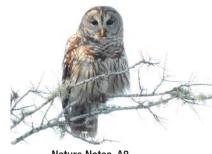
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By Dale Rankin



This week Around The Island we might have renamed our little sandbar Austin South due to the traffic jams. It was Hurry Up and Wait as crews working on power lines have stopped traffic intermittently at the two major intersections, including Saturday morning as several thousand people were trying to exit The Island after the Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade turning SPID into a parking lot, and on three occasions over the weekend wrecks on the JFK Causeway turned it into a parking lot for long periods of time. It was a weekend of sticking to Island back streets and rising blood pressure but not a weekend for going OTB and a reminder of why we need another causeway to The Island.



Elon Musk has made his appearance Around The Island as this SpaceX tracking station has landed at the Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas. Maybe we won't need a second causeway if Mr. Musk will dig us a tunnel under the Laguna Madre!

Hotel and Conference Center Also up Port A way an item has appeared on a website that lists construction jobs for the building of a Port Aransas Hotel And Conference Center. It was posted on December 5, 2022 and reads as follows: As of December 5, 2022 the project is in planning. The project has been awarded to the developer by the City Council for the City of Port Aransas. No applications or building permits have been submitted. Information regarding the architect and general contractor has not been disclosed. A firm construction timeline has not been set, however, construction is not expected to begin prior to mid-2023. The listing states that the information has been "obtained through public sources" and the building contract for \$10 million. That's all we know at

this point. Of cats and Little Yappers As spring approaches the coyote and owl populations get active and the coyotes have been letting

Barefoot Mardi Gras 2023



So long rusty barge...

South Packery Channel Jetty and beach access restricted while stranded barge is moved

The damaged work barge which has been jammed against the South Packery Jetty since September will be removed by March 6, according to Corpus Christi City Manager Peter Zanoni.

Zanoni and District 4 City Councilman Dan Suckley sent a registered letter to the General Contractor on the project to repair the Packery Jetties, Callan Marine Ltd., invoking a non-compliance clause in their contract with the City of Corpus Christi giving the company fifteen days to remove the barge. Zanoni said divers began attaching connecting points to the barge Monday morning and will pull the barge to the beach using a series of chains and block and tackle rigs where it will be cut into pieces by the salvage company. The beach ad-



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will be closed during the initial phase of the recovery work but will be reopened once the barge is moved to the beach and demolition work begins, Zanoni said.

The barge was used on the \$16 million Packery Channel Restoration project by Callan Marine Ltd. and is owned by their subcontractor Peninsula Marine. The barge

removal is expected to take up to three weeks; however, the weather will play a large part in how quickly the project is completed. High winds, waves, and rain may stall the removal.

Zanoni emphasized that the contractor is responsible for the cost of removing the barge.

Volunteers needed!

jacent to the South Packery Jetty

Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup this Weekend

Saturday, February 25

The 2023 Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup hits Padre Island National Seashore on Saturday, March 25 and volunteers are needed. Big Shell Beach is about halfway down PINS adjacent to Baffin Bay and requires four-wheel drive vehicles to get through the soft sand. Prior to 1995 the only people picking up trash at Big Shell

Beach, about halfway between Bob Hall Pier and Mansfield Channel, were shark fishermen who kept a beach fire burning around the clock and fueled it with beach trash. But starting in 1995 longtime Island guide and local legend Billy Sandifer organized the Big Shell Cleanup to get volunteers to remove trash on Padre Island National Sea-

shore and since then over 10,000 volunteers have removed more than three million pounds of trash from this ten-mile stretch of remote and wild stretch of 4-Wheel Drive Only beach. Volunteers for the 28th Annual Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup will meet at the

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A little Island history

The Dredging of Packery Channel

By Dale Rankin On April 7, 2001 37,033 voters in Corpus Christi went to the polls and approved the Storm Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration Project which we now call Packery Channel. The plan was to reopen the recurring natural pass to the Gulf of Mexico to spur growth along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall where prior to the project the beach had been less than twenty feet in width at many places. The digging of the channel was to

be funded as part of the Resources Development Act 1999 as a Federal project with Nueces County as the original local sponsor with the City of Corpus Christi assuming local sponsorship in 2000. The vote in April, 2001 set the project in motion at an estimated cost of \$30 million with \$19.5 million coming in the form of an earmark through then U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and the remainder through a local match. Maintenance of the



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Change in Island Moon **Publication Date**

As we reported in a previous issue the Corpus Christi Caller-Times where we have printed the Island Moon for the past seven years is getting out of the printing business. As a result we are in the process of moving to a new printer with a final decision to be made this week.

As a result by next week our publication date for the hard copy of the paper may move from the current Thursday to Friday depending on which printer we use. The paper's deadlines will not change and we will publish the on-line version of the paper on Thursday on our Facebook page theislandmoonnewspaper, and on our webpage Islandmoon.com on Thursday morning.

So don't panic if you don't find the Island Moon on the racks on the usual Thursday...we'll see you Around The Island on Friday...

Going Native

The Whooping



And they are looking for Carolina wolfberry Whooping Crane Festival this weekend in Port Aransas

By Ed Proffitt

The Whooping Crane Festival occurs this week in Port Aransas from Thursday through Sunday with many talks by experts, birding trips, and other events. It's always a whooping good time! As you aspiring environmentalists may know, the only wild population in the world is the one that migrates between Canada and Texas. In the 1940's the were only about 20 birds left, but with captive breeding programs and wetland protection, conservation, and restoration there's now about 600. So, for the environmentalism skeptics, protecting endangered species can indeed work, and has to include habitat conservation. Although, clearly, with this small a population, conservation efforts and protections, must continue to be at the forefront of our collective minds.

Locally, whooping cranes are closely tied to certain species of plants including

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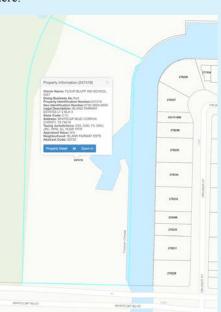
The Wyndham Resort Restaurant is locals friendly like the old Holiday Inn was. They even put up a sign that said 'Open to All" which has gotten blown away but you get the idea. The hospitality and service I received at breakfast there was impressive. Breakfast is served daily 7 - 11 am and includes biscuits & gravy, avocado toast, strawberry stuffed French toast and crepes. The lunch is served 11 am - 4 pm daily and includes roasted poblano with white cheddar soup, steak, salads and more. There is also a kids menu. Dinner will start being served by spring break. The outdoor bar is open at noon until 8 pm or later and moves inside if the weather is not good. They have daily drink specials and are working on pricing in general to attract the locals. There will be live music on weekends and



Chef Sam has joined the Scuttlebutt's team and will add Asian dish specials to the menu. He came here for our beach from Atlanta where he had two food



Flour Bluff ISD owns 6.5 acres of prime Island waterfront property. It is located near the Whitecap Bridge adjacent to the Whitecap Development property and you can easily view the rectangular mowed area. It was purchased in 1996 with the intentions of possibly putting in a school there.



There is lease space coming available in the ProsperityBank/Black Sheep Bistro Shopping Center. The Star Advantage Insurance Agency lease has expired and they bought a unit next door. Island's Edge Hair Salon has moved with them.

The Packery Bar Food Truck will soon be serving food daily. Carson, formerly with Texas Mesquite BBQ and Bailey, formerly with Black Diamond Restaurant will be running it. They hope to start this weekend.

The Hardknocks Sunday Brunch is back with its same great menu, build your own Bloody Mary bar and live music.

The Winter Texans are here in full force and many of them are staying at Gulfstream, Island House and El Constante on the seawall. Most of them will be leaving before Spring Break when rates go up.



This photo was taken by Kimberly Botzo October 29, 2022

The Rasheeds are selling the Country Store (blue building) property on over one acre for \$1,425,000. The building is 3,224 square feet. They are also selling the 2.4 acre property between it and Angry Marlin for \$2,277,500. Call Keller Williams at 254-458-0510 for more info.



The Carden International Circus will be at the American Bank Center March 10-12. Tickets are \$9 - \$26.



Legends Sports Bar & Grill will be opening soon in the former Floyd's Restaurant in the Bluff at 9502 SPID. Their mission is to provide good quality food and drinks in a modern, fun sports atmosphere. There will be a full menu and full bar.

Blippi The Wonderful World Tour will be at the Selena Auditorium on Sunday, June 25th 2 pm. The special guest is Blippi's friend Meekah. Tickets are \$60 -\$166.



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.

The 28th Annual Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup will be held Saturday, February 25th at 8 am. If you would like to volunteer go to the Malaquite Pavilion at PINS. Entrance fee is waived for volunteers. They need 4-wheel drive vehicles and trailers. The Friends of Padre organize this annual event.

St. Andrews by the Sea Fish Fry will be held the next six Fridays 5 - 7 pm. You can pick up a plate to go or dine in.

Coastal Teak Company has new arrivals every week of decor for your home or deck. There is hand carved teak furniture and artwork plus a variety of nautical items. They are located near Scuttlebutts.





Random Stuff

D'Italiano Italian Bread is available in reduced calorie/low carb and it tastes just as good as the regular. I found it at

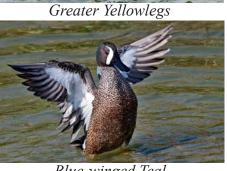


Well, we went from zero American breakfast places on the Island to now three. Wyndham Beachside Bar & Grill daily, Diana's Place on weekends and Hardknocks Sunday Brunch. You can tell "the season" is coming up with new places opening, hours expanding and food items added. Keep in mind if the food is good it is worth the wait. Remember, we are on Island time.

For the last 19 years Winter Texan Laura Bennett and her husband have visited The Island from Midland, Michigan from January to March. This week Laura took the photos on North Padre, Rockport (Blue Herons), and Port A., Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center. The Bennetts have been reading the Island Moon since their first visit.



Greater Yellowlegs



Blue-winged Teal



American white ibis



Reddish egret



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Island Stonehenge.

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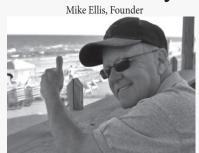
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Letters to the Editor



A little Island history...

My mother and father lived in Port Aransas when I was born in 1940. I lived here until I got out of college in 1962, went to the Air Force and then back to school after four years. My wife and I moved back to our old family home after I retired in 1998 We always enjoy the Island Moon. Your February 9, 2023 edition with the story about "Combing the Beach Spanish Treasure and Cans of Lard" was very interesting. As a child growing up in Port Aransas, Milt Coleman was a really interesting person. He had a very large accumulation of what we called junk back then on his corner. We called him Murt Coleman then. My father said he was one of the first wing walkers, who would stand atop a biplane on a carnival going around the country with a Batman cape. Later, after he moved here to Port Aransas, he was a world renowned fighter, who would enjoy going down to the flats and fighting with the merchant Marines, who would come to Port Aransas when their ship docked on harbor Island to offload their crude oil. They would drink, gamble and do other things for entertainment before they went back to their ship. At that time, the gambling joints in Port Aransas would fleece them pretty good before they returned, and Murt Coleman would entertain himself with with numerous fights just for the sport of it.

If it would be possible to secure several extra copies of your February 9th edition, I would like to send it to several of my old friends who are still alive, and would remember a lot of the things in that article. I still remember the old. Nicaragua shipwreck where we could still see part of the hole in the boiler in the surf. We have canceled our long time subscription to the local newspaper here and look forward to reading your fine publication. Thanks again.

Bill Sims

E. Roberts in Port Aransas

Other than a press event, why is there a need for this news event?

Maybe it would serve the public better if you brought the public on a whole tour of the repairs to the Packery so far. But more importantly, why the City thinks those small boulders they are piling up along the banks will be effective when a hurricane hits. The reason the banks of the Packery failed was because all the bureaucrats wanted to save money and not install the sheet pilings that were in the original design. The city and the Feds are making the same stupid mistake again by putting those small boulders in instead

Joe Minervini,

of the sheet pilings.

Big Shell cont. from A1

Malaquite Pavilion on PINS no later than 8 a.m. and entry fees to the park will be waved. Four-wheel drive vehicles and trailers are needed. Volunteers without four-wheel drive vehicles will be given transportation to the cleanup site. Lunch for volunteers will be served at the conclusion of the event.

It will be the fifth Big Shell cleanup since the death of founder Billy Sandifer in March 2018, at 70 years of age. In 2013 Billy wrote a history of the event and how it started.

"In January of 1995 I got permission from National Park Service-Padre Island National Seashore to start a grassroots all-volunteer cleanup effort in the Big Shell area of the beach where the trash was the worst. Once permission was received and armed with nothing but determination, I beat on every door I could think of and called every phone number anyone would give me seeking support and advice on how to organize and carry out such a cleanup." For more information on the event see the

website: Friendsofpadre.com

We Remember: Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia

Earlier this month, Americans reflected on the 20-year anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster that took the lives of all seven astronauts on board. On February 1st, 2003, Space Shuttle Columbia was returning to Earth after 16 days in orbit, and preparations for a celebration at Kennedy Space Center in Florida were underway. Sadly, tragedy struck as the shuttle broke into several pieces while reentering Earth's atmosphere.

As the wreckage fell from the sky, Texas law enforcement officers, fire and emergency personnel, and good Samaritans responded swiftly as the nation learned of this unthinkable catastrophe. Within minutes, ordinary Texans did extraordinary things as they worked together to secure the roads and protect the safety of their fellow Texans. Their efforts helped speed up the investigation and were a testament to the dedication and resolve of our great state.

The disaster left a field of wreckage that stretched from Fort Worth across East Texas and into Louisiana, prompting a massive search effort by the government to recover pieces of the space shuttle to help assess what went wrong. As National Guard troops and officials from NASA, the EPA, and every level of law enforcement began canvassing 2.3 million acres, they were joined by thousands of volunteers to support their search efforts. From college students at Stephen F. Austin State University to teams of ham radio operators who helped law enforcement communicate, more than 25,000 volunteers helped collect 84,000 pounds of the wreckage and the remains of our heroic astronauts.

In the weeks following this tragedy, I visited an area in Nacogdoches where tents were set up for search teams, and it was remarkable to see the dedication of these East Texans firsthand. They shared their stories of combing through pine forests and underbrush in the rain and cold temperatures and despite those conditions, their commitment led to crucial discoveries for the investigation.

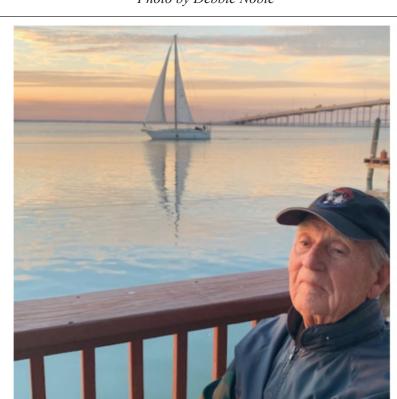
In the years since, NASA has transformed the culture and operations of their agency to improve the safety of future missions. In fact, recommendations from Jon Clark, NASA flight surgeon and husband to deceased Columbia astronaut Laurel Clark, helped shape many of those policy changes. In light of the 20th anniversary, I passed a bipartisan resolution in the United States Senate to honor the memories of the seven heroes we lost that fateful day and commemorate our nation's commitment to research and space exploration.

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas

The Space Shuttle Columbia serves as a somber yet powerful reminder of the strength of Texas communities to come together for the greater good in the face of unfathomable tragedy. As Texans, February 1st is an opportunity for each of us to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifice of these brave astronauts and to remember their legacies.



Photo by Debbie Noble



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George Nathan Kirk - April 27, 1921 – January 13, 2023 Memorial Service Saturday, February 25, 2023 @ 2:00 PM



The family of long-time Islander and World War II Ace George Kirk would like to invite all those who want to attend to his Celebration of Life - Memorial Service at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 25th at the Island Presbyterian Church, 14030 Fortuna Bay. A reception will follow at Doc's Restaurant at 3:30 p.m.

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Packery Channel under construction in April 2005

channel after construction was to be paid for with the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2.

Work begins

Work began in October 2003. . The jetties were spaced 300 feet apart extending 1,430 feet into the Gulf of Mexico and the channel was originally to be maintained to a depth of 14 feet, which has since been reduced to 8.5 feet. The sand from the original dredging of Packery Channel in 2004-2005 was pumped onto the beach in from of the seawall to widen the beach from about twenty feet to four hundred feet. If the beach width falls below 150 feet from the base of the seawall the beach must be closed to traffic under rules from the Texas General Land Office. The original plan called for the channel to be opened in 2006 but Mother Nature had

be opened in 2006 but Mother Nature had other ideas and in July 2005 Hurricane Emily cut the last 75 feet of sand from the channel during the second year of its construction and the channel has remained open ever since.

DredgingIn the beginning it was believed the chan-

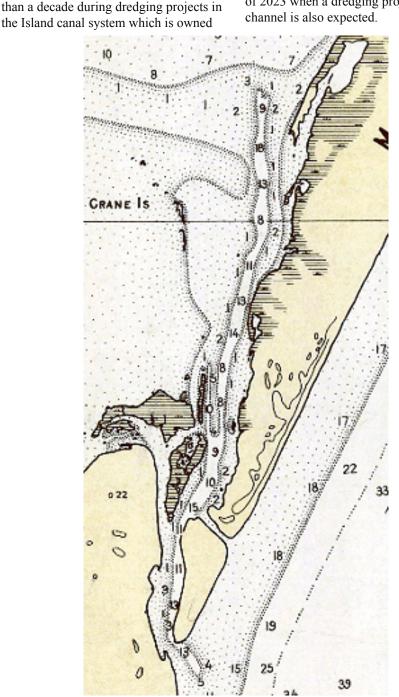
nel would have to be dredged every three to four years and a minimum of \$4 million was to be kept in the TIRZ #2 fund for maintenance dredging for the next twenty years, however, over the years the channel proved to be a more robust system and since its opening only four dredging project have been necessary with the last being in 2012 after Hurricane Ike left sand deposits in the channel in 2008. On July 15, 2011 the Island Moon ran a story reporting that "In the first large scale dredging since the completion of Packery Channel a project is scheduled for later this year that will move 280,000 cubic yards of sand from the bottom of Packery Channel and place it on the portion of Ellis Beach in front of the seawall from the Holiday Inn to Whitecap Boulevard." That project eventually cost \$3.1 million. In the subsequent maintenance dredging projects the sand was also placed on the beach under the auspices of a disposal permit held by companies represented by the developer Paul Schexnailder. That disposal permit was also used by the Padre Isles Property Association for more than a decade during dredging projects in

by the association. However, when Schexnailder's companies lost ownership of much of their island holdings in 2018 the disposal permit lapsed with responsibility of its renewal falling to the City of Corpus Christi's Beach Maintenance Department. Beach quality sand can be placed on the beach under the original Corps of Engineers Permit, however, consultants from the Conrad Blucher Institute told the Island Strategic Action Committee in 2016 there is currently not enough sand in the channel to renourish the beach and the disposal of any non-beach quality sand removed from the channel requires a disposal permit. As of this writing that permit has not been renewed.

Hurricane Harvey

When Hurricane Harvey blew across The Island in 2017 the outbound water driven by high winds removed the sand left behind by Hurricane Ike which had been trapped by two sand bars located just inside the mouth of the jetties and on the jetty-side of the SH 361 Bridge over the channel. Work began in 2022 on a \$13.5 million project to repair the Packery Channel jetties but work crews soon ran into an unexpected snag who reported that on many days, sometimes for a week at low tides, the work barges could not get close enough to the jetties to place rocks due to severe shoaling throughout the channel.

When crews began repair work on the Packery Channel jetty system in January, 2022 the bid from low bidder Callan Marine LTD of Galveston was based on a survey of the channel done in 2017. The assessment of the damage to the channel system by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 assumed there would be more damage to the jetties due to erosion before work began in 2022 and it was assumed that the original approved bid of \$12.3 million would need to be upgraded to cover the additional damage. In late 2021 the Corpus Christi City Council approved an additional \$2.3 million to cover that cost raising the total cost of the project to \$13.5 million due to further erosion of the jetty system. That work continues and is expected to be complete by the end of 2023 when a dredging project in the



The current Packery Channel was part of the natural Corpus Christi Pass. This depth chart and map is from 1923. Note the island behind the current seawall. That area was referred to as the middle ground.

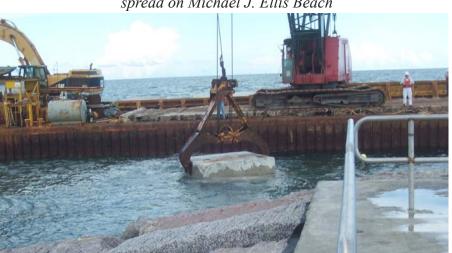


January 2005





Packery Channel was dredged in 2012 with sand from the channel spread on Michael J. Ellis Beach



Construction of Packery Channel in 2005 was to spur seawall development.



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The California Gold Rush

Dotson's Note: The California Gold Rush was sparked by the discovery of gold nuggets in the Sacramento Valley in early 1848 and was arguably one of the most significant events to shape American history during the first half of the 19th century. As news spread of the discovery, thousands of prospective gold miners traveled by sea or over land to San Francisco and the surrounding area; by the end of 1849, the non-native population of the California territory was some 100,000 (compared with the pre-1848 figure of less than 1,000). A total of \$2 billion worth of precious metal was extracted from the area during the Gold Rush, which peaked in 1852. Thanks to James Wilson Marshall, John Sutter, Sam Brannan and Senator Henry Clay, for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan .for the photos

Sutter's Mill



On January 24, 1848, James Wilson Marshall, a carpenter originally from New Jersey, found flakes of gold in the American River at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Coloma, California. At the time, Marshall was working to build a water-powered sawmill owned by John Sutter, a German-born Swiss citizen and founder of a colony of Nueva Helvetia (New Switzerland, which would later become the city of Sacramento). As Marshall later recalled of his historic discovery: "It made my heart thump, for I was certain it was gold."

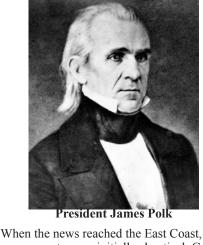
Days after Marshall's discovery at Sutter's Mill, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican-American War and leaving California in the hands of the United States, a remarkable twist of fate with important ramifications for an America eager for westward expansion. At the time, the population of the territory consisted of 6,500 Californios (people of Spanish or Mexican descent); 700 foreigners (primarily Americans); and 150,000 Native Americans (barely half the number that had been there when Spanish settlers arrived in 1769). Sutter, in fact, had enslaved hundreds of Native Americans and used them as a free source of labor and makeshift militia to defend his territory and expand his empire.

Gold Fever Strikes

Though Marshall and Sutter tried to keep news of the discovery under wraps, word got out, and by mid-March at least one newspaper was reporting that large quantities of gold were being turned up at Sutter's Mill. Though the initial reaction in San Francisco was disbelief, storekeeper Sar Brannan set off a frenzy when he paraded through town displaying a vial of gold obtained from Sutter's Creek.

By mid-June, shops and businesses stood empty, as some three-quarters of the male population of San Francisco had abandoned the city for the gold mines, and the number of miners in the area ballooned to some 4,000 by August. As news reports, many wildly overblown, of the easy fortunes being made in California spread worldwide, some of the first migrants to arrive were those from lands accessible by boat, such as Oregon, the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii), Mexico, Chile, Peru and China.

Polk Spreads Gold Fever



press reports were initially skeptical. Gold fever kicked off nationwide in earnest, however, after December 1848, when President James K. Polk announced the positive results of a report made by Colonel Richard Mason, California's military governor, in his inaugural address. As Polk wrote, "The accounts of abundance of gold are of such an extraordinary character as would scarcely command belief were they officers in the public service."

not corroborated by the authentic reports of The '49ers Come to California Throughout 1849, people around the United States (mostly men) with gold fever borrowed money, mortgaged their property or

spent their life savings to make the arduous

journey to California. In pursuit of the kind

of wealth they had never dreamed of, they left their families and hometowns. In turn, women left behind took on new responsibilities such as running farms or businesses and caring for their children alone.



known as 49ers for the year they arrived, traveled overland across the mountains or by sea, sailing to Panama or even around Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America. By the end of the year, the non-native population of California was estimated at 100,000 (as compared with 20,000 at the end of 1848 and around 800 in March 1848). To accommodate the needs of the 49ers, gold mining towns had sprung up all over the region, complete with shops, saloons, brothels and other businesses seeking to make their own Gold Rush fortune.

The overcrowded chaos of the mining camps and towns grew ever more lawless, including rampant banditry, gambling, alcoholism, prostitution and violence. San Francisco, for its part, developed a bustling economy and became the central metropolis of the new frontier.

Gold Rush Politics

The Gold Rush undoubtedly sped up California's admission to the Union as the 31st state. In late 1849, California applied to enter the Union with a constitution that barred the Southern system of racial slavery, provoking a crisis in Congress between proponents of slavery and anti-slavery politicians. According to the Compromise of 1850, proposed by Kentucky Senator Henry Clay, California was allowed to enter as a free state, while the territories of Utah and New Mexico were left to decide the legal status of slavery for themselves.



California's Mines

After 1850, the surface gold in California largely disappeared, even as miners continued to arrive. Mining had always been difficult and dangerous labor, and striking it rich required good luck as much as skill and hard work. Moreover, the average daily take for an independent miner working with his pick and shovel had by then sharply decreased from what it had been in 1848.

As gold became more and more difficult to reach, the growing industrialization of mining drove more and more miners from independence into wage labor. The new technique of hydraulic mining, developed in 1853, brought enormous profits but destroyed much of the region's landscape. Though gold mining continued throughout the 1850s, it had reached its peak by 1852, when some \$81 million was pulled from the ground. After that year, the total take declined gradually, leveling off to around \$45 million per year by 1857. Settlement in California continued, however, and by the end of the decade the state's population was 380,000. Miners extracted more than 750,000 pounds of gold during the California Gold Rush.

Dotson's Other Note: New mining methods and the population boom in the wake of the California Gold Rush permanently altered the landscape of California. The logging industry in the area was born from the need to construct extensive canals and feed boilers at mines, further consuming natural resources. In 1884, hydraulic mining was outlawed by court order, and soon agriculture became the dominant industry in California, and it remains so today. While a few mines and Gold Rush towns remain, much of the heritage of that era is preserved at places such as Bodie State Historic Park, a decaying ghost town, and at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, where Sutter's Mill once stood. Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or at dlewis1@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFOR-MATION: 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

is unknown.

Like several dozen Islanders I went to the Texas State Aquarium Tuesday night expecting to get a briefing on what to expect in the new Padre Island National Seashore Management Plan now under development from park officials. It turned out to be more a question and answer session which sent me down a rabbit hole looking for any previous plans and also at the source documents regarding the founding of the park and any rules or deed restrictions set down there. Here is the first installment of what I found. The first plan...

The plan currently under development is the second Master Plan done for the park since its founding during the administration of President Lyndon Johnson. The first plan was begun in 1963 and had to be finished before the \$647,300 in the 1966 budget could be spent so construction work could begin at the park. According to the Administrative History of the Park. The Superintendent of the park began the process of a plan for the park in 1963 and released the first finished plan in 1965. The purpose of the first plan as stated in the Administrative History of the park found in PINS documents was "to give the visitor a broad range of opportunities to experience the various features of the island in a manner that is not available to him at the existing seashore parks in the region." In other words, the planning team wanted to see diverse uses on the island away from the existing "high-density bathing use, with easy access and many concessioner services."

One of the tenets of the first Master Plan was to designate Little Shell Beach as a Wilderness area which would mean closing it to traffic. That caused controversy which delayed completion of the plan begun in 1963 when local citizens pushed back against the removal of vehicles and on September 21, 1972 the president reported to the Congress the Park Service recommendation: Padre Island was unsuitable for wilderness designation. In its final statement, the Park Service included all land south of Yarborough Pass as a Class V "primitive" area under the existing outdoor recreation land classifications. By the end of calendar year 1972, the Park Service approved only the Wilderness Proposal.

Had the lower portion of the park been designated as a "Wilderness" area no traffic would have been allowed there. So from the beginning closure of a portion of the park to traffic was in the sights of the National Park Service but the opposition by local citizens made that politically unreachable and in 1973 the Park Service in Denver began working on a new Master Plan. 1974 Master Plan

In December 1974 a new plan was issued through the Park Service under the title. Natural Resources Management Plan for Padre Island National Seashore. It was prepared by the Padre Island National Seashore Staff and Southwest Region Office of Natural Science and reviewed by the Southwest Region Offices of History, Archeology, Planning, Maintenance, Interpretation, and Resources Management offices and Approved for Implementation on December 23, 1974 by "Acting Regional Director Southwest Region J.R. Thompson.'

I can find nothing in any of the documents I have reviewed so far that says the 1974 Master Plan was ever superseded by a subsequent plan....so... What does it say?

Here is some of the language from the 1974 Master Plan: Purpose of the Park

Padre Island National Seashore was established as a National Recreation Area and the Resources Management Plan is designed to facilitate that purpose. Visitor use, however, must be compatible with the resource—in this case the beach and dunes. Under the heading of Objectives the plan

includes the following language: To Serve the Visitor Provide increased opportunities for those

types and levels of outdoor recreational use that will be compatible with, dependent upon, or enhanced by the seashore environment, and leave to others the opportunity to provide facilities and development for other recreational and tourist

Confine public vehicular use to established roadways and designated beach corridors in order to preserve fragile dunes and grasslands. A suitable means should be developed for visitors to gain access to those sections of the seashore

not accessible by conventional motor vehicles. This plan is mutually agreed to by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the National Park Service. Whether Texas Parks and Wildlife has continuing jurisdiction inside the park,

what kind of jurisdiction, and whether

plan now under development is not ad-

that state agency must sign off on the new

Conclusions I will leave the reader to draw their own conclusions about what the language in the 1974 Master Plan means. As stated

It is important to note that the original size of the new park was reduced after a court fight involving imminent domain between the federal government and the private landowners of portions of the new park. The park land actually had more than a dozen deeds associated with the conveyance of the land to the Park Service which include reversion clauses that run with the

are violated. I will get into those in future

It is not known whether an oak forest or stands of oaks stretched the entire length or only the northern third of the island. There are live oaks on the north end of the island (including several small groups in the National Seashore in the vicinity of the Permian Tank). There is also evidence of a "stump forest" west of the Twin Tanks which has occasionally been seen when the sand dunes shift. But it is not known whether the oaks extended further south. This information is important because it would help determine whether deer, javelina, turkeys, and other animals ranged the entire island or only the northern end of the island. **Turtles**

dressed. Interestingly the plan states that

the original flora of the island consisted of

Two areas of interest among Island residents are beach driving and preserving of

Kemp's ridley turtles at the park, the 1974 Master Plan reads as follows: 9. Project: Atlantic Ridley Turtle Reestablishment Padre Island was once a major nesting site of the Atlantic Ridley turtle. Accounts from old-time residents relate how they traveled by wagons along the beach and had to wait while turtles traveled from their nests to the water. This species is no longer known to nest within the United States. It does nest on the coast of Mexico where it is protected, but eggs are quickly collected and sold when authorities are absent. The species may be

endangered and should be considered for

reintroduction onto Padre Island which

may be its only protected nesting site. Action (Research) Initiate research, and proceed with actions deemed conducive to the reintroduction of the species. First, vehicles must be restricted from a section of beach; vehicles should not be permitted to drive over the nests and destroy the eggs. At the present time, there is no feasible section. However, the Master Plan proposes closing Little Shell Beach to vehicular traffic, and this beach could be used as a nesting area. Investigate the desirability of a cooperative agreement with Mexico for the collection and transportation of turtle eggs. Establish liaison with other agencies and individual who have shown interest in the population dynamics of the Ridley turtle. Encourage the use of Padre Island as a natural laboratory.

This study could best be undertaken by a Park Service biologist; investigations should be initiated soon if this species is to be saved from extirpation. Research activities should include: (1) comparative habitat evaluation, (2) feasibility of collection of turtle eggs from Mexican beaches and introduction on a protected beach of Padre Island National Seashore, and (3) a monitoring program.

Research

Beach Driving 10. Project: Impact on Beaches and

Dunes

Vehicular traffic and visitor activities have caused considerable erosion and vegetative damage to dunes and beaches in the National Seashore. Vehicular traffic has been prohibited from a five-mile (8 km) portion on the beach since April 1969. The vegetative line on this five-mile (8 km) section of beach is 70 feet (21 m) further seaward than in sections of beaches accessible to vehicles. Vehicular traffic has obviously prevented the growth of vegetation on the beach, negating the stabilization of the smaller foredunes.

The Master Plan proposes the closing of Little Shell Beach to vehicular traffic which will be an addition to the total area of beach on which vehicular travel is prohibited. The purpose of this plan is twofold: to allow revegetation of dunes after many years of grazing and to provide a beach in a relatively natural condition for shelling and other recreational Park pursuits without the intrusion of motor vehicles.

above I can find no indication in any of the park documents I have found that the 1974 plan was ever superseded by a more recent plan; at least until the completion of the plan currently under development is finalized.

land returning the ownership of the land to private and state hands if those restrictions

We're just getting started.

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Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



Sports Play by Play Broadcasts

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Red Barber was in the mood to give all of us a lesson – a history lesson, that is – on baseball broadcasting. For someone else, the occasion might have seemed a bit strange. But for Barber, certainly one of the most influential playby-play announcers in American annals, the time and place of his history lecture seemed perfectly appropriate. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Bill Stern, Red Barber, Mel Allen and Harold Arlin, for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Since The Birth of Radio, Baseball Has Come Alive Over the Air

It was Aug. 7, 1978, in Cooperstown, New York. On that day, Barber and Mel Allen, the legendary Yankees voice, became the first two recipients of the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award, the highest honor a baseball announcer can receive. Red began his acceptance speech by thanking his presenter, Ralph Kiner. In his famous southern drawl, he recognized his family and gave a nod to Mel Allen, who had spoken moments before. Barber then recalled his surprise and joy upon receiving the "good-news-phone-call" from the Hall of Fame's then-president, Ed Stack.



Red Barber

Then Barber recognized the inductee of that day, Larry MacPhail, for whom he had worked in both Cincinnati and Brooklyn. (MacPhail's induction was posthumous, having passed away in 1975). Among baseball executives, the innovative MacPhail was a leading proponent of both radio and television broadcasting in the early days. He also introduced night games and airplane travel to the big leagues. MacPhail's son, Lee, a longtime baseball front office executive who also served as president of the American League, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1998. Another son, Bill MacPhail, was president of both CBS Sports and CNN Sports Larry's grandson is Andy MacPhail, formerly the Baltimore Orioles' president of baseball operations, and a former general manager of both the Twins and the Cubs. Larry MacPhail was absolutely a key figure in the development of Barber as one of the most prominent baseball voices in the middle of the 20th century.

After a couple of MacPhail anecdotes, suddenly there was a change of gears, as Red delivered his message on some of the history of baseball on the radio: "Now let me go over something very quickly... the first baseball game that was ever broadcast was on the 5th of August, 1921 on KDKA in Pittsburgh, and it was done by Harold Arlin, who was a foreman for Westinghouse."

Arlin was just 25 years old when he became the first man ever to broadcast a Major League Baseball game. He used a converted telephone as a microphone, as he called the action from a box seat at ground level at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. For the record, the Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies that day, 8-5.



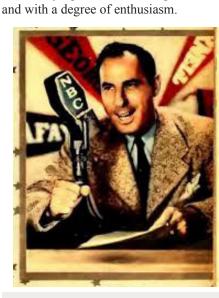
Above, Harold Arlin, speaking into the microphone, on August 30, 1972. Bob Prince is in the forefront, on the left. Harold Arlin and that first broadcast. Was he nervous? How much preparation did he do? How detailed was his description of the game, if at all? How often did he give the score? Did he even consider things like personality, humor, or style? Probably

not. Was he self-conscious? After all, he was announcing from a box seat, and there must have been some fans just a few feet away, listening to him and staring at him in amazement.

What did the first home run call sound like? Or the first bases-clearing double? How did he feel about it afterward? No recording exists of that broadcast, and Arlin may not have even identified himself on the air. Stations preferred their announcers to be anonymous voices in those days in the fear that the on-air talent would become too popular and harder to control. But Harold Arlin was a pioneer. While his first attempt was probably a bit awkward, it did begin radio's marriage to baseball, a match made in heaven that continues to thrive to this very day.

"The first World Series that was broadcast was 1921 and the voice was by Tommy Cowan. But he was in a studio with a telephone at his ear, standing at a microphone. A newspaperman at the ballpark (the Polo Grounds) spoke in the phone and told him what was happening in the ballpark, and as best as Tommy could do, he tried to report it over the air. It was so successful, there was no World Series broadcast the next year."

Tommy Cowan was heard on WJZ Radio in Newark, N.J., on October 5, 1921. The station had officially gone on the air four days earlier and management wanted to make a big splash by being the first station to broadcast a World Series game. The Series competitors were the New York Giants and New York Yankees. For the Yanks, 1921 was their first World Series appearance, and their young outfielder, Babe Ruth, had a pretty good season, hitting .378 with 59 homers and 171 RBIs. The day before his big assignment, Cowan paid a visit to the famous inventor Thomas Edison. He requested to borrow Edison's personal phonograph and records to use for music on the World Series broadcast. The "Wizard of Menlo Park" obliged. Since Cowan relied on someone at the ballgame to feed him information, he was essentially the first man to "re-create" a baseball broadcast. Re-creations were commonplace until World War II. In St. Louis, for example, Harry Caray and his partner, Gabby Street, didn't travel to road games until 1947. Instead, they stayed home and worked in a studio, receiving bits and pieces of information from a Western Union operator at places like Wrigley Field or Ebbets Field. The announcers had to use their imagination and gift of gab to "re-create" the game to make it enjoyable for listeners. "But then something dynamic happened. Graham McNamee was assigned to broadcast for NBC in 1923, and there is the greatest voice that radio ever had. And baseball broadcasting was on its way." McNamee was the first sportscasting "star." Blessed with a full rich baritone, he



wasn't a baseball expert but had a knack

for conveying what he saw in great detail,

Dotson's Other Note: McNamee's rise to the top was astonishingly fast. In May 1923, while passing time during a break from jury duty in New York City, he wandered into the studios of radio station WEAF. Somebody heard him speak and stuck a microphone in front of him. McNamee was hired on the spot. That summer, he was assigned to announce a prize fight. That must have gone very well, because in October 1923, McNamee was dispatched to work the World Series, just five months after breaking into the business. He went on to work 12 World Series. Do you remember listening to radio play-by-play, do you still listen? Who/is was to favorite play-by-play? Mine was Bill Stern. -Please contact me by phone, text and/ or Email for questions, comments & etc.: dlewis1@stx.rr.com; Mobile: 530-748-8475, call and/or text.

Shoulder Pain

By Doc Tom Durrell

This week we are back to medicine as much as it pains me haha... Shoulder pain is a common thing especially in active outdoors people such as our friends and neighbors in these parts. Archers are especially prone to shoulder issues as are fisher men and women. Any sport like tennis or throwing sports are prone to this malady. It is a pretty simple phenomena, your shoulder just plain hurts.

The pain is usually worse with motion especially raising your arm and more so to the side rather than in front although both can be painful. Turning your arm thumb down and palm up can also cause pain, especially if the arm is elevated. These maneuvers narrow the subacromial space in the shoulder where the rotator cuff travels and cause it to be pinched between the head of the humerus and the acromian, the roof of the shoulder. This is the condition called impingement and is the most common of the causes of shoulder pain. It is typically very bad at night and with motions as those described above. Sometimes patients will succumb to the pain and quit using the shoulder and if so they can develop even more restricted motion that is termed frozen shoulder.

Treatment of these causes of shoulder pain can consist of a few different choices. Anti-inflammatories and physical therapy can be useful especially if done in a compliant

fashion and when serious, under the care of a good physical therapist. This is especially true with frozen shoulder. The use of injections of steroid into the subacromial space combined with therapy can be quite useful in many instances when oral anti-inflammatories and therapy are not enough. I think I have had personally about 7 of these over the last 25 years. They are not really good for you to get them especially in short sequence. We also do not use long acting Marcaine any longer due to deleterious effects on the joint possibly. They are however useful to improve symptoms and allow therapy to start and improve the condition itself.

When therapy doesn't work then surgery can be required. This is usually through a scope these days and will allow cleaning up the contents and opening up the subacromial space along with repairing the rotator cuff if needed. This will usually resolve the impingement and once the post op recovery period passes the pain will also resolve and with therapy the motion will return. The post op period can be pretty painful and is somewhat prolonged This is only done when we have to due to prolonged unresponsive symptoms or an obvious cuff rupture or bad tear in most

Hope you guys are having a great Spring the fishing is good when you can stand the weather and the washing machine that results from it. Have a great week!

Around cont. from A1

their howling presence known of late. You can't tell whether it's two coyotes or a whole pack when they commence to caterwauling but it is a warning to Island humans to watch out for their cats and Little Yappers as they are prime coyote bait. A second threat comes from above as Island owls that hunt by sound at night will descend on unsuspecting purring Island cats as we can attest on two occasions here at the Word Factory. Protect your furry friends everybody.

Water Exchange Bridge



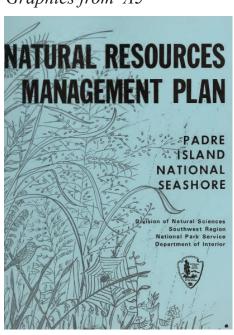
The picture at the Water Exchange Bridge site on SPID changes daily as crews push down on their June completion date. As you can see in this photo the approach ramps to the bridge are starting to look like...well...approach ramps with pavement to follow. The canal under the bridge

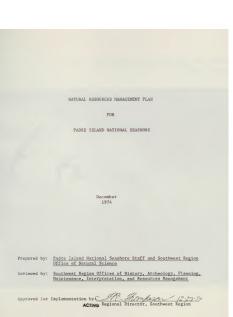
is complete and scheduled for opening in June when the planners at the Whitecap North Padre Island site also plan to cut the new canals there through to saltwater. By mid-2023 anyone with a boat that can get under the current bridges approaching the Water Exchange Bridge - 9.5 feet and 11.5 feet – will be able to cruise under SPID into Lake Padre (the Exchange Bridge clearance is 14 feet) and into Packery Channel. Is this a great Island or what?!

So long Red

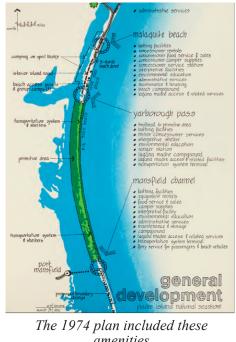
Spur, Texas native son and San Antonio legend Red McCombs passed away at the age of 95 this week. In spite of his wealth Red was a man of the people and liked by everyone he met. He was the previous owner of the San Antonio Spurs (who were about to leave town when he stepped in) and Minnesota Vikings (and rumor has it made an attempt at bringing the now Las Vegas Raiders to town), and also the developer of Palmilla Beach Golf Club in Port Aransas. There is a great story of how Red and his friends started Clear Channel Communications around a poker table...a story for another day. Stay calm driving around Austin South folks, and in the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.

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The 1974 plan as approved for implementation by the Regional Director of the National Parks Service



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The Island Outdoors



By Jay Gardner

Well, here we are again folks, this weekend is the 28th Annual Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup. Billy started this back in 1995, and my first one was in 1998. I've only missed one since then due to living in Key Largo for a short stretch, and I will be out there again this weekend. Troy Adler has me slated to take a section to the 26MM, but I have a feeling that will

to living in Key Largo for a short stretch, and I will be out there again this weekend. Troy Adler has me slated to take a section to the 26MM, but I have a feeling that will get shifted as it usually does at the last minute. The weather looks to be decent, so we should have lots of bodies down there cleaning the beach. Please show up at the V.C. (Malaquite Pavilion) no later than 8am. If you want to go farther down the island, then show up earlier and get in the first sections. We will start sending people as early as 6:30am if there is a full section and they are all lined out. For example, our buddy Curtis from Sharkathon is planning on taking his group down to the 50MM, with Christian ("Bumpy") right behind him at the 49MM. Besides cleaning a lot of the beach, this is a great event to run into people. Speaking of running in to people, I went to the Padre Island National Seashore

speaking of running in to people, I went to the Padre Island National Seashore (PINS) pre-NEPA scoping meeting the other day at the Aquarium. Man, it was like old home week! I didn't make it 25 feet past the door for over a half hour, I ran into so many previous/current colleagues, past and current park staff and turtle patrollers, friends, cohorts, researchers, and some city staff was there representing as well. There was no formal presentation, but park staff was on hand to freely answer questions about the proposed alternatives. Most everyone was well behaved.

However, some folks left feeling like they didn't get to engage staff or consultants with the proposed alternatives regarding the sea turtle science and recovery program, sand management, beach driving, hurricane and storm recovery related to closures, and marine debris. The proposed alternatives are clearly defined on the website there in color. The comment button at the bottom takes you to a form to address each alternative for all the categories, one by one if you'd like. You could also do provide a simple comment like, "maintain status quo on management" or "have more sea turtle releases" or some-

thing straightforward. You can write it in word and copy and paste, and I tested multiple copies of this article in the space provided. Plenty of room, easy enough, do it by March 14th. I'm hoping that there will be at least half the volume of comments already written about the meeting on social media than are actually submitted to the park on the alternatives. You heard me loyal readers, I didn't stutter. Spring break is around the corner, and here's to hoping that they finish the JFK Causeway expansion joint replacement project. I swear there's a wreck there at least once a day that causes a large back up, and yes, swearing. Buy more supplies than you need if you go OTB. Spring break will also mean a lot more boaters on the water, and people on the beach. The spring tides will start to push the water to the dunes again and up in the bay, sooner than later. Take a tow strap wherever you go, you're bound to find someone stuck in the sand or on a sandbar.

On the Rocks

I put up my hummingbird feeder the other day, and I could have sworn the golden fronted woodpecker was watching me do it. He/she was on it in under 45 seconds. There have been reports of early hummers showing up all along the coast here, (thanks Heather) so it's time to get them up and running again. One cup of sugar to four cups of water. I fully expect a couple smaller fronts we get the weak end of, but a lot of things are popping. Thankfully we did have a little rain here on the coast at least a few weeks ago and there are some flowers blooming with reports of bluebonnets already. Also, I'm slacking on getting my nest boxes built and hung up in the trees. Remember they should be at least 10 feet off the ground, the higher the better. Hang them north facing, and hopefully in the shade.

As Billy used to say, it's time to suit up, show up, and get it done. I'll have a big white CCA flag on a pole in my rod holder in the front of my truck during the clean up. Say hi if you see me in the parking lot coming or going, or on the beach. Speaking of CCA, the banquet is sneaking up on us too on March 9th. We're almost sold out, better move fast. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you here next week On the Rocks.

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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah Farah's Fishing Adventures



Limits of slot sized trout, and over 100 fish total on Artificial Lures, in the Laguna Madre. Capt Joey Farah.

Fire the starting guns, for spring fishing! As we leave behind the last cold fronts of the year and the spring sun warms the earth and sea, we are seeing an eruption of the base members of the food chain. This means that small organisms that bury up in the soft bottoms during the coldest of times each year are emerging and fueling both baitfish and predatory gamefish to become very active and migrate out from their winter hides, and fill all reaches of the back bays. Anglers can use two techniques right now to combo down on both specked trout and redfish.

The mornings typically start with us trout fishing. A light wind is always better than still calm conditions. When there is not a breath of wind we stay in deep water like the deepest parts of the open zones along the KING RANCH SHORELINE, and the ICW Canal. With a light to medium wind speed we have been drifting over the changes of depth, 3-5' of water. Notice both the types of marine vegetation and the change in depth and color of water. These changes are exactly on the transitions between the different zones of the flats. From hour to hour gamefish will move up and down these stair steps in the flats according to temperature changes, tidal movements, and bait movements. At first light pin perch and small mullet emerge from the thick grass where they have been hiding over night. Trout will stage in these semi-open sand pockets waiting for a surprise attack, as you swim your SOFT PLASTIC through the pockets. Cast past each open sand spot allowing a smooth strike of the lure and then a fall into the open sand. Trout will dart out and strike or follow the lure, gain position and strike from their advantaged angle. Using a variety of sizes on your jig heads will allow you to change the spread

that you swim, the speed it falls, and distance you can cast. I keep 1/8, 1/4, and 3/8 ounce jig heads ready and rigged, testing them with various soft plastics throughout the day. As the sun comes to Noon, target the deeper areas with less grass and softer bottoms of mud, this is where shrimp bury up in the bottom at sunrise after a night of being exposed. This time of day is directly opposite of the night time feedings by 12 hours, bringing fish staged over this bait source to become active in mid-day lunar feeding times.

When the winds of spring are whipping white caps, head to 1-2ft of water and speed drift for cruising redfish. With high winds it's easier to cast to and approach sensitive redfish. Long casts with the DOA 5.5" JERK SHAD, with a light 1/16-1/8th ounce jig head will get king casts and lure that will not dive down into the bottom. I skip and dart this bait on or close to the surface to create lots of movement and vibration, bringing redfish to attack from a good distance away. Another great tool has been a 1/4ounce CHARTREUSE JIG HEAD, threaded through a natural colored DOA 3" CAL SHAD. The bright head and a fast retrieve with the heavy jig head let's my anglers burn the flats and cover a lot of water. The scattered sand pockets in the BOAT HOLE have been rich with strong pulling redfish.

Let's get some sun on that skin and wind in your face; you will look good in your fish pictures! Don't wait for Spring to pass you by, let's find and plan YOUR day on the water with me. Follow all of our HOOKUPS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM AT CAPT JOEY FARAH'S BACKWATER FISHING. 361-442-8145

TPWD Closing Oyster Harvest Area in Aransas Bay

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) closing TX-29 in Aransas Bay to commercial and recreational oyster harvest on Wednesday, February 15. This area was split at the beginning of the season to allow for harvest in the portion of the area outside Carlos Bay. The Carlos Bay portion of TX-29 was closed at the beginning of the season through management action.

This closing is based on samples recently collected by TPWD showing low abun-

dance of legal-sized oysters. TPWD has worked with the oyster industry to develop criteria for closing areas to harvest. The criteria include parameters for oysters when they fall below certain thresholds based on the abundance of legal-sized oysters (3 inches or greater) and the percentage of small oysters (2-2.9 inches). All areas currently closed to harvest will continue to be monitored by TPWD and will reopen when criteria thresholds are met.



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Nature Notes

Barred Owls: Who Cooks For You? By Susan Heath

If you live along the Texas coast and have a yard with trees, I can just about guarantee that a Barred Owl has at least passed through your yard, if not hung out for a while. At my house, I have a standard bird bath with a small dripper and when I put a game camera on it, I was delighted to discover that a Barred Owl was coming to drink in the middle of the night. And I live in the middle of Lake Jackson!

Barred Owls are amazingly common along the coast but, like other owls, they are not often noticed because of their nocturnal habits. Unfortunately, they are also one of the most common types of road kill. I am always saddened when I see one laying on the roadside as they are one of my favorite birds.

They like to hunt in the ditches along the roadside for crawfish and rodents and that makes them very susceptible to getting hit. I've had the unfortunate experience of having one swoop down through my headlights. I tried to avoid it but it happened so fast the collision was unavoidable. They are often active well before dusk so if you take an afternoon walk in the woods, you just might come across one staring down at you with big brown eyes. That is exactly how I saw my first one and it was a huge thrill!

Barred Owls have rounded heads lacking the tufts found on Eastern Screech-Owls or Great Horned Owls. Their name comes from the horizontal barring found across their throat.

The best part about Barred Owls though is their vocal repertoire. They have a distinctive hooting call that sounds like the phrase "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all?". I have learned to imitate this call and I've had many a conversation with Barred Owls. I have no idea what I'm telling them but they respond quite well!

Even better than the "who cooks for you" call is their courtship behavior which includes a duet between male and female that sounds like maniacal laughter echoing through the woods.



A Barred Owl perched at san Bernard National Wildlife Refuge Photo by Sue Heath

Barred Owls are not at all picky eaters and their meals include birds, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates including crawfish. They are what's called a "sit and wait predator." They sit quietly on an elevated perch (tree, powerline, etc) and wait for their prey to appear below them. Once it does, they swoop down and snatch it.

They are cavity nesters and will use boxes placed 20-40 feet high in a large tree. In our area they usually begin nesting in March. The female lays one to five eggs and incubates them for 28 to 33 days. Once the eggs hatch the male primarily feeds them for the first two weeks. After that, both adults feed the young. Around 4 to 5 weeks of age, the chicks leave the cavity and perch on tree limbs or other suitable structures. They begin to fly at 10 weeks and by fall they are on their own.

Barred Owls are probably the easiest owl to see because they often perch out in the open during the day just as the one in the photo did at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge in early February. If you see one, give it some space and enjoy your encounter with a magical creature!

Aransas Pathways Celebrating the Birds March Birding Tour Schedule

Aransas County and the Cities of Rockport and Fulton are rich in natural resources. Aransas Pathways, a County Initiative, is dedicated to the development and preservation of hiking and biking trails, historic sites, birding opportunities, and water based recreation such as kayaking.

Legendary birdwatcher Connie Hagar put Aransas County on the map as a premier birding spot, attracting more than 400 species of birds, available to view at over 30 prime birding and nature sites offering both resident and migratory birds.

"The month of March we would like to feature the birds in the area and let the public know that our bird population, following Hurricane Harvey is back," said Jennifer Heard, Project Coordinator for Aransas Pathways.

Looking to do a little birding? Join Bob Showler, retired Park Ranger from the Everglades National Park in Florida, to look for birds at Aransas Pathways sites and other points of interest.

Birding Tour Schedule: Fridays- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 8:30 to 11:00 AM If interested simply drive to the parking lot behind the "Rockport Beach" sign, just before entering the Rockport Beach Park, located at 210 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, TX 78382.

Be prepared to drive your own vehicle up to 20 miles round-trip and bring water, sun & insect protection, and binoculars (if you have them; loaner binoculars are also available). Some stops may include up to a ¼ mile walk. Access to most sites is free, but there is a \$10 fee to enter Rockport Beach Park (free to annual pass holders), visit Rockport Beach (rockportbeachtexas.com) for pass information.

Aransas Pathways maintains six different birding sites. Within the County you will find over 30 birding sites. You may pick up an Aransas Pathways map outlining birding, as well as historic and kayak launch sites, and hike and bike trails at the offices of the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce located at 319 Broadway in Rockport. You may also visit https:// aransaspathways.com/ or call 361-790-9496. Follow what's happening at Facebook.com/AransasPathways.

More Birding Resources: Featured at the Rockport Center for the Arts-Birds in the Arts Exhibit from 2/1-4/23/23, visit www. rockportartcenter.com. For more information on bird sightings, tours and sites, you can also visit the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce website at www. rockport-fulton.org.

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Going Native

By Ed Proffitt

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the wolfberry. The Carolina wolfberry (*Lycium carolinianum*) is a woody shrub in the nightshade family (Solanaceae), with the variety (var quadrifidum) being the dominant form in coastal wetlands of Texas. The species ranges widely from Texas through the Carolina's on the east coast and up through California and Oregon on the west coast. It also occurs in Mexico and parts of the Caribbean. Wolfberry inhabits saline wetlands, flats, moist ditches, etc. It will grow on sand or clay sediments and will do well in your yard as a native landscape plant with some extra watering. It's evergreen although in dry conditions may drop it's leaves without some supplemental watering. In some regions it can be fairly tall but in coastal Texas it typically ranges from about 1 to 3 feet. It produces thorns, so be careful handling the stems if you decide to try the berries --- which I heartly recommend. Wolfberry produces copious,

and quite beautiful, lavender flowers and edible red berries much of the year, although the greatest berry production coincides with the arrival of Whooping Cranes in the Fall. When the birds arrive, tired from the long migration, they consume large quantities of Lycium fruits. One scientific publication stated that as much as 52% of their diet will be these berries at this time of year. That's not to say that these berries are the only food source, the birds are quite omnivorous, but in Fall and Winter, Lycium fruits are



Carolina Wolfberry

important.

Other fruit-eating birds consume wolfberry, as do many mammals. The flowers attract many bee and butterfly pollinators. All in all, this plant is important to the conservation of an endangered bird species, produces showy flowers and edible fruits, and can grow under a fairly high variety of conditions. As you keep Going Native, Lycium deserves your consideration for a place in your native plant landscape or butterfly garden.



Nobody, No Way, No How

By Pastor Kris Bair

Facebook meme of the day: a picture of a famous painting of Erasmus (the Dutch philosopher and theologian) dated 1510, labeled "For Lent I was going to give up all my bad habits, but then I remembered no one likes a quitter."

Been there. Done that. As if New Year's resolutions weren't bad

In fact, Mary P. notes in the comments, "I gave my New Year's Resolutions up for Lent! Battin' 1000!"

This was followed by Dennis C., who wrote, "I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent, until I realized, I couldn't do it cold turkey."

Groan! Sounds fishy to me. This meme is briefly funny, mainly because the picture of Erasmus, soberly scrawling lines with a quill pen on a piece of parchment, is so deadly serious and the sentence above it is not.

"No one likes a quitter" is a ridiculously inexcusable excuse, and thus, one hears it a LOT.

"No one likes a quitter, so I can't (or more accurately I WON'T) give up (fill in the blank: smoking; booze; wasting time; laziness; Starbucks coffee every morning; etc.).

The phrase is so useful, you don't even have to let the words form on your lips--you just keep on doing what you shouldn't be doing.

After all, we all know--No One likes a quitter!

I find myself wondering who, exactly, "No One" is, and why I need to worry about whether "No One" will like me or not if I quit.

It makes me think of the story of Polyphemus the Cyclops, capturing Odysseus, who gets the monster drunk before running a stake into his one eye, blinding

In this process, Polyphemus has asked Odysseus to reveal his name, and Odysseus says, "Nobody."

Polyphemus screams his pain, yelling for his brothers to come help him: "Nobody is killing me!"

His 911 is ignored—no ambulance arrives and our hero escapes with

"Nobody" turns out to be Somebody you shouldn't mess with.

But what about No One? A shirttail relation, maybe?

Perhaps a grown up "Not Me," the perpetrator of all sorts of misbehaviors

in the cartoon "Family Circus." No One proves as hard to pin down as the questionable "They," who

"said so." And then we have the issue of quitting. Obviously, quitting isn't all bad.

In fact, not quitting can be deadly—ask any of the smokers who have testified in recent ad campaigns designed to scare you off cigarettes.

.Perhaps even worse is the thought that One (Some One, Any One, You, Me) can and should give up all bad habits at once.

In the first place, habits are so habitual they often aren't readily acknowledged.

For example, you could have a habit of loudly slurping your soup and not even realize you do it (this happens frequently among grandchildren)! It's pretty difficult to give up something you don't know you have, or you don't know

We have to realize the odds are against our being able to identify every single one of our bad habits (although it's a good practice to try to do so).

Second, bad habits accumulate like flies on a carcass. By the time we notice and realize they've become out of control, we have too many to face. The Enemy has outnumbered us!

Experts advise one step at a time, which is to say labor to eradicate one bad habit at a time. Prioritize them and then go to work.

Lent is a Christian season of reformation, of giving up bad habits, and it seems to last a painfully long time—40 days, plus Sundays, until Easter.

But it takes a long time to dispense with habits. Lent may not be long enough. It may take many Lents to make a dent in our bad habits. And we may have to quit and re-try, no matter what No One thinks about it.

Lent helps us to focus on improving ourselves. Island Presbyterian Church, Gypsy and Fortuna Bay, sponsors Counselor Tish Bettencourt once a month to lead those interested in some good group discussion on topics like anxiety (which can be a really bad habit) or dealing with pressure, or recognizing

The next group meeting is this Saturday, noon to 1 p.m.—use the Blue

And Lent begins officially not with Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras, but with Ash Wednesday on February 22.

This First Sunday in Lent we'll begin thinking about temptation during worship at 10 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary, or check our website or Facebook presence to Livestream or Zoom with us.

Plans are in progress for Sonrise Service this Easter on the beach, and we'll resume weekly beach worship on May 7. We're also beginning to organize for this year's Spring Fling! Watch for details!



Long time Port A resident Lisa Steven took the Moon traveling to Manzanillo, Costa Rica,



Paul and Dori Hestand took the Moon to Ambergris Caye, Belize.



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Two Islanders attended "The Black Jacket Symphony performs Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" live at the Selena Auditorium on Friday, February 17. Wonderful Concert. Great Musicians. The Island Moon joined on my Phone. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



Kevin and Annette Agnes took the Island Moon to Mahogany Bay Roatan. Roatan is an island in the Caribbean, about 40 miles off the northern coast of Honduras, and is the largest of the Bay Islands of Honduras. The island was formerly known in English as Ruatan and Rattan.

It is approximately 48 miles long, and less than 8 five miles across at its widest point. The island consists of two municipalities: José Santos Guardiola in the east and Roatán, including the Cayos Cochinos, in the west. The island rests on an exposed ancient coral reef, rising to about 270 metres (890 ft) above sea level. Offshore reefs offer opportunities for diving. Most of the infrastructure is on the western half of the island. The most populous town of the island is Coxen Hole, capital of Roatán municipality, located in the southwest. They also went to Cozumel, Mexico with Terry and

They also went to Cozumel, Mexico with Audrey Gillespie.

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14 year old Emma James, who locals may recognize as the young singer with the beautiful voice at Padre Island Farmers' Markets, won Songwriter of the Year from the Corpus Christi Songwriters at their 2023 CC Songwriters Festival downtown. She accepted her award at the Awards Ceremony Brunch at the new Cafe Calypso on Starr and then went on to perform in the afternoon session at the House of Rock.

Port A Mardi Gras Parade









Tracy Weatherall at the Port A Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday. Photo by Ronnie Narmour



Sabrina, Jerry and Tracy at the 2023 Port A Mardi Gras Parade. Photo by Ronnie Narmour



The Krewe from Red's Riviera in the Port A Mardi Gras Parade. Photo by Ronnie Narmour



Pam Felder and Bonnie Shupe at the Port A Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday. Photo by Ronnie Narmour





Marty Stroman at this year's Mardi *Gras Parade in Port A. Photo by* Ronnie Narmour







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A big group of neighborhood kids helped out this week with removing wood boarder and setting brick boarder in and laying out pea gravel at Seashore Learning Center. Getting it all ready so we can plant!



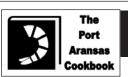
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Yes, There Will Be a Cookbook

By Chris Jordan

I've had the idea cooking in my noggin for years: tell the Port Aransas food story in a cookbook. There's a lot to tell. So many good restaurants, so many talented cooks, so many collections of parishioners' recipes put out by Trinity By The Sea Episcopal Church. Jay's Seafood and Spaghetti Works has published a few cookbooks over the years and there are probably more examples I'm not aware of. But I intend to create the ultimate reference. I'm getting close to publication, having amassed a collection of around one hundred fully-tested recipes. These include Port A's greatest hits and some unexpected surprises.

I started work on this project in earnest three years ago: I created some social media accounts and dedicated myself to writing down everything I cooked as I went. This discipline did not come easily. There were many almost legible notes under refrigerator magnets. As a dish came together, it would be honored with proper recipe form and stored on Google Drive. For a long time I found myself constantly improvising my own recipes; the temptation to experiment was irresistible. But this is not the way. You make the recipe exactly as you wrote it down the last time and then solemnly assess whether anything needs to change. If it does, you make that change and cook it again. When it's as good as it can be, you call that dish done and move on. This is the way.

At some point, folks started paying some attention to our posts on social media. We got a few inquiries asking if we could do a private chef dinner. So that's how the catering thing got started. It's a fun gig. I cook, Andrea puts her years of service experience to use. We did a few of these dinners for six people here, a dozen there. Sometimes I draw on my experience as a sommelier and pair wine for our clients. I knew it was just a matter of time before someone asked us to do a bigger event, and of course it didn't take long.

So I asked my good friend Greg Villasana at La Playa Mexican Grille if he would help me with a larger event. Greg had a really nice catering trailer that is nothing short of a nice commercial kitchen on wheels — and he has historically done quite a bit of catering through his restaurant. So I asked and Greg immediately said no. Before I could cry about it and ask why not, he elaborated by telling me I could instead buy his trailer and take over his catering because he was easing into retirement. I was enthusiastically receptive and just then Greg's phone rang. He looked to see who was calling, but didn't answer the call right away. Instead he looked at me and asked if I was sure I wanted to be a caterer. I said I did, and he took the call. It was a party for sixty people and that's how we started doing bigger events.



The Port Aransas Cookbook catering trailer

We have done several gigs where we fed 200 people. I like those, and the challenge is getting all those people fed in a reasonable amount of time. It typically involves extra staff and two buffet lines. And preparedness. Lots of it. But I really like the dinners we put on at people's homes. The pace is slow and I usually introduce each course and talk about the wine. But the night-of is just the final product. So much goes into each event in advance and behind the scenes.

It usually starts with a phone call. We do have repeat customers, but lately new ones are inquiring. Sometimes they aren't sure how it's all gonna work and I don't mind that at all. I tell them it's going to work however they want it to and we start talking. Almost every new customer has assumed we have some kind of menu or standard fare they can choose from. We don't. We can do absolutely anything. We've done barbecue, sushi, a New York style hot dog buffet, and have even styled a dinner after a cooking class. Those novelty events aside, we usually do a thing akin to a fine dining restaurant experience. It might be something like a mild curry and coconut milk soup followed by the best Caesar salad you've ever had. The main course might be garlic fish or tenderloin with sauce bearnaise. We discuss vegetables and starches and desserts. There could be cheese. There could be wine pairings. And after it is all decided, the shopping begins.

Obviously it is incumbent upon us to source the very highest quality ingredients. Sure, we shop at H-E-B, but we also go to Fruit King Produce and other nooks and crannies. For larger events we might order things from one of the numerous food service suppliers. I recently went to see Nathan Kolenovsky at his excellent shop Boarri Craft Butchery. Nathan sources many of his products from Texas-local suppliers and that is definitely the case with his beef. Nathan custom cut and trimmed a dozen tenderloins for me recently. They were gorgeous. You should be buying your meat at Boarri. The nexus of quality and price is astounding. And you get the kind of personal service that dreams are made



Gift boxed tenderloin from Boarri Craft Butchery

After the shopping, there's a day (or two) of prep. This is the most critical part of what we do: preparation. BEING prepared. There are always certain dishes that must absolutely be cooked just before they are served, but we do as much as possible in advance. It's the name of the game. Because when that catering trailer backs into your driveway, it's showtime.

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What is the PIPOA?

The Padre Isles Property Owners Association, Inc. is a Texas-authorized corporation. It is not a social club like the Padre Island Yacht Club or a charity like La Posada. The PIPOA's Charter is to function as a corporation. The PIPOA is controlled by the Articles of Incorporation, the different subdivision's covenants, the Corporate Bylaws, and State of Texas Law. Collectively, excluding State Law, the above is known as the governing documents. Think of a football field. On each side of the field is an out-of-bounds line. A football game must be played inside the lines and in bounds. The governing documents and State Law create the out-of-bounds lines for the PIPOA. The PIPOA must stay within the boundaries of the Governing documents and State Law as it carries out its operations.

The PIPOA Corporate Bylaws govern the rules and procedures of the Corporation, including the Board of Directors and, in particular, job descriptions for the Corporate Officers. The Bylaws provide rules and procedures for the election of Board members. The Bylaws state that the Board of Directors manages the PIPOA. The Bylaws have no provision for members to manage the Corporation. Input from Association members is always welcome, but at the end of the day, it is the Board that makes the decisions to manage the Corporation. Therefore, policies and procedures and other relevant decisions are created by a majority vote of the seven-member Board of Directors. The Executive Director, as per the Bylaws, is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Corporation. The Board of Directors President is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the Corporate funds. The

duties of each officer are spelled out in the Bylaws.

The Bylaws require the election of Board Members every year. Board seats up for election are two each year, with the third year having three seats up for election. The members of the Association vote for and elect the Board Members. I encourage all members to go to the PIPOA website at padreislespoa.net and read the Corporate Bylaws. In addition, other documents, such as covenants and financial statements, are there as well. There is a plethora of information on the website. If you have questions or seek further information, reach out to Gary Klepperich, Executive Director, at 361-949-7025 or email gary@pipoa.net. Furthermore, Gary has an open-door policy. Go to the PIPOA office at 14015 Fortuna Bay Dr. to talk in person regarding PIPOA matters.

Election Ballots

The ballots for this year's election have gone to the printer. The ballots will be mailed out shortly. Please keep an eye out for them. Your vote for two Board Members is very important. There is also a Bylaw Amendment on the ballot. Generally, the amendment removes subdivisions that do not pay the current rate of common area maintenance fees—more on this next week.

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.

AEP Work on Padre Island

Editor's note: We received the following information this week from AEP spokesman Omar Lopez regarding the work currently underway on Island power lines by AEP.

The work associated with the second conductor that we are replacing ended today. These particular road closures were scheduled Thursday to Monday. The overall project, for which you listed dates, is scheduled to be completed on March 4. It was scheduled to be completed by Feb. 28, but some weather delays and other issues have bumped the project's end date a few days. The Transmission crews are on a tight schedule. We do not foresee any other delays. Transmission crews aim to complete the work on time.

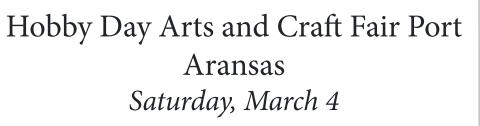
Here are some other basic data points about the work:

- The North Padre Tap North Padre Island Transmission Line project involves replacing about 4 miles of wire, or conductor, on the existing transmission line.
- The project area begins at the North Padre Island Tap structure 1/1A on State Highway 361 north of Newport Pass Road and continues at the west side of Park Road 22 at the intersection of Park Road 22 and State Highway 361 traveling south approximately 1.09 miles to



the intersection of Park Road 22 and Whitecap Blvd. to the North Padre Island Substation, approximately 0.13 miles past Whitecap Blvd.

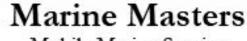
- These upgrades improve reliability, strengthen the power grid against severe weather events along the coast, and improve the line's overall operational performance and capacity.
- The projected completion date for this project is March 4, 2023.



On Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation will host their annual Hobby Day Arts and Craft Fair. The event will take place at the Port Aransas Community Center located at 408 N Alister St, Port Aransas. The event is FREE and open to people of all ages.

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Going Easy On You...

Across

1. It holds a yard 5. Nautical pronouns

9. Selling point

in a saying

chuck

(Var.)

one son

words?

share of

38. Not just any

39. Bordeaux beau

44. Eclipse, maybe

48. Blew a gasket

45. Negotiate

60. Not virtual

40. Untold centuries

42. Property encumbrances

49. "The Entertainer" of film

53. Midcalf-length slacks

57. Avoid cancellation

61. "Take ___ from me"

63. "Young Frankenstein"

64. 15th-century maritime

66. Opposite of a layabout 67. Person with a list

("Here's my advice")

62. Sports center

heroine

name 65. Trivial

24. Distributes 28. Under favorable circumstances

15. Race terminus

17. "Queen ___ Day" 18. Toward the sheltered

19. Word with station or

23. Draped Indian garments

32. Detective with a number

35. Oddsmaker's last

36. Archaic pronoun

37. Take more than one's

20. "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" singer

14. Assistant with a hunch?

16. It's what all the world is,

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Knuckle-Cracker

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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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Down

1. Ruffles one's
feathers

2. Shopping hub of old Athens

Comparatively irate 4. Used car lot item

5. Diligently pursues or resides

6. Fair share, maybe

7. Weapon with a fluted blade

8. Detected 9. Too

10. Like a moonless sky

11. Give in to gravity 12. It may be easily

bruised 13. Start of a

countdown, perhaps

21. Pride's place 22. Sunshine State

county 25. Old Irish writing

26. Signature melody

27. Beer holder 29. Was admitted

30. Expressed amazement

31. Uninterruptedly 32. Masticates

33. Fracas

34. Ford replaced him

41. Biblical reptile

42. Cheryl or Alan

43. Worldly, not spiritual

44. One with lots of experience

46. Elbowroom 47. D.D.E. beat him

twice 50. Rally to even the

score again 51. One of a Chekhov

52. Political buff's

cable station 54. Excessively dry

55. Weeknightly monologist

56. Unit of literature

57. Word with sheet or session

58. Obsolete preposition

Mosquito barrier

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JFK Causeway to SPID/Aquarius intersection

37 Traffic Stops

11800 block SPID 6 p.m. February 13 DWI/Crash

13500 block SPID 1 p.m. February 18 Crash

14000 block SPID 5 p.m. February 14 Crash/Hit and Run *Crimes against Property*

SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

14300 block Blue Fish 4 p.m. February 14 Abduction

Crimes against Property

15300 block Bonasse 4 p.m. February 18 Destruction or Criminal Mischief

13900 block Dasmarinas 8 a.m. February 13 Theft of Vehicle Parts

Disturbance

13800 block Bello 10 p.m. February 17 Noise Ordinance 13500 block King Phillip 5 a.m. February 16 Noise

Ordinance Violation 15800 block Punta Espada 7 p.m. February 18

Suspicious Person

13900 block Longboat 9 p.m. February 19 Suntan/Aloha 7 p.m. February 18 15400 block Palmira Midnight February 18

13900 block Fortuna Bay 7 p.m. February 16

15700 Dyna Noon February 16

Traffic

71 Traffic Stops

14800 block Dasmarinas 5 a.m. February 13 Hit and Run/

February 14-19th

15300 block Bonasse 7 p.m. February 18 Parking

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15400 block Fortuna Bay 11 a.m. February 17 Crash SPID East to Gulf of Mexico – North to city limits

15100 block Cane Harbor 1 p.m. February 14 Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information

Disturbance

16300 block Gulf Beach 3 p.m. February 19

15200 block Windward 9 p.m. Noise Ordinance Violation 11300 block Gulf Beach 4 p.m. February 19

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Ordinance Violation

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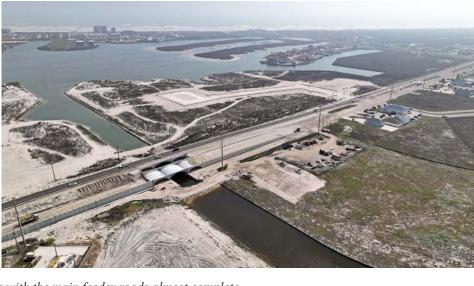
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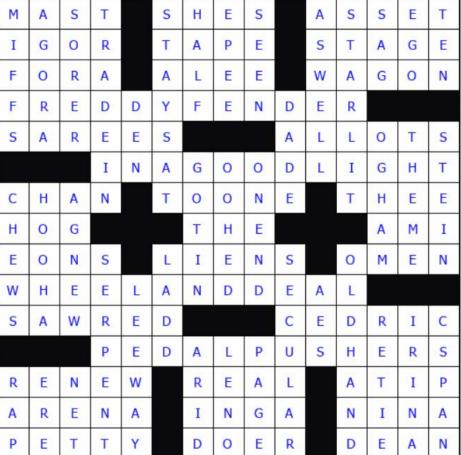
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5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, Padre Island Baptist Church

Members of the audience will be provided with an opportunity to address the Board during Public Comment. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. Your presentation will be limited to three minutes. Please sign in prior to the meeting with your name, physical address, email address, and the subject to be addressed.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- RECEIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT(S) 2.
- PRESENTATIONS: 3.
- MR. DAVID HEITZMAN, CHAIR ACC 1.
- Doc Extension Policy (Possible Motion) 1.
- MEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 minutes, per member)
- PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT The Board will receive a report on important topics from the previous meeting.

Next Board Meeting: March 25, 2023 (Annual Board Meeting Immediately After

- Annual Membership Meeting) 1.
 - March 28, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Monthly
- New Boat Ramp Permit Sticker Policy Transition
- 3. Compliance Enforcement Update
- Current Open Violations / Closed Violations Reports (Enclosed) 1. 4. Bulkheads
- 1.
- Repair Activity Report (Enclosed)
- CONSENT AGENDA: (Routine items; acceptable without further discussion) 7. Secretary's Report: December 13, 2022, January 12, 2023, & January 31, 2023 Board 1.
- Meeting Minutes
- Board Votes via Email 3.
 - Issues Pertaining to Legal Matters Will Be in Executive Session
- TREASURER'S REPORT FINANCIAL REPORTS: (The Board will review, discuss, and then accept all financial reports, with possible motions.)
- January 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report & Approval of January 31, 2023 Financial 1. Statement
- 9. OLD BUSINESS (with possible motions):
- 1. Boat Ramp Slab Epoxy Crack Filling
- Manufacturer's Warranty of Epoxy Product 1.
- Proposed 2023 Budget Review & Approval 2.
- 3. TorcSill 2023 Pricing
- 10. NEW BUSINESS (with possible motions):
- Billish Park Playground Vandalism 1. Replacement of Spring Riders 1.
- Cobo De Bara Ramp Resurface 2.
- 3. Credit Card Convenience Fees
- 4. Disclosure of PIPOA Representatives Projects Before the ACC
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11.
- Legal Matters 1.
- 2. Personnel Matters
- 3. Contract Matters 4. 4. Appeals
- 12. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION
- 13. **ADJOURN**



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The dog park is toward the back of the property fter 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

ely entirely on private donations from Island residents as well as donations from corporate and business owners. n coming weeks we will be adding a double

gate system at the entrance to the park and blan on dividing the area to segregate small and arger dogs We also rely on volunteer Friends of the Riley P

Dog Park to provide ongoing maintenance, and heir help is greatly appreciated.



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As more funds are raised, we plan to add features that will make this facility something we can be proud of.

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Stephen F. Austin State University

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Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Texas A&M University

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Texas Tech University

Trinity University San Antonio

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March 18-25

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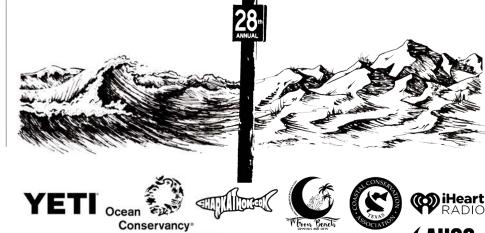


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On the local front...



Cruise Control played Bron's on Fat Tuesday.

The biggest news in my arena this week has to be all the Mardi Gras parties and parades and assorted hoopla. Rankin tells me their Barefoot Mardi Gras parade on the beach at Padre Island went without hitch. He said there were no sky divers or army tanks this year but the golf carts were definitely out in mass. The parade in Port A was also without hitch. Afterwards The Gaff had the Wayward Gypsies on stage and Bron's Backyard had the big ten piece party band, Cruise Control and a righteous Crawfish Boil ala' Jimmy Jam. They had a great crowd after the parade and appeared to be hitting on all cylinders. Also, it appears that Bron's has put some money into their sound stage and stage lighting while they were closed this winter and it looks great over there... very professional. It appears those boys are gearing up for a big spring time and have their plan together. And with Shorty's trying to get back open by tourist season and other new projects in the making, we could be in for some fun this year. I sure like the way things are shaping up around here for more live music venues in the foreseeable future... like in the flats. Stuff is going on... stay tuned!

The King and Queen... This year's King and Queen of Mardi Gras,



Gaff proprietor Kip Shannon at the Mardi Gras King and Queen Coronation with Kevin and Angie Fry last weekend.

Kevin and Angie Fry, were crowned at the Coronation last Saturday at the Gaff. Coach Jim Dugan supplied the music afterwards. In case you haven't figured it out yet, the Gaff is pretty much ground zero for many of our quaint annual traditions around here, with the annual Mardi Gras and Pirate Parades being the crown jewels. I just want to go on record right now and concede that I do indeed enjoy parades more than the next guy. I admit we're not anywhere in the same league as New Orleans, Venice, Rio de Janeiro or even Galveston by any means but we're slowly making our little mark. This will be our 27th Annual Mardi Gras Parade founded by **Janet Planet**, who was the head of *PALS* (Port Aransas Leisure Society) back then and decided we needed a parade on Fat Tuesday and made it happen. Those were the early days and I am grateful for folks like Janet Planet and her mom Eleece Calvert and Arnie Govella who were so helpful in directing SandFest in its infancy. And also to **Kip** Shannon who should also to be commended. It's largely Kip's efforts that keep our little homegrown parades and events alive and other important stuff like the yearly Turkey Bowl and the Black Eye Pea Off. Hey, I care about that stuff as I hope some of you do too. Kip has plans to eventually organize our ever growing Mardi Gras Parade with active committees working with charitable goals in the community, much the way that SandFest has gone. Heck, you gotta respect Kip if only for his vision of racing power tools... and minnows.

Scattered shots...

Last Saturday was Jeff Gregory's birthday. Jeff is a popular local bartender at Red's Riviera in Port A and his co-workers threw a party for him with Ty Dietz and J.M. Muniz performing for the occasion. THAT was a fun party! Red's only has live music on special occasions and this one was special. If you haven't been to Red's, I highly recommend them for a nice friendly neighborhood bar where many Port A locals often gather and tell lies. The building that Red's inhabits

has history... it was Lovett's for years and Logan's before that. Ask any old timer about those dives. The place was packed for Jeff's party and it was the sort of crowd where I knew most everyone there...comfortable and friendly plus they have pool and shuffleboard tables and that Golden Tee golf game that everyone's gaga over. You won't find any gimmicks over there. Check it out.



Coach Dude Dugan will play the Gaff on Saturday after the Belt Sander Races at 3.

DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...



Ty Dietz and J.M. Muniz played Jeff Gregory's Birthday party at Red's last Saturday.

On Thursday the Rasta Cowboy himself, Billy Snipes, will play Bron's and Island Wine will have Charlie Pride alumni Ron Baker with Jon Dunnaway. On Friday Brad Ethridge is at the Gaff, blues rocker Rich Lockhart is at the VFW and also this Friday and Saturday Jon Burns and his Pirates and Poets Singer-Songwriter concert series will be in town at Plantation Suites and have such talented artists as Brooke Graham, Jerry Diaz and Dan Sullivan, etc. Brooke will be back in Port A to play Bron's at the end of April. She is just about to release a new video, Down at the Beach, which she recorded at Bron's several months ago and actually used me on stage playing a mandolin very badly and looking lost. Luis Villarreal and Lee Haile were there too. Coming this Saturday **Red Tide** will play the VFW plus the Gaff will host another installment of the WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES at 3:00 and Coach Dude Dugan will have the honors of playing afterwards. My poor old racer, the Moon Monkey, is in a state of disarray. I haven't raced in weeks. I have a deep empty feeling and know I must get back in the saddle and race again. Sigh. (You buying this?) And finally on Saturday, Lara White and the good folks at Island Wine will throw their Farewell Party with Janelle Shetters. They have lost their lease and haven't nailed down another location yet. The strip center where they are located at the Tower Center was sold and the rent was doubled and they haven't found another spot to move into. There will be an after party with Barbara Jenice, Billy Snipes and Michael Amos performing. It was a good run and I feel very bad for them. We are still hoping something will come along for Lara

and the girls there. Those are good people.



Janelle Shutters will play the farewell show at Island Wine on Saturday.



and Poets singer-songwriter series at Plantation Suites in Port A this Saturday.



Red Tide will play the VFW on

IME MUSIC

Thursday, February 23 Billy Snipes @ Gaff

Ron Baker & Jon Dunnaway @ Island Wine Michael Burtts @ Brewster Southside Bull y los Buffaloes @ Brewster Downtown Sonny Salinas @ **Rockit's** Falco & Wolf @ Executive Surf Club Ruben Limas @ Island Italian Brad Brown @

Friday,

Blackbeard's

February 24 Brad Ethridge @ Gaff Pirates & Poets @ Plantation Suites Port

Rich Lockhart Band @ VFW Meza Band @ Brewster Southside John Wolfe, Chad Cooke Band @ Brewster Downtown 18 Hours @ House of Rock Hair America @ **Rockit's** Scarecrow People @ **Executive Surf Club** Tres Matts, Left Hand Devil @ The Exchange Triptonite @ Pelican Lounge Michael Burtts @ Doc's Kevin Kurtz@ Packery Bar Starlite & the Moonbeams @ Vernon's Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's David Salinas @ Paradise Key Rockport

Saturday,

Eli Brown @ Nucky's

Red Tide @ La Playa

by the Bay

February 25 BELT SANDER RACES 3 PM @ Gaff Jim Dugan @ Gaff Red Tide Band @ VFW Farewell Party w/ Janelle Shetters @ Island Wine Pirates & Poets @ Plantation Suites Port

ChillBillies @ Legends Red NOT Chili Peppers @ House of Rock Jam Council @ **Executive Surf Club** Afterglow, Eli Brown @ Sugar Shack Trisum @ Brewster Southside Cameron Sacky Band @ Brewster Downtown The Max @ Rockit's Gritty Fish @ The Exchange Ruben V @ Vernon's The Groove @ La Playa Downtown CC Michael Burtts @

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<u>Monday,</u> February 27

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday, February 28

Open Mic @ House of

Rock Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's Billy Snipes @ Doc's Open Jam @ Packery Bar Sonny Salinas @ The Exchange

Wednesday,

March 1

PA Rockers @ Bernies Riptide @ VFW Jammin' Circle @ Woody's Last Stand Kevin Kurtz @ Pelican Lounge Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutts Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Thursday,

March 2

Italian

ChillBIllies @ Oysterfest Fulton David Martinez @ Brewster Southside Rodney Carrington @ American Bank Center Ruben Limas @ Island

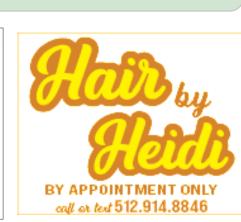
Friday, March 3

Independent Thieves @ Bron's Backyard Dunebillies @ Gaff Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown Triptonite @ Vernon's Alley Catz @ Brewster Southside Crosstown Expressway @ Pelican Lounge

<u>Saturday,</u>

March 4 Free Beer Band @ Bron's Backyard The Groove @ VFW Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Southside Mike & the Moonpies @ Brewster Downtown AfterGlow @ Pelican Lounge Robin Blue @ The Landing

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