



Business Briefs (some not so brief)

Padre Island Fiber Arts is a new craft group that meets at the El Constante Club House Sundays 2 - 4 pm. All genres of Fiber Arts are welcome including crochet, knitting, needlepoint, cross stitch, needling, crewel etc.. All are welcome.



Islander Andrew Neystel is on the Discovery Channel series "Ice Cold Catch" that can be streamed. He answered an ad and ended up getting chosen as a trainee on an Icelandic cod fishing trawler in the high seas. He is introduced when he first arrives as being from North Padre Island. They show cuts of videos of him here on the Island. You can catch him on the show starting at episode 8. See the full story on the front page.

Texas A&M CC Men's Islanders basketball team is tied for first place in the Southland Conference. Last year they won the conference that earned them an appearance in the NCAA Tournament for only the second time. They currently rank 7th out of 363 Division1 schools in free throw percentage at 78.8%. Villanova and Clemson are in first and second place which puts them in good company. Islander basket player Isaac Mushila ranks 18th in rebounds with 9.8 per game. The team plays Lamar on Saturday, February 11th 1 pm at the American Bank Center. Tickets are \$11.

Texas Sandfest 2023 will be held April 14 - 16 and is the largest native sand sculpture competition in the country. It is for non-profits and scholarships and they are seeking volunteers. Vendors that are interested have until March 31st to sign up. Visit their Facebook page for more info

Scuttlebutt's has been closed for remodel the last few days mainly to work on the bathrooms and kitchen. They will reopen Friday, February 10th at 11 am.

Frontage Road from Commodore to Jackfish will be repaved and have a sidewalk added. Also Jackfish will be repaved with a sidewalk added along Ullberg Park.

Some of the homes along Dasmarinas have already become waterfront homes starting at Crown Royal and going north. There is a berm area from their back fence to the canal. The berm and bulkhead will not be part of the homeowner's property although they will be able to access the canals to kayak or fish. The upside of that is they do not need to maintain it which makes me assume that they do not need to mow it either.



Spring Break for most Texas schools is March 11 - 19. Work on the JFK Bridge was to be completed by then so we should be back to four lanes soon.

Seashore Charter Schools has open enrollment March 1- 31 with forms available Wednesday, February 15th. Early childhood is for kids 3 - 5 years of age, Seashore Learning Center is for kindergarten - 4th grades and Seashore Middle Academy is 5th - 8th grade.

The 6th Annual Ski Bash 2023 will be held Saturday, August 5th starting at 11 am. The bands participating will be announced at a later date.



The CC Symphony will present their Grand Finale Concert Saturday, March 11th 7:30 pm at the TAMUCC Performing Arts Center. The performance will include three local choirs.



The Soup'er Bowl Contest will be at the Pelican Lounge on Feb 12th. Bring your soup in a crockpot to the pelican at 2.30 pm and the contest begins at 3 pm. To enter the contest call or text Alice at 361-537-77234. Last chance to enter is Friday, February 10th. Everyone is invited to taste and judge the soups. Prizes will go to the three people with the most votes.

The Litter Critter community cleanup event will take place at the Flour Bluff HS parking lot on Saturday, February 11th 9 am - 3 pm.

The Texas Winter Market II will be held at the Aransas Pass Civic Center February 11 - 12. Saturday hours are 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 3 pm. There will be clothing, gourmet food, jewelry, home decor and much more. Admission is \$5 and children 12 and under are free.

Coastal Pet Supply & Exotics will be hosting the Gulf Coast Humane Society's adoption event on Saturday, February 25 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. They are located in the Pelican Plaza.

Celsita's Restaurant will be selling pork and chicken tamales by the dozen for \$17 this Saturday and Sunday 9 am until sold out. They are located next to Island Market IGA.

The Lorelei Brewing Company Tap Room & Brewery in the Bluff has closed. You can still purchase their canned beer at stores that brewed in a location near Houston.

South Texas Botannical Gardens has opened registration for half day week long summer camps during June and July. The camp is for ages 6 - 13 and the cost is \$125 - \$150.



The cheapest place on the Island to buy a gallon of 2% milk is Island Market IGA at \$4.16.

The Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade on the beach will be on Saturday, February 18th starting at 11 am until about 1 pm.. Remember to secure your spot early morning as the crowd for this event grows each year. The King & Queen's Ball will be held at the Wyndham Resort on the seawall on Saturday, February 11th 7 - 11 pm. For years the ball was the same day as the parade but that proved to be too exhausting,



The Costume Contest Winner Evelyn Pless-Schuberth and Her Umbrella
Photo by Debbie Noble

Coyotes on the Beach

By Tom Howe
Here are some recent photos of a coyote on the beach, the last one is a different coyote One thought, for years the rumor has persisted that there are red wolves still on the island. Every now and then over the years someone has produced a photo of what they claim are red wolves on the island. What I've found in a short time of research is that most likely several males were left behind when they captured the few remaining ones across Texas and other location. These captured ones were used to create a true breeding population so as to save them from extinction. A part of this breeding population was returned to the wild in the southeast USA. Further, the red wolves are very capable of breeding with coyotes and some biologists suggest it could be a subspecies of coyotes. In any case coyotes have been found to carry the red wolf genes in many areas and are sometimes referred to as coywolf's. My thought was it might be fun for your paper to explore



this coywolf and interbreeding, idea with your readers. Could create a poll on what the readers think or ask if they have seen one. It could be a fun diversion from all the other things we hear on the news. Anyway, it was just an idea. Have a great week.

Editor's note: Thank you Tom we will do just that, we will post this on our Facebook page theislandmoonnewspaper and see what we get back. Thank you for writing.



Bollard Buddies

Here are a few of the Island Moons favorites this year
Photos by Ronnie Narmour



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⌵ AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



When a tree falls, does your insurance apply?



Will insurance pay when a tree crashes down on your car or house?

Sometimes.

If a tree or branch falls on your house or car, use these tips:

- Take photos of the damage before you move the tree, make repairs, or take other steps to prevent more damage.
- Make temporary repairs to prevent more damage, and contact your agent or insurance company as soon as possible.
- Save your receipts for reimbursement. Your homeowner policy should cover materials and labor used to make repairs.

Many homeowners policies provide some coverage if a tree falls in a storm and your house is damaged or limbs block your driveway. But limbs and trees falling in your yard usually aren't covered. Call your agent or company to check.

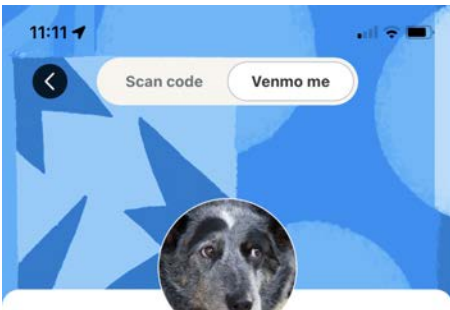
If your neighbor's tree falls on your house, their homeowners policy probably won't cover the damage and tree removal, unless your neighbor was at fault. Your neighbor isn't responsible for acts of nature. If your neighbor's policy doesn't pay, you can file a claim under your own policy. If a tree falls on your car, your auto insurance will pay for damage if you have comprehensive coverage.

Texas Department of Insurance

Hello Island Dog Lovers.

The Riley P Dog Park is now a reality, and some of you are already enjoying the benefits for you and your four-legged best friend. The park is located at the west end of Whitecap after the Yacht Club and Water Treatment Plant. Look for the cell tower and small building as a landmark. The dog park is toward the back of the property after you drive through the front gate. There is still more work to be done to improve and enhance the park. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so we rely entirely on private donations from Island residents as well as donations from corporate and business owners. In coming weeks we will be adding a double gate system at the entrance to the park and plan on dividing the area to segregate small and larger dogs. We also rely on volunteer Friends of the Riley P Dog Park to provide ongoing maintenance, and their help is greatly appreciated. As more funds are raised, we plan to add features that will make this facility something we can be proud of. We welcome input from all residents as an important part of the process. Stay tuned for future updates.

Barkingly Yours.
Jed Blaich.
Treasurer



Island Memorial for George Kirk

A memorial will be held for longtime Islander George Kirk a 2 p.m. Saturday, February 25 at Island Presbyterian Church with a reception following at Doc's Seafood & Steaks.

The following obituary was printed in the Moline Dispatch newspaper.

George Nathan Kirk of Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly of Moline, Illinois, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023.

George was born in Moline, Illinois on April 27, 1921, to George E. and Erna Kirk. He is a graduate of Moline High School and attended three years at the University of Iowa prior to joining the Navy at the start of WWII.

He enlisted in the Navy on January 3rd, 1942 where he began his fighter pilot training. He earned his naval wings at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas; then, to Norfolk, Virginia for aircraft carrier qualification. On June 1, 1943 he received orders to report to Air Group 8 where he flew some of the first Grumman F6F-3 (Hellcat) that came off of the assembly line. He then deployed on US Navy ship the CV-11 Intrepid to Hawaii in December 1943 and CV-17 Bunker Hill to the Pacific Theater in March 1944.

George's patriotic service during WWII was pronounced. He was a Naval Flying ACE with seven combat victories, awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Navy Air Medals. His combat activities included multiple island warfare - the Marianas Turkey Shoot, Iwo Jima, Formosa and support of McArthur's Philippine Invasion in Oct 1944. He returned to Florida in early 1945 to develop night fighting tactics for the new Grumman F6F-5N aircraft; honorably discharged from the Navy in October 1945.

After WWII, George began an influential civilian career guiding aviation development in the Quad Cities for 28 years. In 1955, he was hired to be the first manager of the Quad City Airport. Civilian aviation was expanding, and the airfield grew into an airport in every sense, with a runway two miles long. He directed the creation of the Industrial Park, financed infrastructure, water facilities and new streets. Ultimately, he directed the design of a state-of-the-art terminal building, remaining on the job until the final plans were completed.

In his tenure, he was recognized as a leader in the aviation field. He joined the American Association of Airport Executives. In 1955, he helped form the Great Lakes Chapter for the association becoming its first president. In 1976, he had the honor of serving as President of the national AAAE organization. As President, he directed the association's board and the staff of AAAE to create and develop an accreditation program for airport managers in the aviation industry. It was to become a 'Masters' program for those in the airport management industry to build their knowledge, expertise, and professionalism in managing airports and air transportation. He was the first airport manager to complete the courses and earn the accreditation as an Accredited Airport Executive. [A.A.E.]

George retired from the airport 1983 to pursue his passion for traveling, golf, hunting and fishing.

On August 8, 1943, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, prior to his departure to the combat zone, he married his best friend and high school sweet-

heart Virginia (Ginny) Christofferson. He later said, "We were 22-years old. The Navy gave us their fastest fighter planes, and I married Ginny.... it was the best summer of my life."

In 1951, George and Ginny became parents to twin boys, Randy and Chris. After retirement, George and Ginny enjoyed the Quad Cities with friends and family playing golf, fishing the Mississippi River, and traveling. They were active members of the Arsenal Country Club. They spent their winters on North Padre Island, Corpus Christi, Texas. In 1998, after 15 years of being "winter Texans" they decided to move to North Padre Island permanently; again, enjoying friends, golf, and the coastal waters of Texas. Ginny passed away in May of 2004 after a remarkable 61 years of marriage.

Over the years, George has received many honors with the most recent in November 2022 when he was inducted into the Commemorative Air Force - Third Coast Squadron "Hall of Fame".

In 2000, he was inducted into the Moline High School - Hall of Fame. Other notable honors include the American Fighter Aces - 2014 Congressional Medal of Honor and being named to the Military Aviation Hall of Fame of Illinois.

Memberships include the Padre Island Presbyterian Church, Quiet-Birdman [QB], Rock Island Arsenal Country Club, Padre Island Country Club, a proud member of the benevolent Friendly Fishing Club, and the Moon Group.

George died in his home with his boys by his side. The Kirk family comments:

"In our eyes and the eyes of others he was an amazing gentleman.... a great husband and father, a good friend to many, and a true hero of the greatest generation. He was blessed with longevity, lived life to the fullest and remained independent in his apartment overlooking the canals of the Laguna Madre until his death. He is loved dearly and will be greatly missed."

George is survived by his twin sons Randy Kirk (Tess) of Lago Vista, Texas and Chris Kirk (Sheryl) of College Station, Texas. George has seven grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be Noon on Monday, January 30, 2023, with visitation one hour prior to services. Burial is in Rock Island National Cemetery, where the Moline American Legion Post #246 will present military honors.

An additional memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25, at the Island Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you to consider a donation to one of the following:

The Kirk Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o The Sheriffs' Association of Texas
1601 South Interstate Highway 35
Austin, Texas 78741

Island Presbyterian Church
14030 Fortuna Bay Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418



Celebration of Life for Joe Farah

Saturday February 11th at Marker 37 Marina at 3 pm.

Open to the public and all that have shared great memories over the last 30yrs at Farahs Waterhole. We will have a massive slide show with pictures over the years, live music, and a sunset send off on the Sunset pier. Guests may bring flowers to cast off into the sea. Marker 37 Marina will have some great food available in their on premise food truck, and full bars. It's going to be a great party. Joe's family from California will be there, and we will have a sound system for anyone to share their best Joe Stories!



Donate to the Dog Park Via Paypal!

History Cont. from A1

who lives on Mustang Island, at Port Aransas, has made \$3000 from sales of raw rubber. All that the men know of the source of this sea-borne fortune is that a ship laden with rubber was torpedoed in a Gulf or Caribbean pass. We stopped to see Coleman, a heavy-set man who came to Port Aransas from Michigan. He has been on the coast only a few years, but he is a full-time beachcomber and a good one. He specializes in lumber and has picked it up by the ton. Port Aransas has had a building boom recently, and much of the lumber came from the sea.

Rawalt and Coleman are the main commercial beachcombers. They have found almost numberless drums of oil, kerosene, gasoline and Diesel fuel, kegs of cucumbers, pickles, tins of lard, scores of life jackets, rafts and even large lifeboats, and enough emergency rations to supply a good-sized army. The Rawalts these rations – pemmican tablets – as a sort of tonic. Some of the rafts and boats contained partly used provisions; whether the men who occupied the craft were rescued or swallowed by the sea is not known. Veteran beachcombers don't look past the whipping whitecaps or talk of tragedy that dumps things into the sea. To them, the product of the beach like a farmer's crop. Beachcombers merely say, "It came in." The grim reminders of war and man's struggle in and with the sea precisely fit the Padre scene of wild desolation. I felt this when we crossed the pass and rolled onto Padre. The weapons carrier rumbled along the beach a few feet from the surf. Some forty feet of the beach was wet, and was as smooth and firm as a concrete turnpike. Occasionally we dodged a half-buried log. In spots the beach was littered with such items as electric light bulbs, tin cans, bottles and lumber.

About forty-file miles down the island we ran into a large pile of small sea shells, which extended from low tide far up on the strand. They looked as if they had been dumped from trucks. A four-wheel drive comes in hand here. We groaned through five miles of these shoulders of small shells, which give the name Little Shell to the locality. Down the island a fee miles farther we came upon Big Shell, with great, loose heaps of large sea shells. These made the truck heave and grind. Rawalt chuckled when he saw these shell banks. Once in Eastern summer considered putting a button factory on Padre, and Rawalt was asked to count the shells in a large area and estimate the number on the beach. This just struck Rawalt as funny.



Except for the dumps of shells, there was a dreary sameness to the beach and the sea wall of dunes. We finally came to the Devil's Elbow, a bend a little sharper than the main curve of the island. Rawalt calls this area the graveyard. We stopped and got out of the truck.

The Elbow is a place of magnificent desolation. The whitecaps came curling over the bar to the beach which rises into ridges of sand. Some of the larger dunes beamed hopeful names, such as Money Hill – so named because some old coins have been found there.

Shortly before I visited the island, the Rawalts had spent two weeks there. They ran our of sugar. Mrs. Rawalt complained, in wifely fashion. Rawalt sauntered down to the sea. He saw the breakers lapping at a wooden bucket. The lid was watertight. The bucket was full of plum jam, which, according to the label, had been made in London. Rawalt told it to camp and said, "This'll have to do for sweetening." Rawalt still had some of this jam. It tasted fresh and sweet.

On Padre, luck may come any time. A few years ago, state-highway engineers looked into the possibility of building roads on the island. The wife of one of the engineers dug in the sand in the Elbow area and uncovered a small discolored metal box. When she removed the lid she almost fainted. In the box were several rings, a fairly large diamond, a broken strand

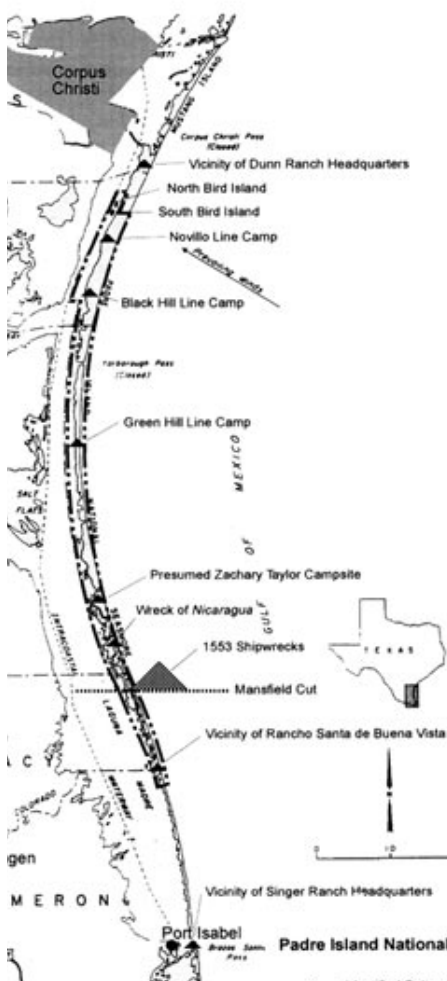
of coral beads, a cameo, and a sunburst brooch set with small diamonds and pearls. A man named John Mercer once kicked a tobacco tin and passed on. The man behind him picked it up and pocketed its contents, \$300 in gold. Coins by the hundreds – old money from England, France, Spain, Belgium, Mexico – have been found. The markings of many have been obliterated but dates can be read on some. Nearly all of them are ancient. The winds' shifting of the sand sometimes uncovers coins, rotting timbers, pieces of metal. And the Gulf still delivers long-lost items. Rawalt, with sea squint in his eyes, said that after a blow fierce enough to rip up the sargassum, or gulfweed, a patient beachcomber may be rewarded with an ancient coin. He said that such things apparently become lodged in tangles of sargassum and remain entangled for centuries, until a blow tears the weeds loose, or shakes a sunken hull.

A stretch of wild beach and a few treasure tales soon get the beachcomber's lust into a man's blood, he has the feeling that he might, by gouging in the sand, uncover a glove box full of doubloons. We walked the beach. The sea had been calm, and there was little chance for rich plunder.

Life jackets stuck out of the sand. A soldier's aluminum canteen bobbed on the surf. We got it and examined it, and found that it had been made in 1942. We applied pliers to the cap and found that it contained about an ounce of fresh water. I wondered who had been saving that last swallow and what had happened to him. Rawalt took the beachcomber's dispassionate attitude toward the canteen. Seafaring men know the tricks of the currents and the island's peculiar function as a catchall of marine wreckage. In the rumrunning days a sleek yacht heavily loaded with good liquor was about to be overtaken in the Gulf by a Government cutter. The skipper put his watertight liquor cases in nets and threw them overboard. He remarked to his mates, "This stuff'll show up on Padre Island, and we can get it there. Some of it, anyhow."

His calculation proved right. Much of the liquor did wash up. But the yachtsmen arrived a bit late and found several beachcombers have the time of their lives. Once, during prohibition, Rawalt found sixty-five cases of whiskey on the island. There was a men-and-dogs foot patrol on Padre during World War II, and one of the jobs of the Coast Guard officers was that of preventing too eager use of cognac, tequila, champagne, and other bottled stuff that came in.

Until a year or so ago there was visual proof that ships have piled up at the Devil's Elbow. When the tide was low, the boilers of the Nicaragua, a merchantman which was blown aground in 1915, could be seen. Even this fairly modern ship became a storied mystery. There was a delightful rumor that in the bags of cement in her holds were machine guns and bullets for revolutionaries in Mexico.



Islander Cont. from A1

Greenhorn" where he is introduced as being from North Padre Island. During his episodes they show video clips of him on Padre Island. The 13th episode is the last one and that aired last week. At the end of his tour Andrew said "My body is exhausted but my mind wants me to do it again." You can watch it streamed on Discovery.com at no cost.

Andrew ended up spending his \$20,000 in earnings for his five week tour on a roof for his grandmother and new appliances for his

condo. He still runs his fishing guide business but does not have his own boat but hopes to do another tour during the high season that would provide him with the boat money.

The decision on season 2 will be made when they determine the ratings for the first season which should be by the end of March. Andrew was popular with the fans so even if there is not a season 2 the production company would like him to be in a spin-off series. It will most likely be an extreme fishing show in Iceland.



Native Cont. from A1

from seed, and seacoast bluestem can produce a very large number of seeds, but planting that includes some root ball is probably the way to go if you want a few ornamental "bunches" to decorate parts of your yard.

Consider planting enough to establish a bit of native habitat. Seacoast bluestem is used by a variety of skipper butterflies as well as providing food (seeds) for some of our native mammals like the very cute local ground squirrel that I've mentioned in previous columns.

This is just one of a number of native grasses that can be used in our lawns to produce a true Padre Island "feel" to your yard. Such species will contribute substantially to water conservation, which will become increasingly necessary as climate change fosters more intense and frequent droughts as predicted for the future in this area. It will behoove us Island residents to begin replacing water-guzzling non-native grasses with native ones that can thrive under conditions now and in the future. Remember, keep thinking of Going Native.

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By Dotson Lewis

Francis Gary Powers and The U2

Dotson's Note: As early as 1955, officials in both Moscow and Washington had grown concerned about the relative nuclear capabilities of the Soviet Union and the United States. Given the threat that the nuclear arms race posed to national security, leadership in both countries placed a priority on information about the other side's progress. At a conference in Geneva in 1955, U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower proposed an "open skies" plan, in which each country would be permitted to make overflights of the other to conduct mutual aerial inspections of nuclear facilities and launchpads. Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev refused the proposal, continuing the established Soviet policy of rejecting international inspections in any form. Meanwhile, Khrushchev also claimed that the Soviet Union had developed numerous intercontinental ballistic missiles, which only motivated the United States Government to look for new ways to verify developments in the Soviet nuclear program. Thanks to Francis Gary Powers and The U.S. Air Force for the facts and photos contained in this report.

On May 1, 1960, the pilot of an American U-2 spy plane was shot down while flying though Soviet airspace. The fallout over the incident resulted in the cancellation of the Paris Summit scheduled to discuss the ongoing situation in divided Germany, the possibility of an arms control or test ban treaty, and the relaxation of tensions between the USSR and the United States.



Lockheed-U2

The U-2 spy plane program grew out of these concerns. The U-2 was a special high-altitude plane that flew at a ceiling of 70,000 feet. Because it flew at such heights, it was thought it would be possible for the planes to pass over the Soviet Union undetected by radar on the ground. It was important that the overflights be undetected, because normally an unauthorized invasion of another country's airspace was considered an act of war. Approved through the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first flight over Moscow and Leningrad (St. Petersburg) took place on July 4, 1956. The flights continued intermittently over the next four years. It was later revealed that the Soviets did pick up the flights on radar, and the United States lost a plane over the Soviet Union in 1959, but as long as there was no definitive proof connecting the flights to the United States there was no advantage for the Soviets to raise the issue publicly lest it draw attention to the Soviet inability to shoot down the offending flights.



Francis Gary Powers

On May 1, 1960, the situation changed. On the eve of the Paris Summit and during the May Day holiday, CIA analyst Francis Gary Powers took off from a base in Pakistan bound for another base in Norway, with his planned flight path transgressing 2,900 miles of Soviet airspace. Near the city of Sverdlovsk Oblast in the Ural Mountains, Powers' plane was shot down by a Soviet surface-to-air missile. Powers ejected and parachuted safely to the ground, where he was captured by the KGB,

and held for interrogation. The plane crashed, but parts of it were recovered and placed on public display in Moscow as evidence of American deceit.

Although the capture of Powers provided the Soviets the concrete proof that the United States had been conducting the flights, it was not immediately clear what the impact would be for the Paris Summit. At first, and before they had confirmation that Powers had survived, U.S. officials claimed that the U-2 had been conducting a routine weather flight but experienced a malfunction of its oxygen delivery system that had caused the pilot to black out and drift over Soviet air space. On May 7, however, Khrushchev revealed that Powers was alive and uninjured, and clearly had not blacked out from oxygen deprivation. Moreover, the Soviets recovered the plane mostly intact, including the aerial camera system.

It became instantly apparent that the weather survey story was a cover-up for a spy program. Khrushchev had publicly committed himself to the idea of "peaceful coexistence" with the United States and the pursuit of détente, so from his perspective, if U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower denied any knowledge of the spy program and the United States apologized, he would have continued the summit. Spying was common, and of course, the Soviet Union had its own agents reporting on developments in the United States. Eisenhower, however, refused to issue a formal apology to the Soviet Union; he had taken a great personal interest in the spy plane program, and considered the violation of Soviet airspace and the reconnaissance of Soviet nuclear facilities serious enough to personally approve each flight.

On May 11, Eisenhower finally acknowledged his full awareness of the entire program and of the Powers flight in particular. Moreover, he explained that in the absence of an "open skies" agreement, such spy flights were a necessary element in maintaining national defense, and that he planned to continue them.



Wreckage Of Crashed U-2

Eisenhower's statement left Khrushchev in a difficult position. If he did nothing, that would be tantamount to acknowledging implicitly the right of the United States to spy. But any action Khrushchev did take had the potential to scuttle the upcoming conference and his larger plans for a Soviet-American détente. Ultimately, he demanded that Eisenhower apologize for the past flights and promise to discontinue them as a precondition for entering into the planned negotiations on Germany. Eisenhower's refusal led the Soviet delegation to leave Paris just as the summit was about to begin.

Dotson's Other Note: After extensive questioning by the KGB, Powers was convicted of spying and sentenced to three years in prison and seven months of hard labor. In February, 1962, however, he and a detained American student were traded for a captured Soviet spy, Rudolf Abel. Although Eisenhower refused to end the U-2 program, it was quickly overtaken by new technology, as satellite images replaced aerial photographs. For his part, Khrushchev abandoned his attempts to cooperate with Eisenhower, opting instead to wait for the inauguration of the new U.S. President, John F. Kennedy, elected to office in November, 1960. How about the recent Chinese balloons; see any similarities? Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or at dlewis1@stx.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

Let the record show that the City's Beach Maintenance Building is now officially open for business. Let the record also show that unlike most ribbon cuttings for new city facilities there was only one City Council member there, the Mayor and the City Manager were no shows. Granted the building isn't on the same scale as the announcement of the repairs to the Packery Channel Jetties a year ago this month but if you had dropped a bomb on that ribbon cutting it would have wiped out half the politicians south of Swinney Switch including a United States Senator. Ribbon cuttings offer elected officials a change to take a victory lap without having to listen to any blowback from the plebeians. But in the case of the ribbon cutting at the new Beach Maintenance facility it was noise from the plebeian section that caused the mass no-show of political types.

The building itself is utilitarian and well-done for its purpose and fills a need that has been known in these parts since 2000 and was in fact built with \$1.2 million in bond money approved by voters all the way back in 2014 and since then has more homes than an Island squatter – six in all from Zahn Road, to Balli Park, to the Nueces County Park, to the base of the Island to the water, and even the vacant land next to the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant, before finally settling in at Commodores Park next to the #15 Fire Station.

As it migrated the cost of damage to city beach maintenance vehicles stored in the open corrosive Island air amounted to \$800,000 according to city reports, and that doesn't count the \$1.2 million in replacement costs during Hurricane Harvey when the beach equipment was stored at the #16 Fire Station on State Highway 361 which was inundated with salt water and the equipment was destroyed.

A long and winding road

In 1959 when he was designing the Mini car Sir Alec Issigonis was asked why he was doing the design alone rather than with a group. His response was, "a camel is a horse designed by committee" but instead of a small car Issigonis may just as well have been talking about the Beach Maintenance building. The first design on the project was all the way back in 2000 when it was going to be located along Zahn Road.

In 2014 then District 4 City Councilwoman Colleen McIntyre was approached by managers of the city Beach Maintenance Department about the need for a place to house and service their heavy equipment and before long that plan expanded to include a new fire station through Emergency Services District #2 based on the erroneous notion that the City of Corpus Christi was planning on closing one of the two Island fire stations but those are guaranteed as part of the Island's annexation agreement so closing either would mean we could leave the city. The proposal was to put the combined fire station and maintenance barn at Balli Park. But that land was donated to the county and a check by the Nueces County Attorney's office found that in order to use the land for anything other than parkland would require a waiver from the private owners who donated the land and the subsequent complications of doing so made the site unavailable.

The next stop was the parking lot adjacent to the boat ramps between Zahn Road and Packery Channel. That seemed like the solution since all of the elements needed were present; the city owned the land, the maintenance equipment for use north of Packery Channel would not have to access city streets, and the site was large enough to accommodate the maintenance facility. ISAC members began moves toward design of the facility under federal guidelines the facility had to be elevated to eleven feet above Base Flood Elevation which made it more costly than the \$1.2 million available and the project stalled. Over the course of monthly briefings it came to light that the requirement of eleven feet of elevation at the

Zahn Road site was necessitated by the inclusion in the design of office space for city parks staff there. Whether the maintenance facility could be built at a lower elevation without the office space was never fully explained. Once again it was a funded project looking for a home.

The next stop on the tour was a 7.5-acre tract of land owned by the City of Corpus Christi near the water tower south of Sea Pines. The city acquired ownership of the 7.5 acres through a failed land swap involving the city, Flour Bluff ISD, and Asset Management Corporation of the late 1990s which left FBISD owners of 6.2 acres at the intersection of Whitecap and the canal which they still own more than twenty years later in spite of state laws which prohibit school districts from holding land for speculative purposes (a story for another day). The next stops for the maintenance building train were at the county's Packery Channel Park and an empty building at the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant but both were ruled out due to the necessity of driving the heavy equipment through residential streets twice daily and/or up and down the busy SPID corridor to get to the beach. Members of the Island Strategic Action Committee were part of the process and as Island residents heard objections from homeowners surrounding each location and so the train moved on.

While the search was going on Hurricane Harvey blew across The Island in 2017 and the city's beach maintenance equipment was stored in the building adjacent to Fire Station #16 on SH 361 which was inundated with floodwater necessitating its seven-figure replacement and the push for a new facility took on renewed interest.

Meanwhile the only option was to drive the equipment up SH 361 for overnight storage meaning that most nights it sat in the open salt air at the parking lot at Michael J. Ellis Beach.
April 2021

That is where things stood until the ISAC meeting of April, 2021 when city staff reported design of the building for the Commodores location with \$982,090 remaining in the bond fund was 80% complete. That design was minus the washing station and facilities to do routine maintenance that was included in the original design in order to reduce noise from the site in response to objections from nearby homeowners. Then in their June meeting ISAC members were informed that the design was 90% complete.

Prior to the June, 2021 ISAC meeting the Board of Directors of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association unanimously voted against the Commodores site and ISAC members instructed the city staff to cease work on the Commodores design and come back at their July meeting with alternative sites. But by that time alternative sites had been ruled out and in a bizarre twist a design proposed still did not include a washing station for the equipment in order to cut down on noise...but washing the equipment was a big part of the need so things were at a stalemate.

Until finally...

Then the project took on a life of its own as the city staff decided it was time to move forward and the plan for the Commodores location moved through design and in late 2021 was ready for bids and that is what brought us to this week's ribbon cutting.

The empty Commodores Park we see today will soon be developed into a twelve-acre multi-use park with amenities yet to be determined. But one thing we know it will have is a maintenance barn located across the street from a Four-Star Hotel.

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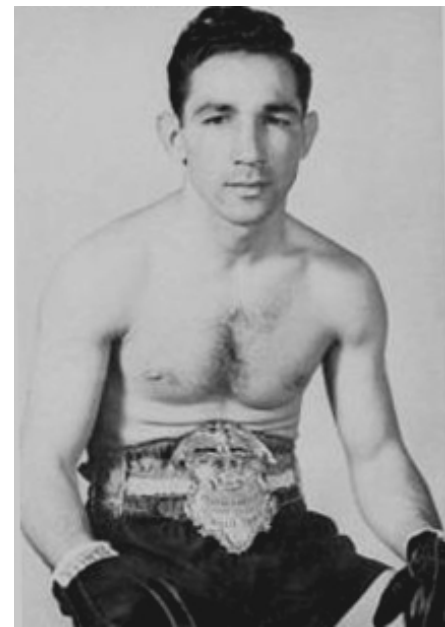
Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

Willie Pep-Champion Who Made Others Miss

Dotson's Note: Willie Pep was one of boxing's preeminent figures and a longtime featherweight champion who some of you older Moon Monkeys may remember for his four title bouts against Sandy Saddler. Known as Will o' the Wisp for outfoxing his opponents with superior speed and footwork, Pep won 230 bouts, lost 11 and fought one draw in a career that spanned three decades. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Don Dunphy, Peter Heller, James Dawson, Ed Brophy, and Stanley Frank for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.



Willie Pep won the featherweight title with a decision against Chalky Wright on November 1942, becoming the youngest champion ever in that division. He held the crown until he was knocked out by Saddler in October 1948, 21 months after Pep was severely injured in a plane crash. Pep regained the title by decision four months later, but Saddler won it back in September 1950 and then defeated Pep again in September 1951.

Although he knocked out 65 opponents, Pep was known primarily for his supreme craftsmanship in the ring. The broadcaster Don Dunphy, called the Voice of Boxing, cited Pep as the best boxer he ever saw, remarking once, "He was so clever, he could come up to an opponent from behind."

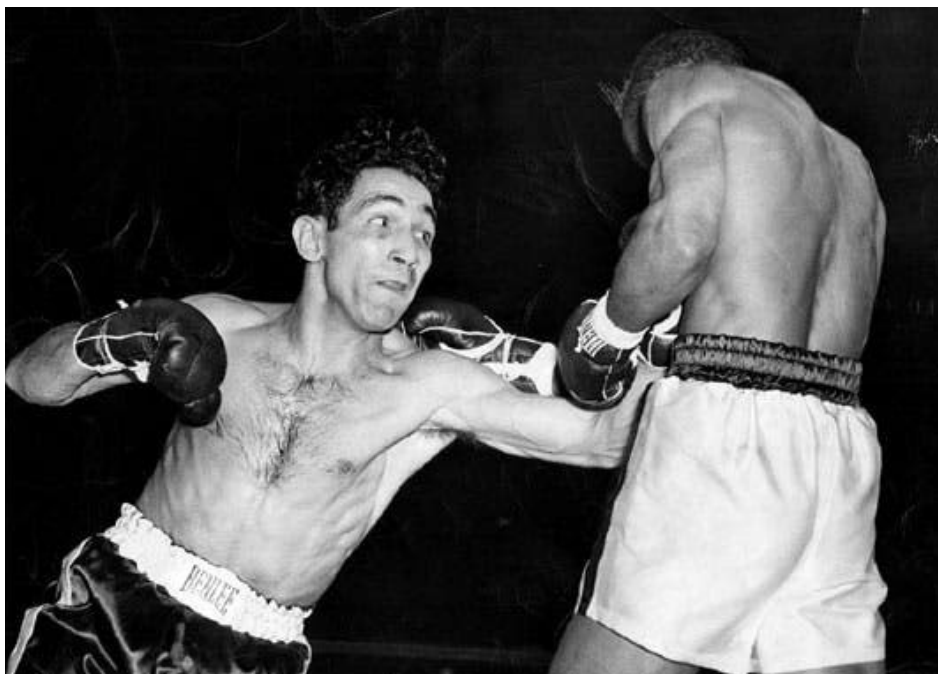
Saddler did not let his often-brutal rivalry with Pep stand in the way of admiration for him. He once told the sportswriter Stanley Frank how in Pep's nontitle rematch with Wright, "Chalky cocked his right to throw a bomb, and Pep ducked through his legs and got away."

Pep, usually fighting at about 125 pounds, was so quick, so hard to hit, that he once won a round in which he deliberately did not land a single punch to see if he could impress the judges solely with his ring smarts. It happened on July 25, 1946, in Minneapolis, in the third round of a nontitle bout against Jackie Graves that Pep won by knockout in the eighth.

"I jabbed him a few times, but most of the round, I was bobbing and weaving and making him miss, and he missed a hundred punches, I guess, making him look so bad they gave me the round," Pep told Peter Heller in an interview for "In This Corner."

Pep was born Guglielmo Papaleo on Sept. 19, 1922, in Middletown, Conn., near Hartford. After boxing as an amateur for two and a half years, Pep turned pro in July 1940. He became the featherweight champion with a 15-round unanimous decision against Wright at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 20, 1942, his 54th victory without a defeat. He remained unbeaten until losing a decision to Sammy Angott, the former lightweight titleholder, on March 19, 1943, in a nontitle fight, his 64th bout.

Above, Willie Pep in his only victory against Sandy Saddler, in 1949. Pep and Saddler fought for the featherweight championship four times.



Williw Pep In Action

During World War II, Willie Pep served in both the Navy and the Army*.

In January 1947, he sustained a broken leg, cracked vertebrae and a chest injury in the crash of a chartered plane near Bridgeton, N.J., during a snowstorm. But he returned to the ring five months later.

Pep had been the featherweight champion for nearly six years when he faced Saddler for the first time, on Oct. 29, 1948, at the Garden. At 5 feet 5 inches, Pep gave away three inches to Saddler, who was a strong puncher, and Pep appeared tentative, showing little of the customary spring in his legs. Saddler floored Pep twice in the third round, then knocked him out in the fourth with a left hook to the jaw. It was the second defeat for Pep, who had won 134 bouts, losing only to Angott and fighting a draw with Jimmy McAllister.

Pep regained the title in a unanimous decision at the Garden on Feb. 11, 1949, in what James Dawson of The New York Times called "15 rounds of savage fighting." Pep threw 37 successive jabs in the first round. But he was cut around his eyes as the fight progressed and was almost felled by Saddler in the 10th and 14th rounds before rallying in the 15th.

In their third bout, before a crowd of nearly 39,000 at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 8, 1950, Saddler knocked Pep down in the third round. But Pep was winning on the officials' cards when he dislocated his left shoulder in the seventh round during a clinch. He did not come out for the next round, giving Saddler the championship once more. The fourth bout, at the Polo Grounds on Sept. 26, 1951, was one of the dirtiest in memory. Pep and Saddler virtually wrestled with each other at times, and at one point the referee, Ray Miller, was sent tumbling to the canvas. The fight was essentially even when Pep quit after the ninth round, citing a closed right eye that had been bloodied. The New York State Athletic Commission revoked Pep's license for 17 months and suspended Saddler for two months because of their fouling.

Pep never fought for a championship again. He retired in 1959, then tried a comeback in 1965 at age 42. His last bout was a six-round decision he lost to Calvin Woodland on March 16, 1966, in Richmond, Va.

Pep later worked as a referee and a boxing official for the state of Connecticut, and he was a deputy sheriff in the Hartford area. By the mid-1950s, Pep was essentially fighting for paydays, his best years behind him, but he continued to show flashes of greatness.

Red Smith, the sports columnist of The Times, told of the day in 1956 when he saw Pep "boxing one Kid Campeche in a Tampa armory, probably a \$300 fight for the old champion."

"Willie pitched a 10-round no-hitter, sticking and moving, spinning, ducking, smothering every earnest, floundering attack," Smith wrote. "The few hundred in the hall reveled in the perfection of the performance. Willie left Campeche unhurt but frustrated almost to the point of tears. "'It's like trying to stamp out a grass fire!' the Kid said."

* He fought during WW 2 serving in both the US Navy, from which he was discharged with a perforated ear drum, and then the US Army. *Dotson's Other Note: His rivalry with American Sandy Saddler is considered one of the greatest of 20th-century American pugilism. I believe that Willie Pep was the best boxer that was ever in the "The Squared Circle." He died November 25, 2006, he was 84. He had been living in an Alzheimer's disease unit at the Haven Health Center in Rocky Hill, Conn., for six years, said Ed Brophy, the executive director of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, who confirmed Pep's death. He was survived by his wife Barbara; two daughters, Mary and Melissa; and two sons, William and Michael. Comments/questions and/or letters to the Editor call 530-748-8475 or Email editor@islandmoon.com*



By Andy Purvis

“Just Nitschke”



Ray N.

In the wonderful football movie entitled *Brian's Song*, Chicago Bears' running back, Brian Piccolo, played by actor James Caan, was in the hospital. The doctor asked Piccolo if he was allergic to anything. Piccolo responded, "Just Nitschke." That would be Ray Nitschke #66, middle linebacker of the Green Bay Packers. Ray was 53 when I met him. His head was large and his shoulders square, like a deck of cards. He was bald, his forehead and the bridge of his nose were scarred; he wore black-rimmed glasses, and was missing his two front teeth. He also walked proudly yet gently, as if every step he took made something hurt. His hands looked like shovels, and his fingers were bent and broken. He looked like a middle linebacker should look. Ray could snap a ball carrier in half like a bag of dry spaghetti. He admitted freely that he enjoyed hitting people on your team or his. He changed when he stepped onto the football field. He became quiet and as dark as the inside of a football. Off the field he appeared gentle and kind, but you never let your guard down. It had been said by his teammates that he could remove the lug nuts from the wheel of a car with his teeth. I was pretty sure the story was not true; at least I hoped it wasn't because I still had 17 holes of golf left to play with this guy. You see, it was January 1989, the week of the Super Bowl back on the mainland, yet I was in beautiful Hawaii at a company meeting, and Ray Nitschke and

former Baltimore Colts' quarterback Bert Jones were our guest speakers. Although I was not a good golfer by any means, I considered this spot of ground a little piece of heaven. After my tee shot, Ray addressed his ball. I stood quietly behind him and closed my eyes and whispered to myself, "I'm playing golf with Ray Nitschke of the Green Bay Packers." Sure he won the golf match. Guys like him don't know how to lose.

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Bombs cont. from A1

1942 Corpus Christi NAS and its auxiliary bases were processing 2,500 pilots per month and became the largest naval pilot training facility in the world. Among the notables trained here were future President George Bush, Senator/Astronaut John Glenn, actor Tyrone Power, and TV emcee Bob Barker – where he may or may not have found that the Price Was Right.

Island is off limits to civilians

Early in the war the island was declared off-limits to civilians and all information concerning activity on the island was declared classified making the finding of the sites of seven bombing targets and eight strafing targets, difficult to pinpoint later. According to visitors to Padre Island during the war the sites also moved on a regular basis.

The bombing targets consisted of large white bull's-eyes encircled by concentric white rings

Patrols also were established on Padre Island to ward off German submarines and by 1943, nine patrol stations were established. In spite of the new military presence on the island, cattle operations continued as they had for over a hundred years. Bombing practice was halted during the annual round-ups and for the rest of the year several thousand cattle roamed the island as they had since the days of Padre Balli. Observers noted that cattle would move away from targets at the first sign of an airplane engine, then "move in and around the targets as soon as the firing stops and graze bombing areas when the ranges are quiet."

After World War II

Things began quieting down after World War II and according to locals, by the Korean War the number of bombing ranges was down to only two. But the bombing stopped when Park Road 22 was extended south of the Nueces/Kleberg county line in 1960. The last range was decommissioned in 1966 and the Navy sent out ordinance experts to sanitize the ranges of all unexploded ordinance. The sand at the targets was sifted down to a level of 18 inches using heavy equipment and the bombs removed. But from time to time, even into the late 1990s calls would come into the Island Moon Newspaper office that someone had found an old bomb on PINS. In 1966 bombing operations were moved to McMullen County managed by NAS Kingsville. That range was often referred to as Yankee/Dixie range, identifying its Yankee and Dixie target complexes.

Corpus Christi attorney David Coover whose father was a ranch foreman on The Island through 1960, and who frequented the ranch and the bombing areas as a teen, says he doesn't not believe there were any bombing ranges north of the Kleberg-Nueces line.

"The northernmost bombing range that I ever saw or heard of was about four miles south of the county line," Coover said in 2018. "There were as many as six sites through World War II, by the Korean War that had been reduced to three, and there were only a couple left when the military shut them all down in 1960."

100 yards in diameter. The eight strafing targets consisted of vertical cloth or paper and, along with the bombing targets, were built spaced about five miles apart. Bombs dropped on the targets were usually very small and contained only enough explosive for pilots to check their accuracy. The principal practice bomb, the Mark IV, was only nine inches long and contained a 40-gauge shotgun shell in the nose as an explosive. Some larger bombs were dropped on occasion, a few 500-pounders, and typically half of their weight would be explosive.

With the construction of the targets also came the need to service and repair them and naval personnel had to perform this duty. Initially, crews had to travel by boat to reach many of the targets, but eventually a housing facility known as Caffey barracks was built. Caffey barracks is still on the island and now serves as the ranger station. Crews working on expansion of the park road at PINS in 2017 found four "ordinances" during excavation work; four were live bombs and one was a dummy bomb. They were practice bombs typically used for training, about three feet long with a charge about the equivalent of a ten-gauge shotgun shell in the nose to show the pilot where they landed. The pamphlet circulated by federal authorizes on The Island says "Bombing Target B-1 was located on Padre Island, inside the City Limits of Corpus Christi." The federally maintained website mentioned in the pamphlet lists no such site.

A near miss

South Padre Island was one of eight sites that the US Military considered as a place to explode the first atomic bomb and it actually came down to about three sites that were pretty high on the list: one was in California, one was the Alamogordo site in New Mexico and the other one was South Padre Island. Fortunately for us Island dwellers, Almagordo won the contest. An official involved in the decision said later:

"South Padre had been used as a gunnery range for the Army Air Corps. It was a very remote area... It was, at that point of course, really undeveloped as a tourist site and then across from it was the King Ranch which was also, at that time, nearly one million acres of undeveloped land. But, on the plus side, Corpus Christi was 120 miles away and it had rail connections and there was also a Naval Air Station there. So it would have worked."

Then in the early 2000s a Kingsville economic development group pushed for a new bombing site in Kenedy County to replace the bombing range being closed at Vieques, Puerto Rico. The 220,000 acre site near the National Seashore was considered since it was across the Laguna Madre from the vastness of the King Ranch and it also offered the chance to practice amphibious landings. Opposition from Texas politicians stopped the proposal before it reached the official application level. We will

The Island Outdoors



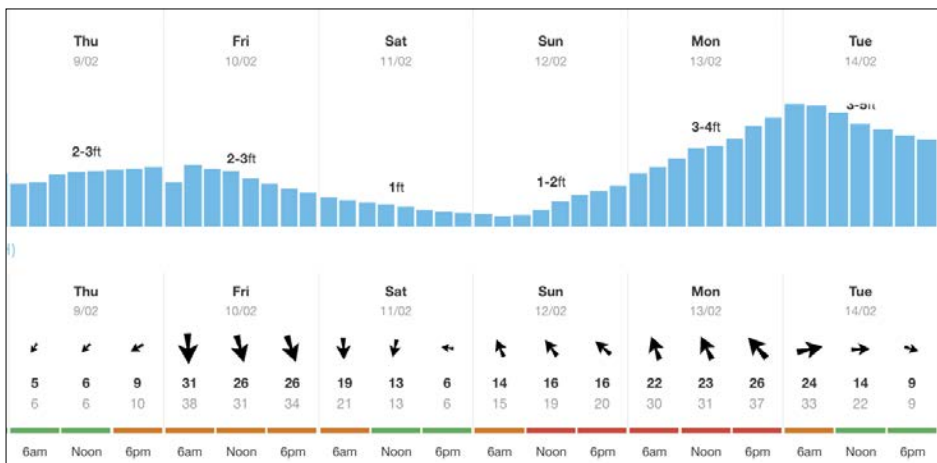
By Jay Gardner

On the Rocks

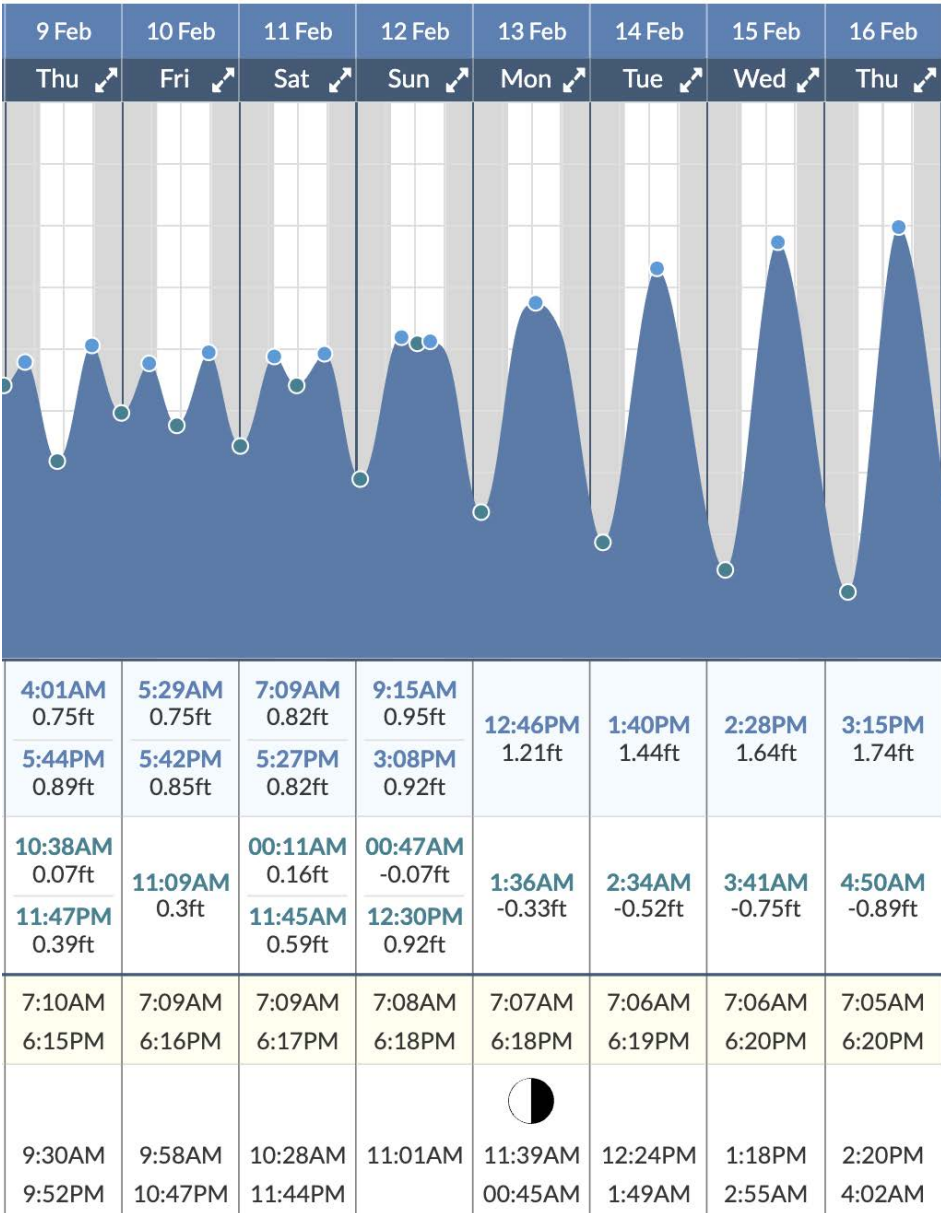
I was letting the car warm up in the morning the other day and was just sort of lurking around in the front yard, seeing what birds were around. The yellow rumped warblers (butter butts) were thick, and several flocks of whistling ducks bombed over the house into the fog. I thought I briefly heard an Indigo bunting, which would have told me that spring was just around the corner. But I only heard one “electric trill” and not another one, so I can’t be sure. Sometimes European starlings can make a similar sound. BirdCast did show that there has been a little activity here in south Texas, but I think it’s probably too early for the hummingbird feeders and oranges. We’re close though, so start getting ready. Hopefully spring is around the corner, as I’m tired of the cold temperatures here in our 7th week of winter. We got a little rinsing the other day with the most recent front moving through, but it wasn’t anywhere near the amount of rain we need to bust this drought. These cold fronts moving back and forth are our best bet for rain until sub-tropical “rainy” season in May and June. We need some rain for sure, as we are about to hit Stage 2 water restrictions in the city, and our tanks are running low at the cabin. Some of you loyal readers need to bust out the instructions for the rain dance again. There was a public comment at the Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) regarding people speeding up and down Aquarius, and the lack of sidewalks there. We all know that it’s a problem, but there just isn’t enough right-of-way to do much about it. The “bike lanes” (not official, but they tried) are de facto on-street parking, which means that if you’re in a bike lane, you’re going to have to get out in the street to go around a parked car. They

call that a “traffic incident spot.” I call it a problem, and hopefully the city can get the mobility plan off the ground, and we can get some engineering solutions to these issues that are all over the Island. Another thing that will be coming up is the water level. While I did just make a poor pun, the water levels in the laguna and on the beach have been edging up from their winter lows. The water level at Packery Channel was at +0.8 the other day, which tells me spring tides may be around the corner. This will also bring additional nuisance tides, which will occasionally put the tides +1.5 feet over mean high tide. Time to check all of those dock boards and make sure they’re not going to float off. Sea level rise is real folks. Florida is taking it a lot more serious than we are, and we need to pull a plan together. We will either need to build up and armor or start our “managed retreat.” Public comment down at council is starting to heat up with this kind of discussion. Well there’s tons of stuff going on, and spring break will be just around the corner. Next week is Barefoot Mardi Gras, the weekend after is the Billy Sandifer Big Shell Clean Up, the weekend after is the Augsburg baby shower, and the week after that is the CCA-CC Banquet on March 9th. Speaking of the banquet, I think Joey and I are going to put together a fishing trip to auction off that night at our fishing cabins down the laguna. I’ll host at my place, and he will take whoever buys the trip out fishing. We still have to iron out the details. Might be fun? Anyhoo, get your list of winter chores done before spring, drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I’ll see you next week On the Rocks.

Packery Channel Surf Forecast



Tides of the Week



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures

I walked the casket one step at a time, and broke over a pivotal point in my life. I watched the next generation try to grasp what was happening. They won't really know until they carry me, as I won't fully see or understand the real beauty until I lay to rest myself. With each passing, we lose many secrets of the sea, the stories of fish and man. It's important to take pictures, sing the family story songs, listen to your elders, and slow down. Already I hold many of the lessons taught to me by Old Salts long gone, one important thing to remember is to share them. I think that is why I have enjoyed sharing my weekly Island Moon ramblings over the last 25 years, knowing that I might have gotten just a few people up and out in God's country, with friends and family, and maybe shared some Wisdom handed down from some Old Salt. Put it all aside and take the time to go. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS WALKED UP CALLED AND MESSAGED ME about the passing of my father. I know I was blessed to have shared him with so many people.

MARKER 37 MARINA JOE FARAH CELEBRATION OF LIFE will be this Saturday starting at 3pm. We will gather, laughing, drinking, eating, playing and telling stories over a slide show of family and FARAH'S Waterhole pictures. Bring a few flowers to cast off of the Sunset Pier at sundown closing a great chapter of Island History. See you all there.

Fishing the last few weeks has mimicked all of our feelings with the weather changes! During the warmer times fish have been very active, feeding multiple times a day and aggressively giving us show stopping action. When water temperatures dip down after the second day or so of a cold weather event, gosh have gone into hibernation. Plan your free time a week ahead with the forecast, but if you have to get out when it's the coldest, slow down your presentation.

South east, east, and north east winds have been the key to high fish activity. When it's straight north or west you can pretty much count on a tough day right now. I've been drift fishing in 2-5 ft of water looking for the depth that predatory fish are holding on any given day. As of late much of the bottom in the Lagoon in 2' of water is choked up with brown thick sea grass. Small minnows are using it for cover. You can see the many white pelicans working these areas, but trout will be just next door on the next deeper flat. Make every cast count; target your lures past the sand pockets, dropping them down to a slow retrieve as they fall into the open bottom. I've enjoyed great success with the Super Model DOWN SOUTH lures. Natural colors with chartreuse tails in the morning, then dark colors at noon when the sun is up. If you are not getting strikes, slow and soften your rod strokes. Switching from braided line to monofilament can also help soften and slow your action. Trout are seeing and feeling your soft plastic as it enters the water and swims by. They usually follow, gain



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Another incredibly thick Trout bright to hand, this fish had clearly gorged itself and has lots of winter girth. The first days after a cold weather event are the best.



Billy Sandifer

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Snowy Plovers nest and raise their chicks on the beach
Photo by Susan T. Cook

Did you know that there are several animals that lay their eggs on the beach here in Texas? Namely, different species of sea turtles and shorebirds make their nests in the sand or dunes of our shores.

The Gulf of Mexico hosts five of the seven sea turtle species; loggerhead, green, hawksbill, Kemp's Ridley, and leatherback. All of these turtles are listed as threatened or endangered, so it's particularly exciting when we see them on or near our shores.

When it's time for mother sea turtles to lay their eggs, they tend to return to the beaches that they themselves hatched from. They swim to shore, climb up on the beach, and find a good spot to lay their eggs above the high tide line. Then they use their back flippers to dig a hole in the sand and lay the eggs inside. Once done, the mothers return to the sea.

Sea turtles can lay up to 100 eggs at a time, and the eggs need to incubate for about two months. After enough time has passed, the babies hatch almost in unison. They climb out of the hole and hurry towards the surf. They're easy prey during this time for birds, raccoons, and other predators, so they have to be quick.

The birds that nest on the beach tend to have a slightly different method of child-rearing. Birds such as Wilson's Plovers, Snowy Plovers, and Least Terns all nest in the sand on the beach. Like the turtles, they carefully choose a spot in the sand where they think their eggs will be safe from the tide. Then they make a slight bowl in the sand called a scrape.

Once satisfied with the scrape, the female will lay her eggs inside. Unlike the turtles, these birds only lay about 3 eggs at a time and they always stay with the nest to incubate their eggs. If they are not able to properly incubate the eggs, their babies will not hatch.

After the chicks hatch, it doesn't take long for them to start walking. Plover chicks can walk, run, and hunt for themselves within a day or two of hatching. The parents stay close, though, incubating their chicks and making sure they are safe. Tern chicks are a bit less mobile at first and are more reliant on their parents, who bring fish back to the nest for them to eat.

Having your meals delivered fresh on the beach sounds like a pretty good life to me! But there are dangers to being a little baby bird or turtle on the beach: the eggs could be swept away by high tides, eaten by predators, overheated in by the hot sun, or stepped on or driven over by beach-goers! Plus, once hatched, turtles and chicks can become entangled in fishing line or other beach trash. Being tangled or trapped can keep the animal from walking or swimming properly, making it harder to find food and hide from predators.

With this in mind, several partner organizations are organizing a huge beach cleanup on March 14th to help nesting sea turtles and birds. The event is called NestFest and it is hosted by Stopping Plastics and Litter Along Shorelines (SPLASH), Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research, Galveston Bay Area Chapter Texas Master Naturalists, American Bird Conservancy (ABC), and Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO).

We will be cleaning up trash in 12 different nesting areas along the beaches of Follet's Island (Surfside), Galveston, and Bolivar. And we would love your help! To learn more about the cleanup and sign up to volunteer at one of the nesting sites, go to www.splashtx.org/nestfest

Photo by Celeste Silling: Flier for NestFest beach cleanup event

Temporary TSA PreCheck Application Center to Open at Corpus Christi International Airport

Residents of Corpus Christi will be able to enroll in the Transportation Security Administration's popular TSA PreCheck® program at Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) from February 13-17. The airport is a convenient location to sign up for the popular program that enables enrolled travelers to "Travel with Ease" by experiencing an expedited security screening process. The "pop-up" office will be located in the airport Aviation Conference Room near Administration Offices on the 2nd floor.

The application process allows U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to enroll directly in TSA PreCheck - an expedited screening program that allows travelers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and their 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels

bag in a carry-on, in select TSA airport checkpoint screening lanes. Applicants must bring proof of identity and U.S. citizenship. This can either be through a current U.S. passport, or through a driver's license and a copy of their birth certificate. The enrollment process must be completed in person at CCIA in order for the proper paperwork and fingerprints to be collected. Those participating in the February 13-17 event can park for free in short-term parking for up to three hours. The application fee is \$78 and can be paid during the enrollment appointment with either a credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check. Cash or personal checks are not accepted.

City Urges Residents to Use Caution with Potential City Employee Imposters Residents Encouraged to Always Ask for Identification

The City of Corpus Christi urges citizens to use caution when any person or

always provide City issued identification, including an employee photograph with

business requests access to their home. The City has received several reports this week regarding people posing as Corpus Christi Water (CCW) employees or contractors requesting access inside citizens' homes.

CCW employees take water samples daily at 98 different sites around the city as part of water quality testing. All procedures are performed outside and never inside a resident's home. The City of Corpus Christi reminds customers to always ask for identifying information from City utility workers. City employees will

their name, city logo, department, and barcode.

City vehicles will include a city logo and department information. Employees wear uniforms with the City logo and employee name visible. CCW employees work various hours, both day and night. If you are unsure of work being done in your area, contact the 311 Call Center. If you cannot positively identify the CCW employee, the City urges residents to call the Police Department's non-emergency number at (361) 886-2600.

Corpus Christi Litter Critter Event Scheduled for Flour Bluff High School Free Event Scheduled for February 11

The City's next Litter Critter community cleanup event takes place on Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Flour Bluff High School parking lot, 2505 Waldon Road. Residents planning to make drop-offs should refer to the City's Solid Waste

Department website at www.cctexas.com/solid-waste/community-cleanup-programs to find the list of items accepted for Litter Critter events. Residents should prepare to offload their items; commercial hauling is not permitted.

BBB Tip: Scammer or soulmate? How to avoid online romance scams

Social media, online dating apps and match-making services are great ways of meeting new and interesting people for those looking for love, but beware – the people you meet may not be who they appear. Reports to government agencies and Better Business Bureau describe, in heartbreaking detail, the use of romance scams to steal millions of dollars from the public. In 2021, the FTC reported a record [\\$547 million lost to romance scams](#), while reports to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) [totaled over \\$956 million](#).

Multiple reports to Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker from Texas residents in 2022 bring the tactics of these con artists into focus. In contrast to most other mass-market fraud, scammers know it takes time to build trust and develop a romantic interest and will spend weeks, months or even years kindling a romantic spark before asking for money. Most claim to work irregular hours in countries outside the United States in the military, medical field, nonprofit sector or oil and gas industries. Once confident they have established trust, the scam begins in earnest using an unbudgeted emergency as the catalyst. Some may claim they need money for a medical operation, either for themselves or their children, or to prevent home foreclosure.

If money is provided once, it will only be a matter of time before another request comes through. Other versions of romance scams include cryptocurrency investments and extortion by threatening to share private pictures or videos publicly. Romance scams can be particularly devastating due to the financial and emotional toll they can inflict.

BBB provides the following tips to help avoid romance scams:

Be cautious of immediate confessions of love. For most people, falling in love takes time and shared experiences. Even if recip-

rocated, quick confessions of adoration and love should be treated with caution, especially before meeting in person or participating in a digital date. Con artists are well-versed in making themselves appear to be what they are not, including using language that may seem to be genuine.

Never wire money to online interests. No matter how much the person claims they need the money or what will happen if they do not have it, never transfer funds to online interests through a wire service, bank transfer or gift card. Scammers know that these payment methods are fast, anonymous and almost impossible to reverse.

Verify the authenticity of photos. A common tactic of scammers is to steal photos online of either people they claim to be or of locations where they claim to live. Use [reverse image search](#) to see if the photo is publicly available or of another person. Scammers are proficient in editing software and may use a standard picture of a landmark with a picture of themselves edited in. Look for the [hallmarks of edited photos](#), such as signs of warping, an interrupted background pattern or missing shadows.

Do research, ask questions. Spend time researching the area they claim to live in for popular landmarks or attractions. Once you've compiled a list of places they are likely to know about if they live in the area, ask pointed questions about them and their opinions. Ask about some of their favorite places to eat, socialize or visit in the area and verify those locations exist. Ask about their employment – if they work on an oil rig, ask what company owns it or what organization they are a doctor for. You can verify some of this information online, but these questions may also expose a scammer if they struggle to answer them easily.

Annual Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Dates Set for 2023

Every February for the past 21 years, volunteers have offered up their time to help search for and remove abandoned crab traps. Crab traps left in the water can foul shrimpers' nets, snag anglers' lines and "ghost fish" which allows traps to unintentionally kill fish trapped inside as well as create unseemly views. To date, more than 40,000 abandoned crab traps have been removed from Texas coastal waters.

From February 17 - 26, Texas coastal waters will be closed to crabbing with wire mesh crab traps to facilitate the annual volunteer crab trap cleanup. Any traps left in bays — including traps tied to docks — will be assumed abandoned and considered "litter" under state law. This allows volunteers to legally remove any crab traps they find.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the coastwide effort to remove the numerous traps that have been lost or abandoned since last year's cleanup. To facilitate these efforts, select sites will have volunteer events on Saturday, Feb. 18. (The main volunteer event for Sabine Lake is Saturday, Feb. 25, in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Fish and Wildlife.) These sites are denoted as "facilitated" in the list below. Registration with partner organizations may be required.

2023 Crab Trap Drop-Off Sites

- Aransas Bay – Local TPWD coordinator Zachary Olsen (361) 729-5429
- Please visit [San Antonio Bay Partnership's site](#) for more information about volunteering throughout the mid-coast.
- Goose Island State Park Boat Ramp – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.
 - Corpus Christi Bay – Local TPWD coordinator Tom Wagner (361) 729-2328
 - o South Conn Brown Harbor Public Ramp – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.
 - o Ransom Channel Public Ramp – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.
 - Upper Laguna Madre – Local TPWD coordinator Ethan Getz (361) 431-6003
 - o Bluff's Landing Marina – Non-facilitated and trap drop-off site.
 - o Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Boat Ramp – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.
 - Lower Laguna Madre – Local TPWD coordinator Jason Ferguson (956) 350- 4490
 - o Port Mansfield Navigation District Ramp – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.
 - o Adolph Thomae County Park – Non-facilitated trap drop-off site.

At all sites, dumpsters or collection areas marked with banners will be available to receive traps for the duration of the closure. Volunteers may focus their efforts on Feb. 18 or work at their own pace anytime during the closure, but traps cannot be removed prior to February 17 or after February 26. Opportunities for land-based volunteers are limited.

To participate, volunteers may pick up free tarps, gloves and additional information at their local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department [Coastal Fisheries field stations](#). TPWD requests that volunteers record and submit information about the number of traps they collect as well as sightings of diamondback terrapins. All other legal means of crabbing will not be affected during the closure period for wire crab traps.

For questions relating to the program, contact Holly Grand at (361) 431-6003 x822 or at crab-trap@tpwd.texas.gov.

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The Flour Bluff ISD 18+ Transition Program teamed up with Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi for the T.I.D.E.S. (Teaching Independence and Empowerment Skills) Program which offers a post-secondary inclusive educa-

tion for students with intellectual disabilities. Students will work twice a week at the Island University and get employment experience working in the dining hall, library, and other areas accompanied by Flour Bluff staff and job trainers from Texas Workforce. Hornets will get to engage with fellow college students, and immerse themselves into a university environment.

Aoudad Versus Stickbow Round 2



I just returned from the Davis Mountains near Vanhorn. Those of you that follow our little column know that last year the family made a run at a traditional archery hunt for aoudad sheep that came up empty but showed the promise of possibility. This year my oldest son, Clint joined me for round 2 and we took our lessons from round 1 with us to the Davis Mountains. We hired Scottie Campbell with Top of Texas Outfitters to help us in our quest. Scottie, Ryan Barnwell and his crew are some of the best at providing opportunities at this very wary barbary sheep. Clint and I practiced at extended ranges for several months prior to the hunt. Normal range for traditional archery is inside of 20 yards. We are very proficient at this range. However extending that to 40-50 yards with instinctive shooting is very difficult since there is no sight involved. It is more like throwing a baseball. Getting close to aoudad sheep in this open steep rocky country is a challenge and requires special skill and stealth. Sometimes you shoot well and sometimes you don't that is the struggle. Hunting takes place on the 120,000 acre Boracho Mountain Ranch with a nice little camp and incredible vistas of high mountain desert and canyon country. There is a very good game density for how unforgiving the country is and good water that helps support the animals that need it such as the mule deer and elk. There also is a decent population of red sheep which are indigenous to Iran and not reachable by American hunters without extreme risk due to politics. Generally we used a UTV to access different areas of the mountain ranges then glass heavily for sheep. When they are located plans

are made as to whether they are approachable based on terrain and wind conditions in order to get close. If it is determined to be worth a try we would quickly cover steep and sometimes dangerous terrain to close the distance and also to evaluate the ram or ewe that we may desire based on age etc. Close enough is different for different hunters and a range finder is useful even for the instinctive shooter. Determining range at steep angles in open country is deceiving. We were trying to close inside of 40 yards and the closer the better. I was fortunate due to Ryan and Scottie's skill set to close the distance 3 times in 2 days and actually get a shot at my ram in the 35-37 yard range and make a good enough shot and follow up with their help to harvest a respectable ram. Ryan was looking at a 31 inch ram that was not visible to me and I harvested the 27 inch ram that I could see nearby. Those are the breaks and I was thankful for the opportunity to even be in that position. All I can say is very cool and extremely difficult hunt. Clint got his chance on the third day at his ewe. He however underestimated the yardage without his range finder handy and shot low at 50 yards and the arrow ricocheted off a rock and put a non-lethal scratch on his target ewe. Unfortunately when you cause any kind of injury that animal is harvested and your hunt is over. Just bad luck and a learning experience, luckily she will be fine. It was a great experience and I highly recommend, if you have questions don't hesitate to reach out at 4dranchhunts@gmail.com. Now hunting is officially over and it is back to the flats and clear water sight fishing! Have a great one and if you get the itch to fly fish or give it a try check us out at www.lagunafllyoutfitters.com. Doc Tom



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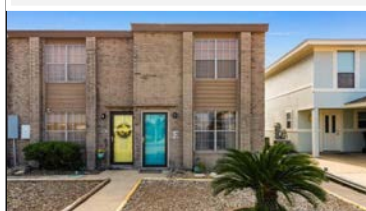


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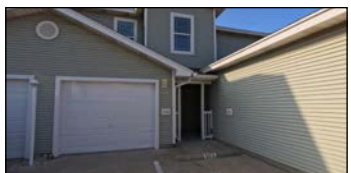
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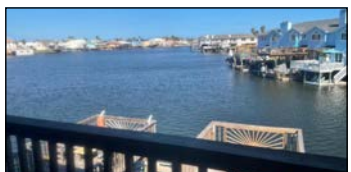
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Sai Oua

By Chris Jordan

Sai oua is a fantastically delicious sausage from Laos that I would never have known about if not for a chance encounter on a Caribbean island.

My life on Saint Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, operating my little wine cafe, was a joy. The weather was unendingly lovely. You could drive just a few minutes east to enjoy an arid, near-desert climate, or west if a tropical rain forest was more to your liking. The water too was postcard-pure and surely what the gemstone aquamarine was named for. The scuba diving and snorkeling opportunities there are world class. Fishing, too. Hell, you can harvest your own lobster. This is it, I thought: I might never leave.

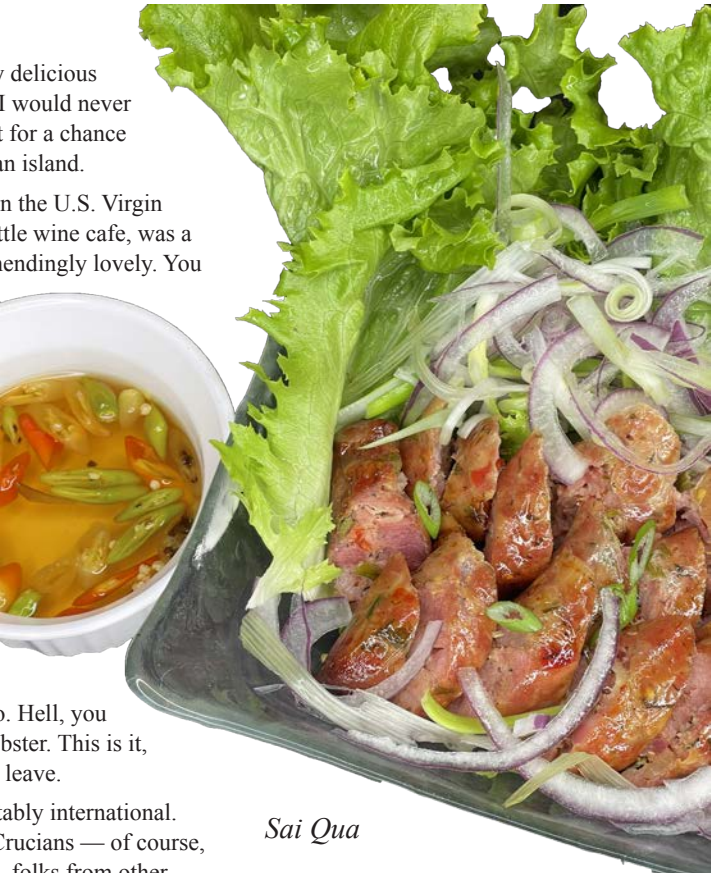
The community was notably international. Sure, mostly locals — Crucians — of course, but plenty of Europeans, folks from other nearby islands and people like me: a yankee. Being as true a Texan as one could possibly be, I never got used to being called that. I didn’t see very many Asians down there, well, except for this one guy. He was a bartender at a joint adjacent to mine, and — oddly for the typically vampiric lifestyle that accompanies that trade — an avid jogger. I didn’t know this man’s name, but I thought he might be Thai. He wasn’t.

I guess Tom and I got to know each other the way people get to know one another when they work two bars a stroll apart. He was almost always in mid-smile and his charming, somewhat childlike laugh was never long off. Tom had a deliberate manner of speech that was simultaneously light and uplifting. It was this that drew me to him most. We talked often and became good friends. Turns out Tom was from Dallas.

If you were to get to know Tom *really* well you might get to know the two most mysterious things about the man: his real name and his actual age. You couldn’t possibly guess either. Tom has told me both. Tom’s trips around the sun are enigmatically unaccounted for, even though I know a number. For an English speaker unfamiliar with the languages of Southeast Asia, Tom’s given name is a long string of incongruously arranged vowels and consonants. Gazing upon his written name metes a curse upon you knowing you will never be able to pronounce it. Tom is an ace bartender, a skilled sushi chef, and a pool shark. There’s more, but you get the idea.

After a couple years in Saint Croix, I returned to Port Aransas being essentially summoned by my friend Tiana to help her relocate her excellent restaurant, Cafe Phoenix. The new and expanded restaurant was about to open when the obvious need for a bad-ass bartender became apparent. I immediately thought of Tom and managed to talk him into coming to Port Aransas. That was almost a decade ago and Tom still works at The Phoenix Restaurant and Bar, now in its third iteration.

I’ll never forget the day Tom handed me a paper napkin with a bias-cut sliver of roasted sausage on it. “Try this”, he said. I didn’t know my life was about to never be the same. The meat was ground like we’re used to, it was in small chunks. And every other chunk was pure fat. My morsel was fragrant, spicy, and oh-so juicy. I wanted more right away but there wasn’t more. I considered throwing a proper tantrum, it was that good. Tom promised he would get me some, and sure enough, just a couple of weeks later I was holding two packages of four bratwurst-sized Laotian sausage. Could I eat one link at a time, savoring each bite or would they be instantly



Sai Qua

devoured?

Overtime, I would get a few more little gift-packs of exotic forcemeat. Yum. I had to learn how to make this stuff and I had a leg-up on that endeavor. Having grown-up in the German enclaves of the Texas Hill Country, I had some experience making sausage. A trip to Academy for some casings and an attachment for my Kitchenaid later, I was ready to rock. But what exactly was the magic combination of ingredients for this most exalted sausage? I didn’t have a clue. Some ginger, I thought, but that was wrong. The googly interweb thingy wasn’t much help, but I eventually learned enough to take a good shot at it. There are many ingredients in my new obsession, but the highlights you need to know are pork belly, lemongrass and kaffir lime leaves.

The first time I made sai oua, the result was an utter failure. The meat was ground to fine and I overstuffed the hog casings causing the sausage to explode upon cooking. The flavors were close though — close enough for me to concoct the loony notion that I should make it for a BBQ I was catering. For the sake of my dear pal Herb Lancaster as well as the employees and patrons of his eponymous furniture factory’s customer appreciation party, I hoped I would get it right.

Since preparation and leaving nothing to the last minute is the name of the game in catering, I started making the sausage the day of the event. I was struggling to make it myself. There are lots of moving parts to the process and I was thrashing about like a hungry shark in the shallows and getting nowhere. My beloved Andrea jumped in to help, but that didn’t save me so we called my sister-in-law Tracy and she rushed over to get in on the action. Still not working at a rate that would ensure timely success, I finally resorted to calling-in my Samaon pal Serapio. He’s not really Samoan but he sure looks like he sumo wrestles and plays a mean ukulele.

There we all were... elbow-deep in pork fat, slam-dancing to the tune of a whirring stand mixer. It was an assembly line of various pieces of machinery that kept going no matter what. It was like that famous scene in I Love Lucy except we had two Ethyl’s, a giant Samoan Fred, and various pig parts instead of chocolates. If you’re wondering, I was, of course, Lucy.

The sausage was effing delicious. The meat could have been coarser still, and I’ve got a plan to address that. Tom and I hung-out this last Sunday and he made us the fixin’s for sai oua lettuce wraps. They sure were good and we hatched a plan to make the world’s most tantalizing sausage ourselves this coming Monday. As they say in Saint Croix: soon come.



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PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



News you can Use

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.

Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC)- On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, ISAC had its monthly meeting. I attended the meeting to learn the latest and greatest going on for the Island. The meeting was pretty much uneventful and downright boring. Of note is the problem with the beach at the south end of the sea wall. The beach has eroded to the point where the water is getting closer to the sea wall leaving very little beach. According to the City representative, there is a plan to refurbish the beach by bringing sand in from the Gulf. Stay tuned for this.

A spokesman for the pickleball group stated the need for pickleball courts on the Island. A spokesman for the anti-Commodore Park development group stated that there is a neighborhood group that will be opposing the Commodore park development.

A spokesperson for the Aquarius Park group requested the ISAC put forth the idea of at least one stop sign on Aquarius at the Gardens to reduce speeding and make the area safer. In addition, the spokesperson put forth the idea of building a walking/jogging path around the entire Park.

Billish Park- Have you noticed the two new shade structures in Billish park? This is something we have been working on for a long time. It is great to see our hard work pay off.



Going, Going, Gone!

By Pastor Kris Bair

I’m thinking about auctions this week—of course, Island Presbyterian Church holds its Dessert and More Auction and Free Soup Supper this Friday (6 p.m.) and I’ve been helping to prepare.

I’ve never worked an auction before, but the DD (Dramatic Daughter) has.

I hadn’t been to an auction until I was fairly newlywed and eight months pregnant with her. The GP (my spouse, her father) was working on the family farm in far Western Kansas, and there was an estate sale in mid-January, when a fellow farmer went bankrupt.

I invited myself along with the male Bairs, even though both were somewhat skeptical about my ability to navigate the icy conditions.

“No problem,” I said brightly. “I know how to ice skate.”

They were sure we would be going to the hospital for a premature birth. But they were wrong.

They had attended to bid on one specific item, and when that item had been sold (to someone else), we high-tailed it for home and heat. It was bitterly cold with a nasty wind-chill (always an issue on the High Plains).

And the prospective heir-apparent had to be considered. I was whisked away.

During this whole process, my father-in-law explained that he always used the bidding strategy of HIS father, Ferdinand Fernando Bair, who was a rather famous (read “notorious”) trader.

After hearing about Ferd, I recognized that he was a land shark. And a smart one.

Ferd’s auction advice was to make your first bid the very highest you would have gone in the bidding. It knocks out all or most of the other bidders immediately, reducing the chance of a bidding war, where you might get taken by someone deliberately bidding higher just to get YOU skunked.

This had probably happened frequently to Ferd.

I’ve followed that advice once in a while, and it seems to work. Of course, you sacrifice the opportunity to get something really cheap. But if you want it badly enough, it’s a pretty good option.

Now back to the DD. Unknowingly, I had exposed her in the womb to the thrill of auctions.

And they can be thrilling. Since that first one, I’ve attended a LOT of them. For one thing, it’s fun to people-watch at an auction.

Out in the rural areas, it’s a delight to eat at an auction, where the local church ladies fix great mounds of wonderful food and sell it to raise money for mission.

IPC’s wonderful food, BTW, will be free! Even if those ladies only provide hotdogs

The vandals have been at it again in Billish park. The spring riders in the kid’s play area have been vandalized again. Billish Park is a favorite target for what appears to be teenage vandalism. At what point does the PIPOA stop repairing and replacing these spring riders for children? It costs approximately \$1,200 to replace one.

Boat Ramps- There is a new boat ramp sticker policy. The new policy requires only one sticker to be placed in your vehicle. There will be no sticker for a boat trailer. The new stickers are now available at the PIPOA Office. You will be required to fill out an information form regarding your status as a PIPOA member, and information regarding the vehicle the sticker will be placed on. Last week, seven (7) vehicles and three (3) trailers were towed off the boat ramps.

The Padre Isles Property Owners Association’s Annual meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Padre Island Baptist Church across from Whataburger. There are two seats on the Board up for election. Only one person signed up to run during the registration period. Therefore, there will be an opportunity for write-in candidates on the ballot, and nominations for candidates may be made from the floor at the meeting. If you are interested in being on the Board, here is an excellent opportunity.

The next PIPOA Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. Marvin Jones, PIPOA President

and chips, they taste better. Sort of like getting a nosh at a ballgame—everyone knows those ballpark “franks” are the best.

I love to see what household items go on the block—interesting antiques, art work and crafts (lots of crazy stuff!); unique kitchen utensils (some of which prove indispensable); and solidly made furniture.

One day when the DD was about six or seven, an auction came to our street in the small South Dakota town where we lived.

I had to finish some weekend chores before I could attend, but the loudspeaker drew all the children on our block like a magnet.

I didn’t worry much—her father was out there somewhere in case of a problem.

When I finished inside, I grabbed my billfold, stood in line to get a number, and looked around for the GP and our kids.

The SS (Serendipitous Son) was easily located, sitting on his father’s shoulders.

“Where’s your daughter?” I asked pointedly. “She’s fine,” her father said.

“But where IS she?” I growled.

A friendly neighbor started laughing and said, “Look up there on the flatbed where they’re doing the auction!”

I had paid no attention to the auction itself, perfectly justified in locating all pertinent family members.

Silly me.

The DD was doing a Vanna White impression, holding up items for the auction crowd, much to their delight AND the satisfaction of the auctioneer, who recognized that the charming little girl was selling items better than he could.

“Oh, dear!” I would’ve exclaimed had I not been using harsher language.

But that sweet neighbor laughed again and asked what the harm was.

The DD got a big hand from the crowd at the end of that set of items and was returned to us intact and happy as a clam.

I had nightmares about the possibility of having to oversee many more auction antics with her, but she seemed to have sated her desire to sell stuff and subsequently pointed her dramatic flair toward other options, like debate.

We hope you don’t have to debate attending our auction this Friday. See press release in this edition of the *Moon* for details.

Even if you can’t attend, we’d love to have you join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m., Gypsy and Fortuna Bay; Livestream and Zoom options available on Facebook and at our website.



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The Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the annual report, including the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

The hearing will be held before the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023, beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room at 2505 Waldron Road, Corpus Christi, Tx 78418.

For more information, please call 361-694-9220.

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Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. Young men

5. Toothed device

9. By land ____

14. List-curtailling abbr.

15. Absent

16. Draws nigh

17. Ides question

18. Pause in the music

19. Former Philippine president Fidel

20. Explorer of Florida

23. React to pectin

24. Cul-de-____

25. First name among legendary shortstops

28. Haughty attitudes

31. Catch forty winks

36. Buck attachment

38. Holiday season

40. ABC, to CBS

41. Noted circumnavigator

44. It's instant, according to Lennon

45. To ____ (precisely)

46. Genealogical diagram

47. Catches forty winks

49. It may precede or follow "as"

51. Ten for first down

52. Break in England

54. Spanish 101 article

56. Aqualung inventor

65. Multiple-choice choice

66. It's for thought

67. Circle segments

68. Musician Armstrong

69. Tool for shaping wood

70. Type of china

71. Not exactly outgoing

72. Bagpipe part

73. Professional payments

Down

1. Actor ____ Cobb

2. Westernmost Aleutian Island

3. Spreadsheet entries, e.g.

4. Tossed over the shoulder

5. North in South, in the U.S.

6. "The Virginian" author Wister

7. Macho (Abbr.)

8. Bit octets

9. Printed, as a quote

10. Heartfelt

11. Word with time, here or place

12. Switch attachment

13. Pt. of NAACP

21. Pod dweller

22. News anchor Rather

25. Amontillado holders

26. Popular font

27. "Casablanca" actor

29. Gossip queen Barrett

30. Religious groups

32. Scandalous gossip

33. Egg producer

34. Fudged

35. Runs in panic

37. "All ____" (Sinatra tune)

39. Stead

42. Transported, supernaturally

43. Out-of-the-way

48. "Comprende?"

50. Owns

53. Equally distant

55. Presidential administrators

56. Nasty shock

57. Yours, in Tours

58. Cohort

59. Famed liner, briefly

60. Word with bar or airport

61. Seep

62. Famous canal

63. Adolescent dilemma

64. Employs

Police Blotter January 30 - February 5

JFK Causeway to SPID Aquarius intersection

Disturbance

13500 block SPID Midnight February 5

Suspicious Person

10800 block SPID Noon January 31

Traffic

38 Traffic Stops

13400 block SPID 9 p.m. February 4 Hit and Run

13300 block SPID 7 p.m. February 30 Crash

SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

14000 block Ambrosia 10 a.m. February 3 Terroristic Threat

Crimes against Property

15400 block Fortuna Bay February 2 Burglary

15500 block Cruiser 4 a.m. January 30 Theft \$2500-\$30,000

Disturbance

14400 block Aquarius 1 p.m. February 4

14300 block SPID 2 a.m. February 4

Suspicious Person

13900 block Primavera 2 a.m. February 3

15300 block SPID 10 p.m. February 2

15300 block SPID 11 p.m. February 2

15600 block Gypsy 3 p.m. February 2

14200 block Natal Plum 11 p.m. January 31

Traffic

116 Traffic Stops

14500 block SPID 3 p.m. January 31 Crash

SPID/Pescadores 11 p.m. February 3 Crash

Cuttysark-Encantada 3 p.m. February 2 Crash

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico and north to City Limits

Disturbance

15200 block Windward 9 p.m. February 2 Noise Ordinance Violation

14700 block Whitecap 4 p.m. February 1 Arrest Warrant

6 200 block SH 361 11 a.m. January 30 Wanted Person

Suspicious Person

15800 block SPID 4 a.m. February 6

Smugglers Cove 11 p.m. February 4

Traffic

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St. Augustine/Leeward 1 p.m. February 4 Parking Violation

SH 361/Zahn Road 5 p.m. February 5 Crash

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February 10-11, 2023, Friday 5 pm – 11 pm, Saturday 10 am – 11 pm, This festival features food, fun, entertainment, a parade, and more on Lamar Peninsula, benefitting the Lamar Volunteer Fire Department. Freedom Raffle February 12 at 9 pm. For more information call 361-205-7037 or go to www.lamarvfd.com. Parade: Saturday, 2/11/23, 11am, route is 1 mile starting from old fire station 224 Hagy Dr. to new station located at the corner of Bois d’ Arc & 12th Street. Entry is free. FMI text or call Eric Koenig at 512-729-4509, or Jeff Baergen at 361-557-0064.

Fulton Oysterfest

March 2-5, 2023, a salute to the oyster industry held at Fulton Festival Grounds, located at 1500 E. Laurel Street. This event includes entertainment, food, arts, crafts, carnival, parade, men’s and women’s oyster eating contests, oyster shucking, and oyster decorating contests. Opening night on Thursday includes a fireworks show! For more information, call 361-729-5533 or visit www.fultonoysterfest.org, or email info@fultonoyster.org Whooping Crane Strut – March 4, 2023, at Rockport Beach at 100 Seabreeze Drive. Featuring a 2 miles walk, 5K, and 10k-run. The walk will remain on the beach while the 5K and 10K will continue to Austin St. and Water St. For more information, call 361-727-2158.

Spring Art Fair VIP Preview Party

March 10, 2023, Patron & Sponsor VIP Party, held at the Rockport Center for the Arts located at 106 S. Austin, at 6:00PM. Food, entertainment, hors d’oeuvres and music, cocktail casual, valet parking. For more information 361-729-5519 or go to www.rockportartcenter.com

Spring Art Fair by the Bay

March 11-12, 2023 Spring Art Fair is an opportunity for artists to connect with patrons and art collectors. To be held at the Rockport Center for the Arts located at 106 S. Austin. Visitors to the fair are invited to shop artist’s booths in a leisurely fashion, visit with the artists, and witness a number of artist demonstrations to learn about mediums and techniques. For More Information 361-729-5519 or go to www.rockportartcenter.com

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First Community Bank Celebrates 40 years

\$40,000 in donations to community organizations

First Community Bank (FCB) celebrated its 40th anniversary this week with “40 Weeks of Giving,” a program distributing \$40,000 to local non-profits selected by employees. The weekly \$1,000 check presentations will be scheduled through early December.

“As the years pass, First Community Bank remains committed to supporting our residents — our neighbors — by giving back to the communities we serve,” said Wes Hoskins, FCB President and CEO. “It’s sometimes hard to believe that 40 years have flown by this quickly, but it’s certainly gratifying to see how much we have grown in that time. We have such amazing employees who love life in the Coastal Bend and we look forward to seeing what more we can accomplish in the next 40.”

Rooted in South Texas, First Community Bank opened in 1983, growing over the next four decades to include 11 bank locations in Alice, Kingsville, Padre Island, Premont, Portland, Rockport, Victoria, and Corpus Christi.

Dessert and More!

Dessert auction at Presbyterian Church Friday, February 10

The Mission Committee at Island Presbyterian Church announces resumption of their annual “Dessert and More Auction,” cancelled during the pandemic.

The auction takes place at IPC (Fortuna Bay and Gypsy), at 6 pm, on Friday, February 10. Attendees will be treated to a free soup supper prior to the auction—bring the whole family!

On the tables for bids, you’ll find yummy desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, etc.) and handmade craft items including jewelry and artwork, plus lots of gifts perfect for your Valentine—including your little ones. Be prepared for some creative bidding and lots of laughter as Maestro and voice impersonator David Hiser pounds the gavel.

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City Seeking Beach Vendors for Summer Season Applications Accepted through February 22

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for vendors to operate their business at its City beaches and parks through the summer season. The permits for the seven-month vending period from March to September will be issued to qualifying vendors.

The application period is open through Wednesday, February 22.

Each year, the City opens its beaches and parks for vendors to provide food, beverage, and entertainment concessions to more than 700,000 visitors and residents.

Island Locations include

- Gulf Beaches
 - o North Packery Beach/JP Luby: Marker 203, Marker 206, Marker 207
 - o South Packery Beach: Marker 212, Marker 212.5
 - o Michael J. Ellis Beach & Seawall: Marker 214.5, Marker 215, Marker 215.5, Marker 216
 - o Whitecap Beach: Marker 223.5

In addition, vendors may also request other park locations throughout the city.

Applications will be evaluated based on four (4) criteria: Business Capacity, Current Business Credentials, Product Quality, and Experience. Vendor locations will be determined based on scoring and top five preferences. Vendors will be notified after the selections have been made to issue the permits for the locations before the beginning of the permit period. The selected vendors must undergo and pass background checks before issuing permits.

An informational session on the City’s Summer Concessions Program and “The Water’s Edge Summer Series” will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on the 6th Floor Conference Room, located at 1201 Leopard Street. The new weekend summer programming offered at The Water’s Edge commences on Memorial Day (May 27) and will conclude on Labor Day (September 2).

The City Park and Beach Vendor Permit application form and requirements are available at the www.ccparkandrec.com [http://www.ccparkandrec.com%2C/], click on “City Beach & Park Vendor Permits.” Completed applications and required documentation for vending permits must be submitted by February 22. For more information, call (361) 826-3411.

Texas Senate News

Texas Schools to see Enrollment Decline

Fewer students give lawmakers flexibility in property tax relief

By Richard Lee

After years of blockbuster student growth, Texas public school enrollment rates are forecast to go down for the next ten years, according to testimony offered by the state commissioner of education before the Senate Finance Committee this week. While COVID changed the trajectory of enrollment growth, Mike Morath told senators the big factor has nothing to do with the pandemic.

"After the great recession of 2011, people started having fewer babies," he said. Morath described it as a "negative enrollment bubble" that's moving through Texas school populations, where each incoming class is a little smaller than the one before it. "Enrollment is actually going to begin trending negative on a net basis for the next decade in Texas because of this decrease in birth rates," said Morath. Though an individual district here or there may still be seeing robust growth, on the whole, all regions of the state are seeing the same decrease. National data, too, bears this out, with the National Center for Education Statistics forecasting a decline of around two million students enrolled in American public schools through 2030.

A long-term trend

Texas Education Agency data shows that Texas has seen close to linear growth in student population for many years. Between 2012 and 2019, the state added almost half a million students, with a rough growth rate of around ten percent. In 2020, the pandemic drove enrollment rates down for the first time, though they snapped back to similar levels of growth starting in 2021. TEA is now projecting a small, but sustained decrease in student enrollment through 2025. It's a modest downturn, forecasting a decrease of about 50,000 students out of around 5.5 million, but it's a sharp change from the last 10 years.

"For the last two decades, student enrollment in public school in Texas has been growing by leaps and bounds," said Morath. "We added probably 70,000 kids a school year for the better part of ten or fifteen years. To put that

in perspective it's sort of like an Austin ISD-sized school system emerges from whole cloth every single year."

He said that growth meant that the state had to increase spending on schools by hundreds of millions of dollars every year just to keep pace with current levels of per-student funding. This expected decrease in enrollment is all happening despite historic numbers of new residents moving to Texas from other states.

"The people who move here have less kids than the people that are here," said Morath. "Everybody is essentially having less children post-great recession than they were pre-great recession...this is a demographic shift." International net inbound migration is also down from a decade ago, he added.

Education spending

Education spending makes up by far the largest chunk of the state budget, with nearly \$60 billion in discretionary state revenue -about 45 percent of all such money - going towards public and higher education over the next two years. A decrease in student population could have significant implications as lawmakers prepare a spending plan for the next biennium. "If enrollment is flat or declining, that actually provides appropriators far more flexibility in the next decade than you had in the last decade," Morath told members.

Some of that flexibility is being exercised in the size of property tax cuts planned for the session, with \$15 billion being set aside in both the Senate and House budget drafts to lower local levies. With enrollment projected to go down, that means that the state can address property taxes while actually increasing per-student funding totals at public schools. "Comments that we don't have enough money because we're doing property tax relief, or we're not doing enough for schools, et cetera, when you look at the real numbers you see an increase in a per-ADA (average daily allotment) level of funding by the state," said Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt.



Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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Laissez les bon temps roulez...



Jimmy Jam is serious about his mud bugs and has a crawfish boil going at Bron's on Fat Tuesday.

Laissez les bon temps roulez! Let the good times roll. We are coming up on my favorite holiday of the year. Happy Mardi Gras everybody! *Mardi Gras* literally means "Fat Tuesday" and has become known as the time between the Epiphany or Twelfth Night and Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. Mardi Gras is typically celebrated by over indulgence, wild parties and colorful parades in the name of decadence before abstinence, in many places around the globe. It's time to party down, eat some mudbugs, put some extra hot sauce in your gumbo and load up on beads...got to have lots of beads. The Port Aransas parade will line up in front of the *Gaff* at 4:00 on "Fat" Tuesday the 21st and commence to wind throughout town tossing out beads and candy. There will be parties all over town. I know **Jimmy Jam** has a crawfish boil going at *Bron's Backyard* with the big ten piece horn band, **Cruise Control** playing. The **PA Rockers** will be playing *Bernie's* and the **Wayward Gypsies** will play at the *Gaff*. Plus, on the 25th, *Island Wine* will have their "Farewell Party" with **Janelle Shettters**. And of course, the *Barefoot Mardi Gras* festivities will be exploding on Padre Island on the 18th. Also on the 18th, the *Gaff* will host the crowning of this year's "King and Queen" and the **PA Rockers** will play the annual *Spring Phling* at the Port A Community Center.

Coastal Bend Music Symposium...



Casey Lane will host a Live Music Symposium at the House of Rock on the 16th.

House of Rock proprietor and all around good guy, **Casey Lain**, is a major player in downtown Corpus Christi and is active in many causes and events there, particularly the ones promoting the live music and the local entertainment scene. Through the years I've seen a wide variety of shows at the *HoR* and have always thought Casey was a cut above your average nightclub owner. He cares deeply about his community. Well, Casey is in the news again with the announcement of the *Coastal Bend Music Industry Symposium* to be held next week on the 16th at the *House of Rock* starting at noon until 7:00. Casey has invited a variety of speakers from the music industry discussing such topics as touring, licensing and community with the goal to support and expand the music industry in the Coastal Bend. The symposium will be held at the *House of Rock* and the *Bay Jewel Event Center* and will be followed afterwards by a social mixer with complimentary drinks.

Ulrich is OK...

We had a big scare this week when we learned the devastating news of the major earthquake in Turkey and Syria that killed over 7,000 people...and our friends **Ulrich Ellison** and his wife **Gigi** are now living in Turkey. I was able to connect with Ulrich online this week to find out they were not affected in Ankara where they live. Originally from Austria, Ulrich played *Giggity's* and *Shorty's* many times as far back as 2014, while he was living in Austin. Ulrich is the recipient of many prestigious music awards and won the honor as *Best Guitarist* and *Best Funk/Soul/Blues Band* in the 2014 and 2015 *Austin Music Awards*. I

became great friends with Ulrich through the years and I'm so relieved that he and Gigi are OK.



Ulrich Ellison is alive and well and is now living in Turkey.

Scattered shots...



Look who I ran into hanging around the docks at Fisherman's Wharf... it's Keith Sykes.

Me and my **Mermaid Gal** puttered around on the golf cart a little bit last weekend. I went by *Island Wine* for a little bit of the **Free Beer Band**. The owner of *Island Wine*, **Lara White**, has had a rough time of it lately. She has to move her business because the new landlord doubled her rent. We are really hoping the new location they've found works out for her. We should know soon. On Sunday, we took the *Jetty Boat* over to *San Jose Island* and while we were waiting for the boat, we ran into Memphis' favorite son, **Keith Sykes**, at the *Fisherman's Wharf* docks. He had played the night before at *Third Coast* and was staying at the long skinny house down there. He's sticking around this week to write songs... as he does every year. I'm sorry we missed his show here.

DO NOT MISS LIST



The Free Beer Band will played *Island Wine* on Saturday.

Coming this weekend...

Buckle up **Buttercup**! This place is starting to come alive... On Thursday, **Ron Baker**, of **Charlie Pride** fame, will play *Island Wine* and **Brad Ethridge** will play the *Gaff*. On Friday, the world renowned **Lyle Lovett** will play *Selena Auditorium*. I saw him at *Selena's* a few years ago with **Robert Earl Keen** and it's the perfect setting. Also on Friday, the *Port Aransas Community Theater* will have the **Fleetwood Mac** tribute band; **Dreams**...that should be a great show. On Saturday, the *Gaff* will host their bi-monthly **BELT SANDER RACES** starting at 3 PM. **Jim Dugan** will perform before and after the race and one time *Islander* and *Texas Hill Country* troubadour **Uel Jackson** will play later that evening. Also on Saturday, the **Free Beer Band** plays *Island Wine* plus the great **Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines** will play *Third Coast Theater*. And finally on Saturday, the *City Wide Garage Sale* will be going on all over town and at *Michie's Storage*. On Sunday, **Barbara Jenice** will play *Island Wine* and on Monday the **PA Rockers** will play the Port A Art Center and **Ken Yarbrough's** piano bar show, **Unrehearsed and Unashamed** will play at the *PACT*. Also on Monday, the *Gaff* will have their weekly *Minnow Racing* for fun and profit. And finally on Wednesday, **Riptide** will bring some great rockabilly to the *VFW* and the **PA Rockers** will play their weekly show at *Bernie's*. I also want to mention that one of Port A's favorite bartenders, **Jeff Gregory**, will celebrate his birthday at *Red's Riviera* in Port A on Friday the 17th and **Ty Dietz** will be performing. I hope everyone shows up and gets in line to spank him.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines will play the 3rd Coast Theater this Saturday.



Lyle Lovett will play *Selena Auditorium* this Friday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday,

February 9

Ron Baker & Jon Dunnaway @ Island Wine
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian
Alley Catz @ Brewster Southside
Kody West @ Brewster Downtown
Sonny Salinas @ Rockit's
Eric Graham @ Executive Surf Club
Eli Brown @ Rock Bottom

Friday,

February 10

Kevin Kurtz @ Gaff
Lyle Lovett @ Salina Auditorium
Dreams: Fleetwood Mac Tribute @ PACT
Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Southside
Latin Talk @ Brewster Downtown
18 Hours @ Rockit's
Chainlinks @ House of Rock
AudioBox @ Executive Surf Club
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar
John Cortez @ Vernon's
Tryptonite @ The Exchange
Michael Burttis @ Pelican Lounge
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Billy Snipes @ Silos
New Braunfels
Eli Brown @ Fuzzy Catfish
David Salinas @ Paradise Cove
Rockport

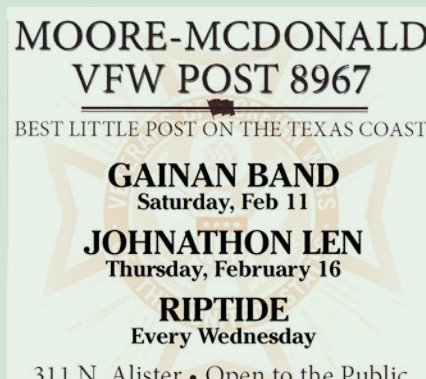
Saturday,

February 11

BELT SANDER RACES 3 PM @ Gaff
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Free Beer Band @ Island Wine
The Gainan Band @ VFW
City Wide Garage Sale @ Port A
Terri Hendrix @ Lloyd Maines @ Third Coast Theater
Dreams: Fleetwood Mac Tribute @ PACT
Afterglow @ Pelican Lounge
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Southside
80's Obsession @ Brewster Downtown
The Groove @ Rockit's
Rich Lockhart, 8 Bit Serenade @ Executive Surf Club
Fistful of Metal @ The Exchange
Rockoholics @ Vernon's
Jam Band @ Rock Bottom
Red Tide @ Blue Marlin Saloon N. Beach
Matt Hole @ Packery Bar



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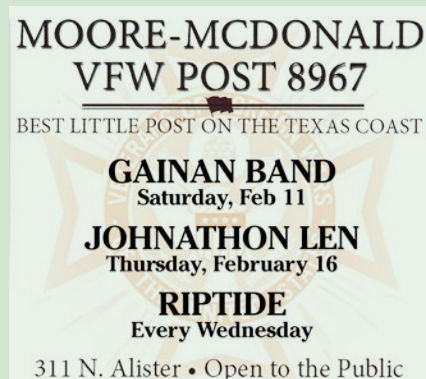


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Tony Ortega @ Blackbeard's
Elil Brown @ Rock Bottom
Cover Tones @ Sugar Shack

Sunday,

February 12

Barbara Jenice @ Island Wine
Justin & Niki @ Doc's
Lady & the Tramps @ House of Rock
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's
Rudolph Llanes @ Executive Surf Club
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ Blackbeard's

Monday,

February 13

Minnow Racing @ Gaff
PA Rockers @ Port A
Arts Center
Unrehearsed & Unashamed @ PACT
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday,

February 14

Open Mic @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Billy Snipes @ Doc's
Shen Yun @ American Bank Center
Open Jam @ Packery Bar
Justin & Niki @ The Exchange
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ YoshiZushi CC

Wednesday,

February 15

PA Rockers @ Bernies
Riptide @ VFW
Chainlinks @ Pelican Lounge
Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Downtown

Thursday,

February 16

Ron Baker & Jon Dunnaway @ Island Wine
Johnathon Len Band @ VFW
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Southside
Sonny Salinas @ Rockit's
Rich Lockhart @ Executive Surf Club
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Coastal Bend Music Industry Symposium @ House of Rock

Jeff Gregory's B-day, Wednesday

February 17

Ty Dietz @ Red's Riviera
Black Jacket Symphony:
Fleetwood Mac's Rumors @ Selena Auditorium
Afterglow @ Vernon's

