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By Dale Rankin

It's been the week of the Forty-Acre Rain Squall *Around The Island* this week, which we like to think of as free Island car washes. There nothing better than a ten-minute blowing rain to knock the sand off the fenders after a trip to the beach and it is also free to go gear jamming through standing puddles after the rain to knock the sand off the old chassis –nudge nudge wink wink- so we got that going for us.

In case you may not have noticed darkness is slipping up on us a little faster each day as we slide on into autumn and then *boom*, we hit Daylight Wasting Time in early November and the next thing you know we're having a lighted boat parade and another year slid right on by and here come the Winter Texans with their racing belt sanders. Such is the cycle of Island Life.

Riley P. Dog Park



Island dog owners may have noticed that the Riley P. Dog Park on Whitecap Blvd. has been closed this week due to a lack of volunteers to open and close the gate. Since its opening the park has been funded solely through donations and operated solely by volunteers who each day open and close the manual gate there but this week the schedule of the handful of volunteers who do the work did not allow for any of them to be available and Island dogs were left to wander Island streets wondering where the gate-working humans went. As we all know there is nothing that leads to mischief like dogs out wandering and wondering just ask the coyotes. This is a labor of love folks so chip in if you can, Island dogs will thank you.

Around cont. on A4

Padre Island in the crosshairs in 2026 U.S. Congressional Race

Could be the deciding votes in \$50 million contest



The new District 34 north end including Nueces County

By Dale Rankin

When state lawmakers redrew the lines for the 38 Texas seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in August the goal was to swing five districts in the state from Democrat to Republican and the new District 34 which includes both Padre Island and Flour Bluff is one of those districts. After the General Election in November 2026 neither will continue to be represented in Washington by current congressman

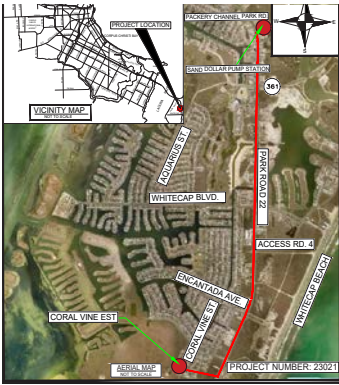
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New \$9.9 million backup waterline for Padre Island

City Council to vote on second line to secure water supply

The Corpus Christi City Council in its September 23 meeting will consider a \$9.9 million project for a backup waterline in case of problems with the single, current line. The new 16-inch, 10,000-foot line would run from Packery Channel Park in the north, through the Sand Dollar Pump Station and southward to the Island's water tower on Coral Vine.

The project, with a total cost of \$9,997,672 if approved, will be



The new water line location

done by Guerra Underground, LLC, of Austin, and paid for through the city's Water Capital Fund. in Council District 4, with FY 2025 funding available from the Water Capital Fund. Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of 2025 and is expected to take one year. The following language is taken directly from the brief sent to council members on the project:

Waterline cont. on A6

Of Hybrids and hummingbirds

Ligers, Tigons, and...hybrids? Oh my!

Nature Notes

By Rebecca Bracken

The thought of running into a liger in the wild might make you want to click your heels three times and go home, but meeting a liger might actually be an interesting experience. You'd be seeing an animal that never exists in the wild, but is a product of captive breeding. In fact, many hybrids are.

Hybrids are the result of two

different species mating, which doesn't happen often in the wild. It's thought that around 10% of all living lifeforms are able to hybridize, but that doesn't mean it occurs. More often than not, when two different species mate, the resulting hybrid is sterile, meaning it cannot breed and create more hybrids. But there are some amazing wild animals that not only hybridize, but their offspring can successfully produce young as well!

Nature cont. on A5



A hybrid of Ruby-throated and Black-chinned Hummingbirds.

Photo by Rebekah Rylander.

A little Island history

How Island county parks came to be

It all began in 1948

Editor's note: This week we take a look back at how Nueces County came to own the parks on Padre Island and how the gift of the property came with conditions of the donors through deed restrictions. The following information was compiled through contemporary accounts, historical records, and conversations with people directly involved in the projects.

By Dale Rankin

History cont. on A4



Briscoe King Pavillion in Padre Balli Park

By the numbers

Who has the money in the race to represent Padre Island in U.S. Congress?

Editor's note: The new map for Texas seats is the United States Congress signed by Gov. Greg Abbott means that Padre Island and most of Corpus Christi will have a new representative in the United States House of Representatives as those areas will no longer be included the district of U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud. Padre Island and the majority of the city's 371,863 population, according to the 2020 Census, will be included in the newly redrawn District 34 which stretches from Nueces County through Kleberg, Willacy, Kenedy, and Cameron counties. The district will have a population of approximately 775,000 with almost half residing in the Corpus Christi area. The following numbers are taken from the latest filings with the United States Federal Election Commission and listed in order of funds reported.

Numbers cont. on page A3

Adopt-A-Beach cleanup this weekend

Four Island locations for Saturday, September 20

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach fall cleanup is set for Saturday, September 20. The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986 when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, 593,162 *Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up 10,009 tons of trash from Texas beaches.* Volunteers can register or simply show up at four sites on The Island. Check in is at 8:30 a.m. and the event runs through noon. For more information call 1-877-TX-Coast.

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Island near Packery Channel

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Mustang Island State Park Park

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SH 361

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Port Aransas

San Jose Island Fisherman's

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Rainbow By Michelle Walters

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A Night for the Artist

Kent Ullberg honored by 400 friends at film release



Four hundred of Kent Ullberg’s closest friends gathered at the Texas A&M Corpus Christi University Performing Arts Center this week to honor him on the release of the film *Wind in the Sails*. Ullberg’s began his artistic journey in Sweden, then worked in Africa before settling on Padre Island in the early 1980s where he and his family have lived since. His work appears all over the world and at the entrance to Padre Island with the Leaping Marlin statue near the base of the JFK Bridge. The film is named after his work in downtown Corpus Christi and is scheduled to appear on Public Broadcasting in mid-2026.



Rainbow on Padre Island By John Morris

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District cont. from A1

Michael Cloud whose district will include only downtown Corpus Christi, including the port, and a slice across northern Nueces County with the rest of the county in the newly drawn lines of District 34.

As of the 2020 Census, each Texas house seat represented an average of 767,981 residents. The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Statistical Area includes 446,041 people and most of them are in the new District 34.

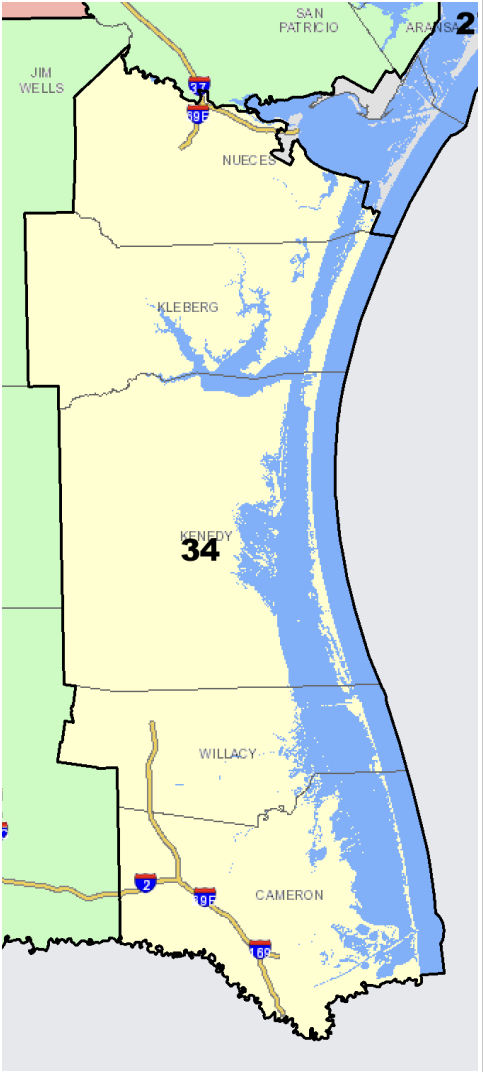
In the November 2024 General Election 122,339 of 218,401 registered voters in Nueces County cast ballots and in that same election 200,383 total votes were cast in the District 34 race under the old boundary lines. The new District 34 runs about 53% Republican according to the numbers used by lawmakers to draw the new district lines and in the Republican Primary in March, 2024, 21,435 votes were cast in Nueces County, about 10.05% of registered county voters. If those numbers hold, of 200,000 total votes in the District 34 race in November 122,000 would come from Nueces County.

The newly redrawn District 34 stretches from Nueces County through Kleberg, Willacy, Kenedy, and Cameron counties and a check of the metropolitan areas in the new district finds that about 280,000 of the residents in the new district outside Nueces County are distributed across the cities of the Rio Grande Valley.

History also says typical voter turnouts in both Padre Island and Flour Bluff can easily swing the race for the Republican nomination in District 34, especially in a Republican Runoff election which is expected with as many as a dozen candidates expected to announce before the December 8 filing deadline.

There are currently a total of 8251 registered voters on Padre Island and 14,096 in Flour Bluff. Given the turnout in the 2024 District 34 race those combined votes would constitute slightly more than 10% of the total votes cast in the District 34 race in the November General Election when incumbent Democrat Vicente Gonzalez is expected to face the eventual Republican challenger for the seat in the two-year congressional term. Longtime Corpus Christi political consultant Steve Ray said this week he expects as much as \$50 million to be spent in the November race for the District 34 seat as both the Democrat and Republican parties see it as a swing district.

The race could be decided by the turnout on Padre Island and in Flour Bluff in both the March primaries and the November General Election when turnout in both areas is traditionally higher than that of Nueces County as a whole.



New District 34 Area

A little Island history

From Ranches to Whataburgers

By Bobbie Kimbrell
Editor's note: Bobbie Kimbrell moved to Flour Bluff, where he still resides, in 1943 and was a commercial fisherman there until his retirement in the 1990s.

The earliest known settlers of Padre Island were the Karankawa Indians who waded across the Laguna Madre from Flour Bluff to get there. What year? Who knows? Bit is was before Indians acquired horses from the Spanish explorers. The Indians main camp ground was at the highest point on North Padre Island where E.O. Leman put in the first motel ever on Padre Island that was across SPID from the Whataburger restaurant. Most of the Indian artifacts and arrowheads found on The Island were found in that location.

Most of those artifacts were found by Louis Rawalt year before Mr. Rawalt put in the Coastways Baitstand next to the JFK Causeway. Mr. Rawalt, at that time was with the National Audubon Society that monitored sea birds up and down the Texas coast as well as the entire United States. At that time most sea birds nested on Big Bird Island because the water was deep enough around it to keep the coyotes and other varmints from getting there and eating up the bird eggs. After the digging of the Intracoastal Waterway up and down the Texas coast, every spoil island became a nesting place for sea birds most of them are now sanctuaries protected by law.

Dunn Crossing and Whataburger

But back to The Island and before the JFK Causeway was built, the Don Patricio Causeway was built in the early thirties that created little, if any, settlement. Prior to that time history tells us there was a hide rendering establishment at Packery Pass at about the time of the Civil War and afterwards. Patrick Dunn, a rancher and banker had a ranch house near Packery Pass that was headquarters for his cattle ranching. At market time the cows were herded across the shallow Lagoon to where Yorktown Boulevard starts at Laguna Shores Road. The area from Padre Island to Yorktown was known as Dunn crossing. The corrals at Yorktown and Laguna Shores are no longer there but the land is still vacant after 100 years or so.

E.O. Lemans motel and Benny Kocurek's café were two of the first business places on The Island and were put in shortly after the JFK Causeway connected Flour Bluff to Padre Island. Benny's wife, Betty, (nee Betty Boyd) from Austin, who was working at what later became Whataburger, suggested naming that establishment Whataburger and is credited for it.

As for E.O. Leman, he and his brothers were from Chapman Ranch and known as "wealthy", farming and making farm machinery

If a couple rented a room from E.O., they had to prove they were married. E.O. was a good fisherman and member of the Flour Bluff/Padre Island Business Association, traveling to different cities promoting new businesses for Padre Island. Benny Kocurekc also bought and sold fish and had a fish market on Laguna Shores Road a little past the bend. Later on he had a shrimp market on Laguna Shores Road where Hustling Hornet Drive abuts Laguna Shores Road.

The Island develops

The development of Padre Island was very slow to start with but after the Padre Isles development of water channels and home sites were pit in it speeded up things as more pioneers put in business places and then the Padre Island National seashore that was established really helped in more ways than one. With the National Seashore on the east side and the King Ranch on the west side it preserved the Laguna Madre from shore development which made for more boat and outboard motor establishment and enterprises. Lady Bird Johnson, wife of LBJ, dedicated the National seashore which was a great achievement for Padre Island and the State of Texas.

The next development to go in was Bob Hall Pier which was a boon for the sport fishing industry. The original Bob Hall Pier was destroyed by a hurricane and then replaced with cement pilings that should withstand any future hurricane. Business was excellent during the summer months but as winter grew on some businesses had to borrow money from the bank to keep their doors open but all of that got better as the community got big enough to be partially self-supporting.

The Holiday Inn Beach Hotel on Windward Drive and the controversial seawall between it and the surf, which was erected despite no seawalls on the beach law, helped created a better economy for The Island.

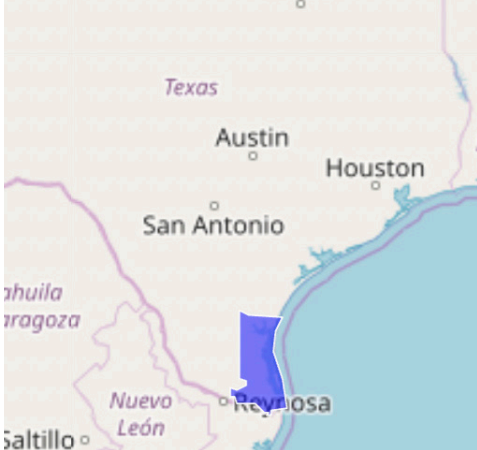
The Island before television

Ira Van Lowe, another pioneer, put in the first baitstand and sport store on The Island. It was located a block or so past Whataburger on the same side of the road. Ira gave a fishing report on the radio (before television was available), that was very accurate on fish caught on Bob Hall Pier and in the surf. Many years later a man by the name of Frenchie showed up on The Island and put in a night club with a pen outside with exotic parrots from South America in it. Frenchie's place had go-go dancers with music so loud it shook the walls. He put in a restaurant with mounted sharks in it.

The next major development on The Island was when Packery Pass was re-opened and jetties put in which enable boaters access to the fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison introduced legislation for the funding of the Packery project. She is a true Island pioneer.

Numbers cont. from A1

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on hand</u>
Vicente Gonzalez (Dem)	\$207,098	\$932,447
Mayra Flores (Rep)	\$187,925	\$140,508
<i>(Incorrectly listed as a Democrat in the previous issue)</i>		
Keith Allen (Rep)	\$63,386	\$12,608
Mario Morales (Rep)	\$5,454	\$6,199
Mauro Garza (Rep)	\$11,502	\$0
Gregory Kunkle (Rep)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline \$0	
Etienne Rosas (Dem)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline \$0	
Eric Flores (Rep)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline \$0	
Alfredo Hinojosa (Rep)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline \$0	



New District 34 Location

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History cont. from AI

The year was 1948 and Padre Island needed a causeway across the Laguna Madre. The Jones family, who owned what is now Padre Island made a deal to transfer ownership of the land north of the Kleberg County Line and in exchange the new owners would purchase the bonds needed to fund the new causeway.

By early 1949 a deposit of \$1,338,750 to purchase the bonds was made at the State National Bank and a work order was issued to Bauer-Smith Dredging Company of Port Lavaca. Robert McIntyre on behalf of the State Board of Education exercised an option to purchase \$300,000 of the bonds and funding for the project was in place.

Construction plans were already in place, drawn up by Myers & Noyas engineers, and the county issued revenue bonds of \$1.7 million with that money to be repaid from the \$1 fee charged to cross on the new causeway when it was finished.

By that time Nueces County had a full crew on site along the Laguna Madre putting construction stakes down to mark the arrival of the dredge needed to begin work and soon test pilings were being driven along the route of the new causeway by Middleton & Goldston Construction of Corpus Christi.

Things moved quickly and by February 1, 1949 the Nueces County Commission approved plans for the project and at 10:00 a.m. on February 25 bids were opened. M.E. Allison, a member of the firm which issued the bonds revealed the complete operational plan for the new causeway. A commission was soon in place to appoint a board of directors to oversee the project.

Causeway tolls set

The tolls to cross were set: \$1 for each passenger car, \$2 for each truck, \$1 for each bus, and ten cents for each passenger not driving, ten cents for pedestrians, and ten cents for each bicycle rider. Revenue from the crossing charge was transferred to a sinking fund with one-twelfth of the revenue set aside for maintenance; any money over the one-twelfth figure would be used to pay back the bonds. The Allison family of San Antonio, which issued the bonds, would recoup their investment by developing the land north of the county line obtained from the Jones family. It was this part of the deal that explains why the land north of the county line developed into what is now the residential area, and the Jones family as part of the same deal donated the land for Park Road 22 (now SPID).

It could accurately be said that 1949 was the year that cleared the way for development on Padre Island. The forecast called for work on the new causeway to begin in March and be complete in eighteen months, by mid-1950. The project was the biggest story in town when construction began and included the planting of 1000 pine trees on Padre Island to stabilize the soil. The county bought a 25-foot Farley-built boat with a seven-foot beam and 115 horsepower for \$1900 to use for the construction.

County parks are born

The Jones family and the Allison families donated land for four county parks. Two of those parks – Nueces County Park and Padre Balli Park – are still in operation while the third, an area officially named Cape Summer but known to most Islanders as the Ski Basin, was later turned back to private hands due to lack of action by Nueces County. The area near the intersection of Aquarius Street and SPID where the Starbucks Coffee shop is located was donated by the Allison family but was reclaimed by the family due to lack of development by Nueces County, and ironically, plans to put a site there for long-term stay for camping.

On March 3, 1949 construction began on what is now Padre Balli Park and in April

a proposal went to the Texas Senate to establish a seven-member board appointed by Nueces County Commissioners to oversee the new parks and the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board was born. The plans called for the parks to include “picnic grounds, bathing beaches, parking areas, and such other facilities as are offered by a well-developed park use.” The cost of the project was \$300,000.

The new causeway

A description of the new causeway was issued by the Nueces Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers which described the new structure as consisting of “a roadway elevation of five feet above mean sea level. There will be approximately 1600 feet of trestlework in the causeway, the balance being hydraulic fill. Two swing barges of steel will form a part of the causeway. These are to carry traffic across Humble Channel, forming a 70-foot opening, and across the Intracoastal Canal, form a 100-foot opening. The roadway on the fill is to be 24 feet in width with 10 feet of seashell shoulders on each side...The toll plaza will be built on the mainland approach about 2000 feet east of Waldron Field Road. Tolls will be collected in one direction only, going to the island. By April crews were pouring pilings and by May 15 water traffic was closed to Boat-Hole Channel and the Laguna Madre for thirty days.

Turtle rescue on Padre Island is hatched

As work began a notice went out under the headline “County Engineer Brings Home Another Basket of Turtle Eggs.” The copy read: *“A sea turtle about three feet long and two feet across is in the channel near the mainland end of the Padre Island causeway. Please do not shoot or otherwise harm the turtle.”*

“Jesse R. Laurence, county engineer, has a special interest in her. Among other things, the turtle, Laurence is certain, prevented two engineers, by name Lemons and Elliot, on a trip down Padre Island to gather data for a preliminary report on the proposed highway from Port Aransas to Port Isabel, the county engineer told them of an incident that occurred in 1948, along about July.”

“The county engineer and a party at that time, saw a sea turtle crawl out of the Gulf, lay about 100 eggs in a hold on the beach and crawl back into the Gulf. Laurence obtained a number of the eggs, placed them in a bucket of sand at his residence, two of them hatching with one living on a short time and the other living several days. “

“The two Houston engineers, when Laurence completed the story, had little to say; but Laurence had definite ideas from their expressions about what they were thinking. The three men made a trip down the island and started back. About 22 miles south of the Gulf Beach Park and about one mile inside the shell banks, they saw a turtle crawl out of the Gulf and start up the beach. The men stopped and observed. The turtle, as did the one of the 1948 experience, smoothed off a place in the sand, dug a hole and laid about 100 eggs, and packed down the sand on top. Laurence, Lemons and Elliot lead her into a jeep... the county engineer dug up 27 of the eggs and marked the location of the nest.”

The turtle was eventually placed in the channel near the causeway. This was the turtle later found near the causeway work site.

These events marked the beginning of what became the island we all call home today. The modern era was begun and events were moving quickly. The events that came full circle with the recent legal claims against the county’s ownership of Balli Park began with the donation in 1948.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

A while back video inside our neighbor’s house a few doors down suddenly appeared on my wife’s cell phone, live video of them sitting around in their living room. “Well, it’s a little thin on plot,” I said. “All they are doing is sitting around watching television.” We went down and knocked on their door and explained the problem but it begged the question: How do I know someone else isn’t watching me?” It was all a little creepy. But since then as various events have unfolded I have noticed that anytime there is some kind of manhunt video of the suspect(s) comes out almost immediately. How does that happen? So I canvassed a few friends in various walks of law enforcement from attorneys to the gumshoes that actually run down the video and here is what I found.

It’s out there

Video from exterior home cameras is low hanging fruit for investigators. Any video that goes up the line from an exterior camera is stored somewhere and if law enforcement, or innovative private investigators, want it most likely they won’t need a warrant. And keep in mind that the old days when law enforcement needed a warrant it often meant a trip to the courthouse or waking up a judge in the middle of the night to sign a warrant but those days are long gone. Warrants can be had with the click of a keyboard but often are not needed. When an incident happens a call goes out for a round-up of all external video in a designated area and that the response if not instantaneous is quick and there are no legal roadblocks, and if it is an active investigation that may include interior footage.

How it started

When surveillance cameras first came along they were used sparingly. It began with convenience stores in the 1980s to prevent robberies but then along came red light cameras. The cameras in convenience stores were privately owned but the red light cameras were sanctioned through cities so the video was easily available and warrantless, even before computer driven warrants came along it was available. Video from red light cameras could read license plates and see faces and was time stamped which could be a treasure trove in a manhunt. Law enforcement work that used to require knocking on doors now could be done from a computer screen. Then came cell phones and wireless cameras which took a decade to become ubiquitous but everything changed when Covid came along. It started with toll booths at turnpikes. Keeping employees became next to impossible and automatic systems with cameras took their place making it possible to track wanted persons not only at intersections in cities but out there on the open road and like red light cameras the toll booth cameras were publicly owned so the video did not usually require a warrant.

The red light cameras and the toll booth cameras were the camel’s nose under the tent and when mass shootings became frequent the need for real-time video to find shooters understandable preempted any discussion about access to video from private surveillance cameras and that is where we are today. If law enforcement, and so I’m told private investigators, need video from a defined area it is available. If you have a camera on your front door that covers your front yard somewhere there is a record of you watering your plants (even in Stage III water restrictions).

Around cont. from AI

Check your property tax notices

As Property Tax Season hits some Islanders have been reporting that their appraisals have jumped quickly in recent years and on closer checking have found that it is due to an increase in square footage when in fact there was no increase in square footage. The increase, it seems, came when satellite data was first used to measure square footage about five years ago and the increases were based on the assumption that the roof seen from aloft covered two stories of usable interior space when in fact, in many cases it covered vaulted ceilings. As a result interior square footage was increased along with their appraised value. If you don’t have hard copies of old tax notices it is easy to check old records on the Nueces County Appraisal District’s interactive map.

Where’s our post office?

One of the enduring mysteries of Island Life often noticed by new arrivals is our lack of an Island U.S. Post Office. It is indeed a puzzlement however, the answer, as provided by the U.S. Postal Service, is that a) our permanent resident population of just under 10,000 souls is not enough to warrant a post office, and/or b) we would likely need our own Island zip code. So take your pick. This came into focus this week when an astute Moon reader sent along this photo of the post office in the non-incorporated burg of Armstrong just down the pike from our little sandbar. It looks like the last package delivered here may have included Model A parts or even Santa Anna’s tent.

Interior home cameras

Cameras inside homes are a different story from a legal standpoint as they generally do require a warrant. But two private investigators I spoke to both smiled and rolled their eyes when I asked if they had access to private video from the collectors. “Who’s asking?” There is in fact a clause in many agreements with security camera providers that can allow law enforcement agencies, it’s not clear if they always need a warrant, to look through live interior home cameras without the knowledge of the homeowner. Many security camera providers use encrypted systems from the camera to the recorder which preclude any interception of the signal without the knowledge of the company. This is a murky area but know that if you have a camera in your house it is quite possible you are not alone. Again, at least to me, this is creepy.

And then came AI

There was a press conference here in town this week to unveil a new artificial intelligence system to be used after disasters which can effectively scan entire neighborhoods or even cities simultaneously surveying damage and looking for survivors, but that same program has been available to some law enforcement agencies for years. It brings surveillance cameras and satellite imaging all under one roof in real time. According to what I heard this week that is often the source of the video we see in the aftermath of catastrophic events such as mass shootings. Instead of twenty people looking at twenty screens algorithms can be entered and all the video that is out there for a given area is scanned, in some cases instantaneously. With AI it seems to me the debate over privacy is over, the only question is whether it may involve a warrant but even then my take is that for the creative private investigator that is only a bump in the road.

Closer to home

Several years ago when we were having a spate of daytime home robberies on The Island I began an effort to place a camera on the outbound lane of the JFK Bridge that could read license plates. It couldn’t see faces but could read plates, but the ability to do that at the time meant the system cost \$40,000 and that’s where it died. But now cheap cameras, well under \$1000, can do that and I still believe publicizing that we have that ability would go a long way towards discouraging knuckleheads from coming OTB to see if we left our garage doors open. Whether it could record faces would become a privacy question we would have to address, but just in recent years as security cameras have become more common on The Island I can see a decrease in the number of crimes of opportunity. Burglaries and Porch Pirates have become much less common, and even grab-and-run thieves in the parking lot at the seawall are fewer and further between.

For me, I put tape on the camera on my laptop and soon the camera in my house will go away. As I gathered information for this story I realized that while my life may be boring, it is all somewhere out there on a database.

These days we’re all living in a *Truman Show*.

Maybe it is something we can take up with our new U.S. Congress representative after the 2026 election.

Here come the raptors!

If you have never been to the Corpus Christi Celebration of Flight Hawkwatch at Hazel Bazemore County Park near Calallen you are in luck because it’s going to happen again this year on the weekend of September 26-28. The stars of the show are migrating birds, most but not all hawks, who pass through in numbers over one million – that’s right – and spend the night before taking to the skies to move on. Over the years more than 17 million birds have passed this way and in 2004 it the biggest single such event in North America. Even if you are not much of a bird watcher at heart it is a sight to behold.

Conquer the Coast

And speaking of swarms...the annual Conquer the Coast Bike Ride will pass this way Saturday so that will be a good time to avoid SPID until about noon-thirty as thousands of bike peddlers will make their way along the 66-mile course Around the Coastal Bend. You can still go OTB but it may take a while as you navigate the huffers and puffers making that climb.

That’s all for now everybody. Things have slowed down hereabouts for a while and we have no complaints about that, it’s a good time to be on our little sandbar and we’ll be out and about so say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

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Nature Notes

Nature cont. from A1



Cross between a violet-hued and broad-billed hummingbird

Photo by Jack Haskell

One example of this in the birding realm is the Brewster’s and Lawrence’s Warblers. These warblers are hybrids of Gold-en-winged Warblers and Blue-winged War-blers. The interesting tidbit here is that even though the parent species are known, the offspring may fall into either Brewster’s or Lawrence’s, all based on the genetic make-up the offspring receives from the parents. Brewster’s exhibit what are considered the dominant traits, while Lawrence’s exhib-it the recessive. Both hybrid species can breed, but generally mate with an individual of one of the original parent species, not another hybrid. The young of these hybrids can look like the original parent species or have a mix of characteristics that clearly distinguish them as a hybrid.

Since it is fall migration, and one of our favorite migrants is the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, here’s a hummingbird hybrid example. I recently learned that when Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Black-chinned Hummingbirds breed, the hybrid young they create often have pink gorget (throat) feathers! When I recently had the opportunity to band one (under federal and state permits), I didn’t know what it was. The pink reminded me of a Calliope Hummingbird, but it was the size of Ruby-throated. I was very confused! There is an area through central and west Texas, where the Ruby-throated and Black-chinned ranges overlap, where hybrids are

likely. I also learned that these hybrids can breed with either pure Ruby-throated or Black-chinned, but interestingly, they seem to mate more with Black-chinned.


Here’s a non-bird example, for the other wildlife enthusiasts. Ever heard of a grolar or pizzly bear? A grolar bear is a hybrid created by a male grizzly bear and a female polar bear. A pizzly bear is a hybrid from a female grizzly bear and a male polar bear. We don’t normally think of grizzlies and polar bears living in the same areas, but due to habitat changes they often do now. Pizzlies and grolars are capable of mating with grizzlies and polar bears, as well as other hybrids. Ligers and tigons are similar, in that ligers are created by a male lion and a female tiger, whereas a tigon is the offspring of a female lion and male tiger. Interestingly, in this case, a male liger is generally sterile while a female liger is able to mate and produce young.

All in all, hybrids are a really interesting subject for researchers. There are many questions about them, as only very similar species should be able to hybridize. Hybrids can be sterile or fertile, but when they are fertile they seem to have fairly rigid mate preferences. They may look incredibly dif-ferent, or incredibly similar, to their parents. As we continue to develop research tech-niques using genetics, I think we will make some really interesting hybrid discoveries!

Juvenile yellow crowned night herons Steven Bingham


Reddish egret

Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

Paraffin Wax Dumping at Sea



Jace Tunnell holding large chunks of paraffin wax

Beachcombers along the Texas coast this week may have noticed an unusual find scattered for miles — smooth, white clumps that look a bit like soap, plastic, or even chunks of cheese. In reality, it’s paraffin wax, a petroleum-based product that has been turning up along more than 30 miles of shoreline that I saw personally.

Paraffin wax is commonly shipped around the world in bulk form for use in candles, cosmetics, food packaging, and industrial applications. It’s not unusual for it to end up in the ocean. Cargo ships that carry paraffin often keep it in heated tanks to maintain a liquid state. Once unloading is complete, crews sometimes clean those tanks at sea using hot water or steam. When the leftover residue hits cooler seawater, it quickly solidifies into floating clumps.


Under international law, known as MAR-POL, ships are technically allowed to discharge certain tank washings, including paraffin wax, under specific conditions: far from shore, in deep water, and while under-way. Even with those regulations, however, the wax can travel long distances before eventually being pushed onto beaches by currents and winds.

On the sand, the wax usually appears as smooth blocks or rounded lumps, ranging in color from bright white to yellowish. At first glance, some beachgoers mistake it for soap or food. But experts caution against collecting or trying to use it — once it’s been in the ocean, it’s no longer safe for consumer purposes.


Although paraffin wax is considered to have low toxicity, it isn’t harmless. Large deposits can smother shoreline habitats, and wildlife may accidentally ingest it, mis-taking the wax for food. Over time, wave action can also grind paraffin into smaller particles that persist in the environment, similar to the microplastic problem.

Reports of paraffin wax washing ashore in Texas are not new, but they highlight the ongoing challenges of marine pollution from global shipping practices, and how much work we still have left to do to ensure a clean ocean for future generations.

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Paraffin wax scattered along high tide line near Port Aransas



Paraffin wax eaten by ghost crab

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Update from the District 4 City Councilwoman

By Kaylynn Paxson

This past weekend there was a good amount of discussion regarding UTV provisions and ordinances being driven around the Island. Much of this, I believe, stems from the concern around electric scooter and bicycle use and how those are to be safely handled. There was an officer out sharing information around the Island relating to non-highway vehicles trying to offer general information that unfortunately resulted in some additional questions about the proper use of UTVs. In numerous discussions with our Chief of Police, trying to get the best information possible, I received this information; “The Corpus Christi Police Department would like to remind residents about the rules regarding the operation of off-highway vehicles and golf carts within master planned communities. All off-highway vehicles, to include golf carts, must be registered with Nueces County. A license plate must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle. Operators must possess a valid driver’s license. Vehicles are not permitted on roads posted over 35 miles per hour, and must obey all traffic laws. In addition, in reference to electric scooters: Ensure children are wearing helmets. Riders must obey the rules of the roadway and all traffic

laws. Ride as far the right as possible or on the sidewalk. These requirements are in place for the safety of everyone in the community. We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain a safe environment for all residents.”

Harte Library

Another topic of interest is our local Harte Library. I have to say a huge thank you to everyone who reached out or attended the Town Hall and provided very valuable input on the services and hours of our Hart Library. All of this incredible community input gave us information on how we could amend the new hours to really better meet the interests and needs of the community. With this information, the efforts of library staff, and the administrators in the school district, we have increased the number of public hours and services at the library. The new current schedule is 9am-12:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, curbside pick up 10am-2pm Monday and Wednesday, 4pm-8pm public hours Monday – Friday, 9am-6pm Saturdays and 2pm-6pm on Sundays. This is 40 hours of public access, and we are working on long term solutions for the future of this library.

Electric Bikes on Island Streets What are the rules?

Editor’s note: The state rules for electric bikes on public streets are set down in Title 7 of the Texas Transportation Code. The following excerpts are the portion of that code that apply to electric bikes.

Cities may impose more restrictive regulations at their choice. None are listed in the current city ordinances.

Texas Road Rules: E-Bikes, Motorized Scooters, and Pocket Bikes!

Let’s get up to speed on the rules for e-bikes, motorized scooters, and pocket bikes.

Here’s a quick guide based on the Texas Traffic Code:

E-Bikes: E-bikes are classified into three categories, and they must obey all traffic laws just like other vehicles under TX Traffic Code § 551.202. This means stopping at stop signs, following traffic signals, using hand signals and riding in the correct direction.

Sec. 551.202. OPERATION ON ROADWAY. (a) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device on a residential street, roadway, or public highway with a speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less only:

- (1) while making a direct crossing of a highway in a marked or unmarked crosswalk;
- (2) where no sidewalk is available; or
- (3) when so directed by a traffic control device or by a law enforcement officer.

(b) A person may operate an electric personal assistive mobility device on a path set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles.

(c) Any person operating an electric personal assistive mobility device on a residential street, roadway, or public highway shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this section, provisions of this title applicable to the operation of bicycles apply to the operation of electric personal assistive mobility devices.

Motorized Scooters: According to TX Traffic Code § 551.352, motorized scooters are allowed on sidewalks and roadways but when on the roadway must follow traffic laws, including signaling turns and adhering to speed limits.

Sec. 551.352. OPERATION ON ROADWAYS OR SIDEWALKS. (a) A motor-assisted scooter may be operated only on a street or highway for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The motor-assisted scooter may cross a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

(b) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of a motor-assisted scooter on a street, highway, or sidewalk if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(c) The department may prohibit the operation of a motor-assisted scooter on a highway if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(d) A person may operate a motor-assisted scooter on a path set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles or on a sidewalk. Except as otherwise provided by this section, a provision of this title applicable to the operation of a bicycle applies to the operation of a motor-assisted scooter.

(e) A provision of this title applicable to a motor vehicle does not apply to a motor-assisted scooter.

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Padre Island Pressure Plane

The City operates the Padre water distribution system on a pressure zone called the Padre Island Pressure Plane. This pressure zone is separate from the mainland which is called the Main Pressure Plane. The Padre Island Pressure Plane uses the Sand Dollar Pump Station and Coral Vine Elevated Storage Tank to supply water to the residents of Padre Island. This project includes a new 16-inch waterline that will enhance the capacity of the water distribution system.

Sand Dollar Pump Station

The City has a single 20-inch water transmission main from the Sand Dollar Pump Station to Commodores Drive. Water supply is a concern if the existing 20-inch transmission main ever fails or undergoes maintenance. This project includes a new 20-inch transmission main which will provide redundancy in a critical area of the water distribution system. The project will provide professional services for the preliminary design phase to evaluate and develop a direct and indirect potable reuse plan for Oso, Greenwood, Allison, Laguna Madre and Broadway Water Reclamation Plants, 12-month water characterization study for TCEQ, and pilot plant protocol development. Indirect potable reuse options will include discharge into the Nueces River upstream of the O.N. Stevens WTP and injection of the purified water into ground-water aquifer(s) in an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) scenario using city provided ASR locations and data. Additionally, Garver will assist the City to assess non-potable reuse options, including selling treated effluent for industrial users. The pilot plant design and testing will be conducted in the next phase of the project.

Project Scope

Installation of approximately 10,900 linear

feet of 16-inch waterline, 560 linear feet of 12-inch waterline, 60 linear feet of 8-inch waterline.

- Connection to the existing 6-inch and 16-inch waterlines on Commodores Drive
- Installation of approximately
- 60 linear feet of 8-inch waterline
- 500 linear feet of 16-inch waterline
- Connection to the existing 12-inch waterline on Park Road 22
- Installation of approximately 2,170 linear feet of 20-inch waterline from the Sand Dollar Pump Station to Commodores Drive to provide redundancy
- Additive Alternate No. 2: Rehabilitation of approximately 4,600 linear feet of 16-inch waterline via the Close Tolerance Pipe Slurrification (CTPS) method to remove the existing Asbestos Cement Pipe (ACP) and replace with new Fusible PVC pipe
- Removal of existing 4,246 LINEAR FEET of ACP waterline and 3,804 LINEAR FEET of cast iron waterline and ductile iron waterline within TxDOT right-of-way, approximately 1,757 LINEAR FEET of asbestos waterline will be grout-abandoned underneath pavement
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The Art of Island Life



A New Season with Modern Abstract Artist, Joseph Raymond II

By Melissa Mitchell



Modern Abstract Artist, Joseph Raymond II

One of the things I love most about being surrounded by art is watching the way an artist’s journey unfolds. It is especially exciting for me when I can help them connect with a new space to showcase their art or with a new collector.

Some artists’ seasons are bold and expansive—new shows, new partnerships, new cities, calendars full. Others are quieter, more intentional—pulling back, creating space, listening for what’s next. That’s where one of our gallery favorites, **Joseph Raymond II**, finds himself this fall.

The Art of Redirection

If you’ve visited Padre Island Art Gallery, chances are you’ve paused in front of one of Joseph’s paintings. His luminous abstracts are layered with motion and light, almost as if they’re humming with music. They carry an energy that feels both contemporary and timeless—coastal without being literal, calming without losing vibrancy. His brushwork seems to move like waves, and his colors—rich indigos, warm sands, soft neutrals—hold the kind of balance that invites you to linger. Joseph’s modern abstract artwork has been collected in homes and businesses worldwide. He has painted on scales both intimate and monumental, creating pieces that anchor a room and spark conversation. But like many artists who’ve poured themselves into years of gallery representation and travel, Joseph is ready for a shift. This season, he’ll be pulling back from day-to-day gallery inventory across the U.S. It’s not a retreat so much as a redirection—a chance to create on his own terms and focus on what inspires him most.

An Opportunity for Collectors

What does that mean for us here on Padre Island? It means a unique opportunity. From now **through the end of the year, all Joseph Raymond Art will be 10% off.** That’s a substantial savings on original artwork, and a rare chance to take home a piece by an artist whose work continues to resonate deeply with collectors. If you’ve ever stood in front of one of his canvases and thought, “*One day...*”—this may be that day. Joseph’s paintings don’t just

decorate a wall; they transform a space, bringing rhythm, color, and emotion in a way few abstract artists manage to achieve. And while we won’t stock his work in the same way going forward, this isn’t goodbye. Joseph remains a personal friend of mine, and through that connection, the gallery will always have access to his artistry. If you’re looking for a special commission or a custom piece created just for you, that door remains open.

Looking Ahead

Although we won’t be carrying ongoing inventory, we do plan to host periodic shows and workshops where Joseph’s work will return to the gallery spotlight. These will be temporary moments to connect with his art in person, to learn from his process, and to see what new directions his creativity is taking.

Until then, this fall is truly a collector’s moment—a chance to bring one of his pieces home and know that you’re holding part of his evolving journey.

If you are reading this in time, join us for our next **Wine Down Wednesday** at Padre Island Art Gallery tonight, **September 17th**, with doors opening at **5:30 p.m.** It’s the perfect evening to unwind, sip, and connect with neighbors and friends while surrounded by creativity. Joseph’s work will be part of our display—an ideal time to take another look at that piece that caught your eye.

For our Island Moon Newsprint readers seeing this after the 17th, we’d still love for you to stop by soon and enjoy his work before these special pieces find their new homes.

With the holidays around the corner, consider this your gentle nudge: a timeless gift for someone you love—or a well-deserved treat for yourself.

Because here on the Island, art isn’t just on the walls—it’s woven into our stories, our friendships, and the seasons we celebrate together.

The Art of Island Life will return next week with more stories and inspiration from our coastal community. Have a story to share or an upcoming event? Reach out to me at melissa@padreislandartgallery.com.



Joseph explaining his process and inspiration



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Tricolored Herons and Snowy Egrets are distinct species with different plumages, but they are often found in similar marshy habitats and can nest together in mixed colonies. Both species are opportunistic fish-eaters, with the Tricolored Heron known for its "balletic" running and stopping foraging style, while the Snowy Egret has yellow feet and often uses wing-spreading displays while hunting.

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Yard of the Month

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This attractive yard features our Island favorite, plumeria. The Stewart's attribute their success with plumeria to Hawaiian Big Bud fertilizer. Huge Thai Basil plants look more like bushes and their flowers attract pollinators. Bright flowers are everywhere you look. Decorative pots hold Holiday Aloe. There is a corner with cactus and yuccas. A lime tree, like everything else in the yard, dates from after the Big Freeze. This yard is a tribute to how quickly new plants can be established with the help of amended soil and attentive gardeners.



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By Jay Gardner

On the Rocks

There's a lot going on in the reefing world right now – well, there's a lot of reefing being planned, from oyster reefs in the mid-coast, to deeper reefs offshore up the coast, and the old Queen Isabella Causeway down in South Padre. One of the main issues is getting a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and especially the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). These permits are taking up to 3 years from when we hit the “go” button, and it's also a costly process.

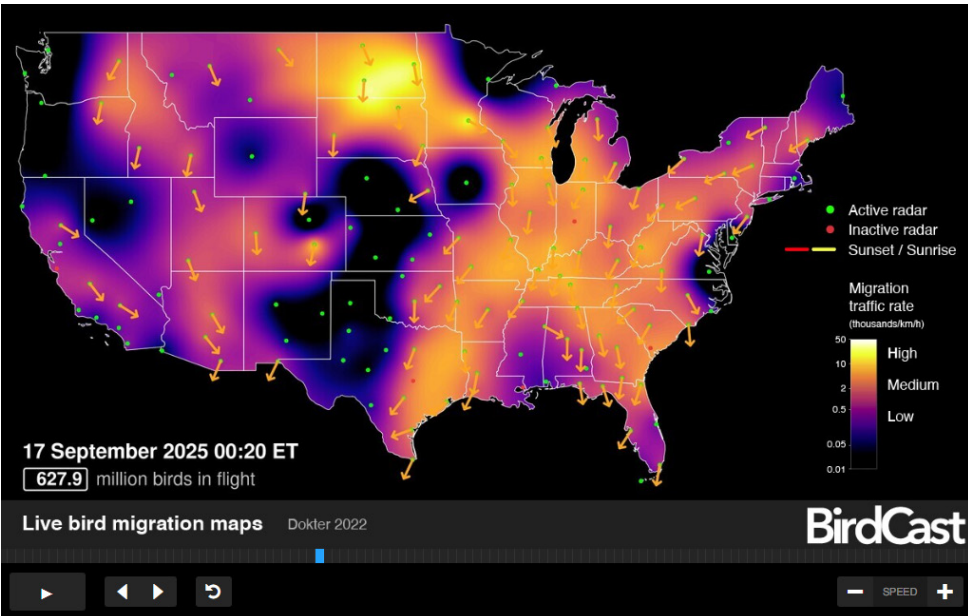
I was on the monthly update meeting with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), the Texas General Land Office (TGLO), and our friends Curtis and Kristen from the Friends of RGV. We were happy to learn that the TGLO is making good time on pulling down the old Causeway and getting it loaded on boats and put out at their reefing site north of South Padre. They don't have the site uploaded on their website yet, but hopefully they will soon. They do have the PS-1105 or Rio Grande Valley Nearshore reef numbers up, and if you're down that way, the GPS coordinates are online. This is a 1,650-acre site that our buddy Gary Glick got moving, but you already know that story. This new reef is supposed to be about the same size and have a lot of material in it.

We also talked about the need to expand our reef out of Packery, the MU-775 nearshore reef. You loyal readers know that there are large box culverts, The Kinta, pyramids, and concrete railroad ties all piled up on the seabed out there. I can't believe that we started putting material down over 10 years ago! However, with the recent deployments, the 160 acres is starting to get full, and people are looking at either giving the material down there a “freshen up” and potentially filling in some of the gaps between piles. TPWD will be looking at expanding the site another 160 acres to the north, but you already know how long that will take with permitting.

The bird migration continues to be off of the charts lately with over 620 million birds moving this direction. If you haven't looked on BirdCast before, you really owe it to yourself to take a minute and check it out. Unfortunately, these birds are headed south at night, and they're not sticking around for long. The birds on the beach have been great though. The hummingbird wars are vicious in the yard, and I'm having to fill the feeders a lot more often than normal.

I see there's some recent attention being given to the UTV's and ATV's that are being driven around the Island. This pops up every once in a while, when we get an influx of new residents or an influx of new policemen. We went through this whole thing 7-8 years ago at the Island Strategic Action Committee, and I think we did a pretty good job crafting the ordinance that allows you to have these vehicles on public streets that are 35 MPH or less. They just need to be “street legal.” For the most part, everyone has been pretty good, with some exceptions of people occasionally driving down SPID. The new one is the kids on the electric bikes that are zooming around the Island cutting off cars. Those things go fast! It's going to take someone getting in trouble for the message to really get out about those E-bikes. I think because they are “motorized” that they should have all the necessary equipment to be on the road as well.

Well folks, as Blondie said, “the tide is high and I'm moving on.” We are getting our fall tides, and the water level will come up and stay up until we get our first cold fronts that will push all the water back out of the bays. The redfish, mullet, flounder, and most everything else will dump out with the tides, and people will be catching fish at the jetties. Hopefully we are able to get out of town here in the next few days and go on a little adventure. My next article may be from down south. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll catch you next week On the Rocks.



Birdcast from September 17th



Flowers in the dunes. By LuAnn Kingsbury

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By Joey Farah

Backwater Adventures

Today is the Day



Mr Red hooked this giant 41" MONSTER BULL REDFISH this week out along the King Ranch Shoreline while throwing soft plastics under diving birds! We were fishing with 1/4oz jig heads in 5' of water with some DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODELS IN CHICKEN ON A CHAIN/Chartruse. Farah



We found this Baffin Bay Trout 271/4" up high on a rocky sandbar on the mouth of Baffin. The RED AND WHITE DOWN SOUTH LURE was just what she wanted! Fish are undisturbed from boats now and are spending more and more time up shallow. The FALL SPAWN IS COMING UP IN OCT&NOV!! Farah

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Hints of Fall are all around us. Cloudy mornings with light north winds are teasing us all. Fishing has begun to make the transition of season as well. Trout have been enjoying the cool mornings and mid day times. When there is no wind we are staying deep in the boat using soft plastics along the ICW canal. With winds we drift and focus on marbled sand and grass in 2-4' of the flats. At dawn gamefish are hunting small pin perch, moving to shrimp out deep during the hottest part of the day. We are following that bite through the day. Redfish are absolutely active when the wind is up and moving tide, bait, making shadows and sliding us along. Those monster reds stay out deep and are nocturnal. Bull redfish are also very sensitive to vibration, so deep water with wind is perfect. Finding 3' of water in Baffin Bay with green tint to it is all you need to find the perfect recipe for great trout action on soft plastics and live shrimp under Popping Corks. These next two months are incredible moments on the water every day. Follow all of our fishing on Facebook at JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER FISHING, let's find Your Day! 361-442-8145.



Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

When Hillary Clinton lost the presidential election in 2016, her pastor sent her a consoling email. It said, “God doesn’t close one door without opening another. But it can be hell in the hallway.” I think we may be stuck in some kind of existential hallway as a people. Where do we go from here?

I have been thinking about the biblical prophet Jeremiah this week. Jeremiah was called to bring a harsh word to his people. Jerusalem would be destroyed, and the rest of the nation obliterated. The judgment of God was coming upon them.

When listening to the message of Jeremiah, occasionally one can hear the sincere anguish in his voice. He was weeping because of the calamity upon his people. It seems that the apparent hopelessness of the situation was overwhelming him. The outpouring of grief and anguish is poignant. In many ways it is like when Jesus wept over Jerusalem several hundred years later.

Jeremiah’s tone of gloom and doom seems out of place in a religion of joy and faith. It seems awkward in a faith that talks about the good news of the gospel. Jeremiah’s joy was gone. He mourned, horror had seized him. Was there no source of healing and hope? How long, O Lord?

In the face of yet another incident of politically motivated violence we mourn. Political provocateur Charlie Kirk murdered in Utah. Minnesota state representative Melissa Hortman and her husband murdered by a man with a hit list of other Minnesota Democratic officials. That perpetrator also wounded another legislator and his wife. A fire was set at the home of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro while he and his family slept inside. Thirteen men were charged with a domestic terror plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Two Embassy of Israel staff members murdered in Washington, D.C. And of course, there were the two assassination attempts on President Trump during the most recent presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the knee-jerk reaction is for the right to blame the left and the left to blame the right. Those in power blame the radical far (fill in the blank). What we see is the equivalent of hurling rhetorical grenades thinking that the destruction of our enemies will bring peace and justice. It seems that

winning a debate or election is no longer sufficient. We think we need to eviscerate our enemies. Is there no balm to bring healing? Must our group solidarity inevitably lead to conflict and violence? I am reminded what a therapist once said, “contempt is sulfuric acid for love.”

Where is God in all of this?

Jeremiah had to be honest about what he saw. He had to give voice to the realities of sorrow, loss, and fear. We need to be honest with ourselves. We cannot mourn the violence in our current situation if we are contributing to it through vitriolic rhetoric and posts.

Historian Jon Meacham was recently asked to put the political violence of the last several years into context. He said that political violence erupts whenever we have conflicted definitions of “we the people.” It’s a question of power and control, often mixed with fear. Fear leads us to push others away or see them as enemies, not a part of “we the people.” Us versus them.

During the earthly ministry of Jesus, he was often criticized by the religious leadership of the day for the company he kept, especially those with whom he chose to break bread. It seems even the wayward, “them,” are welcome in the kingdom of God. In God’s realm every single person is welcomed in love. Love is door for our way forward. God’s love opens the possibility of us and them.

Author Anne Lamont says that she keeps an Arundhati Roy quote taped to her computer. “Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”

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

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Michelle Walters

Senior moments Special to the Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

Dotson’s Note: My thanks my students who did the research for many of the facts contained in this report.

2nd September 1666-The Great Fire of London began in a baker’s shop in Pudding Lane and raged on for five days. The fire destroyed 13,200 houses, 87 parish churches, The Royal Exchange, Guildhall, and St Paul’s Cathedral, and nine people died. There was no organized fire brigade in 1666 and little knowledge of firefighting. Instead, leather buckets, axes, and water squirts (with little effect) were used to fight the fire. Sir Christopher Wren planned for the rebuilding of the city of London, which took over 30 years to complete. Today, the site where the fire started is marked by a 202ft Monument to the Great Fire of London built between 1671 and 1677, which is simply called ‘Monument’ by most.

3rd September, 1189 Richard I (the Lion Heart) was crowned King of England at Westminster. He was the son of King Henry II and Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine. Richard earned the nickname ‘Lion Heart’ because he was a skilled soldier, brave crusader, and won many battles against Saladin – who was the Muslim leader occupying Jerusalem at the time. Having spent most of his childhood at his mother’s court at Poitiers, Richard didn’t spend much time in England. In fact, historians are doubtful of whether he could actually speak the language at all.

3rd September, 1939-In response to Hitler’s invasion of Poland, Britain and France declared war on Germany, marking the start of World War II.

4th September, 1998 Larry Page and Sergey Brin founded Google while they were PhD students at Stanford University in California. Google began as an online search engine only, but today it offers over 50 different internet products and services – from email to online document creation.

8th September, 2022-Queen Elizabeth II, the UK’s longest reigning monarch, died peacefully at Balmoral at the age of 96. After becoming Queen in 1952 aged 25, Elizabeth II witnessed significant social change during her reign. She has been described by many as a constant, comforting, and reassuring presence in our ever-changing world. The Queen’s funeral was held on 19th September, and, according to BBC News, was watched by 28 million viewers in the UK.

9th September, 2015 Queen Elizabeth II became Great Britain’s longest reigning monarch. Reigning for 63 years and seven months, Her Majesty surpassed the previous record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

10th September, 1897 Twenty-five-year-old London taxi driver George Smith became the first person to be fined for drunk driving after crashing his car into a building. Smith pleaded guilty and was fined 25 shillings. Despite the invention of equipment like the breathalyzer, it wasn’t until the late 1970s and early 1980s that public awareness of the dangers of drunk driving increased and police officers became tougher on offenders.

11th September, 2001 Nineteen terrorists associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four passenger airplanes and carried out a series of suicide attacks against United States targets. Two of the planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, another was flown into the Pentagon just outside Washington DC, and the fourth crashed in a field in Shanksville Pennsylvania. Just short of 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

12th September, 1624-The first practical submarine was publicly tested on the River Thames in London for King James I. Three thousand spectators, including King James I himself, stood to watch. The power of the submarine depended entirely on human effort in the form of underwater rowers.

13th September, 1788-New York City became the first capital of the United States after the Constitution was given formal consent. The Residence Act of 16th July, 1790 moved the nation’s capital to current-day Washington DC. This was part of a plan to appease pro-slavery states who were fearful that a northern capital would be too sympathetic to abolitionists.

13th September, 1902-Harry Jackson became the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence. A burglary had occurred on 27 June 1902 in a house in Denmark Hill, London, where the investigating officer noticed some fingerprints on a freshly painted windowsill. After confirming that the fingerprints hadn’t been left by members of the household, officers searched their files for known criminals who had a similar fingerprint pattern. Those of 41-year-old laborer Harry Jackson, who had recently served time in prison for burglary, matched and he was arrested.

16th September, 1620-The Mayflower set off on its voyage from Plymouth to the United States with up to 30 crew members and 102 passengers. The majority of passengers were after a new life. Some were Protestant Separatists seeking religious freedom from the Church of England, and others simply wanted a fresh start in a new place or a better future for their families. The Protestant Separatists called themselves ‘Saints’, who planned to establish a new church in the New World. Today, we commonly refer to the colonists who crossed the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower as ‘Pilgrims’.

19th September, 1893-New Zealand became the first country to grant all women the right to vote. Despite this victory, New Zealand women still had a long journey ahead of them to achieve political equality. Women only gained the right to stand for Parliament in 1919, the first female Member of Parliament wasn’t elected until 1933, and the number of female MPs didn’t reach double figures until the mid-1980s. Even today, women are still under-underrepresented in Parliament.

25th September, 1818-The first transfusion of human blood was performed by James Blundell at Guy’s Hospital in London. Injecting a patient who had hemorrhaged with blood during an era that was still in the habit of draining blood away to cure illnesses, Blundell was way ahead of his time.

27th September, 1888-The name ‘Jack the Ripper’ was first used in an anonymous letter to the Central News agency. Up until that point, the famous killer had been known by various names including ‘Red Fiend’, ‘The Whitechapel Murderer’, and ‘Leather Apron’. Jack the Ripper terrorized London in 1888, murdering at least five women. The offender was never captured or identified, and today remains one of England’s most infamous criminals.

28th September, 1745-‘God Save the King’ was sung for the first time publicly at the Drury Lane Theatre in London. This was after news that Prince Charles Edward Stuart – who had defeated the army of King George at Prestonpans, near Edinburgh – had reached London. ‘God Save the King’ came to be known as the National Anthem at the beginning of the nineteenth century. The words used today are the same as those sung in 1745, simply substituting ‘Queen’ for ‘King’ where necessary.

29th September, 1916-Founder of the Standard Oil refinery, John D. Rockefeller, became the world’s first billionaire. Rockefeller’s fortune was worth nearly 2% of America’s entire national economy. In October 1928, John D. Rockefeller leased land from Columbia University for the future site of what would become the Rockefeller Center, completed in 1939.

30th September, 1938-After meeting Adolf Hitler in Munich and signing a peace treaty with Nazi Germany, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain addressed the nation, mistakenly saying, “I believe it is peace for our time.” Just under a year later, the Prime Minister spoke again to the nation, this time solemnly calling for a British declaration of war against Germany. Eight months later, Chamberlain was forced to resign and was replaced by Winston Churchill.

Final thoughts-From the world’s first billionaire to the Great Fire of London and the creation of Google, September has witnessed many unforgettable historical events throughout time. And with the more recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it’s a month of history we’re likely to never forget.



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6. Cry from David Copperfield
10. Checkpoint Charlie shout
14. Many an October baby
15. "Darling ___" (Julie Andrews)
16. "Why, the very ___!"
17. Titanic, for one
19. Purloin
20. Like April
21. Like a dungeon
22. Natural gas component
24. Considerable, as a sun
25. Had a liking for
26. Plant lice
29. Type of bean
30. Point the finger at
31. Dash in the kitchen
32. "The Valachi Papers" author Peter
36. Geotechnical sample
37. Swings around
38. Soup flavoring
39. Dam up
40. Use profanity
41. Lady of the home
42. Regard lovingly
44. Cracker with brie, e.g.
45. Become resolute
48. "Never ___!"
49. Slice of bacon
50. Cheese made from goat's milk
51. Sigma follower
54. Member of the opposition
55. It gives a reflection
58. Cross the threshold
59. Right-hand man
60. Causing goose bumps
61. Lestat's Rice
62. Couple of bucks
63. Mottled steeds

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Down

1. Type of chart	18. Chaps	41. Brian Epstein, to the Beatles
2. Wedding shower?	23. Explosive abbr.	43. Sandra of "Gidget"
3. Drive the getaway car	24. Device in an H.G. Wells tale	44. Quote
4. Influential lobby gp.	25. "The X-___"	45. Actress Sonia
5. Novella by Voltaire	26. Kid stuff	46. Continued nonstop
6. Roman author of the first century	27. Plan a mutiny	47. John of "The Addams Family"
7. Pigpen peal	28. Dupe in an Aesop fable	48. London "yard"
8. Motivation for Manolete	29. Temporary stop	50. Fall behind in the stretch
9. Some picnic pests	31. Suck down	51. "Gone With the Wind" mansion
10. General assembly?	33. Opera by Giuseppe Verdi	52. Z ___ zebra
11. Runner-up to Ike	34. Without delay, in a memo	53. Puts into service
12. Spaghetti western director Sergio	35. Unspecified amount	56. Placement, on the links
13. Brought under control	37. Steel wool cleanser	57. Sign of the zodiac



Rainbow By Joey Farah



By Gene Saegert

Why I didn't ride in the Conquer the Coast Bike Ride

With the Conquer the Coast bike ride coming up this weekend I recall the story of why I didn't ride in the 2009. I remember at that time my oldest son told me he was going to ride in the Conquer the Coast bike ride again this year. And being that there has always been a competitive spirit within our family, (I can out fish you, I can out run you and the list goes on). I told him "Okay, I can do that too" His reply but you are 66 years old", my reply "I have seen a lot of senile, excuse me, Senior citizens in that bike ride."

“Yes he replied, but they usually train for the ride ahead of time and learn things like how to use the draft method” Ok he got me there on the training part, but the draft method I can handle. Unless I am mistaken the draft method must involve pulling a small ice chest behind your bike. The hardest part of the draft method is deciding what brand of draft to put in it, because there is such a large selection out there.

"That's not quite it," he retorted, and began to enlighten me on the subject. Well, being duly "enlightened" I decided that I would just put it off until next year. Not entirely unexpected, this brought up other little snippets such as "I guess the only peddling you will be doing is back peddling." Ok, ok, he may have won this one, so the world will not get to see me in spandex this year, which unfortunately was another subject that was touched on also. So I decided that I would just get my camera and just be satisfied with covering the race.

I was glad that I did because I got some great ideas for the next race. Actually one of my ideas for this year's race involved a small electric motor and a twelve volt battery which my son didn't approve of either. But nevertheless what I saw while covering the race was quite enlightening. I did see an ice chest on wheels being pulled by one cyclist, and I am sure he probably stole my draft idea. Two other ideas came to mind as the array of cyclists went past, involving recumbent bikes, tandem bikes and a bike with three peddlers.(I have no idea what you call a three-seater) but consider these options.

A recumbent bike could easily be retrofitted with a Barco Lounger or a Lazy Boy but the problem with that being I would probably think I was at home watching TV and fall asleep with possible negative consequences. After due consideration, the answer seems to be the three-seater option with me on the last seat. The front two wouldn't know if I was peddling and I could throw some beads of water on my face to simulate perspiration and if the peddlers in front looked back, I could grimace a little and say "are you sure you guys are pulling your weight?" I am thinking the best part of this plan would be no pre-race condition required!" Unfortunately I never got to try out any of these ideas, but who knows if it will be a possibility in the future.

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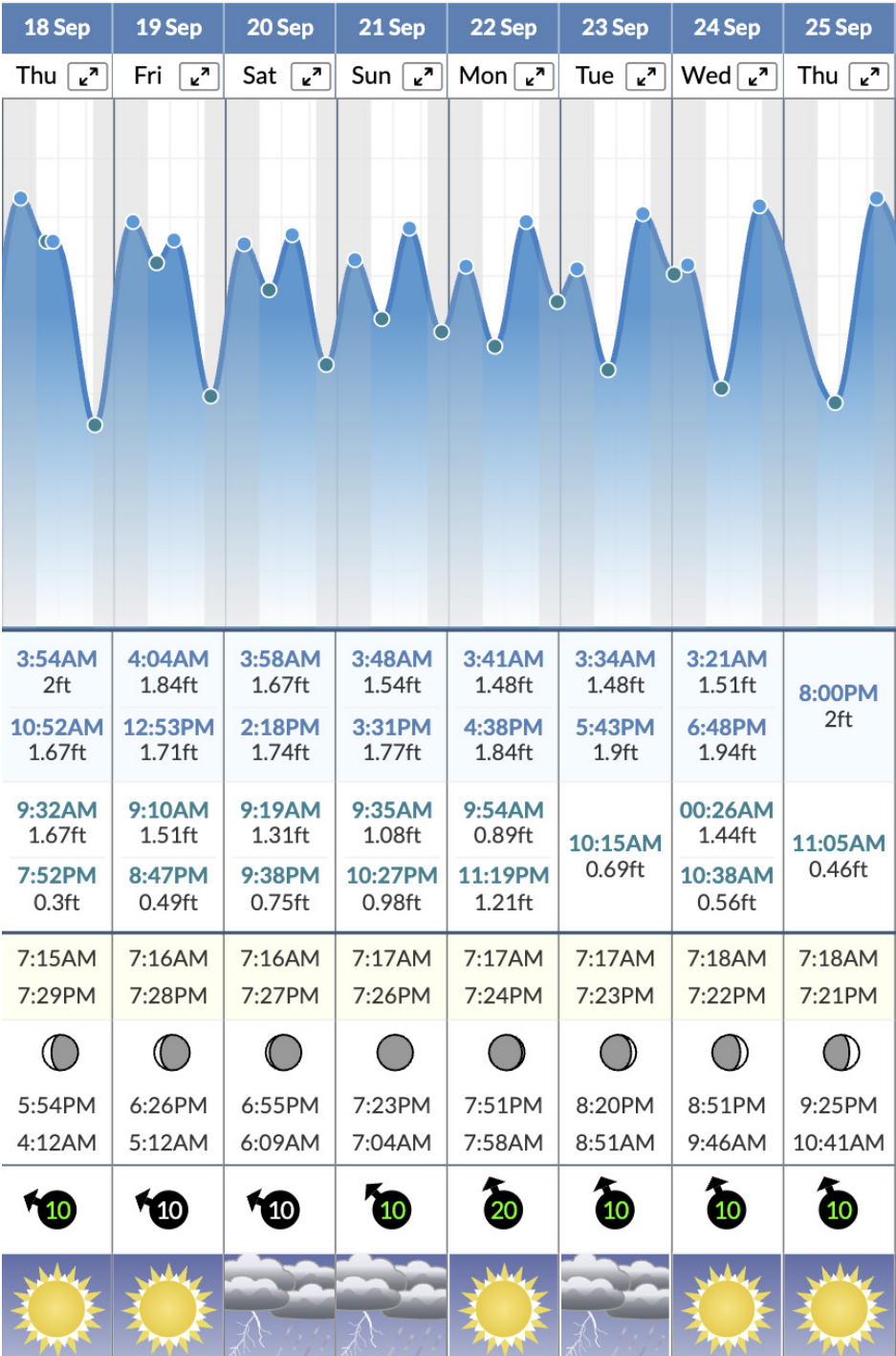


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Three Chords and the Truth



By Ronnie Narmour
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14th Annual Pirate Parade...



This year's Pirate Parade is this Saturday leaving the Gaff at 5PM

First and foremost, the 14th Annual Pirate Parade this Saturday is tops on my upcoming events list. This parade is in celebration of the *International Talk Like a Pirate Day*. I love this parade. It's right up there with the *Mardi Gras Parade* and the *Halloween Parade* in my humble opinion. Full grown adults get to dress up as their alter egos and parade through the streets of Port Aransas like they have good sense. It's all centered around our beloved pirate bar, *Da Gaff* and always will be. Mucho kudos go to *Gaff* proprietor **Kip Shannon** for his ongoing pursuit of fun, more fun and nothing but fun. Kip told me many years ago that it was his intention to find fun, goofy stuff to do while you drink beer. Works for me! Here's the deal... deck out your golf carts and your bodies in all things pirate and head to the *Gaff* when it's time to lineup around 4:00 and the line WILL BE LONG... I've seen it back up all the way down the beach many times. The parade departs at 5:00 led by **Miss Sally** in her pink car with big eye lashes, then the storied *Gaff Pirate Boat* full of local pirates, then me and my **Mermaid Gal** in all our glory... then everybody else. Expect the streets to be lined with spectators and pirate wannabe's. The route will go down *Beach Street* then left on *Station* and right on *Avenue C*, another right on *Alister* to *Cotter*, then another right on *Station* and back to *Beach Street* and the *Gaff* for some grog and pirate antics where **Coach Big Jim Dugan** will be crooning his sing-along faves live on stage and a great time is guaranteed for all. Aaarrrrrg yall!

Talk like a pirate starter kit...



Kiwi says, All you Buckos better get your grog on and find some booty.

So, Friday the 19th is *International Talk Like a Pirate Day* proper, and you'll need to get your pirate lingo up to speed. Here's a starter kit for all you scallywags: **Arrrrgh!**: pirate catch phrase for grumbling or disgust, **Ahoy Matey**: hello my friend, **Blow the Man Down**: Captain's order to get rid of a person, **Booty**: A treasure, **Grog**: Rum and water, **Landlubber**: Someone unfamiliar with the sea or sailing, **Bunghole**: a hole in a barrel or cask, **Feed the Fish**: About to die, **Bucko**: A friend, **Crack Jenny's Teacup**: Term for spending the evening with a lady of the night, **Hornswaggle**: To cheat someone out of money, **Wench**: Woman or peasant girl, **Thar she blows**: Whale sighting, **Scallywag**: Rooky pirate, **Old Salt**: Experienced pirate. There will be a quiz.

Scattered shots...

You remember when I told you the music scene was about to slow down on our little island because it's after *Labor Day* and school has started back? Well it didn't exactly, maybe a little bit but the tourist population took a dive for sure. But I did spend last weekend on a dead run. Don't get me wrong, the traffic was definitely a lot slower but there was a ton great live music to be found

around every turn. You may have noticed I have a propensity for whining about big lines of cars in my way...comes from all those years living in Austin I suppose. Back to music; last weekend was another goodern. On Friday the 12th the totally colorful **Love Street Band** brought their classic rock show to *Shorty's*, the passionate singer-songwriter from Utopia, **Boone Holding** played *Bron's* and then camped on the beach with his son and daughter, the adorable husband-wife team, **No Wake Zone**, played the *Gaff* and then I ran over to the *Sip Yard* to watch **Devin Michaels** open for **Aaron McBee**. Dude, Devin Michaels is fire. He rocked out like he wanted to get a mosh pit going. It was really cool. On Saturday night the definitive party band with four horns, **Cruise Control**, totally controlled the stage at the *Sip Yard* and got the gals wiggling from downbeat. Also on Saturday the Tex-Mex batos, **Palacios Brothers** from Hebbronville, put on a mighty fine show that's somewhere between rock and blues with shades of country. And over at *Bron's* on Saturday my dear old pal from my years in San Antonio, **Ruben V** showed us what powerhouse blues means in real time. Trust me, **Ruben Vela** is a bonafied monster and can go toe to toe with ANYONE. I should also mention that I raced power tools at the *Gaff* and took the walk of shame once again. I think my **Moon Monkey** might need some *Wheaties*.



Cathouse will play Bron's this Saturday the 20th.

Coming this weekend...



The country boys Tumble Dry Low will play Treasure Island this Saturday.

Coming on Thursday the 18th we will have the great hard edged **Cathouse** playing the *Sip Yard* and acoustic slide guitar maestro **Robert McCoy** is back in action and will play the *Gaff*. On Friday the 19th our real deal Cajun zydeco buddies, **Boudreaux and Pousson**, will appropriately play the *Gaff* to kick off the pirate festivities. Also on Friday the **Groove** will bring their tried and true 80's rock to *Treasure Island*, veteran blues master **John Cortez** will play *Shorty's* as he has many time before, looper **Brad Ethridge** will be substituting for **Joey St. Vincent** at *Bron's* and *Americana* fave **Jason Suthern** will grace the stage at the *Sip Yard*. On Saturday the 20th the *Gaff* is leading the pack with all the pirate hoopla. Also the *Gaff* will also be hosting a *SurfFest* awards party dedicated to **Greg Villasana**, of *La Playa* fame, and with music from **Chuy Fiel** at 6:30 when the pirate parade comes full circle. Plus on Saturday a guy I frequently booked at *Billy Blues* in Houston, **Hamilton Loomis**, will bring the blues to the *Sip Yard* and our country cohorts, **Tumble Dry Low**, will play *Treasure Island* and **Funk Rock Stereo** will play *Shorty's*. Check out the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box for more upcoming shows around the Coastal Bend. Yall be safe.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The John Cortez Blues Band will play Shorty's this Friday.



Cajun-Zydeco masters Boudreaux & Pousson will play the Gaff on Friday.



Hamilton Loomis will play the Sip Yard this Saturday

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

September 18

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys
Robert McCoy @ Gaff
Cathouse @ Sip Yard
Ray Summy @ Palm Republic
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Damon Scott @ Brewster Southside
Peter Salas @ Brewster Island
Sterling Elza @ Brewster Downtown
Lady Kat & Mattman @ Executive Surf Club

Friday.

September 19

INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
The Groove @ Treasure Island
John Cortez @ Shortys
Brad Ethridge @ Bron's
Jason Suthern @ Sip Yard
Garry Mitcham @ VFW 8967
Michael Burttis @ Pelican Lounge
National Nobodys @ BUS
8 Bit Serenade @ Rockit's
Nik Parr & the Selfless Lovers @ House of Rock
Nathan Allen @ Brewster Southside
Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Island
Dreaming in Color @ Executive Surf Club
Alley Catz @ Politics
Tumble Dry Low @ Headliners Fulton

Saturday.

September 20

PIRATE PARADE @ Gaff 5pm
SurfFest Awards Party @ Gaff 6:30 PM
Chuy Fidel @ Gaff
Hamilton Loomis @ Sip Yard
Funk Rock Stereo @ Shortys
Cathouse @ Bron's
Tumble Dry Low @ Treasure Island
Silver Corvette @ VFW 8967
Chainlinks @ Pelican



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Lounge

Victoria Cantu, Groove @ Executive Surf Club
Alley Catz Duo @ Brewster Island
Eric Graham @ Brewster Southside
Casey Donahew @ Brewster Downtown
Love Street @ The Pearl

Sunday, September 21

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Rip Tide Cowboy
Open Mic @ Calypso Drive and Drive
Emery @ Brewster Downtown
Sonny Salinas @ Executive Surf Club
Raul Ayala @ Pelican Lounge

Monday.

September 22

Ejey Eddie Alaniz @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday.

September 23

Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ VFW 8967
Carl Hayes Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Rich Lockhart @ Packery Bar
Los Locals @ Palm Republic
Indiglow @ Executive Surf Club
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge

Wednesday.

September 24

Open Mic w/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Cleartones @ Port A VFW
US- Penny & Joe @ Pelican Lounge
Rock Hard Comedy @ House of Rock
Alley Catz @ Tannins South

Thursday.

September 25

Classic Car Show @ Port A
Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys
Jim Bush @ Gaff
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