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Flamingo in flight at LTBC By Tricia Peck Scow



By Dale Rankin

The big news Around The Island this week was the announcement by the Texas Lottery Commission that a \$2 million lottery scratch off ticket was sold at the HEB store in Flour Bluff. Not surprisingly the winner has chosen to remain anonymous, possibly to avoid loan applications from relatives. Here on this side of the Laguna high tides have inundated the recently-widened beach along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall and Whitecap Beach pushing water to the foot of the seawall and dunes along with beachgoers clinging to the last stretch of dry beach. Whether the beach will return to its width after sand from the recent dredging project in Packery Channel was used to widen it beyond the 150 feet required state rules to allow the passage of vehicles remains to be seen.



Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

We are entering the stretch of the Island Calendar when buses full of high-school seniors start rolling in from OTB for their Senior Trips and are now just weeks away from the kick-off of the 2024 Summer Season with Memorial Day with Hurricane Season 2024 on its heels. Time to stock up on plywood for windows and batteries as the Weather Wonks are predicting 23 named storms with five reaching major hurricane season. It's time to reason with hurricane season.

**Commodores Bridge**



As you drive through the Commodores Detour you may notice that work on the water exchange bridge on Commodores Drive is moving quickly as crews this week began installing the sheet piling for the canal that will make the connection between the current canal to the north and the new canals on the Whitecap North Padre Island side. The project is the first of the three remaining that will complete the flow of water through the Island canal system after the recent completion of the Don Patricio Bridge. The last two water connections after the Commodores Bridge are underground water exchange culverts

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# \$175 million in City bonds \$6 million for Island projects

The Corpus Christi City Council met in special session twice this week to discuss a \$175 million bond package to put before voters in November. The package is yet to be finalized but as currently drafted includes two projects for Padre Island, \$1 million for improvements under the JFK Bridge, and \$5 million for improvements to Commodores Park.

## USS City of Corpus Christi Submarine coming home Plans call for it to be displayed at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park

By Dale Rankin

The Los Angeles-class submarine the *USS City of Corpus Christi* is headed toward a permanent home in Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park here thanks the efforts of a local group of submariners known as the *Turtles Base*.

The twenty-nine members of the *Turtles Base* group began work this week to move the sail and the elevators from the ship located at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, to a local warehouse for staging prior



to its permanent move to Sherrill Memorial Park. The remainder of the submarine will not be moved. Once the three pieces of the sail and elevators arrive in Corpus Christi they will be reassembled on site.

The move is the result of a years-long effort to bring the submarine to the town of its namesake after its decommissioning in 2016. The



A community meeting for public input on the bond package is scheduled for Monday, May 13, at the Ethyl Everly Senior Center in Flour Bluff at 6 p.m.

sub was built by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut in 1973. It was originally named the *USS Corpus Christi* but was renamed after complaints from Catholic officials who protested the name which in Latin translated to the *Body of Christ*. The project is totally funded through private donations.

## Manatee spotted in the canals



Photos by By Michael Harwood

## A little South Texas history Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas Founded in 1850

By Dale Rankin

For most of us a driving trip to Mexico these days means a two-hour sojourn to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico for dental work, cheap prescription medicine, or lunch at Arturo's Restaurant. But the little town in the state of Tamaulipas – not the Progreso in the Yucatan – has a rich history going back to 1850 with the founding of Tuluca Ranch which straddled the Rio Grande and the U.S. Mexico border there.



Progreso Post office 1906.

Tuluca Ranch was founded that year by Florencio Saenz who moved there with his seventeen year-old bridge Sostenes Cano.

The word Tuluca is from the Nahuatl word meaning reverence which is the name of the ancient capital of Mexico. In 1903 the northern part of the then 10,000-acre ranch was sold to the American Rio Grande land and Irrigation Company for a vast irrigation project. After discovering that the local clay made fine bricks a kiln was established in 1898 and then a Post Office in 1900 and the name Progreso was born for reasons lost to history.

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## By the numbers... 2024 Bond Package as currently drafted

- Streets**
- \$17 million city wide
  - \$4 million Yorktown from Oso Bridge to Waldron Road. (Flour Bluff)
  - \$6 million Council District 1
  - \$26.5 million Council District 2
  - \$6.5 million Council District 3
  - \$18.7 million Council District 4
  - \$11 million Holly Road construction
  - \$3 million Graham Road (design only)
  - \$3.7 million Tara Subdivision
  - \$1 million JFK Causeway design under the bridge
  - \$17.3 Council District 5
  - \$92 million streets total
- Parks**
- \$34.75 million total for parks
  - \$10 million Oso Golf Center
  - \$2 million Texas State Aquarium parking lot
  - \$8.2 million total parks citywide
  - \$1 million Council District 1
  - \$2.7 million Council District 2
  - \$2.75 million Council District 3
  - \$8 million Council District 4
  - \$5 million for Commodores Park Improvements
  - "Design and construction of phase 1A. Parking lot with lighting concrete tail/sidewalk, work-out stations, shallow bird pond, covered pavilion, birding pergola, playground and pickleball courts with fencing. "
  - \$30 million for Fire Department Projects (none on The Island)
  - \$15 million Police Department Projects (none on The Island)
  - \$3.25 million Public Facilities (none on The Island)



Long time Islander Ralph Glenn Cocker passed away. Obituary continued on page A5





Carl Evan Messina holding our Island Moon in Singapore next to the Merlion and in front of the Marina Bay Sands hotel.



Lee Dockery with her Island Moon at Kylemore Abbey in Ireland.



Kathleen Cullinan took our local weekly paper to Nashville and made a stop at the famous Bluebird Cafe. It is here that hundreds of country artists first got noticed on their way to success.



Happiness increases your mental energy & therefore your success.  
Photo By Riekke Roncinske



Evelyn Monk with daughter in law Terri Monk at Machu Picchu Peru last week.



Life is about perspective and how you look at things. Roseate Spoonbill By Riekke Roncinske



Michael J. Ellis Beach walkers. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



Our Padre Island Parrot Head Club Of CC hosted Bingo for Ronald McDonald House last Wednesday. Fun, prizes and putting some smiles on kids and adults going through so many medical issues staying there. What a wonderful place and staff.



Island coyotes. Photo by Neesy Tompkins

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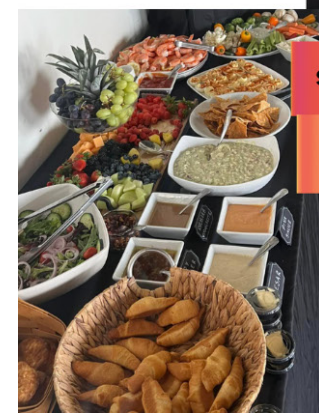
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## Letters to the Editor

**Mr. Dotson Lewis is this year's Nueces County Historical Society Daniel E. Kilgore Award Honoree.**

He will receive the award at the NCHS annual banquet on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Emerald Beach Hotel, 1302 S. Shoreline, Corpus Christi.

The NCHS board of directors in recognition of Mr. Lewis's 20 years of U.S. Army Service during WWII and the Korean War, and local communities' dedicated continuous involvement in sports and other activities, including a founding member of Veteran's Round Table, which meets weekly at Del Mar College to inform and educate Veterans, plus Saturday Morning Veterans Round Table 1440 KEYS Radio show and assisting Veterans to write their Military stories the NCHS, decided to honor him with the D.E. Kilgore award. He will be joining other veterans who have received the prestigious awards. History of the award. Daniel E. Kilgore (1921-1995), a longtime certified public accountant in Corpus Christi was a renowned Texana collector and appreciator of Texas and local history. He was considered one of the state's most avid lay historians. In addition to collecting Texas history literature, Kilgore also produced it. He authored numerous books and reviews and wrote articles for local newspapers.

Good afternoon. I have been a resident homeowner on the island for almost 5-years and often wonder what good is it to have the PIPOA. They serve no apparent service that I or my neighbors can discern. A new home, nearby, was being short-term rented and PIPOA offered no assistance in putting an end to it. Currently an empty lot is being used to store a camper and several boats. I assume for profit in a residential neighborhood. Their response to the complaint was "What's the problem?" One home have as many as eight or nine vehicles parked in their driveways at any one time. Can you offer any assistance to those of us that would like to see the association dissolved on how to proceed?

Thank you, Bradford Gagnon

*Editor's note: Bradford, the PIPOA is often billed as the largest homeowners association in Texas with more than 5000 parcels of property which is in some ways true, however, each parcel belongs to one of 32 individual subdivisions each with their own set of deed covenants. The PIPOA bylaws are an overarching document which governs the PIPOA operation but is "overridden" by the deed covenants in the subdivisions.*

*The question of whether the PIPOA can enforce the covenants in the subdivisions is one which has been debated since Moe Walker was the Executive Director almost two decades ago and ebbs and flows as lawyers for the PIPOA come and go. In recent discussions with members of the PIPOA board and (now former) Executive Director it has been stated that according to the current PIPOA attorney the organization can in fact enforce the covenants, however, the previous PIPOA attorney who is recognized as an authority on state law regarding homeowner associations thought otherwise. At the least that can be argued round or flat.*

*In each case the question of fines, or other punishment for infractions against PIPOA bylaws or subdivision covenants, there is no roster of punishments outlined in PIPOA bylaws in case of infractions making it difficult to mete out punishment that would stand a legal challenge.*

*In the past decade the primary fine levied varied from \$500 to \$1000, against those who are charged with violating rules and an unpaid fine becomes a lien against the*

Dear Dale,

What would be an appropriate length of time between reminding everyone about how much money is being given to ESD-2 and how little they are needed? We broach the subject on what seems like an annual basis but I really believe it would be better to let the property owners know more often how they are being double taxed for emergency services. If my feeble calculations are correct my share will be around \$125.00 this year. I would imagine a majority of

His efforts in preserving and cataloging local history led Mr. Herb Canales, President of NCHS, to create the D.E. Kilgore Local History Award Banquet in 2004. The society established the award in memory of Mr. Kilgore for "recognizing meritorious service to the NCHS and for the promotion and preservation of local and regional history."

The NCHS extends gratuitous membership to veterans for their service to our nation as a small token of respect and appreciation for their sacrifices and service.

NCHS encourages more veterans to participate and share their military stories and experiences.

Respectfully,  
Mr. RudyTejano Pena USN (Ret.)  
NCHS Trustee

### Space Travelers

I had never given it much thought but everybody on earth is a space traveler, due to the fact that the earth spins and rotates once every 24 hours and orbits and circles once every year. This was brought to my attention by the Island Moon Monkey Editor, Dale Rankin in his talks about Dotson Lewis having been around the sun 96 times, which also brought to mind that I have been around it 93 times and like Dotson being the oldest newspaper boy and that he delivers the Island Moon. I was also a newspaper boy in 1942. My route started where Antelope Street crosses Port Avenue and down Port Avenue to Lexington Avenue which is the last street

*property where the infraction took place. While this practice can cloud the title of property at time of sale it does little to incentivize the scofflaw to see the error of his or her ways in the short-term, and a \$1000 fine when a property is sold is of small consequence.*

*About a decade ago when a homeowner built a set of steps which connected to his bulkhead the PIPOA sued him but after \$26,000 in legal fees acquiesced and the matter was dropped. The threat of a lawsuit from the PIPOA since has done little to generate fear in the minds of those who find themselves in alleged violation of PIPOA bylaws.*

*Many of the complaints filed by property owners fall under the jurisdiction of the zoning ordinances of the City of Corpus Christi and where the line between enforcement by the PIPOA and by the city lies has been the subject of much discussion over the years. The city has many more tools for enforcement than does the PIPOA; such as dealing with illegal Short-term rentals and parking violations. While it is not impossible it is highly unlikely that the PIPOA will – or maybe should – enforce those rules as they fall under city code compliance.*

*Historically and continuing through today the main responsibility of the PIPOA is to maintain the structure of Island bulkheads and to that end the organization, according to figures released at the most recent PIPOA board meeting, had the following in the month of March:*

*\$15,476,481 in total assets*

*\$10,825,338 in Cash equivalents*

*That money historically has been set aside in case of catastrophic damage to the bulkheads, and while it varies from year to year about \$500,000 has usually been set aside annually for bulkhead repair and maintenance. As things now stand no funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can be applied for in case of damage to the bulkheads because they are privately owned (by the PIPOA members) and no bonds can be issued through any governmental agency for the same reason. The Michael J. Ellis Seawall is currently in the same position, however, a remedy is being pursued that would address that.*

owners are paying \$200.00+ and some much greater, especially the commercial owners. We have two fire stations on this and Mustang Island and another on Waldron Rd between us and ESD\_2 and really the only time I see ESD-2 is at the Christmas Parade. I'm sure I've missed an occasion or two.

By the way, the city of Corpus Christi is moving quickly to add two new fire stations on the South Side due to growth there. Wouldn't it be lovely to dissolve ESD-2 and provide jobs for them at a new station

before you get to the Port. Part of my route was in Hillcrest. The Caller of the morning and the Times of the afternoon plus the Sunday edition cost 35 cents per week and just the Caller or Times went for 20 cents per week.

I collected for the paper on Saturday morning and a lot of the customers were not home so I would have to go back during the week to collect. Everybody was anxious to get the paper because it was during World War II and everybody wanted to check the war news and those killed or missing in action which was on the front page. If a customer called in that they didn't get their paper I was fined one nickel and did not get free passes to the movies. If I cut somebody off because they didn't pay for the paper and they called in I also got a nickel fine, therefore, I would deliver their paper free so as to get the free movie passes because I also shared the passes with my mother and four sisters. When I and our family lived in Glen Rose, Tx, in 1940 my brother delivered the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram and saved up enough money to buy a used bicycle for five dollars and he let me use it to deliver the papers in Corpus Christi.

My paper boy job ended when the NAS was finished and we moved to Aransas Pass where my dad went to work helping build Crash boats for the Navy in Rockport. Happy space traveling to everybody and enjoy it as much as you can  
Bobbie Kimbrell  
Flour Bluff

*As for dissolving the PIPOA that would be a legal question, but what we have seen done in recent years is a vote by the majority of property owners in a subdivision – Sea Pines – can remove that subdivision from PIPOA membership. Check the bylaws of your particular subdivision for details but in each of the covenants of the various subdivisions there are provisions regarding how to exit the PIPOA.*

*Keep in mind that when the PIPOA was founded and subsequently joined by each of the new subdivisions as they were built out the majority of property was owned by a single ownership group which also then controlled the PIPOA board. Since 2018 that has no longer been the case.*

*One alternative that is available is to form a board in your own subdivision which would in effect supersede the need for the PIPOA and bring governance to a more grassroots level. If that subdivision then removed itself from the PIPOA its board could decide how much, if any, dues would be paid by homeowners which would be kept within that subdivision.*

*A dissolution of the entire PIPOA organization presumably could begin with a vote of a majority – four – of the seven board members. These seats are currently not highly coveted as evidenced by the fact that two new members were recently appointed after the previous members resigned. One thing to consider here, is that if the PIPOA is dissolved what will take its place? Maybe nothing would need to, but if so then what entity maintains the bulkheads going forward? Does that responsibility fall to each individual homeowner? And further, what would happen to the \$15,476,481 in total assets?*

*How to proceed? Keep in mind that moving forward with changes to the PIPOA – as in the case of the Short-term rental language on the last PIPOA ballot – requires a 51% vote by members in each of the separate subdivisions not 51% of the aggregate PIPOA members. Start with a meeting of homeowners in your subdivision and go from there.*

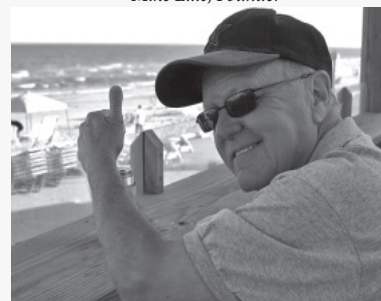
*We hope that answers your question.*

### RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER?

Again, how often should we beg for something to be done to get rid of the extra tax? It's three cents per \$100 as you know. I have forgotten the average value of properties on the island but with the values going up every year it means they get more money every year for doing the same parade. Last year I think every property value on the island went up about \$100,000 so the ESD-2 tax went up automatically. It went up again this year.  
Rick Self

## Moon Monkeys

Mike Ellis, Founder



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# Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis



## The Tokyo War Crimes Trials Part 1

*Dotson's Note: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE), also known as the Tokyo Trial and the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, was a military trial convened on 29 April 1946 to try leaders of the Empire of Japan for their crimes against peace, conventional war crimes, and crimes against humanity, leading up to and during the Second World War. The IMTFE was modeled after the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg, Germany, which prosecuted the leaders of Nazi Germany for their war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity.*



Following Japan's defeat and occupation by the Allies, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, United States General Douglas MacArthur, issued a special proclamation establishing the IMTFE. A charter was drafted to establish the court's composition, jurisdiction, and procedures; the crimes were defined based on the Nuremberg Charter. The Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal was composed of judges, prosecutors, and staff from eleven countries that had fought against Japan: Australia, Canada, China, France, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States; the defense consisted of Japanese and American lawyers.

The Tokyo Trial exercised broader temporal jurisdiction than its counterpart in Nuremberg, beginning from the 1931 Japanese invasion of Manchuria. Twenty-eight high-ranking Japanese military and political leaders were tried by the court, including current and former prime ministers, cabinet members, and military commanders. They were charged with fifty-five separate counts, including the waging wars of aggression, murder, and various war crimes and crimes against humanity (such as torture and forced labor) against prisoners-of-war, civilian internees, and the inhabitants of occupied territories; ultimately, 45 of the counts, including all the murder charges, were ruled either redundant or not authorized under the IMTFE Charter. The Tokyo Trial lasted more than twice as long as the better-known Nuremberg trials, and its impact was similarly influential in the development of international law; similar international war crimes tribunals would not be established until the 1990s.

By the time it adjourned on November 12, 1948, two defendants had died of natural causes and one, Shūmei Ōkawa, was ruled unfit to stand trial. All remaining defendants were found guilty of at least one count, of whom seven were sentenced to death and sixteen to life imprisonment.

Thousands of other "lesser" war criminals were tried by domestic tribunals convened across Asia and the Pacific by Allied nations, with most concluding by 1949. Due to U.S. government intervention, the trials failed to bring to justice imperial Japanese leaders responsible for Unit 731.

### Creation Of The Court



The judges (July 29, 1946)

On January 19, 1946, MacArthur issued a special proclamation ordering the establishment of an International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE). On the same day, he also approved the Charter of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (CIMTFE), which prescribed how it was to be formed, the crimes that it was to consider, and how the tribunal was to function. The charter generally followed the model set by the Nuremberg trials. On April 25, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the CIMTFE, the original Rules of Procedure of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East with amendments were promulgated.



Above, view of the Tribunal in session, the bench of judges is on the right, the defendants on the left, and the prosecutors in the back. Following months of preparation, the IMTFE convened on April 29, 1946. The trials were held in the War Ministry office in Tokyo.

On May 3th, the prosecution opened its case, charging the defendants with crimes against peace, conventional war crimes, and crimes against humanity. The trial continued for more than two and a half years, hearing testimony from 419 witnesses and admitting 4,336 exhibits of evidence, including depositions and affidavits from 779 other individuals.

The Allies established three broad categories:

- "Class A" charges covered crimes against peace, that is, waging a war of aggression against other nations, and only applied to Japan's top leaders who had planned and directed the war. Unlike the Nuremberg trials, the charge of crimes against peace was a prerequisite to prosecution—only those individuals whose crimes included crimes against peace could be prosecuted by the Tribunal.
- "Class B" charges covered conventional war crimes, that is, violations of the laws of war in which only enemy and neutral nationals can be the principal victims, such as the Rape of Nanking, the attack on the neutral U.S. at Pearl Harbor without warning, or the Bataan Death March.
- "Class C" charges covered crimes against humanity, that is, systematic violence, deportation, or enslavement of any civilian population in time of peace or war, or persecutions on political or racial grounds in the execution of or in connection with any foregoing crimes. This category was created mainly to address atrocities committed by a state against its own nationals or allied citizens, such as Japan's use of Korean and Taiwanese subjects as forced laborers and comfort women.

*Dotson's Other Note: The indictment accused the defendants of promoting a scheme of conquest that: Contemplated and carried out, murdering, maiming and ill-treating prisoners of war and civilian internees ... forcing them to labor under inhumane conditions ... plundering public and private property, wantonly*



## Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

It was approaching midnight in Drumright, Oklahoma, last Saturday and I was watching the coverage of the tornado cells that were sweeping across the state by the Stormchasers at the station in Tulsa where I once worked. I always considered Stormchasers as guys who lived in their mother's basement eleven months out of the year and crawled out in the spring for their moment in the sun – or the drizzle as it were.

"We've got rotation!" they scream with just a little too much enthusiasm as we briefly see the outline of a wedge cloud backlit with sheet lightning. "We're going to try and get a little closer."

### Gadgets, whirligigs, and antennas



Damage along IH 35.

I have lived around tornados all my life as a small child and later when visiting or working in tornado country and I have learned that they move in predictable patterns from southeast to northwest and if you stay south of them you are generally safe. The station where I worked had about a dozen Stormchasers that each spring would appear seemingly out of nowhere in their vans with gadgets, whirligigs, and antennas sticking out and they would head for the Texas panhandle in a mosquito fleet dressed in camo, armed with an ice chest full of energy drinks, and radios since they couldn't always depend on cell towers. Over the years the coverage has changed as cell service got better and the ability to broadcast live while driving upped the game. Watching people chase tornados across the Great Plains was a poor man's California car chase which didn't require a helicopter, only a van with some gadgets and a basement to live in. In some ways watching Stormchasers was better because unlike car chases the schedule was predictable; you didn't have the randomness of some knucklehead in Anaheim stealing a car, no come spring the game was on.

### The money shot

These guys would chase storms across the Texas panhandle into southwestern Oklahoma and right on across the state and into Kansas and Missouri then turn around and head back to Texas to start all over. The payoff was the thrill of the chase and a moment in the sun as they were interviewed live by the weatherman who was high and dry in studio B. The Holy Grail then was a money shot of a storm picking up a trailer house or blowing up a hay barn that could be sold at a premium to the network but now that has been replaced with live video directly to the internet with each Stormchaser pushing his own brand.

"If you liked that shot of the tornado tearing up downtown don't forget to click "like?"

### Keister closet

I was in Drumright for the funeral of my 102year old aunt Alene which had happened Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church where for decades she had played piano. I had heard all the stories about her and the family surviving two tornadoes that destroyed the house where I was staying by huddling in the bathtub with the only walls left standing those of the bathroom. My aunt famously made the local paper showing a glass clock which was the only surviving heirloom that made it through both storms. But the notion of a third hit by a storm was far from my mind. That happens to someone else right?

About that time I hear the voice of the weatherman say, "If you are in Drumright take shelter now! If you are Drumright get as many walls between you and the outside as possible right now!" Well, that got my attention. I ran down the hall and asked my cousin, "Where do we hide?" and she opened the doors on a towel closet in the hall about the size of half a bathtub and said, "My mother always got in here."

"Well, that size is about right," I said. "Because if we squeeze in there we will be balled up just right to kiss our keister goodbye when the storm hits." There was nothing but to cast out fate to the wind as it were so I went back toward the television but before I got there I heard a high-pitched screaming sound that shook the walls and for a moment there I expected the sound of airplanes and falling bombs. I had never been that close to a tornado siren that was meant for me and let me tell you it gets your attention.

The radar image on the television was replaced by a giant yellow box that said "YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER! SHELTER IN PLACE IMMEDIATELY! When they use IMMEDIATE twice they mean business. But rather than shelter in place I decided to shelter in the front yard to see if I could hear a storm coming but the thunder was so loud I couldn't tell if there was a tornado or just thunder so I went back to the television where the giant yellow box had been replaced by a live shot from a Stormchaser in downtown Drumright about five blocks from where I was standing. As the lightning flashed I could see the bottom of a whirling cloud about two hundred feet over Main Street.

"The storm appears to have jumped over Drumright and is headed toward Tulsa," the guy said. "We're going to try to get ahead of it." It was about this time I determined to get out of Oklahoma as fast as I could with no intention of returning during springtime.

### A cursed trip



A day or a lifetime...

It had been a cursed trip up from The Island as my Hertz (Hurts) rental car blew a tire in Bruceville-Eddy and I limped into the Bruceville-Eddy Motor Home Park a Day or a Lifetime. Then my cousin's rent a truck ran over a gas pump somewhere in Mississippi with the threat of a Mississippi Meltdown. It was time to get the heck out of tornado country so the next morning bright and early I headed south only to encounter the Mother of all Traffic Jams on IH 35 just north of the Red. As it turned out a storm had blasted through there the night before ripping up buildings and eventually downtown Sulfur.

I came away with the newfound respect for Stormchasers. They are like lawyers, journalists, and politicians; you don't like them until you need one. But when it comes to whirling storms I will take a hurricane over a nighttime tornado any time. I can see the hurricane coming days ahead of time and head for the Hill Country but when a tornado comes roaring through in the middle of the night there is just enough time to crawl into the towel closet to kiss your keister goodbye.

I'm glad to be back on The Island.



Mississippi Meltdown patched with Oklahoma Chrome.

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*History cont. from A1*

Then in 1915 after several bandit raids Saenz moved to Brownsville turning his ranch over to the U.S. cavalry at Fort Brown who occupied the ranch for over a year. By 1916 there were over 110,957 men stationed along the border and the bandits retreated into Mexico.

Saenz died in 1927 and in 1953 a privately-owned international bridge to Nuevo Progreso was constructed and the town of Nuevo Progreso became a truck stop along the route from the United States to Mexico and began the evolution to the town we know today.

### ***Why is it safe?***

Progreso is the last of the Mexican towns along the Texas border where tourists can safely cross and while the state of Tamaulipas has had its share of cartel-related violence over recent decades the town of Nuevo Progreso has been relatively free of problems after a



*Progreso in 1966*

shootout there more than a decade ago. The manager of a website for businesses in the town who wishes to remain nameless said after that incident business owners in Progreso approached federal authorities who assigned military personnel – often referred to as “Navy” but are in actuality marines – to control access to the city from the south which has made the city safe for Americans to visit. He said that most business owners in the city live on the American side for fear of being kidnapped the businesses flourish under the protection of the Mexico military. Over the past decade the town has become a favorite destination for Winter Texans and year-round Texans as well.



*Progreso today.*



*Toluca Ranch today.*

*Around cont. from A1*

under Aquarius Drive and box culverts under Encantada Avenue where plans for a bridge had to be altered to box culverts due to restrictions due to nearby homes. The Commodores Bridge is set for completion by the end of 2025 when work on the two remaining projects will begin.

### ***Whoop it Up!***

This is the weekend to Whoop it Up for Seashore Charter School at their annual fundraiser this Saturday at Market 37 at 6pm. The fun kicks off at and the theme is Boots and Bling We'll see you there and in the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.

## ***Island obituary***

### **Ralph Glenn Coker**

The world lost a respected, wise and most fair man. Ralph Glenn Coker passed away on April 29, 2024, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

He was born on May 18, 1931, in Gainesville, GA to Rex and Addie (Griffin) Coker. After graduating from Lyman Hall High School, he attended junior college at Young Harris where he excelled in basketball and debate. He joined the army and went to Officers Candidate School in Lawton, OK where he met Berdina “Lea” Aurell. He and Lea had two children, Todd Ashley and Roxanna Patrice. After discharge from the army, he attended Georgia Tech and received a degree in industrial engineering. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He started his career with Texaco in Port Arthur, TX and spent 45 years in the industry working in Tulsa, OK, El Paso, TX and ending as plant manager for the Coastal Refinery in Corpus Christi.

After his first wife passed away, he met and married Kathy (Grantham) Coker. With her he traveled the world, always eager to see a new, beautiful place.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy of 32 years, daughter, Roxanna (Joe) Hoch, daughter of the heart, Marie (Jack) Sullivan, daughter-in-law Linda Coker, sister, Barbara Hames, sister-in-law, Toni (John) Roberts, granddaughters: Alison (Todd) Areya, Leanna (Kyle) Krenik, Joanne Hoch, Nicole (Matthew) Walton, and Taylor Sullivan. He was recently blessed with his great-grandson, Michael, in January of this year and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Todd, and sisters Carolyn, Lanell and Rexann, brothers Quillian and Dennis.

He was most proud of spending 20 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. He often said the military prepared him for his civilian career. After retiring, he became a mentor for SCORE, mentoring



over 300 small business clients. His second career was writing business columns for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times and the Island Moon and the local PIBA newsletter. He compiled these articles into a book, *Best Business Practices*, which was published in 2022.

Visitation will be held at Seaside Memorial Park and Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024. A celebration of life will be held at Island Presbyterian Church, 14030 Fortuna Bay, Corpus Christi, TX on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Private interment to follow at Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank caretakers Jocelyn, Pat and Carina for allowing his wishes to be at home fulfilled.

Flowers are lovely, but helping people was dear to his heart. Donations can be made to CASA of the Coastal Bend, 2602 Prescott, Corpus Christi, TX 78403 or Timon's Ministries, 10501 SPID, Corpus Christi, TX 78418.



## **The Port Aransas Cookbook**

Some of y'all may not be aware but The Port Aransas Cookbook provides private chef and catering services. Our clients are universally delightful. I have not had any form of discord or disappointment with any of them, ever. Of course, we intend to keep it that way by giving folks whatsoever their hearts desire and exceeding their expectations. We really do love our clients. The connection we make with people is the most rewarding aspect of what we do.

Oftentimes we are involved with an elaborate scheme to keep a surprise event unknown to the guest of honor. When there are a dozen people involved, it's a breeze. But when the guest list tops 200 people and then you start accounting for bartenders, DJ's, sound systems, A/V presentations, and all kinds of rental wares....well, it gets a little challenging to keep it all under wraps. But that's part of our job and we've got one like that coming up. So far, so good. I guess it helps that this one's out of town. We'll pass around appetizers of tuna tostados with red pepper aioli and miniature crab cakes with remoulade. We're making a salad of spring mix with miso vinaigrette, grapefruit, and avocado. The main course features a tenderloin carving station with horseradish cream sauce, grilled shrimp, bacon-wrapped French bean bundles, and potatoes au gratin.

A few days after that extravaganza, we've got a little event I'm really looking forward to: dinner for a group of ladies that have been friends for many years and the guest of honor will be celebrating a birthday! The lovely woman organizing this event has worked with me to develop quite the menu. We'll be serving appetizers as the ladies mingle: pan-fried boneless quail breast medallions with port-pomegranate sauce garnished with toasted sesame seeds, brie-stuffed mushroom caps, and shrimp bruschetta. The main course will be pan-seared salmon filets with pho stock reduction, wild rice blend, and blanched asparagus. Is one of the guests making a birthday cake? You know it!

Just this last Saturday, The Port Aransas Cookbook was tasked with providing a deluxe seafood boil for our dear clients Lisa and Will Hawkins. Unbeknownst to their daughter Faith, her boyfriend Ryan Vosburg was going to propose to her. We provided the celebration dinner that had been masquerading as Lisa's mother's day event. It was a small group of thirteen that included both the families. It was just fantastic and such fine people they all are. We served shrimp, crawfish, snow crab, corn, red potatoes, and andouille. I made cocktail sauce, authentic remoulade, and our special garlic-ocean butter. Everyone seemed to enjoy everything, but they were not able to eat it all. There was indeed a copious amount of seafood on-hand. So being ever-resourceful, Sunday morning the clan simply walked to the edge of their backyard on the ship channel and used leftover Cajun-boiled shrimp for bait. The groom-to-be landed this keeper redfish!

You may have heard of a *stage* (pronounced “stahzh”) where a chef - or an aspiring chef - works briefly as an unpaid employee in an established restaurant to gain experience, cred, or try to get a job there. Well, I did a stage once at a sushi restaurant in Los An-

## **Makin' the Donuts**

By Chris Jordan

geles. It mostly involved my getting yelled at in Japanese, but I did learn the basics. So, on a couple of occasions, I have been asked to give sushi-making lessons. It's always a hoot when you bring a bunch of people together to get hands-on with something so time-honored and revered for the skill required. There is usually sake-drinking involved. Of course everyone wants to learn to make *makizushi* (rolls) and I certainly deliver the goods on that. But I like to touch on *temaki* (hand rolls) and some *sashimi* cutting and presentation techniques as well. It's always worth it to bring some of the less common items too like *ankimo* (monkfish liver) and *uni* (sea urchin gonad) for the “oohs”, “aahs”, and “eeks”.

We have some absolutely cherished clients that have had a group cooking class indeterminately “booked” for some time. These folks have a lovely extended family that has attended each of the occasions we've cooked for them. Something I really appreciate with this bunch is they take great care in pairing and sourcing excellent wine. I'm not sure what the nature of the cooking class will be. Perhaps we'll start with “How to Not Screw-up Seafood” and then move into some classical techniques or sauce-making. I'll cover whatever they want! I love these guys! The event is a thoughtful gift to the patriarch from the matriarch. I'm really looking forward to it but do you reckon you guys could pick a damned date already, Donna and Jimmy Shafer?!

We do all kinds of things! A couple of years ago a local chap asked us to cater a unique dinner for his wife's birthday. You see, she *loves* hot dogs. So we set-up a New York street hot dog stand in The Dolphin Room at Cline's Landing. I had Sabrett franks flown-in from New York and we had all the fixin's including chili and sauerkraut. I just love this sort of event where we take something as seemingly pedestrian as the humble hotdog and make it into a whole culinary theme.

We're always looking for that next unexpected thing food-wise. Of course we continue to enjoy serving old favorites, but it's fun to venture into the unexpected every once in a while. If you've got some ideas, hit me up. The weirder, the better.

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*Ryan Vosburg with Dinner Caught on Dinner*

## **Island University Launches Innovative Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Health Degrees**

Looking to meet the ever-evolving public health needs of the Coastal Bend community, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is proud to introduce two new academic programs aimed at preparing future leaders in public health.

Beginning in August 2024, the Island University will offer Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Health degrees, which will provide students with a comprehensive and dynamic education to address the growing challenges in public health in South Texas and beyond. Both programs emphasize experiential learning, with opportunities for internships, fieldwork, and collaboration with community partners. Program admin-

istrators are working to recruit a varied student population that includes those from Texas and other states, working professionals, underrepresented students, and those with backgrounds in the armed forces. Graduates of both programs will be prepared to address current and emerging public health issues, ranging from infectious diseases to health disparities and beyond. The two degrees, which will be housed within the university's College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS), will provide a valuable credential with excellent employment prospects.



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## Nature Notes Island Nesters

By Rebecca Bracken



*An American Oystercatcher nesting on a Texas island.*

*Photo by Alan Wilde*

See the big yellow sign?

Here at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, one of our main focuses is the conservation of shorebirds and their nesting habitat. Some of the most pressing threats to these birds are caused by humans, and so part of our jobs is educating the public on how they can help. Here's a great chance for you to actively help birds, just by staying off some islands!

If you're ever out in Galveston Bay, or in many other bay systems along the coast, you've probably seen the "nesting bird island" signs. Many are quite large and are bright yellow. Some are smaller and less obvious, but are scattered around the many islands in the bays where birds nest each year. The information on these signs is incredibly important; you should take a look at one, from a distance, next time you're out.

These signs state that the marked island is a nesting bird island. They ask that you keep off the island at certain times of the year, and sometimes even say "no trespassing." What these signs indicate is that hundreds, if not thousands, of birds choose to nest on the island each year. We monitor American Oystercatchers and Black Skimmers on many of these islands, but birds such as Brown Pelicans, Roseate Spoonbills, Caspian and Royal Terns, and even Reddish Egrets also nest among the vegetation. These islands are important colonies for these species, and the presence of even one person can be detrimental.

So how do you know if you're too close to an island? First, if it's a "no trespassing" island, keep off! It is illegal to disturb a nesting colony, especially if there is a no trespassing sign posted. Even if you don't

see a sign, if there are birds, please stay off the island and stay a distance away to prevent changes in the birds' behavior.

If you do approach an island, and you see birds running or flying off the ground, you are too close! If a bird flies off its nest because you got too close, there's a chance that its eggs could be damaged or eaten or the eggs could overheat. Some birds are more susceptible to disturbance than others. Terns, for example, nest in large colonies, and all it takes is one person walking through the colony for all the birds to abandon their nests. Many of the species that nest here are of conservation concern, meaning their populations are declining in size, and the loss of even one colony in one year can have catastrophic effects.

We've had reports recently of someone crisscrossing one of the islands in West Galveston Bay where American Oystercatchers, Black Skimmers, Forster's Tern, and Gull-billed Terns nest each year. Last year, something similar happened, and most of the Black Skimmer colony, which generally consists of several hundred birds, abandoned the nesting site. The continued presence of someone fishing and walking around on this island, which has numerous signs indicating that it's a nesting island, has already had an effect on the nesting oystercatchers.

As we continue through the breeding season, we ask you to educate your friends and family on the importance of these nesting bird islands. We hope you enjoy the summer months and have great success in your days fishing, but please do so responsibly and respect the wildlife! Follow all signage, keep your distance, and enjoy the water. Thanks for your help in protecting these awesome birds!

## Skip the Plastic Bag Heroes of the Month



Skip the Plastic's Cleanup Heroes for the month of May are father and daughter Michael and Chaix Rashelle Bratton, who drove down from San Antonio for the recent Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup.

During Michael's career in the U.S. Coast Guard, their family lived in a variety of coastal locations and gained a love for the beach. Chaix explains, "Keeping our beaches clean helps preserve our natural environment and protects our marine life. Anytime we can be part of a beach clean-up, we will be there. For those that can't make a specific beach clean-up, you can still make a difference by picking up trash whenever you're at the beach. Leaving the places you go in better condition than when you get there is a win/win for everyone!"

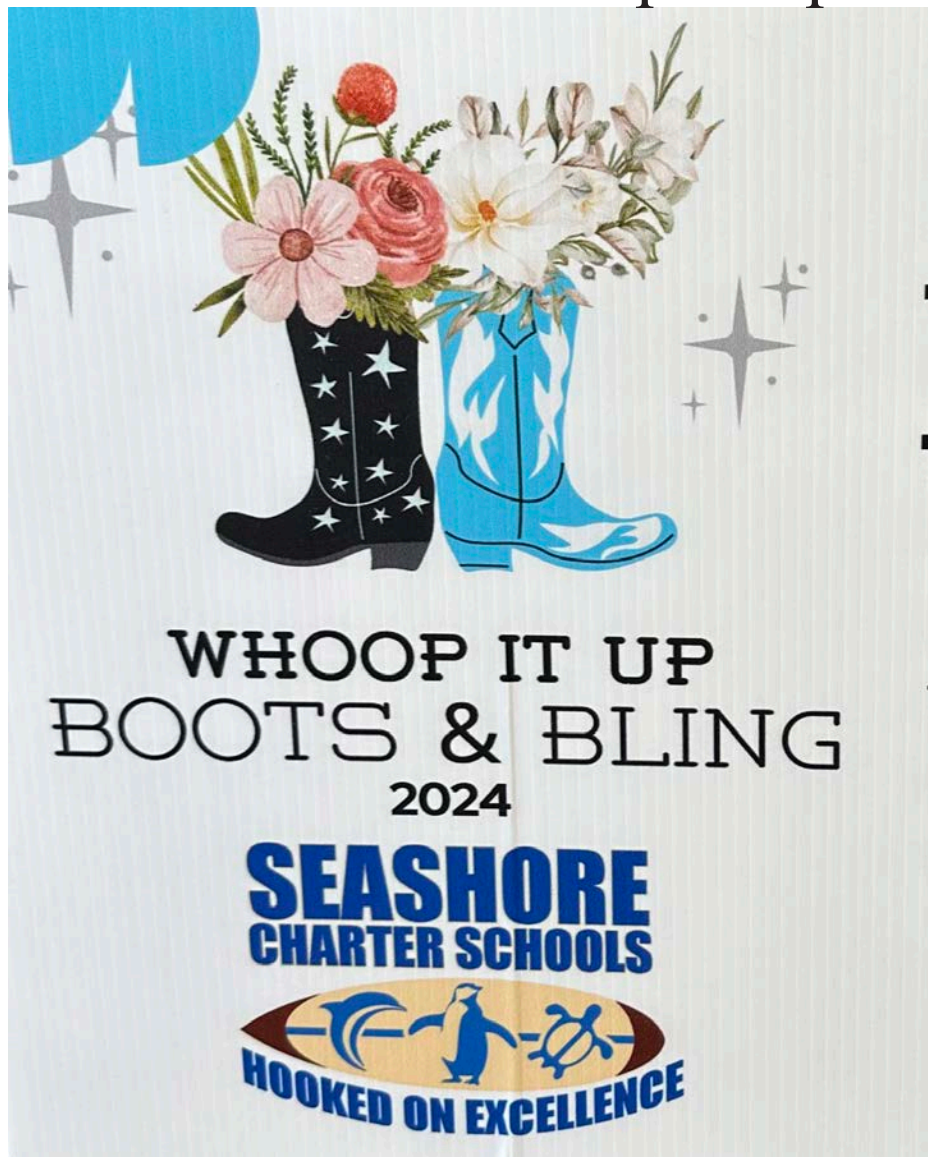


*The annual Birdiest Festival in America flew through town this week with trips throughout South Texas from Port Aransas to the King Ranch.*

*Phots by Debbie Noble*



## It's Time to Whoop it Up!



*Whoop it Up is the premiere Island event supporting the Seashore Charter Schools. As an open enrollment charter school they receive no property tax dollars. They depend on the generosity of sponsors and donors to fund many of their programs. Please go to their Facebook page "Seashore Middle Academy" for a link to buy tickets or donate. The event is on May 4th at Marker 37 Marina.*





Business Briefs

By Mary Craft  
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**Padre Island Poker Club** plays Texas Hold'em at the Hardknocks corner meeting room every Thursday at 7 pm with sign up starting at 6 pm. If you would like to play simply show up. If you have a question or want more info go to their Facebook page.

**The Whitecap Yacht Club** will feature a marina, pool, pool bar, dining facilities and private gathering spaces. It will be for property owners but they currently are working on possibly making it available to others with a membership. It will be adjacent to a state-of-the-art automated drystack boat storage facility near the Don Patricio Bridge. To learn more about the Whitecap development visit the sales center at the corner of Compass and Commodores 10 am - 6 pm Tuesday - Sunday.

**Comedian George Lopez** will be at the American Bank Center on Friday, July 26th 8 pm. Presale is Thursday with code COMEDY and tickets are \$50 - \$100.

**The Annual Cinco de Mayo Tournament** benefitting children with cancer will be held at Packery Channel Mile Marker 210 on Saturday, May 4th. All funds raised will be gifted to this year's recipient 8 year old Alan Urquieta. There will be tournament play in horseshoe, washer, corn hole and volleyball. You can register at Hardknocks on Friday, May 3rd 5 - 8 pm.

**Hardknocks** will be serving moms free dessert of their choice on Mother's Day May 12th.

**CVS Extra Care Plus** saved me already \$400 this year. The cost is \$5/month but it gives you a \$10 off coupon each month so from the get-go you are \$5 ahead. You receive custom deals for products you normally buy, 2% back on all purchases you can redeem on your next purchase, 20% off CVS health brand products and free shipping on online orders. For example, I bought L'Oreal moisturizer that cost \$18 and after using my \$5 off L'Oreal coupon, my two 20% off one full price item coupons where I was able to use both I paid \$8.

**A Beach Barre class** will be given on the beach at MM 216 near the Michael J. Ellis Seawall parking lot for \$15 on Saturday, May 4th 9 - 10 am. Got to waterdog.cc to sign up.



**Padre Island** souvenir shop with the submarine in front has a nice selection of women's linen/cotton clothes and clothes that actually have 60% cotton. They have a small shark head that kids can get pictures taken inside the jaws.

**The Piano Gallery has Piano Summer Camp** for ages 4 - 5, 6 - 10, and 11 - 17. My granddaughters age 6 and 8 just had their first lesson and can already play a song. The weekly camps are two hours for the youngest group and three hours for the others. The cost is \$150 for the pre-schoolers and \$175 for the others. They are located at 4432 SPID. Call 851-0400 for more info or visit their Facebook page.

**The next monthly Cabana Pantry Kids Cooking class** will be on Tuesday, May 7th 4:30 - 5:30 pm and the cost is \$10. The kids will be making queso fresco cheese.

**A \$30 Texas lottery scratch-off game** that won \$2 million was purchased at the HEB in the Bluff this week.

**Barton Street Pub** recently added Silver Strike Bowling video game that's the most popular bowling game. A friend, who is a fan of the game, told me that Vernon's is the only other place with the game so I thought it was a good addition to my column.

**Venetian Hot Plate** in Port A celebrates their 29th anniversary this year. Experience delicious authentic Italian cuisine in a homey casual atmosphere that has a loyal repeat customer base. You can view their menu at their web site. Reservations are definitely recommended and I would suggest going now before the tourist season kicks in. The hours are Tuesday - Saturday 5pm Call 749-7617.



**Kody's on Hwy 361 has Steak Night** on Thursdays 5 pm to close. You can choose a pound of Prime Rib, Twice Baked Potatoes, and a dinner salad or a 12oz Ribeye topped with Fried Onions Strings served with Mashed Potatoes, French Bread and a dinner salad for 23.99. They use certified Angus beef, so you know it's always tender.

**Island Moon Radio** that is on Blake's Morning Show on Thursdays 7 - 9 am is now on retro country 105.9 or 103.3. you can also download the app retroradiocc

**Coastal Blends** is coming to the Bluff this summer on Waldron Road between Little Manila Lumpia House and The Bar & Grill.

The Grand Opening is Saturday, June 22nd They will be serving healthy shakes, energizing teas and protein iced coffees.

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**Those sleek black buses** you have been seeing around this past month are full of high school band members competing here.

Random Stuff

**Bread tie** are color coded for the date they are baked and they are not baked on Wednesdays or Sundays. The colors are alphabetical starting with Monday so it is blue, green, red, white and yellow. Crazy, who would have guessed that.



### Upcoming Election Information

### Important Dates

**May 4th Uniform Election**  
(Appraisal District, Banquete ISD, Bishop Cisd, Calallen ISD)

- **Thursday, April 4th -**  
Last day to register to vote.
- **Monday, April 22nd -**  
**Tuesday, April 30th**  
Early Voting
- **Tuesday, April 23rd -**  
Last day to apply for ballot by mail.
- **Saturday, May 4th -**  
Election Day
- **Saturday, June 15th -**  
Runoff Election, if needed.

**May 28th Democratic and Republican Joint Primary Runoff Election**

- **Monday, April 29th -**  
Last day to register to vote.
- **Friday, May 17th -**  
Last day to apply for ballot by mail.
- **Monday, May 20th -**  
First day of Early Voting.
- **Friday, May 24th -**  
Last day of Early Voting.
- **Tuesday, May 28th -**  
Election Day

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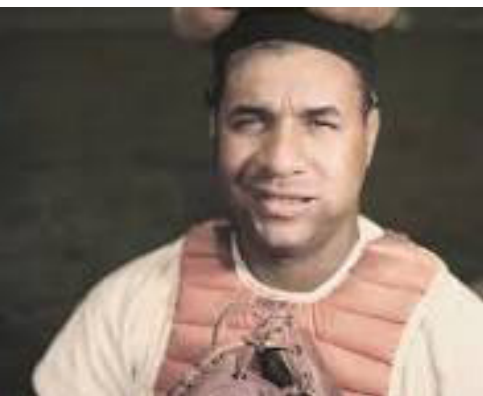
# Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

*Dotson's Note: Roy Campanella nicknamed "Campy", was an American professional baseball player, primarily as a catcher. The Philadelphia native played in the Negro leagues and Mexican League for nine years before entering the minor leagues in 1946. He made his Major League Baseball (MLB) debut in 1948 for the Brooklyn Dodgers, for whom he played until 1957. Thanks to Bill Morgan for the facts and photos contained in this report.*



Roy Campanella was born in Philadelphia on November 19, 1921 to parents Ida, who was African American, and John Campanella, son of Italian immigrants. Roy was the youngest of the four children born to the couple. They first lived in Germantown, and then moved to Nicetown in North Philadelphia, where the children attended integrated schools.

He attended Gillespie Junior High School and Simon Gratz High School, although he left high school before graduating. Because of their mixed-race, Campanella and his siblings were sometimes taunted by other children in school who called them "half-breed". Campanella had athletic gifts that he used to great effect; he was elected captain of every sports team he played on in high school, but baseball was his passion.

Of mixed race, Campanella was prohibited from MLB play as a result of the baseball color line. In 1937, at the age of 15, he began playing Negro league baseball for the Washington Elite Giants on weekends, subsequently dropping out of high school a few months later on his 16th birthday so he could play full time. The Elite Giants moved to Baltimore the following year, and Campanella became a star player with the team until 1945.

During the 1942 season, Campanella left the Baltimore Elite Giants after a spat with owner Tom Wilson. He played the rest of the season and the following 1943 season in the Mexican League with the Monterrey Sultans. Lázaro Salazar, the team's manager, told Campanella that one day he would play at the major league level. Campanella subsequently returned to the Elite Giants for the 1944-45 seasons.

In 1946, Campanella played in the newly formed Venezuelan Professional Baseball League on the Sabios de Vargas team, which he was co-coach and led to the league championship.

Campanella moved into the Brooklyn Dodgers' minor league system in 1946 as the Dodger organization began preparations to break the MLB color barrier with Jackie Robinson. His easy-going personality and strong work ethic were credited with his being able to move successfully between the races. Although Branch Rickey considered hiring Campanella to break baseball's color barrier, Rickey ultimately decided upon Robinson.

For the 1946 season, Robinson was assigned to the Montreal Royals, the Dodgers' affiliate in the Class AAA International League. On March 18, 1946, Campanella signed a contract to play for Danville Dodgers of the Illinois-Indiana-Iowa League. After the general manager of the Danville Dodgers reported that he did not feel the league was ready for racial integration, the organization sent Campanella and pitcher Don Newcombe to the Nashua Dodgers of the Class B New England League, where the Dodgers felt the climate would be more tolerant. The Nashua team thus became the first professional baseball team of the 20th century to field a racially integrated lineup in the United States.

Campanella's 1946 season proceeded largely without racist incidents, and in one game Campanella assumed the managerial

## Roy Campanella- Baseball Player

duties after manager Walter Alston was ejected. Campanella was the first African American to manage White players of an organized professional baseball team. Nashua was three runs down at the time Campanella took over. They came back to win, in part due to Campanella's decision to use Newcombe as a pinch hitter during the seventh inning; Newcombe hit a game-tying two-run home run.



Campanella-1953

Jackie Robinson's first season in the major leagues came in 1947, and Campanella began his MLB career with the Brooklyn Dodgers the following season, playing his first game on April 20, 1948. In later years, Robinson and his wife sometimes stayed with the Campanella family during some ballgames because adequate hotels for blacks could not be found in the city.

After spending most of the beginning of the 1948 season on the bench, Campanella was assigned to the Saint Paul Saints, the Dodgers' affiliate in the Class AAA American Association, where he resided in the Rondo neighborhood. On May 18, Campanella become the first person to break the color barrier in the American Association when he entered a game. By early July, after having success against the league's pitching, he returned to the Dodgers.

Campanella stayed at the Major League level and played for the Dodgers from July 1948 through 1957 as their regular catcher. In 1948, he had three different uniform numbers (33, 39, and 56) before settling on 39 for the rest of his career.

Campanella was selected to the All-Star Game every year from 1949 through 1956. With his 1949 All-Star selection, he was one of the first four African Americans so honored. (Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe and Larry Doby were also All-Stars in 1949.) In 1950 Campanella hit home runs in five straight games; the only other Dodgers to homer in five consecutive games are Shawn Green (2001), Matt Kemp (2010), Adrián González (2014-15), and Joc Pederson (2015). Below, Campanella with teammates Jackie Robinson and Jim Gilliam in Japan 1956.



*Dotson's Other Note: Campanella received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award in the National League three times: in 1951, 1953, and 1955. In each of his MVP seasons, he batted more than .300, hit more than 30 home runs, and had more than 100 runs batted in. His 142 RBI during 1953 exceeded the franchise record of 130, which had been held by Jack Fournier (1925) and Babe Herman (1930). Today it is the second most in franchise history, Tommy Davis breaking it with 153 RBI in 1962. That same year, Campanella hit 40 home runs in games in which he appeared as a catcher, a record that lasted until 1996, when it was exceeded by Todd Hundley. During his career, he threw out 57% of the base runners who tried to steal a base on him, the highest by any catcher in major league history. Campanella had five of the seven top caught stealing percentages for a single season in major league history.*

TO BE CONTINUED



By Andy Purvis

## His Last Five Dollars

The year was 1937, in Oakland, California. He and his wife, Valeria were dead broke, down to their last five dollars. It had taken all they had to make the trip from Texas and pay the entry fee. But luck, with a little skill, was on his side, and the gods of golf smiled down on him that week-end. Although he only placed second in the tournament, the prize money came to \$380.00 cash. He has always said that it was enough incentive to keep him after his game. The old saying is that if you want to do something you have never done; then do something that everyone else does not want to do-- *practice*. So, practice he did. "It made me feel like a hundred-dollar bill in a two-dollar wallet," he said. He was not a natural, rarely spoke on the golf course, and constantly worked on his game to get better. So, over and over and over again, he practiced, and played without the use of a glove. He claimed it helped him with the feel of the club when striking the ball. He could not wait to get up in the morning to practice. It was at practice that he learned to fine-tune his swing. He claims to have never had a lesson, but learned by watching others play. He watched the way they swung their clubs and the way they would strike their golf ball. He was once asked why he practiced so much and worked so hard. His answer, "I was trying to make a living." He had already failed several times to make the tour, but he loved the game of golf and continued to persevere. He may have invented practice as we know it today. I think every great athlete has a bit of a mean streak, and we sometimes confuse that with being competitive. He was competitive and turned pro for the first time in 1929, as a 17-year-old kid. With little more than pocket change, he chased that little white ball all over the country. He did not win his first PGA tour event until 1940, a full eleven years after turning pro. For those of us who like golf, it was worth the wait.

William Ben Hogan was born in Dublin, Texas, on August 13, 1912, to Chester and Clara Hogan. Chester had been a blacksmith and, sadly, he committed suicide when Ben was only nine years old. Clara moved the family to Fort Worth, where Ben attended school; but he never graduated. He preferred to caddy and deliver newspapers. There is a story that he would sleep in a bunker on the golf course at night near the 18<sup>th</sup> green so he could be the first caddie in line the next morning. In 1927, Hogan met a fellow caddie who later became a tour rival, at Glen Garden Country Club, and his name was Byron Nelson. These two would become life-long friends. In 1935, Hogan married long time acquaintance, Valerie Fox. Several times in the thirties, Hogan played in major golf tournaments, without success. By 1939, all his hard work would start to pay off. He had switched from a right-handed to a left-handed swing and made a change to his grip. Using a special wrist movement he invented, which was known as "cupping under," he was able to straighten out his drives and produce what has been called the "Hogan Fade." This corrected his duck-hook and allowed him to hit majestic drives with such distance that

fellow players and fans began to take notice. From 1939 to 1941, Hogan would finish in the money in 56 consecutive tournaments, winning over \$10,656 in 1940 alone. He would be the leader on the money board again, in 1941 and 1942. World War II called him in 1943, and he joined the United States Air Force.

Hogan would return with a vengeance in 1945. By 1946, after initially suffering putting woes, he lost a chance at his first Masters win. He would still be the leading money winner that year. Two years later, in 1948, Hogan would become the first golfer to win three Major Championships in the same year.

Hogan's resolve would be tested on February 2, 1949. He and his wife, Valerie, were driving back to their home in Fort Worth, Texas, when they were hit head-on by a Greyhound bus. To protect his wife, Hogan threw himself to the right across her body and saved her life and his from the steering column, which would have surely killed him on impact. The doctors predicted he would never walk again. Sixteen months after the accident, Hogan not only had taught himself to walk again but also to play the game he loved, golf. He would be named Player of the Year for the 1950 season. He would also win six Major Championships after his car accident. Eventually, he found it hard to walk the golf course during events. Famed sportswriter Grantland Rice once wrote, "His legs simply where not strong enough to carry his heart any longer." His final PGA title came at the 1959 Colonial Open.

In five decades, Hogan had won 64 events, nine Major Championships; four U.S. Open Titles, the career Grand Slam, and was the winner of three professional Grand Slam events in a single season. His reputation for perfection and practice continues to be the talk of today's players. He would receive the nickname, "The Hawk," for his fierce determination which usually ended in wearing down his opponents. He was a taskmaster, hard on himself and aloof at times. Some would say he was as odd as a forty-cent piece. At five-feet and seven inches tall, he was belittled and pushed aside at the start. "I had to learn how to beat the people I was playing," said Hogan. He was later quoted as saying, "I play golf with friends sometimes, but there are never friendly games." There is no doubt that Ben Hogan was the best golfer of his era, and he is still considered one of the greatest of all time.

Hogan became a recluse in his later years and was rarely seen in public. In 1995, he underwent emergency surgery for colon cancer. He survived but was never the same. His wife remained by his side as Ben was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He suffered a massive stroke and died on July 25, 1997, at the age of 84. Some one once said, the only thing we get to decide in life is what to do with the time we are given. I'm sure Ben was still working on his swing.

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# Island Outdoors

## On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner



Photo by David Burkhardt

It's been a weird migration, judging by the most recent fallout. The McMorran boys were over from California last week and hit the ground running. We were worried that the fallout was over, and the birds had moved on, but we still found some good species scattered all over the city, Island, and Port A. Nothing terribly off the charts, but some good birds none-the-less. Our buddy David Burkhardt got a picture of a hummingbird that was initially thought to be a green breasted mango, but the consensus turned out to be a buff belly hummingbird. Great picture anyway David, and thanks for sharing!

### 2000 feet and calling...

The birds are migrating with this southeast wind, and BirdCast shows that over 500 million birds a night are on the move. This is the big push with the next week of heavy southeast winds that are coming from Cuba, through the Yucatan, and right over our heads. We sat in a quiet spot in my yard the other night and could hear the birds calling as they flew overhead. The bulk of migrating birds are around 2,000 feet, and when they are just taking off from here and gaining altitude from the tailwinds, they may only be a hundred feet off the ground. There are several apps on your phone that you can turn on and it will identify the bird's calling overhead. It's pretty cool if you can find a quiet spot and be quiet yourself.

### Water everywhere...

If you haven't been to the beach lately, I would almost say don't bother, but there is some cool stuff washing in. Driving is a complete disaster, with tides to the dunes, and lots of sargassum and other flotsam washing in. Take a bucket and shake some of the sargassum that's still in the water into the bucket and see what falls out. You'll find shrimp, crabs, fish, seahorses, and all kinds of stuff colored like the sargassum. Cool stuff for folks in town or those that haven't done it before. The tides at the Packery station are running between a foot and a foot and a half higher than mean high tide. Means the water is way up everywhere. Here we are getting our spring tides the first week of May.

### Skatepark push

There's been a strong movement (Stoke Brokers) on the Island for a skatepark at the Commodores Park, as part of the master plan. Some people are acting surprised that that component wasn't included on the initial master plan (as am I, to be honest).

The folks in favor of a skatepark feature were at both ISAC meetings and the public meetings (we held one that was a joint meeting back in August) led by Adam Rios (who is also now on the Parks and Recs Advisory Committee). It's not like there wasn't support for a skatepark; it's just that there was a more vocal contingent wanting pickleball courts, which there should be plenty of those online by now. I encouraged the proponents for a skatepark then when I was ISAC chair, and I still do today. Somewhere in the bowels of the city's website are all the public comments regarding what was wanted at Commodores Park. The skatepark desire was on the list by a good 10-15 people at each meeting, constituting a significant statistic. The overwhelming comments were for a community center and a pool, so those were the components that made it on the initial list. Looks like that list needs to be revisited, which will make some folks groan, mainly staff. I get it; we've been through the process for the past year and change, and not one shovel of sand has been turned (and the water STILL isn't on the Riley P Dog Park-Like-Area either, just saying).

I've heard (because I haven't seen the preliminary list yet) there will be a lot of Bond 2024 funds put into the Parks Department this year (see Page 1 of this edition). The overall "pool" of money is then split between the districts, and we'll see what District 4 gets. Obviously, a pool, community center, parking lot, skatepark, and covered basketball court are all big-ticket items. However, most of those can be done in stages, except the pool.

There has been a skate park in Los Fresnos for almost 10 years. South Padre has a nice skatepark at the John Tompkins Park, which also has two playgrounds, a splash pad, basketball court (that also has two half courts), a track with 6 workout stations, a bocce ball court, and a ¼ soccer field, plus parking, all on 1.5 acres. If you know South Padre, you know that they are cramped for space, but the public will, the mayor and council, and staff got it done. We should be able to get a park built as well.

Well folks, I am enjoying my "retirement" from ISAC, although my time is being filled with other things like work and projects. Ha! Hopefully the Island representation at city hall doesn't lose momentum with me out and Roger moving on. I may jump out of town for a bit, so not sure if I'll see y'all On the Rocks next week or week after or not but drop me a line at [tarponchaser@mail.com](mailto:tarponchaser@mail.com) and maybe I'll send some pics.



## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah  
Farah's Fishing Adventures

I'm ready for the songs of summer. I'm ready for the feeling of excitement buzzing around The Island. I'm even ready to take my time and realize we share this small Island with so many from so far away. Nothing is new, it's been that way for thousands of years. I found an ancient Native American Camp here on The Island this winter. A good friend has found a dozen beautiful flint points and tools that litter the beach there. There is a rich fishing history here on Padre Island that dates back thousands of years. Millions of people and families. So don't get upset, be thankful that we get to call it our home.

Along the beach there was a different colored shell that I didn't recognize. The shimmer of the waves made it look like a dream. I watched the waves start to cover the flint fishing point with sand as I bent over. A few moments later and I would have walked by and it would have never been seen. It just came out to find me along this beach. I stood there and imagined the people camped here, fishing along the shallows spearing drum and mullet. Gathering oysters and conches. The sand was full of head bones of the many drum they caught and ate there in this bayside camp. Things were not much different then as they are now. They would have seasonal visitors from the planes and Hill Country, gathering smoked fish and oysters to take home to get them through the year. They would bring home wood for tools and spears, along with flint that isn't found here along the beaches. It was a trade, for the rights to enjoy the coast and all of its wealth. Both sides depended on it then, and now.

As the weeks go on we are about to see a rush of visitors and getting out on the water can be a pain in crowds. Take a break and show up thirty minutes after dawn. The hustle and bustle around the boat ramps die out and there is plenty of dock space as soon as the guides all leave. Bait is plentiful at MARKER 37 MARINA! A call ahead the afternoon before can make things a lot easier as well. Live shrimp and the first loads of live croaker are filling up the bait shops.

### Making better anglers

I enjoy teaching fishing skills and making better anglers out of everyone on my boat. We do this by taking time to teach everyone how to cast and work lures. It's not hard, it's just not as easy as me casting out the pole and handing it to you. There are ways to use the equipment that will help you cast and work the lures in a natural way that you are guaranteed to catch fish. One of my HEROS MR. CLIFF WEBB ALWAYS USED TO SAY, "YOU ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR BAIT" with lures you are in control.



"HANDSOME RANSOME" caught this fine redfish with soft plastics on one of our super windy days this week. He is an athlete and student at Flour Bluff High School.

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Bobby and Jeff Beauregard caught this great stringer of fish drift fishing the flats within 5 miles of the JFK with soft plastics this week.

### Bull tides and high winds

High winds are still here but they have been variable in strength. The biggest of bull tides have come in and flushed much of the stained water out, and brought us great fishing. The bait is so plentiful that gamefish eat at will leaving plenty of time for them to sit tight and wait for the best times to feed. It is so important to have a chart of the feed times in your hand or head so that you have confidence when you are not getting strikes. Being in the best spot during the peak feedings will guarantee success.

Dead Man's Hole and the Shamrock area have been great now that the tides are up. Drifting here in the shallows with topwaters is going to find your heart stopping with a surface explosion from big redfish.

### Bird Island

The backside of Padre Island down at Bird Island is a great place to park the car and take off along a secluded and pristine shoreline full of action. Walk the white sand to the north and south of Bird Island Basin. Casting soft plastics or plastic shrimp under a popping cork. The water here is clear and many times you will see redfish and black drum up along the sand at your feet. Take some dead shrimp to cast at the drum.

### Land Cut and Baffin Bay

The Land Cut and Baffin Bay have been receiving a lot of migrating gamefish, bait, and green water from our south. The big rock piles are loaded with trout and drum for anglers with live shrimp under popping corks. We will be drifting the shallow grassy shorelines landing big trophy trout and some nice stringers of redfish.

This is the time of year when the gates are about to fly open! The fishing in May and June is incredible. If you would like to have a helping hand to show you how to enjoy it all give me a call, or follow and like all of our adventures on FACEBOOK AT JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER ADVENTURES ! 361-442-8145



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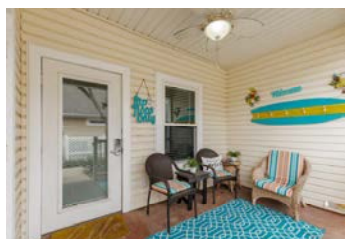
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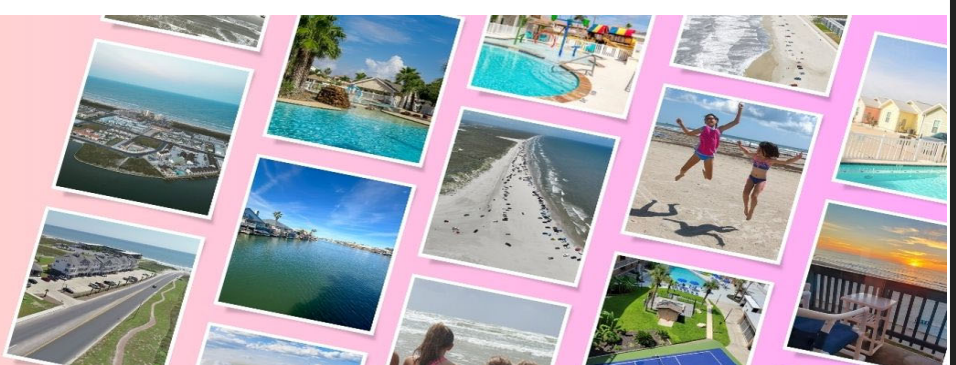


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# Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

I’m just Ken. As a person named Ken, the satirical song from the movie *Barbie* resonates with me. I don’t know if my kenergy is as real as it was for the ridiculous over-the-top character in the movie. However, I’m Ken and I’m enough.

Throw in the fact that my wife’s name is Barbara and there are all kinds of weird connections for us with the movie. Yes, we are Barbie and Ken. Although Barbara does not use Barbie as a nickname. And yes, we’ve heard all the jokes!

While watching the movie (which we really liked!) a smile came across my face when Ken says his job is beach. I’m Ken, and I just beach. Like so many of you, the beach is a powerful and meaningful place for me. As a young adult when I learned coping strategies for stress, my go-to place in my mind was the beach, 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Newport Beach, California, to be exact. I could smell the sea air and hear the waves crashing. Now, we live at the beach!

We live in a multitasking world. Society pressures us to be productive and prizes multitasking to accomplish that production. Some people multitask out of necessity, like moms.

In our society we prize busyness. No one wants to be accused of being lazy! Even retired people find themselves busy. We hurtle through life faster and faster, becoming busier and busier. The result is that in our busyness we become increasingly efficient thinking we are important while often leading meaningless lives.

It has been said that at its core religion is about connecting to something already present, perhaps lost in the shuffle of our busyness. When I am at the beach, I find respite from multitasking and production. The beach draws me deeper into life, deeper into the presence of God. The beach is not God. But the beach refocuses me upon the One who created and is still creating in love.

Sunrises and sunsets, rolling waves, sea air, various and changing colors of the water, sand in my toes settle me in the embrace of God. I find my kenergy at the beach. I am

reminded that I am not defined by busyness or my ability to multitask. I am created in the image of God; in Christ the love of God is made real. The beach is a place for me to be encountered by this reality of love. I find myself refocused on a life of love. I am Ken, I am enough.

There are many other places in nature where can find refocus. For some, it might be in a forest; for others in might be on the water. Wherever it might be, it would be easy to think that we can worship God in nature in isolation. We cannot. In fact, isolation leads to alienation and anxiety, progenitors of fear. For me, the refocus that I find at the beach necessarily draws me into community.

John Donne wrote in a poem, “No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.” Humans do not live alone in isolation. Nor were we ever intended to do so. All of us have been created in the image of God. We are not isolated islands. We are connected with each other, part of a larger thing – a community of love.

This is why I am so excited about this weekend. Two things come together for me, the beach and community worship. Beach worship services begin this Sunday! As a community we worship God in the setting of the beach, drawn into the embrace of love, love for God and love for each other. We start at 8 am, at the end of Whitecap Blvd! Bring a chair! Well-behaved pets are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

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

Choose kindness, compassion, and love; do justice and make peace; welcome the stranger.  
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## Peaceful Sunrise

By Bob Skipper

A peaceful sunrise on Padre Isle  
The surf is covered with foam.  
A lovely woman walks slowly,  
On this, her island home.

Waves roll gently onto the shore,  
And slides quietly back out again.  
Bringing peace to her heart, mind, and soul,  
Drifting gently along on the wind.

The sun rises brightly on the wakening bay,  
Seashells lie along the beach,  
Waiting in glorious profusion  
And all within her gentle reach.

The peaceful sunrise that warms her  
A gentle tide covers the sand.  
Sea breezes brings sweet memories,  
And life to her gentle hands.

She treasures this life on her island home,  
With family and friends all around.  
She holds the peaceful sunrise close to her heart,  
And cherishes her life, so profound.



# NEWS from the PIPOA

## Douden Park Community Garden Beds

If you travel around Cobo de Bara Circle in the Northwest corner of Padre Isles, you will go around Douden Park. Besides the usual playground and open area for sports activity, you will see five areas sitting side by side that have short wooden fences around them. Inside each of the five fenced areas are twenty raised garden beds. This gardening area is part of an “Adopt a Park” agreement from a few years ago between the PIPOA and the City of Corpus Christi.

Each raised bed is approximately 10 feet by 15 feet. So, whether you are just a gardening hobbyist, a person trying to save a few dollars at the grocery store, a frustrated farmer, or a prepper, there’s a place on the Island for you to grow vegetables.

Garden beds are assigned on a first come, first served basis. The cost is a one-time fee of \$50 paid at the PIPOA office. Once you are assigned a bed, it’s yours as long as you want to use it provided (1) you utilize the garden area at least one growing season out of every two years, {a growing season is defined as “March to August” and “October to January”}; and (2) you maintain the garden bed free of weeds and other debris. Failure to utilize the garden bed or to maintain it may result in forfeiture of the use of the garden bed.

If you are interested in one of these garden beds contact Ken Tiller, Volunteer Garden Coordinator, at (210) 665-1217.

## Current members of the Padre Isles Property

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**Dan Herrington**

We have one open position on the ACC due to my resignation. We have open positions for our Compliance group. I am preparing job descriptions for these positions so I’m not ready to advertise them yet.

Rick McGinley, Executive Director

## City to Hold Community Input Sessions and Open House for Impact Fees

*Topics include Roadways, Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water  
Thursday, May 23, at Ethel Eyerly Senior Center*

The City of Corpus Christi Development Services Department will hold a series of community input sessions to discuss impact fees for roadways, water, wastewater, and storm water as part of the Master Plan and Impact Fee Project. Impact fees are upfront costs due when a new commercial development is built. In the past the funds from a new project were kept in abeyance to reimburse infrastructure for new, unrelated projects. That system has failed to keep up with the expense of new projects as growth across the city has accelerated. A new system is being developed which will be discussed at these meetings. The sessions will be held in each Council district. The community is invited to attend any of the open houses to give feedback on the impact fees. City staff and experts will be available to answer questions. Council Members may attend each input session. All sessions are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

***The meetings will take place on the following dates***

• **District 1:** Thursday, June 13 at Owen Hopkins Library - 3202 McKinzie Road

• **District 2:** Thursday, May 16, at Lindale Senior Center - 3135 Swantner Drive  
• **District 3:** Thursday, June 06 at Corpus Christi Water Building - Choke Canyon Room, 2726 Holly Road  
• **District 4:** Thursday, May 23, at Ethel Eyerly Senior Center - 654 Graham Road  
• **District 5:** Thursday, May 02 at Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Library - 5930 Brockhampton Street  
“By participating in community input sessions, residents play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of our city,” said Mayor Paulette Guajardo. “Their insight is integral to the decision-making process as we continue to be inclusive of the community.” The City Council adopted the Master Plans and their associated Capital Improvement Projects in January, and impact fees are scheduled to go before the Council in July for consideration or adoption. Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please call 361-826-3124 in advance for assistance or to request reasonable accommodation.

## Turtle Nest Count

The total numbers of sea turtle nests found in Texas this year, by area and species, are updated below.

Texas coast including (north to south in state):

4 San Jose Island

2 Mustang Island

13 North Padre Island, including 13 at Padre Island National Seashore

3 South Padre Island





Sudoku

Sudoku answers are not available.  
Play at your own risk!

Going Easy On You...

1	2						
7	8	5					4
9			4				5
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	5	6	7		1	4	3
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	9					5	8
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Knuckle-Cracker

6			8				4	7
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2			7	6				
	9			8	6			
3		8		7		9		4
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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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	5		4					6
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	4		7		1			
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	3				6		9	
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Brain-Buster

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				7	1	5		
			2		5			

Island Crossword  
Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. Ending where neither side wins
5. "\_\_\_ first you don't succeed..."
9. Attention-getting sound
13. River that originates in the Ardennes Mountains
14. Coke or Pepsi
15. In conflict
17. Moldings found along the floor
19. "Legally Blonde" actress Witherspoon
20. Problems for window washers
22. Anti-fur gp.
23. Sneaky
26. Dolphin of kiddie TV
28. Makes really happy
29. Parts of a horse made of horn
30. People, so to speak
31. It may be crashed
32. McGinley of "Revenge of the Nerds"
35. \_\_\_ probandi (burden of proof)
36. Mess up
37. Neighbor of Java
38. End of a campus e-mail address
39. Pomade alternative
40. "Chicago Hope" actor Adam
41. Eels that live in warm seas
43. Stick on
44. Stimulate, as memory
46. Earns
47. "The First Lady of Song" Fitzgerald
48. Repetitive and boring
50. Served without milk or cream
52. Desert whirlwind
56. Flight attendant's beat
57. Hair band with the hit "Round and Round"
58. Mother of Castor and Pollux
59. Distort, in a way
60. In addition
61. Attack with a knife

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
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56						57					58			
	59					60					61			

Down

1. \_\_\_ Perignon (expensive French champagne)
2. Brazilian city, popularly
3. Small Egyptian snake
4. Locations on the Internet
5. Daedalus's son
6. They're out front
7. Actor Alan of "Canadian Bacon"
8. Group formed with a specific objective
9. Standard score on a golf course
10. Treeless plain
11. Publishers Clearing House event
12. It may be acquired
16. Back
18. Siouan people from Nebraska
21. One of the deadly sins
23. "Robinson Crusoe" author
24. Antelope with spiral horns
25. Thermos
27. What little lambs eat, in song
29. Can't stand
31. Cubes, pyramids, etc.
33. Upper crust
34. Ancient reptiles, for short
36. Animal
37. Belgium's capital
39. Test for coll. seniors
40. With the speaking voice
42. Priestess at Delphi, for one
43. Part of the Playboy Mansion, with "The"
44. 2001 sitcom on the WB
45. New York Bay's \_\_\_ Island
46. Main points
49. Having two different natures
51. Region of Greater London
53. Doggie doctor
54. Actress Lupino
55. Scientist's workplace

Police Blotter April 23-April 29

JFK Causeway to SPID/  
Aquarius Intersection

*Disturbances*

12300 4 am April 28 Arrest Warrant

*Suspicious Person*

12300 block SPID 4 am April 28

13500 SPID 2 am April 28 Arrest Warrant  
11 counts

*Traffic*

19 Traffic Stops

13300 block SPID Midnight April 27 Crash

SPID West to Laguna  
Madre

*Crimes against Person*

13900 block Suntan Ave 2 pm April 27  
Terroristic Threat

14600 block SPID 2 am April 27 Assault

15600 block Cuttysark 2 pm April 28 Shots  
Fired/Deadly Conduct

15800 block Almeria Ave. 2 am April 27  
Terroristic Threat

*Crimes against Property*

14400 block Commodores Dr. 8 pm April  
28 Criminal Mischief \$100-\$750

14500 block SPID 11 pm April 26 Trespass-  
ing

15300 block SPID 4 pm April 26 Forgery

14100 block Jackfish 5 pm April 25 De-  
struction or Criminal Mischief

15700 block Gypsy St. 11 am April 27 Bur-  
glary of a Vehicle

13900 block Fortuna Bay 5 pm April 25  
Destruction or Criminal Mischief

*Disturbances*

14400 block SPID 5 pm SPID April 28

14800 block SPID 2 pm April 27

15200 block SPID Midnight April 24

*Suspicious Person*

15200 block Cruiser 10 am April 29

14200 block SPID Midnight April 29

14600 block SPID 1 pm April 25

*Traffic*

137 Traffic Stops

14300 block SPID 11 am April 26 Crash

Peseta Court/Tesoro Drive 11 am April 25  
Crash

14600 block SPID 1 pm April 24 Crash

SPID East to Gulf of  
Mexico – north to the  
City Limits

*Crimes against Person*

Leeward Dr./Windward Dr. 10 am April 27  
Assault

15100 block Leeward Dr. 6 pm April 26  
Assault with Injury

11100 block Gulf Beach 2 am April 28  
Assault with Injury

11500 block Gulf Beach 10 pm April 27  
Shots Fired/Deadly Conduct

6800 block SH 361 11 am April 29 Assault

*Crimes against Property*

16500 block SPID 2 pm April 23 Burglary  
of a Vehicle

15200 block Leeward Dr. 8 am April 28  
Trespassing

15200 block Leeward Dr. 4 am April 24  
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

7600 block Gulf Beach Rd. 11 am April  
25 Found Narcotics

*Disturbances*

15200 block Windward Dr. Midnight  
April 28

15200 block Windward 7 pm April 27

14900 block Gulf Beach Noon April 27  
Noise Ordinance Violation

15100 block Leeward Dr. 11 pm April 26  
Noise Ordinance Violation

15100 block Leeward Dr. 10 pm April 26  
Noise Ordinance Violation

15100 block Leeward Dr. 10 pm April 25  
Noise Ordinance Violation

6800 block SH 361 11 am April 29

*Suspicious Person*

15800 block SPID 10 pm April 25

100 block Zahn Road Midnight April 29

Windward/St. Augustine 10 pm April 28

14800 block Windward 5 am April 28

Whitecap Blvd/Windward Dr. 10 pm April  
27

15200 block Windward Dr. 9 pm April 26

15400 block Gulf Beach 1 am April 26

*Traffic*

66 Traffic Stops

15200 block Windward 5 pm April 27  
Crash

SH 361/Beach Access Road #3 6 pm April  
27 DWI



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Notice is hereby given that Letters  
Testamentary for the Estate of  
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WAYNE BRITT,  
Deceased, were issued on April 22,  
2024, in Cause Number 2024-PR-  
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County Court at Law No. Three of  
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KESEL BRITT,  
Independent Executrix.  
All persons having claims against  
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and in the manner prescribed by  
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The address of record for KRISTI  
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Email: Amie@GaleLawGroup.com  
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Sunday 8 am at Padre Balli RV  
Park Open Pavilion  
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(In bad weather, the Friday and  
Sunday meetings will  
be indoors at IPC)

## Crossword Solution

D	R	A	W		I	F	A	T		P	S	S	T	
O	I	S	E		C	O	L	A		A	T	W	A	R
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# Indoor Pickleball breaks out on The Island!



In the past year Padre Island has gone from having one pickleball court to a plethora of places to play and now Island Pickleballers have a place to play indoors at the gymnasium at Seashore Middle Academy. Players gather at the gym each Tuesday and for a small five dollar fee which goes to the school they can play what is being billed as the fastest growing sport in America.

In 2024, at the suggestion of District 4 City Councilman Dan Suckley basketball courts in Island parks were marked with pickleball courts opening up a new world of pickleballing for Island players. To sign up for Tuesday play, or other pickleball related events, go to [Pickleballscheduler.com](https://Pickleballscheduler.com) and Pickleball Kingpin David Eckenrode will get you on the schedule.

## History

Often the first question asked about Pickleball is where the name came from. It's origin is lost to the fog of time, however, the most accepted story is that the game was named after a dog named Pickles who liked to chase the ball while the game was being played. Which is why we here at the Moon capitalize the name of the sport in honor of Pickles...the dog.

According to Pickleball lore the game began in 1965, when two dads named Joel Pritchard and Bill Bell arrived at Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, Washington, after a golf outing. They found that their families were bored with no way to pass the time. Looking to alleviate the boredom of his loved ones and close friends, Pritchard started to Pritchard's property had an old badminton court so they started there with hopes of playing. However, they couldn't find enough rackets for a full game so instead, he improvised by using spare ping pong paddles and a wiffle ball. With these bits and pieces lying around, a brand-new game was born.

Two years later in 1967, Joel Pritchard constructed the first, permanent pickleball court in the backyard of Bob O'Brian, who was Pritchard's neighbor and close family friend. As the game started to gain steam in the Pacific Northwest, a corporation by the name of Pickleball, Inc. was founded in 1972 to help interested players buy equipment to play the game.

The rest is Pickleball history...



Friday morning. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



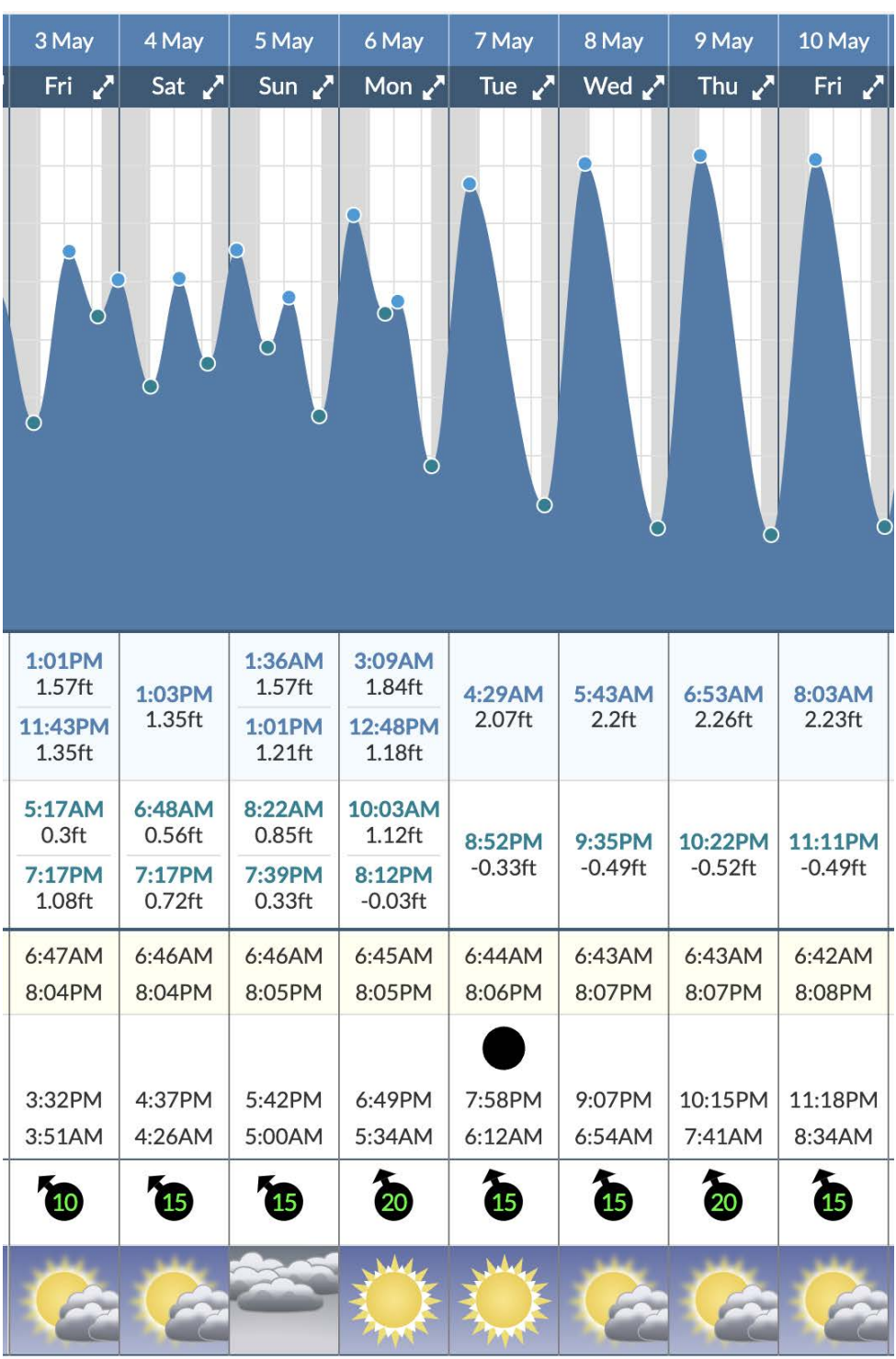
The Ted Nugent concert at the Post in Orange Grove. Photo by Mike Wilson



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# Three Chords and the Truth



By Ronnie Narmour  
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**Our time...**



Parrot Head Deno Fabrie and his fence.

We have finally made it to May, which means we only have a few weeks left of “our time” here in the land of proliferate tourists. School lets out for the summer on May 24... and then we are back in the “summer tourist season” and get to dodge hurricanes from June until the end of November. *Buc Days* are upon us in town and in a perfect world here on our little island we should mainly be seeing second homers, day trippers, fishermen and folks just trying to spend some time here before the rabid masses arrive... you know “our time”. The weather will only get hotter until October so change out your air conditioner filters and put your winter clothes away... it’s nearly time to swelter. *Memorial Day* falls on the last Monday of May and is typically “in season” until *Labor Day* on the first Monday of September when everybody is supposed to trade their straw hats for felt and white clothing for fall fashions, at least in the South. Actually all those seasonal fashion trends are malarkey here on the coast. It’s pretty much shorts, t-shirts and flip flops all year long, which is just fine with me. Besides, I don’t even own a felt hat.

## On the local front...



Boudreaux and Pousson played the Gaff’s Parrot Head party last Friday.

I stopped into our favorite Pirate Bar, the *Gaff* last weekend where my new favorite band, **Boudreaux and Pousson**, were playing a *Parrot Head* monthly “Happy Hour Party” in the early evening. In case you don’t know, the *Parrot Heads* are a club of adult party goers that pay a daily allegiance to all things **Jimmy Buffet**. They go by the credo of trop rock music and margaritas any time because it’s “five o’clock somewhere”. There are *Parrot Head* clubs all over Texas and the Port A chapter is a *going Jessie*. It has been under the leadership of our pal, **Deno Fabrie** for years. You probably know Deno from his back fence on Eleventh Street with all his many beach combing treasures (pales, shovels, flip flops and kid’s toys, etc) attached. Deno is also the guy who puts on the *Full Moon Beach Fire* every month. Well, I learned at the *Gaff’s Parrot Head* party last week that Deno has stepped down as *queso grande* of our local chapter and a local lawyer, **Don Muir** is now the boss *Parrot Head*. I know I just went around my elbow to get to my thumb but I tell you all this because Mr. Muir tells me that they are forming a “Ukulele Club” and already have 20 members. The plan is to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00, You have to be a fellow *Parrot Head* to join and that’s only \$20 a year. You can contact Don at don@donmuirlaw.com to get your uke on. These folks don’t take themselves too seriously and are just a ton of fun to hang out with.

## Scattered shots...

It was another goodern on the weekly music run. The weather tried to get in our way, but decided to cooperate long enough to get some shows in. It was windy... real windy but the shows must go on. Just be glad we weren’t part of the 80 tornadoes that ransacked much

of the country last week. I lived in Lubbock long enough to know you don’t want any part of a tornado. At *Bron’s Backyard* it was two hot bands with two hot ladies on lead vocals. On Friday it was **Flying Free** with Rockstar **Anna Wilson** up front and Saturday had **Dreaming in Color** with the amazing **Debra Scott Brown** and her polished golden pipes. That’s a lot of talent right there. Debra is a natural. She was born to perform and her voice is strong and well trained. Plus her band, *Dreaming in Color*, is a well honed six piece ensemble complete with sax and keys. As for *Flying Free*, I’m just getting to know those folks but I like what I see so far. *Shorty’s* had **John Elijah** and the **CBDB’s** on Friday and the hard rockers **Identity Crisis** on Saturday. Elijah’s band needs no introduction. He has three strong players behind him with **Jose’ Felix** on guitar, **Joseph Sota** on bass and **Cody Strong** on skins. I’ve been watching John develop his musical chops since he was a pup and beam with pride every time he plays. *Identity Crisis* doesn’t fit the local musical mold... they are young free spirits and hard rockers. They came out of the chute on Saturday with an “unplugged” set covering the likes of **Pearl Jam** and **Nirvana**, which the crowd adored. Then they came out hard rocking on their next set and flat ripped it up. It’s different and it’s fun. Check these cats out. *Treasure Island* had **Funk Rock Stereo** on Friday and the big country band **Five Card Draw** on Saturday... that’s good variety right there. **Max and Heather Stalling** played our local listening room, *Third Coast Theater* to a sold out crowd.



Debra Scott Brown and Chris Ivory with *Dreaming in Color* played *Bron’s* on Saturday.

**DO NOT MISS LIST**  
**Coming this weekend...**



*Identity Crisis* played *Shorty’s* last Saturday..

Coming this weekend we have **Donald Aguirre** and **Arnold Marcha** with the popular **Jam Band** playing *Shorty’s* on Friday and the irreverent **Triptonite** on Saturday. BTW, *Triptonite* just won the *Best Band* readers poll in *Bend Magazine*...just saying. They are definitely the band to catch when you’re ready to get serious about your partying. *Bron’s Backyard* will host the great country outfit **Tumble Dry Low** with **Brian Kasik** leading the charge and the mighty **Mike Wilson** beating the hell out of those newly sponsored drums. On Saturday *Bron’s* will have the rock solid blues man **John Cortez** with **Jody Jennings** on bass. That is a solid band right there. Over at *Treasure Island* **Carson Miller** and the **Coastal Cowboys** will play on Friday and the **Jam Band** on Saturday. There’s plenty more to come...be safe out there.

♪♪♪ And, that’s the truth ♪♪♪



*Tumble Dry Low* will play *Bron’s* on Friday.



*Triptonite* will play *Shorty’s* on Saturday.



The Jam Band will play *Treasure Island* on Saturday.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Friday, May 3

Buc Days @ Corpus Christi  
Jam Band @ Shorty’s  
Tumble Dry Low @ Bron’s Backyard  
Carson Miller @ Treasure Island  
Kevin Kurtz @ Gaff  
Young Klassic’s @ Packery Bar  
Thomas Michael Riley 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest @ Luckenbach  
Ballyhoo, Joint Operation, Cloud 9  
Vibes @ House of Rock  
OTB @ BUS  
Eclipse @ Rockits  
Jonmikael Mrez Band @ Pelican Lounge  
National Nobodyz @ Sugar Shack  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard’s

## Saturday, May 4

Thomas Michael Riley 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest @ Luckenbach  
Buc Days @ Corpus Christi  
John Cortez @ Bron’s Backyard  
*Triptonite* @ Shorty’s  
Jam Band @ Treasure Island  
Jim Dugan @ Gaff  
Groove @ VFW  
Cleartones @ Cinnamon Shore  
El Dusty, Terasco Tropical, Desta  
French, Chulita @ Packery Bar  
Cruise Control @ Pelican Lounge  
Raul Ayala @ Sugar Shack  
OTB @ Doc’s  
Eclipse @ Landry’s  
Reno Perez @ Vernon’s  
Tumble Dry Low @ Legends Fulton  
Ruben Limas @ KOA  
Corpus  
The Drive @ Harley Davidson

## Sunday, Cinco de Mayo

Buc Days @ Corpus Christi  
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty’s  
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff  
Los Surfvivors @ Packery Bar  
Alonso Cruz @ Pelican Lounge  
Hinder, Resz, 18

Hours @ House of Rock  
Jam Night @ Exchange  
Catfish Blues Jam @ Rialto Theater

## Monday, May 6

The Rocket Man Experience @ Rialto Theater  
Nonpoint, Dropout Kings @ House of Rock  
Michael Burts @ Pelican Lounge  
Stevie Start @ Doc’s  
18<sup>th</sup> Link Wray Guitar Rumble @ Continental Club Austin

## Tuesday, May 7

William Beckman @ American Bank Center  
Open Mic w/Rev Matt @ House of Rock  
Los Locals @ Palm Republic  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard’s  
Chadwick Hunter @ Beach Bums

## Wednesday, May 8

Bret Michaels @ American Bank Center  
Brad Ethridge OPEN MIC @ Gaff  
Cleartone’s @ VFW  
Ty Dietz @ Vernon’s  
US @ Pelican Lounge  
Dave’s Duo @ Katz  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard’s  
Insane Clown Posse, KING 810, Heathen Sun @ House of Rock

## Thursday, May 9

La Mafia @ American Bank Center  
Selfie @ Shorty’s  
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff  
Souliya, Kroywen, Sgt. KP @ Packery Bar  
Raul Ayala @ Executive Surf Club  
Wilder Blue @ Brewster Downtown  
Heavy Soul @ Rockit’s  
Jam Night @ Exchange  
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard’s  
John Elijah @ Palm Republic  
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

## Friday, May 10

Aaron Watson @ American Bank Center  
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Shorty’s

**TUMBLE DRY LOW**  
**JOHN CORTEZ**  
**TRIPTONITE**  
**PALACIOS BROS**  
**CHRIS BOSS**

**MAY 3**  
**MAY 4**  
**MAY 10**  
**MAY 11**  
**MAY 17**

**Treasure Island**

**CARSON MILLER**  
**JAM BAND**  
**TUMBLE DRY LOW**  
**BACK PEW REVIVAL**  
**NATIONAL NOBODYZ**

**MAY 3**  
**MAY 4**  
**MAY 10**  
**MAY 11**  
**MAY 17**

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