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By Dale Rankin

Things are picking up Around The Island this week as we sprint on down to the end of Hurricane Season 2025 with nary a game of chicken with our swirling companions from the east. We continue to have the occasional Forty Acre Rain Squall but the recent rains have not helped to ease our water crisis hereabouts as city officials this week moved their predictions of a critical water shortage up a month from December 2026 to November 2026. They also told the Corpus Christi City Council that in 180 days "we will not have enough supply to meet our demand." We live on the edge of the Wild Horse Prairie and Chihuahuan Desert with water, water everywhere but nary a drop to drink...

Don't eat the Pink Meanies!

We are a full service newspaper Around The Island so with that in mind our friend Jace Tunnell over at the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi reminds us not to eat the Pink Meany Jellyfish, just in case anyone was considering frying one up. You shouldn't have to go that route judging by the number of fisherpersons on the Packery Jetties this week. When the fish are running, so are the anglers and half of them are above average.

Riley P. Dog Park

The Riley P. Dog Park is back open this week but still in need of volunteers to open and close the gate. Come on dog lovers give Nick a call at 618-889-9160 and help out. The park gets no outside funding and is solely dependent on volunteers and donations to operate. Island dogs are depending

Newport Pass land sale

County officials are moving forward on the sale of 210 acres of county-owned land at Newport Pass. The beachfront land is on the tax rolls at \$22.8 million but county officials are currently in the process of getting an independent appraisal done on the property in preparation for putting it on the market. County officials say several potential buyers have contacted them, some private developers and some public entities. Of particular

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Island on the move!

Island projects reach landmarks Three major projects on Padre Island moved forward this week



At Bob Hall Pier the pilings are in place and concrete walkways are being installed with completion expected by the end of 2025. No contract the new restaurant facility at the pier.



Project managers at the Commodores Drive water exchange bridge said they expect construction on the bridge to be complete by has been announced for a construction firm to build mid-October with work on bulkheads expected to be done by late October.



Dennis Nixon CEO of International Bank of Commerce (right) and Steve Yetts President of Ashlar Development were on hand for the ribbon cutting at Whitecap NPI this week.



Officials at the Whitecap NPI project held a ribbon cutting for completion of new amenities at the project including a new swimming pool, clubhouse, and events center.

A break on property taxes!

Two items on November ballot would reduce appraised value for school taxes \$200,000 total reduction for homeowners over 65

By Dale Rankin

When voters statewide begin casting ballots in October they will have an opportunity to lower the appraised value on homesteaded property for assessing school taxes which make up about half of their property tax bills.

Proposition 13 would increase the school tax exemption for home-

owners from the current \$100,000 reduction in appraised value to \$140,000. Accompanying legislation would put the state on the hook for the revenue school districts lose if the increased exemption passes.

Proposition 11 would allow homeowners over 65 years of age to take an additional \$60,000 off of appraised value for school property

taxes, an increased reduction over the current \$10,000 exemption.

Taken together the two ballot items would allow homeowners over 65 years of age to reduce the appraised value on their homes for school tax by a total of \$200,000. If both ballot items are approved by voters as expected

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By the numbers

What is our Water Supply Outlook?

Level One Water

Emergency predicted by

November 2026 Editor's note: On Tuesday the Interim Chief Operating Officer of the Corpus Christi Water Department Nicholas Winkelmann made a report to the Corpus Christi City Council on the outlook for the regional water supply entitled a Water Supply Outlook. Winkelmann told the council that in "180 days we will not have enough supply to meet our demand." His report reads as follows: On September 18, City staff met with State Climatologist John Nielson Gammons. He anticipates that the region will experience La Nina conditions this winter, which could result in below-normal precipitation. He also stated that the current outlook is for neutral conditions later in the spring. This may increase our chance of precipitation. The water supply dashboard has been updated. Due to the low inflows into Lake Corpus Christi, the estimated ti(me) for Level One Water Emergency is November 2026. The model is based on actual 2024 data, which was very conservative. In 2024, the average inflow into Lake Corpus Christi from January 1 to September 15 was 109 cubic feet per second (CFS) or 217 acre-feet per day. For the same period in 2025, the average inflows were 62 CFS or 123 acre-feet per day, which is 43% less than in

Medical Minute Will Artificial Intelligence Take Over



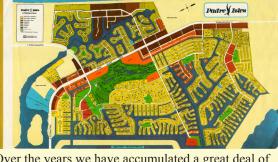
There is a lot of talk these days about artificial intelligence (AI) taking over different industries and

professions. Some people might wonder if one day they will find that their doctor will be replaced by an AI robot. I guess that some people would like it if they could just walk into a doctor's office and tell a robot what they want, and sometimes people do walk in and try to dictate the plan of care to their doctors. Imagine if you could say, "Dr. Robot, the only thing that works for me is Xanax three times daily for three months with three refills!" AI robotic doctors might work for those types of patients but I really don't see this happening in the near future. It takes more than just a machine that can take vital signs and correlate them with the patient's chief complaint, past medical history, and family history to make an accurate diagnosis of an acute condition in most cases.

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<u>A little Island history</u>

Early Island Development



Over the years we have accumulated a great deal of information on the early development years of Padre Island in the form of pamphlets, flyers, newsletters, and promotional material. The hope is that at some point we will have an Island museum to house it in, but in the meantime here is some of it.

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Port Aransas Pirate Parade

















Island life by Steve Coons

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Letters to the Editor

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Stoney to the rescue!

My dog helped save a young girls life at the beach yesterday. A man was assaulting her and busted a beer bottle on her face. We witnessed it while doing our evening walk on the seawall. My dog went into attack mode and scared the guy away from her while I called the police. He slashed her tires and stole her phone and keys. The criminal was caught by the police and her items were returned. I would like a picture of my hero in the paper. No comments needed just a pretty pic of my boy Stoney



Taxes cont. from A1

the state would have to help pay for revenue school districts lose which could cost the state more than \$1.2 billion in general revenue for the next two fiscal years and upwards of \$477 million annually after that, according to a fiscal note from the state's Legislative Budget Board.

17 propositions total

A total of 17 statewide propositions will appear on the November 4 ballot with Early Voting to begin on Monday, October 20.

Proposition 2 would amend the state con-

stitution to prohibit the imposition of "a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust." It would This would ban the state from taxing people or businesses on profits or potential profits from capital investments such as investments, real estate, valuable items and certain personal property. It would also eliminate a franchise tax on business trusts. Backers of this amendment say it doubles down on the state's income tax ban, which was approved by voters in 2019. State lawmakers said during the legislative session where all of the conditional amendments were approved for the November ballot that the ban on capital gains is an attempt to avoid a repeat of what happened in Washington State where lawmakers enacted a capital gains tax despite also prohibiting a state income tax.

Proposition 7 would provide tax exemption for veterans' spouses by providing an exemption from "ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."

It would allow also state lawmakers to give property tax breaks on homes to the un-remarried spouses of U.S. veterans who the federal government determined died in connection to their service. Accompanying legislation would exempt qualifying spouses of veterans from paying any property taxes on their home if they have not remarried. The state would have to make up the reduced property tax revenue for local school districts

Proposition 10 would allow for a tax exemption for homes destroyed by fire. The ballot language: "The constitutional

CCAD jobs

Editor's note: The office of Congressman Michael Cloud issued the following statement this week:

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Michael Cloud (TX-27) addressed the House's advancement of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) this past week, highlighting key victories that reinforce national defense, support critical work at the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), and improve how our defense resources are managed.

The NDAA includes several amendments and provisions authored and co-led by Rep. Cloud to bolster our Organic Industrial Base (OIB), protect critical defense facilities like CCAD, and ensure military dollars are spent efficiently and effectively.

Key victories:

Cloud's amendment to include CCAD in Section 342, ensuring the same workforce protections for other depots are afforded to CCAD.

Authorization for Defense Depots to conduct rotary aircraft work for the U.S. Coast Guard, ensuring our Coast Guard has the full breadth of sustainment options at their disposal to modernize and upgrade their fleet.

Language allowing the Secretary

of Defense to resolve specific debts or depreciated assets within our OIB, due to government-directed mission changes outside of their control.

A study and Report to Congress on the impact of Defense Logistics Agency Class IX recovery rates, to address any disparities or adverse effects this has on our military depots.

Inclusion of the <u>Depot Investment</u> Reform Act (H.R. 3336), co-led by Cloud, to modernize the funding structure of military depots.

Authorization of \$60 million for the CCAD Powertrain Facility.

The Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act (H.R. 1919), cosponsored by Cloud, to block government-run digital currencies that threaten Americans' financial privacy.

"These are major victories for our district and our nation's defense. The Corpus Christi Army Depot is a cornerstone of military readiness, and these provisions will ensure its continued strength and modernization," said Congressman Cloud. "Our amendments protect jobs, increase mission capacity, and restore common sense to the funding challenges these depots face when forced to pivot by Washington mandates."

The NDAA now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

How a visit across the river turned into Evinrude motors

By Bobbie Kimbrell

Editor's note: Bobbie Kimbrell moved to Flour Bluff in 1943 where he was a commercial fisherman until his retirement. He lives there today.

In reference to the recent story in the Island Moon about "a shocking fishing trip," whereas a father lets his young son drive his Firestone 3.5 horsepower outboard motor on a small skiff. The outboard had a "neutral," a "forward," or "reverse" gear you started it with a pull cord wrapped around the fly wheel and once it started you were off to the races in whichever direction you headed. As the boy raised the motor to go over the shallow water, he touched the spark plug and got a good shock.

That story reminds me of the first outboard that was ever made. In was made by a man named Evinrude. Mr. Evinrude and his wife lived in a house close to the river and they had a neighbor who lived across the river. The river was very level in that location and there wasn't much current except when there was a storm or recent rainfall.

Evinrude's wife would row their small skiff across the river to visit the lady that lived

across the river. Mr. Evinrude made a small outboard, much like the Firestone motor so that it would be easier for his wife to visit her neighbor more often. Mr. Evinrude, encouraged by others to put the new outboard motor on the market, did so and the Evinrude outboard motor became one of the major outboards to be sold. It's assumed Evinrude first outboard had a crankcase just like a modern outboard today, but it was air-cooled instead of water-cooled.

Later on a man by the man of Johnson made an outboard that was very similar to the Evinrude and it was a rival for the Evinrude. The Evinrude and Johnson outboards were the first big horsepower motors ever made and there were hardly any other outboards that made big horsepower engines. Later on Mercury outboard made a large engine but it was not very dependable and required a lot of maintenance. It was many years later before Mercury motors became dependable like today.

Even before the Covid outbreak, outboards became very expensive and I have always wondered why some of the 300 to 400 horsepower engines cost as much as a middle-sized car?!

amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire." The amendment and accompanying legislation would create a process to allow homeowners to apply for an adjusted tax bill on the restored home for the year in which the fire occurred, to qualify, the homeowner's home would have to remain uninhabitable for at least 30 days after the fire.

Proposition 8 is an inheritance tax ban. While Texas does not currently have an inheritance tax, this changed is designed to prevent lawmakers from trying to impose a tax on an estate or when an estate or inheritance is transferred. It would not eliminate other existing taxes that can be associated with an inheritance, such as unpaid property taxes, according to the stated intention of lawmakers who backed the proposal. The ballot language: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift." Polling places for both Early Voting and Election Day include:

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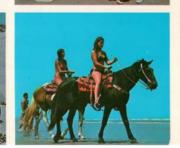




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Padre Island Seawall Reconstruction Underway



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interest to Islanders will be ensuring that public access to the beach at Newport Pass is not restricted by any new owners. The Texas Open Beach Act applies to the area but under some exceptions traffic could be removed from the beach. We will monitor the process and keep readers informed.

New seawall hotel

The final, if only formal, approval of \$2 million in tax incentives for the new \$34 million hotel on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall was put in place this week. As we reported here two weeks ago the Corpus Christi City Council approved the incentives on the first reading on September 9 and this week approval on the second and final reading on the council's consent agenda completed the process. Items approved on first reading by the council are seldom revisited on the second reading that that was the case this week.

The developers of the Marriott-branded hotel say construction will begin by the end of 2025 with completion of the entire development expected "within two years." The formal name of the project is the North Padre Island Beachfront Hotel and Conference Center and it includes a total of 205 rooms and significantly for Padre Island, it also includes a 9,186 square-foot conference center. It also includes a Bar Louie Restaurant/Bar modeled after a similar facility in South Padre Island.

That's all for now everybody. Happy New Year to our Jewish friends and we'll see everybody at the belt sander races and at the Texas Sea Turtle Festival at Briscoe King Pavilion on Saturday, October 4th where rumor has it that Turtle Man may come out of his shell. In the meantime, say hello if you see us Around The Island.



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Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

It was May, 5, 1991 and it was a crucial day and year for water in South Texas.

I found myself about eight hundred feet above Stockdale in Chopper 5 headed southeast when it somehow dawned on me that after 273 years of existence the growing city of San Antonio could no longer depend on the Edwards Aquifer as its sole source of water and as fate would have it I was the spearhead in the effort to branch out, the first Indian into the fort. A place I had not

When the first Spanish missionaries arrived in San Antonio in 1718 one of the first things they did was construct an acequia to provide water to the five missions established there. The location of The Alamo, the Mission San Antonio de Valero, was chosen because of the presence of a large artesian well that bubbled up clear water from a turn in the San Antonio River near its doorstep. Water from the limestone aquifer that was the sole source of the lifeblood of a city of over one million souls was tapped out. Our city needed a new water supply and I was the Scout Bee on my way to feed back the first pictures of the new honeypot. How did that happen?!

A self-inflicted wound

The day before 123,091 voters had gone to the polls and by a margin of 3425 had voted to terminate work on the new Applewhite Reservoir after \$45 million had already been spent on its construction out of a \$180 million budget. Everyone on both sides agreed that the city must have a new water supply but the issue was cost. The cost of dismantling the project, tearing down the dam and returning land to the previous owners, turned out to be near \$100 million and produced no water. That all might sound familiar.

But other than cost the city had also, because of the Applewhite vote, lost water rights that would have filled the new reservoir that had been accumulated since the 1950s. On top of that in March, 1991, while the legislature was in session in Austin, a catfish farmer poked a hole in the ground in south Bexar County which produced an artesian well that at the time was the largest in the world using 30% as much water everyday as the entire city of San Antonio at 45 million gallons. That's a lot of catfish.

The fight

Meanwhile, up in Austin the Texas legislative session was winding down with a mano-a-mano fight between farmers around Uvalde who claimed free right of capture and bathers in Barton Springs in Austin who begged to differ. You haven't really seen an ugly political fight until you have seen one between angry farmers and enraged hippies and I was the bean bag that each used to inflict harm on the other with both convinced I was firmly on the other side.

As the City Hall and state legislative reporter I had found myself in the middle of that fight and as I flew south that day, a Sunday as I recall, I was headed back to Austin the next morning and I knew full well that between a bleeding artery in the form of a catfish farm artesian well that continued to flow and the scrum on the House floor over water rights which eventually took four special sessions that ran all the way through December, 1992 to resolve that water was Texas Nectar and the bees were buzzing around my head. Did I mention that it was a

crucial time for water? Lake Texana

In San Antonio city leaders had their eye on a new source of water we had never heard of called Lake Texana located "somewhere south of here" and I was on my way to find it. The main attraction to Lake Texana for

San Antonio water wonks was that while the city of Corpus Christi had held the water rights to the lake since 1980 voters would twice vote down bonds to build a 101-mile pipeline to deliver the water to the city and under the state rules the failure to do that opened up the possibility of San Antonio acquiring the rights. A few weeks later Mary Rhodes took office as Corpus Christi Mayor. "There's a lot of distrust out there," she told the Caller-Times, "A lot of people view council members as having a direct financial gain in city business." A refrain often heard hereabouts in those days.

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I interviewed her many times over the years as she doggedly pushed to build the pipeline that would eventually carry her name and by 1996 the state was once again in a drought and plans for the pipeline moved onto a fast track after a congressional hearing in Corpus Christi in July of that year where what became known as the Doomsday Chart showed that under the conditions of the previous drought of record in 1957 the Choke Canyon/Lake Corpus Christi reservoir would likely run dry by 1998 -twenty-four months, 720 days downstream. During that same public hearing a representative of the Texas Water Development Board was asked how much help the state could give the region if the Nueces River system ran dry. His reply was that the sum total of the state's ability to transfer water was five tanker trucks. Yikes! That cut through the ground clutter in Corpus Christi. Those were going to have to be some massive trucks!

Then and now...

All of this personal history came to mind this week during a report to the Corpus Christi City Council from the Interim Chief Operating Officer of the Corpus Christi Water Department which I wouldn't describe as a Doomsday Chart necessarily but, alas, it was not good. As you read this, according to him "in 180 days we will not have enough water supply to meet demand. The estimated ti(me) for Level One Water Emergency is November 2026." He also said La Nina conditions are expected through the winter which lower the likelihood of rain through May, 2026.

So if a report that prognosticated that our reservoirs would be overtaxed in twenty-four months became known as the Doomsday Report what do you call a report that says we "will not have enough water supply to meet demand" in 180 days? If I heard it right six months from now we will be drawing out more water from our system each day than is going in and we will begin drawing down our reservoirs until November 2026 when we hit a Level One Water Emergency. I have purposely chosen not to look up the definition of a Level One Water Emergency but the sound of sucking mud comes to mind.

I'm tired of being the first Indian into the



Corpus Christi Mayor Mary Rhodes standing inside 64-inch pipe at project groundbreaki



Applewhite Reservoir under construction.



Nature Notes

The Ovenbird

By Hannah Beckett



Ovenbird by Sheryl Travis

There is a singer everyone has heard, Loud, a mid-summer and a mid-wood bird, Who makes the solid tree trunks sound again...

"The Oven Bird", a 1916 poem by Robert Frost, celebrates the recognizable song of the title bird. This migrating songbird's loud, ringing calls punctuate the warm summer months throughout the forests of North America.

At first glance, one may mistake the Ovenbird (Seiurus aurocapilla) for a thrush, due to its brown coloration and streaked breast. It may also be mistaken for a wren as both hold their tails at jaunty angles. However, the Ovenbird is categorized as a wood warbler. This fact may surprise birders since it spends most of its time on the ground for feeding and nesting, unlike a typical warbler.

The Ovenbird receives its name from the distinct shape of its nest. The female weaves stems and grasses into a domed nest on the ground which looks like an old-fashioned dome oven. She then drops leaves and twigs on top for camouflage. Three to six eggs are laid in the inner cup of the nest and incubate for about two weeks before hatching.

If her nest is threatened, the female Ovenbird will perform a broken-wing display, similar to a Killdeer, to lead the threat away from the nest. The hatchlings remain in the nest for a little more than a week after hatching. Once they leave the nest, the young birds remain with their parents for another month.

Differing from other small songbirds who

hop on the ground, Ovenbirds navigate the forest floor with a herky-jerky wandering stroll with their tail cocked upwards. Many compare its stride to that of a diminutive chicken. It struts across leaf-littered grounds tossing aside leaves to expose beetles, caterpillars, spiders, snails, worms, small lizards, and any other small critters.

Its chanting song of tea-Cher, tea-Cher, tea-Cher, tea-Cher is easy to recognize, but finding the little bird in the dense undergrowth is often a challenge. Its olive-green back and striped chest help it blend into the leafy forest it calls home. If you happen to spot the Ovenbird, they are distinguished by a handsome orange crown framed by a pair of black stripes and a bold white eye-ring.

Ovenbirds nest throughout North America in the spring and summer, and overwinter in the Caribbean and Central America. They prefer closed-canopy forests with an abundance of leaf litter on the forest floor for foraging and nest-building. As a result, the Ovenbird is very sensitive to habitat fragmentation. The large, continuous forests they once relied on have now been fragmented into smaller and smaller parcels. Fewer trees result in the loss of the humid, thick, leafy floor of the forest and the abundance of arthropods found within the loam.

Additionally, habitat fragmentation also makes these birds vulnerable to nest failure due to brood parasites and predators who take advantage of the shrinking forests. Therefore, Ovenbirds have been the subject of many scientific studies on the effects of logging and habitat fragmentation on migrating songbirds.



AN OVENBIRD AND ITS NEST

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Beachcombing Report

By Jace Tunnell

Pink Meanie Jellyfish



Jace Tunnell's hand next to a Pink Meanie Jellyfish

Beachcombing along the Texas coast is always full of surprises, and this week was no exception. Over a 10-mile stretch of shoreline, I came across at least 10 pink meanie jellyfish, a rare and fascinating sight in our waters. I also spotted one drifting in a Port Aransas marina, wrapped around a moon jellyfish — its favorite food source.

The pink meanie (scientific name Drymonema larsoni) is a jellyfish unlike most. With a rosy pink color that makes it look almost like floating cotton candy, it is both beautiful and intimidating. These jellyfish can grow massive, with tentacles reaching up to 70 feet long and bodies that can weigh more than 50 pounds.

First observed in the Gulf in 2000 and formally identified as a new species in 2011, the pink meanie is still considered uncommon to see. Aside from the Gulf, it can also be found in the Mediterranean Sea and off South Africa. They tend to appear in late summer and early fall, when large numbers of moon jellyfish are around to serve as their food supply. Once cooler weather arrives and prey becomes scarce, their short life cycle comes to an end.

While their size may seem intimidating, the sting of the pink meanie is mild compared to many other jellyfish. I found that out while filming a Beachcombing video this week — my hands were stung, but it only produced a mild reaction. If you are stung, the recommended treatment is to rinse the area with vinegar, carefully remove any tentacles, and then run hot water over the sting. Although they may look tempting in the water with their cotton candy appearance, people do not eat pink meanies. Instead, these jellyfish play their role in the environment by controlling populations of other jellyfish, especially the abundant moon jellies. Encounters with uncommon species like the pink meanie make every beachcombing survey an adventure.

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Moon Jelly by Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



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Eclipse Super Moon ten years ago this week.



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Senior moments Special to the Island Moon

The United States War Department



By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: The **United States Department** of War, also called the War Department (and occasionally War Office in the early years), was the United States Cabinet department originally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the United States Army, also bearing responsibility for naval affairs until the establishment of the Navy Department in 1798, and for most land-based air forces until the creation of the Department of the Air Force on September

The secretary of war, a civilian with such responsibilities as finance and purchases and a minor role in directing military affairs, headed the War Department throughout its existence. The War Department existed for 158 years, from August 7, 1789, to September 18, 1947, when, under the National Security Act of 1947, it split into the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force (which, together with the Department of the Navy, formed the National Military Establishment). In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

The Department of War traces its origins to the committees created by the Second Continental Congress in 1775 to oversee the Revolutionary War. Individual committees were formed for each issue, including committees to secure ammunition, to raise funds for gunpowder, and to organize a national militia. These committees were consolidated into the Board of War and Ordnance in 1776, operated by members of Congress. A second board was created in 1777, the Board of War, to operate separately from Congress. The Congress of the Confederation eventually replaced the system of boards with the Department of War. Only five positions were created within the department upon its creation: the secretary at war, an assistant, a secretary, and two clerks.

Shortly after the establishment of a government under President George Washington in 1789, Congress reestablished the War Department as a civilian agency to administer the field army under the president (as commander-in-chief) and the secretary of war. Retired senior General Henry Knox, then in civilian life, served as the first United States secretary of war. When the department was created, the president was authorized to appoint two inspectors to oversee the troops. Congress created several additional offices over the course of the 1790s, including the major general, brigadier general, quartermaster general, chaplain, surgeon general, adjutant general, superintendent of military stores, paymaster general, judge advocate, inspector general, physician general, apothecary general, purveyor, and accountant.

Forming and organizing the department and the army fell to Secretary Knox, while direct field command of the small Regular Army fell to President Washington. In 1798, Congress authorized President John Adams to create a second provisional army under the command of former president Washington in anticipation of the Quasi-War, but this army was never utilized. The Department of War was also responsible for overseeing interactions with Native Americans in its early years. On November 8, 1800, the War Department building with its records and files was consumed by fire. The United States Military Academy at West Point and the Army Corps of Engineers were established in 1802. The Department of War was reduced in size following the end of the Quasi-War in 1802, but it was subsequently expanded in the years leading up to the War of 1812. To accommodate this expansion, sub-departments were created within the department, with each one led by a general staff officer. These sub-departments were reformed into a modern system of bureaus by Secretary of War John C. Calhoun in 1818. Secretary Calhoun created the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1824, which served as the main agency within the War Department for addressing the issues regarding Native Americans until 1849, when Congress transferred it to the newly founded Department of the Interior. The U.S. Soldiers' Home was created in 1851.

During the American Civil War, the War Department responsibilities expanded. It handled the recruiting, training, supply, medical care, transportation and pay of two million soldiers, comprising both the regular army and the much larger temporary volunteer army. A separate command structure took charge of military

operations.

In the late stages of the war, the department took charge of refugees and freedmen (freed slaves) in the American South through the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. During the Reconstruction era, this bureau played a major role in supporting the new Republican governments in the southern states. When military Reconstruction ended in 1877, the U.S. Army removed the last troops from military occupation of the American South, and the last Republican state governments in the

U.S. War Department weather map depicting weather conditions on October 21, 1879, over New England at 7:35 am. Produced for the U.S. Army during the War of the Pacific. The Army comprised hundreds of small detach-

ments in forts around the West, dealing with Indians, and in coastal artillery units in port cities, dealing with the threat of a naval attack.

The United States Army, with 39,000 men in 1890 was the smallest and least powerful army of any major power in the late 19th century. By contrast, France had an army of 542,000. Temporary volunteers and state militia units mostly fought the Spanish-American War of 1898. This conflict demonstrated the need for more effective control over the department and its bureaus. Secretary of War Elihu Root (1899–1904) sought to appoint a chief of staff as general manager and a European-type general staff for planning, aiming to achieve this goal in a businesslike manner, but General Nelson A. Miles stymied his efforts. Root enlarged the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and established the United States Army War College and the General Staff. He changed the procedures for promotions and organized schools for the special branches of the service. He also devised the principle of rotating officers from staff to line. Concerned about the new territories acquired after the Spanish-American War, Root worked out the procedures for turning Cuba over to the Cubans, wrote the charter of government for the Philippines, and eliminated tariffs on goods imported to the United States from Puerto

Root's successor as Secretary of War, William Howard Taft, returned to the traditional secretary-bureau chief alliance, subordinating the chief of staff to the adjutant general, a powerful office since its creation in 1775. Indeed, Secretary Taft exercised little power; President Theodore Roosevelt made the major decisions. In 1911, Secretary Henry L. Stimson and Major General Leonard Wood, his chief of staff, revived the Root reforms. The general staff assisted them in their efforts to rationalize the organization of the army along modern lines and

in supervising the bureaus. The Congress reversed these changes in support of the bureaus and in the National Defense Act of 1916 reduced the size and functions of the general staff to few members before America entered World War I on April 6, 1917. President Woodrow Wilson supported Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, who opposed efforts to control the bureaus and war industry until competition for limited supplies almost paralyzed industry and transportation, especially in the North. Yielding to pressure from Congress and industry, Secretary Baker placed Benedict Crowell in charge of munitions and made Major General George W. Goethals acting quartermaster general and General Peyton C. March chief of staff. Assisted by industrial advisers, they reorganized the supply system of the army and practically wiped out the bureaus as quasi-independent agencies. General March reorganized the general staff along similar lines and gave it direct authority over departmental operations. After the war, the Congress again granted the bureaus their former independence. The Commission on Training Camp Activities addressed moral standards of the troops. In the 1920s, General John J. Pershing realigned the general staff on the pattern of his American Expeditionary Force (AEF) field headquarters, which he commanded. The general staff in the early 1920s exercised little effective control over the bureaus, but the chiefs of staff gradually gained substantial authority over them by 1939, when General George C. Marshall assumed the office of Army chief of staff. During World War II, General Marshall principally advised President Franklin D. Roosevelt on military strategy and expended little effort in acting as general manager of the Department of War. Many agencies still fragmented author-

ity, burdening the chief of staff with too many details, making the whole Department of War poorly geared toward directing the army in a global war. General Marshall described the chief of staff then as a "poor command post." President Roosevelt brought in Henry L. Stimson as Secretary of War; after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Stimson supported Marshall in reorganizing the army under the War Powers Act of 1941. He divided the Army of the United States (AUS) into three autonomous components to conduct the operations of the War Department: the Army Ground Forces (AGF) trained land troops; the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF) developed an independent air arm; and the Services of Supply (later Army Service Forces) directed administrative and logistical operations. The Operations Division acted as general planning staff for Marshall. By 1942, the Army Air Forces gained virtual independence in every way from

the rest of the army. Dotson's Other Note: After World War II, the Department of War abandoned Marshall's organization for the fragmented prewar pattern while the independent services continually parried efforts to reestablish firm executive control over their operations. The National Security Act of 1947 split the War Department into the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force, and the secretary of the Army and secretary of the Air Force served as operating managers for the new secretary of defense. Don't forget to visit the Veterans Round Table on Thursdays mornings 9 to 11 a.m. Also the Radio Show, Saturdays, 8-10 a.m. on 1440

The Art of Island Life



Grace for Everyday: Free Gifts of **Encouragement and Creativity**

By Melissa Mitchell



This time of year can feel like a stretch. Budgets are tighter after summer vacations, back-to-school schedules are in full swing, and the holidays are just around the corner. That's exactly when we need little gifts of encouragement most.

Life is a lot sometimes—even when it's good. We juggle family, work, health, creativity, and all the unexpected twists that show up uninvited. Some days feel like a sprint, others like a slow uphill climb. Either way, it's easy to forget to pause, breathe, and remind ourselves: we're doing enough.

That reminder has been on my heart lately, and it's one of the reasons I've been creating resources that feel more like community gifts than programs. They're not meant to add more to your plate, but to meet you where you already are—with a little encouragement, a little color, and a lot of grace.

15 Days of Grace, Grit, and Getting Through It

This season, I'm offering a free minicourse and booklet called 15 Days of Grace, Grit, and Getting Through It. It's not a full book (though I am working on one). This series, instead, is more like a refillable cup of coffee—short sips of encouragement you can come back to whenever you need them. Scan the QR code or email me to get your free copy..

Each entry includes three small pieces: a thought to lift you, a reflection to ground you, and a simple journal-style prompt to nudge you forward. Not heavy. Not another task to check off. Just a gentle way to reset and remember that some of life's best moments happen right in the middle of the mess.

You can take them one at a time, stretch them over two weeks, or binge them all in an afternoon. And when you're finished? Start over. These reminders don't expire. Think of them as a steady companion on the days you need a hand to hold or a reason to smile.

The series is available as both a **PDF** booklet and a course version. The booklet is great if you want something you can download and keep on your device. The course version is paced out one day at a time, almost like a daily check-in that greets you right where you are. Either way, you'll have access to all 15 days, free for a limited time. And please, pass it along to a friend who might need a little reminder that no matter where we are in life... it is

Bayview Brush & Bar: A Gift of Creativity

Encouragement doesn't just come in words—it comes in color, in brushstrokes, in the joy of creating something with your own hands. That's the heartbeat behind Bayview Brush & Bar, an outdoor painting class—a new collaboration with our friends at WhiteCap NPI.

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please let us know so someone on the

waitlist can join. Registration is available

at www.padreislandartgallery.com or scan the QR code in the image.

Together, we want to offer the community a gift: free seasonal painting sessions where anyone can pull up a chair, pick up a brush, and create something beautiful. You don't need to be an artist. You don't even need to bring supplies—everything is provided. All you need is a willingness to try, to laugh, to share space with neighbors, and maybe discover a little creativity you didn't know was waiting inside.

Our fall schedule is already lined up with coastal-inspired classes taught by local artist Susan Balbin, ranging from watercolor card-making to acrylic paintings. Each class is an hour long, lighthearted, and designed to remind you that art is in all of us—not just professionals or galleries.

For us, Bayview Brush & Bar isn't just about the paintings we create. It's about connection. It's about setting aside the hurry of everyday life to do something simple and soul-filling. It's about gathering together and remembering that creativity is one of the best forms of encouragement we can share.

A Season of Community Gifts

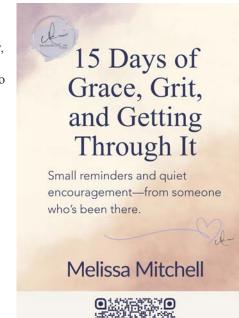
That's what these offerings are meant to be: not programs to keep up with, not another obligation, but gifts. The kind you can unwrap on your own time, return to as often as you'd like, and share with others.

So join us for Bayview Brush & Bar, download 15 Days of Grace, Grit, and Getting Through It, or simply take a deep breath and let today be enough—know that you are part of a community that believes in the power of encouragement, creativity,

Because some of the best gifts aren't wrapped in paper or tied with bows. They're found in words that steady us, in colors that brighten our day, and in the spaces we share together.

and connection.

The Art of Island Life will return next week with more stories and inspiration from our coastal community. Have a story to share or an upcoming event? Reach out to me at melissa@padreislandartgallery.com 14646 Compass Drive

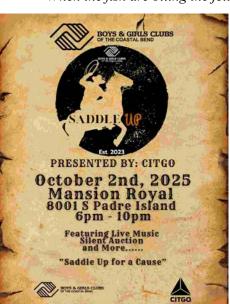




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When the fish are biting the jetties fill up. Evelyn Pless-Schuberth









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Outdoors



By Jay Gardner

Howdy from Caye Caulker in Belize! The rumors are true, a few of us snuck out of town and headed south to take a break from the water fights, although I wish we could ship some back from down here as it has rained every day since we've been here. This makes the water murky, so I don't have many underwater photos to share with you loyal readers at this time. Hopefully next week so stay tuned.

The birds that have been flying over our heads in south Texas are all down here in Belize. I'm remiss for not bringing some binos, because the trees are literally dripping with birds. I have managed to catch a few glimpses at Veery's, Blackburnian warblers, and American redstarts. I'm not sure if they overwinter here, but I wouldn't see much reason to head farther south than this. The jungle is thick down here. There are also kiskadees and the monk parakeets, which are typically locals that don't migrate.

Belizean Independence Day

We managed to catch the Belizean Independence Day celebration this past weekend, where they celebrated their 44th year. These people went all-out, with a major parade up the middle of the main street and everyone was involved. The entire Island was hopping, and everyone was smiling. It was a great community event, and they embraced us with open arms. They had a fireworks show afterwards that rivaled most South Texas towns, and it went for, you guessed it: 44 minutes.

"Go slow man go slow"

The motto here is "Go Slow" and that was made very apparent yesterday to me. We rented bicycles and started exploring a bit more, and I hadn't ridden a bike in a few years and was kind of clunky. I figured the best way to keep a straight track was to ride fast, but with the muddy roads, we all got mud stripes up our backs due to the lack of fenders on the bikes. We made a stop for supplies and one of the old timers called out to me, "go slow man, go slow." And he was right, as we were all covered in mud. Sonja led us through a jungle tour that was closer to a mountain biking trails, but there were some really cool sights and we may do that

"That girl that was doing the backflips"

We headed up north to "The Split" the other day and was hanging around with the locals



On the Rocks

Lily in flight at The Split

and doing the locals thing. There is a large platform there that kids and people jump off into the deeper water, and of course Lily couldn't help herself and started a diving competition with the locals. She managed to get her pike tucked in pretty tight and was regaling everyone with backflips and gainers. She was spotted the next day by some of the boys that were trying to match her, and she is now Island famous for "that girl that was doing the backflips at the Split yesterday." Texans kind of stick out when we travel.

Get out of the hotel!

One thing that we learned from Anthony Bourdain was to "get out of the hotel" and that is so true. To be sure, there is plenty of good food in the hotel where we're staying, but the food out on the streets from the street vendors is better. These folks set up grills on the side of the road, and you can get lobster and shrimp and chicken better than most places back in town. We have learned many shortcuts and sources of supplies simply by asking the staff. There's a lesson in there.

Well folks, gotta cut this one short, the girls are waiting on me to finish this so we can jump back on the bikes and head north across the ferry to some secluded beaches. I'll have more next week.

Oh and Augs, the other most popular bird is the magnificent frigates; you would love this place, I've never seen so many aerial pirates in one place. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Belizian Independence day parade



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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Running Red

The bait was falling and felt like it snagged a rock, then I could feel it getting slammed against the bottom and shaken. I lifted the rod and the line bolted off. I had casted a soft plastic just past a shallow rock in Baffin Bay and softly floated it down into a sandy rim where the grass beds started. He was waiting there for a meal to come over that rock. He wasn't happy about the sharp sting in the jaw, and dove and shook, tried to scratch the hook out in the rock but I held fast with my rod tip high. When the sun hit his back I could see gold and orange in the first hints of day's sun. He peeled line around the boat and I had to just take a moment and look at the rising sun over the dunes as he made the reel sing. When he came to hand the blue tips of his tail, waved and I thought about how he was headed towards the open sea for his fall spawn. A quick picture and I slipped the 34" redfish over the side. He didn't even hesitate and bolted off with one flick of the tail. He had a long paddle, and a war zone of fishermen to pass before he was in the surf.

This is the time for the redfish to be running to the sea. We are finding lots of reds in the boat bay fishing in Baffin, the Laguna Madre, and public access fisherman scoring big time along all parts of the PACKERY Channel, humble, and Port Aransas. Many different baits and fishing techniques are working but I'll let you know what I'm doing and what most of the successful anglers from the trucks are using as well.

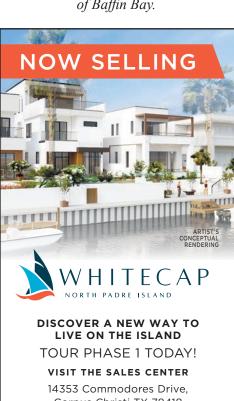
Redfish Rodeo

The best bait is exactly what the gamefish are feeding on. You can get the right bait at the right time by getting good at throwing a cast net. Today we ran south past Bird Island and gathered a quick trout limit on soft plastics landing about 50fish total, PLUS ONE SKIP JACK! We powered up and headed for PACKERY as we were sitting in a lull in the lunar timing. We pulled up to 6-8 boats lined up along the edge of the channel, people from the beach were all hooked up and it seemed there was someone with a redfish on the line at all times. Some of the folks on the beach were throwing finger mullet or cut mullet, the boat fisherman had piggy perch and croakers, and we're not



We struck this Giant Bull Redfish along the Kennedy Shoreline while hunting diving pelicans, he was full of digested mullet, DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL in Chicken

of the Sea color tricked him on a topwater plug in the shallow flats of Baffin Bay.



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Lee came down and landed this first light redfish on a topwater plug in the shallow flats of Baffin Bay.

catching them as well. Some old guys were hammering the reds using frozen sardines, but seemed like they were losing the soft frozen baits a lot. I cut some donuts off of the Skip Jack and stripped the soft plastics off of the jig heads and baited up with some small pieces of cut bait. We totaled fifteen big reds in a row using the cut bait! It was quite a fun time. I hate fishing by so many boats but when they are that thick and that many boats it is defiantly a REDFISH RODEO! We smacked our limit of reds in a flash and threw back some over sized. The best part of the circus was watching all the other people having the best fishing experience of their lives.

Drift Fishing Cast netting Shad and finger mullet are the best bait; a slide egg weight, swivel, and leader with a good quality 4-6 circle hook will work best and keep you from gut hooking the big ones. Many folk's long line big rods but I prefer smaller tackle. Big rods and big baits for sitting on the bottom and waiting should be down with large pieces of mullet and crab, especially in the surf in October. The redfish will move in and out of the passes for the next few weeks with tide movements and schools of bait. The biggest of redfish will stay in the surf and spawn when the cold fronts start hitting in late Oct and November. The reds will move and stay in the bay and be a great gamefish for us to focus on during the winter months here in the Upper Lagoon. I'll be drifting the shallow muddy bottom flats in the mouth of Baffin Bay for the next few months hunting the reds as they follow schools of bait under the brown pelicans. We will throw 1/4oz jig heads with soft plastics so that we can make really long casts and have fast retrieves in the shallow water. This creates a lot of vibration and displacement, bringing those reds up off the bottom and out of the grass. Late night feedings have first light redfish night hungry, mid day and afternoon when the winds pick up are definitely best to tie into one of

these battle machines. The redfish are on the move! Take a drive around the island and keep a lookout for all the cars and trucks, with cell phones and social media the best spots don't seem to be kept secret long! Follow all of our hookups and fishing on FACEBOOK AT JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER FISHING! 361-442-8145



By Lu Ann Kingsbury

Thoughts from Reverend Ken

Reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian message. The Bible says, "All this is from God, who reconciled himself through

By Rev. Dr. Ken

from God, who reconciled himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation to us."

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Reconciliation is an interesting concept.
Reconciliation can be relational, racial, political, legal, economic, as well as spiritual.
Reconciliation puts things in the right order.
It restores balance. It brings together that which have been separated. Reconciliation is needed in the royal family and in our families and relationships. Reconciliation is needed in our country. Reconciliation is needed in our world.

It is easy to think of reconciliation in a faith context to be purely individualistic and personal. This is not wrong. The love and grace of God is something that we experience personally. Christians believe that through Jesus we are reconciled to God. However, as we accept that we ourselves have been reconciled with God, we become agents of reconciliation for others.

The gospel message of Jesus Christ is truncated when we limit it only to a personal spirituality. The reconciliation brought forth by God goes beyond our relationship with God. Reconciliation is also for our messy relationships and our broken world. The heart of the gospel message is cosmic.

Reconciliation to God and to each other is based on the conviction that every human being has been created in the image of God. Christianity does not teach that humans are mini-gods, or that we can become mini-gods. Yet, a cornerstone of Christianity is that each person has the image of God within them. Every person is to be valued. This is why Jesus called us to love and pray for our enemies and opponents, not hate them.

This means there are no superior humans, no superior cultures, no superior languages, no superior races, no superior countries. All humans are to be valued. In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, the writer envisions worship in the kingdom of God as being multicultural, multilingual, multiracial, multinational. When things are on earth as they are in heaven, no one's humanity will be diminished or devalued.

When it came time to graduate college and receive my bachelor's degree, I discovered I lacked one general education class. I needed an English class of some kind. I found a literature class that would meet this require-

ment offered via correspondence. Think of remote learning via the United States Post Office. One of the books I was assigned was a collection of essays by American author and civil rights activist James Baldwin, *Nobody Knows My Name*.

It was a book I would never have chosen to read on my own. I would have been content to live in my arrogant ignorance. To say that I had a "white bread upbringing" would be an understatement. I had no idea what it was like to be a person of color in our country. Until I read that book, I didn't feel the need to understand.

When I completed the book, I was not the same. I had begun a journey of understanding about those whose mere existence was questioned. To this day, I am greatly thankful to that professor for challenging me to think and explore, to stretch my horizons. This is why I think the current trend of micromanaging college instructors and their speech is a grave mistake born of fear and ignorance.

Theologian Kelly Brown Douglas when reflecting on the need for racial reconciliation said that freedom is a sacred trust. Freedom is a divine inheritance that reflects the transcendent freedom of God. However, anytime there is a movement of exclusionary nationalism. Anytime there is scapegoating of a group of enemies, like minorities, immigrants, political opponents. Anytime there is forced suppression of opposition. Ant time there is any action that diminishes the humanity others by imply their right to exist, that trust is betrayed. Ironically, it is those who seek to control or police the freedom of others who are least free.

Reconciliation is needed to resurrect a shared humanity that makes all of us truly free. This is the call given to those of us who follow Jesus.

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.

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Women in The Olympics Part 2

By Dotson Lewis

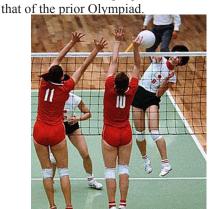
Dotson's Note: The 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles were pivotal, debuting the javelin throw and the 80 meters hurdles, which expanded the athletic landscape. A significant highlight was Babe Didrikson Zaharias, an American athlete who won two gold medals in the 80m hurdles and javelin and a silver medal in the high jump, drawing considerable attention to women's athletics. Thanks to Bill Morgan for the facts and photos contained in the report. Four years later, at the 1936 Winter Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, women competed in the alpine skiing combined event for the first time, with German athlete Christl Cranz securing the inaugural gold medal. The 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin reintroduced gymnastics to the women's program. Additionally, Dutch sprinter Fanny Blankers-Koen won four gold medals in the 100 meters, 200 meters, 4x100 meter relay, and 4x400 meter relay. The 1940 Winter Olympics due to be held in Sapporo, 1940 Summer Olympics due to be held in Tokyo, 1944 Winter Olympics due to be held in Cortina d'Ampezzo and the 1944 Summer Olympics due to be held in London were all cancelled due



to the outbreak of World War II. Six female

Larisa Latynina during the vault award ceremony at the 1964 Olympics

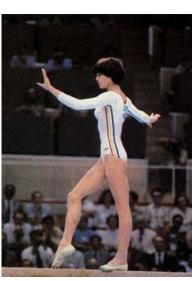
At the 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, women made their debut in the downhill and slalom disciplines, having only competed in the combined event in 1936. In 1948, women competed in all of the same alpine skiing disciplines as the men. Barbara Ann Scott of Canada won the ladies> singles figure skating competition, marking the first time a non-European won the gold medal in the event. At the London 1948 Summer Olympics, women competed in canoeing for the first time. The women competed in the K-1 500 metres discipline. Alice Coachman won a gold medal in the women's high jump at the 1948 Summer Olympics, marking the first gold medal won by a Black woman for the United States. At the 1952 Winter Olympics held in Oslo, women competed in crosscountry skiing for the first time. They competed in the 10 kilometre distance. At the 1952 Summer Olympics held in Helsinki, women were allowed to compete in equestrian for the first time. They competed in the dressage event which was open to both men and women to compete against one another. Danish equestrian Lis Hartel of Denmark won the silver medal in the individual competition alongside men. At the 1956 Winter Olympics held in Cortina d'Ampezzo, the 3×5 kilometre relay cross country event was added to the program. The 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne, had a programme identical to



The Oriental Witches, a name given by the reports of European media given their victories.

Speed skating for women made its debut at the 1960 Winter Olympics held in Squaw Valley. Helga Haase, representing the United Team of Germany, won the inaugural gold medal for women, in the 500 meters event. The programmed remained the same for the 1960 Summer Olympics held in Rome. At the 1964 Winter Olympics in

Innsbruck, the women's 5km cross-country skiing event debuted. At the 1964 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, Volleyball made its debut with the host Japanese taking the gold. The 1964 Tokyo Olympics, women comprised 13% of the participants. The Tokyo Games marked the first time that women competed in judo and synchronized swimming. At the 1968 Winter Olympics held in Grenoble, women's luge appeared for the first time. Erika Lechner of Italy won the gold after East German racers Ortrun Enderlein, Anna-Maria Müller and Angela Knösel allegedly heated the runners on their sleds and were disqualified. Whether the East Germans actually heated their sleds or if the situation was fabricated by the West Germans remains a mystery. At the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, women competed in shooting for the first time. The women competed in mixed events with the men and were allowed to compete in all seven disciplines. The Games featured significant achievements by female athletes, such as gymnast Vera Caslavska, who won four gold medals, and swimmer Debbie Meyer, who also had a notable performance. Enriqueta Basilio made history by becoming the first woman to light the Olympic Cauldron. She was the last torch-bearer of the 19th Summer Olym-



pics in Mexico City on 12 October 1968.

Nadia Comăneci on the balance beam,

1980 At the 1972 Winter Olympics held in Sapporo there were no changes to the sports open to women. At the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, archery was held for the first time since 1920. At the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, ice dancing was added to the programmed. Women competed in three new events at the 1976 Summer Olympics held in Montreal. Women debuted in basketball and handball. Women also competed for the first time in rowing, participating in six of the eight disciplines. Nadia Comăneci, a Romanian gymnast, made history at the 1976 Montreal Olympics by scoring the first perfect 10.0 in Olympic gymnastics. Her remarkable performance, which included seven perfect scores and three gold medals, elevated the global profile of women's gymnastics. Comăneci's achievements set new standards in the sport and continue to inspire future generations of gymnasts.

There were no new events for women at the 1980 Winter Olympics held in Lake Placid. At the 1980 Summer Olympics held in Moscow, women's field hockey debuted. The underdog Zimbabwean team pulled off a major upset, winning the gold, the nation's first ever Olympic medal. However, these Olympics were marred by the US-led boycott of the games due to the Soviet

invasion of Afghanistan.

Mary Lou Retton performing splits on a balance beam, 1985.

The women's 20 kilometre cross-country skiing event was added to the programme for the 1984 Winter Games in Sarajevo. Marja-Liisa Hämäläinen of Finland dominated the cross-country events, winning gold in all three distances.

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Island Crossword

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Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

- 1. A couple
- 5. Beef units
- 10. Latin I word
- 14. It may come in a scoop
- 15. Kind of gas
- 16. Bumper sticker contents, often
- 17. Wedge, of a sort
- 18. Type of sprawl
- 19. Hostile, as a crowd
- 20. Splashy West Indies neighbor
- 23. Old pool denizen
- 24. Quite sure
- 28. Pachacuti's people
- 32. Simpleton
- 33. The ___ Khan
- 36. Splashy North Pole neighbor
- 39. Small town
- 41. Acid type
- 42. Of sound mind
- 43. Splashy Bangladesh neighbor
- 46. "The Wonder Dog"
- 47. Radio booth warning
- 48. Partner of go
- 50. Merchant ship's cargo
- 53. Paris, to Romeo
- 57. Splashy Yucatan neighbor
- 61. Seaman's saint
- 64. Lock horns
- 65. Keen on
- 66. Natural breakwater
- 67. "The Gift of the Magi" heroine
- 68. MBA field, briefly

70. Get wind of? 71. Bestowed titles

69. "A good walk spoiled," according to Twain

Down

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- 1. Laser and compact
- 2. Relieve of a chapeau
- 3. Going up in smoke
- 4. Part of A.D.
- 5. Give the cold shoulder to
- 6. Body of traditional knowledge
- 7. "Voulez-Vous"
- singers
- 8. Bugs Bunny's voice 9. "Common ___" (Paine
- essay) 10. Water sports
- 11. Puss
- 12. Feel ill
- 13. "I ___ " (classic TV show)
- 21. ___ fide

- 25. Lend ___ (pay close
- attention)
- 26. Absurd
- 27. Part of a 1997
- telecommunications merger
- 29. Grouchy
- Marylander?
- 30. Vertex
- 31. One-named rocker
- 33. Superior's title
- 34. Rich fertilizer
- 35. Certain Indo-

European

- 37. Sheba's conceiver
- 38. Joseph's pride
- 40. Exploding in anger
- 44. Hanover housewife

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22. Cube inventor Rubik 45. Enticement

- etc.
- 51. Sword lilies, for short
- 52. Zimbalist or Zimbalist, Jr.
- 54. Leonardo's birthplace
- 55. One needing parts
- 56. They dive and sound batty
- 58. Silent come-on
- 59. Parking lot sign
- 60. Word with square
- or bone
- 61. Small bit of work
- 62. MGM's Lion
- 63. Bancroft's Brooks





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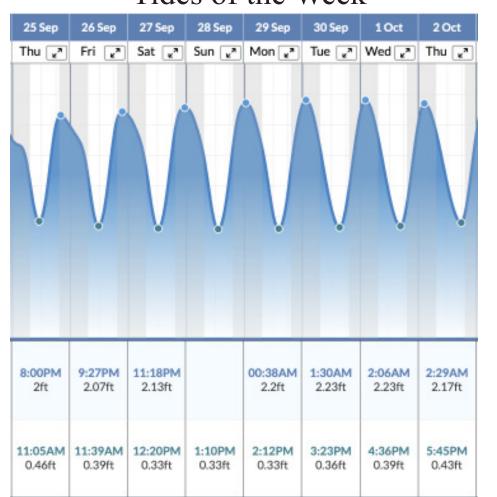
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A long time ago I had a nurse practitioner (NP) that saw a patient with complaints of a frequent upset stomach. She described the patient's symptoms and told me what she thought was going on. It sounded very much like a typical case of bacterial gastroenteritis or food poisoning. After I asked her a few more questions about the patient's complaints, I got the idea that something else might be going on. I told the NP, "Let's go talk to the patient together." When I walked in the exam room, I noticed that this freckle-faced, red headed young man was wearing a green t-shirt with the Irish flag on it! I turned to look at the NP and said, "Why don't we test this young man for gluten enteropathy!" Gluten enteropathy is found most frequently in those of Irish ancestry. Could an AI robot make this assimilation? I really doubt it.

Medical cont. from A1

Another time I had an NP check out a patient to me that had a severe bronchitis. Something did not sound quite right about the patient's story so the NP and I went together to see the patient. I agreed that the patient seemed to have a very bad bronchitis but he also had scleral icterus. This occurs when the white part of the eyeball turns yellow. I said to the NP, "Why don't we do chest x-rays and an ultrasound of the liver." It turned out that this patient had come into the office complaining of the classic signs and symptoms of bronchitis but he ended up having lung cancer that had already spread to his liver. Would an AI robotic healthcare provider have made the correlation between the complaints of bronchitis and the scleral icterus? I have my reservations about that as well.

I can't begin to tell you how many patients come into my office and tell me that they have a past medical condition of fibromyalgia. Every case of "fibromyalgia" that I have ever seen in my clinic really had untreated sleep apnea. Untreated sleep apnea causes severe muscle ache because the large muscles of the body are deprived of oxygen every night while they are sleeping. Most fibromyalgia patients

have already been prescribed a medication called gabapentin. Of course it doesn't work for them because what they really need is a sleep study and to start sleeping with a CPAP machine. A skilled physician can look at a patient and tell whether or not they have sleep apnea in most cases before even asking them a question. I also doubt that Doctor AI could develop this level of clinical skills.

I am in the vacation property rental business

in Cozumel, Mexico. I have to travel there frequently to check on construction and things like quality control of the margaritas at my favorite snorkel bar there. It's a heavy cross to bear but somebody has got to do it! I fly to Houston and from Houston directly to Cozumel. During the layovers I am in the habit of watching people walk by me and diagnosing their different medical conditions. I say to myself, "That man has cirrhosis, that lady is wearing shoes that are too small for her, and they are causing her to walk funny." "This will cause back problems over time." These are the skills that are required in order to be a good physician. These skills are not unique to me by any means, I am sure that any great physician probably does the same thing. However, I don't think an AI robot could do this as well as a highly trained physician that is engrossed in the practice of medicine. Becoming this proficient in the practice of medicine is a gift and an art, and I don't think a robot could duplicate that level of proficiency either.

Wouldn't that be great for me though if I could purchase some AI doctor robots and supervise them from a beach on the island of Cozumel! They could say, "Doctor Martinez is in a meeting right now but how may I help you." I would surely spend more time fishing if this were ever to happen. My opinion on this matter is that AI robots practicing medicine will not happen in my lifetime. You know, I have also met some very smart dogs in my lifetime but I have never read a book that was written by a dog.



Cottonmouth? Hit Delete!

By Gene Saegert

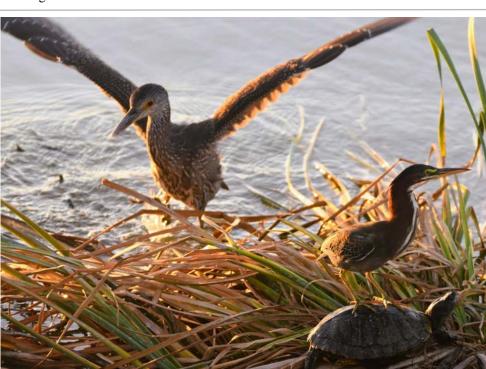
There has been a lot of talk lately about the dry weather bringing the snakes closer to the houses and freshly watered lawns. I don't know a whole lot about all that, but it did bring back some "fond memories" of incidents with snakes while fishing.

I am not especially fond of snakes nor am I particularly scared of snakes, with one exception, the cottonmouth water moccasin. I have caught rattlesnakes at the Freer, Texas rattlesnake hunt along with coral snakes, copperheads and many types of non-poisonous snakes, no problema. But the cottonmouth, mucho scarryio! In my experience with cottonmouths they are the most aggressive snakes that I have ever dealt with. They have tried to climb into the boat, they have curled up on top of the minnow bucket, tried to get fish off of the stringer and such especially if they are hungry. Just don't like being near them.

Example: My brother-in-law Harry and I were in a 14 foot flat bottom boat on the river below Lake Corpus Christi. We were running drop lines that we had tied to willow branches hanging over the water that we had set out earlier. We picked up a few catfish and discarded an occasional gar that were on the lines. Then we came to an overhanging willow branch that we knew that we had put a line on. No line was hanging in the water. Naturally we figured the hog catfish we wanted to catch had

latched on and was so big he either broke the limb or the line. So....we decided to put up a new line and catch that whopper! Our bad! Harry ran the boat up under that willow tree and I was fixin' to grab hold of a new willow branch to hang a line. I was up at the front of the boat and Harry was working the hand controlled Evinrude. A loud thump around the middle of the boat drew our immediate attention and the six-foot long (or so it seemed) cottonmouth writhing in the middle of the boat got our adrenalin pumping overtime!

With Harry standing on top of the motor and me standing on the last inch of the bow of the boat, it was quite a spectacle to behold. Harry couldn't swim but I could see that for once he was seriously thinking about learning so just when we were both ready to abandon ship we noticed that our missing drop line was hanging out of the snake's mouth and his movement was limited to about a two-foot arc in the bottom of the boat. We relaxed our guard a little and begin to assess the situation. Harry said "What do you think we should do?" I said "I guess we should cut him loose" Harry agreed. I said "You are the closest to him" and making sure my knife wasn't showing said "and anyway you have the only knife." Harry replied and I quote ""#*&@%^**#!" At that point we left the snake hanging and called it a day.



Turtle Shuffle By Tricia Peck Scow

Skipper Tales

<u>Silver Linings</u>

By: Tess Clark

The gulf breathes gray and gentle, then the sky unbuttons slow, no headlines on these raindrops, just the hush the docks all know. It falls like soft forgiveness on the shingles and the sand, like pocket change from heaven paid in quarters to the land.

Summer folds its bright umbrellas and the parking lots thin out, deer and covotes roam again while snowbirds map their routes, the air turns clear and kinder with a breeze at every door, the beach packs firm for easy walks and quieter days ashore.

It rinses salt from railings, sets the herons on their thrones, lifts shells from hidden sandbars and makes the shoreline home. It cools the jaws of August, and it draws a gentler shade, and what was hard and burning bright can finally, softly fade.

A long slow soak to mend the sand and settle dunes and streets, to wash the summer sting away and leave our shorelines neat. Let barrels take their quiet share, let cisterns hum and fill, let tin roofs keep a heartbeat that shows Mother Nature's will.

We are not asking the rolling thunder for its spotlight or its crown, just a steady rain that whispers softly in the gutters throughout town.

the kind of storm that tells us that our coasts will be okay. We watch the radar carefully for those spiral drawing lines, we know soft gray can turn to gales and those evacuation signs.

No headlines, just Hallelujahs rising with the rain,

But when it holds to gentle rain and leaves the shoreline shining, we call that Mercy on this coast, our steady Silver Lining.



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The 2025-26 hunting season has kicked off with a great start to dove season for hunters across the state. However, hunters should be aware of changes before entering the field. **Expanded Digital License Options**

Starting this season, hunters have new options for digital licenses. For the first time, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will offer fully digital license options for all recreational hunting, fishing and combo license and tag types, as explained in this new how-to video.

Changes for Non-Resident Hunters Legislation passed this spring simplified license options for non-resident hunters from five license options to two. Non-resident hunters hoping to harvest any legal bird or game animal, including alligator, wild turkey, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, mule deer and white-tailed deer, will need to purchase a Non-resident General Hunting license. Non-resident hunters who plan on targeting exotic animals, small game birds (except wild turkey), non-game animals, fur-bearing animals, squirrel and javelina for five or less days will need to purchase a Non-resident Special 5-Day Small Game/

Exotic Hunting license. Regulation Changes

Some additional changes for this next hunting season include:

- For wild turkeys in Hill County, IH35E now serves as the zone boundary line.
- Lubbock County is now open to wild turkey hunting with North

Reliable Storage Units in Corpus Christi, TX

Increase in daily bag limit for northern pintails in all duck zones.

Season Date Changes

Hunters should be aware of several season date changes for the 2025-26 hunting seasons before their first hunt including:

Mule deer season:

- Archery Only Season:
 - Panhandle: Sept. 27 Nov. 21
 - Trans-Pecos: Sept. 27 –
 - Nov. 27
 - Brewster, Pecos and Terrell counties: Sept. 27 - Nov. 27
- General Season:
 - Panhandle: Nov. 22 –
 - Tran-Pecos: Nov. 28 -

 - Brewster, Pecos and Terrell Counties: Nov. 28 - Dec. 14

Quail season

☐ New statewide dates:

Nov. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026.

Migratory game bird season:

Teal:

Days reduced from previous year

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour ronnienarmour@gmail.com Al Barlow has left the building...



Al Barlow has left the building. This pic is from 2010 at the old Tarpon Ice House.

I got a bunch of phone calls last week from

friends in the Texas Hill Country alerting me that my dear old friend, Al Barlow has gone to meet his maker. Al was a singer-songwriter from New Braunfels and a beloved friend of everyone who crossed his path. I first met Al 30 years ago at a club I ran in San Antonio, Billy Blues. Al would come out to our Open Jam night hosted by Ron Young and D.J. Stone. The only requirement was only original songs allowed. BTW, this is where I also first met Terri Hendrix. Al was a musical prophet. His songs were always amusing, witty and insightful. Who else could pull off a song called I Was a Seed about cutting off his toe and putting it in a box, growing from a seed to a mighty tree? To put his grace into perspective, Al had over 4400 Facebook friends. I'm not exaggerating when I say Al was loved by all. He had a huge following in the Texas Hill Country and led many picker's circles and open mic nights. He was also a big part of the Terlingua music scene. I can't recall one single person EVER saying anything negative about Al but how much they loved him. Fast forward to 2010 when I was a constant figure at the now defunct Tarpon Ice House owned by my close friend Paul Fain. Paul and I put together an ongoing showcase of musicians from the Hill Country which we called the Tarpon Music Blast. Al would ramrod the shows and keep us supplied in talent with the likes of Billy Snipes, Bo Porter, Colin Creel and Pablo Menudo, etc, and we saw a lot of Al back then. Suffice it to say, I have nothing but praise for this man and I will sorely miss his music, his humor, his big smiles and his friendship. Rest in peace my friend. You were a glorious treasure.



Straw Malcolm had his book signing at the Gaff last Saturday.

On the local front...

The 2025 Pirates Parade came off without a hitch last Saturday. There were plenty of Aaarrrrrg going around and everyone had on their best pirate digs... it was another bonafied hoot. The line of "floats" wasn't as long as previous years, but then it was about a hundred degrees out there and some of the folks peeled off after the local cops couldn't seem to get their escort duties together. To their defense, there was a big Conquer the Coast bike ride that made a big 69 mile circle from CC to Padre and across both bridges and the ferry, which kept the local police more than occupied, I'm sure. Too bad the bikers didn't adorn themselves in pirate attire for the marathon. I want to also mention that our local artist friend, Straw Malcolm set up a table to have his Book Signing during the pre-game warm up at the Gaff. You can't help but know Straw's artistry around town. It's the artwork with big animated alligators and clowns and sharks and assorted creatures on those sandwich boards with big holes for

your faces so the tourists can take pictures of themselves. He also paints the big window art at businesses around town, especially during the holidays. Straw is a very talented artist and is now putting together children's books with his animation and stories. Check him out.

Scattered shots...



Chuy Fidel with Tommy Proctor on guitar played the Gaff last Saturday.

After the Pirate Parade last Saturday, the crowd gathered at the Gaff for the SurfFest Awards and some great music from Chuy Fiel featuring Tommy Proctor on guitar and Roy Hollingshead on drums. Tommy and Roy are Joe King Carrasco alumni and really made that sound hop. On Friday it was also jumping at the Gaff for some great Cajun/zydeco tunes from Boudreaux and Pousson. These cats are custom made for getting the gals wiggling straight from downbeat. Over at Bron's Brad Ethridge covered for Joev St. Vincent who had to cancel. I also caught two outstanding shows at the Sip Yard. Country music/Americana big shot Jason Suthern played on Friday and a real deal blues cat from Houston, Hamilton Loomis played on Saturday. I booked Loomis many times at the *Billy Blues* clubs in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. I hadn't seen him play in years and can tell you this... brother, he's still got it. That harmonica on a mic stand he plays is pretty cool. All and all it was a great weekend.

Coming this weekend...



Mike Isbell with Riptide will play Bron's on Saturday.

Starting on Thursday, September 25th we'll have Christopher Ivory and Friends playing their weekly show at Shorty's, soloist Jim Bush will play the Gaff and Scarecrow **People** will play the *Sip Yard*. On Friday we'll have the great Palacios Brothers from Hebbronville playing Treasure Island, The Lucky **Dogz** will play *Shorty's* and the delightful couple, No Wake Zone, will play the Gaff and the Cajun boys, Boudreaux and Pousson, will play *Bron's*. Also this Friday the 26th the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce will begin their Beachtober Beats concert series to be held at the Sip Yard on Fridays through the end of October. The first show will be with the popular Americana stud Cory Morrow this Friday with additional Friday shows throughout the month with Eclipse: Journey Tribute, Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef, The Texas Headhunters, Uncle Lucius with Sour Bridges, Briscoe and ending on Halloween with one of the greatest acts on the circuit today, **Shinyribs**. On Saturday the 27th we'll have our WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES at the Gaff starting at 4:00 PM with Coach Big Jim Dugan providing your sing along faves. Also on Saturday the National Nobodyz will play their classic rock at Treasure Island, the fast moving rockabilly band Riptide will play Bron's, Logan Ryan will play the Sip Yard and our country star, **Todd** Dorn and the Sea Drifters, will play Shorty'

ISS And, that's the truth ISS



The Palacios Brothers will play Treasure Island on Friday.



Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters will play Shorty's on Saturday.



September 25, 2025

Cory Morrow will play the Sip Yard on

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Thursday, September 25

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys Jim Bush @ Gaff Scarecrow People @ Sip Yard Ray Summy @ Palm Republic Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A Beer Hut Aaron Jacob @ Brewster Island Alley Catz @ Surf Club Lynnwood King @ House of Rock Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge Chillbillies @ Rockit's

<u>Friday,</u> September 26

Cory Morrow @ Sip Yard Palacios Bros @ Treasure Island Lucky Dogz @ Shortys No Wake Zone @ Gaff Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club Boudreaux & Pousson @ Bron's Carson Miller @ VFW 8967 The Daze @ Pelican Lounge Nathan Allen @ Brewster Southside Alley Catz @ Brewster Island Vulgar Display of Power @ Brewster Downtown Crucial Riddim @ House of Rock Love Street @ Packery Bar Young Klassics @ Rockit's

Saturday, September 27

Navarro & the

@ Artisan

Creatures, Heavy Soul

BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff Jim Dugan @ Gaff National Nobodyz @ Treasure Island Riptide @ Bron's Logan Ryan @ Sip Yard Todd Dorn @ Shortys Lucky Dogz @ VFW Lyrical Bynge @ Pelican Lounge Cleartones @ Terry's



Treasure Island **PALACIOS BROS** SEPT 26 Alley Catz @ Surf NATIONAL NOBODYZ **SEPT 27** JON CAR **OCT 3 BACK PEW REVIVAL OCT 4 CARSON MILLER OCT 11**

KITCHEN OPEN UNTIL 1:30 AM

CORY MORROW

CRUISE CONTROL

JIM BUSH

NO WAKE ZONE

BRAD ETHRIDGE

TYLER JORDAN

LUCKY DOGZ

TODD DORN

TRIPTONITE

TUMBLE DRY LOW

42ND ANNUAL PIG PARTY

JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN

JIM DUGAN

TEXAS HEADHUNTERS

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JERRY DIAZ & HANNA'S REEF

LOGAN RYAN

Victoria Cantu, Groove @ Executive Surf Club The Max @ Rockit's Trisum @ Brewster Island Callum Kerr @ Brewster Downtown Cruise Control @ STX Icehouse Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ CC Art Center Love Street @ Pier 99

<u>Sunday,</u> September 28 Paddle or Plunder @ Port A Community Pool Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's Brad Ethridge @ Gaff

<u>Monday,</u> <u>September 29</u> Alonzo Cruz @

Tuesday,

Pelican Lounge

September 30 Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ VFW 8967 Saving Abel @ Brewster Downtown SEPT 26 Carl Hayes Open Mic SEPT 27 @ Salty Dolphin OCT 3 Rich Lockhart @ **OCT 10** Packery Bar OCT 11 Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge **OCT 17** Los Locals @ Palm

> Republic Scarecrow People @ Executive Surf Club

Wednesday,

October 1 OPEN JAM EVERY WED WITH BRAD Open Mic w/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff SEPT 25 Groove @ VFW 8967 Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge **SEPT 27**

Thursday, October 2

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SEPT 27

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shortys Tyler Jordan @ Gaff Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A Beer CHRIS IVORY & FRIENDS EVERY THUR Ray Summy @ Palm Republic SEPT 26

<u>Friday, October 3</u>

OCT 3 Eclipse Tribute to OCT 4 Journey @ Sip Yard Boudreaux & Pousson **OCT 11** @ Gaff Tumble Dry Low @ Shortys









BELT SANDER RACES EVERY 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY

COLD BEER

LIVE MUSIC

HOT PIZZA

