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Island Moon Live

By Dale Rankin
We have entered the season when it is now officially an offense to wear your white pants *Around The Island* unless you wear them with white shoes and a white belt and tell people you just moved here from Ft. Lauderdale. That will work for about a month before the White Pants Police clap you in irons so be careful.
It is also historically the heart of the hurricane season hereabouts as some of our big storms have arrived in early to mid-September over the decades: The Great Storm of 1919, Ike in 2008. Carla in 1961, Allen in 1980 Beulah in 1967. You will notice that while those storms came relatively late in the season they are also mostly low in the alphabet. In the last few years storms in late September and October have often moved east and we have had a couple of cool fronts blow through already this year which usually indicates the effective, if not the official, end of our season. So if you are wearing a pair of them white pants and we get a September storm you may be in for some of the blame because it may bring us bad luck...

Number of visitors
As part of a presentation at city hall this week regarding changes in fees for beach vendors for the upcoming season city officials announced that there were 540,000 visitors to the city's Gulf beaches from May 26 – August 10 this year and 500,000 visitors to Magee Beach downtown. Those numbers seem odd given that Island beaches have been shoulder to shoulder full all through the summer season.

Short-term rentals
Officials with the City of Corpus Christi this week reported that so far in 2025 they have written no citations for unregistered (illegal) Short-Term Rental operations on Padre Island. We contacted city officials after receiving several calls from residents reporting that they have STRs in their neighborhoods. Since 2022 STRs in Island neighborhoods zoned RS-6 have been against city ordinances.

Port Aransas ferry work
The Texas Department of Transportation ferry operations in Port Aransas are in the midst of a \$64 million project to upgrade the system's ramps and landings. Work crews recently briefly halted

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Bob Hall Pier pilings in place



The pilings for the new \$24 million Bob Hall Pier are now in place with the contour of the D-shaped structure at the seaward end showing what the new structure will look like. The support structure on the pier is made of steel pilings 48-inches in diameter and 1.5-inches thick. The new pier will be a 1253 foot-long pier, 18.5 feet above the waterline, and twenty-feet wide. The design also includes public amenities including more rail space and the D-shaped structure is designed to provide more stability than the old structure which was destroyed by Hurricane Hanna in July 2020.

The Birds have Arrived



Birds at Whitecap NPI
By Karen Rossi

Birds have already arrived at the Nature Preserve at Whirtecap NPI. It is still under construction, and nearing completion.

Whitecap NPI Amenities Going In



The Island's first Splash Pad and the Pool at Whitecap NPI are complete.

A little Island history How The Island Almost Escaped Annexation by the City of Corpus Christi

By Dale Rankin
The year is 1961 in a land far far away...that is to say OTB. It started off when the 4002 residents of Flour Bluff, fearing annexation by the City of Corpus Christi, decided to circulate a petition calling for incorporation. They would fend off annexation by becoming their own city. This did not set well with the powers that be in Corpus Christi who believed that Flour Bluff's future lay not in the hands of Flour Bluff residents



alone but decisions on Flour Bluff's fate should be made by wiser heads in Corpus Christi. The citizens of Flour Bluff turned in a petition signed by 132 Flour Bluff residents calling for an election to form the City of Flour Bluff. The City of Corpus Christi countered by urging Flour Bluffians to circulate a petition requesting a vote on annexation of Flour Bluff into the City of Corpus Christi. Then
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By the numbers Who is in the running to be the next U.S. Congressional Representative for Padre Island?

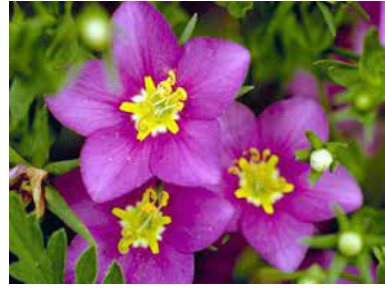
Editor's note: The new map for Texas seats is the United States Congress signed by Gov. Greg Abbott means that Padre Island and most of Corpus Christi will have a new representative in the United States House of Representatives as those areas will no longer be included the district of U.S. Rep. Michael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

Since our story last week Fred Hinojosa announced he is seeking the seat in the newly redrawn 34 Congressional District. He is the brother of State Senator Adam Hinojosa who represents Padre Island. While there is still time for other candidates to enter the race as of June 30 when the latest campaign finance reports were filed nine candidates are in the
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Going Native Meadow Pink or Texas Star (*Sabatia campestris*)



By Ed Proffitt



It is time for great birding with migrations, and cool events such as the Fall festivals. It's also time to break out your gardening tools or if you prefer go wandering around trails to enjoy the natural scenic beauty of Padre Island, Mustang Island, and the broader Corpus Christi area. It's a grand time of year to just drive around with your windows open and enjoy plants (especially the natives!) in other people's yard, along the roadside, and in our parks and reserves.

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Lisa Stevens took the Moon on her trip to New Mexico and Colorado on the Scenic Toltec Cumbres Railroad.



So much Fun with Friends in Berlin. Dinner at Mutter Hoppe. Walk on Alexanderplatz. Dance at Cafe Keese. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



Count your blessings everybody. This was our beach in September 2012.



JJ caught his first fish! It was just short of being a keeper but JJ is HOOKED!!'



Luke caught this 29" trout on orange crush plastics while drift fishing the King Ranch shoreline.

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A man in a black shirt playing a saxophone.

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Long time Island resident Christine Harms made a hole in one on #16 at Oso Beach Golf Course. It was her third hole in one.



The winter visitors have arrived. I know they can't wait for cooler weather. Hans & Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge. By Lu Ann Kingsbury

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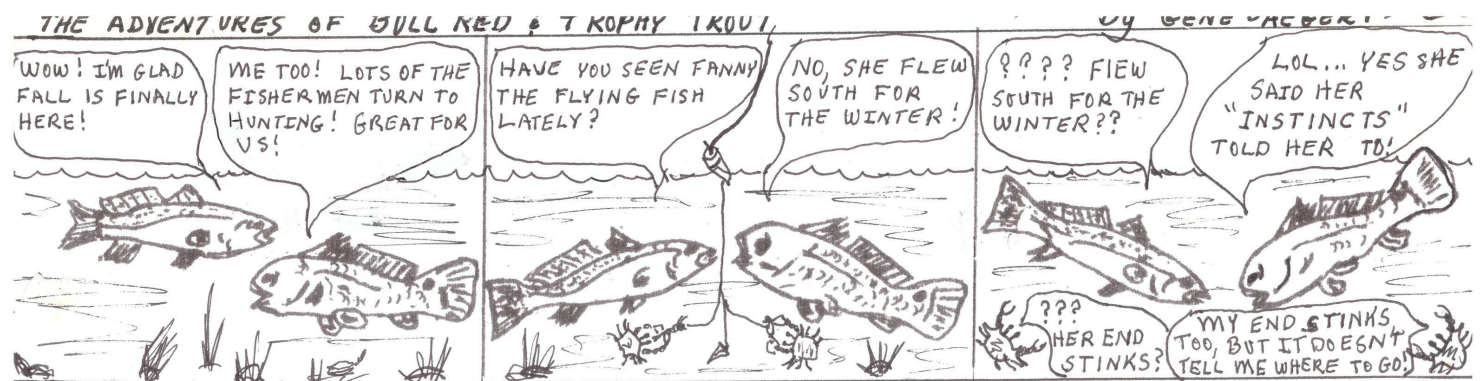
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A bronze statue of a fish, possibly a salmon, standing on a pedestal.



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construction when they spotted a West Indian manatee in the waters adjacent to the construction project. They are known to migrate from Mexico and Florida during summer months and this one moved on through toward Corpus Christi Bay.

News from OTB

We sometimes cover news from across the water here at the Word Factory but only when it is something really important like new bowling lanes. When the Cinergy Entertainment Group announced recently they are bringing in a 90,000 square-foot entertainment complex just across the bridge it was to have ten bowling lanes, however, a release from the company this week reported that number has now increased to twenty-two lanes. The project will also include six movie auditoriums, with “dine-in cinematic spaces” which is good news since it implies that the films shown there will not upset diners’ digestive systems, so we got that going for us. Groundbreaking on the complex is this week.

Our friend Kent



The life and work of world renowned wildlife artist and longtime Islander Kent Ullberg will be celebrated in a film that will be shown Friday, September 12 at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi’s Performing Arts Center. Kent will be in attendance along with his friend internationally recognized marine wildlife artist Dr. Guy Harvey. Proceeds support the PBS broadcast edit of the film, set to air in May 2026 as part of the *Made in Texas* series, produced by Matt and Denise Thornton of Griffyn.co. Among other works Kent’s Leaping Marlin statue welcomes visitors to The Island and a new work is on display outside the new office of Dr. Mario Martinez on SPID.

Heading into fall

We are now officially in the Sweet Spot of the season *Around The Island* as the tourists have gone home, the beaches are tame and empty especially during the week, the weather clears and the cooler evenings are inviting for walks and bike rides. We have two full months before we got back to Daylight Wasting Time and it gets dark by the time Winter Texans are heading to the Early Bird. It’s the time of year to invite the relatives you like and screen the calls of those you don’t...

There is a creepy crud making its way Around The Island these days and it’s not clear if it is a new version of Covid or some other fungus among us but be careful and say hello if you see us Around The Island.

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Texas Surfing

Just because its flat at the coast doesn’t mean that your surfing has to go on hold. They have an awesome deal for “Stay and Surf” and we will be taking advantage of this any time the waves are small because the wave machine at Waco Surf never sleeps!

Texas Surf Camps is stoked to be partnered with Waco Surf as our surf lagoon partner for 2025 and host of The Finals Day for our Lone Star Surf Series! Only 1 event left in our regular season and then we are off to Waco for the Finals Day!

Waco Surf is the premier surf lagoon in the world, right here in our backyard in Texas, and it’s always bigger (and better) in Texas! Waco Surf offers waves for every level of surfer from first time beginners catching their first waves, to intermediates looking to get to the next level, to experts wanting to refine their skills on a consistent and predictable wave. They offer public sessions for different skill levels where you will share the water with a small group of other surfers taking turns catching waves. You can also book a private session and have the entire surf lagoon exclusively for your group of surfers and pick from the many



different options on their wave menu, perfect for parties or to practice a certain skill on a certain type of wave. The private session is the best way to experience the wave pool at Waco but is best for those with advanced skills in advanced waves or for those that won’t privacy while they surf.

Waco Surf is an epic place for a family vacation or to get a surf session in between trips to the beach. In addition to surfing, they offer a wakeboard cable park, a lazy river, awesome water slides, great food, a hotel and private cabins, and more! Visit their website and see what surfing looks like deep in the heart of Texas! <https://www.wacosurf.com/>

Water; from a different source.



By Kaylynn Paxson

In council on Tuesday we reviewed the item that the town has been waiting for, which was whether or not to approve the amendment that would restart the work being done on the Inner Harbor desalination plant.

In a 6-3 vote, the approval was rejected. The council felt that the project has gotten too expensive. The second vote relating to the project was to accept the next round of funding from the state loans. Council voted to request an extension on this funding and request it be granted permission to be reallocated to another water project under the Region N plan.

Over the last several months, council and city staff have worked tirelessly to secure a number of water projects that were presented in the August 26th council meeting by CCW to have already pushed curtailment back to May of 2029.

The reality is we need water now, so we need immediate water supplies and long-term water supplies that will sustain us in the future. Desal Inner Harbor, scheduled

for 2028 would not stop us from going into curtailment. We had to focus on securing water before the original date of December 2026.

We currently have up to potentially 16 million gallons a day of water coming from the first group of wells along the Nueces River, and another 27 million gallons of water coming from the property we purchased to the west also along the River. We have the final 3 of 8 wells coming online now, and the first test wells are being drilled on the second portion of land.

These are a big piece of supplying our immediate need at a total of 43 million gallons a day.

We realize we also need long reaching permanent water supplies for the future, to fill this need we are bringing the Evangeline water supply and the Harbor Island Project to council over the next couple of meetings to secure.

These coupled with the 75 million gallons we receive from the Mary Rhodes Pipeline will provide this city and region with a strong water supply.

Turtle Nest Count

Kemp’s Ridley

So far this year, **449** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast including (north to south in state):

2 Galveston Island
4 Surfside Beach
1 Quintana Beach
1 Bryan Beach
2 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
1 Matagorda Peninsula
21 San Jose Island
29 Mustang Island
250 North Padre Island, including 236 at Padre Island National Seashore
123 South Padre Island
15 Boca Chica Beach

Loggerheads

So far this year, **5** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

1 Mustang Island
4 North Padre Island, including 4 at Padre Island National Seashore

Greens

So far this year, **30** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

1 San Jose Island
22 North Padre Island, including 20 at Padre Island National Seashore
7 South Padre Island





Turtle release on PINS in 2023

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barely one month before the scheduled August election the city passed an emergency measure placing a vote on whether to annex Flour Bluff on the same ballot after a petition to that effect was handed in containing 105 signatures of purported registered Flour Bluff voters.

The paradoxical election was called for August 5, 1961 in which voters citywide would vote on whether to annex Flour Bluff into the city, and at the same time a separate vote on the same ballot would ask Flour Bluff residents if they wished to become their own city.

Headed for a showdown.

The campaign got hot and on July 27 gunfire broke out in the Tropical Isles subdivision after a woman who favored annexation allegedly tried to remove a yard sign backing incorporation from a man’s yard and the man sought conflict resolution though gunsmoke. He squeezed off a single round sending the woman running for cover and Constable John Hays was called to investigate. No charges were filed but Constable Hays called for all parties to “just cool off and don’t shoot each other.”

It turned out that Flour Bluff was very popular on Election Day. Corpus Christi voters approved annexation and Flour Bluff residents approved incorporation. What to do?

It went to the courts with the City of Corpus Christi claiming that under Texas home rule laws an area of nine square miles must contain at least 5,000 citizens in order to become its own town and Flour Bluff had only 4002. Flour Bluff residents countered by saying that of the 105 signers of the petition favoring annexation there were not the required 69 registered voters.

U.S. Supreme Court

As the case wound its way through the state appeals court and headed for the U.S. Supreme Court the courts continued to side with the Flour Bluff residents who wanted to form their own city and the City of Cor-

pus Christi continued to appeal. As the facts emerged it turned out that only 29 of the signatures on the pro-annexation petition belonged to registered Flour Bluff voters. The appellate courts ruled that the vote to annex Flour Bluff should never have been placed on the ballot in the first place.

In the written ruling, without a hearing, the U.S. Supreme Court in effect said that, yes, the petition allowing annexation in fact did lack the required signatures for the vote to have been held and therefore the election was technically illegal.

However, in a mind-bending piece of legal fiction they ruled in favor of the city’s decision to annex on the grounds that in the three-plus years it took for the case to be decided in the courts that city services had already been extended to parts of Flour Bluff and that was a de facto acceptance of annexation. No matter that the citizens of Flour Bluff voted to become their own city they were swallowed up by the monolith; ironically, a move that would not happen under state annexation laws which were amended by the state legislature in 2023. Promises made

It is fair to note that at the time of annexation the City of Corpus Christi promised to extend water and sewer lines to all Flour Bluff residents within ten years. That will come as welcome news to some current Flour Bluff residents as they write the next check to have their septic tanks purged to these fifty years later.

So how did all of this effect annexation of The Island? Under Texas home rule laws a city cannot “jump annex.” That is to say they can’t leapfrog over an un-annexed area to annex an adjacent area. So if Flour Bluff had won their fight against annexation and become their own city then the City of Corpus Christi could never have annexed The Island and we could have formed our own city.

Next time: How The Island got annexed, and can we secede?



Skipper Tales

Nameless Rain

By Deborah Barney

Dusty roads and broken dreams,
Fields are brown where green once gleamed.
Longing for a break from pain,
Praying hard for gentle rain.

Eroded dunes and dried sea grass,
Memories of the verdant past.
We need rain without a name,
No wind or hurricanes.

Cool the earth and ease the strain,
Oh, how we need that nameless rain.
Cattle cry, the rivers low,
Hope is fading. Crops won’t grow.

Sky is so empty, just the same,
Waiting here for nameless rain.
Eroded dunes and dried sea grass,
Memories of the verdant past.

We need rain without a name,
No wind or hurricanes.
Cool the earth and ease the strain,
Oh, how we need that nameless rain.

Silence lingers, hearts grow tired,
Looking up, our faith inspired.
Someday soon, we’ll feel the change,
When skies release that gentle rain.

Eroded dunes and dried sea grass,
Memories of the verdant past.
We need rain without a name,
No wind or hurricanes.

Cool the earth and ease the strain,
Oh, how we need that nameless rain.
Till that day, we’ll stand our ground,
With open arms, we’ll hear the sound.

Of raindrops falling, break the chain,
Thankful for that nameless rain.



After 8-Month Battle with Pneumonia, Endangered Sea Turtle Released by Texas State Aquarium

– The Texas State Aquarium’s Port Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue successfully released a rehabilitated juvenile Kemp’s ridley sea turtle, one of the most endangered sea turtle species in the world, at Padre Balli Park on North Padre Island following an extraordinary eight-month recovery.

The sea turtle, known as Patient #529, originally stranded on December 27, 2024, in Boston, Massachusetts, after being discovered cold-stunned along the beaches of Cape Cod. It was one of 18 sea turtles transported to the Texas State Aquarium when rehabilitation centers in New England were at capacity. Cold stunning, a life-threatening condition for cold-blooded reptiles, occurs when frigid water and air temperatures leave them lethargic and unable to swim, often leading to pneumonia, hypothermia, or injuries from rough surf. Upon arrival, this turtle was diagnosed with a severe case of pneumonia and faced a long road to recovery.

Over the course of eight months, the Aquarium’s veterinary team provided intensive care, including multiple rounds of antibiotics, antifungal medications, and nebulization therapy. When those treatments did not produce results, the team performed a bronchiolar lavage, an advanced procedure to identify infectious agents in the lungs, while monitoring progress with CT imaging. Thanks to this specialized care, the sea turtle made a remarkable recovery, with recent scans showing clear, healthy lungs and the strength needed to thrive back in its natural habitat.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

The most asked question on The Island these days is when our canals will be re-opened for water flow. Since we ran a story on the subject two issues back it has been the most frequent question I get from fellow Islanders and there is a lot of confusion, largely because there is no firm answer.

As most readers know the issue is the removal of the sand dam at Lake Padre to allow water under the Don Patricio Bridge. Water flow under the Don Patricio Bridge has been blocked since late 2024 to allow for repair work to Island bulkheads following Tropical Storm Alberto in June 2024. For our story two weeks ago we sent a series of questions to the Executive Director of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association Rick McGinley. The first question was: ***IM: If I remember correctly the PIPOA has a Memorandum of Understanding with Tim Lange to remove the sand dam on Lake Padre once the canal under the Commodores bridge is open. Is that correct?***

RM: Our MOA with Tim Lang was not tied to opening the canal under the new Commodores bridge. It was tied to our completion of bulkhead repairs. The POA position on removing the sand dam is tied to us getting the floodgate installed along with the box culverts at Encantada. While there is no formal agreement on this position we briefed our concerns to the City during our 7 August meeting at the City Manager’s office and again today (Monday, August 18) at a meeting between the TGLO and the POA’s Canal Committee. FYI: Tim Lange was in attendance at the 7 August City meeting and he did not take exception to our position, nor did the City.

As pointed out by several readers keeping the canals closed until a seagate is in place could mean they stay closed for years since the study to determine where and if a seagate makes sense has just recently been funded by the PIPOA and location, design, funding, and construction for it still remain unknowns. A fast track for completion of a seagate is years away and leaving water blocked under more than \$40 million in bridge construction and fortification for four bridges – two new and two improved – makes little sense. While no one from the PIPOA has said so in so many words my guess is that the PIPOA board knows this position is a non-starter but they are looking down the canal at a time when water begins to flow and damage occurs to PIPOA bulkheads; their position allows them to say “don’t blame us” if there is a lawsuit. Understood: But leaving canals closed for several years is not really a possibility. I have spoken to Mr. Lange on several occasions on this topic and his response has always been the same – the dam will be removed when water begins flowing under the Commodores bridge now under construction. A seagate has never been part of those discussions and I would encourage the PIPOA to post a copy of the MOU on the website for clarification. The topic of a seagate was raised at a PIPOA board meeting in mid-2025 and soon followed by a special meeting of the board of the Island Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone #2 where a request for \$250,000 for a seagate study was referred to the Island Strategic Action Committee for a recommendation where the decision was to back a study but not to use TIRZ #2 money, which led to the funding of the study by the PIPOA. The message from the city side was that city funding for a study – at least at this stage – is not forthcoming. According to McGinley.

“The scope of work is designed to assess the best location for a flood gate based on an independent Hydrologist’s analytical assessment of the requirements and to some extent by interrupting the results of previous studies done as they are available. Also interesting to note was that according to a few previous board members this independent Hydrologist study should have been completed back in 2018 or so; well before the work started. But then hindsight is always 20/20.”

Keep in mind that when the original seagate (never closed) was installed between what is now Packery Channel (which was not open) and Lake Padre there was no water flow under SPID.

How we got here

Actually the knowledge that water would flow through Island canals goes back to at least 1993, according to Paul Schexnailder who as manager of the property from Lake Padre through the canal system was respon-

sible for renewing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits every five years beginning that year. The construction of underground culverts was planned from that time until 2004 when \$1.2 million in bonds were approved to move from culverts to a bridge which led to the completion of the Don Patricio Bridge almost twenty years later. So since 1993 leadership at the PIPOA had time to get the bulkheads ready for water flow, and since 2004 has known a bridge would eventually get built.

The original location of the buried culverts was first planned for the canal that currently dead-ends on the west side of SPID next to Mikel May’s restaurant but was moved northward to the current location of the Don Patricio Bridge to allow for more fetch and reach – and wind – from the prevailing southeasterly wind by moving it further from the impervious barrier of Whitecap Blvd. But the mention of 2018 is pertinent because that is the year ownership of land from Lake Padre through the canal system split from a single ownership group to multiple owners through bankruptcy proceedings and the full responsibility for preparing Island canals for water flow fell solely on the PIPOA who owns the structures.

So now what?

So the revolving leadership at the PIPOA has had since at least 2018 to get ready for water flow but things didn’t really get moving until Tropical Storm Alberto brought us a wakeup call and now the question is whether to leave the canals closed until all the upgrading work is done which by PIPOA estimates may be years. So what is the reality?

The short answer is that two things need to be done before water flow is resumed. First, the culverts under Encantada Ave. need to be replaced with box culverts that allow water to pass through and as of this writing that process is stalled because, as stated on the Island Moon live radio show a few weeks ago, the PIPOA has been awaiting to dredge the canal approaches there which are above the bottom of the culverts causing them to clog, until the city installs the box culverts. (The PIPOA owns the canals and the bottom while the city owns the street). At the same time the city has been waiting to move with installation of culverts until the canals are dredged – Catch-22.

The second thing that needs to happen is for water flow to begin under the new Commodores bridge which is nearing completion. That process is currently stuck in permitting with the Corps of Engineers.

Water flowing under both of those locations will relieve at least some of the stress on the PIPOA canals by splitting the flow three ways instead of the current one.

Given the uncertainty of the issuance of the corps permit for the Commodores bridge it is impossible to say *exactly* when the Lake Padre dam may be removed. But McGinley told us three weeks ago the lion’s share of the work to fortify bulkheads in the crucial area between Whitecap Blvd. and Encantada Ave. is expected to be finished by November of this year, which coincides with the end of Hurricane Season 2025, and also with the completion of the Commodores bridge that time frame seems most likely. If Commodores bridge is complete by the end of November and the Lake Padre dam is not removed the optics of that are going to lead the matter into the political arena, wherever that may lead.

So the answer to the crucial question...if the Lake Padre dam remains after the end of Hurricane Season 2025 the storm that hits won’t be blowing in over the gulf, it will be coming Islanders who want the water to flow.

So while it is uncertain the best answer at this point is November, 2025.




The sand dam in Lake Padre looking west.

Nature Notes

Brood Parasitism

By Megan Hobratschk



A Carolina Wren feeding a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird
Photo by John Stockla

One of the most interesting topics discussed in my Ornithology class was about the “con artists” found in nature... Brood parasitism occurs when a female bird (the parasite) lays her eggs in the nest of another female bird (the host), who then raises both her and the parasite’s eggs. This interesting behavior is displayed by species that you may regularly see!

The Brown-headed Cowbird, which is commonly found in this area, is one of the most infamous brood parasites in the U.S. Cowbirds are not picky when it comes to what nests they decide to lay their eggs in, as they have been seen laying eggs in the nests of over 240 other species! This egg “swap” occurs when the host species is away from its nest and usually results in the Brown-headed Cowbird female removing or destroying the other female’s egg(s) in the process. This ensures her own offspring have the best chance of survival.

The host species unknowingly raises the Cowbirds’ eggs as its own. Cowbird eggs are typically quicker to hatch than the host’s eggs, which ensures the Cowbirds receive most of the attention and nutrients from their host parents. Additionally, after hatching, the parasite chick may remove their “siblings” from the nest. These unique behaviors increase the parasite’s chance of survival while reducing the survival probability of the host’s offspring. If you are interested in seeing this behavior in nature, there are many videos online of just-hatched, featherless parasite chicks flailing around the nest trying to eject the other eggs!

There are mechanisms to ensure a host species does not recognize that its nest has been altered. One such method is known as an evolutionary arms race. As the eggs and chicks of the parasite species become more like those of the host species, the host evolves to have new identifying markers. Over time, the parasite once again evolves to be more similar to the host species, and the cycle continues... These changes can occur to the pattern and coloration of the egg, or to the chick, such as mouth markings.

Another local favorite that displays brood parasitism is the Wood Duck. Unlike the Brown-headed Cowbird, Wood Ducks construct their own nests and do not solely rely on parasitism for reproduction. This

species does not lay eggs in the nests of other species, but female Wood Ducks will lay their eggs in the nests of other Wood Ducks. Some believe this parasitism is due to a lack of suitable nesting sites for the Wood Ducks, as they are cavity nesters and require their cavities to have specific characteristics.

You might wonder why an individual would want to lay their eggs in the nest of another bird. There are quite a few benefits to the parasite for laying eggs in other nests. Namely, the parasite does not have to expend energy incubating and caring for its eggs. Instead of investing directly in their offspring, they invest their energy in laying as many eggs as possible (in other nests) to ensure their genes are passed to the next generation.

This is just one of the remarkable reproductive behaviors seen in nature, and I encourage you to explore this topic further if you think it’s interesting!



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Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell

Tar Balls on Texas Beaches



Jace Tunnell holding up tar found on Mustang Island

If you’ve been walking the beaches this summer, you may have noticed sticky black blobs scattered along the shoreline. These are tar balls, and they’ve been washing up all season long. On my beachcombing survey this week, I found them scattered across the sand in several patches.

Tar on the beach isn’t always the result of an oil spill. In fact, the Gulf has hundreds of natural oil seeps where petroleum slowly rises up from the seafloor. When oil reaches the surface, it weathers under the sun, thickens, and eventually breaks into chunks. Currents and waves push these tar balls ashore, where they mix in with sand and seaweed.


Interestingly, the Gulf also has natural cleanup crews. Certain microbes can “eat” oil, breaking it down over time. This process is part of the reason that tar eventually disappears from the sand, although fresh deposits can replace what washes away.

So, is tar dangerous? Generally, a small amount on your skin won’t harm you, but it is sticky, messy, and can cause irritation for some people. The best way to remove it is by using oil-based products—baby oil, cooking oil, or even butter will do the trick. Rub it on the tar, wipe it away, and then wash the area with soap and water. However, tar does stain.

Tar balls have a long history along the Texas coast. Long before offshore drilling began, beachgoers reported tar washing up from those natural seeps. However, human activities, such as leaks from boats and platforms, can also add to the problem. That makes it tricky to know exactly where each tar ball originated.

For beachcombers, tar is more of a nuisance than a threat, but it’s a fascinating reminder of the natural processes at work in the Gulf. Next time you spot one, take a closer look. That little blob has traveled a long way, from deep underwater to the sandy shores we enjoy. As always, part of the fun of beachcombing is discovering what the ocean leaves behind—and sometimes, it’s not just shells and driftwood. This summer, the Gulf has been leaving us tar.

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Jace Tunnell lifting up large chunk of tar near Matagorda Island

Congress cont. from A1

race. The following numbers are taken from filings with the United States Federal Election Commission and listed in order of funds reported.

Candidate	Total Disbursements	Cash on hand
Vicente Gonzalez (Dem)	\$207,098	\$932,447
Mayra Flores (Rep)	\$187,925	\$140,508
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Keith Allen (Rep)	\$63,386	\$12,608
Mario Morales (Rep)	\$5,454	\$6,199
Mauro Garza (Rep)	\$11,502	\$0
Gregory Kunkle (Rep)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline	\$0
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Alfredo Hinojosa (Rep)	Did not declare until after the reporting deadline	\$0

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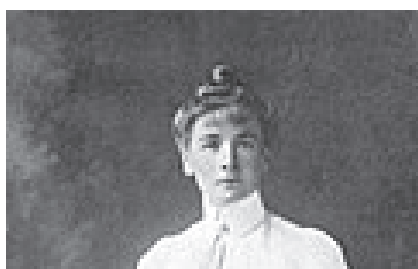
Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

History of Women in The Olympics Part 1

Dotson's Note: The rate of participation of women in the Olympic Games has been increasing since their first participation in 1900. Some sports are uniquely for women, others are contested by both sexes, while some older sports remain for men only. Studies of media coverage of the Olympics consistently show differences in the ways in which women and men are described and the ways in which their performances are discussed. The representation of women on the International Olympic Committee has historically run well behind the rate of female participation, and long missed its target of a 20% minimum presence of women on their committee. As of 2023, 41.1% of members are women. The 2024 Paris Olympics were notable for being the first to have the goal of achieving gender parity between men and women. Thanks to Wikipedia and Bill Morgan for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Charlotte Cooper

The first modern Olympic Games to feature female athletes was the 1900 Games in Paris. Hélène de Pourtalès of Switzerland became the first woman to compete at the Olympic Games and became the first female Olympic champion, as a member of the winning team in the first 1 to 2 ton sailing event on May 22, 1900. Briton Charlotte Cooper became the first female individual champion by winning the women's singles tennis competition on July 11. Tennis and golf were the only sports where women could compete in individual disciplines. 22 women competed at the 1900 Games, 2.2% of all the competitors. Alongside sailing, golf and tennis, women also competed in croquet.

Margaret Abbott played in the 1900 Olympic Games women's golf event in Compiegne, France. There were several firsts in the women's golf. This was the first time ever that women competed in the Olympic Games.

The women's division was won by Margaret Abbott of Chicago Golf Club. Abbott shot a 47 to win and became the first ever American female to win a gold medal in the Olympic Games, though she received a gilded porcelain bowl as a prize instead of a medal. She is also the second overall American woman to receive an Olympic medal. Abbott's mother, Mary Abbott, also competed in this Olympic event and finished tied for seventh, shooting a 65. They were the first and only mother and daughter that have ever competed in the same Olympic event at the same time. Margaret never knew that they were competing in the Olympics; she thought it was a normal golf tournament and died not knowing. Her historic victory was not known until University of Florida professor Paula Welch began to do research into the history of the Olympics and discovered that Margaret Abbott had placed first. Over the course of ten years, she contacted Abbott's children and informed them of their mother's victory.

Jane Moulin and Elvira Guerra competed in the hacks and hunter combined (*chevaux de selle*) equestrian event at the 1900 Games. Originally only the jumping equestrian events were counted as «Olympic», but IOC records later added the hacks and hunter and coach races to the official list of 1900 events, retroactively making Moulin and Guerra among the first female Olympians.



Above, Queenie Newall competed in archery at the 1908 London Games. In 1904, the women's archery event was added, marking a significant step in including women in Olympic competitions.

By the time of the London 1908 Olympics, there were 37 female athletes who competed in archery, tennis, and figure skating. This represented a growing but still limited participation of women in the Games.

Moving forward to Stockholm 1912, the number of women participating increased to 47, and new sports such as swimming and diving were introduced. However, figure skating and archery were removed from the program for that year. Despite these changes, Stockholm 1912 included art competitions that were open to women, although detailed records of their participation were not consistently kept. The progression in women's participation up to Stockholm 1912 shows a gradual expansion in both the number of sports and athletes involved, though it was still far from the comprehensive inclusion we see in modern Olympic Games. These early years laid foundational steps for women's sports in the Olympics, reflecting societal shifts towards greater gender equity in athletic competition.

The 1916 Summer Olympics were due to be held in Berlin, Germany, but were cancelled following the outbreak of World War I.

In 1920, 65 women competed at the Games. Archery was added back into the programme. A record 135 female athletes competed at Paris 1924. At the 1924 Summer Olympics held the same year in Paris, women's fencing made its debut with Dane Ellen Osier winning the inaugural gold. Archery was again removed from the programmed of sports. Dorothy Margaret Stuart was the first woman to gain a medal in the arts, winning silver in mixed literature.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympics also took place, with women competing only in figure skating. Herma Szabo became the first ever female Winter Olympic champion when she won the ladies' singles competition.



Kinue Hitomi, No. 265, won a silver medal in the Women's 800 meters at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics. The first woman to win an Olympic medal from Asia.

At the 1928 Winter Olympics in St Moritz, no changes were made to any female events. Fifteen year old Sonja Henie won her inaugural of three Olympic gold medals in figure skating. The 800 meters, which had just been opened to women and was won by Lina Radke in 1928 (on the right in the photograph), was forbidden to them until 1960 because it was considered unsuitable for women. This year also marked an increase in women's participation from less than 5% of the total number of athletes in previous years to 10% in 1928.

At the Summer Games of the same year, women's athletics and gymnastics made their debut. In athletics, women competed in the 100 metres, 800 metres, 4 × 100 metres relay, high jump and discus throw. The 800-metre race was controversial as many competitors were reportedly exhausted or unable to complete the race. Consequently, the IOC decided to drop the 800 meters from the programmed; it was not reinstated until 1960. Halina Konopacka of Poland became the first female Olympic champion in athletics by winning the discus throw. At the gymnastics competition, the host Dutch team won the first gold medal for women in the sport. Tennis was removed from the program.

TO BE CONTINUED

The Art of Island Life



By Melissa Mitchell

The Language of Symbols in Coastal Art

One of the most beautiful things about art is its ability to communicate without a single word. A painting, a sculpture, or even a small piece of jewelry can carry meaning so deeply rooted in our culture and environment that it speaks instantly to the heart. Here on the Island, we live surrounded by a language that has been centuries in the making—symbols drawn from the sea.

A Personal Symbol

Every so often, a piece of art carries a story far deeper than what's on the canvas. For me, that's *Rising Up*. This mixed media work began on a reclaimed 36"x36" canvas originally painted with a light blue background by the late, great artist and legendary surfer, John Olvey. I could not know his vision for this canvas, but I chose to build upon it—layering in charcoal, oil pastels, and acrylics to bring to life the grace and movement of a coastal bird in flight. The frame, also built by John, still cradles the finished work—making it a true collaboration across time. It was an honor to add my hand to his, and I hope he would be pleased with the result. A portion of the sale will benefit The John Olvey Scholarship fund. In many ways, this piece embodies the same language of coastal art that I love to write about: resilience, grace, and the ability to rise above. Just as a lighthouse speaks of guidance or an anchor of homecoming, this bird—mid-step, wings lifting—whispers of hope, renewal, and the beauty of continuing someone else's story.

Icons of the Coast

Look closely and you'll see them everywhere—lighthouses, anchors, seagulls, sand dollars, ships. These aren't just pretty pictures; each holds a story. A lighthouse often stands for guidance and hope, a reminder that light can cut through even the roughest seas. Anchors have long been a symbol of homecoming, stability, and the safe harbor we all need. A soaring seagull?

Freedom. And sand dollars—those delicate, star-marked treasures—carry their own lore. Some say they're tokens of faith, others call them "mermaid money," imagining them as the currency of an underwater kingdom. Whether you see them as legend or simple beauty, they remain a timeless coastal keepsake.

Ships, of course, can mean many things: adventure, exploration, resilience. Artists know the power of these symbols. Some use them boldly, letting the symbol take center stage. Others weave them subtly into a larger scene, a quiet detail you only notice when you step closer.

From Tradition to Today

The Gulf Coast has been inspiring artists for generations. Early painters captured the raw beauty of windswept dunes and working harbors. Today's coastal artists still draw from those same elements, but often with a modern twist—abstract interpretations of wave patterns, minimalist sketches of seabirds in flight, or mixed media pieces that incorporate real shells, driftwood, or nautical charts. And sometimes, those coastal symbols are not painted at all, but carved, cast, or sculpted into permanence.

A Landmark We All Know

One of the most recognizable coastal symbols on Padre Island isn't a painting—it's a sculpture. As you cross into the Island, you're greeted by Kent Ullberg's iconic swordfish—a striking welcome to both locals and visitors. Ullberg, one of the greatest wildlife sculptors in the



Rising Up by Melissa Mitchell

world, lives right here on the Island and has created works seen across the globe, from his Christ statue on Shoreline in Corpus Christi to monumental pieces in museums and cities worldwide. His art reminds us that the symbols of the sea can be larger than life—quite literally—and still carry the same universal meanings.

I was lucky enough to see an advanced screening of the documentary *Ullberg: Wind in the Sails* in January at the Rockport Center for the Arts, where Mr. Ullberg and his wife, Veerle, were also in attendance. It is always exciting to discover the depth and story behind something we often take for granted, and this film is a perfect example. More than just an artistic journey, it's also a love story—not only of Ullberg's deep connection to nature and his craft, but of the beautiful life he shares with Veerle. Through breathtaking visuals and intimate storytelling, it traces his path from the coasts of Sweden to the shores of South Texas, capturing the artistry, devotion, and partnership that have shaped his extraordinary career.

Screening Friday, September 12



Ullberg Movie Premiere, January 2025 at Rockport Center for the Arts

If you'd like to experience it for yourself, a special showing will take place Friday, September 12, 2025, at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi's Performing Arts Center. Kent Ullberg will be in attendance along with internationally recognized marine wildlife artist Dr. Guy Harvey, making it a rare opportunity to celebrate art, nature, and community in one evening. Proceeds support the PBS broadcast edit of the film, set to air in May 2026 as part of the *Made in Texas* series, produced by Matt and Denise Thornton of Griffyn.co Productions. Like the anchors, lighthouses, and sand dollars found in so much coastal art, Ullberg's swordfish stands as a symbol—both a welcome and a reminder—that the sea's stories are worth telling in every form.

Finding Your Own Symbols

The beauty of living by the coast is that you get to decide what these symbols mean to you. Maybe the lighthouse in a painting reminds you of your grandmother's kitchen wall. Maybe the anchor on a piece of pottery makes you think of the first time you set sail.

At Padre Island Art Gallery, I see it every day—visitors drawn to pieces because they feel familiar, comforting, or inspiring. The symbols connect them to a place, a memory, a dream. That, to me, is the true language of coastal art: it speaks in the sound of waves, the call of a gull, the shape of a sail against the horizon. And when you take it home, it quietly speaks the soothing voices of the sea. Like finding a sand dollar in the surf, it feels like a small treasure—your own bit of "mermaid money" to carry home, reminding you of where you've been and the stories you'll tell.

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



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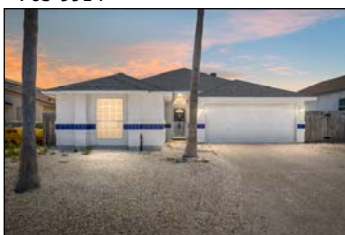
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By Jay Gardner

On the Rocks

The Wild Horse Desert moved a little bit more to the north with the city council’s votes the other day regarding water supplies and rates. The Nueces River is on cardiac arrest and has been reduced from a river with fish to a simple conduit for drinking water and apparently will remain that way for the foreseeable future. The Mission River is the next one north and won’t slake our needs due to low flow, the Guadalupe River is spoken for, and that gets us to the Lavaca-Navidad which I claim will be the new “border.” The border isn’t necessarily based on occupation by foreign troops, but the availability of the most precious resource.

CCA update

Sorry I haven’t caught up with the rodeo road trip we did a couple weeks ago to Houston, but one of the things that we did was go to the CCA-Texas meeting where I gave a habitat update on where our projects are with oyster reef restoration and near-shore artificial reefing. Several of us have been trying to work on getting some of the material that will be coming down from the old Harbor Bridge on a boat and deployed offshore. Many folks think that would be a good use of material, but there may be some rules in the way. It’s being looked at but it’s a tough row to hoe.

One thing I always do when I’m at CCA HQ is take a picture of the artificial reef module that is stationed in the parking lot there. Seeing it keeps me grounded and gives me perspective. One of the main things that it does is remind me of those that have been working on the artificial reef program in the past, specifically my good friend Gary Glick who passed away last year. You loyal readers know that he was a man among men and broke the mold on how artificial reefs have been constructed. Although we are standing on the shoulders of giants, we need another hero to step up and take on the red tape coming from NOAA/NMFS that is miring our local programs. TPWD is at a standstill with reefing permits because of the Feds. More on this later.

Padre Island National Seashore

We were down the Padre Island National Seashore last weekend and camped out by one of the blowouts that was caused by Hurricane Brett many years ago. Brett came through in late August of 1999, and scared a lot of people out of town, including myself. Brett went down south in the 50’s and cut a dozen new temporary new passes through The Island and created a bunch of washover ponds. There was a lot of fish that were stranded in the ponds back then, and I’d be surprised if you couldn’t find a couple of fish back in those ponds today.

The Park Service tried to put up some sand fencing in the blowouts in order for the dunes to be rebuilt, but they’ve had mediocre success as it is a tough environment. We fished the jetties for a few hours the first day and then headed back north to set up camp in a safer place off the road. We found one of the blowouts and did a little exploring, and found lots of tracks in the damp sands, including deer, Lily, ghost crabs, and the kangaroo rats.

Gulf Coast Kangaroo

The Gulf Coast Kangaroo rat is endemic to south Texas; it is typically found on Padre Mustang Island and some locales in south Texas with sandy soils. They eat seeds and get their water from the native succulent plants. They are cute little buggers and are called Kangaroo rats as they hop like kangaroos with their back feet together that make a unique set of prints. I don’t want to encourage folks to head off into the backside of the dunes, but there can be some cool stuff in the sand if you take a minute and look around.



100 million birds in flight

Migration has started already, and I’m seeing more teal show up, as well as more hummingbirds at the feeders. I looked at Birdcast yesterday, and there were over a 100 million birds in flight during the night, and a majority of the birds were coming straight at us through the central flyway. Make sure to get your feeders up, especially as we start to get the cool fronts that actually make it all the way down to us. A lot of birds are riding these first waves. Dove season starts this weekend with the early whitewing season in the South Zone, and many folks will be headed to ranches and leases inland as the perennial south Texas tradition continues. Don’t forget to renew your hunting and fishing licenses if you haven’t already; they expired last week.

City Hall

I just got news that Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlburt resigned, which is a giant bummer. She was instrumental in renewing the TIRZ #2 and getting projects actually put into the hopper, besides being one of the best squirrel wranglers I’ve seen at city hall in a while. She also gave a lot of assistance and credence to the Island Strategic Action Committee and was a great liaison when I was chair and since then. She will be sorely missed on the Island. Y’all be careful out there and be mindful of each other. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and I’ll see you next week On the Rocks.



Jay by the pyramid courtesy of Lily Walker

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By Joey Farah

Backwater Adventures



This 30.5” trout was caught on a DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER KIDEL SOFT PLASTIC, in key lime pie color. We were just a few hundred yards off the King Ranch Shoreline half way to Baffin Bay. Farah

Just the other day I walked with my mermaid over the Jetty Rocks of the Old Fish Pass. I immediately slip back in time every day I spend there. I remember the many days surfing the perfect sand bars that run off the rocks, beach parties, and fishing stories, all while we make new memories there now. The FISH PASS is a set of jetty rocks along a long silted in pass to the Gulf. When I was a kid there was still a small trickle of tide that ran from the bay to the sea, but now the dunes have covered up most all of the beach side pass. My first fishing venture there was a spring day that my dad took the family there for the day. I was Fishing every day back behind the house in Flour Bluff, so I was excited and brought all my stuff. I had been perfecting my cast netting and I scampered along the rocks looking for bait. On the rocks rolled a giant sheepshead! Twisting and turning along the rocks his striped sides flagging me in for the right moment. The net landed surrounding him. I pulled it closed and I could feel the tugs and frantic rolling of the fish. The net snagged on the rocks, but I pulled and pulled and got him up on the jetty. For fear I would loose him I carried him in the net as I ran back to the Ol Blue Landcruiser. He had gotten every spine and fun tangled in that cast net, and the rocks tore most of the rest. I went and got one more before the cast net was completely done. Lessons learned quickly about cast nets, rocks, and oysters. Now I love surfing there in the spot that most folks have forgotten, and watch other fisherman learn not to throw their nets on the rocks.

Fishing here in the beginning of September has been exciting! Bull Redfish are on their way to the surf zone too! A cast net can easily get you a diverse bucket of bait. Finger mullet, Shad, pin perch, shrimp, mud minnows, and anything that swims, even sheepshead. Sometimes the baitfish that you can catch in a cast net are very different than those for sale at the bait shops. The kinds of baitfish that game fish are eating! Having a cast net 3-5’ in length, a 5gal bucket, and a floating bait bucket is perfect. Your bait bucket will fit inside your big bucket with water and be portable. When you get where



THE RUNNING OF THE BULLS!! Giant 40” plus redfish are marching towards the surf, we are catching them along the grass lines out along the King Ranch and along the ICW. First and last light is best.

your fishing tie the floating bait bucket up and put it in the water. You can even tie it to the 5gal handle with the big bucket full of water. Casting forms vary and can be watched on the internet. Stalk baitfish like a heron, don’t cast repeatably over the same spot. Do not throw your net right where you are fishing either. When it opens let it sink down to the bottom before drawing it tight. Cast netting is sometimes more fun than fishing, get a few and take the family out for an adventure.

The Big Bull reds have given us some great thrills in the last few weeks. We have been finding them along the ICW Channel, and out along the big grass flats in the Laguna Madre. These are their main travel corridors and offer deep water where they lay up most of the day. Catching live finger mullet and using live or cut bait at dawn and dusk will get you hooked up to these large and in charge sports fish. Pull up along the ICW and fish sunset and get ready! We have been drifting the flats along these areas using soft plastics and topwaters to pull some explosive bites. Larger Soft plastics with paddle tails have worked best like the DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL in Key Lime Pie is a solid redfish bait every day. Popping corks with live shrimp is really deadly on redfish on the days we have wind.

The pin perch will get pretty aggressive on your bait but you will find the reds!

The tides have been bringing good water into the flats cooling temperatures down a bit and carrying loads of small baitfish from the sea. It’s a magical time of year when the crowds of summer are gone during the week and the fish can feel a change in the horizon. We are all ready for a few wind switches to the north, and cooler weather. Enjoy these last days of summer and get up and take that walk down the beach at sunset, or grab your mermaid and maybe head for the Old Fish Pass and get those feet in the sand.

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Mr. Barry Gross was a giant help to me when I started my fishing business, and he is still a excellent Angler. This Super Summer Spec Trophy he caught jigging soft plastics in one of his secret spots!

Medical Minute



By Dr. Mario Martinez

Routine Labs and Why They are so Important

Many people have good insurance and are still reluctant to go see their doctor to get routine blood work checked. Most insurance companies want people to get their routine labs checked at least once a year. Sometimes they will offer a discount in the monthly premium if a person gets their blood work checked annually. Most insurance companies will pay for labs to be checked as often as every three months, especially if the patient has some kind of a chronic illness that needs to be monitored. Most of the time labs can be checked every three months and a day. For example if you had labs checked on July 1, 2025, your insurance will probably pay to have labs checked again after October 2, 2025. If you are not sure whether or not labs are covered by your insurance, then you should call your health insurance company and ask them. Routine labs provide a tremendous amount of useful information about your overall health. It allows health care providers to assess your risks of having potentially serious health issues. A skilled medical professional can tell important data about your diet and spot hereditary conditions just by looking at your routine labs.

One thing we check with routine labs is a Complete Blood Count (CBC). The White Blood Cell Count (WBC) is usually elevated when a person has a moderate to severe infection. The WBC can also be elevated in people that are on steroids or in patients that have Clostridium difficile colitis. The bottom of the CBC tells us the percentage of each type of white blood cell. If a patient has a bacterial infection, the neutrophils are usually elevated. If the patient has a viral infection, the lymphocytes are often elevated. Parasitic infestations usually show an elevation in the eosinophils. Cancers can cause an elevation of the monocytes.

If a person is anemic, the hemoglobin level will be lower than normal. This can occur with cancer, blood loss from heavy menses or kidney disease. The hematocrit and the hemoglobin can both be elevated in people that are dehydrated or in men that are taking testosterone supplements. Any man that is 50 years old or older that is anemic, it is colon cancer until proven otherwise. The mean corpuscular volume (MCV) tells us if a patient who is anemic has a microcytic anemia (small red blood cells) or macrocytic anemia (large red blood cells). There are about 5 different causes of microcytic anemia and 3 or 4 different types of causes of macrocytic anemia.

The Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CMP) will tell me if your random glucose level is elevated. It also tells me if your kidney and liver function are normal. I am also able to determine a patient's overall nutritional status with the total protein and the albumin levels in this part of the lab work. The CMP also can provide a us with information about whether a patient is taking protein supplements and can provide information about possible hereditary liver conditions.

We check testosterone levels in men as part of the routine labs as well. This level is low in men that are obese because adipose tissue blocks the conversion of estrogen to testosterone. Men have small amounts of estrogen, and women have low levels of testosterone. A low testosterone level is often a motivating factor when we are trying to convince a man about the importance of weight loss and exercising. Its really surprising how many men that are on testosterone replacement therapy over-inject testosterone. This causes hyper-viscosity (thickening) of the blood, and it causes an increased risk of blood clot formation. It also increases the risk of prostate cancer.

We check the Thyroid Stimulating Hormone level and the free T4 as well. We frequently find abnormalities in these levels. This tells us if a patient needs to start taking thyroid supplements. It also tells us if a person that is supposed to be taking thyroid medication has either stopped taking it or they are taking it incorrectly. Thyroid medication has to be taken on empty stomach, and patients are to not eat or drink anything for at least one hour after taking their medication.

We check a lipid panel with routine labs also. This tells us a great deal of information about a person's diet. People that have a high hemoglobin A1C will usually have an elevation of their triglycerides and possibly their total cholesterol. Left over glucose is converted to fat and stored first in the liver. It then floats around in the circulation looking for another place to be deposited. This causes the triglyceride level and possibly the cholesterol level to go up. Of course we have young healthy patients that have a normal hemoglobin A1C that eat fast food everyday. These people will usually have an elevation of their triglycerides. Another group of people can have a great diet with a low hemoglobin A1C and still have a slightly elevated cholesterol and triglyceride level. This is because there is also a hereditary form of high cholesterol that affects this group of people.

Last but certainly not least is the hemoglobin A1C. This tells us about the average carbohydrate and sugar consumption over the past three months. Glucose will bind to the hemoglobin molecule on the red blood cell. We check the percentage of "glycosylated" hemoglobin molecules to derive at this percentage. The average life-span of the red blood cell is 3 months. This is how the hemoglobin A1C tells us your average carbohydrate and sugar intake over the past 3 months.

This is just a brief overview of the amount of important information that routine labs can tell a physician about your lifestyle and your overall health. We all want to live to be healthy as we age. That is why you really need to get your labs checked about 3 times a year. Once a year if you are young and very healthy is usually adequate. Contact my office, and I will be glad to have your blood drawn and go over the results with you.

Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken



Monty Python and the Holy Grail is a parody of Arthur's quest to find the Holy Grail. During the movie King Arthur and his group must cross the Bridge of Death. Each must answer three questions from the bridgekeeper.

The bridgekeeper began by asking for the person's name. Then he asked about the knight's quest. Finally, he asked for the knight's favorite color, or sometimes he would ask an unanswerable riddle. The first knight failed on the third question and was flung into the Gorge of Eternal Peril. The second knight failed in answering his favorite color. He too was flung. King Arthur then approached the bridgekeeper. He asked Arthur for his name and his quest. However, the final question was a bit trickier. He asked about the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow. Arthur asked for clarification, an African or European swallow? The bridgekeeper was stumped, and he was flung into the Gorge of Eternal Peril. King Arthur and the rest of his knights passed over the bridge. That scene causes me to think about the images we have of God. Many of us carry around a picture of God that allows us some sense of what we think or experience God to be like. Some might view God as a holy bridgekeeper. Some might view God as a stern taskmaster who makes rules and give us things to do. Some might view God as a law enforcement figure sitting in heaven with a perpetual finger raised in warning or accusation. Some may view God as a judge in a heavenly courtroom, ready to pass judgment. All of these images invoke fear and anxiety.

Sometimes a person might view God as a transference of their earthly parent, positive or negative. For some God is a heavenly grandparent, cuddly and loveable, domesticated and safe. We may even have multiple images of God. One we confess in public and one we have in the privacy of our heart and mind. Some of our images might be very biblical and healthy, others not so much.

The images we have for God will profoundly shape what we expect from God and what God expects from us. These images will shape how we think about faith. They will shape how we think about others, especially strangers, people different from us, and also our enemies. They will shape how we view the world.

The Bible teaches that if we want to see God, we look at Jesus. The essence of the life and ministry of Jesus was self-emptying and sacrificial love. The love Jesus displayed was a love that heals, welcomes, lifts up, overcomes, delivers, redeems, includes. The love of Jesus saves us from ourselves. The love of Jesus casts out all fear.

We live in an angry world that breeds fear and anxiety, mistrust and division. The abuses of power are disheartening. There are lots of complex issues at play. If our images of God invoke fear and anxiety, then we will simply stoke the brokenness of the world.

However, what if we allow our guiding image of God to be one of self-giving love? To walk in God's ways is to bring this love to bear in our relationships, in our community, and in our world.

Choosing love orients us to the needs of our diverse humanity, including those who are different than us. Choosing love means choosing not to retaliate or seek retribution. Choosing love means walking away from being motivated by our grievances. Choosing love calls us to be doers and advocates of equity and peace.

When we view God as the essence of self-giving love, transformation occurs. Our transformation. Transformation of this troubled world.

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



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Caught in the act. Sandball artist Kenny Fains balances one of his famous sandballs on a chair at Shorty's



Labor Day 2015

Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

- 1. Talk big
- 5. Yin counterpart
- 9. Certain advanced degrees (Abbr.)
- 13. Continental cash
- 14. Sigmund's daughter
- 15. Get on, as a horse
- 16. They're a form of consumer protection
- 18. Ship's lowest deck
- 19. They may pop up while you browse
- 20. Human ending
- 21. Coffe, in architecture
- 23. Make tea
- 25. Bank, at times
- 28. California white oak
- 31. One of a temporary 20 in children
- 33. Obtain, as support
- 35. Cows' digs
- 36. Where you may see a suricate
- 37. It can be ear-piercing
- 38. Goad
- 40. Australian Prime Minister Sir George
- 41. Employment ad letters
- 42. Tabloid topic, often
- 43. First female to swim the Channel
- 45. She's more than a babysitter
- 48. Cartoon mirages
- 49. Hardest hit to get
- 50. Hillock
- 52. Thin nails
- 54. One-time Camaro rival
- 55. A U.S. time zone
- 58. Ferber novel
- 60. It has reddish-orange flowers with black spots
- 63. Apologize and then some
- 64. Joyce's motherland
- 65. Preindication
- 66. It may bring an act to an end
- 67. Hammerhead end
- 68. It may eventually turn

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Down

- 1. First name in horror flicks
- 2. Felt remorse
- 3. Word in an Ernest Hemingway title
- 4. Sentimental drivelt
- 5. New Haven student, informally
- 6. Garland for the head, formerly
- 7. Weather report abbr., perhaps
- 8. Fight for air
- 9. "West Side Story" Oscar winner
- 10. They're used to make the grade
- 11. A year in the Yucatan
- 12. "The racer's edge"
- 15. Some Louvre attractions
- 17. Observer's record
- 22. Basic hydrocarbon
- 23. Used the banister, in a way
- 24. A Plymouth colony founder
- 26. French star
- 27. Sort of scholar
- 28. Take umbrage
- 29. One place to promote a new CD
- 30. County fair award, perhaps
- 32. Fifth zodiac sign
- 34. Like a span of oxen
- 39. Scala of "The Guns of Navarone"
- 40. Do one of the three R's
- 42. Mammal's coat
- 44. Certain Red Cross volunteer
- 46. Water source
- 47. Type of bag
- 51. Volunteer state sch.
- 53. Big first for a baby
- 55. "La Bohème" role
- 56. Tireless carrier
- 57. Actress Daly
- 58. Swayback's woe
- 59. Member of a Platte River people
- 61. Choler
- 62. Builder's buy

Ten Years Ago in the Island Moon



Packery Repairs before Hurricane Harvey

Ten years ago this week rocks were being piled on top of the original riprap where the original jetty structure had caved in. When the job was finished the new rocks made up about half of the entire surface area of the inside of the jetties between the granite blocks on the beach side and the basin at the entrance to Lake Padre. The jetties were officially completed twenty years ago this month and having their lining along the channel cave in was not in the design plans and as these photos show the jetty failures had begun at least two years before Hurricane Harvey.

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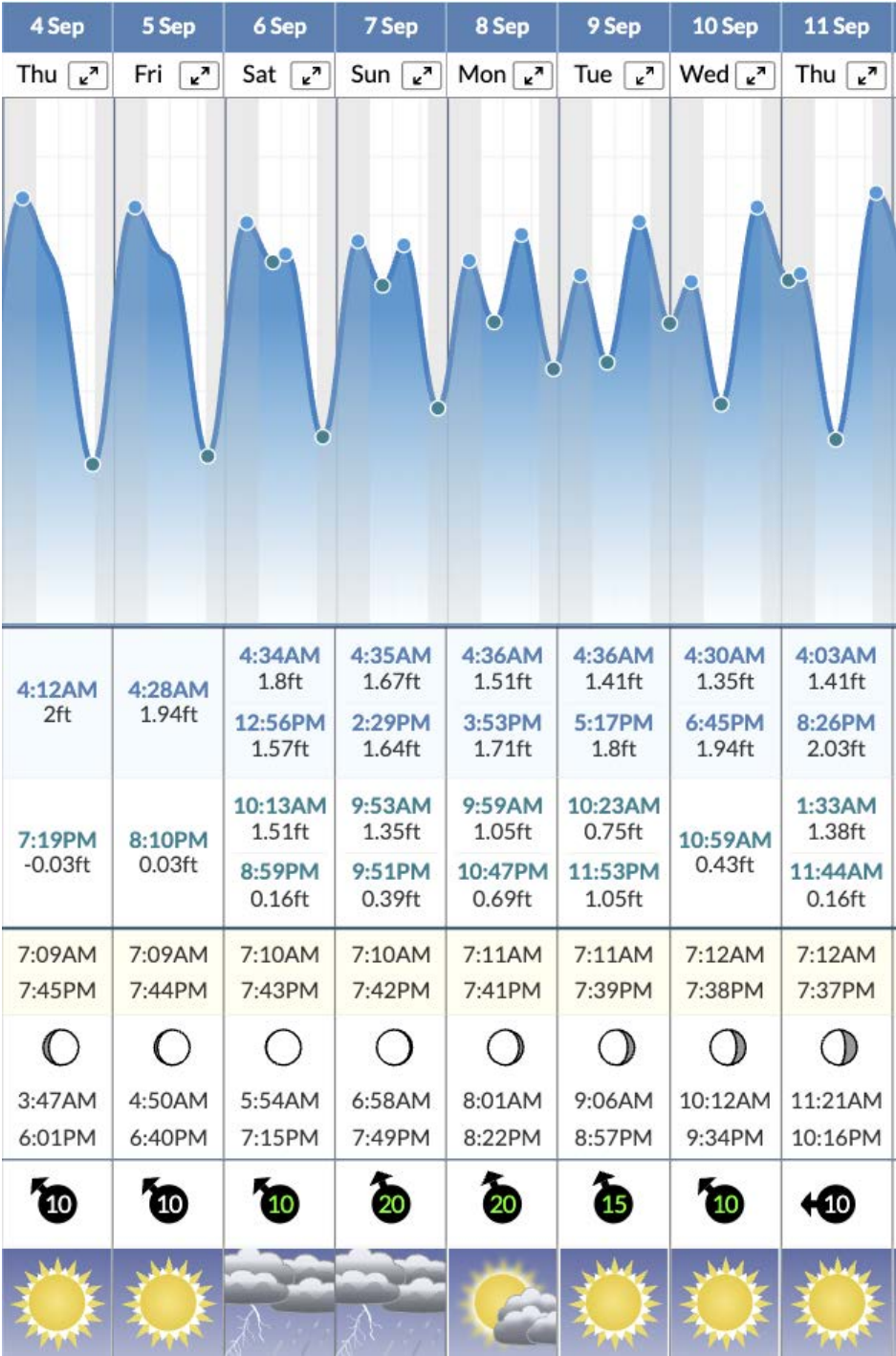
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Delayed Fishing Trip, Execute Plan Bee

Nary a hair after Expando Foam

By Gene Saegert

Looking forward to some fall weather fishing, my mind wandered as it often does, to a past delayed fishing trip.

It was an excellent Saturday morning and I decided to load up the kayak and hit the flats. I kept trying to push back the mental note to go and mow the lawn at the old fishing cabin. We had moved out of the cabin and into a bigger house over a year ago. I begrudgingly remembered that I would fix the old place up and get it sold. After a strong “suggestion” from my wife, I was off to mow the lawn and check out the cabin. I figured if I got an early start, I would have plenty of time to get ‘er done and still get in some quality fishing time. But little did I know that before this morning was over I would learn some new lessons about “best laid plans.....”

Unable to put it off any longer I started the mower and began to mow the lawn. Now, when I mow the lawn, my mind tends to wander more than usual and some earlier conversations with my wife came to mind, such as “We need to get that cabin sold.” “I know,” I said, “I did some stuff to it the last couple of weeks” “What kind of stuff?” was the next question. “Did you need anything from the store?” “I am going to the Post Office anyway” I replied, trying to come up with something concrete. It didn’t work this time, never does, you would think that I would have learned by now!

Cue the bees

Well back to reality and unfolding story. I finished the lawn and went to check out the storage building. I opened the door and flipped on the light and right away a loud buzzing came to my ears and a whole lot of ticked off bees began to fly around the light

bulb right over my head. Being old, but still quick of wit, I thought to myself, this is not good! I wanted to turn and run, but the old cartoons came to mind, that when you run, the bees form a big arrow and chase you. So instead, I slowly backed out of the storeroom and quickly shut the door. Unbelievable, I thought, this is actually the third time that bees have selected my storeroom for their home. None of them have ever offered to pay rent, or sweep the storeroom, simply counting on pollinating my plants as an excuse for their stay.

Fun Foam and arm hair

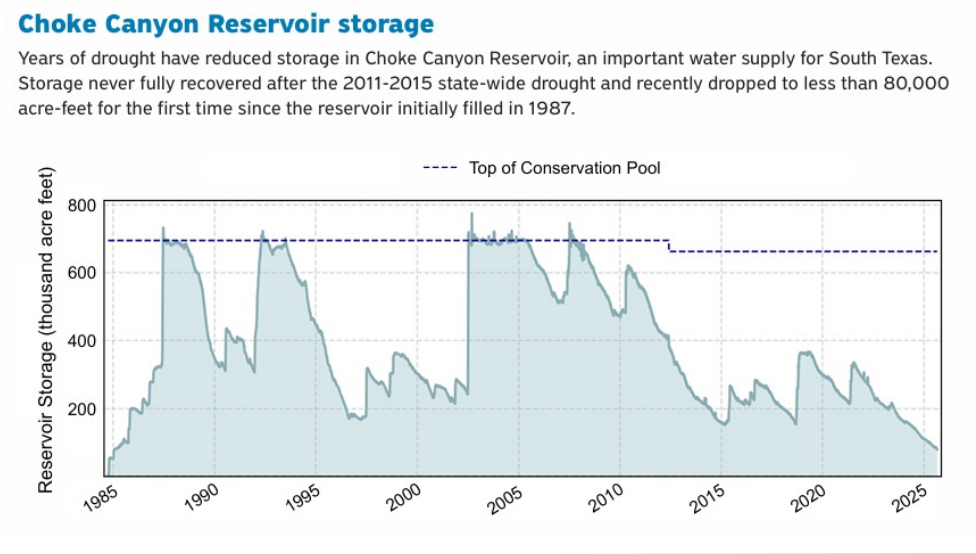
Well, after about an hour of bee battling I located the hive in my rafters, got the bees relocated and took down the honey comb. I located the place that the bees were entering and decided the best approach to sealing it up was Expando Foam. Now this stuff is great and I think that they should actually rename it “Fun Foam.” After the job was done I read the directions on the can and learned three important facts. I learned why you should wear gloves. I also learned you should wear an old long sleeve shirt, as Expando Foam sticks well to arm hairs. In fact at this point I am thinking that Expando Foam may be better than Nair or waxing (just for the record I have never used either) because it takes off all of the hair on the first try, when you attempt to clean it off. Another lesson I learned is that the use of an old hand towel and a lot of acetone will take off the foam, along with hair and some large amounts of skin. The final lesson I learned was, always use acetone in a well-ventilated area, (which probably doesn’t require further explanation.) By this time the morning was pretty well shot. Oh well afternoon fishing trips can be fun also.

Native cont. from A1

A very pretty wildflower for today’s discussion is *Sabatia campestris*, commonly referred to as Meadow Pink or Texas Star. This is one of a group of related species of the genus *Sabatia* that occur in mid and southern states, although sometimes found as far north as New England, where perhaps it was introduced. The plant is an annual to biannual and once established will readily self-seed after the mature plant dies. It has been recorded from Padre Island National Seashore where it can persist in fairly dry sand or loam soils, but does prefer additional moisture especially in the fullness of summer. It can also be found along roadsides and in other disturbed habitats.

The plant can be a foot or so tall and has flowers that can be a couple of inches in diameter. It is most easily established from seed in the late summer or fall, but can be started other times of the year as well. It’ll typically bloom in late spring. Marsh pink is often pollinated by solitary bees, but when pollinators are scarce, it can successfully self-pollinate. Seeds can be collected from fruit capsules when they are dry and turning light tan. The seeds can be purchased too. Some sources suggest that germination is facilitated by light and also cold stratification.

I’ve seen a report that a bitter tea can be made from this plant, but would not recommend you trying that without checking further as there’s not many references to it. Not to mention the term ‘bitter’ doesn’t make me want to go subjecting this pretty plant to steeping in hot water!



Reddish Egret (White Morph) and Neotropic Cormorant By Britt Thompson



Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center. By Paula Baker Photography



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Bring on the WT's...



*Labor Day traffic at the ferry landing.
Photo by Steve Coons*

We finally made it. The tourists have departed and we now have the joint to ourselves... at least for a minute or two. The traffic was beyond gnarly on Monday, Labor Day proper. The cars were wrapped completely around the city to the point that the head had met the tail, and that's no exaggeration. Just check out this drone pic that **Steve Coons** sent us. I hope everyone made a bunch of money this summer and saved it for the winter. I say this every year when I flip my calendar over to September. Truth be told, I absolutely love this time of year. The number of weekday live music shows are fewer as are the number of bigger acts. We'll still see some big shows for various events such as *Halloween, Pirate Parade, Thanksgiving, New Years Eve*, etc and here and there at the bigger venues, but for the most part local bands will dominate our calendars until *Spring Break*. We will have an onslaught of our *Winter Texan* (hence forth known as "*WT's*") families during the "off season" and they are another reason I love this time of year. You'll know we are in the thick of it when the **PA Rockers** start their Wednesday night (make that early evening) residency at *Bernie's Beach House*. It's remarkably like a high school sock hop. The band is a hybrid mix of locals and *WT's* and is fronted by our good rockin' buddy **Colorado Bob Reed**. It's guaranteed that the dance floor will be packed with aging revelers and the tip jars will be in need. You should know the drill by now. I tell you every year. And if you forget everything else, just remember the part about saving your money for the winter. That part never changes and you'll thank me around *Valentine's Day*. BTW, we love our *WT's*. They always have expert advice if you ever need instructions on damn near anything. Now get out there and start counting those out of state license plates in the *IGA* parking lot.

Zydeco Ya Ya...



The Gerrald Delafosse band sat in with Boo and Poo last Friday at the Gaff.

My buddies, **Boudreaux and Pousson** contacted me last week about helping a new friend, **Gerrald Delafosse** with some last minute booking. Gerrald is related to zydeco royalty with **John** and **Geno Delafosse** whom I booked many times at club's I ran in Houston and San Antonio where I regularly booked big zydeco acts like **Buckwheat Zydeco, C.J. Chenier, Chubby Carrier, BeauSoleil** and **Boozoo Chavis**. I am truly a huge fan of the genre. And in case you didn't know, **Boo and Poo** are born and bred Louisiana *Coon Asses* who have relocated to Rockport and Orange Grove and often perform their "real deal" Cajun and zydeco music in Port Aransas and around this area. Boudreaux, aka; **Ty Southerland** is a well seasoned guitarist who's played with such luminary as **Beaux Jocque, Tab Benoit, Cowboy Mouth** and **Better Than Ezra**. And **Adam Pousson** hails from Eunice, LA and is an actual Cajun blacksmith and makes his own washboards or as they are called in Louisiana; the froitroir. As if you couldn't tell, I'm very fond of these fellows and did my best to help Gerrald out with a pick up gig, but there wasn't enough time. But I was pleasantly surprised when they showed up for Boo and Poo's show at the *Gaff* last Friday and sat in with the band. I was an instant fan.

Three Chords and the Truth

Scattered shots...



Jordan Guana opened the show for Clay Hollis last Saturday at the Sip Yard.

Last week was a humdinger for live music in Port A. Our semi-new concert venue, the *Sip Yard* has been leading the charge with regional and national acts. Last Thursday they had **Brett Axelson** a soloist from Houston who plays all genres. We've been seeing a lot of him lately. I also attended shows with **Jordan Guana** (who I really liked) opening for **Clay Hollis**, who was a favorite at the old *Back Porch* and **Pauline Reese**, who also played many times at the *Back Porch*. She had t-shirts for sale, one of which had **Willie Nelson** on it announcing her as the "Queen of Country Music"... which I had a hard time with being that she wasn't **Dolly Parton** or **Patsy Cline**. On Sunday our big ten piece horn band, **Cruise Control** played the yard and knocked it out of the park. I also saw the country boys, **Tumble Dry Low** at *Shorty's* on Friday and the every so funky **Heavy Soul** on Saturday. *Bron's* had it going on with the mighty, mighty **Ruben V** sending his guitar into outer space on Friday and the popular classic rock band, **Splendiferous** on Saturday. The *Gaff* was also jumping with their *First Annual Labor Day Invitational Belt Sander Races* on Saturday and the great **Dunebillies** on Sunday. *Treasure Island* had a nice lineup with rocker **Jon Car** on Friday and **JonMikael MREZ** on Saturday. Not too shabby.



Reno Perez will play Shorty's this Friday.

Coming this week...

Coming this week the *Gaff* will have slide guitar master **Robert McCoy** on Thursday the 4th and **Boo and Poo** on Friday. *Shorty's* will have **Chris Ivory** on Thursday, veteran bluesman **Reno Perez** on Friday and the **Drive** on Saturday. *Bron's* will have **Austin Forrest** from Austin on Friday and **Aloha Dave** and the **Tourists** on Saturday. We haven't seen **Dave Maroney** or **Ray Ray Summy** in a while. *Treasure Island* will have the **Back Pew Revival** on Friday and **Carson Miller** and the **Coastal Cowboys** on Saturday. And coming to the *Sip Yard* this weekend we have the **Cleartones** on Thursday, country music stud **Caleb Young** from Anson, Texas on Friday and classic rockers **18 Hours** on Saturday. I also want to mention Padre Island's newest venue, *Brewster Street on the Island*, will have **Scarecrow People** on Thursday, **Michael Burttis** on Friday and **Meza** on Saturday. Also, **Cody Jinks** will play *Concrete Street* on Saturday and blues pedigreed **Tyrone Vaughan** will play the *House of Rock* also on Saturday.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The Back Pew Revival will play Treasure Island on Friday.



Aloha Dave and the Tourists will play Bron's on Saturday.



Caleb Young will play the Sip Yard this Friday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

September 4

Robert McCoy @ Gaff
Cleartones @ Sip Yard
Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shorty's
Nathan Allen @ Brewster Southside
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Island
Matt Castillo @ Brewster Downtown
Love Street @ Pier 99
Sonny Salinas @ Executive Surf Club
John Cortez @ Sam's Burger Joint SA

Friday.

September 5

Caleb Young @ Sip Yard
Reno Perez @ Shortys
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
Austin Forrest @ Bron's
Back Pew Revival @ Treasure Island
Charlie Traeger & Miguel Cantu @ PA Art Center
Aaron Jacobs @ Brewster Southside
Michael Burttis @ Brewster Island
Josh Ward @ Brewster Downtown
Chainlinks @ Executive Surf Club
Cruise Control @ Pelican Lounge
Passing Strangers @ Rockit's
Michael Anthony Perez @ Doubletree N. Beach

Saturday.

September 6

The Drive @ Shortys
18 Hours @ Sip Yard
Aloha Dave @ Bron's
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Carson Miller @ Treasure Island
Groove @ VFW
Cathouse @ Pelican Lounge
Dreams: Fleetwood
Mac Trib @ Brewster Downtown
Meza @ Brewster Island
Trisum @ Brewster Southside
Cody Jinks, Ward Davis @ Concrete Street
Tyrone Vaughan @



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RUBEN V	SEPT 13
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CATHOUSE	SEPT 20

Treasure Island

BACK PEW REVIVAL	SEPT 5
CARSON MILLER	SEPT 6
RAUL AYALA	SEPT 12
MARIO FLORES	SEPT 13
THE GROOVE	SEPT 19

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PIG PARTY W/ NIK PARR	OCT 11

House of Rock
Another Level @ Rockit's
David Martinez & Raul Ayala @ Executive Surf Club
Love Street @ Pauly's Beer Garden

Sunday.

September 7

Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Sonny Salinas @ Executive Surf Club
Rip Tide Cowboy Open Mic @ Calypso Drive and Drive Dolphin

Monday, Sept 8

Alonzo Cruz @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday.

September 9

Carl Hayes Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Rich Lockhart @ Packery Bar
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Los Locals @ Palm Republic
Los Yesterdays @ Brewster Downtown
Navarro @ the Creatures @ Executive Surf Club

Wednesday.

September 10

Open Mic w/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Cleartones @ Port A VFW
Michael Burttis @ Pelican Lounge
Dark Angel @ Brewster Downtown
Michael Anthony Perez @ Tannin's South

Thursday.

September 11

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys
Jim Bush @ Gaff
Back Pew Revival @ Sip Yard
Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A Beer Hut
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