of CC

Friday.

December 12

LA POSADA BOAT PARADE @ NPI
Brad Ethridge @ Shorty's
Adysen Malek @ Sip Yard
Jim Bush @ Gaff
Eclipse @ Rockit's
Irie Rebels @ Whale Bone
National Nobodys @ Pelican Lounge
Dreaming in Color @ La Posada
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