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By Dale Rankin

If the Weather Wonks are to be believed by the time you read this you will need to bring your brass monkeys indoors. We are all still a little gun shy hereabouts after Winter Storm Uri a while back but the storm rolling down from the north doesn't look quite as bad as that but it's going to be a cold Christmas 2022 folks.

The big news for Islanders is that the cold weather is expected to drop the local water temperature enough that we will see a cold-stun turtle event by Friday, December 23 when water temperatures in the Laguna Madre are predicted to drop below the threshold of 8C (46.4F) sometime on Friday and stay there for an extended period at least through Monday. This is expected to produce a severe cold-stun event for local turtles. Volunteers are going to be needed to help rescue turtles over the Christmas weekend.

With the anticipated weather conditions Texas A&M University, Texas Parks and Wildlife, are requesting a voluntary interruption of commercial navigation and all coastal engineering type activities in the Laguna Madre reach from south of JFK Bridge in Corpus Christi (MM 551) to Port Isabel (MM 661) starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 23, through noon on Monday, December 26, 2022. It may not be a White Christmas but it's going to be a cold one.

Bob Hall delay

It was announced at the meeting of the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board this week that the permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the rebuilding of Bob Hall Pier will have to be re-filed due to a change in the design of the new pier. The original design which was included in the first Corps permit filing called for a single row of pilings to support the pier, however, due to concerns regarding the lack of surf wave the single-piling design would create the design was changed to include two rows which requires the re-filing of the permit. Outgoing Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales noted the need for the re-filing of the Corps permit at the boards Thursday meeting but the process of re-filing it and moving forward with the design of the new pier will fall to new Judge Connie Scott who will be sworn into office in January. County officials did not say Thursday whether the new permit has already been filed nor when they expect a new permit to be issued. Funding is in place for the new pier which under the first design would have cost an estimated \$30 million. The two-piling design is expected to increase construction costs which county officials have said will likely mean a reduction in the width of the new pier from the planned twenty-feet.

In addition to funding for the new pier an additional \$4 million in funding for improvements to Briscoe King Pavilion has been approved from the Island Tax Increment Refinancing Zone #2, and an additional \$5 million is expected to come from the Texas General Land Office to fund a flyover walkway from the

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Barge Stranded on Packery Channel cannot be Floated Out

Jetty Walkway is Re-Opened

Work on the partially sunken construction barge stranded since September near the Packery Channel jetty has been delayed until further notice, according to officials with Peninsula Marine, owners of the barge.

Bullard Marine Solutions, which is under contract with Peninsula Marine to move the barge, completed a dive survey this week that confirmed the proposed refloating plan is not viable due to the damage's nature, extent, and location. To ensure the safety of the workers, it has become necessary for the plan to be re-evaluated. One possible previous plan called for the barge to be hauled to the beach and cut into scrap.

Peninsula officials said the barge has a large gash along the starboard side which was caused by jetty rocks



Barge located on South Packery Jetty from 11-29-22 Photo: Augs

as the barge floated free in Packery Channel after breaking its moorings more than two months ago. The said the rocks that were the cargo of the barge will also be removed. The segment of the jetty walkway that was previously closed will be re-opened

for public use. Surfers and swimmers should still exercise extreme caution and steer clear of the barge. The original plan called for the barge to be removed by March, 2023, but no updated time line was announced.

A sea turtle cold stunning event starts Friday December 23.

Water temperatures in the Laguna Madre are predicted to drop below our threshold of 8C (46.4F) some time on Friday and stay below our threshold for an extended period at least through Monday. A substantial sea turtle cold stunning event is expected with potential for fisheries impact.

Given these predictions, TAMU-CC, TXPWD, and CCA are requesting a **voluntary interruption of commercial navigation and all coastal engineering type activities in the Laguna Madre reach from south of JFK Bridge in Corpus Christi (MM 551) to Port Isabel (MM 661) starting at 4 pm CST on Friday, December 23, 2022 and extending through noon CST on Monday, December 26, 2022.** The request for voluntary interruption to navigation does not include the Brownsville Ship Channel or the Arroyo Colorado.

Lows of about 28F are presently predicted for both Friday and Saturday early morning in the Laguna Madre. It will be colder inland. Depending on your location you are likely to



experience freezing or near freezing temperatures from late Thursday night or early Friday morning through Sunday morning. Watch out for ice on the roads and bridges during that time.

Boat rescues are very important during rescue efforts. Anglers, duck hunters and other experienced boat owners can play an important role along with agencies. Wind speeds are

predicted to be above 25mph starting Thursday night through Friday afternoon, keep that in mind, and safety in general, if you participate to boat rescues.

Also keep in mind that weather predictions will fluctuate, particularly for the longer lead time predictions. We have high confidence that we are heading towards a substantial cold stunning event starting on Friday but the exact timing and intensity of the event will continue to evolve as we get closer to the actual event.

Predictions for the northern bays (we do not have an operational water temperature model) are similar for the start of the cold stunning event but cold stunnings are expected to last longer through Tuesday. If you come across a cold stunned turtle please call the Padre Island National Seashore hotline number which covers all of the Coastal Bend at 1-866-turtle5 or contact the Texas Sealife Center at 361-589-4023. More details on Page A6.

A little Island history

The Year The Island had a White Christmas

Three inches of snow on Christmas Eve 2004!



Just after sundown on December 24, 2004 phones all over Padre Island lit up with the news, "Look outside, it's snowing!?"

Sure enough Padre Island and Port Aransas got a dusting of three inches of snow that lasted through mid-day on Christmas and even though it was eighteen years ago Islanders who lived here then still remember that evening when they walked outside and saw snow covering The Island. So this week we take a look back at White Christmas on The Island!



More Snow Photos on A9

A new causeway to The Island...Part II

Finding a Route

Part II: This is the second part of a series exploring the building of a second causeway to Padre Island.

By Dale Rankin

When you think of driving through major cities across Texas your route will often involve the use of an outer loop that circumnavigates the city without having to enter the city core. In Houston it's the Sam Houston Tollway or the Beltway Texas State Highway 8, Loop 12 in Dallas, Loop 820 in Fort Worth, and Loop 1604 in San Antonio. In the largest of Texas cities there are in fact three such loops as each city has pushed its outer limits. The lack of such a loop in Austin in the source of much of that city's traffic problems.

Corpus Christi with less than half a million people in its metropolitan area is the state's eight largest city by population and has little in the way of

Causeway cont. on A8

Flour Bluff ISD Tax Notices

Going Out Lack of legal challenge clears the way

By Dale Rankin

Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector Kevin Kieschnick announced this week he will begin sending out Property Tax notices for Flour Bluff ISD.

Kieschnick delayed sending the notices for a fifteen-day period after approval of a Property Tax increase of 3% by the board on December 1, and the addition of a three-cent increase to the Tax Rate for damages claimed by the district during Winter Storm Uri in February, 2021 which Kieschnick has said he does not believe is allowed under state law and which taxpayer had fifteen days to challenge.

Rather than send notices that would have to later be recalled Kieschnick delayed sending the notices until the expiration of the fifteen-day cooling off period which expired Friday, December 16. County attorneys determined that the Tax Assessor/Collector lacked legal standing to challenge the emergency funding; only taxpayers in the district could file and challenge and none was filed by the Friday deadline. The new Tax Rate is now \$0.9986 per \$100 of taxable property value. A No New Revenue Rate of \$0.864345 would have generated no increase in funds to the school district.

By the numbers

The Tax Rate Approved by the FBISD Board will generate the following numbers

As presented by staff to the Flour Bluff ISD School Board at its December 1 meeting
\$35,818,441 Estimated Tax Collections (local Property Tax)
\$13,618,869 Estimated State Revenue (with 0.8846 Tax Rate)
\$49,437,310 Estimated Gain in Revenue (total with higher tax rate)
\$1,092,131 Gain in Revenue from local property tax with higher rate (currently approved by board)
\$874,400 Estimated gain in revenue (with the higher tax rate currently approved by board)
\$1,966,531 Estimated Gain in Revenue (total gain with higher currently adopted tax rate)



Did Ya Hear?

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Business Briefs

Roberts Point Park in Port A has a great large shaded playground with ground shuffleboard and horseshoe stakes along side it. There are shaded picnic tables around the playground. For adults there are fishing pole holders along the ship channel but watch your bait because it is also a pelican hangout. There is a public restroom building close by.



Wind & Wave Surf Shop has great Christmas gift ideas that include clothing and jewelry. They currently have a sale on kayak and surfboard accessories. Check their Facebook page for details and also on their page they post a detailed surf report daily. The store is located in the Bluff at the corner of Laguna Shores and frontage road.



Island Italian Restaurant will be closed December 24 - 28.

Island Joe's has a Sleigh Ride drink for Christmas with espresso, white chocolate, raspberry & agave. Get it hot or iced before the season is over. They have added five new teas and a new shipment of handmade mugs have arrived. They will be open Christmas Day and Christmas Eve until 12:30 pm.



Shells Pasta & Seafood has great chalkboard specials, appetizers and soups with recipes from different parts of the world. It has an old Port A feel to it with down home friendly staff. Great food guaranteed, by me anyway. The restaurant has outdoor and indoor dining. They are located at 522 East Ave G and the number is 749-7621. Hours are Thursday - Monday 11 am - 5 pm due to staffing so the staff that is there give them a little extra they drive a long way to get there.



Riley P. Dog Park at the end of Whitecap has come along quite a bit since a board of volunteers has formed. You can easily donate for much needed funds simply by shopping at Amazon. You change your account to smile. amazon.com and Amazon donates a portion of your purchase to your charity. So far over \$1700 has been collected since it was formed several years ago. There will be a dog park board meeting Tuesday, January 3rd at Angry Marlin. There will be more details next week and everyone is welcome. I am sure there are not many dog parks on a waterfront with a beautiful sunset.

Coastal Teak Company will be open Christmas Eve 10 am - 2 pm for your last minute shopping. So many unique gifts to choose from they even have handmade earrings for under \$20. They are located near Scuttlebutts.



Grace Church on the Island will have Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 pm. Their weekly worship is Sundays at 10:30 am and Tuesdays 6 p.m. They are located at the strip center closest to the bridge.

Restaurants in Port A that will be open on Christmas Day are Kody's, Port A Beach Lodge and The Gaff.

The Texan Store in Port A is like a smaller version of Buc-ee's. They actually have kolaches with cream cheese, peach and such which is more like I recognize than sausage. The jar goods include spicy pickled quail eggs, savory Italian garlic, pickled okra and jalapeño stuffed olives. Obviously I spent an afternoon in Port A.



For Islanders with swimming pools be sure to have your pool pumps running during the freezing temperatures. And for folks like me with my hot water heater in an outdoor closet be sure to have a faucet dripping. I had a pipe burst last freeze so tip I wish I knew about then

For those of you who read the paper version of the Moon if you are out of town you can read it online at island moon.com

Ace Hardware find of the week is the Euroscrubby (made in Poland) that will become your go-to for scrubbing. Easily removes stuck on food and such and is safe on all surfaces even non-stick pans and glass top stoves. That's not all, use it to scrub carrots. It can be washed in the dishwasher or washer and lasts about a year. So much better than a sponge and a lot prettier. Plus it's a great stocking stuffer.



Today is a day to celebrate. The daylight hours start to get longer....finally. Sunset today is 5:39 p.m.

Random Stuff

Shopping while sipping wine at home makes it like Christmas year round. You get a box with your name on it and you have no idea what's inside.

Ask for an Apple watch for Christmas. I love mine. I can do my seawall walks without my phone. Do not need to pat myself down to know if I have my phone. I even powered off my phone to test it out and it still worked. Plus I can check my sleep pattern for REM sleep and how long I slept. It is like having a second phone on your wrist for just \$10 more a month, at least on AT&T. Also, I recommend the braided solo loop watch band. It doesn't look like a rubber watch band plus has no buckle and fits snugly for just \$9.



Have a very merry and safe Christmas y'all! Remember to ask your Island orphan friend over for dinner. It's an Island tradition!



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Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



Island hospitality,

My wife and I would like to share our experiences of just how amazing we have found the people of North Padre Island. We are here on a two-week holiday as part of a seven week stay in the USA.

I am originally from Glasgow, Scotland and my wife is from London. We retired to France some years ago. We have travelled extensively over a lot of the USA over the last few years. We have met some great people and seen some amazing sights.

However Corpus Christi and especially North Padre Island have now jumped to our number one favorite spot. We have loved the beaches, wild life, sunshine, golf, food, shopping but most of all the people.

Everyone has been so friendly and nice. BUT we have to say that after a day out in downtown Corpus Christi, a chance meeting in their wonderful Art Centre, that an amazing lady called Judy tops the lot!

We had wandered around the Centre and went into the clay section and met Judy. After 30 minutes of lovely talking we left with an invite to her families La Pasada deck party.

We had no idea what La Posada was or even what a deck party was but we decided to go along to find out. It was incredible, we met her family, friends and neighbors, we are some superb food, had a wee drink or two, and were entertained by them all. Then the boats started arriving all decked up in their wonderful Christmas finery.

So from two well-travelled people we would like say a huge thank you to Judy and Chester, their family, friends and neighbors for a wonderful and unforgettable night.

Thanks.
Brian and Frances

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Reevaluate Toxic Dredging Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has withdrawn approval to dredge the Matagorda Bay shipping channel through an EPA Superfund site. Additionally, a commitment was made to undergo extensive additional environmental review, including a full Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. A coalition of Gulf and environmental groups, including Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN), had filed a lawsuit after new information came to light about the anticipated use of the shipping channel and the risks of mercury contamination on sea turtles and other marine life, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and significant impacts on the lives and livelihoods of people working in the fishing industry.

This is the latest development in a series of events, after it was announced the [dredging project was to be delayed](#) earlier this year. Had the project been allowed to continue, it would have vastly expanded exports from an oil export terminal on the Texas Gulf Coast, and allowed larger oil tankers to reach the company's proposed oil export terminal. Plaintiffs Turtle Island Restoration Network, San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper, Earthworks, Environmental Integrity Project, and Texas Campaign for the Environment are represented by lawyers Erin Gaines and Jan Hasselman of Earthjustice.

"The proposed dredge project for the Matagorda Bay system would have substantial negative environmental effects on the estuarine system including the resuspension of mercury, intensification of low dissolved oxygen levels, placement of dredge spoils potentially contaminated with mercury and clay, increased turbidity and salinity, and harm to sea grasses, oyster beds, fish, and sea turtles," said Joanie Steinhaus, Gulf Program Director of TIRN. "The law requires agencies to fully understand and disclose the impacts of their actions. The federal proposal to dredge up a toxic waste site so that we can export more crude oil failed that test," said Erin Gaines, senior attorney at Earthjustice. "We're glad that the Corps has chosen to follow the law without further litigation, and we look forward to ensuring the full assessment properly considers the environmental, human health and local economic impacts."

"Our fishing community will not stand by and let this toxic dredging project upend decades of hard work to bury industrial waste dumped in the bay," said Diane Wilson, fourth-generation shrimper and executive director of San Antonio Estuarine Bay Waterkeeper. "We're celebrating today but we know the fight isn't over to protect our health and livelihoods from dirty fossil fuel companies trying to make a profit."

The Corps will now restart and redo its environmental analysis of the dredging project, and work will not continue until a complete analysis is performed. The analysis would look at the project's impact on public health, the surrounding ecosystem, and the damage the project would do to the local fishing economy. During this time period, public and expert input will be allowed to be heard.

"The EIS did not properly evaluate these potential impacts and I am thrilled to learn the Corps has decided to do a comprehensive environmental review of the Matagorda Bay Project," said Steinhaus

Mr. Rankin,

As editor of the Island Moon, your article in issue 973 from December 8, 2022, that describes one of the most significant historical archeological sites in Texas and Spanish history as "loot" to be hunted, is problematic. The remains of the Spanish 1554 fleet that came to grief off the shores of what is now Padre Island National Seashore represents one of the earliest interactions between Europeans and the Native Americans in the Americas. It has symbolized a humanitarian tragedy in colonial history and was an economic catastrophe that shaped the Kingdom of Spain. It is also the story of modern archaeological preservation for Texas and the United States. The sites described in the Island Moon article are protected by both State and Federal laws which make it illegal to attempt to excavate or remove any archaeological resources located on public lands such as Padre Island National Seashore.

Private digging at the site in 1967 caused a legal battle that ended when the State of Texas took control of the relics that had been removed from the site. The shipwrecks and collected materials are now managed jointly by the State of Texas and the National Park Service in a partnership that has lasted more than five 2

decades. The destructive looting of these underwater sites led to the enactment of the Antiquities Code of Texas and established the Texas Antiquities Committee (now the Texas Historical Commission or THC) in 1969. Materials from the shipwrecks were turned over to the National Park Service, who transferred their curation to the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, where they are part of the exhibit "Shipwreck" which is on permanent display. The materials from these maritime disasters, and the stories they tell, are an accessible and irreplaceable part of the Nation's heritage maintained for the benefit of all Texans and visitors to Padre Island.

Although your article does not mention Padre Island National Seashore by name, any archeological resources found within the park are protected under Federal civil and criminal laws, including the National Park Service Organic Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100101, National Park System Unit Resource Protection Act (SURPA), 54 U.S.C. § 100722, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470aa. Notably ARPA also includes a forfeiture clause whereby anything used in the commission of a crime (truck, boat, metal detectors, ATVs, trailers etc.) can be seized by the government in addition to possible fines

Railroad Commission Responding to 5.4 Magnitude Earthquake Near Midland, Deploying Inspectors

The Railroad Commission activated personnel Friday evening in response to a 5.4 magnitude earthquake about a dozen miles north of Midland in Martin County and will take any necessary actions to protect public safety and the environment.

Today, RRC inspectors will be examining disposal activity at injection well sites near the earthquake, which took place within the Gardendale Seismic Response Area (SRA).

In December 2021, the RRC ordered the indefinite suspension of all produced water

and imprisonment. Further offshore, in Texas waters, the shipwrecks and their artifacts are protected by the Antiquities Code of Texas (Natural Resources Code, Title 9, Chapter 191) and the Administrative Code of Texas, Title 13, Part 2, Chapters 26 and 28.

Your article concludes by encouraging anyone with a metal detector to target north Padre Island; however, federal law prohibits the possession and use of metal detectors at Padre Island National Seashore, with felony penalties and fines up to \$10,000 and possible prison time under 36 CFR 2.1(a)(7). Under SURPA, 54 U.S.C. § 100722(a), any person that destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any National Park System unit resource is liable to the United States for response costs and damages resulting from the destruction, loss, or injury. ARPA also applies criminal penalties to people who counsel others to violate ARPA.

The National Park Service and the State of Texas are working together to protect, preserve, and share the stories of the Padre Island Shipwrecks with the people of Texas, the United States, and the world. We take seriously any threat to our protected resources and have park Law Enforcement Rangers and Special Agents in our NPS Investigative Services Branch who have specialized training to protect our nation's irreplaceable resources and carry out resource investigations. We invite you and the Island Moon to step back from this encouragement of illegal activity and see what the National Park Service, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History have accomplished together and join us in this effort.

To report a crime in any national park: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1563/submit-a-tip.htm> . Or call/text: 888-653-0009.

For more information about federal and state antiquities laws and the Texas Antiquities Committee, see THC Statutes, Regulations, & Rules at <https://www.thc.texas.gov/project-review/statutes-regulations-rules> and the Texas State Historical Association at: www.tshaonline.org .

Sincerely,

Eric J. Brunnemann, Superintendent

Padre Island National Seashore

Health Advisory - Norovirus Outbreak Linked to Raw Oysters Nueces County, TX

The Texas Department of State Health Services put out a Health Advisory on December 16th. On December 7, 2022, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) was notified of ten cases of gastrointestinal illness in Texas and an increase of similar illness from other states among people who consumed raw oysters harvested in Texas. As of 12/15/22, the number of cases in Texas associated with this outbreak was fifty-five. During the investigation, it was determined that the oysters were harvested in the southeastern Galveston Bay area. Several clinical specimen results in persons who ate affected oysters were positive for norovirus. On December 8, 2022, DSHS issued a recall to immediately remove from commerce all oysters harvested from Galveston Bay, designated TX 1 area, during the period of November 17, through December 7, 2022. Winter is the time of year when there is a possibility of an increase in norovirus illness associated with oyster consumption. Norovirus persists longer in colder marine water.

In the U.S., more shellfish-related norovirus outbreaks are seen between November and March. Symptoms of norovirus typically start 12 to 48 hours after exposure and can last for one to three days. Symptoms of infection may include vomiting and/or diarrhea, nausea, muscle aches, fever, and headache. Consuming raw or undercooked oysters from the harvested area may increase the risk of foodborne illness. People who are immune compromised, such as those being treated for cancer, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic health conditions, are at increased risk of severe illness. While a single case of norovirus is not required to be reported in Texas, providers should report suspected outbreaks of norovirus to their respective local health department or the Department of State Health Services (Phone: 512-776-7676, Fax: 512-776-7616). DSHS suggests that health care practitioners test patients for norovirus if their symptoms are compatible with norovirus infection, and they are suspected to be part of this outbreak

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Around from A1

Briscoe King parking lot to the second story of the pier. Current plans also call for the addition of a second story to the structure which houses Mikel May's Beachside Bar & Grill which remains in place. As of this writing the anticipated date for construction on the new pier to begin has not been announced.

Bundle up everybody and we'll see you on the other side, in the meantime have a Merry Christmas and say hello if you see us Around The Island.

Winter Tea at Seashore

Seashore Learning Center kicked off the holiday break with the school's annual Winter Tea program and classroom art December Friday. Third and fourth graders performed songs from Sally Albrecht's *December Nights, December Lights*, while students in kindergarten through second grade entertained the audience with a variety of seasonal tunes. Thank you to music teacher Rocio Skinner and art teacher Sharon Craig for the beautiful vocal performances and artwork, as well as to Seashore parents and community members for another successful fundraiser.



Kindergarteners sang the wintry melody "Frosty Weather," followed by "Snowflakes are Falling."



First graders rang in the season with "Jingle Bells" and "I Hear the Bells."



Second graders finish their 2-song performance, mock shivering to "Cold Snap."



Fourth graders in Karen Jackson's class sing "One Candle Lights the Way," a melody of peace.



Auctioneer Frank de la Rosa sells the artwork of 3rd grade teacher Joel Spravzoff's class after the musical program.



Third graders in Jason Andrews' class sing "Light the Candles," a carol about Hanukkah.

North Dakota Expected Wind Chills This Week

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast																				
	12/19 Mon		12/20 Tue		12/21 Wed		12/22 Thu		12/23 Fri		12/24 Sat									
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6am	Minimum					
Ashley	-20	-30	-35	-38	-35	-42	-43	-45	-39	-45	-48	-50	-44	-47	-49	-49	-37	-37	-37	-33
Beach	-22	-31	-35	-37	-33	-39	-37	-37	-41	-46	-49	-50	-42	-43	-40	-36	-27	-23	-22	-21
Bismarck	-16	-26	-33	-37	-32	-35	-39	-42	-37	-41	-44	-45	-38	-43	-45	-45	-35	-30	-29	-27
Bottineau	-20	-28	-34	-38	-36	-41	-45	-46	-41	-47	-47	-47	-39	-43	-44	-43	-36	-35	-32	-31
Bowman	-21	-31	-35	-38	-33	-38	-39	-41	-39	-48	-51	-53	-45	-46	-46	-42	-32	-25	-23	-22
Carrington	-20	-29	-35	-37	-37	-39	-43	-45	-40	-45	-45	-50	-40	-44	-45	-47	-39	-36	-36	-33
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Dickinson	-18	-29	-34	-36	-32	-37	-39	-41	-41	-45	-48	-50	-43	-45	-45	-40	-31	-25	-25	-25
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The History of Poinsettias

By Celeste Silling



Christmas Star Poinsettias

One of my favorite things about the winter months is the abundance of poinsettia. Poinsettias are perhaps the most popular holiday plant (besides Christmas trees) and for good reason. They're relatively easy to care for and come a wide variety of bright, beautiful colors. But even though they are now ubiquitous with Christmas, the poinsettias had an interesting natural history you might not know about! The poinsettia (species name *Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is native to Mexico and Guatemala, where they grow wild and enormous. In fact, poinsettias in Mexico can grow to be huge shrubs and even trees 10 to 15 feet in height. It grows in rocky canyons and moist, shady locations.

Long before it was a Christmas plant, Aztecs called the plant Cuetlaxochitl and cultivated it regularly. They used the vibrant bracts to make a red/purple dye and the milky sap to treat fevers. Cuetlaxochitl is said to have been greatly prized by Aztec Kings like Netzahualcyotl and Montezuma. Montezuma is said have had caravans of Cuetlaxochitl delivered to him in Mexico City, as the plant would not grow naturally in the city's high altitude. When the Spanish colonized Mexico and introduced Christianity, they adopted the poinsettias into their Christian ceremonies, including nativity processions. They chose the plant because it was brightly colored and bloomed at Christmastime, adding to the festivity of the holiday.

In 1825, poinsettias were first introduced to the United States. The plant was brought by Joel

Roberts Poinsett, who was the United States ambassador to Mexico. He had taken some plants from Taxco, Mexico, where they were growing on a hillside and sent them back to his home in South Carolina. The plant was later named after Poinsett and still bears his name in the United States today.

Nowadays, the poinsettia is one of the most popular potted plants in the country. Tens of millions of them are sold every year in the U.S. alone. It has been bred to produce a variety of colors, such as red, pink, white, and variegated. The plant still grows wild around the Mexican cities of Taxco and Curenavaca, but there might be even more of it up North now. Poinsettias have many close relatives all over the world, though none are quite as colorful as poinsettias themselves. One native close relative that we have here in Texas is the Pasint-edleaf, or Fire-on-the-mountain (*Euphorbia cyathophora*). This plant is aptly named for the bright red bases of its leaves. It occurs on roadsides, pinelands, and other disturbed areas. Now you know the natural history of your poinsettia plant! And if you want to keep it year-round, the live in the right place for it. Here on the Texas coast, we have a temperate climate and low altitude, which is the habitat that poinsettias require. I might try planting my Christmas poinsettia this year and see if it grows into a 15 foot Cuetlaxochitl tree. Wish me luck!

Photo by Stefan Schwehofer- Poinsettias growing wild in the mountains.



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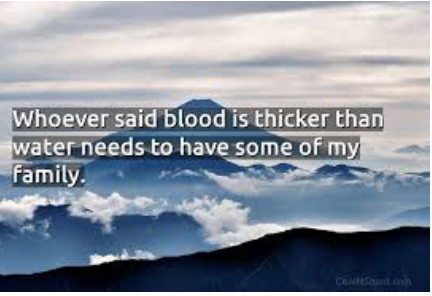
Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

Clichés- Some Common Expressions and Their Possible Origins

Dotson's Note: There is a vast number of expressions used in conversations these days that have been so commonly used as to become cliché. These expressions roll off the tongue like water off a duck's back and more often than not, the person saying them has no idea when or how they originated, or in some cases, what they really mean. Just in case "A cliché is a tired, stale phrase or idiom that, because of overuse, has lost its impact. What was once a fresh way of looking at something has become a weak prop for writing that feels unimaginative and dull. Clichés are what you write when you do not have the energy or inspiration to think of a new way to express an idea." Thanks to By Penny Chavers, Allan Ramsay, The History Daily and Milton Sherwood, for the facts contained in this report and to Wikipedia, Pinterest and my friends for the photos.

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER



The phrase, “blood is thicker than water,” is commonly used today to express the sentiment that family members come before anyone else. However, its origins are disputed and some theories suggest that the original phrase was “the blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb.” Proponents of this theory is the exact opposite of how we use it today, referring instead to the bond between soldiers on the battlefield or between two individuals who have entered into a blood covenant. This theory is often linked to the blood covenants of the Bible; however, the phrase itself does not appear in the Bible.

Another theory credits a 12th-century German narrative poem, *Reinhart Fuchs*, with the coining of the phrase we use today. However, that text is not an exact match either. With the English translation being “kin-blood is not spoiled by water.” While this phrase is similar, it certainly suggests a different meaning, rather the proverb as we know it. The earliest documentation of the phrase as it is used today appears as “blude’s thicker than water” in *Collected Scot Proverbs*.

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE



Another phrase with disputed origins is the question, “cat got your tongue?” It is commonly used to taunt someone who fails to produce a comeback during a verbal dispute, though it may also be used to question someone who is just being suspiciously silent. One theory attributes the phrase to ancient Egyptian times, claiming that the tongues of liars and blasphemers would be cut out and fed to cats. A similarly gruesome theory suggests that it refers to the use of the whip called the cat o’ nine tails. Yet another theory maintains that the phrase originated in the Middle Ages from the belief that witches concealed their identities by having their black cats steal the tongues of anyone unlucky enough to encounter them. However, none of these theories can be substantiated. The phrase can only be traced back as far as 1881 when the line, “Has the cat got your tongue, as the children say?”, appeared in *Ballou’s Monthly Magazine*.

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT



Speaking of cats, another popular expression is the proverb, “curiosity killed the cat.” This is usually a not-so-subtle way of telling someone to mind their own business. This line most likely stemmed from a similar line, “care killed the cat,” which first appeared in 1598 in *Every Man in His Humour*. It appeared yet again in Williams Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing*: “What, courage man! what though care killed a cat, thou hast mettle enough in thee to kill care.” In both instances, the word “care” refers to worry or sorrow rather than affection or nurturing. The replacement of “care” with “curiosity” can most likely be attributed to the negative association with the overly inquisitive. Saint Augustine’s *Confessions* (397 A.D.) says that God “fashioned hell for the inquisitive.” John Clarke’s *Paroemiologia* (1639) suggests “He that pryeth into every cloud may be struck with a thunderbolt.” Combine this negativity with the natural curiosity for which cats are known and it seems a natural progression of the phrase. With that being said, the first recorded use of the modern version does not appear until 1898 in *The Galveston Daily News* with the line “curiosity killed a Thomas

cat.”

HAIR OF THE DOG



Yet another beastly expression is “hair of the dog,” which is a shortened version of “hair of the dog that bit me,” the pronoun of which is interchangeable. It is most often used today as a suggestion that the ideal cure for a hangover is to drink more alcohol. Unlike the other phrases which have murky origins, this one has a literal derivation. In medieval times, it was thought that a person infected with rabies could be cured using hair from the rabid dog that bit them. Ironically, the record of this practice does not occur in print until 1760 in Robert James’s *A Treatise on Canine Madness*, while the first use of the expression in regard to a cure for a hangover occurred two hundred years earlier in John Heywood’s text, *A dialogue conteynyng the number in effect of all the prouerbes in the Englishe tongue* (1546). While there is no merit to the idea that the dog’s hair can cure rabies, a small amount of alcohol can ease the effects of alcohol withdrawal thus providing temporary relief from hangover symptoms.

MAD AS A HATTER



Though not as common as it once was, the phrase “mad as a hatter” simply refers to someone who has been deemed crazy. While most people assume the phrase associated with the Mad Hatter from Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland*, it actually goes back further. The phrase is most likely derived from the 19th century when mercury was used in the production of hats. The resulting mercury poisoning, known today as Mad Hatter’s disease, caused the milliners to appear insane. However, there is no documented proof that mercury poison led to the phrase “mad as a hatter.” The phrase first appears in *Blackwood’s Edinburgh Magazine* in 1829. It appears again in 1835 in Thomas Haliburton’s *The Clockmaker; or the Sayings and Doings of Samuel Slick of Slickville* (1835). Another, albeit unlikely, source of the phrase was a description of miners in New Zealand who were called hatters due to their tendency to go mad from solitude.

Dotson’s Other Note: *Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or at dlewis1@stxrr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Tuesdays 9-11AM and will resume on January 10, 2023. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans’ activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 – 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397...It’s your two hours, please let us hear from you.*



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

As 2022 rolls past it is only natural to look for a theme that define the year and for our Island it’s pretty simple. The Year of The Property Tax Increase!

From the City of Corpus Christi, to Nueces County, to the Flour Bluff Independent School District 6% is the magic number when it comes to tax increases for 2022 in spite of an attempt by the Texas Legislature in its last two sessions to reduce the amount of annual tax increases from 8% to 3% without having to ask permission from voters local taxing entities have found a way to settle in with annual raises of just over 6%. It took them two years to find a way to meet the letter of the law while running roughshod over the stated intent of the spirit of the law and puncture the 3% ceiling for annual tax hikes. Something about getting in office just somehow makes otherwise level-headed people want to spend Other People’s Money.

The Loopholes

The Property Tax system we have now was born in 1979 with the passage of the Peveto Bill which was the result of a court order to fix the state’s property tax system. The bill allowed for cities, counties, school districts, college districts, and most other taxing districts to raise property taxes by 8% each year because that was the inflation rate at the time. It was assumed that number would be reduced as inflation came down but that was a sore overestimation of the will power of citizen office holders who got addicted to the annual 8% fix – which had the effect of doubling the tax burden every ten years.

It was a boiling the frog operation as they raised the temperature by 8% each year tried to fib their way through by saying they “lowered taxes” while pointing at the Tax Rate and in the same meeting scheduling public hearings that were only required if they raised property taxes more than 3% and less than 8%; an annual exercise in hypocrisy that continued until 2021 when the 3% limit was put in place.

Locally it took the city, county, and Flour Bluff ISD board a year to find the loopholes in the law and when the new law took effect in Fiscal Year 2021 and taxpayers got a one-year reprieve. But by the time Fiscal Year 2022 rolled around they had found two major loopholes that got them back up to the 6% annual increase we saw this year.

The first loophole they discovered was that by budgeting debt service from exempt line item in the budget to another it was exempt from being included the calculations used to determine the amount taxes were being raised. Both the city and county took advantage of this tenet in the new law. The second thing they found was that if they did not take the full 3% (actually 3.5%) increase in 2021 they could roll it over and add it to the 3% number for 2021-2022 fiscal year

and that is how we got to the full 6% and both repeated the process in the 2022-2023 fiscal year now underway.

And the band played on...

The Flour Bluff ISD Board of Directors first tried to get taxpayers to approve a 7% tax hike and when that was voted down they reverted to the 3% increase, a compliance with the letter of the law if not the spirit, then got creative and added on \$1 million in emergency funds due to a dubious claim of damages from Winter Storm Uri way back in February, 2021 that does not count in their 3% calculations. This is spite of a \$4.5 million operating surplus anticipated for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as reported to the board in its December meeting.

What’s next?

This week a note from Senator Bettencourt (R-Houston) who sponsored the bill in the 2019 session touted the savings of \$8 billion to taxpayers across the state this year due to changes in the homestead exemption rules. But Bettencourt has issued recent statements indicating he understands the need to tighten up the language in the 2019 bill and Governor Greg Abbott has said Property Tax Relief is at the top of the list for the legislative session in January – the state has a \$30 billion surplus – and an increase in deductions allowed on homesteaded property looks like the most likely outcome. It is in effect an admission that local taxing authorizes are better at finding loopholes in tax bills than Austin is at closing them. Instead, of a surgical approach it’s a blunt instrument but it can work; in fact it is already in place for school districts. So maybe 2023 will be the year of Tax Relief, or, at the very least it will take a year for the locals to find the loopholes. City Councilman Mike Pusley has indicated he will take a look at this approach in the next city budget.

Those of us who live on Padre Island all know at least half a dozen people who have moved off The Island due to property taxes which for most Islanders run from \$9000 annually and up. In Port Aransas Property Taxes are barely half what we pay on Padre Island; the problem there is escalating property values. But on Padre Island it is rising property taxes as the city, county, and school district each boil The Island frog a few degrees at a time. “It’s only \$150 per household,” goes the annual mantra. But \$150 per year, per taxing entity, and a 6% increase year after year and pretty soon Island families are moving OTB until all that is left are people over 65 years of age with taxes frozen but still at \$9000-plus annually. Elected office holders end up deciding who can afford to live on The Island.

And when does it stop? When the frog is boiled and served.

December Farmer's Market at Briscoe King Pavillion
Photos by Debbie Noble



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The Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Well buckle up campers, here we go again. Dr. Philippe Tissot's Texas Marine Cold Water Response Collaborative (TRTC) popped up with an alert late last week watching the upcoming cold event, and then have issued several revisions as we get closer to Winter Storm Elliot. Looks like we are in for a freeze starting Thursday night into Friday and Saturday morning that could last into Christmas morning on Sunday and maybe beyond. Hopefully you already heard the news before this comes out late in the week and have made your preparations.

The predictions include a heavy turtle stranding event during the weekend, and lots of turtles will be weakened and may die if they're not rescued. If you are out on the water this weekend, you duck hunting, please keep your eyes peeled and call the NPS Sea Turtle Science and Recovery Program at 361-949-8173 ext. 226, or the Texas Sea Life Center at 361-589-4026 if you find a stranded turtle. This event comes at a tough time, as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will keep a lot of people off the water, and these turtles may go undetected. The area around the mouth of Baffin Bay, Yarborough, and the Graveyard typically gets a good number of stranded turtles, as the northwest wind piles them up there around the Gutter.

The TRTC is comprised of a group of organizations, including The Conrad Blucher Institute (CBI at TAMU-CC), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, and the National Park Service (NPS). The collaboration will be requesting an interruption from the Barge Association to cease barge traffic in the Intracoastal Water Way (ICWW) for that time period. The fact that this event is around the holidays may help the turtles and fish, as barge traffic should be lighter anyway. Hopefully the barge owners see this coming and just tell their folks to take this weekend off anyway. See additional information in Dr. Tissot's article that we have included in this edition of the Moon, and you can watch real time updates at <https://cbigrd.tamucc.edu/tpw/>

Upcoming Winter Storm Elliott: Cold Stunnings Expected Starting Friday December 23

Philippe Tissot

We continue to predict a sea turtle cold stunning event starting Friday December 23. Water temperatures in the Laguna Madre are predicted to drop below our threshold of 8C (46.4F) some time on Friday and stay below our threshold for an extended period at least through Monday. A substantial sea turtle cold stunning event is expected with potential for fisheries impact.

Given these predictions, TAMU-CC, TXPWD, and CCA are requesting a voluntary interruption of commercial navigation and all coastal engineering type activities in the Laguna Madre reach from south of JFK Bridge in Corpus Christi (MM 551) to Port Isabel (MM 661) starting at 4 pm CST on Friday, December 23, 2022 and extending through noon CST on Monday, December 26, 2022. The request for voluntary interruption to navigation does not include the Brownsville Ship Channel or the Arroyo Colorado. Lows of about 28F are presently predicted for both Friday and Saturday early morning in the Laguna Madre. It will be colder inland. Depending on your location you are likely to experience freezing or near freezing

The depressed water temperatures will also cold stun fish, even in deeper water. The Texas Parks and Wildlife will likely issue a water body closure for at least Saturday and Sunday for the Padre Isles Canal system, as well as Conn Brown Harbor and a few other areas. Hopefully this freeze doesn't whack our already weakened trout population, and we wind up with yet another event that lengthens our current reduced bag limits. Please take it easy on the trout, especially, during this and any following cold-water events.

I'm glad that I didn't put my plumeria in the ground this past season, as I would have had to dig them right back up and put them in pots, where they are currently residing. I can take them inside for what I hope is the last time for a long time. For those of you that have large plumeria too big to dig the roots up or protect otherwise, then you can get drastic and cut the plant off at the dirt line and take it inside your garage. Make sure to cover the stump, and you might get lucky and get a plant that comes back from the root ball, plus the one you cut down. I know, it's drastic, but you can at least salvage some of your hard work and have a decent plant next season.

Another thing I slacked on recently was getting all my pipes covered in insulation before this. At the first sign of a freeze, people mobbed the box stores and snapped up all the pipe insulation, and anything that could be used as insulation. The PVC aisles also got looted again, like it was the end of time. I have a few odds and ends pieces but hope I don't lose anything major because there's slim pickens at the stores...again.

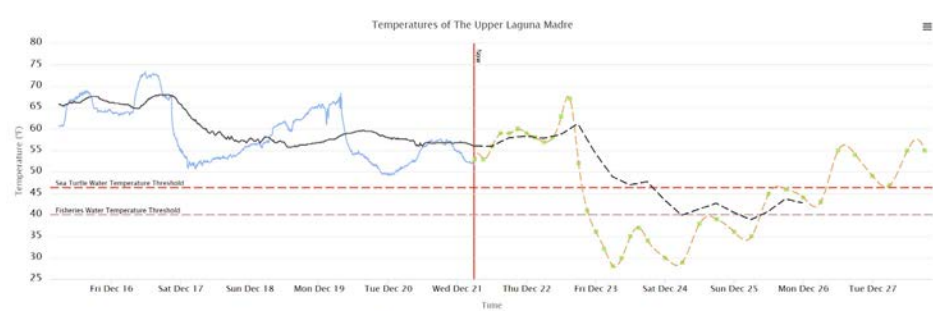
Well folks, I'm going to clear out of here and see if there's any insulation in my garage I've overlooked. I also need to get down to the cabin and drain the water out of the water lines, or they will all split again. We don't want to have to re-plumb the entire thing this soon after the last time. Get your preparations completed, drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you here next week. On the Rocks hopefully while we're thawing out.

temperatures from late Thursday night or early Friday morning through Sunday morning. Watch out for ice on the roads and bridges during that time.

Boat rescues are very important during rescue efforts. Anglers, duck hunters and other experienced boat owners can play an important role along with agencies. Wind speeds are predicted to be above 25mph starting Thursday night through Friday afternoon, keep that in mind, and safety in general, if you participate to boat rescues.

Also keep in mind that weather predictions will fluctuate, particularly for the longer lead time predictions. We have high confidence that we are heading towards a substantial cold stunning event starting on Friday but the exact timing and intensity of the event will continue to evolve as we get closer to the actual event. Predictions for the northern bays (we do not have an operational water temperature model) are similar for the start of the cold stunning event but cold stunnings are expected to last longer through Tuesday. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best to everyone for the preparations at home and for the cold stunning event.



Keep in mind that predictions evolve.

For the latest info and predictions. <https://cbigrd.tamucc.edu/tpw/>

"Thank you to GICA and its members for their role in mitigating the impact of the cold water events as well as all the local, state, and federal agencies and all the other organizations and volunteers who participate in all the phases of these big efforts".

Philippe Tissot

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Farah's Fishing Adventures



Cold Water Giants.

Here in South Texas there is a old saying, "If you don't like the weather wait two days, it will be completely different." There is no better example than this time of year we are in right now. I've spent Christmas Day surfing without a wetsuit, and I've seen drifts of snow fall on Christmas night. Fishing during these times can be feast or famine, understanding what's going on down under will help anglers land some great winter fishing.

When a fresh Northern blows in, the air drops in temperature before the water does. This coldness pushes down from the surface signaling gamefish to feed heavily before their body temperatures drop. Most bait will feel the change first and head towards the drop offs of deeper water. This is where one should concentrate on the first part of the event. Wade fishing protected shorelines close to deep water retreats have proved to yield some of my most memorable trophy trout adventures.

Snow flakes buzzed our face in the wind as we stepped into the boat, "we are nuts," I cried as Allen throttled the boat up and away from any warmth to be had. We rounded the bend of Baffin Bay to a shallow flat and slid the boat to an idle. North winds were pushing cold surface water south and streams of mullet were gathered and rounding the bend to where we slipped into the water. The air tore at us gripping every bit of inner heat we had. Allen's rod bent over on his second cast and before he could bring his beast of a trout half way back I felt the line tighten as if I just snagged a wet pillow. When I set the hook a massive head rose to the surface throwing gills to the sky and trying to free the hooks set in her yellow mouth. Both fish were in the 6 lb range, after 20 minutes of 4 to 7 lb trout on most every cast I reached into my box for something a little special. I had been wade fishing at night with a giant 9" broken back surface plug, and had caught a few big trout on it under the last full moon. The monster topwater would test patience and make you feel like your arm was going to fall off after casting it for an hour. My first cast my friend laughed as it looked like a horse mullet flying through the air and crashing with a giant splash. I slowly rolled the bait in the waves, diving it, and letting it slowly wobble back up to the top. Trout were rolling under it, tail slapping the bait, and nipping it

between the hooks. Like an exploding great white shark a silver sea monster went airborne with the giant black broken back head first in its bucket of a mouth. My stringer was full of the fattest winter trout you could wish for but after a few minutes with the big topwater I slid all of the trout off that were under 6 lbs. That day when we all had enough and the feeding frenzy slowed down, my stringer laid on the boats floor. All ten fish were well over 25" and a few over the 30" crest. Still to this day I find trout filled like a swollen balloon after the first hard drop in temperatures. This comes out in print on Thursday while the warm winds blow 70s and sun. Friday will be just exactly like that morning with Allen 20 yrs ago, bitter cold and red hot feeding frenzy, somewhere just past your blanket.

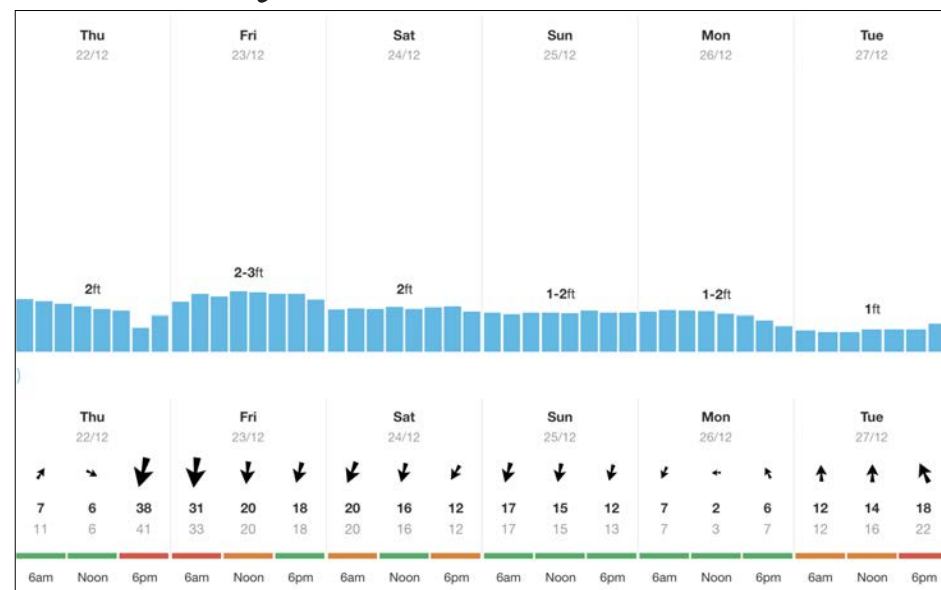
As soon as the weather breaks bundle up and go find the deep water zones fish will escape to as water temperatures catch up to the air. Look for side channels along the ICW, muddy gas well channels in the JFK area, and even the Padre River Canals. This will be the last of the warm water by the third day. Getting there before the winds lay and the skies clear is important. Baitfish will be grouped together tight and easy for gamefish to gorge themselves on every lunar feeding time. After two or three days they will lay quiet and rest until we start a warming trend and big fish move out to get some sun.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! It's been 25 years putting my random thoughts into the Island Moon, and I feel like this community IS my FAMILY. So many thank you's to the folks at the Moon Office, they stand for all of us. Put their lives into every issue, and protect us all as a unified Island. Living on an Island is special, it's a small town community, but you have to share it with many. Don't forget there is an Ocean Escape in every direction. Last minute CHRISTMAS IDEAS, guided fishing trip, MARKER 37 MARINA FISHING APPEREL And equipment, beach decorations for anyone's memory and home at BOJONS BEACH STORE!, gift certificates for FUN TRACKERS GO CARTS!, God Bless everyone, go get wet. Joey FARAH'S Backwater Fishing@ Facebook and Instagram 361-442-8145



Joey Farah IV crashing the lip after the last North Wind event.

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Nature Notes

Robins... Old and New World Birds

By Martin Hagne



The American Robin is a spring harbinger for many, but here it's a winter bird.

Most folks have seen American Robins in the winter months along the mid and upper Texas coast, as they regularly erupt south for food when it gets scares up north. They don't as much "migrate" as many migrant species do... they erupt. A few species will tough it out up north as long as there is food. But in years when its hard to find forage they move, maybe south, east or west, or even north. Wherever the food is. They are a gregarious bunch, flocking to yards and feeders, town parks, or woodlands.

Robins are in the thrush "family" ... and if we look at the original robins... well, they wouldn't be robins at all! The American Robin was name after the European Robin, a much smaller and not closely related bird species from Europe, and certainly not a thrush. So how did the American bird get named a robin? Well, the European bird has a red breast, is often associated with Christmas holiday cards, etc., and when European settlers moved to North America they missed their little colorful bird and called what they found here, also with a red breast... a robin!

They also managed to physically bring with them House Sparrows (once called English Sparrow), Rock Pigeons, and European Starlings. Once those three species were released here they multiplied well, and are now found over much of the Americas! The settlers also named a few other birds here after the European birds they remembered. Buzzards, as Turkey Vultures were often referred as, got their names from Europeans. Although the Old-World buzzards aren't vultures at all, but rather hawks! Oh well, small details! There are other examples as well, often confusing folks when traveling either way across the

ocean.

Our robins here eat both invertebrates and fruit. In spring and summer, they can often be found pulling earthworms from moist lawns, and picking off insects, and even snails. They also eat a huge number and variety of fruits, berries, and many kinds of seeds, especially in winter when insects and invertebrates are scarce. They seem to feel at home in both towns as well as in the countryside, and aren't normally at all afraid to live alongside us humans. They are a fun bunch to watch as they hop around the grass at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, sometimes hovering over the ground looking for a bug, and even sitting motionless looking for a worm, a bit like a heron in water would for a fish.

Enjoy our holiday visitors... most years anyhow! They are certainly here this year!



The old world European Robin is the namesake for our own American Robin, although they aren't even in the same family!
By GCBO photo

It'll Be a Cold Day

By Pastor Kris Bair



Well, what do you know—the North Wind doth blow! And it's not bringing that pristine, white landscape we love to see in pictures.

At least, according to our local meteorologists, who may they have to stick their tongues on the nearest flagpoles for telling us wrong!

Of course, an overnight inch or so looks so fine on Christmas Day.

My congregation in Alice often told me about the Christmas Eve it—gasp!—unpredictably snowed hard for the hour during evening worship, so that the congregation finished singing Silent Night by candlelight and opened the doors in shock to a White Christmas.

It was magical, even without Bing Crosby and the gang ... until folks had to drive through it to get home. Oops!

One year, I found myself sliding over ice on the overpass to get through Robstown on my way to Christmas Eve service.

In front of me, someone, who had clearly never driven on an icy bridge before, was trying to experience what it might be like UNDER the bridge the quick way—going over the side.

Luckily, he managed to slam into the median barricade instead.

I eased my way around the crunched car, thinking, "Pay attention to those 'Bridge may ice' signs. It's too real!"

After living in Montana and the Dakotas for decades, we were shocked to find folks further south drove the same way in the winter as they did in the summer.

Rocketing vehicles on black ice quickly turn into deadly bumper cars, wildly careening into anything in their way.

Cars tailing larger vehicles—like road graders (bless those grader drivers!) and salt trucks—have themselves flattened.

Up north, no one but show-off teenagers would ever go fast on ice or drive too closely to big road machinery.

So the biggest winter hazard in our tiny Montana town was high centering your vehicle on Main Street.

And the only solution was to wait in the warm tavern nearby until someone could pull you off—often to the detriment of your undercarriage.

But by then, you were too anesthetized by alcohol to care.

Some devious men availed them-

selves of this excuse repeatedly and had to be threatened with incarceration for blocking traffic.

But most traffic was non-existent when it was -68* outside, when very few vehicles would start (only the plugged-in ones).

Life slowed down, and everyone was pretty much glad that it did.

Time to make soups that cooked all day and bake breads and cookies to warm the kitchen up.

Time to make decorations and gifts with the kids.

Time to do long-neglected house chores.

Time to play board games and teach the kids all the Rummy variations you knew.

Time to send the kids outside to sled and skate while you sipped some cocoa and read a book.

Time to mop up the floor after said excursions and place the moon-boots somewhere to dry.

Time to unwrap the frozen kids from all those layers of clothing and thaw them out with more cocoa.

When this happens at Christmas, everyone welcomes it.

When it continues through April, folks get pretty tired of it, and the final wet April blizzard cannot be followed too quickly by a warm Chinook. Welcome sweet Springtime!

And the seasons roll around again—in places that have them.

Down here it's pretty much Mosquito season versus Fog season. Nevertheless, Christmas does come, snow or no snow.

Warm up with us at Island Presbyterian Church (Fortuna Bay and Gypsy) on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. as we hear the Christmas story again and welcome the Babe with carols and candles.

You can also join us for a service of carols, prayers and a brief mediation on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.—Zoom and Livestream available for both services.

May your travels be blest and your Holy Day, no matter your faith, be joyous and filled with good wishes!

And watch out for the ice!

City Releases Plan for Yorktown Mud Bridge Repairs are Estimated to Take One Month

On Monday, December 12, the City initiated an emergency closure of the Yorktown Mud Bridge in the 8600 block of Yorktown Boulevard for repairs of a washout resulting in damage to the bridge's riprap embankment.

The City has developed a plan to repair the Yorktown Mud Bridge, and Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. will execute the repairs immediately. The plan, which calls for repairs on the bridge's east and west channel banks, is expected to take one month to complete, con-

tingent upon access to the work sites beneath the bridge and the availability of materials.

"Our goal is to shore up the existing structure and protect the bridge from future erosion," said Corpus Christi Public Works Director Ernesto De La Garza.

TxDOT has plans to replace the bridge in 2026; however, the City has begun the dialog with TxDOT to expedite the timeline. The estimated cost of the new bridge is \$20.3 million.

Airport Offers Live Music During the Holidays Local Musicians to Perform for CCIA's Annual 'Sounds of the Season'

Travelers passing through Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) through the end of 2022 will have a musical score beginning with saxophonist Daryl Eason, who will perform in the airport from Thursday, December 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

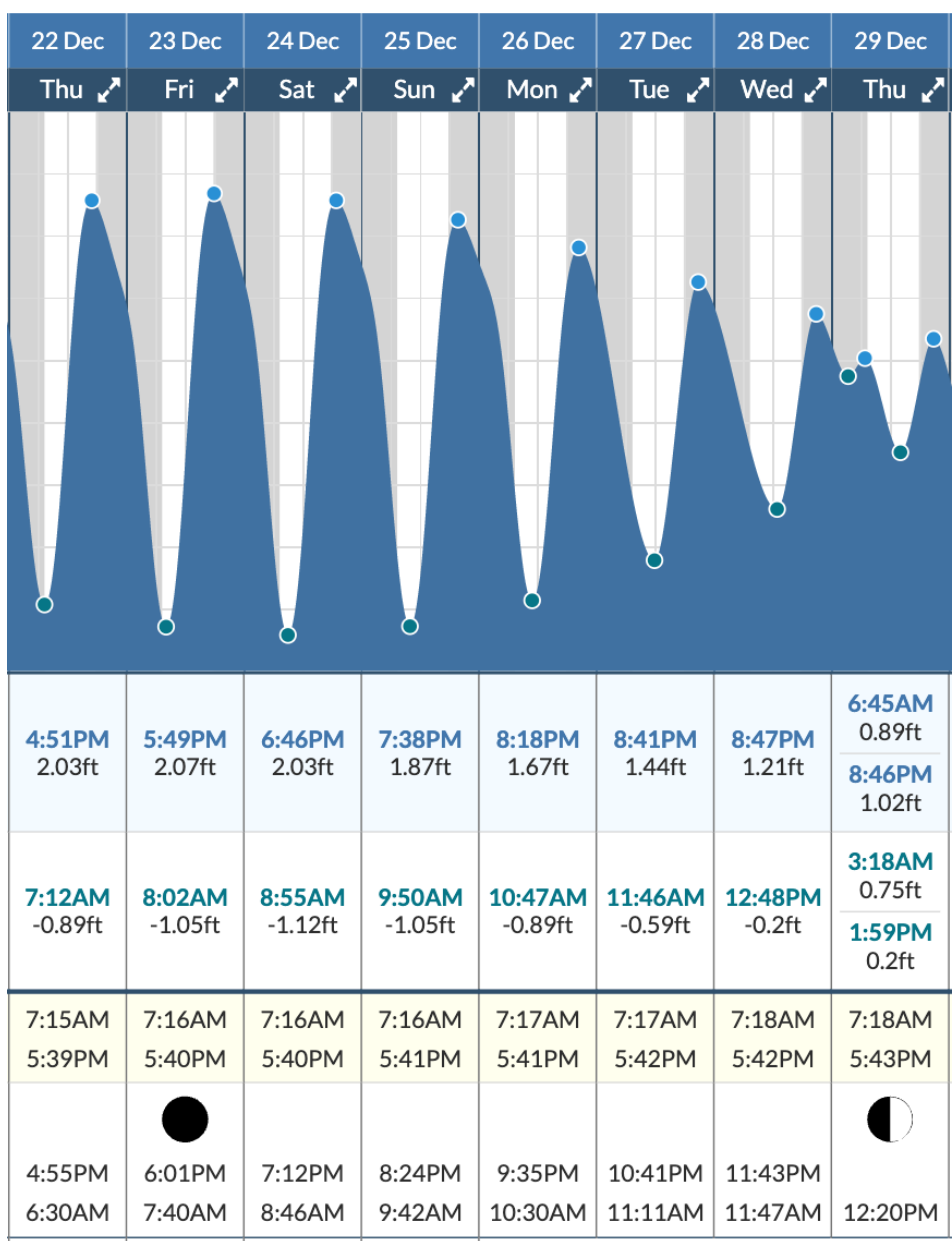
While listening to holiday tunes, passengers are encouraged to check out the various eye-catching art installations throughout the terminal, including newly suspended model airplanes and South Padre Island Seashore cutout, perfect for a photo op! Complimentary parking is available in short-term parking near the terminal for up to three hours.

Sounds of the Season Music schedule

- Thursday, December 22 Daryl Eason 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 23 Michael Moore 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 26 Ryann Schumann 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 27 Michael Perez 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Thursday, December 29 Daryl Eason 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 30 David Martinez 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sounds of the Season will run through Friday, December 30, focusing on the peak hours of holiday travel.

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Christmas Day Moments in Sports History

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Christmas may be a holiday, but the sports world does not take December 25th off. Whether any of the games in three days produce some memorable moments remains to be seen, but as you can see from the list below, the competition to go down in sports history on Christmas Day is interesting to say the least. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Aaron Tallent for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.



1994: Don Shula breaks NFL regular-season victory record

This game between the Miami Dolphins and the Detroit Lions already had a lot going for it. Both teams were 9-6 and battling for a playoff spot and Barry Sanders entered the game with 1,831 rushing yards and a shot at 2,000. The Dolphins took control early, holding Sanders to only 52 yards, and scoring on five of their first seven possessions to take a 27-10 halftime lead and held on for a 27-20 win. The victory was head coach Don Shula's 319th regular-season victory, putting him ahead of George Halas (Shula had broken the overall wins record in 1993.).

2016: Pittsburgh clinches AFC North with last-second TD

The NFL played its first Christmas Day games since 2011 and the Pittsburgh/Baltimore matchup was one for the ages. Trailing 17-10 heading into the fourth quarter, the Steelers scored three touchdowns in the final period. The last was a dramatic four-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Brown with nine seconds left in the game. The winning effort not only clinched the AFC North for Pittsburgh, but it also made Brown the only player since Marvin Harrison to have four straight 100-reception seasons (Brown made it five in a row in 2017).

2003: Hawaii Beats Houston in triple overtime in the Hawaii Bowl

Those who tuned into ESPN on Christmas night got a glimpse at the future of Big 12 football. The Cougars were led by future Baylor head coach Art Briles and the Warriors had Timmy Chang, one of the most prolific quarterbacks in NCAA history. The two engaged in a good, old-fashioned offensive shootout and were tied 34-34 at the end of regulation. Each team scored a touchdown on the first two overtime possessions. Hawaii got the ball first in the third overtime and Michael Brewster ran eight yards into the end zone, but the Warriors failed on the two-point conversion. However, Houston's overtime possession ended on downs and Hawaii came away with a 54-48 victory.



1984: Bernard King scores 60 points

In front of a Madison Square Garden crowd, King torched the New Jersey Nets for a Christmas Day-record 60 points. His New York Knicks still lost 120-114, but the only memory from that game was his performance. King won the scoring title that season and this Christmas Day milestone was his highest point total of the season.

1971: NHL ends Christmas Day tradition

From the 1920s until 1971, hockey games were played every Christmas Day, until the NHL ended the tradition to give players a holiday break. On this day, six games were played and the last goal ever scored on Christmas Day came courtesy of Stan Gilbertson, as his California Golden Seals beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1. In 2008, the NHL added its own

holiday event with the New Year's Day's Winter Classic.

2008: Phil Jackson Gets 1,000th Win



The NBA has always made a priority of scheduling a marquee matchup on Christmas Day and it is usually a rematch of the previous year's Finals. That was certainly the case in 2008. The defending champion Boston Celtics were riding a 19-game winning streak and facing the Los Angeles Lakers for the first time since defeating them in the most recent NBA Finals. On this night, four Lakers scored in double digits and beat the Celtics 92-83. The win was Laker head coach Phil Jackson's 1,000th of his career.

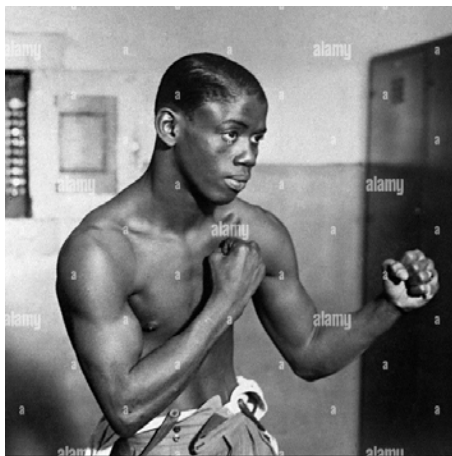
2004: Kobe and Shaq face-off for first time

Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal three-peated as world champions when they played on the Lakers together... and they also hated each other's guts. In July of 2004, the Lakers traded O'Neal to the Miami Heat and the NBA scheduled their first meeting for Christmas night. The game lived up to its hype, as Bryant scored 42 points and drew O'Neal's fifth and sixth fouls, sending Shaq to the bench with the two teams tied 91-91. The game went into overtime where Dwayne Wade led the Heat to a 104-102 win. Bryant missed a three-pointer as time expired.

1971: Chiefs and Dolphins play longest game in NFL history

The first NFL games ever played on Christmas Day ended up being the last for many years. Earlier in the day, the Dallas Cowboys beat the Minnesota Vikings 20-12. Then at 4 p.m. ET, the Kansas City Chiefs and Miami Dolphins met in Kansas City's Municipal Stadium. The two teams battled back and forth and were tied 24-24 at the end of regulation. After a scoreless first overtime, they went into a second one. Finally, with 7:20 left in the second overtime period, Miami's Garo Yepremian kicked the game-winning field goal. The game was actually only three hours and 21 minutes long in real time, but the outcry of how it cut into Christmas Day prompted the NFL to avoid scheduling another game on this day until 1989.

1933: Frank Klick upsets Kid Chocolate for Junior Lightweight title



Kid Chocolate

Believe it or not, boxing matches used to be held on Christmas Day and the biggest one was this title match. Eligio Sardinias, aka Kid Chocolate, is considered by many boxing enthusiasts to be one of the 50 best fighters of all-time and had held the junior lightweight title since 1931. Despite being long in the tooth, he was favored to beat the light-punching Klick. The 5,000 fans in the Philadelphia Arena were shocked when Klick stopped the sluggish Kid in the seventh round to take the title. (Note: No professional boxing matches on Christmas Day have been held in the U.S. since 1969.)

Dotson's Other Note: There you have my list. Do any of you Moon Monkeys have any Christmas contests that top mine? If so let me know either by text, Email, phone, or a letter to The Editor. I will continue the Flying Finn Sports Talk Report next week. Just a reminder: Comments regarding Sports Talk are welcome, send to dlewis1@stx.rr.com or the editor of The Island Moon.



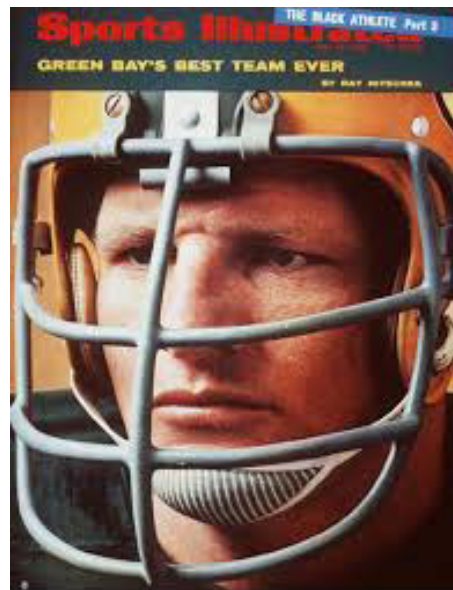
By Andy Purvis

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

Causeway Cont from A1

traffic congestion found in the larger metro areas. But travel to and from the Port of Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley, area beaches, and the population pressure spreading from the fast-growing San Antonio-Austin corridor, and the quickening growth on the Southside of Corpus Christi has had the attention of the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for more than a decade. With a projected population growth of 21% in the Coastal Bend by 2050, according to the Texas State Data Center, the need for additional routes around the City of Corpus Christi came into focus and the result was planning for a regional parkway beginning near Sinton in San Patricio County and ultimately terminating on Park Road 22 just north of Padre Island National Seashore on Padre Island. The beginning of a plan for the parkway was the subject of the Regional Parkway Planning & Environmental Linkage Study released by the MPO on April 12, 2017. The report is now somewhat dated and will used primarily as a place holder for the next phase of work on a Regional Parkway but it provides a starting place for outlines the process as it moves forward. As mentioned in Part I of this series last week, the idea of a tunnel, or a second causeway in the existing state right of way of the JFK Causeway was ruled out in the 2017 study, but will likely get fresh consideration when the process moves to the next phase. However, if the idea is to relieve traffic on the existing SPID corridor from Flour Bluff to the Cross-town Expressway crowding more traffic into that stretch by expanding the lanes of the JFK Causeway defeat that purpose. Traffic counts by the Texas Department of Transportation show an average daily traffic count in 2021 of 34,304 crossing the JFK Causeway with peaks in 2019 reaching more than 83,000 per day with an annual increase of traffic load of 3% per year. The counts show that approximately 55% of the traffic which enters Padre Island via the JFK Causeway turn north at the intersection of Commodores Drive and State Highway 361 bound for Port Aransas. The MPO study was launched primarily to address increased traffic along the SPID corridor which has reaches 80% capacity at normal usage hours and must be addressed in the face of steady growth. It is providing an alternate route for that traffic that is at the heart of the need for a regional parkway. With that goal in mind officials at the MPO looked south for alternate routes which are

A True Story



Ray Nitschke

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shown here in the accompanying graph, Segment A of the Regional Parkway would run 9.5 miles from an extension of Rodd Field Road to Park Road 22 just north of Padre Island National Seashore. Over the course of several public meetings the potential routes for the causeway crossing of the Laguna Madre was narrowed to a corridor less than half a mile wide which crosses from private property on the landward side – the Laurels section of the King Ranch – and lands on 3680 acres of property owned by Nueces County in Kleberg County and managed by the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board. As the process enters the next planning phase the first step is to determine the exact route for crossing the Laguna Madre and the first step in that process is an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to identify and address the impact of endangered and threatened species, critical habitat, and the ecological mapping systems of vegetation types along all potential routes. At a recent meeting of the Causeway Advisory Group formed to address the need for a second causeway and move the process forward MPO Transportation Planning Director Robert McDonald outlined the costs and process. The total cost of the Regional Parkway in 2017 was estimated at \$800 million with the portion crossing the Laguna Madre accounting for about \$300 million of that. McDonald said recently the cost of the EIS for the entire route of the Regional Parkway is estimated at about \$8 million. "Texas is one of the few states where state authorities – in this case Texas Department of Transportation – can approve a route once the EIS is done," McDonald said. "However, the U.S. Department of Transportation reserves the right to veto the state decision." One of the tenets of the rules for state approval of the EIS for the Laguna Madre portion of the route of the Regional Parkway is that the EIS must cover the entire route. "The state will not approve only the environmental plan for the portion across the Laguna Madre," he said. "The entire route must be done all at the same time." The \$8 million cost of that EIS would be funded by TxDOT if they agree to undertake it. So what is the process for obtaining state funding, what are the obstacles for determining a route across the Laguna Madre? We will address those questions in the next story in this series. *Next time: The route and the land, and how will the project be funded?*

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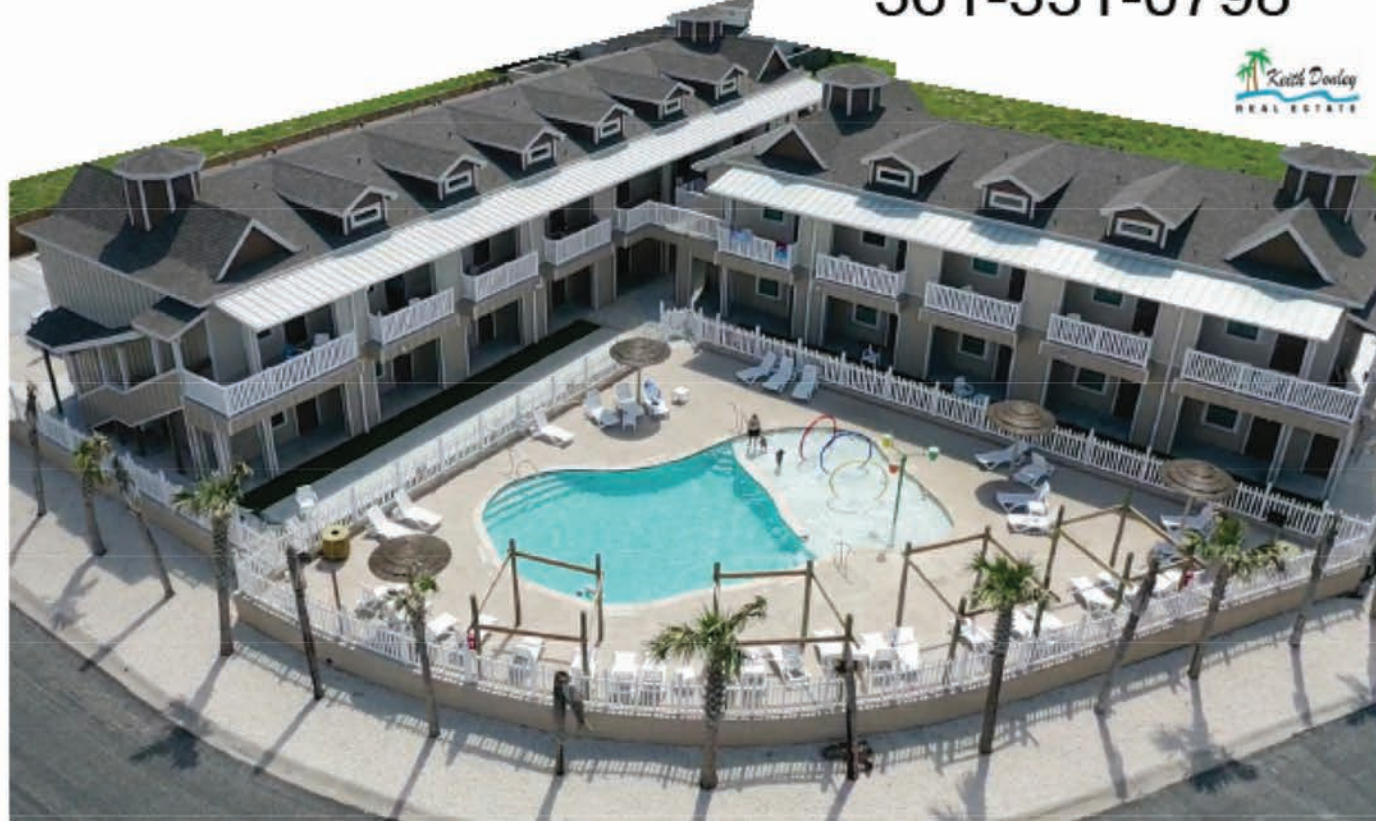
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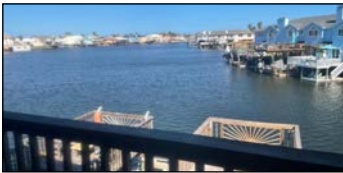
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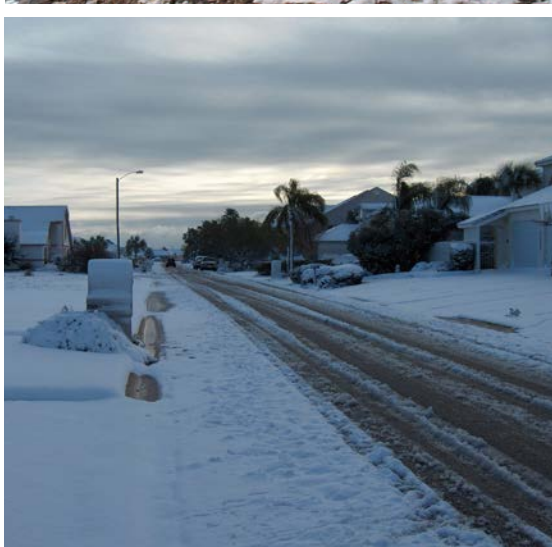
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By Chris Jordan

Broth, stock, bouillon, and base: these are liquids, pastes, powders, and soluble cubes that are used to bring the flavor of meat and vegetables into the liquids you cook with. A little background on all of it can really help illuminate what's what and when to use it.



H-E-B Unsalted Chicken Broth

Broth: I buy it by the case. There. I said it. And that's just for home use. I put chicken broth in virtually every savory dish that calls for water: rice, beans, soup, sauces you name it, I broth it. Broth brings umami, intensity, and complexity — and really bolsters the flavor of savory foods. Broth, in its most simple form, is made by simmering meat in water and then straining out the meat. There may be some bones incidentally included within the meat, but it's mostly about imparting the flavor of the meat to the water. Vegetables, seasoning, or herbs may also be included. Salt and *mirepoix* (onions, carrots, and celery) are the most common additions. After simmering, all of the solids are removed. The idea is to end up with a clear, though not colorless, liquid. I use store-bought, unsalted chicken broth all the time. The unsalted part is important because it gives you more leeway to use other ingredients that might bring their own salt to the party — especially if you are reducing your broth or the liquid made with it. You'll find chicken, beef, and vegetable broth readily available. Broths made from other things can be purchased or made. I'm not too fussy about my store-bought broth except to get it unsalted. The I.G.A here in Port A has a few labels as does H-E-B.



More Than Gourmet Seafood Stock

Stock: it's all about the bones. So yeah, it's very similar to broth but the focus is on bones and not so much meat. Sure, there may be some incidental bits of meat involved, but it's the inclusion bones, cartilage, and connective tissues that sets stock apart from broth. It's

more viscous. Stock has a slightly less intense meat flavor than broth but is considerably thicker due to all the collagen released from the bones and bits. Stock is not clear like broth, but like broth, stock will often be made with various veggies, herbs, seasonings, and salt in addition to the bones. Again, whether you're buying stock or making it, I advise you to minimize the salt content whenever possible. Salt is easy to add and impossible to take out. You'll can usually find some liquid stock at the grocery store, and — in an inexplicable twist — vegetable broth is almost always labeled “vegetable stock”. I dunno, maybe veggies got bones at some point and I didn't get the memo.

Bouillon is just French for broth. We usually see the term used to describe *bouillon cubes* and sometimes *bouillon powder*. Both are dehydrated forms of broth to which you add hot water. These cubes, powders, and their resultant liquids are usually quite salty and, though they come in low-sodium versions, are generally not available salt-free. They'll do in a pinch, but are the least desirable of the options being discussed.



Better Than Bouillon Beef Base

Base: it's simply concentrated stock. It varies in consistency from a thick liquid to a stiff paste depending on how much water has been removed. The amount of water you add back in to reconstitute base will be specified on the packaging. Some cooking techniques involve adding full-strength base directly to food, and again, not introducing too much salt in doing so is a worthy pursuit. There is a line of protein bases available at H-E-B called Better Than Bouillon. They come as a stout paste in a little jar. Another brand at H-E-B, More Than Gourmet, offers a seafood base. Both products are of excellent quality and I recommend them without hesitation. The collagen and other components in stock keeps it from being easily made into completely dry forms like cubes and powders.

So as aforementioned, I recommend using broth or stock in place of water whenever it makes sense. Chicken stock works great with all kinds of dry beans. Making chili? Substitute beef stock for water. I even start my homemade soups with store-bought broth or stock just to intensify the flavor. Here's a recipe for chicken gravy you can make without a chicken. It's really good, trust me, and could be served with any kind of chicken but also works with pork and turkey.

Easy Chicken Gravy

Serves up to eight
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Ingredients:

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons chicken base
- 1 quart unsalted chicken broth

Preparation:

Put broth and base in a medium saucepan over high heat.

As broth mixture is heating, make a light roux: melt the butter in a medium-sized sautee pan over medium heat. Add the flour and whisk until incorporated. Continue whisking over medium heat, until it has darkened slightly to a light golden brown. It's important to keep the roux from sitting idly on the bottom of the saucepan as it could scorch.

After the broth/base mixture has come to a boil, whisk in the roux. Reduce heat to medium, let gravy return to a simmer. Simmer for two minutes, whisking continuously. Remove from heat, serve.

Note: the chicken base delivers all the salt needed. You may consider adding a ½ teaspoon of finely ground white pepper. If you want to jazz it up with some herbs, knock yourself out.

Full Transparency and Disclosure

PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



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

Board Election- Only one person has registered to run for a Board seat in the upcoming election. He is Jeff Rackley. His resume and photo will be on the PIPOA website. The fact that only one person has signed up as a candidate when there are two seats available will require some consideration by the Board on how to proceed. Sandy Graves and I, whose seats are subject to the upcoming election, did not choose to seek reelection.

In 2017/2018, I was a sponsor and proponent of term limits for Board members. According to the bylaws, Board members elected in 2018 or after are subject to a term limit of two three-year terms. Board members elected before 2018 (I was elected in 2017) are not subject to this term limit requirement. I believe in term limits for elected officials, and because I promoted the term limit rule, I am not running in order to comply with the term limit rule even though I am grandfathered in. I want to Thank the many, many people who have asked me to run and continue on the PIPOA Board.

Towing- The new boat ramp parking policy has caused several questions to be put forward. The policy will be placed on the PIPOA website along with an application form for the 2023 sticker. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out to Gary Klepperich, Executive Director, at 361-949-7025 or email gary@pipoa.net. Last weekend, two vehicles and trailers were towed.

Docks- The new dock policy has also caused questions. This policy will be on the PIPOA website. The policy primarily concerns new build docks whose owners wish to extend onto PIPOA property. If you have questions, please reach out to Gary Klepperich, Executive Director.

The PIPOA Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022, and Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of Christmas and New Year. The PIPOA Executive Director, Office Staff, and Board of Directors wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

The next PIPOA Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President

Council Approves Funding for Lozano Golf Center For Improvements to Executive Nine Hole Course and Practice Range, Including Night Time Lighting

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday approved an agreement with Foresight Corpus Christi Golf, L.L.C. for \$400,000.00 from the Golf Fund and \$1,160,000 from Certificates of Obligation for improvements to the Gabe Lozano Golf Center's Executive Nine Hole Course and practice range. The estimated completion of the construction project is May 2023. Prior approved funding brings this project to a \$4.36 million budget.

The proposed improvements included an

additional 10,000 square foot practice green, expanded practice tees (50 hitting stations), and create a short-term practice area/pitching area with targets. A Scottish-style “berm” will be added to facilitate drainage. The “berm” will drain into the existing drainage channel along the east side of the golf course.

These improvements would create “state of the art” practice facilities that will serve as additional high-quality inventory for the City's residents and tourists.

Council Authorizes Lease Agreement for City's First Cricket Field

Coastal Bend Cricket Club to Utilize Sports Venue

At today's regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Mayor Paulette Guajardo and the City Council approved an ordinance authorizing a five-year lease agreement with Coastal Bend Cricket Club. The agreement will allow the Cricket Club the utilization of a cricket field. The City of Corpus Christi will install the cricket field at the Greenwood Sports Complex, located at 4033 Greenwood Drive.

A stated objective of the 10-Year Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan is to expand recreational facility offerings/access to park amenities to meet the interests of City residents. This first cricket field will expand

recreational offerings to a new population segment and will further help promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity.

Expanding recreational facility offerings will encourage sports tourism by allowing cricket teams to travel from areas such as Houston, Austin, and San Antonio to participate in tournaments, providing increased revenue for hotels and restaurants. The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to providing quality, affordable enrichment programs for all ages and interests.



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17. Public persona
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20. Happened upon
21. Projectionist's unit
23. City on the Trinity River
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26. Turtle cover
28. Came down to earth
30. Daughter of Tethys, in
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34. "Spoil the child" front
38. Mine piece
39. Glossary entry
40. Genetic letters
41. State with conviction
42. Catchall abbr.
43. "Three's a crowd" front
47. Capital near the Caspian
49. Chronological brinks
50. Honey badger
52. It arrives before
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or space
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66. Grimace
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69. Scratched (out)
70. It's pointless in the
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3. Colored marble
4. Cribbage marker
5. Clinically clean
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7. Sacred cows?
8. What boys will be
9. Popular design style
of the 1920s
10. Spiny, treelike
cactus
11. Make one's pitch?
12. Uttar Pradesh city
13. Kiddie litter?
19. Beat on
22. One way out
25. Place in an Orwell
title
27. Roman lyric poet
29. Seat of kings
31. Unstable star
32. Hemoglobin
component
33. Moist, as grass in
the morning
34. Proofer's
"nevermind"
35. Name used in
exclamations
36. Place for a
keystone
37. The two for none
41. Church recess
43. Vandalize
44. Power supply
45. No longer in love
with
46. Liltng
48. Ate away
51. Souper-upper?
53. Weathercocks
54. Tennis Hall of
Famer
55. Puts one within
another
56. Vertex
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inlet
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63. Count a few sheep
65. Santa ____ winds

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- Suspicious Person
- 11800 block SPID 1 p.m. December 17
- Traffic
- 19 Traffic Stop

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- Crimes against Person
- 14300 block SPID Midnight December 17
Physical Altercation
- El Socorro Loop/Sea Pines 4 p.m. December 18
Shots Fired/Deadly Conduct
- Crimes against Property
- 13800 block Topsail 9 a.m. December 14
Burglary
- 14400 block Compass 6 a.m. December 14
Assault
- 16100 block Seagrape Noon December 19 Theft
of Services
- 14000 block Fortuna Bay 4 p.m. December 16
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- Disturbance
- 13800 block Halyard 11 a.m. December 18
- 13900 block Blackbeard 10 p.m. December 16
- 14300 block SPID 2 p.m. December 16
Violation of Court Order

- 14200 SPID 4 p.m. December 12
- 14500 block Compass 9 p.m. December 13
- Finistere/Whaler 11 p.m. December 17 Noise
Ordinance Violation
- Suspicious Person
- 15100 block Barataria 8 a.m. December 16
- 13600 block Moro 10 p.m. December 15
- 15600 block Finistere 1 a.m. December 18
- 15400 block Fortuna Bay Midnight December 16
- 14200 block Tamarisk 6 p.m. December 15
- Traffic
- 102 Traffic Stop
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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports. Images of individual field notes are available upon request from the TPWD press office.

Does Your Mother Know That You're Out?

Tom Green County Game Wardens patrolled a city street late at night, when a white vehicle sped by in a 40-mph zone. The warden sped up to catch the vehicle and finally paced him at 60-mph. The warden attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver evaded. Once pursued, the suspect drove down a residential alley and crashed into a garage. The suspect abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot. No one on scene was injured. Multiple agencies responded to assist with the crash and search for the suspect. During the investigation, wardens could hear the suspect's cell phone ring over and over. Once in the vehicle, they found the cell phone connected via Bluetooth. The phone continued to ring as they gathered evidence. Eventually, wardens along with their city police counterparts answered the phone. The caller identified herself as the suspect's mother. Believing the officers were buddies of her adult child and playing a joke on her, she identified the suspect and demanded to speak with them. Wardens explained the situation and discovered that over the years, the suspect accumulated multiple felony warrants. Charges pending.

Don't Fence Me In

Local ranch managers notified local Polk County Game Wardens that an individual, well known in the area for stirring up trouble, trespassed on their property multiple times in the past few months. The landowner turned over footage from multiple game cameras showing the suspect riding through the property on a homemade ATV. Eventually, the ranch managers caught him in the act and tried to hold him at gunpoint. They were unsuccessful and the suspect fled into the woods, leaving behind his homemade ATV. Concerned the trespasser was utilizing the unusual route to deal drugs in a neighboring subdivision, one of the wardens drove to the suspect's home. Once there, he spotted the suspect outside with two other males. The warden requested backup from a county deputy since the suspect had a track record of fleeing law enforcement. When the deputy arrived, the suspect was working on a vehicle in the yard. Together, they questioned the suspect, who stated he was unaware that he had been trespassing. The warden informed the suspect that he was trespassing because he crossed a fence as well as other barriers into a property that did not belong to him. The suspect was then arrested without incident and booked into the county jail. Case pending.

What Happens in Vegas ...

Patrolling for wildlife violations, Harris County Game Wardens observed a flashlight beam in the woods and a truck operating erratically on an adjacent private easement road. The wardens stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. Wearing full camouflage, the driver exited the vehicle immediately with his hands up. What appeared to be a potential road hunting case quickly changed when the driver

and their partner stated that they lived nearby and were investigating a prowler after an alert from their farm dogs. The wardens confirmed their house was located just 200 yards away from where the couple stopped. While interviewing the driver, a loaded revolver was located on the center console. A serial number check revealed that the pistol was stolen during a 2006 burglary in Las Vegas. The driver stated he couldn't remember if he was given the pistol or purchased it but denied any knowledge that it was stolen. With no independent charges to file or evidence that the driver was involved or had knowledge of the theft, the couple were released from the scene and the pistol was seized for return to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

When Doves Cry

While patrolling late at night, a Bastrop County Game Warden heard multiple shots from a nearby property. As he arrived, a truck exited the property, and he initiated a traffic stop. He immediately recognized the driver as a convicted felon he had previously arrested twice. The driver admitted to multiple guns in the truck and claimed they belonged to the passenger. However, the passenger could not answer basic questions on the firearms like how many or what kind they were. The warden also recovered a fish shocker in the backseat and two freshly killed mourning doves in the bed of the truck. The individuals claimed the doves had somehow fallen out of a tree and into the truck. Altogether, the warden seized seven firearms, one shocking device and two mourning doves. Dispatch confirmed one of the firearms was stolen. The male subject was arrested for unlawful possession of firearms by a felon and possessing a shocker within a half-mile from public water. The female passenger was arrested on 11 outstanding warrants.

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

After assisting with a manhunt, a Falls County Game Warden was returning home when another vehicle changed lanes abruptly, almost striking his patrol vehicle. The warden initiated his emergency lights for a traffic stop but it took almost a mile for the driver to pull over to the shoulder. Upon contact, he noticed the driver was under the influence. During the standard field sobriety test, the driver asked several times if he could just be taken home or if someone could pick him up. The warden explained that the test revealed an absolute level of intoxication (three times the legal limit) and he was going to be arrested for driving while intoxicated. The driver became very emotional and sat down on the shoulder, refusing to be placed in the patrol vehicle. With the assistance of a deputy, the warden spoke with the driver for a few minutes and the driver finally agreed to get in the deputy's patrol vehicle. Once at the jail, staff immediately recognized the driver. Just the week before, the driver had been arrested and released for another driving while intoxicated charge.

Young Island Artists Show Their Work

Winter-themed work on display at Harte Library in Flour Bluff throughout December

The work of young local artists is on display at the Winter Art Show at Harte Library in Flour Bluff. Thirty-nine artists took part and their work, which has a winter theme, will be up through the end of December. The artists are from Seashore Middle School, Flour Bluff ISD, and Corpus Christi ISD, and community artists. Photos submitted by Shannon Trial



Gloria Harris, Flour Bluff



Lydia Harris, Flour Bluff



Jake Reyna, Seashore Middle School



Jack Reyna, Seashore Middle School

BBB Scam Alert: Reports of employment scams in Texas increase since October

The holidays are a great time for family and friends to come together and enjoy one another's company, taking a break from the regular hustle and bustle of life. However, every year introduces new challenges to the holiday season, and 2022 is no different. Still reeling from the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic, Texas residents are having to compete with a whole new type of beast standing between them and their holiday plans this year – rising costs driven by historic inflation rates. While coming together can be relaxing once everyone is under one roof, many Texans are learning that the planning, cost and logistics of doing so is often a stressful experience, compounded by higher prices. Between holiday gifts, Thanksgiving food, Friendsgiving parties and the cost of travel, residents are stretching their wallets and savings accounts to, and often past, the limit. To help offset the additional purchases this time of the year, picking up a side hustle or seasonal job may be even more appealing than it has been previously, especially ones that only require a few hours a week. Unfortunately, Better Business Bureau continues to receive multiple reports of fraudulent employers scamming Texans out of their time, money and personal information. “In the past two months alone, Better Business Bureau has received nearly 100 reports of employment scams from Texas residents,” said Heather Massey, vice president of communications for Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. “Last week, we exceeded the total number of reports BBB received in 2021 from Texas residents, and we still have the rest of December to go.” Nearly one-third of all employment scams reported to BBB by Texas residents in 2022 have been submitted since Oct. 1, 2022, with \$34,000 in total losses. While these scams often impersonate a variety of well-known and reputable businesses, the positions they offer are most often remote working opportunities in data entry, customer service or package reshipment. Many jobseekers who encounter an employment scam receive an offer immediately after a brief interview, if one is conducted at all, communicating primarily through text on a web-based app such as Telegram or Zoom. In late November, one San Antonio-area resident was offered a position working as a “Real Estate Researcher” after submitting a Google form application to a supposed recruiter. Their job duties were to answer short three or four question Google forms about properties located in their area, and then await their next assignment. Shortly after submitting the first form, the resident became suspicious of the organization's legitimacy and submitted a resignation letter. Despite this, the employer emailed their next assignment, along with instructions on how to cash a check they should be receiving through the mail in the next few days. The instructions were very detailed, cautioning the recipient not to use any other institution to cash the check other than their personal bank. “Fake checks and overpayment schemes are very common tactics in an employment scam,” said Massey. “Eventually, when the check you deposit is detected as a fake, the victim is liable for however much money they took out of their account. In an overpayment scheme, the fake employer asks for some of the money back before the bank has had time to verify it is authentic.”

To help jobseekers steer clear of employment scams, Better Business Bureau provides the following tips:

- 1. **Some positions are more likely to be scams.** Be wary of package reshipment, secret shopper positions, and any jobs with generic titles such as caregiver, administrative assistant, or customer service representative. Job positions that do not require special training or knowledge appeal to a wide range of applicants, which scammers use to cast a wider net for potential victims. If the job posting is for a well-known company, check the company's career page to see if the position is legitimate. It may be a scam if the jobseeker can find the posting in multiple cities with the exact same wording.
- 2. **Beware aggressive employment offers.** Any pressure to sign or onboard immediately indicates that the company may not be legitimate. Choosing a place to work is an important decision that most legitimate companies understand requires time to consider. Be especially wary if the position is offered without an interview or promises a significant income if the employee pays for coaching, training or certifications.
- 3. **Do not deposit unexpected or suspicious checks.** Be cautious with whom and how you share your personal information, such as banking information. Do not fall for an overpayment scam. Legitimate companies will not overpay an employee and ask for compensation by requiring money to be wired elsewhere.
- 4. **Get contracts in writing.** Employee requirements, qualifications and job duties should be in writing. If using a recruiting service, it should provide a complete contract for the cost of their services, what it includes, who pays for their efforts (either the jobseeker or employer) and what happens if the recruiter fails to find a position.
- 5. **Evaluate work-from-home opportunities.** The transition to remote work has created many opportunities for both legitimate and fraudulent businesses. While many work-from-home job openings are legitimate, it is essential to critically evaluate the hiring process of any company offering this type of employment. Be wary of companies that require the applicant to download a specific mobile app to communicate, conduct the entirety of the interview through text or chat, or do not provide a physical address for the business. BBB recommends verifying that the address matches the business and that the phone number is in service. It is a common practice for scammers to use addresses for residential homes or other companies and a phone number that is either fabricated or not in service.



Botanical Gardens Christmas by Debbie Noble

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour

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My *Mermaid Gal* and I are on vacation in Mexico this week so here's one from the archives around 2009.

Long ago and far away...



RN with the Toman Brothers & Gary Stewart at the Rose Palace, San Antonio, 1989

Something drives me to write about a place and time, another lifetime ago, when I was growing up in the bars of Austin and being privy to a music explosion. When I was a college student at U.T. in 1975 I was thrown to the wolves one Saturday night at the steak joint I was waiting tables at, and became a bartender right then and there. That was right around the time "liquor by the drink" became legal in Texas. The steak joint was called *Montana Mining Company* and the weekend music provided was no less than **Steven Fromholtz** and **Alan Damron**. I remember serving drinks to **Richard O'Hair** and listening to his stories of being a CIA operative in Mexico, until his wife the famous atheist, **Madeline Murray**, would drag him off of the bar stool by his ear in full huff.

Texas Chili Parlor...

Having earned the title as a real bartender, the next job I got was at the *Texas Chili Parlor*. This was in the heyday of the cosmic cowboy invasion of Austin. **Candy Kicker**, the KOKE FM dj was a good friend of mine as was her husband the renowned outlaw journalist, **Nelson Allen**. I did some serious growing up at the Chili Parlor making mad dog margaritas for likes of **Guy Clark** and **Hunter Thompson**. Gary "Jap" Cartwright, the *Texas Monthly* writer, got married one night back in the kitchen where we cooked the chili. It wasn't uncommon to have a full bar of musicians, writers, artists and actors all



Ronnie with Lavelle White and Sugar Bear in Paris 1995

either gathering material or polishing up their acts. One of the bartenders I worked with, **Eric Anderson**, told me about a new blues bar that was about to open downtown and they were looking for bartenders. That's when I went to work for **Clifford Antone**.

Antone's Nightclub...



RN & James Cotton 1993

Antone's in 1975 was one of only a dozen or less bars on Sixth Street back then. I ended up spending a decade on that street, before it became another French Quarter. But back then, Antone's was among the few breaking ground on an area considered to be the bad part of town. We were on 6th and Brazos, directly across from the Driscoll Hotel. On our short block between Brazos and Congress Avenue was OK Records on one side and Joey's Tavern on the other. On the corner by the alley was the Cat Man Gettin' Down Shine Parlor. The only other places I remember on the street was The Lamplight, The Green Spot, The Ritz Theater, The One Knight, Gordo's Billiards and the Old Pecan Street Cafe. And that was

about it. Ester's Follies was on the horizon. The band **Storm** played the *One Knight* all the time...**Jimmy Vaughan** on guitar, **Denny Freeman** on keys, **Paul Ray** on vocals, **Doyle Bramhall** on drums and **Kieth Furgeson** on bass. Not a bad band. Every one of those guys spawned into other noteworthy bands such as the **Fabulous T Birds** and **The Cobras**, both of which became the house bands at the new Antone's. Clifford would do blues legends on the weekends...**Muddy Waters**, **Buddy Guy**, **Bobby Bland**, **Clifton Chenier**, **B.B. King**, **James Cotton** etc... and play the T-Bird or Cobras the rest of the time. The Cobras had a new guitarist, Jimmy's little brother **Stevie Ray**, playing with them. Stevie was the pain-in-the-rear new kid that lived around the corner and always needed a ride to the gig that night. He did pretty well for himself.

Armadillo World Headquarters...



Augie Meyers, Jimmy Spacek, Butch Morgan, Bobby Rlos, Rocky Morales at Lab in San Antonio 1999.

All of this is at a time when the *Armadillo World Headquarters* was peaking and doing shows like **Ray Charles**, **Commander Cody**, **Grateful Dead**, **The New Riders of the Purple Sage**, **Maria Muldair**, **Bette Midler**, **The Pointer Sisters**, or **Jerry Jeff Walker**, etc. **Greezy Wheels** became their house band. Elsewhere, *Soap Creek Saloon* was doing stuff like **The Meters**, **Delbert McClinton** or **Doug Sahm** and *Castle Creek Saloon* would have the likes of **Townes Van Zandt**, **Lightning Hopkins**, **Ramblin' Jack Elliot**, **Leon Redbone** or **Mance Lipscomb**. I'd be failing my duties here if I didn't mention **The Split Rail** and many a night listening to **Frieda and the Firedogs**, **Alvin Crow** or **Kenneth Threadgill**.

Wild time in early Austin...

Music was abound and I was right in the middle of it. I took for granted that I was within an entire population of artists. I guess I figured that everyone could play ping pong backstage at the 'Dillo with **Boz Scaggs** or poker until dawn with **Albert King**. Townes taught me to play street craps at his apartment in Clarksville while **Joe Ely** was crashing on my floor in South Austin, trying to get a gig and get discovered. I was raised in Lubbock and have known the whole *Flatlander* regime since dirt. I had the only running car, "The Slugmobile", in the household and would have to drop Joey off on the Drag to play for tips, some days. That friendship ended me up in some wild situations throughout the years like the night he got home from touring Europe with the **Clash** and we ended up at *Donna's Club* at sunrise playing pool for money and using an onion for an 8 ball.

Pay attention boy...



Matt Hole and the Hot Rod Gang will play Red's Riviera on New Years Eve.

I'll never forget the night at Antone's when I was setting up the bar for a big show, I think it was **Jimmy Reed**. The other two bartenders and I were horsing around as we prepped when Clifford Antone came up to us. He had a serious tone about him, "You boys need to pay attention. You think these shows happen everywhere all the time? Some day there won't be any more **Muddy Waters** or **Elmore James**' shows. I just hope one of you is paying attention."

Something right then moved me and changed me forever. So I did...pay attention.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Doug Sahm & the Westside Horns at the Melo Malo in Amsterdam 1995



Lazy Lester in Sao Paulo, Brazil 1994

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday,

December 22

Ron Baker & John Dunnaway @ Island Wine
Darren McGill @ Packery Bar
Acoustic Open Mic @ Rockport Little Theater
Updog, New Ends, Mattman @ House of Rock
Falco & the Wolf @ Executive Surf Club
Eric Graham @ Brewster Southside
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's

Friday,

December 23

Afterglow @ Sugar Shack Fulton
Alley Catz @ Rockit's
AudioBox @ Pelican
Ty Dietz @ Packery Bar
John Cortez @ Executive Surf Club
Trisum @ Brewster Southside
Jarrod Birmingham @ Brewster Downtown
Kevin Fowler @ Gruene Hall
Afterglow @ Sugar Shack Fulton

Saturday,

December 24

BELT SANDER RACES (3 PM) @ Gaff
Afterglow @ Sugar Shack Fulton
Michael burtt @ Packery Bar

Christmas,

December 25

Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's
Jerry Ward @ Pelican

Monday,

December 26

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday,

December 27

Dan Sullivan @ Lelo's
Open Mic @ House of Rock
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Jerry Ward @ Pelican

Wednesday,

December 28

Singer Songwriter Open Mic @ Island Wine
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21
Art Barrera @ Pelican
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Open Mic @ Executive Surf Club

Thursday,

December 29

Ron Baker & John Dunnaway @ Island Wine
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Friday,

December 30

The Groove @ Rockit's
Robin Blue @ Scuttlebutt's
The Daze @ Pelican
Michael Burtt @ Packery Bar
Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club
Nobodyz @ House of Rock
Michael Perez @ Brewster Southside
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

New Year's Eve,

December 31

Matt Hole @ Red's Riviera
Barbara Janice, Free Beer Band @ Island Wine
The Groove @ VFW
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Splendiferous @ Rockit's
Another Level @ Brewster Street
Downtown
Jerry Ward & the Dirty Birds @ Pelican
CBDB's @ Exchange

Sunday,

January 1, 2023

Black Eyed Pea Off @ Gaff
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's

Monday,

January 2

Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Tuesday,

January 3

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

Wednesday,

January 4

Open Mic @ Executive Surf Club

Thursday,

January 5

Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's

Friday,

January 6

Eclipse @ Cassidy's Pub
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Saturday,

January 7

Rage Against the Machine tribute: Down with the Machine @ House of Rock

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