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By Dale Rankin

What a week it's been Around The Island. From our little sandbar all the way OTB to the land North of Sweeney Switch it's been a wild ride as a 5.4 magnitude earthquake rumbled its way across West Texas and the Texas Attorney General is looking into whether Minor League baseball players on the eight clubs across the state are exempt from minimum wage requirements. Closer to home flounder season remains closed, the cold season has arrived in force, and the Cold Stunned Turtle Season is poised for an outbreak as we near the threshold for sea turtle cold stunnings at water temps of 46.4F for 24 hours.

Tragic news

As we went to press this week there was tragic news from Florida. Longtime Islanders Brian, Michelle, and their daughter Victoria Solarek were killed in a car wreck there. The accident happened over the summer and the news belatedly reached the island this week. The Solareks were friends to many here and there will be a gathering of friends Saturday at Briscoe King Pavilion.

JFK Causeway



Our tenuous connection to the world OTB came into sharp focus this week as a less-than-hurricane-force wind leaned a single utility pole over the northbound side of the JFK Causeway causing traffic to back up for several hours.



Repair of the leaning pole brought a gaggle of work trucks that also reduced the causeway to a single northbound lane even as work crews are scheduled to reduce both sides of the causeway to single lanes for repair work in December. The timing was auspicious as the work group assembled by Ted Mandel held its first meeting to push for a second causeway further south meet this week for the first time. Only a few weeks ago a second causeway before 2045 looked like a pipedream but now seems within our reach and maybe even our grasp. We will follow the progress of the effort and we encourage Islanders to get behind it over the next few months. In the 1990s the move to raise the JFK Causeway was done in only

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La Posada Grand Marshals announced Preston the Weather Dog and Weatherman Dale Nelson host live broadcast of Friday parade

By Dale Rankin

Preston the Weather Dog and his human KRIS 6 TV weatherman Dale Nelson will be the Grand Marshals for the 52nd running of the La Posada Lighted Boat Parade on The Island which run Friday December 9, and Saturday December 10.

Clarissa Serna and the cast from the Coastal Living program on KRIS 6 TV will be on the collector boat *You Never Know* during the Friday Parade which will run from the JFK Causeway through the north end of the Island ca-



nal system. It will be Serna's second run participating in the parade, she was Grand Marshal in the 2019 parade. The Friday night parade will be televised by the station from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

There will be six collector



boats in the parades which will be signified with amber-colored lights and those wishing to donate can signal to them with a flashlight.

If you are thinking of decorating your boat for the parades but need some help in getting

it done mark your calendar for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3 at the Padre Island Yacht Club. Uniform Marines will be on hand along with Island volunteers to help Islanders get their lights and decorations mounted on your boat. There will also be some technical elves on hand to help get stubborn generators up and running. A crew from KRIS 6 TV will be on hand for the occasion.

La Posada cont. on A9



The ladies of PIE held their annual bake sale this week... It's now officially the Christmas Season on The Island.



It's Starting to Look Like a Bridge!

Crews this week began installation of the support arches for the southbound side of the Water Exchange Bridge on South Padre Island Drive. The project is on schedule to have water flowing under the bridge by mid-2023.

A little Island history

In November 1534 four Shipwrecked Spaniards had a lot to be Thankful for on the South Texas Plains

By Dale Rankin

It wasn't an official Thanksgiving as there was no such thing yet. It was November, 1534 and four shipwrecked Spanish wanderers making their way across the prairies of what is now South Texas had little to be thankful for – at least until the end of November rolled around and their fortunes began to change. This story comes from a variety of sources including but not limited to the book Esteban: The African Slave Who Explored American, and the memoirs of Cabeza de Vaca.

A Moorish prediction

Before 1536 there were 95 Church holidays, plus 52 Sundays, when people were required to attend church and forego work and sometimes pay for expensive celebrations. In 1536 reforms reduced the number of Church holidays to 27 and the



Cabeza de Vaca

Thanksgiving holiday as we now know it began to take shape. Days of Fasting were called for after the drought of 1611, and for relief from the plagues of 1604 and 1622; in 1588 it was the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and in 1705 the deliverance of Queen Anne, then the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605.

These were Protestant celebrations that were foreign and probably unknown to the four Catholic Spaniards who had found themselves washed

upon what is now the Alabama shoreline on November 4, 1528. The men had set out from Spain in 1527 to seek their fortune in the New World. On their voyage to Florida by way of Santo Domingo a Moorish woman had predicted that few of the men who went ashore would survive and anyone who did survive would be blessed by God who would perform great miracles through them. By November of 1534 the four survivors had arrived on the Isle of Misfortune and had little to be thankful for other than their simple and unlikely survival.

They talked with a "click" On the blustery night of November 4, 1528 a group of Karankawa Indians were huddled around the hearths of their open-sided wigwams on the Isle of Misfortune sheltering from the violent storm which was upon

History cont. on A7

Push for a Second Island Causeway Begins

Effort to have plan ready by new state legislative session

By Dale Rankin

A group of fourteen people met this week to set in motion an effort to have a proposal for a second causeway across the Laguna Madre ready to present to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Legislature in its biannual session which begins in January 2023.

The next step in the process is to enlist the support of the City of Corpus Christi and the Nueces County Commissioners as well as local interests including the City or Port Aransas to present a plan to TxDOT to move the project up on the department's ten-year plan which would clear the way for possible funding. The plan is part of an \$800 million Regional Parkway which would connect to Rodd Field Road before crossing the Laguna Madre from the Laurels section of the King Ranch south of Flour Bluff.

A key step in the process will be a required Environmental Impact Study since the route for the new causeway would cross crucial wetlands. A plan for the Regional Parkway conducted by the Corpus Christi Regional Planning Organization completed in 2016 calls for the new roadway to begin the crossing of the Laguna Madre at Rodd Field Road and land on 3680 acres of land in Kleberg County owned by Nueces County as part of a buyout in 2015. The impact study would address deed restrictions that were part of that sale for the Kleberg property.

"The first step is an environmental impact study," MacDonald who attended the meeting said. "Once that is done you can go to TxDOT and say the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Texas General Land Office have signed off on the project and then you can move forward with design."

Bridge cont. on A3

Farmers Market

The November Seventeenth 2022 Padre Island Farmer's Market moved to Briscoe King Pavilion as they usually do annually due to the weather. Mayor Paulette Guajardo joined in the fun sampling products and mingling with visitors. The next Padre Island Farmer's Market will be on December 15 at Briscoe King Pavillion. Photos by Debbie Noble



More Farmers Market Photos on A9

Did Ya' Hear?

By Mary Craft
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Dr. Ryan Rogers has set March 1st as the opening date for his Padre Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at 14650 Compass Suite 1. Dr. Rogers is a double certified dermatologist specializing in skin cancer. The clinic originally was located on the south side but closed during Covid and he has practiced in South Carolina since then where his wife's family lives. A working phone and the ability to schedule appointments should be available in about two weeks.



Dr. Rogers and his Family

The water should be flowing under the Park Road 22 water exchange bridge by June and at that time the Cruiser Canal by Whitecap will be opened shortly after for the flow, as well.

Padre Island Holiday Market will be held on Sunday, December 4th 1 - 5 pm at the Island Presbyterian Church. There will be photo opportunities with Santa or the Grinch and printouts for sale.

The JFK Bridge work will resume around December 1st and continue into spring. There will again be one lane each way so we will be having that zipper lane conversation again.

Salty Dolphin has added two UTVs to their golf cart rentals. The cost is \$280/day. They are located on Windward by Hawthorn Suites.



The Flour Bluff Hornets Football team defeated the Lockhart Lions team 49-42. They will play the San Antonio Veterans Memorial Patriots team in the Regional Semifinal Playoff Game on Friday, November 25th at the Hornet Stadium.

Southern Style Sweets Pastry Chef/Owner Jenna Davis has been serving delicious desserts, made in her kitchen, online for ten years. Jenna opened her bakery last month at 2134 Waldron next to Lumpia House. The shop serves cocoa bombs, candy apples, brownie cheesecake bars, bagels, cupcakes, cakes, breakfast muffins, coffee cakes, kolaches and more. For Thanksgiving she had 500 dinner rolls pre-ordered. She does custom made cakes for any occasion and accepts call ahead orders at 353-4485. Hours are 7 am - 5 pm Tuesday - Friday and 9 am - 1 pm on Saturday



Southern Style Sweets Pastry Chef Jenna Davis



Southern Style Sweets custom cake

La Posada Lighted Boat Decorating Party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd 10 am at the Padre Island Yacht Club. Volunteers along with Marines will help you decorate your boat just bring decorations and lights.

NavyArmy Credit Union is changing their name to Rally Credit Union early 2023.

Brooklyn Pie has weekday specials that include two appetizers for the price of one on Tuesday plus \$1.50 domestics. On Wednesday buy one order of wings get half off second plus half off wine. On Thursday buy one calzone get half off second plus \$2 imports. On Friday get free extra cheese on a large pizza and \$2 Craft beers.



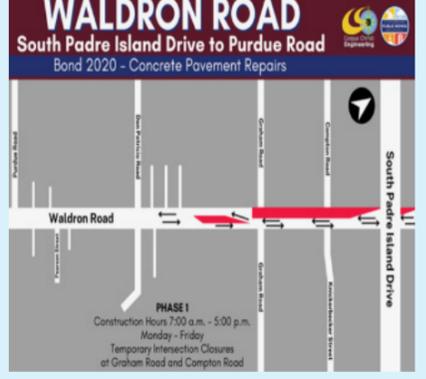
The Pelican Lounge will be opening at 6:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day for you and your guests to enjoy after your feast. There will be karaoke starting at 9:30 pm.

The Ice Rays Hockey team has home games the next two weekends. On Saturdays they have a Family 4 pack with 4 tickets, 4 hot dogs, 4 sodas and a bucket of popcorn for \$64. When you pick your seats online click on the Family option. The games are played at the American Bank Center.

Island Wine & Beer Bar in Port A needs to relocate in February and is looking for a place to move to. In the meantime their usual events will continue with Open Mic on Wednesday, Bingo on Thursday, Karaoke on Friday and live bands on Saturday.

The Delite Food Truck in front of the Island Market IGA will be closed until spring 2023.

The Waldron Road concrete improvements from SPID to Purdue will begin Monday, November 28. Traffic will be reduced to one lane each way Monday - Friday 7 am - 5 pm. Phase 1 is expected to last six weeks.



Celsita's Restaurant is closed for a Thanksgiving break until Wednesday, November 30th

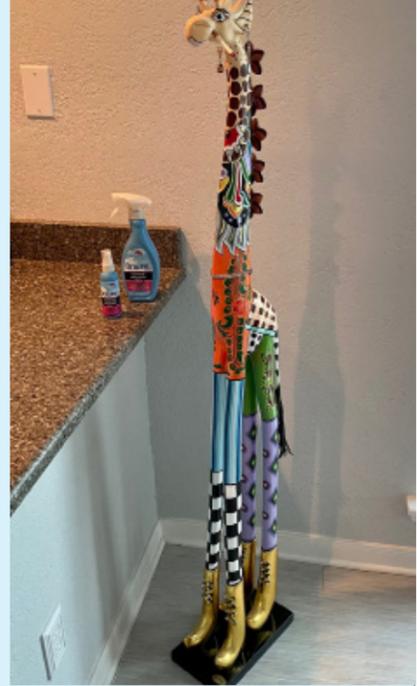
The Gaff in Port A will be taking over the Back Porch Turkey Bowling tradition on Sunday, November 27th 3 pm. You can start your day early there with Sunday Brunch 9 - 11 am.

The 8th Annual Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree & Silent Auction will be held at Doc's Waterline on Wednesday, November 30th. It is \$25 and includes hors-d'oeuvres plus two drinks. There will be decorated Christmas trees of all sizes plus wreaths. All proceeds go to Timon's Ministries. Doors open at 5:30 pm.



Random Stuff

Downy Wrinkle Releaser works. Just spray it on and smooth out the fabric with your hands. It comes in a travel size that's great to take along on your next trip for those suitcase made wrinkles.



Roxy makes the picture of the Downy bottles more interesting



Marvin Orellana

The osprey species is at least 11 million years old and is so well adapted to its sea-faring lifestyle that it has evolved unique characteristics that set it apart from other raptor species. Because its primary diet is fish, the osprey's nostrils can be closed during dives, and it has an outer toe that can be angled backward to better grasp fish. Photo By Riekie Roncinske



The Flour Bluff/Padre Island Coastal Cotillion hosted forty guests this week at its November luncheon. The cotillion is open to any senior high school ladies from Flour Bluff, Padre Island, and the London school district.

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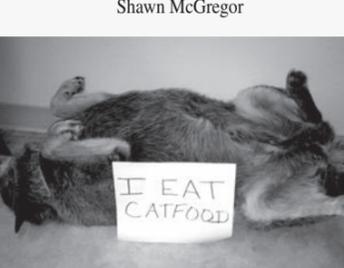
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Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



Dearest Mary,

"No, I Didn't Hear" unless I see it in your excellent feature each week. Thank you so much for your contribution.

I've lived on the Island for four years now and been a diligent customer of the farmer's market at the church. However, I had no idea the market wintered at the pavilion! I'm addicted to the Moon and read it front to back every week. I read your note about the market last night. Holy moly, I looked up and it was 6:30. I jumped in my car and rushed over to the pavilion and bought a jar of jelly.

I wrote before thanking you for the notice about the Food Truck festival at the bridge some months back. If it wasn't for your feature in the moon, I would be in the dark about area events.

Two questions

Did you publish information about a Dermatologist setting up a practice on Compass street? I'm trying to find more information about that.

We usually drive Whitecap to the beach in our golf cart once a week or more, but have not noticed Jack's Beachside Cookshack! Is it a permanent structure, a truck, trailer? If it's there full time we'll look for it. That stew looked delicious.

Thanks so much for your time Mary!

Regards,

Jeff Peyton

Editor's note: For answers see Did Ya' Hear in this issue.

Water Exchange Bridge
Such a great addition for the island...it is unfortunate the engineers used an arch versus squared off design. It's inevitable that boats will push the height to get through this and a squared off underpass would have allowed for easier navigation especially with multiple boats passing at once...still great addition
Trevor Johnson

Editor's note: The decision to use arches rather than the standard design from Texas Department of Transportation goes back more than a decade. The original \$1.4 million in bonds to convert the previously planned water exchange culverts under SPID to a water exchange bridge to allow for boat passage was passed by voters in 2004 but the vote was followed by more than ten years of no interest during which time the previous owners of the land on each side of the bridge paid for Urban Engineering to design the arches structure you see today.

The engineers were brought in after the initial design plans - never completed - called for the standard TxDOT squared-off overpass which required a support column located in the center of the waterway under the bridge which was needed to span the length required to include the cart and pedestrian passage on each side of the waterway. This led to a rethinking of the bridge design which resulted in Urban Engineering being brought in by the private property owners. A second design of the bridge was completed with arches but which included the support column located in the center of the waterway which would have accounted for almost half of the total cost of the bridge. It was at that stage of the process that the design for the three arches was begun.

From the beginning the bridge was viewed as the centerpiece of the commercial area planned for the new waterway on each side of the bridge and something more aesthetically pleasing than the square-rigged TxDOT design was deemed needed and it was for that reason that the private owners stepped in and hired the designers at their expense. Over the decade from 2009 to 2019 when the final design and funding for the bridge was completed the question of whether to stick with the

arched design or simply use the standard TxDOT design was debated, largely over cost rather than aesthetics. But even as ownership of the land adjacent to the bridge changed the new owners preferred the arched design and their opinion had sway since the design had been paid for with private money and a redesign would have required additional time and public money.

Moving away from the standard TxDOT design became an issue when the first side of the bridge was built as inspectors from both the City of Corpus Christi and TxDOT were reluctant to sign off on a bridge design with which they were not familiar after the design of the embankments leading to the arches became an issue. It is for that reason that the caps have not been put on the guardrails of the northbound side of the bridge even though it has been in use for months; the rebar is still visible. The inspectors took the position that the design for the embankments in the arched bridge had never been crash tested and until that was done they would not sign off on the design and therefore the caps could not be put on the guardrails. That issue, according to city officials, has since been resolved and current plans call for the guardrails to be finished on both sides of the bridge once the southbound side of the bridge is complete which is scheduled for mid-2023.

Privately there has been some consternation concerning the arched overhangs not for the boat passage but for the cart passages which are barely high enough for some/many carts to pass at the outside edge of the arches where the clearance is lowest. There has been some discussion about finding a way to lower the driving surface to increase the clearance but as of this writing we are not aware of any action to move forward with that plan.

As of this writing the permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requires that the new canals now being dug at the Whitecap site be ready to cut through to saltwater when water begins flowing under the Water Exchange Bridge and while that could change it creates urgency for the developers of the property to have the new bulkheads and canals complete by mid-2023.

Letters to Riley P. Dog



BillyJack

DANGER! DANGER! DANGER!

I barked as loud as I could. Our village has been invaded by Big Mean Uglys and they have sprayed their disgusting yellow foulness all over the village Big Mamma came running out trying to see what was bad enough to warrant my battle cry. My bffff(best Fido Furry Friend) that lives across the path came out too. His name is Studley. He calls himself a schit zoo, that sounds really gross to me. But he don't smell cause I tailpiped him. Then he checks my breath cause his ma read in the Island Moon that i used to eat droppings. I hate it when he sticks his face in mine so I show him my sharp teeth and growl and sometimes he makes me yell. Mom gets mad at me. I don't care. He is rude. i digress again, sorry.

Big mamma put on my leash and let me lead the way to find more pruff of the invaders. Studley was watching for traffic and scratching his ear wayyyy tooo long. With that stupid grin on his face....he drives me to drink. Oh darn it, I will try to focus!

At the edge of the yard, in Studley's yard was a clump of squished up grass with matted up fur and slime. Ma said "what the heck is that?" So I ran over to perform a cursory olfactory investigation. Mom screamed "Billyjack don't eat that!" Oh my goodness....does she think I will eat anything? Shut up already! Alright...it smelled amazing. The musky hide of a rabbit, with that beautiful pungent smell of vomitus. I will openly admit to everyone except Ma, wanted to taste it soooooo bad. Rabbit tar tar with fresh salt grass and mucus glaze. You are feeling it with me, right?

Then the Lovely Roseann(the most beautiful hooman in the whole park) says, as she is bending over in an attempt get her mature eyes to focus on the culinary delight. "That's COYOTE leavings" I almost peed on my OWN leg. Never EvER say coyote in front of your pets.

The word alone strikes fear and terror into the heart of all furry friends. Freddy Kruger and Micheal Myers combined are little hello kittys to coyotes. These coyotes are scary dudes. So please watch what you say around your furry family. And Never Take us off our leash even if we beg you and promise you the moon. Never Ever Leave us alone outside. Like Big Mamma says "use the brains God gave ya" . Cause the truth is, they are here and so are we. And I for one Ain't leavin'.

Billyjack

Dear Billyjack.

Coyotes are nothing to jack with Billyjack. They are natural born cat haters - Stoopid Cats! We can only imagine what it would take to make that coyote upchuck BillyJack. It's better not to think about that. But there are also other Island dangers that too many humans don't think about - like the Island canals that can be impossible for dogs to get out of if they fall in. They claimed another of our dog friends this week over on Dasmarias. You humans don't leave your dog out on the deck by himself unless he knows about canals and how to get out if he falls in. The same goes for swimming pools.

The next danger on the Dog Calendar is Thanksgiving and some humans will be tempted to slip their dog friends some turkey under the table, the turkey is okay but turkey bones are not - no turkey bones for dogs! Also some dogs - especially Chihuahuas - may like spicy food but don't give it to them. No onions, garlic, chocolate, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, the sugar substitute xylitol, and raw or undercooked food can create major problems for pets. Make sure friends and family aren't sneaking treats to your pets. Poinsettias are also toxic to pets - but really what kind of a dog would eat a Poinsettia? Probably only little yappers - they'll eat anything.

So all dogs have a happy Thanksgiving and stay away from canals, coyotes, and mean humans. And most of all stay away from cats - Stoopid Cats!

Bridge cont. from A1

State Representative Todd Hunter also attended the meeting and walked the group headed by Islander Ted Mandel through the process of getting the project through the state system to design and funding.

"We are on a short fuse," Hunter said. "We will need some help in the legislature and we need to get this project on their radar in January.

The group has scheduled two meetings to update progress on the plan and to enlist the help of members of the Corpus Christi City Council and the Nueces County Commissioners Court.

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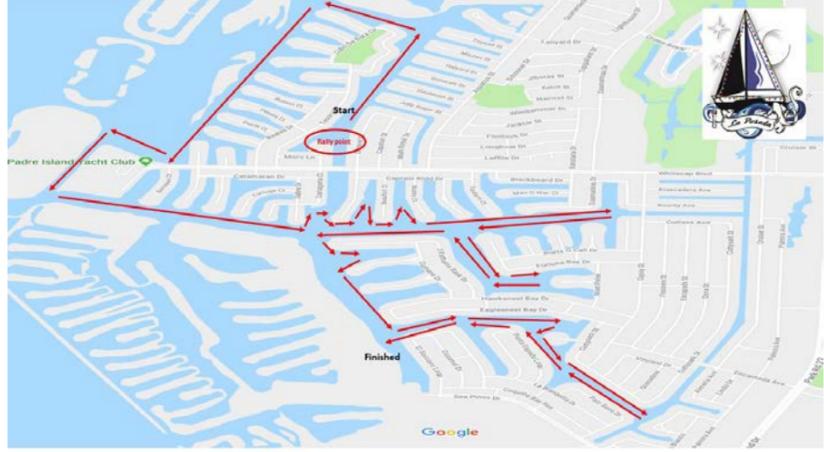


Schedule for 2022 La Posada Events

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



Friday Parade Route



Saturday Parade Route

2022 La Posada Lighted Boat Parade Registration Form

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

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ADDRESS _____

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER- _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS- _____

Power- _____ Sail- _____

BOAT NAME- _____

Boat Description _____ State Registration _____

Name of Insurance Company _____

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

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

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

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

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

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

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Safety Tips for Frying a Turkey this Thanksgiving

(And no they can't fly)

While frying turkeys is a popular way to prepare your main Thanksgiving entrée, the hot oil poses significant safety risks, including the fryer tipping over or the oil contacting the burners. Turkey frying appliances can also experience defects with temperature control, potentially overheating the oil and causing combustion. Deep frying a turkey could put someone's life at risk.

The Corpus Christi Fire Department would like to remind residents about the dangers of using turkey fryers when preparing holiday meals.

Here are several tips to help reduce the risks associated with cooking with turkey fryers

- Read and follow all instructions that come with your fryer
- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors, placed on a level surface, and located safely away from buildings and other materials that can burn
- Do not use a turkey fryer on a wooden deck, wooden surface, or in a garage
- Never leave the fryer unattended
- Carefully monitor the oil temperature to avoid overheating. If the oil continues to increase in temperature, it could catch fire
- Only deep fry smaller turkeys—up to 12 pounds
- Use oils with high smoke points, such as peanut, canola, and safflower. If using peanut oil, ensure none of your guests have a peanut allergy
- To determine how much oil you need, put the turkey in the basket and place it in the pot. Add water until it reaches one to two inches above the turkey. Lift the turkey out and use a ruler to measure the distance from

the water to the top of the fryer. This will be the amount of oil you should use. Pour out the water and dry the fryer completely before filling the pot with oil

- It can take anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour to heat the oil, depending on several factors, including the outdoor temperature, wind, and weather
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Pat the turkey dry with paper towels before placing it in the fryer to keep the hot oil from splattering and popping
- Be sure to lower the turkey VERY SLOWLY into the hot oil
- You should maintain an oil temp of 350°F. At that temperature, fry the turkey for three to four minutes per pound. The cooking time for a 10–12-pound turkey is approximately 35 to 42 minutes
- Do not allow children or pets near the fryer when in use or hours after use while the oil is hot and dangerous
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles
- Always keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use an all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call 911 for help.
- Do not stick your head in the pot while frying a turkey...

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays
 Editor's note: Our friend and long-time Islander Mindy never lost her optimism, love of life, and most of all her sense of humor: Mindy was a great friend of Mike Ellis and his Island Moon and she left us this story of a Thanksgiving long ago which we are proud to publish here in her memory.

We miss our friend.
 By Mindy J. Niles
 Thanksgiving. Ok, ok, ok, I suppose I should begin to categorize all that I am thankful for which, I might mention, is no slight undertaking. Having exactly nine days to complete the task I better get started.

Not wishing to bore the Reader anymore than usual I am not going to list either alphabetically or chronologically all the blessings bestowed on me in the past year or worse, in my life. Instead, a single momentous memory.

While pondering a subject suitable to write about, something that might include at the least an insinuation of Thanksgiving, a vivid memory popped into my cavernous cranium that just won't let go.

Green, dark, and gelatinous
 It was a Kansas farm pond in August. That would have been an excellent alternative locale; however I found this less than delightful vision on the dining table. On Thanksgiving, at a friend's grandparents home. Folks kind enough, generous enough to include me in their celebration of the season. I guess it was a celebration.

Gross. That was the only word to describe it, and at the time, that was the expletive of choice of the "in crowd". I wasn't even sure what it was, but I was soon to discover it was dressing (stuffing) AND it was supposed to look like that.

At first thinking that someone made a major faux pas, it didn't cross my mind that I would be forced to mind my manners and EAT some of it.

It did come to pass, and what appeared to be awful sludge from the bottom of some old witch's cauldron found its way onto my plate. (I should turn Fear Factor onto that stuff, it would rank right up there with live slugs or blood worms.)

Worse, I had thought it so "cool" to go somewhere besides my own family's home for the feast. Nobody got out of that command performance, and I don't know how I pulled it off that time. Never asked again.

Broken thermostats
 I admit it was the boyfriend of the week whose family I enjoyed that year. The house was about 110 degrees inside, as they were older and their body thermostats were most likely broken. That's what I deduced at the age of 19. Now, my house is about 100 degrees, and I know my thermostat is assuredly deteriorating just as theirs was those many years ago.

The green sludge tasted just as bad as it looked, but it slid down like an oyster on the

half shell. No chewing, didn't dare. The green I discovered was sage, which I also discovered. I don't like.

There was ham and a small turkey, and some mashed up orange mush which I had never experienced. Sweet potatoes, but mashed, and no marshmallows on top. At my house they were having marshmallows. There were no bread plates, and no salad forks, no centerpiece and no flowers, and no real whipped cream either.

Tupperware trouble
 After the family ate, the men retired to a den that was lighted by lamps, while the windows were covered with air raid curtains. They read the paper and drank coffee in the hot, close room, and spoke not a word to each other.

Women folk retired to the kitchen where they argued over which Tupperware to use for leftovers, each speaking over the other using volume for leverage. It was a tiny room with metal cabinets and a small aluminum breakfast set with a bright red top. It was a trip, as they say.

My Mother always believed that "travel was the best education"..... better than school even, which often resulted in exciting adventures in other cities, and exposure to other cultures. This trip however, was within 30 miles of home and was one of the most educational experiences of my youth.

Blessings found
 How I missed my Grandparent's home that day, and the family that gathered round the beautiful Duncan Phyfe table set for fourteen. There would be silver candlesticks with long white tapers, flowers and linen napkins and sometimes individual salt servers. A gorgeous turkey brimming with dressing (that I recognized as such) along with Waldorf salad and too many pies to count.

How I had taken for granted the wonderful environment I had been fortunate enough to enjoy all of my life. It wasn't the ornamentation that made the difference. (Although I must admit it added to the ambience.) I think it was in the genes.

The heredity factor. People like me. Family. Folks around our table chattered and laughed, told jokes and planned summer family trips, swapped fishing stories, pulled pranks and practical jokes, and just flat enjoyed one another's company.

I have no doubt that some of you are thinking I must be a real spoiled brat, and some would probably agree with you. (There is no age limit to being a brat!) BUT, I will tell you that I just didn't realize how well I had it.

The fact that my family didn't argue, there was no fighting and that we laughed, a lot, had way more to do with the enjoyment of the day than the accoutrements. Well, and the dressing.

I was and still am so VERY thankful for the family I have been given (which now consists of as many friends as it does those genetically associated.) This year I wouldn't care if I ate on the front porch, as long as I had the company of my friends and family. Well, at least as long as they don't serve green sludge.

Gobble Gobble,
 Mindy

Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

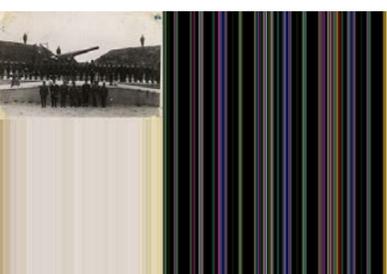
History of the Coastal Artillery Part 1

Dotson's Note: The Coastal Artillery was a branch of the armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications. Thanks to my old friend Tommy Thompson, who served one hitch in the Coast Artillery before transferring to the Ordnance Corps, and to Wikipedia for the facts contained in this report and to the United States Army Signal Corps for the photos.



The Coastal Artillery

From the Middle Ages until World War II, coastal artillery and naval artillery in the form of cannons were highly important to military affairs and generally represented the areas of highest technology and capital cost among materiel. The advent of 20th-century technologies, especially military aviation, naval aviation, jet aircraft, and guided missiles, reduced the primacy of cannons, battleships, and coastal artillery. In countries where coastal artillery has not been disbanded, these forces have acquired amphibious capabilities. In littoral areas, mobile coastal artillery armed with surface-to-surface missiles can still be used to deny the use of sea lanes.



It was long held as a rule of thumb that one shore-based gun equaled three naval guns of the same caliber, due to the steadiness of the coastal gun, which allowed for significantly higher accuracy than their sea-mounted counterparts. Land-based guns also benefited in most cases from the additional protection of walls or earth mounds. The range of gunpowder-based coastal artillery also has a derivative role in international law and diplomacy, wherein a country's three mile limit of "coastal waters" is recognized as under the nation or state's laws.

One of the first recorded uses of coastal artillery was in 1381—during the war between Ferdinand I of Portugal and Henry II of Castile—when the troops of the King of Portugal used cannons to defend Lisbon against an attack from the Castilian naval fleet.

The use of coastal artillery expanded during the Age of Discoveries, in the 16th century; when a colonial power took over an overseas territory, one of their first tasks was to build a coastal fortress, both to deter rival naval powers and to subjugate the natives. The Martello tower is an excellent example of a widely used coastal fort which mounted defensive artillery, in this case muzzle-loading cannon. During the 19th century China also built hundreds of coastal fortresses in an attempt to counter Western naval threats.



German Coast Artillery Cannon-1941

Coastal artillery fortifications generally followed the development of land fortifications; sometimes separate land defense forts were built to protect coastal forts. Through the middle 19th century, coastal forts could be bastion forts, star forts, polygonal forts, or sea forts, the first three types often with detached gun batteries called "water batteries". Coastal defense weapons throughout history were heavy naval guns or weapons based on them, often supplemented by lighter weapons. In the late 19th century separate batteries of coastal artillery replaced forts in some countries; in some areas these became widely separated geographically through the mid-20th century as weapon ranges increased. The amount of landward defense provided began to vary by country from the late 19th century; by 1900 new US forts almost totally neglected these defenses. Booms were also usually part of a protected harbor's defenses. In the middle 19th century underwater minefields and later controlled mines were often used, or stored in peacetime to be available in wartime. With the rise of the submarine threat at the beginning

of the 20th century, anti-submarine nets were used extensively, usually added to boom defenses, with major warships often being equipped with them (to allow rapid deployment once the ship was anchored or moored) through early World War I. In World War I railway artillery emerged and soon became part of coastal artillery in some countries; with railway artillery in coast defense some type of revolving mount had to be provided to allow tracking of fast-moving targets.

Coastal artillery could be part of the Navy (as in Scandinavian countries, war-time Germany, and the Soviet Union), or part of the Army (as in English-speaking countries). In English-speaking countries, certain coastal artillery positions were sometimes referred to as 'Land Batteries', distinguishing this form of artillery battery from for example floating batteries. In the United Kingdom, in the later 19th and earlier 20th Centuries, the land batteries of the coastal artillery were the responsibility of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

In the United States, coastal artillery was established in 1794 as a branch of the Army and a series of construction programs of coastal defenses began: the "First System" in 1794, the "Second System" in 1804, and the "Third System" or "Permanent System" in 1816. Masonry forts were determined to be obsolete following the American Civil War, and a postwar program of earthwork defenses was poorly funded. In 1885 the Endicott Board recommended an extensive program of new U.S. harbor defenses, featuring new rifled artillery and minefield defenses; most of the board's recommendations were implemented. Construction on these was initially slow. Shortly thereafter, in 1907, American War of 1898. The field artillery and coast artillery into separate branches, creating a separate Coast Artillery Corps (CAC) The CAC was disbanded as a separate branch in 1950.



In the first decade of the 20th century, the United States Marine Corps established the Advanced Base Force. The force was used for setting up and defending advanced overseas bases, and its close ties to the Navy allowed it to man coast artillery around these bases.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Dotson's Other Note: When I joined the Army back in the 40s, I could have volunteered for the Coast Artillery Branch. I thought perhaps a few of you Moon Monkeys have never heard of this branch of the United States Army. This is something new or a stroll down memory lane. Which, is up to you. Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or dlewis1@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Tuesdays 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 hang around The Island long enough as the years roll on by you collect memories of Thanksgivings past and some of them fall into the category of Things You Just Can't Make Up. Here is one of those stories that has stuck with me for a decade.

Thanksgivings on our Island have always seemed a bit anticlimactic, after all every day on The Island is a day to be thankful for. When I first came to The Island we always had a Strays and Orphans Thanksgiving for those of us who didn't make the drive home for the holiday or who didn't like their relatives. Each year featured different dishes and usually some different faces as some went OTB and never came back and others arrived to take their place.

But one constant over the years seemed to be our friend Island Mel Snow who fancied himself a sort of South of The Mason-Dixon Gourmet who took on the chore of cooking whatever was to be done outside. One time it was lobster, another time it was quail, but for several years Mel floated the idea of frying up a turkey but somehow it just never quite happened, that is until it did. About ten years ago Mel, who now lives in Houston, and Kyle, who passed away this year, insisted that they knew how to fry up a fine bird and set about the task by setting up a propane cooker in the backyard on a cement slab about twenty by twenty.

It was a fine afternoon on Eaglesnest or Hawksnest, I can't remember. There were about thirty of us there and Mel was waxing philosophic on how much better his fried bird was going to be than those namby-pamby oven cooked birds that the poor old plebeians OTB had to choke down. He had a big old pot on the back patio and a quart or so of peanut oil and a bird that would barely fit in the pot. He described the intricacies and subtleties that only an expert bird fryer like Island Mel would know and we all nodded and wondered if Mel actually knew what he was doing. The answer came soon enough.

Thermal dynamics make my brain hurt

The first problem Island Mel encountered was calculation of volume - as in how much oil do we need. His second problem had to do with thermal dynamics and beer -he didn't know anything about thermal dynamics and he was drinking beer. When he poured the peanut oil into the giant pot it only filled about two inches up from the bottom. We pointed this out to Mel, but not to worry, Mel was an expert.

"When we put the turkey in it will squish it all the way to the top," he said, and we nodded but got our cell phones ready to shoot video of whatever was about to happen next. In went the bird but still the peanut oil barely made it up a third of the way and out came the turkey.

"We're gonna need more oil, Island Mel said, and we all agree because after all, Mel was the frying expert. Kyle was dispatched to Stripes but as it turned out lack of peanut oil was a common problem on our Island that day so he returned with oil of undetermined nature.

"It's all they had? Well, it'll have to do, doesn't matter anyway," Mel said.

"Hey Mel, don't different kinds of oil have different flash points."

"Who's frying this bird?"

"You are Island Mel."

"Well, okay then."

In went the new oil and up went the flame under the pot. Somewhere around about 160 degrees the smoke started.

"That's gonna make it taste so good!" Island Mel said, and we all agreed even as we fingered our cell phones in our pockets. Somewhere up around the high 200s the oil started to look like a witches brew, like maybe something was coming to life in there, and the smoke got thicker and we all took a big step back.

"Hey Mel, is it supposed to be smoking like that? Something doesn't look right."

"Turn up the burner Mel, I think that thing is ready to blast off!"

"It'll be fine once we get her up to 350," Mel said, and turned up the burner.

There would be no halfway measures on this Day of Thanksgiving. It was time for the big finish.

"Get the bird back out here," Mel said.

By this time word has spread through the crowd that Island Mel was playing with thermal dynamics and everybody was outside waiting to see what was going to happen next.

"He's gonna blast that bird into space!" someone said, and no one disagreed.

"Everybody stand back," Island Mel says as he hoists the bird of which the bottom part is charred due to the previous low-oil dunking. "Here she goes!" He drops the bird into the pot and the flames shoot high enough that they singe Island Mel's eyebrows.

"It's supposed to do that," Mel says as he takes a few steps back. "She's gonna cook now!"

But that's not what happened.

That baby's gonna blow!

I noticed that Mel had the garden hose in one hand but still clutched his Bud Light with the other and hadn't spilled a drop. When the heat's on Island Mel is cool as the back of the pillow. The flames had Island Mel surrounded and were sneaking up on him from behind. I remembered an old joke about the guy whose heels were on fire and his culo was catching.

"The bird is angry," someone screamed.

"Get the hose!" Island Mel said, and somebody did because, well, Island Mel had done this before and he was the expert. Mel began spraying the cement patio with water to put out the fire but instead of putting it out it pushed the flames out to the grass in the yard which started throwing up dark smoke and flame.

"Spray water on the house," somebody yelled, "It's gonna catch the house! Call the fire department."

"This happened once before," Mel said. "You got to contain the flames."

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"Hey Mel, your culo is catching," I yelled.

"Yea, it cool," Mel said. "It's cool."

But the fact is it wasn't cool at all. When Mel had successfully spread the fire from the cement on the patio to the grass in the yard it left a film of cooking oil, of undetermined nature, covering the cement and in the confusion Riley P. Dog had been the only one to keep his cool...or his culo for that matter...and he was licking up that tasty oil as fast as he could wag his tongue before anybody saw him. I just let him go, a dog with stomach problems was going to be the least of the problems if the house caught.

"Stamp it out!" somebody yelled and we all ran out into the back yard and started doing the duck step waddle like a bunch of dumb hicks trying to stamp out literacy before it spread to the village. I heard somebody curse in Spanish when they dropped their beer in the flames. Somebody had the good sense to shut off the propane but in the melee the pot full of what was left of the oil and the turkey got knocked over spreading even more oil on the patio where Riley P. Dog had his tongue in high gear working to keep up. After a few minutes of duck step waddling the backyard was put out and everybody headed toward the bar. The grass healed up pretty quick but the patio for years showed a charred black patina. Island Mel didn't have any eyebrows for a while and his face was kind of red for about a week, which was about how long it took for Riley P. Dog's innards to return to normal.

"Mel's right," we said. "Frying a turkey is a lot more fun than cooking one in the oven! Next year lets fry some mullet in a wheelbarrow!"

Have a happy Thanksgiving everybody.

Around from AI

five years and while that may be a bit optimistic in this case as they say...you got to start somewhere.

Beach vendors

Vendor spots on city beaches are available for the upcoming summer season. The licensing for beach vendors is divided into two seasons running from October-February and March - September and the rent for the summer season is by the month at \$250. The locations are by zone from North Packery south to the county park. The number of applicants in each zone is limited and if there are more applicants than spots a drawing is used. The successful

applicants must sell a "beach related" product, be self-contained, and must be off the beach by sundown each day. Successful Beach Bums hereabouts are defined as beach bums who pay for their own refreshments and this is a chance to move from small letters to capital letters for the devoted beach goer.

It's the holiday season here on our little sandbar as the tourists have gone home and the Winter Texans are stuck in snowdrifts somewhere OTB. It's time to start thinking about La Posada everybody and in the meantime stay warm out there and say hello if you see us Around The Island

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The Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

The water temperature is diving towards the 50's with this cold front, which has activated Dr. Philippe Tissot's team into action. The Texas Marine Cold-Water Response Collaborative (TCRC) is comprised of the Texas A&M University-CC's Conrad Blucher Institute (CBI), the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), Texas Parks and Wildlife Kills and Spills Team, the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA), and other partners. Low water temperatures (below 46.4F) will affect sea turtles and our fisheries in our bay systems. The smaller turtles are the first things to be affected, and you loyal readers have read about the massive cold stunning events the past couple of years. The saving grace of this cold front is that hopefully everything out there in the water is finding thermal refuge as I type this.

Dr. Philippe's group is now using data from the National Weather Service, as well as the data that they collect from the hydrographic stations up and down the coast in a computer program that utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) to predict these cold stunning events 4 days prior. Their computer models are becoming increasingly accurate, to the point that the NWS is using their predictions in weather bulletins as well. So, when the computer says that there is going to be a freeze, then the news goes out on the wire. The GICA is notified and asked to suspend barge traffic in the Intracoastal for the duration of the freeze. Based on what happened last year, we will also be asking them for an additional block of time after the freeze for the fish to climatize. While they did stop last year, they started again too soon, and thousands of fish were killed. We know that stoppage caused them delays which cost them money, but the resource is still fragile from the past freezes and we appreciate their partnership. I have not heard of any turtles stranding this

week, but it wouldn't surprise me if there are a few down around the Yarbrough area that are lethargic at best. Due to the north winds, turtles that strand tend to pile up there, and in the "Gutter" and "Badlands" area, so if you're boating through there, we could use a field report. That area is the canary-in-the-coalmine, but turtles can strand just about anywhere. Call 361-949-8173 ext. 226 to report a stranded sea turtle in our area.

The word is out about the fishing in the canals when it gets cold. Yes, there can be a lot of fish, and some hot action. Please remember that our resources are finite and take it easy on the future populations. Flounder is still closed, so you can't retain those until December 14th and the trout regulations are still the 17-23" slot with three fish limits. While it may be tempting to load up on fish, consider catching and releasing these fish seeking thermal refuge. If the next cold front knocks the temperature down below the threshold, the PIPOA canals will be shut down by TPWD.

The traffic both on the Island and OTB is ramping up to holiday levels again. Make sure to leave early and have patience. And for goodness sakes, don't cut off the UPS, mail, and FedEx trucks. I see it happen all the time and it blows my mind. People, they're bringing us our stuff, why do you want to slow them down? I think they should almost be treated like emergency vehicles; let them through! Speaking of packages, everyone needs to keep on the look out for the Island Package Bandits (IPB's). I'm really not sure how these people go year after year and don't get caught or publicly flogged. There are some creative "porch pirate trap" videos out there on the web that will give you some ideas. Y'all stay warm, have a great Turkey Day, drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you next week On the Rocks.

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures

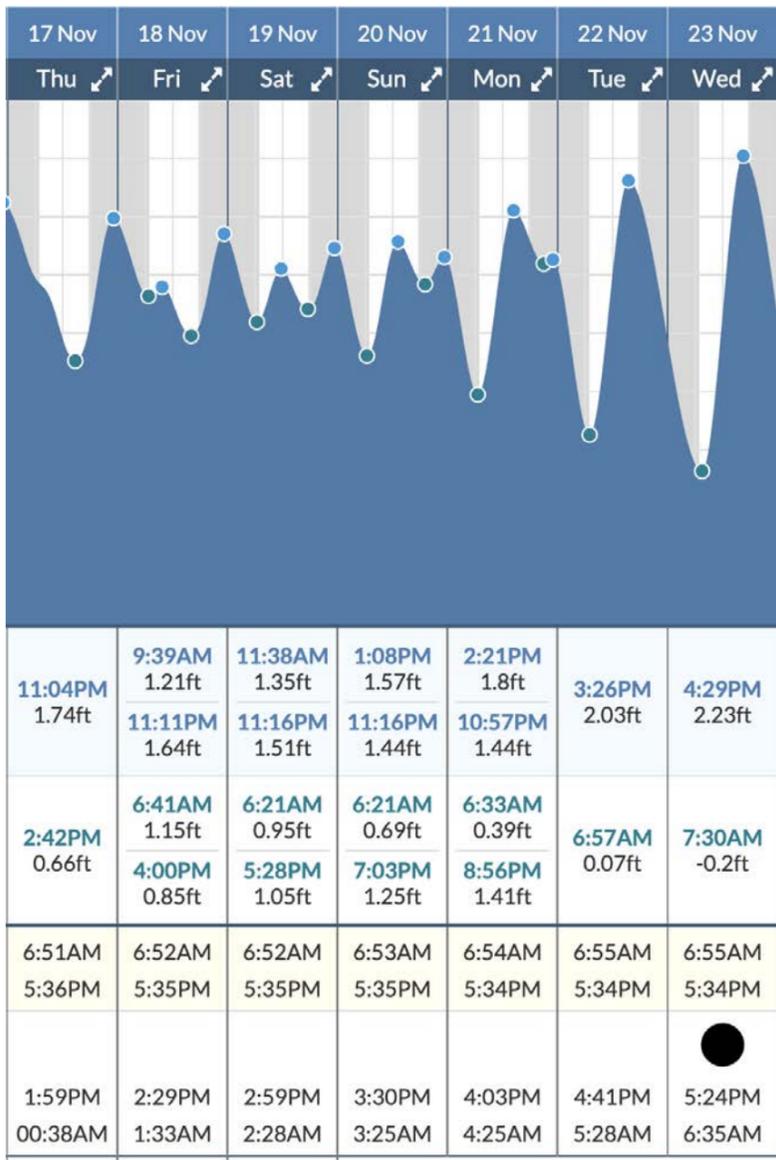


Look for some great trout fishing as soon as temperatures warm up into the 70's. Trout like this one will be aggressively eating baitfish in preparation for the next cold snap.

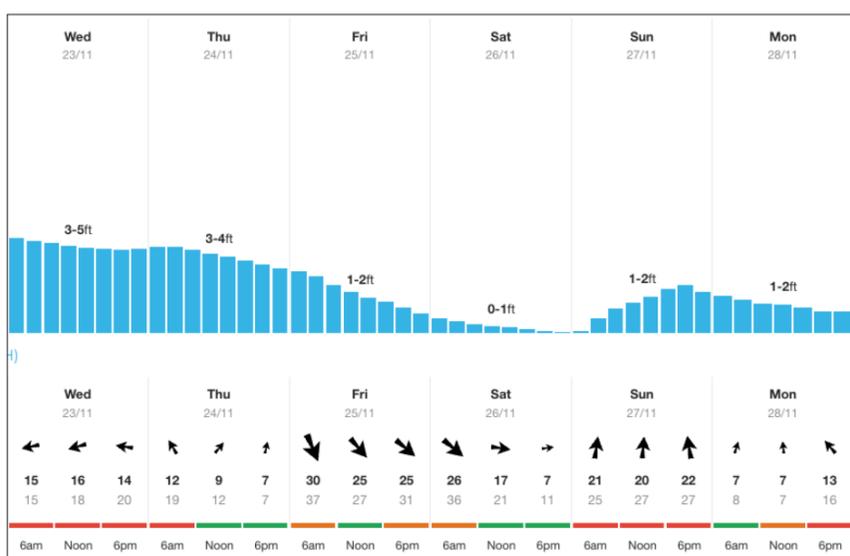


This week has seen gamefish dive into deeper water with the cold temperatures. This redfish came from a deep canal on live shrimp.

Tides of the Week



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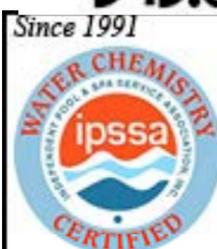


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Nature Notes

Orioles

By Adam Trujillo



Altamira Oriole

Photo by Mike Williams.

Have you ever heard of an Oriole? No, not the black and white cookie. Orioles are colorful birds that eat berries, fruit, insects, and nectar. These birds are not only interesting to look at, they also have an intriguing natural history. To start, there is a distinction between Old World Orioles and New World Orioles. Old World Orioles are in the family Oriolidae, which contains Figbirds, Pitohuis, and Orioles like the Black-naped Oriole, the Brown Oriole, and the Green Oriole, to name a few. These birds are distributed across Africa, Europe, Asia, and Australia. While similar diets, sizes, behaviors might link them to New World Orioles, there are contrasting plumage colors and patterns and genetic differences which split the group into two different families.

Nine New World Oriole species can regularly be seen in North America, with some pushing into Canada and the Caribbean. These are Scott's Oriole, Audubon's Oriole, Altamira Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Black-backed Oriole, Black-cowled Oriole, Black-vented Oriole, Bullock's Oriole, Hooded Oriole, Orchard Oriole, Spot-breasted Oriole, and Streak-backed Oriole.

These orioles are closely related to blackbirds, which puts them in the family Icteridae, along with Cowbirds and Grackles. Male orioles are identified as having some combination of black and yellow-orange, red-orange plumages with white markings, a sharp beak, a long tail, and a complex song. Females and immature birds are, generally, a duller type of yellow, with some black.

Here in the Texas Gulf Coast, there are no resident (year-round) orioles, but during the spring migration season you can bet that Baltimore

and Orchard Orioles will be flying through. If you're really lucky, potentially a Bullock's Oriole might fly through, but that is a rarity. If you travel to other parts of Texas or nearby states, you might be able to see other Oriole species. Down in the Rio Grande Valley I was fortunate to see an Altamira Oriole, in New Mexico I got my first Bullock's Oriole, and in Southern California where I'm from, I've been fortunate enough to see a Hooded Oriole. There is something just awe-inspiring about seeing an oriole, whether it's your first Hooded or 100th Baltimore, it never gets old. They are truly unmistakable too, even if you have to look through a guide book to know what kind of oriole you saw, you still know that you are looking for an oriole.

During the right season, Orioles are a common bird to find at your birdfeeders if the right food is put out. They won't be attracted by seeds like some other birds. They mostly eat insects, but are also quite partial to fruit and nectar. So, if you stick an orange wedge onto a branch, or even leave out some smooth grape jelly, there's a good chance an oriole will go after it. To increase your chances of seeing one, putting out oriole feeders in late March, early April will attract early spring migrants. And you can keep them out until late fall to attract any moving south.

Seeing an oriole is truly unmistakable and breathtaking. They may not be as flashy as some warblers or as colorful as a bunting, but an oriole is definitely high on my list of migrant birds to see. Even if you aren't a huge birder, you can't help but smile when you see an oriole, truly one of a kind.

History from AI

Spain in 1527 to seek their fortune in the New World. On their voyage to Florida by way of Santo Domingo a Moorish woman had predicted that few of the men who went ashore would survive and anyone who did survive would be blessed by God who would perform great miracles through them. By November of 1534 the four survivors had arrived on the Isle of Misfortune and had little to be thankful for other than their simple and unlikely survival.

They talked with a "click" On the blustery night of November 4, 1528 a group of Karankawa Indians were huddled around the hearths of their open-sided wigwams on the Isle of Misfortune sheltering from the violent storm which was upon them. As they had always done they migrated to the Texas Coast each fall, leaving behind the long hot summers of the upland river valleys where they ate fruits and seeds and hunted the bison. They came to the barrier Islands, now called Galveston, Mustang, and Padre, where fish and cattail roots would keep them fed through the season of the Blue Norther. The Karankawas had seen passing Spanish ships on the horizon but they were now about to come face to face with the Spaniards for the first time. The Karankawas were later described by the Europeans as tall and angular people, unlike the builds of the squat, thicker Indians they would later encounter inland. Little is known of the Karankawa culture as they left little behind in the way of structures or writings. Their unusual appearance and the peculiar "click" which was part of their language and was also peculiar to the tribes of the African shore has lead modern linguists to speculate that their origins may have been from that part of the world. Their origin is still the subject of speculation.

As the storm abated the Karankawas set about their business; the men inspected fishing traps set along the Laguna Madre, others waded out with their bows ready to shoot the large black drum and sheepshead that came to shelter in the calm shallows. The women searched for fresh water and uprooted the tubers which the tribe ate for their starch, and searched the beach for driftwood for fires. It was there they first sighted something rising and falling with the sea as it came closer to them and their shore. It was a boat much larger than the canoes they knew and the children were dispatched to tell the men of the approaching boat which by now they had realized was filled with men.

The first Thanksgiving Now, six years later, in November of 1534 only four of the original shipload of men ad survived to make their way to South Texas. Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, Andrés Dorantes de Carranza, Alonso del Castillo Maldonado, and an black Moroccan Berber slave named Esteban (later called Estevanico) who had made the Atlantic crossing in bondage, had seen much hardship and suffering at the hands of the elements and the cannibalistic Karankawa. They were trying to get to the Spanish settlements in Mexico.

The four had survived thus far by making themselves valuable to the Karankawas along the coast by gathering wood and performing whatever task they could find to stay in the good graces of their captors. Six years of living among the Indians left them little but their survival to be thankful for but had taught them a few things about life among the Karankawas and their roles had eventually evolved to that of shamans whose charms were valuable to the primitive coastal peoples. Cabeza de Vaca's account of his journey, Shipwrecks, would later fascinate Europe. It told stories of shamanism, miracles, and how the four survivors became the first celebrities of the New World, celebrated from the Indian campfires of the Texas plains to the court of the Spanish King. How it came to be should be regarded as cause for the first Thanksgiving story of the New World.

The season of the tunas

Castillo and Esteban, who were kept together among the Iguace band of the Tonkawa Indians, began to work as "doctors" among the Indians as early as 1533. De Vaca did the same among the Karankawas with whom he lived. The American Indians, unlike their Spanish visitors who were fresh off the Inquisition, were tolerant of other belief systems and were inclined to incorporate other religious practices into their own. The Indians found comfort in the incantations and rituals which the Spaniards brought with them from their training in the Catholic Church. Their acceptance as shamans was helped by the long blonde beards of the Spaniards and the "sunburned" skin of Esteban which made them mysterious to the Indians.

Each year in the late summer the scattered bands of the Karankawas gathered in the area just south of the Nueces River. Their daily wanderings took them from the mainland to the island in search of food, but as the days grew shorter they migrated to the inland prairies in search of the ubiquitous prickly pear cactus which grew there. It was during this time of year when the tunas fruit of the prickly pear ripened to a bright red and became the staple of the Indian diet.

"It was the best time of year for these people," Dorantes later told the Mexican Audiencia. "For, although they have almost nothing else to eat other than these prickly pears and a few snails they search for, they fill their bellies day and night. That makes them very happy, because for the rest of the year they waste away from hunger."

The first Thanksgiving

It was also the only time of year when the four Spaniards who lived apart, got to see each other and in the Prickly Pear Season of 1533 they had begun to plan their escape. Now in autumn of 1534 it was now time to move. As the new September moon waxed they bided their time until its full face would shine its light on the trails they would follow to the place of rendezvous they had agreed on. The tunas season was winding down but would provide sustenance for the four as they fled their captors. As the four men gathered they made their decision. "And so, Oviendo recorded, "believing that it were better to do their duty as Christians and as noblemen, which each of them was, than to live like godless savages, they entrusted themselves to Our Lord" and fled. "And Jesus Christ in his infinite mercy guided them, showing them the paths they should follow, while God tamed the wild hearts of the indomitable savages."

As so it was they rushed headlong into the brush country of South Texas with no idea of where they were going or how they would get there. With fear driving them forward at the end of the first day of their journey Oviendo later recorded, "It pleased the Mother of God that the very same day at sunset, they came upon some Indians of the kind they had hoped for. They were very gentle and although they had heard something of the Christians, they know nothing of how badly we had been treated. This was a very good thing from the point of view from a bunch of sinners."

By now the end of November was approaching and the three Spaniards and the former slave were free of their captors and headed out across the South Texas flatlands. They had plenty to be thankful for in what history will record was almost one hundred years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock and was in fact, the first Thanksgiving in North America – if not in record at least in deed.

Next issue: The wanderers become the first celebrities in the New World.

Rattling Deer To The Longbow

By Doc Tom



The temperature has finally dropped and in Goliad County the rut is now in full swing. The rut is when the boys start chasing girls and just like in humans they throw caution to the wind and fight with each other like crazy over one maiden or another. This makes for an opportunity for hunters that is often not otherwise available. Bucks will be susceptible to coming to a fake fight put on by hunters that know how to do such a thing.

Many hunters do not really understand how to set up such a thing so what follows is how I have dialed it in over the last 30 years. First thing is you need to be in an area that has a tight buck to doe ratio preferably 1 to 1 or better. This creates competition for does and some serious fighting sometimes even fatal occurs in this situation. You need a good set of rattling horns from a previous harvest preferably a big 8 or even 10 point that has the main beams pushing outward, this alleviates hand and finger pinch when clashing horns together and is very important. Next is good camo that does not create a blob effect and consideration to scent control like a scent spray and proper orientation to the wind when approaching the area.

Weapon choice is up to the hunter, I prefer the longbow or recurve, for archery gear it has the advantage of quick shooting and includes ability to shoot moving animals which is tough with sights and a compound. Firearms with open sights are also a fairly easy way to be successful. A grunt call is a must in my opinion, I like the rubber true talker best but there are several on the market that work. If you are rattling a pair of gloves helps protect against inadvertent smashes of the hands.

Finding an area with a concentration of rutting and fighting activity helps with success. Accessing this area into the wind, usually at least a couple of 100 yards from your buggy or truck is key. Then we ease in single file, find an area with a few openings and some clearing

between rattler and the shooter. In areas with a spooky deer herd or pressure I station the shooter 60 yards down wind of the rattler. In areas with little pressure it is better to be closer like 30 yards down wind.

I will select an area shady side of a nice V or hole in the brush that allows me to see in many directions and draw before the deer would enter my lane. We can break brush with no worries to find a hole because the rattling sequence includes brush crashing and is part of the act. Once ready a quail bird whistle to your partner and the sequence starts with grunting, snort wheezing and pounding the ground with brush breaking then a slow increase from tickling the horns to loud crashing and brush breaking and stomping while watching for the incoming bucks.

Usually they come in hard but sometimes sneaking, if you as the shooter see them coming you have to quickly decide shooter or not? Once you decide you will have a brief opportunity to close the deal. If you hunt with a compound you need to draw before they get to an opening hopefully in the proper position and grunt them to stop and putting your pin in the 10 ring and dropping the string. The longbow you can swing with them and shoot them in stride realizing you need a slight lead shooting directly at the shoulder usually places it in the chest. Using a gun is using a gun and simplifies things. Be careful not to shoot the rattler or any other team mates know where everyone is when the whistle to start occurs so to speak.

The boys and I have succeeded in arrowing 4 deer in this fashion and I have been the shooter each time as luck would have it. Success rates are still low but every time is exciting, success or not and bringing several bucks in full charge is a hoot and I highly recommend.

Hope you guys have a great Turkey Day!

Doc Tom

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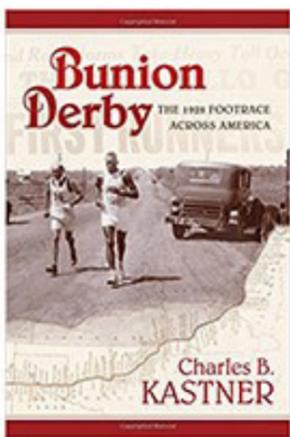
Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



The Bunion Derby

By Dotson Lewis



Dotson's Note: For generations, the 1920s have provided fodder for authors. The super-hyped sensationalism of those ballyhooed years seems a bottomless pool of entertaining topics. The decade of Lindbergh, Valentino, Capone, and Ruth, of flappers, Mah Jong, crossword puzzles, and marathon dances, also produced the Bunion Derby, a marathon footrace across America. It is to his credit that author Charles Kastner not only uncovered this nearly forgotten story, but also that he treats it with respect, for it would have been easy to dismiss the derby as just another 1920s phenomenon, no more significant than flagpole sitting. Kastner book, Bunion Derby, was first published in 2007. This book, author, and the race itself are the focus of this article. Thanks to Charles B. Kastner, Bill Morgan and the University of New Mexico Press, for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Bunion Derby

Charles C. Pyle* had a knack for get-rich-quick schemes, some of which actually worked. His shrewdest deal had him signing Harold "Red" Grange to a contract as a business partner and as deputy director of the Bunion Derby. Among the celebrities of the time, perhaps only Lindbergh outshined Grange, still considered by many the greatest football player of the 20th century.

Pyle conceived the Bunion Derby as a 3,400-mile, 84-day race from Los Angeles to New York, the bulk of it along the new Route 66, which was mostly still unpaved. Pyle would not only provide prize money to the top 10 finishers, he had also set up tent camps for runners, fed them, coerced local chambers of commerce to pay for the privilege of the great spectacle to come through their towns, and arranged for nightly carnivals where admission-paying locals could rub shoulders with Grange, mingle with The Turtle boy and other oddities, and consort with young women of apparently multiple talents.



One hundred ninety-nine men started the race, among them some of the world's outstanding runners and walkers, along with a host of others who held little chance of winning but were long on hope. Enduring desert heat, icy winds, and heart-straining elevation gains, only 55 made it to New York, led by a young, unknown Oklahoma farm boy named Andy Payne, who demonstrated the wisdom of slow, steady pacing. Payne won handily and became a hero in his home state, where a stretch of Highway 66 was named Andy Payne Boulevard.

Pyle's moneymaking scheme proved to be a bust. Chambers of commerce balked at making payments. Communities disallowed his racy carnivals. Thousands lined roads to watch the runners, but refused to pay for the privilege. Red Grange dutifully showed up every day, but even he could not bring in the dollars. The quality of life in the runners' tent city deteriorated; the food became inadequate. Soon it became apparent that only those runners with the means of feeding themselves and securing dry rooms at day's end had a real chance at

victory. But in a sense, Pyle was always only a side-show at his own event. The strength of Kastner's book is its human focus. The author has dug deeply in community archives and local newspapers, to develop biographical sketches of nearly all the runners. While it is easy to laugh at Pyle, the men who made the run were strong, modest, and dedicated to the task of completing the event.

The bulk of Kastner's book is a day-by-day accounting of the race. Here you see the tactics and strategies played out. There were the hares, intent on winning stage races, building insurmountable leads, playing off the cheers of crowds. There were the walkers, certain that no one could run across a continent and that the race would eventually come to them. And then there were those who were confident that their bodies could hold up to the rigors of daily 30- to 60-mile jogs. Included in the latter group were South African Arthur Newton, the greatest distance runner of his generation; Peter Gavuzzi, a chain-smoker from England; and Payne. Severe injuries eventually forced Newton and Gavuzzi to withdraw, and Payne won by averaging 10-minute miles over every type of terrain imaginable.

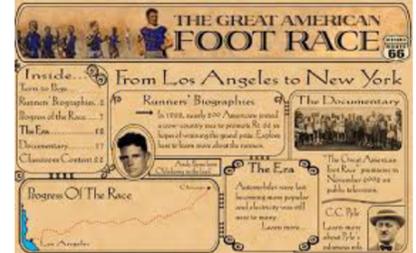
Within the story of the athletic contest, Kastner weaves a tale of the times, particularly that of Seattle's legendary distance runner, Edward "the Sheik" Gardner, so nicknamed because of a trademark towel tied around his head, flowing behind him as he powered through distance races with seemingly effortless form.



Gardner might have been the most talented runner of the group. He won more stage races, some at startling speeds. But even his magnificent body could not recover daily, and he also struggled through excruciatingly slow days of near-walking, as he limped through injuries, eventually finishing eighth, 86 hours behind Payne.

But the real story of Gardner and the four other African Americans in the derby was the racism they encountered as they wound their way through Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, in the form of catcalls, slurs, segregated dining and housing, and even death threats. That they continued to compete, even winning stage races against whites despite threats from bystanders, is a testament to their athletic abilities and their belief that on the dusty roads of Route 66, at least, all were equals. The African American press made Gardner into something of a hero, and when he returned home to Seattle, local residents raised funds for his new house. It was nice to hear that story about Seattle's residents.

*Charles C. Pyle, often called Cash and Carry Pyle, was a Champaign-Urbana, Illinois theater owner and sports agent.



Dotson's Other Note: It would have been easy to caricature these men and their obscure passion, but Kastner sees them for what they truly were: among the world's outstanding athletes on a quest to test the limits of their physical and mental abilities. You come away knowing these men. And you care. And what on one hand is light beach reading is at the same time an entrée into the human spirit. Had any of you Moon Monkeys previously heard of the Bunion Derby?



By Andy Purvis

Two Fingers and a Thumb

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield once said, "To be a comedian you have to get on stage and find out if you're funny." We never know how good we can be until we try. You may have never heard the names Dick Weber or Earl Anthony. These two achieved greatness, if only for a moment in time, but a moment most of us will never get close to. But once in awhile, a guy comes along who knocks down all the obstacles that others have put in his way. If you ever wanted to build the perfect bowler, you would point at this guy and say, "Just give me him." He was big for his sport, a powerful guy who stood 6' 1" tall and weighed over 200 pounds. He was a high-energy guy, like owning a pet. Some said he was so lucky he could walk between raindrops. His family was dirt poor and he grew up in a town where everyone had the same thing, nothing. He was also cocky, the kind of guy who would buzz the flight tower if he were a jet fighter pilot. During competition, he developed the personality of a concentration camp guard. Like a comedian, he needed the crowd approval like a new puppy needs petting. In his sport, it was not so much what you do but how you do it and some said he could concentrate until his eyes melted into one. You either liked him or loathed him.

This guy loved attention so much he would have changed his name to Ann Landers just to be mentioned in the newspaper. He would stop at nothing to win. He had incredible focus and drive, was a good all-around athlete and fearless. He was a right-handed powerhouse with an awkward delivery. He stood stoop-shouldered and did the unthinkable by bending his elbow on his backswing and pulling the ball back around his stomach, then pushing it forward. No one could copy him, and they all tried. Some said he got into his opponents' heads like a bad sinus infection. All he did was win. A lot of people don't want to be different and, if they are, they hide it so no one judges them badly.

My dad once told me I had a better chance of striking oil in my backyard, finding a buried treasure, or hitting the lottery jackpot, than of bowling a perfect game. Don Carter did not invent bowling, but you could not have convinced me otherwise. If it weren't for Don Carter, we would more than likely never have heard of Dick Weber or Earl Anthony.

With two fingers and a thumb, Carter changed a blue-collar sport into a permanent fixture on prime time television. During the fifties, baseball had Willie Mays, football had Johnny Unitas, and bowling had Don Carter. Donald James Carter was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 29, 1926. He grew up on the mean streets of town playing ball, baseball that is. Most of his time was spent in the infield, except when he was asked to pitch. Two of his American Legion teammates owned names you would recognize, Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola. In 1944, after graduating from Wellston High School, he served a two-year stint in the United States Navy as a radar man in the South Pacific. He was relieved of duty in 1946 and came home to St. Louis. Carter signed a Minor League contract to play for the Philadelphia Phillies, but it was not to be. During his first season of Class-D League baseball, Don found out he couldn't hit Major League pitching. He headed back to St. Louis again and got a job at Golden Eagle Lanes, sweeping lanes, setting pins, and tending bar. He practiced every chance he got; he had always loved bowling. You see, as a child, Don's family struggled financially and money was always tight. His mother surprised him on his thirteenth birthday by purchasing for him one game of bowling for the price of thirteen cents. "Looking back on it now, that was the biggest birthday present of my life," said Don. Professional bowling, not baseball, would be his life-long calling.

He participated in one of the oldest sports in history, bowling. The game itself has a long and rich history dating back to England in the 1300's, and some say there are possibilities that some form of the game existed during ancient Egyptian and Roman times. In his story about Rip Van Winkle, American writer Washington Irving mentions the sound of "crackling nine-pins."

It wasn't until 1951, when a company called Gottfried Schmidt invented the modern day pinsetter machine that the sport of bowling took off in the United States. Now, it is estimated that 95 million people in over 90

countries participate in bowling on a weekly basis. Lots of athletes have invested in bowling alleys in the past. Most athletes, like Johnny Damon, now just build their own lanes in their home. Mickey Mantle Lanes was located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Did you know that the White House has its own built-in bowling alley?

Beer is as much a part of bowling as blowing on your fingers. In 1951, Don joined the Pfeiffer Beer Team from Detroit, Michigan. They won the 1953 Open Championship. After moving back to St. Louis again, in 1956, he joined the Budweiser Bowling Team. This team won four straight National Team Match Games (1956-1959). The 1958 team set an American Bowling Congress (ABC) League Series record for a five-man team, by scoring 3,858 points. This record stood for 35 years. His partners in crime were Ray Bluth, Dick Weber, Tom Hennessey, and Pat Patterson.

In 1953, Don met and married female bowler, LaVerne Haverly. They divorced in 1973. Don then married another professional female bowler, Paula Sperber, who had won the 1971 U.S. Women's Open. Both his wives ended up elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

The very first "Superstar" of professional bowling was Don Carter. After having learned the game as a child, Don went on at the age of 32, to become the founding member and first president of the Professional Bowling Association (PBA) in 1958. Before that, all he did was win numerous tournaments in single competition and in team play. He won seven PBA titles, including the 1960 National Championship. He won four titles and \$49,000 in 1960 alone, while neighborhood bowling alleys sprang up in every small town in the USA. He was chosen Bowler of the Year six times and was voted the Greatest Bowler of All-Time in a 1970 bowling magazine poll. Even though he has not bowled since 1972, he is still ranked 11th on the PBA list of top 50 bowlers from the last 50 years. In 1964, Don Carter, a ten-pin bowling legend, was the first professional athlete from any sport to sign a one-million-dollar endorsement deal; it was with Ebonite International, a bowling ball manufacturer. Carter also won four out of nine All-Star tournaments. He won five World International events in a six-year span and he won the ABC Masters title.

Television shows like *Jackpot Bowling*, *Make That Spare* and *Championship Bowling* were watched by millions of people. By 1962, an incredible 32 events were scheduled in prime time.

Don Carter achieved many firsts in his chosen sport. He became the first bowler to win every possible major tournament in his career. He's the first bowler to have a tournament named after him. He was inducted into the American Bowling Congress (ABC) Hall of Fame in 1970, the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Hall of Fame in 1975, and he has written two books, entitled *10 Secrets of Bowling* and *Bowling The Pro Way*. Carter also bowled five "800 Series," 13 perfect games and six "299 games" in sanctioned events. One of the advantages of the game of bowling is that while most sports are not conducive to the elderly, it is possible to play this game well into old age.

Don Carter was forced to retire from competitive bowling in 1972 because of a bad knee. "I really don't think anyone under the age of 65 remembers me. I'm really big with senior citizens," laughed Carter.

Don owned a chain of bowling alleys and a clothing line of bowling apparel. He loved golf and painting and did charity work on behalf of abused kids. He did not like public speaking or flying airplanes, therefore he stayed close to home after retirement. In 1980, Carter's star was dusted off by appearing in Miller Brewing Company's award-winning commercials for Miller Lite beer.

Don Carter, "Mr. Bowling," a true pioneer and legend of his sport, died at his home in Miami, Florida, on Thursday night, January 5, 2012. He had suffered from pneumonia and emphysema. He was 85 years old. Carter is survived by wife, Paula, two sons Jim and John, a daughter Caycee, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." Don Carter was the best.

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From the Island Moon archives...this is incoming District 4 City Councilman Dan Suckley in the November 21, 2008 issue of the Island Moon. The American Bank on Padre Island purchased these aluminum turtles decorated by local artists as part of a fundraiser.

Black Swans in Flour Bluff!



Eight years ago on Thanksgiving these guys were the talk of Coastal Bend bird watchers. It's not every day the we see a herd (yes, that's the right word) of Black Swans in these parts but these guys have taken up residence in the brackish water of the Laguna Madre along Laguna Shores road of late.

The species is native to Australia and the Coastal Bend Chapter of the Audubon Society says these guys probably were brought to the area by humans and escaped.

"It is next to impossible that they migrated here from Australia," said David Newstead, Conservation Director for the local Audubon Society. "We also had some a reported last year in Oso Bay, but they are extremely rare in this area."

Black Swan are so rare, in fact at one point in history they were not believed to exist at all,

that the phrase "black swan" derives from a Latin expression "rara avis in terris nigroque simillima cygno" ("a rare bird in the lands and very much like a black swan." Black Swan Theory denotes an event that denotes a set of conclusions that is potentially undone once any of its fundamental postulates is disproved. In this case, the observation of a single black swan would be the undoing of the logic of any system of thought, as well as any reasoning that followed from that underlying logic. So the sighting of these black swans along Laguna Shores has set the Flour Bluff intellectual community abuzz.

Black Swans prefer brackish water and tidal mudflats with underwater vegetation and are monogamous breeders so we're not sure how that applies to this trio. All we can say for sure is that eight years ago the Black Swans returned to Flour Bluff.

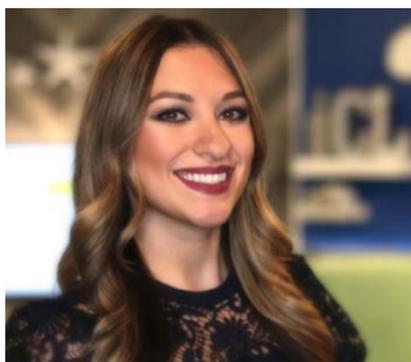
La Posada cont from A1

The La Posada Kickoff Party is set for Thursday, December 1, at HardKnocks Sports Bar & Grill where a silent and a live auction will be held which includes a four-wheel drive vehicle, and tickets to the Las Vegas Raiders vs. San Francisco 49ers on New Year's Day, a scooter, and a kayak. The doors for the party open at 6 p.m. and entry is free for those who bring an unwrapped toy. Live music will be by the band Dreaming in Color featuring Debra Scott Brown.

Last day to register your boat

The last day to register a boat for the La Posada parades is Saturday, December 3. Getting your boat registered for the parade is a simple one-stop process. Registration forms are available on The Island at Ace Hardware, IGA Island Market, and Hardknocks Sports Bar & Grill. Simply walk in and fill out the form and file it there

Or to register by email contact Bob Corbett, the 2022 Boat Parade Captain, at bob.corbett895@gmail.com and he will send you the forms which can be filed out and submitted. You can also get the forms at the event website at laposadafoundation.org. There is no fee to enter. There will be a captains meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, December 5, at the Padre Island Yacht Club.



Clarissa Serna and the cast from the Coastal Living program on KRIS 6 TV will be on the collector boat **You Never Know** during the Friday Parade which will run from the JFK Causeway through the north end of the Island canal system.

For parade routes and a boat entry form see Page 4 in this issue of the Island Moon.

Event organizers are hoping the presence of a weatherman will mean balmy climes for the parades in spite of Nelson's bravery as he violates the first rule of television; never work with kids or dogs.



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

It has been a quiet week at the PIPOA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good News- The first advisory committee meeting regarding a new bridge and causeway off the Island was conducted on Monday, November 21. I am a member of this committee. The committee has been organized by Ted Mandel with the support and assistance of State Representative Todd Hunter. TX Dot is the entity that would be responsible for obtaining funding and constructing a new causeway/bridge. There is a meeting scheduled between TX Dot and the committee next month. The process of getting a new way off the Island will take years. The guestimates include 10-20 years. The good news is the process is getting started. A big thank you to Ted and Todd for getting the ball rolling. Stay tuned.

Thanksgiving- The PIPOA wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous visit with family. Thanksgiving is a special time to give thanks for our blessings. The PIPOA office will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

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

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

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The Island Moon traveled with The Blue Family (Jeff, Robin, Mary-Elizabeth and Palmer) to Anguilla, an island in the eastern Caribbean Sea, where they will celebrate Thanksgiving with their daughter who is attending medical school at the American University of the Caribbean in Saint Maarten.



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Culinary Parlor Tricks

By *Chris Jordan*

It's time to prep for the asparagus. Bring generously salted water to a boil: two quarts for every bunch of asparagus. You'll want to cut-off whatever portion of the bottom of the spears makes you happy. Just be aware there is always that one dinner guest who won't eat all of the spear no matter where you cut it. Reduce the heat to keep your water at a simmer until you're ready to toss the asparagus in.

Making hollandaise is a scary proposition, right? Nope. It's easy. People have been putting forth easy hollandaise methods at least as early as Julia Child's blender method was introduced. Put the following in either a blender, a food processor, or a cup for use with an immersion blender: one large egg yolk, one teaspoon freshly-squeezed lemon juice, one teaspoon cold water, a pinch of salt, and a pinch of cayenne. Melt one stick of unsalted butter in a pan on the stove and let it heat until it has started to bubble properly over most of its surface. You need it to be hot but not browning. This happens quickly, so look out. Now with the blender or whatever running, add all the hot butter in a slow stream. Voila! Hollandaise! Your sauce can just hang-out at room temp until you're ready for it.

Melt another stick of butter in a sauté pan with a good pinch of salt, leave on lowest heat. You're going to put a pint of jumbo lump blue crab meat in there and toss it around just as you're plating your *Steak Oscar*.

Drop your asparagus into your salted water, cover the pot, and turn off the heat. Your asparagus will be ready to hit the colander as soon as you're ready to put it on the plate. This is just a real handy way to get your asparagus cooked just right each and every time.

Take your steaks out of the bath and the bags. Pat them dry with a paper towel. In a skillet large enough to accommodate your steaks without crowding, heat a ¼ inch of olive oil on high until it has just started to smoke. Place the steaks in the skillet and let the sear one minute each side. This should yield a lovely browned surface. Remember, we're not trying to cook the steaks here, the water bath did that. We're just looking for some *maillard reaction*.

Time to drain the asparagus and toss the crab. That crab does not need to be cooked. You're just looking to warm it up and get some butter on it. Now you can plate this anyway you want but the most straightforward way would be to stack the steak, asparagus, sauce, and crab meat in that order. I also recommend this be served with your favorite mashed potatoes. Joël Robuchon's totally slap so try that. Maybe next time try your hand at bearnaise sauce instead. It's very similar to hollandaise but uses shallot and tarragon-infused vinegar instead of lemon juice. Plus you get to garnish with a cute little sprig of fresh tarragon.



Steak Oscar



King Oscar II

The cooking world harbors many spectacular shortcuts and tricks. Several of my favorites can be utilized in the creation of one particular dish.

1897 was a great year. It gave us *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus* and an important namesake food. King Oscar II ruled both Sweden and Norway for some time at the turn of the century and the dude was very into food. Royal permission was given to the industrialist Christian Bjelland to use the king's likeness on canned fish, thus was born King Oscar Sardines. Oscar also had a searing penchant for beef, asparagus, crustaceans, and rich sauces. And so another namesake food item was created in his honor: *Veal Oscar* combined them all. Consider it a given that this king — like most of his royal contemporaries — suffered from gout.

The original dish was sautéed veal with a not-necessarily-specified emulsified butter sauce, shellfish meat, and garnished with asparagus. Various crustaceans may have been featured including crab, lobster, and crayfish. The meal has since evolved into the greatest steak dish of all time, *Steak Oscar*. Besides the switch from veal to tenderloin, not much has changed. We as a Steak Oscar-loving people have mostly settled on Bearnaise sauce and crab meat. The asparagus is still in there too. Let's break it down component by component.

If you're not cooking your steak with a combination of *sous vide* and sear, you gotta start. For the uninitiated, *sous vide* is French for "under vacuum". This only refers to vacuum-sealing food in a plastic bag. The actual cooking is done in a water bath, the temperature of which is precisely controlled with an *immersion circulator*. The whole point is you can never over- or undercook the steak using this method. I started my *sous vide* journey with a crude system of food in zipper bags and a pot of hot water. I regulated the temperature of the water with a little help from Rube Goldberg. But look, skip all that jazz and just get yourself a proper vacuum sealer/immersion circulator rig. You can get both on the super cheap for fifty bucks total.

You may already be familiar with the fairly recent innovation of the *reverse sear*. The technique I present here is a version of that. Bring your water bath to 130°. This is my go-to temp for rendering a perfect steak on the rare side of medium-rare. Season your tenderloin with salt and pepper and put them each individually into their own vacuum bag. If you put more than one steak in a bag, you're effectively making one larger steak mass and that will mess with the way it cooks. You need to leave your steak in the water bath one hour for every inch of thickness. Longer is OK, it can't overcook!

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Moon Crossword

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Across

- Workforce addition
- Barrels
- Trim
- Minor leader?
- ___ Gay
- Dry as a bone
- 1966 science fiction thriller
- Exclamation of mild disapproval
- Stead
- Prohibit
- Memo header
- ___-free: travelers' delight
- List ender, sometimes
- Loses verticality
- Blood bank supply
- The Earth's seven
- Gas for the theater district
- In the black
- 1975 science fiction adventure film
- Poetry's muse
- Heroic narrative
- Many a football stadium
- Homegrown
- Wrack partner
- Viewing instrument
- Upper part of a glacier
- Store for a rainy day
- It is shorter?
- Twice-a-month tide
- Lists of candidates
- 1945 Lowe/Joyce movie (with "The")
- Libertine
- Ginza locale
- Father of Art Deco
- Ford role in '89
- Scornful expression
- Use the camera

Down

- President and Supreme Court justice
- Jacob's twin
- Never-used condition
- Singer Page
- Maintain the guitar
- Hill dweller
- Spiral
- Spanish hero
- Prepare for a rainy day
- Remuneration
- Damascus resident
- Latvian capital
- Scene of a temptation
- Jemima or Bee
- Jesse James, for one
- Olympic weapons
- Gulliver creature
- Ruhr industrial center
- Colorful tropical fish
- Decent-sized diamond
- Echo analyzer
- Serena specialty
- Southeast Asian peninsula
- Confuse
- Evening gown fabric
- Wine, hot water, sugar, nutmeg and lemon mix
- Catholic prayer recitation
- Bides one's time
- Happenings
- ___ contendere
- President Jackson's Secretary of War
- Goods for sale
- Garr of film
- Privy to
- Gulf War missile
- Toy dog, familiarly
- Gull's cousin
- Como ___ usted?
- Dance unit
- "You, there!"
- Litmus, for one

Police Blotter November 15 - November 21

JFK Causeway to Aquarius/ SPID light

Disturbance

13300 block SPID 4 p.m. November 15 Fire

Traffic

39 Traffic stops

SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

15100 block Beach Country 5 p.m. November 18

Crimes against Property

14200 block Bay Bean 11 a.m. November 21 Theft of Services

14200 block Encantada 1 p.m. November 15 Theft of Services

Disturbance

14200 block SPID 4 p.m. November 17

15600 block Finistere 8 a.m. November 18

Suspicious Person

13900 block Binnacle 8 p.m. November 21

15200 block Capstan 2 p.m. November 15

13500 block Royal Fifth Noon November 15

Commodores/SPID 8 a.m. November 15

15400 block SPID 1 p.m. November 18

16300 block Gulf Beach 8 a.m. November 19

Traffic

109 Traffic Stops

14200 block Jackfish 4 p.m. November 20 Parking Violation

14500 block SPID 9 p.m. November 19 Crash

14600 block SPID 6 a.m. November 18 Crash

15100 block SPID 6 p.m. November 16 Crash

16100 block Cuttysark 10 a.m. November 21 Parking Violation

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico

Disturbance

Commodores/SPID 8 a.m. November 15

Suspicious Person

14700 block Gulf Beach 2 p.m. November 20

14900 block Windward 2 p.m. November 19

15400 block SPID 11 p.m. November 18

Traffic

55 Traffic stops

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Professional and Business Services led private

industry job growth in October with 18,700 positions added, followed by Leisure and Hospitality, which grew by 11,600 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities added 7,400 jobs. Also of note, Other Services employment surpassed its pre-pandemic level in October 2022, with 3,400 positions added over the month.

“Ten of 11 major industries in Texas have rebounded to their pre-COVID levels and beyond, translating to more jobs in more industries for more Texans,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “Whether you’re looking to upskill, train for a new position, or are searching for your next career move, TWC has the free resources to help.”

The Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the lowest unemployment rates among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.8 percent each in October, followed by Midland at 2.9 percent, then College Station-Bryan and Lubbock both at 3.1 percent.

Thanksgiving Pets

The do’s and don’ts for pets on Thanksgiving

Doctors from [BluePearl Veterinary Partners](#) are urging people to practice caution over the Thanksgiving holiday as many of the items prepared for humans to feast on may pose serious problems to their furry friends. During the holidays, there is a significant uptick in pet-related emergencies, many of which are avoidable. Here are some tips from BluePearl Veterinary Partners way up in Boston. Some of these problems include gastrointestinal irritations with vomiting and diarrhea, pancreatitis from eating foods high in fat, and an increase in animals being struck by vehicles.

By practicing these safety precautions and tips, you may just save your furry friend’s life

- 🕒 Turkey bones, chicken bones and ham bones can splinter and cause the intestinal track to become perforated. Foods high in fat

content can cause pancreatitis in companion animals. Make sure to seal garbage bags and place them in a tightly covered container to prevent your pets from getting into something that could injure them.

- 🕒 Many spices and foods that are safe for humans are not safe for animals. Onions, garlic, chocolate, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, the sugar substitute xylitol, and raw or undercooked food can create major problems for pets. Make sure friends and family aren’t sneaking treats to your pets. It is best to keep your pets on their normal diets.
- 🕒 Poinsettias are also toxic to pets. Make sure these plants are out of reach from pets.

Port Aransas Art Center Events for December 2022

December 1-3

- 12/1 Thursday –Watercolor with Jane 10-1PM \$25/30
- 12/2 First Friday Reception 5:30-7:30PM
- 12/2 Friday-Sip and Shop 11-5PM Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center.
- 12/3 Saturday –Creative Printmaking 12-3:00PM \$55/50.
- 12/3 Saturday-Sip and Shop Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the Art center 11-5PM.

December 5-10

- 12/5 Monday- Fundamentals of Art with Dylan 1-4:00PM \$30/35
- 12/6 Tuesday -Acrylic Fluid Art with Vanessa 12-3:00PM \$65/70
- 12/7 Wednesday- Beginning Oils with Dylan 12-3:00PM \$40/45
- 12/8 Thursday- Watercolor with Jane 10-1:00PM \$25/30
- 12/9 Friday- Sip and Shop Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center 11-5:00PM.
- 12/10 Saturday – Kids Art Class 11-1:00PM \$50/55.
- 12/10 Saturday- Sip and Shop Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center 11-5:00PM.

December 12-17

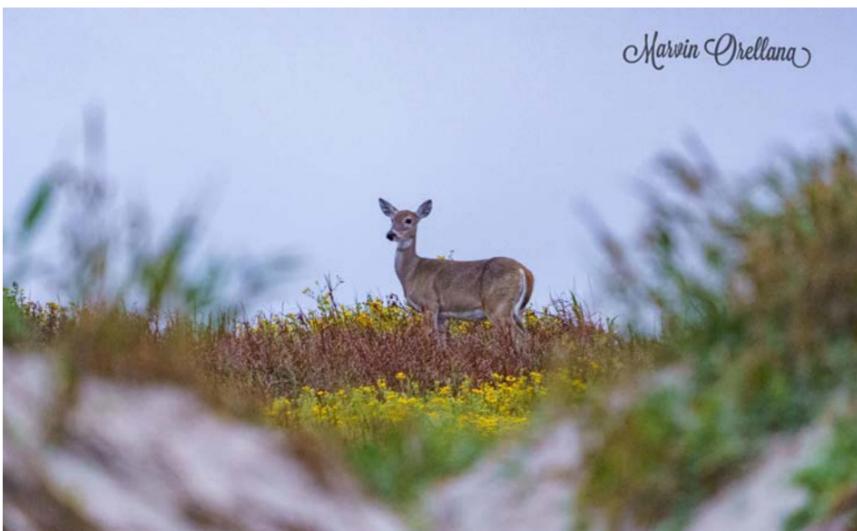
- 12/12 Monday -Fundamentals of Art with Dylan 1-4:00PM \$30/35
- 12/13 Tuesday-Acrylic Fluid Art with Vanessa 12-3:00PM \$65/70
- 12/16 Friday Photography with John 9-11PM \$25/30.
- 12/16 Friday Sip and Shop Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center
- 12/17 Saturday Creative Printmaking 12-3:00PM \$50/55.
- 12/17 Saturday Family Art Day with Anita- 1-3:00PM. **FREE**
- 12/17 Saturday Sip and Shop- Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center.

December 19-24

- 12/19 Monday- Fundamentals of Art w/ Dylan 1-4:00PM \$30/35
- 12/20 Tuesday-Acrylic Fluid Art w/ Vanessa 12-3:00PM \$65/70
- 12/21 Friday- Beginning Oils with Dylan 12-3:00PM \$40/45
- 12/23 Friday- Sip and Shop Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center 11-5:00PM
- 12/24 Saturday – Kids Art Class 12-3:00 \$50/55.
- 12/24 Saturday- Sip and Shop 11-5:00PM Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center

December 25-31

- 12/25 Sunday Closed
- 12/26 Monday Closed
- 12/30 Friday-Sip and Shop 11-5:00PM Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center
- 12/ 31 Saturday-Sip and Shop 11-5:00PM Enjoy a glass of wine & a relaxing stroll through the art center



Waldron Road to Undergo Concrete Improvements

Bond 2020 Project Headed to Construction

On Monday, November 28, construction will begin on the Bond 2020 Waldron Road project from South Padre Island Drive (SPID) to Purdue Road. The contractor, JE Construction Services, LLC., will begin the Phase 1 traffic control plan at SPID.

Northbound and southbound Waldron Road is being reduced to one lane in each direction along the east side of Waldron Road (northbound travel lanes) between SPID and

Graham Road. Contractors will also implement temporary intersection closures along the west side of Waldron Road (southbound travel lanes) at Compton Road and Graham Road. There will be additional intersection closures as construction progresses south.

Construction will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phase 1 of the project is anticipated to last six weeks, weather permitting.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program Making Christmas Dreams a Reality

The Angel Tree Program, along with The Salvation Army’s iconic Red Kettle Campaign, is one of The Salvation Army’s best-known Christmas efforts. More than 100,000 children across Texas, enough to fill the Dallas Cowboys stadium, will experience the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning thanks to generous donors and the help of The Salvation Army.

“The Angel Tree program provides toys and clothing to children and families who might be struggling to afford Christmas gifts this year, thanks to the generosity of donors and businesses in the community,” said Major Russell Czajkowski of The Salvation Army. “Angels are available for adoption by community members and businesses, who in no small way help deliver the magic and message of Christmas to those in need.”

The Salvation Army Angel Trees are located at the concierge desk at La Palamera mall and local Walmart stores. The trees are decorated with paper angels, each representing a child who – without this program – may not receive a gift at Christmas. “We are forever grateful for the generous support of our community and local businesses that work alongside The

Salvation Army at Christmas, and all year round,” said Major Czajkowski. “There is also the opportunity for your business, civic group or church to host an Angel Tree at your location. Please get in touch if you’d like to support in this way.”

Angels will be available for adoption throughout the months of November and December at La Palamera Mall and our local Walmart stores. This year 800 children are expected to be enrolled in the program. Gift distribution will take place at our Angel Tree Warehouse on December 15. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pass out the items to families who will come to collect them on distribution day.

You can search for The Salvation Army Corpus Christi at www.walmartangeltree.com and order items today that will benefit local families.”

For more information about adopting an Angel or current volunteer opportunities, please call The Salvation Army at 361-884-9497 or visit us at 1804 Buford St 78401. Visit www.salvationarmytexas.org/CorpusChristi/ to learn how you can give or get involved this holiday season.

Events Calendar



DATE	EVENT	TIME AND PLACE
11/23/22	Parks & Rec Holiday Display	Begin Decorating and must be complete by December 1
11/30/22	Board Meeting	4pm TBD
12/13/22	Christmas Party	6pm Location TBD
1/10/23	Board Meeting	4pm Location TBD
2/11/23	City Wide Garage Sale	8am throughout town and 12pm Civic Center
2/21/23	Member Meeting	6pm Location TBD
3/14/23	Board Meeting	4pm Ellis Memorial Library
3/25/23	Native Plant Sale and Plant Swap	9am location TBD
4/14 - 4/16/23	Texas SandFest	On the Beach
June, 2023	Annual Meeting	TBD Board Nominations

Three Chords and the Truth

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Winter time on the island...



Bob Reed and Steve Goldstein aka The Free Beer Band played Island Wine last Saturday and will play the VFW this Friday.

Along with one furious cold front blowing in like the wreck of the *Hesperus*, our Winter Texan families have also made their presence known. On Saturday night we finally ventured out a bit having had our fill of bad TV and watching the wind destroy our garden. My **Mermaid Gal** had a fancy "dress up" party and fundraiser for the ARK at the Civic Center on Saturday and I snuck over to *Island Wine* to catch the **Free Beer Band's** opening set. Friday was a total washout but by Sunday we were back to a tolerable 50° and the wind had died down at least enough to function. I've finally conceded that it is indeed winter time on our little island and we must all shift gears to embrace all that comes with it... like different tourists with different tastes and driving practices than the "Summer Tourists". And, with all the outdoor venues in Port A, we have now entered the stage where every show is at risk of the elements. It seems like I've been playing that game of "is it gonna rain tonight and what the temperature going to be?...for the last 40 years. I know over at *Bron's* they are brainstorming ways to weatherize their compound some and re-think the music layout some. At least that's the plan. The *VFW* and *Island Wine* have the luxury of indoor stages and the rest of the bars are at the mercy of the weatherman. That usually means that the bands that were booked on the day it rained are out of luck and will probably lose out on a payday. The *Gaff* has a corner inside the bar for solo/duo acts when it's cold and two outdoor stages on their compound when weather permits. I really love the way the owners, **Kip Shannon** and **Bron Doyle**, have continued to develop their venues through the years. In fact, Kip has very recently taken on the new challenge of holding this year's *Turkey Bowl* on the Sunday after *Thanksgiving* at 3pm since the *Back Porch* left the building. The *Gaff* is the logical transition for that beloved island tradition.



The Winter Texans will be back in force when the PA Rockers play Bernie's every Wednesday starting January 11.

PA Rockers at Bernie's...

And one of the things I really love about winter is watching the **PA Rockers** perform at *Bernie's* every Wednesday starting on January 11 and going until March. I'm not joking when I tell you; it's one wild scene, but in a Winter Texan sort of way. The Rockers play all the old rock and roll hits from the 50's and beyond and the patrons are there to dance. It's like a high school sock hop from the 60's. If you really want a clear barometer of just how many of our friends from the north have descended upon us, just count the out of state license plates in the *IGA* and *Bernie's* parking lots. The PA Rockers are a hybrid band of local musicians and musicians from "up north" coming together each year



Bottles and Bandits will play Treasure Island on Friday.

and rock out like there's nothing wrong in the world. Another way to acknowledge this season is to see all the bird watchers doing their thing. The *Whoopers* have already been sited at *Matagorda Bay* and at the *Aransas National Wildlife Reserve*. We have a lot of birds down here. Oh, and I overheard a Winter Texas talking to a friend in Minnesota on his phone the other day. I could only hear his end of the conversation but it was pretty funny, "Guess what I'm wearing? No... No... Shorts. I'm wearing shorts" and then broke into a voracious laugh snorting out "SHORTS. I'm wearing SHORTS" like a crazy man. The temperature at the time was a balmy 58° and I'm sure the person at the other end of the call was in full winter attire and probably a minus 10°.

DO NOT MISS LIST



John Elijah and Padrinos will play Bron's on Saturday.

Coming this weekend...

A few of the bars are having potluck Turkey Dinners on Thanksgiving. The *VFW*, *Red's* and the *Gaff* will have their yearly feasts. Through the years I've tried darn near everybody's Thanksgiving spreads and believe it or not, the *IGA* does a pretty good job and so does *Kody's*. We are putting the *Island Moon* out a few days early this week being that it's Thanksgiving, which means I can talk about the *Singer Songwriter Open Mic* will be at *Island Wine* on Wednesday which is hosted by the talented **Jay Alan Springer** each week and the *VFW* will have the 50's rock and roll band, **Rip Tide** (who plays there every Wednesday). On Friday, *Bron's* will have **Latin Sunset** and the *VFW* has the **Free Beer Band**, *The Gaff* will have **Brad Ethridge**, **Bottles and Bandits** will play *Treasure Island* and *Bron's* will have **Latin Sunset**. Plus on Friday, **Larry Joe Taylor** will play the *Third Coast Theater*. On Saturday, the *Gaff* will be hosting their bi-monthly **WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES** at 3:00 with **Coach Jim Dugan** whispering sweet nothings in your ear. Also on Saturday, **John Elijah and Padrinos** will play *Bron's*, **Michelle Garza and Afterglow** will play *Treasure Island*, **Janelle Shettters** will play *Island Wine* and the **Gainan Brothers** will play the *VFW*. On Saturday, Americana studs **Max and Heather Stalling** will play the *Third Coast Theater* and for all you aging metal heads, **Judas Priest** and **Queensryche** will play the *Concrete Street Amphitheater*. As I mentioned above, the *Gaff* will host the *Turkey Bowl* and **Billy Snipes** will play afterwards this Sunday and



Billy Snipes will play the Gaff on Sunday after the Turkey Bowl.

Tumble Dry Low will play Bernie's.

On the horizon...

On the near horizon, November 30th is the last day of *Hurricane Season*. I'm not sure I believe it but that's what it says on my calendar. On December 3rd singer/songwriter **Slaid Cleaves** will play *Third Coast Theater* and **Bart Crow** will play the *House of Rock*. And on December 9th **Bri Bagwell** will play



Max and Heather Stalling will play the Third Coast Theater on Saturday.



Schizoid Johnny will play Island Wine on December 11.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Wednesday, November 23

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



@ La Linea Wine
The Groove @ Pelican
Brian Winfrey @ Blackbeard's
Billy Snipes @ Island Italian
John Cortez @ Packery Bar
Ruben Limas @ KOA CC

Sunday, November 27

TURKEY BOWL w/ Billy Snipes @ Gaff
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's
Damn Right Duo @ House of Rock
Jerry Ward Dreaming in Color @ Pelican
Art Barrera @ Packery Bar
John Elijah @ BUS

Monday, November 28

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday, November 29

Open Mic @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Doc's

Wednesday, November 30

Last Day of Hurricane Season

Riptide @ VFW
Singer Songwriter Open Mic @ Island Wine
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21
Alonzo Cruz Dreaming in Color @ Pelican
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Thursday, December 1

Lucy Morrison @ Blackbeard's
Acoustic Open Mic @ Rockport Little Theater
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Friday, December 2

Robin Blue @ Scuttlebutt's
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown
Chainlinks @ Brewster Southside

Saturday, December 3

Groove @ VFW
Bart Crow @ House of Rock
Slaid Cleaves @ Third Coast Theater
Eclipse @ Executive Surf Club
OTB @ BUS
High n Dry, Returned 2 Sender @ Brewster

Thanksgiving, November 24

Thanksgiving Meal @ VFW
Brian Winfrey @ Blackbeard's
Acoustic Open Mic @ Rockport Little Theater
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Friday, November 25

Latin Sunset @ Bron's
Free Beer Band @ VFW
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Bottles & Bandits @ Treasure Island
Leonid & Friends Chicago Tribute @ Brewster Street Downtown
Michael Burtts, David Martinez @ Rockit's
John Cortez @ Exchange
Cover This @ Brewster Southside
Intocable @ Selena Auditorium
Larry Joe Taylor @ Third Coast Theater
8- Bit Serenade, Dreaming in Color @ Pelican
Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Saturday, November 26

BELT SANDER RACES (3 PM) @ Gaff
John Elijah @ Bron's
Afterglow @ Treasure Island
Janelle Shettters @ Island Wine
Gainan Band @ VFW
Max & Heather Stalling @ Third Coast Theater
Dead Love Club, Alex Vallejo @ Brewster Downtown
Michael Burtts @ Brewster Southside
Judas Priest, Queensryche @ Concrete Street
Splendiferous, Alley Catz @ Rockit's
Left Hand Devil @ The Exchange
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