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By Steve Coons



By Dale Rankin

Our sandbar is now election free for a while so we will get back to more mundane items Around The Island. But first, Tuesday saw a full moon and a rainbow over The Island on Election Day. It must mean something but we here at the Word Factory are not sure what.

The barge that came to visit



Surfers say the work barge loaded with jetty rocks that found a home on the South Packery Jetty more than a month ago is starting to complain by emitting creaks, groans, and the occasional squeal as it announces its daily meld into the Island landscape. On the positive side anglers say it holds fish and surfers say it can produce a break from time to time. On the negative side it is shedding its cargo of 1000-pound rocks which turn out to be from Kentucky around it on the sandy bottom.

We spoke this week with the company who owns the barge and they say have had divers down to inspect the barge which has extensive damage to the starboard side and their insurance company is exploring ways to remove it from filling it with air, to hauling it out with a crane on a barge, or hauling it up on the beach and cutting it up. They don't have a timeline yet they rejected our suggestion to put a plaque on it and name it after a politician – it is coming out sooner or later.

A barge by any name...

The company that is doing the repairs to the Packery Channel Jet-ties found itself on the end of some unwanted publicity last week when a local television station did a story on the barge and said it belonged to “Calallen Marine.” The name of the repair company is Callan Marine which in fairness is pretty close to Calallen Marine in name if not in location but still not quite the same. The barge in fact belongs to Anahuac-based Peninsula Marine, Inc. who is a subcontractor on the Packery job. So somewhere in Calallen this week there was a conversation, “We’re Calallen Marine we make stock tanks...yes, I’m a Marine and I’m from Calallen but I don’t know anything about a barge.”

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Rainbow over The Island on Election Day!



How The Island Voted

For full precinct by precinct results for Padre Island, Flour Bluff, and Port Aransas, go to islandmoon.com

Flour Bluff School District Tax Hike Voted Down Two board incumbents voted out

By Dale Rankin

Voters in Flour Bluff ISD voted in two new members to the district’s board on Tuesday and decisively voted down a 6.97% tax hike that would have raised an additional \$4.1 million for the district next year.

The tax hike was voted down by a margin of 65% to 35% on a total

vote of 10,246 by 6635 votes against and 3611 votes in favor.

In two contested seats on the seven person board incumbents Nicole Dowd and Nicole Peters were defeated in reelection bids. Dowd lost to challenger David Gerlach by a vote of 4957 to 3281. Incumbent Nicole Peters lost to challenger Jeanie Blankenship Paluseo by a vote of

4680 to 3514.

In uncontested races incumbents Shirley Thornton and Jim Needham garnered 7651 and 8031 votes respectively. Board members are elected to seats on a staggered basis in November of even-numbered years.

Seashore Students honor Vets



Students from the National Junior Honors Society at Seashore Charter Schools went OTB this week to help honor veterans by placing flags along the Ocean Drive.

A little Island history

History in the making!



Crews this week began digging the 8 foot deep channel under the WATER EXCHANGE BRIDGE

Sometimes history happens right before our eyes and Island history is being made these days as the long-awaited Island Water Exchange Bridge comes into being every day along SPID between Commodores and Whitecap.

Crews this week began work to line the bottom of the eight-foot deep channel that will flow under the bridge with concrete blocks to harden the bottom and prevent erosion. Foreman Mike Franklin said the blocks are expected to be in place within two weeks. The bulkheads that will define the channel are already finished and constant pumping is preventing the collection of groundwater in the new channel as work is underway.

The two sections the new bridge will be separated by twenty-four feet and Franklin said he expects the pre-formed arches for the southbound side of the bridge arrive on site in about two months. The bridge is on schedule to have water flowing in the channel by mid-2023 which is historic in itself - an Island project on time and on budget...may you live in interesting times.

La Posada Lighted Boat Parade Season is Three Weeks Away *How to register and decorate your boat*

In 1970 a Catholic priest and group of Island boat owners got together and decided to launch a lighted boat parade on Padre Island. Now fifty-three years later on Friday, December 9, and Saturday, December 10 the latest flotilla of Island boats will embark on the 2022 version of that parade.

The Kickoff Party for the 2022 La Posada Lighted Boat Parade is now three weeks away, Thursday December 1, and two days later a new event has been added to the La Posada schedule to help boat owners decorate their craft at the Padre Island Yacht Club.

“We are trying to get more boats in the parade this year than ever and to help get that done we will have experienced boat decorators the yacht club. Said Hilda Perez-Garcia, President of the La Posada Foundation. “We encourage boat owners to bring their decorations with them and we will help them decorate their boats.”

The boat decoration event will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 3. After 53 years the Island event has become the largest single fundraising event in the state for the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program. All proceeds from the event go to the Toys for Tots program.

How to register you boat

Getting your boat registered for the parade is a simple –one-stop process. Registration forms are available on The Island at Ace Hardware, IGA Island Market, and Hardknocks Sports Bar & Grill. Simply walk in and fill out the form and file it there

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By the numbers

Island projects

The final numbers on funds from the Island Incremental Reinvestment Zone #2 for Island projects that will go to the Corpus Christi City Council for approval on November 15 were released this week. They include funding for a bridge to replace the current underground culverts on Encantada. The money comes from property tax on new construction inside the TIRZ #2 boundaries. Extension of TIRZ #2 through 2042 will also be on the November 15 agenda. The numbers are as follows:
\$8 million for Island Walk Mobility canals on Whitecap property open for public use
\$3.2 million water exchange bridge under Commodores Drive
\$2.5 million for the canal that will go across Commodores onto Whitecap North Padre Island property
\$1.9 million to extend canal to connect with other Island canals for public use
\$1.7 million canal on Whitecap property to connect to water exchange culverts under Aquarius Street
\$1.7 million to install water exchange culverts under Aquarius Street
\$1.2 million for nature preserve walking trail open to the public
\$13 million total



The Island Resort, formerly Holiday Inn, is now a member of the Wyndham Hotels which has over 9,000 hotels in 95 countries. The hotel has the most generous rewards program with more than 97 million members and growing by 5 million/year. The current owners of the Island hotel, who bought it in January, should benefit from the partnership with Wyndham. The owners bought the Emerald Beach Hotel about two years ago and I suspect it will remain an independent hotel since it is an ongoing established hotel.



Black Sheep Bistro will be serving on Thanksgiving Day 1 - 4 pm by reservation only. The main courses are traditional baked turkey, ham, smoked prime rib and smoked beef tenderloin. The starter is soup or salad, sides are garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes. Dessert choices include pumpkin pie, bread pudding, pecan pie and pumpkin cheesecake. The cost is \$40/person and \$20 for children under age 12. To make a reservation call 972-523-6368 or 210-418-4819, email gmier@theangrymarlin.com or visit their web site.

The **JFK Bridge work** will resume around December 1st and continue into spring. There will again be one lane each way so we will be having that zipper lane conversation again.

Hardknocks offers the Big Papa Extravaganza featuring (4) Alaskan Snow Crab Clusters, (16) Jumbo Shrimp, (1) 6oz. Northern Atlantic Lobster Tail, Potatoes, Corn, & Sausage for \$65.00



The **Flour Bluff Hornet Football team** beat the Portland Wildcats 36-34 to become the District Champions. They play Roma in the Bi-District game on Friday, 11/11 7 pm at Hornet Stadium.

There is a 4.6 acre property between the American Bank and the Lake Padre development that has been owned by Speedy Stop Food Stores LLC since 2006. They have 23 stores in Texas. Interestingly, NC Appraisal District had it valued just under \$2 million 2008 - 2021 but raised it to \$4.5 million this year. In turn, taxes went from \$43K to \$102K.

37th Annual Jewish Food Festival will be held Saturday, November 12th 5 - 9 pm and Sunday 11am - 2 pm at The Congregation Beth Israel 4402 Saratoga. The food will include cabbage rolls, matzah ball soup and NY style corned beef sandwich. The Sunday Brunch items are bagels, lox and blintzes.



The **8th Annual Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree & Silent Auction** will be held at Doc's Waterline on Wednesday, November 30th. It is \$25 and includes hors-d'oeuvres plus two drinks. All proceeds go to Timon's Ministries. To donate a decorated wreath, tree or centerpiece call 937-6196. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Nauti T's Creations will soon be serving Boar's Head products and after the first of the year sandwiches will be available. They have specials every Friday and are open later that day until 7 pm. This Friday the 11th you can taste the Monte Cristo Burrito that won them 2nd place in the Taste of the Island. You can preorder charcuteries and small bundt cakes with their jelly filling. The shop is located a few units down from Subway.



Padre Island Art Gallery Sip & Shop will be held on Friday, November 18th 5 - 8 pm. There will be an autumn cocktail, heavy hors d'oeuvres and artist demonstrations. Check out the ornaments, holiday decor and gift ideas. The gallery is offering a new class where you make two ornaments and choose shapes from seahorse, Christmas tree, turtle or star forms. The class will be held Sunday, November 20th at 2 pm.



The **Delite Food Truck** new hours are 8 am - 7 pm Thursday - Sunday. They have added a Philly steak sandwich to their menu. They are located in front of the Island Market IGA.



El Constante Condominiums on the seawall currently have one bedroom condos not facing the Gulf available for the month of January for \$2100 - 2400 . Most days, except around the holidays, are \$99/night in November and December. The rental goes up significantly after January. I suspect that is the scenario for the other Island STRs.



Port A Beachlodge in Port A will be serving a Thanksgiving Day spread with fried turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potato casserole, hot rolls and pumpkin or pecan pie for \$16. They will start serving at noon until they are sold out and they are not taking reservations. They have soup of the day and dinner specials. The shrimp boil and crawfish boil are on their regular menu. They are open daily 8 am - 10 pm and are located at Beach Marker #9.



Urban Air Adventure Park is the ultimate indoor park with attractions for all ages. They will be opening in December in the 48,000 share foot building that housed Get Air Trampoline Park 4701 S Staples. It will have wall-to-wall trampolines, dodgeball courts, obstacle courses, tube playgrounds with multi-level climbing ropes and twisting tubes.



The **La Posada Boat Watch Party** will be at Hardknocks on Friday, December 9th 7 pm when KRIS 6 broadcasts the parade live from the Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar.

The **La Posada Lighted Boat Decorating Party** will be held on Saturday, December 3rd 10 am at the Padre Island Yacht Club. Volunteers along with Marines will help you decorate your boat just bring decorations and lights.

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Letters to the Editor

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An invitation to Phroggers

Mr. Rankin. I have been thinking about this for a bit and maybe you can help. I've always had a fear of people living in my place or my neighbors without anyone knowing. I live on Park Rd 22 in Village on the Green Townhouses year round. My neighbors on either side are rarely here. One is their vacation home one is STR. After watching your episode of Phrogging I spoke with them about the green VACANT tags USPS puts in their mailboxes and they were removed by them but soon replaced. Can we not come up with a better solution as to not alert everyone that a unit is vacant? I'm a single female and worried enough without this added threat. I don't want to make it a big deal or be in the paper. I just want to feel safe.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Well, ma'am you did make the paper but we won't use your name. This question has come up before and we weren't aware the Postal Service was still using the green tags. That sounds like an issue for the local Postmaster. It might be possible to provide the post office with a list of address where mail should not be delivered. Putting tags seems like a bit of an invitation for trouble. One solution for finding squatters – or Phroggers- is to monitor water use. If the meter is running and no one is living there something is wrong.



Hello Island Boaters,

The La Posada Foundation in conjunction with Toys for Tots is once again putting on this year's Island Lighted Boat Parade. We can't help noticing all the power and sailboats along our canals that would be excellent additions to this year's Lighted Boat Parade. The Friday night Parade, December 9th, will be televised on KRIS 6 at 7:00. The Saturday Parade, December 10th, starts at 6:00.

The La Posada Foundation is hosting a boat decorating party on December 3rd at the Padre Island Yacht Club. The club is located on the west end of Whitecap. Gates open at 10:00. Decorating help from the US Marines representing Toys for Tots and experienced boat decorators will be available. Many Christmas boat decorating tips are also available on YouTube. Types of lights, how many for the size boat, and power sources are all out there. Now is the time to start making your decorating plans.

We sure hope you'll be part of this wonderful Island Christmas tradition. The Parade registration form is printed in certain editions of the Island Moon or can be picked up at either Ace, Island Market, or Hardknocks where they can also be dropped off. Then decorate your boat and attend the Parade Captains meeting on December 5th. There is no entry fee.

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CASA of the Coastal Bend

When we know of children and families in need, many people feel compelled to help in one way or another, within their means of resources and capabilities. When we learn of tragedy involving children and families that resulted from unmet needs, many feel sorrow, wishing we would have known while there was still something that could have been done. There is not a lack of compassion in our community, there is a lack of awareness for where it is needed.

There are hundreds of Coastal Bend children experiencing the most difficult moments of their lives as you read this. There are youth being abused and neglected by the people who are supposed to protect them, youth removed from everything they have ever known to escape harmful situations yet placed in life that is foreign to them and youth aging out of foster care, left to figure out how to live on their own without a safety net of support.

There are agencies that provide resources for families experiencing hardships to help prevent youth to being subjected to these circumstances, however just as there is a lack of awareness of the needs, there is also a lack of awareness of the help available in our community. The factors that caused the guardians of these children to fail to keep them safe and loved create a mountain too steep for them to climb. And as a result, youth are inflicted with layers upon layers of trauma.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Coastal Bend is a non-profit organization that trains volunteers, people like you from our community, to be advocates for local youth (newborns to 18 year olds) in foster care. There is a training involving self-study and group sessions, to become familiar with the role of a CASA volunteer and the agencies involved in the child welfare system. Once sworn in by a Judge, CASA volunteers are appointed to the team of a staff member, an Advocate Advisor, who guides them on their case work.

Once a CASA volunteer selects a case, they begin to know the children and fact find amongst the professionals and family involved in the children's life. Spending time with the children is an opportunity to identify their needs, understand what is in their best interest and most importantly give them a chance to experience a positive adult relationship. Being able to have a consistent source of support during a time of uncertainty is crucial to youth beginning to heal from their trauma.

CASA volunteers are encouraged and provided with resources to take their CASA children on outings and, thanks to the generosity of community partners, sometimes group events are arranged. It is hard to tell who most enjoys that time together between the volunteer and child. Helping create joy for a child who has experienced much pain in their short lives is a

gift like no other.

The interaction with the adults on the case is just as meaningful as the time spent with the child, it's helping to change the child's story from lingering to thriving. Knowing what factors were involved to get the child and their family to the current situation is important in understanding the child's experience as well as the family's. If it is in the child's best interest to reunify them with their family of origin, CASA volunteers will be a bridge of support for the family to gain access to resources they need to provide a safe, loving home for their children. Last year, of the children who had a CASA volunteer and left foster care, 91% returned to their family of origin or relatives. CASA volunteers prioritize maintaining and strengthening family connections for youth, knowing it is vital for them to thrive. When family connections are not able to be preserved, that is when finding new sources of connection is sought by the CASA volunteer so that the child can have a lifetime support network.

Last year, 146 CASA volunteers from the Coastal Bend community served 580 youth from Nueces and Aransas counties. There were over 400 additional children in foster care waiting for someone to be their advocate. We need more volunteers in order to have a Court Appointed Special Advocate for every child in foster care in the Coastal Bend. So now that you know of the need, how will you help?

CASA of the Coastal Bend will be the featured charity for the Padre Island Poker Run on November 26th. At each stop a CASA volunteer will be onsite to answer questions and share information about CASA. With the holidays upon us, new, unwrapped gifts for youth in foster care will be collected at the event. What is most needed are gift cards for teens; often items for young children are donated. Gift cards not only give the teens a chance to select what they like, it can be a shopping experience with their CASA volunteer that they can make into a fun day of creating positive holiday memories.

For more information about the Padre Island Poker Run on November 26th, visit the Island Moon Facebook page.

The next CASA Volunteer Training starts December 1st. CASA of the Coastal Bend hosts 45 minute Virtual CASA Info Sessions Wednesdays at 12pm via Zoom. For more information about CASA of the Coastal Bend, visit www.coastalbendcasa.org or visit @Coastalbendcasa on Facebook.

Every Child Has A Chance, It's YOU!

Samantha Koepp-Stemplinger
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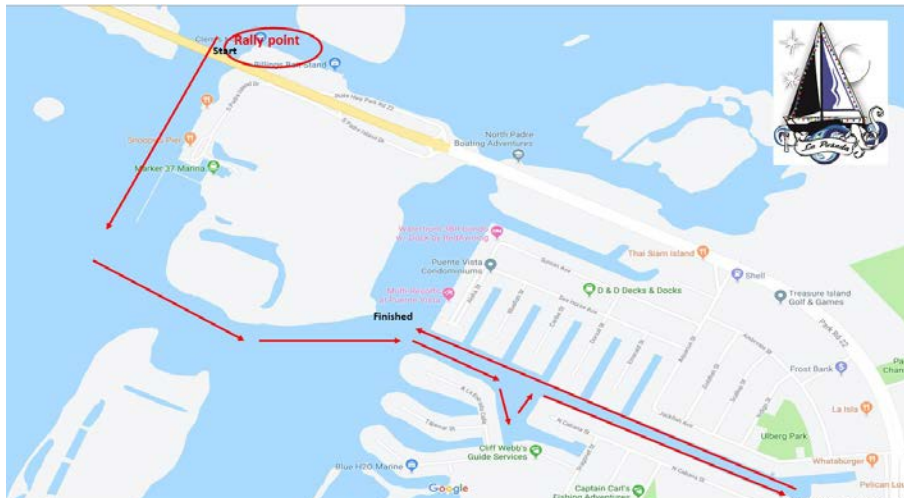
Friends of Jesse Allen Sirgant will gather for a bonfire on Michael J. Ellis Beach at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, to celebrate the his life.

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Schedule for 2022 La Posada Events

Thursday	December 1st	6:00 PM	Silent Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
		7:30 PM	Live Auction	Hard Knocks Bar & Grill
Saturday	December 3	10:00AM	Boat Decorating	Padre Island Yacht Club
Sunday	December 4	5:00 PM	Land Parade	Briscoe Pavilion
Friday	December 9	7:00 PM	Boat Parade	Packery Channel
Saturday	December 10	6:00 PM	Boat Parade	Caravel Boat Ramp
Sunday	December 11	8:30 AM	Breakfast for Marines & Load Toys – PIYC	
Monday	December 12	6:00 PM	Awards Presentation	PIYC



Friday Parade Route



Saturday Parade Route

La Posada from A1

Or to register by email contact Bob Corbett, the 2022 Boat Parade Captain, at bob.corbett895 at gmail.com and he will send you the forms which can be filed out and submitted. You can also get the forms at the event website at laposadafoundation.com. There is no fee. There will be a captains meeting on Monday, December 5, at the Padre Island Yacht Club. For the second year the Friday night parade will be televised live starting at 7 p.m. on KRIS Television. For the parade routes and details on La Posada events see the items in this issue.

Around from A1



La Posada...

Short-term rentals of the legal variety are popping up Around The Island as the industry matures and prospers. As Mary reported in Business Briefs last week five years ago there were about 550 STR units on The Island five years ago and now there are about 1400. While STR are thankfully not allowed in RS-6 zoned residential neighborhoods multi-family developments where they are allowed are popping up as fast as political signs in October. These are currently under construction in the shade of the POA office with a sign announcing more on the way.

La Posada season 2022 is fast upon us and this is an encouragement for those with a boat that floats to light it up and get out there for this year's parades. The organizers of the event have added a boat decorating session before the Friday parade to help encourage boaters to get out and boat...boat early and boat often... with that in mind we leave you with these lines from Texas songwriter and Good Aggie Lyle Lovett...

If I had a boat
I'd go out on the ocean
And if I had a pony
I'd ride him on my boat
And we could all together
Go out on the ocean
Me upon my pony on my boat

So we'll see you and your boat and maybe even your pony out there on the ocean in the La Posada Parade. In the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.

What other two Coastal Bend towns competed with Corpus Christi to be the site of the Port?

In 1920 congress provided funds "with a new t the establishment of a safe and adequate deepwater harbor" in the vicinity of Aransas Pass. Three cities vied for the facility. The population of Aransas Pass was 1,529, Rockport was 1,545, and Corpus Christi was 10,522. Rockport citizens believed they had the best site for the port but Robert J. Kleberg of the King Ranch favored Corpus Christi and lobbied accordingly. He held a meeting in Kingsville where they organized the Deep Water Harbor Association and sent Roy Miller to Washington to lobby in favor of the

It looked like Corpus Christi was the odd man out. But Roy Miller was a persuasive man. Yes, the Corpus Christi site was more expensive and would require a the longest channel from the Aransas Pass but he pointed out that Corpus Christi was served by four railroads and three banks and that natural gas had recently been discovered nearby. The town had also been building a breakwater after the 1919 hurricane to protect its shore. Having the backing of Robert Kleberg didn't hurt either.

Corpus Christi site.

On September 1922 President Warren G. Harding signed the Corpus Christi Deepwater Harbor Bill into law and work began. The Port of Corpus Christi opened to ships on September 14, 1926, exactly seven years after the 1919 hurricane.

Congress decreed a study and found the relative costs for each site to be \$1 million in federal money for the Aransas Pass site with a local match of \$632,000 needed. The cost for the Rockport site was put at \$1 million to the U.S. and \$994,000, while the cost for the Corpus Christi site was \$1.9 to the federal government and \$3 million local match.

2022 La Posada Lighted Boat Parade Registration Form

Sponsored by the La Posada Foundation

To register your boat for the 2022 Lighted Boat Parades fill out this form and drop it at any of the registration sites listed in this issue. Or copy it from the Island Moon website Islandmoon.com and email it to the email listed below. Or simply visit a registration site.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER- _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS- _____

Power- _____ Sail- _____

BOAT NAME- _____

Boat Description _____ State Registration _____

Name of Insurance Company _____

The following are the Parade routes and dates. Please check which nights you can participate in.

___ Friday, December 9, 2022, North Canals Staging area from just north of JFK Bridge, East along bait shop by 6:30 P.M. Parade starts at 7 P.M.

___ Saturday, December 10, 2022, South Canals. Staging area from Caravel boat ramp North by 5:30 P.M. Parade starts at 6 P.M.

Please provide a brief description in print or video of decoration theme, time it took to decorate, how many lights etc. at the mandatory Captain's Meeting on December 5 at 6 p.m. at the Padre Island Yacht Club. This information will help the KRIS 6 News Commentator in describing the parade.

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

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Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

History of Veterans Day

Dotson's Note: World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” My thanks to the VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Above, Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."



Above, President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nelson, Edwards Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of many state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Dotson's Other Note: Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day. Comments are welcome to the Editor of The Island Moon or to me at Mobile: 530-748-8475 or dlewis1@stx.rr.com. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Tuesdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 – 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397...It's your two hours, please let us hear from you.

Honoring Our Service Members With Military Appreciation Family Day at The Alamo

The Alamo is proud to host its second annual *Military Appreciation Family Day* on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022. This event will celebrate, honor, and recognize our nation's active duty, reserve, and former military service members. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alamo Plaza and the Alamo grounds will feature a variety of special activities, including guest presenters, demonstrations, live music, exhibits, and more.

An opening ceremony for *Military Appreciation Family Day* will begin at 10 a.m.,

including a performance from the Air Force Band of the West and remarks from special guests Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Lt. General John Evans, Commanding General of U.S. Army North. During the gathering, the Alamo will hold a wreath-laying ceremony to remember and honor our veterans. Individuals and organizations from the community are also invited to participate by placing a wreath in front of the Alamo Church during the opening ceremony



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

The biggest prize in Tuesday's election may have been one that was not on the ballot. In an interview with KRIS anchor Pat Simon just before the election Governor Greg Abbott said the following:

“What I foresee is the Nueces County population doubling over the next 10 to 15 years because of all the new projects that are coming your way and we know that means more infrastructure,” said Abbott. “Water is one of those infrastructure components and we are working with Nueces County as well as the city of Corpus Christi to make sure that they can get together and agree on a desalination plan. If not, then the state of Texas will do it for them. But the state of Texas - working with the Texas Water Development Board - will make sure that the Greater Corpus Christi area will have the water that is needed in order to double their population.”

Desalination is the biggest item on the Coastal Bend agenda over the next two years and the elephant in the room is that the contest over who will control it was the big prize Tuesday. The Nueces County Commissioners Court and the Corpus Christi City Council each get three appointees on the seven-member Port of Corpus Christi Commission and San Patricio County gets one. Four of the seats controlled by the two entities are up for reappointment by the end of 2023 and who takes those seats will determine the future of desalination in the Coastal Bend.

The city and the county have competing applications in for desal permits with the state and what the governor is saying up there is that the Coastal Bend needs to stop fighting like kids in the back seat because state officials who are at the wheel don't want to be the daddy who has to settle things. To paraphrase the governor, “Don't make me stop this car!”

As things now stand the Port of Corpus Christi is asking the Texas Water Development Board for a \$230 million grant to extend the outflow line for the brine from the desal plant out into the Gulf of Mexico which would make permitting a plant by the port much easier, surer, and quicker.

On a parallel track the City of Corpus Christi which is the Regional Water provider already has approval of \$230 million in loans from the Water Development Board locked in at about 4% interest and has submitted a written

objection on a 9-0 vote to state regulators in opposition to the port application. That conflict is at the heart of Abbott's Message from the Front Seat – “If I have to stop this car someone is getting a knot on their head!”

The split

The current council has expressed their dissatisfaction with one of their current Port Commissioners who is up for reappointment because – among other things – he has consistently taken positions on desal that are counter to those of the council and have in their eyes impeded progress on the city's own application. Many of the crucial votes by the Port Commission on desal have been 4-3 nail biters with the city appointee on the four side which has not gone unnoticed by the council members who put him there. His chances of reappointment by the council seem about as likely as the new Harbor Bridge being complete by the end of 2023.

The elephant in the room

Elections matter and now comes the hammer. The Corpus Christi City Council has a seat on the commission coming up for nomination by the end of 2022 but there is a twist; by the City Charter the new council must make the choice and given that as of Tuesday night there are now runoff elections on the docket that vote gets pushed back to early 2023.

Enter Tuesday night's results. It's fair to say that soon to be former Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales and the county's port appointees have taken the position that the port should go its own way on desal – if not take the lead altogether with the city falling in behind. But two of the county appointed seats on the commission come up at the end of 2023...you see where I'm going with this. The 4-3 votes that have kept desal applications with state moving down parallel tracks can be derailed with one vote and four are coming up – with two of them being at the Nueces County Commissioners Court and that folks, was the elephant in the room driving the race just ended for the Nueces County Judge seat.

I could say that the die is cast but I try to avoid clichés like the plague.

Signs be Gone!

With the election now in the rearview we are ten days away from the detritus of the campaign season to follow suit in following ten days. By state law the campaign signs that have sprung up in the political season must be done by ten days after the election. If you are wagering on this proposition take the over.

Aside from polling stations the biggest collection of signs is at the intersection of Whitecap Boulevard and SPID where commercial signs

spring up eternally throughout the year. Under state law it is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way of a state right of way – which SPID/Park Road 22 is. The space between the utility poles at this location and the state right of way and any signs or commercial activity there is not lawful any time of year. Behind the state right of way the private property owners have never objected to the placing of political signs but have occasionally called for the removal of vehicles for sale.



Ten days that shook the world



Whitecap and SPID

The Island Outdoors



On the Rocks
By Jay Gardner

Through the magic of deadlines and my schedule not crossing in the right ethereal plane, I'm writing this before the ISAC meeting on Tuesday, and before the polls closed on Election Day. I have to go to Houston and give a quarterly report on what's going on and introduce my friend Gary Glick to the group. I'll give you all an update next week on those items I missed.

Last week saw a banner decision for oyster conservation. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWD) voted unanimously to permanently close Ayres, Mesquite, and Carlos bays to oystering. Now, you loyal readers know that I'm not a fan closing fishing areas/ rights, whether it be commercial or recreational, but in this case, something had to be done. Some of you may remember that CCA and TPWD spent almost a million dollars restoring one reef up in Galveston a few years back, and when TPWD opened it back up to harvest, over a hundred oyster boats scraped it below the mudline in a matter of hours. Do a search on the youtubes for "Exploitation of South Dollar Reef" and you'll see what I mean (turn the music down, and there's another one in que after it called "The Corporate Fleet" about Tres Palacios). You will see the unsustainable practices that have been occurring, and no longer can be allowed to. The players in the oyster fishery are unable to keep their greed in check, and regulations are needed. Of course, the oyster fishermen were extremely vocal about TPWD "taking food off their table", but at the rate they were going, they were taking (future) food off their own tables for the short-term dollar.

Back to Carlos, Mesquite, and Ayres bays. These are reefs located in between Aransas Bay and San Antonio bays, which have historically produced up to a quarter of oysters for the Texas coast. One of the issues is that as there is more harvest pressure, exacerbated by storms that cause freshwater floods which cover and/or kill oysters, more and more bay systems are closing earlier and earlier in the season due to small oysters (see Texas Department of State Health Services shellfish harvest map website for bay closures and reason). The main cause is that we're taking too much out of the bay and not putting enough back. Just like Capt. Billy Sandifer always said, "if we don't leave any, there won't be any." The bays are not inexhaustible; it's pretty simple.

Ok, so there's a little more to the importance of these three particular bays. They are located right at the confluence of two major bay systems (Aransas and San Antonio), and the reefs that separate these bays from the other bays act as an oyster seed "bank" that replenishes the adjacent reefs every year. St. Charles Bay, which is a secondary bay of Aransas, adjacent to Carlos Bay, has been closed for years and is a designated nursery bay as well (you loyal readers know that CCA/HRI/TPWD/NOAA/CBBEP have been restoring reefs there over the past few years). Another impetus in closing those particular bays is the fact that Cedar Bayou (and the Gulf of Mexico) exchanges with Mesquite Bay in the middle. This goes back to that ocean-estuary coupling mechanism that I write about occasionally (think redfish and flounder spawning). I know, sometimes I'm heavy on the science and ecology. Another function that these reefs provide is to baffle the water flows between the large bays that flank them. A big northern cold front or heavy spring southeast wind will push water velocities in the area over 2-3 knots, which will pick up sediment and fine sands. This of course, causes erosion of the critical habitat on Matagorda (Panther Point, Brundrett Lakes, etc) St. Joseph's (Vincent Slough, Fence Lake, etc) and more importantly the whooping crane habitats in those areas and the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. The reefs physically help curb, or "baffle" the water velocities and corresponding erosion, as well as provide water quality benefits and fishery habitat. Oysters serve a variety of functions besides being tasty, and the reefs need to be there.

Don't get me wrong folks, I love oysters. We got a set for me wrong birthday this past weekend and noticed that the price went up again this year. We have no problem with that, as we know that a few dollars more at the fish house goes into the restoration fund, which is fine by us. Some oyster fishermen need to take future responsibility in following Brad Lomax's lead and start raising oysters in their own leases instead of depending on TPWD and others to rebuild the public reefs they decimate for their personal profit. The price of removing critical reefs is much more than just a sack of oysters at the fish house. Drop me a line at tarpon-chaser@mail.com and I'll see you here next week On the Rocks.

Backwater Adventures



By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures



Beau Silvas at age 8, caught this giant redfish casting lures in the Laguna Madre' with Capt. Joey Farah. Young anglers can't sit still long that's why it's a great idea to teach them how to cast correctly and actively fish with soft plastics.

Like waiting for the love of your life to walk into the room I stared back over my shoulder towards the sky of orange and rays of gold. I knew she would smile at me, but it's that special moment when the first spark of her eye hits yours and you fall in love with the sea every time you watch the sun rise over it. I sometimes pass fishing spots just so that I can enjoy the event with the radio going and the wind in my face. As soon as I stop the boat I'm teaching and answering questions, that special time is best without words or conversation. Today the moment the first rays of light burst from the horizon, every baitfish came alive! Trout seemed to be in every sand pocket and it was a mad rush to get the fish off and cast back into the sand pockets. That special time lasted only a drift or two before things settled down. Getting out before dawn is a special thing that cleans the soul, heading out into the outdoors solo brings us to terms with ourselves. There is a Lone Wolf in each of us, don't wait for a partner in fishing set out alone, if need be and fuel your passion.

Pretty warm for mid November, but change is certainly on its way. It's not out of line but normal. Water levels are still pretty high, lending me to be catching most of my fish either very shallow or on transitions from 3-5ft deep. Looking for mixed bottom of sand and grass and targeting the brightest of sand pockets as I cast around them. Color selections have been lending towards dark colors in

the morning and changing up to bright as the sun gets to the top of the sky. I'm throwing a lighter jig head when the winds are slack and heavier during high wind levels.

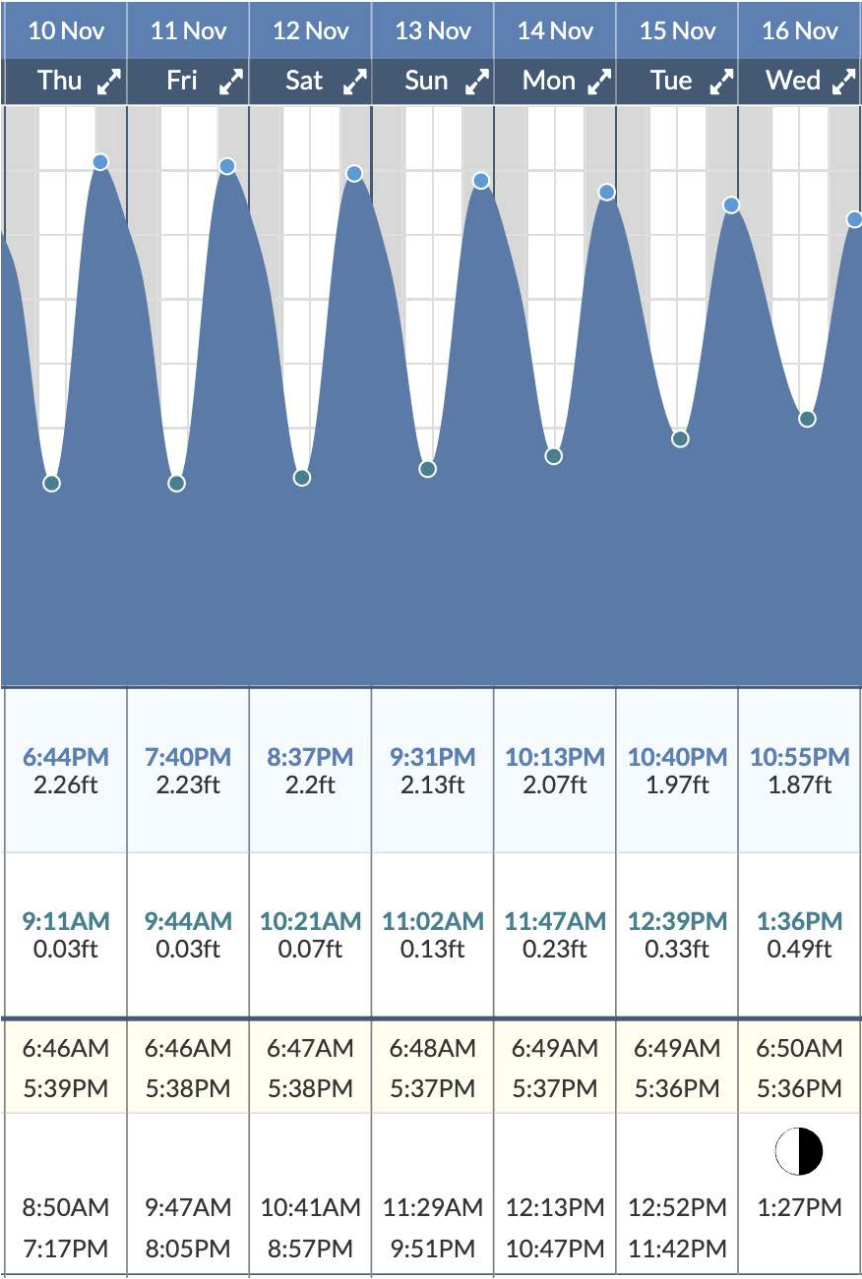
Live shrimp under popping corks have brought lots of fish to the dock from Baffin Bay rock piles. Black drum are starting to gather in the deeper areas of Baffin Bay on sandy bottoms and around the rocks. Beach fishing is good with lots of Pompano on fish bites and shrimp when the waves are small. Big bull redfish are lurking in the surf at the beach during big north winds and at night. Cut or live mullet are choice for this.

Don't wait for someone or something to follow your passion. Go surfing, fishing, walk the beach alone, finding happiness sometimes takes a few steps of single footprint.

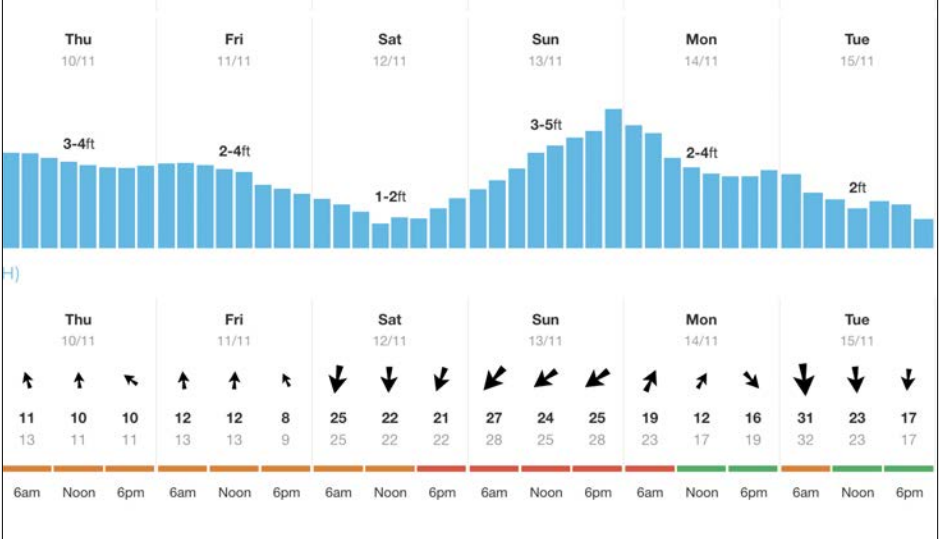


Derek Burgess brought this beautiful redfish to hand on a very windy Pre-Frontal day in the Laguna Madre using a Purple Reign Down South Lures Super Model, with a 1/8th ounce jig head.

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Nature Notes

Big bend National Park



Panorama from Emory Peak in Big Bend National Park in Texas
Photo by Alex Pearsey

By Alexandra Pearcy

Looking at a topographic map of Texas, one can see the Coastal Plain of Texas, the land beside the Gulf of Mexico, has some of the lowest elevation of the state. As one travels to the west, elevation steadily increases to 1,000 plus meters above sea level.

This past weekend I had the glory of traveling across Texas, leaving the flat lands of the east side of the state for the hiker's dream of a graded slope. Although I was not en route to the tallest peak in Texas, I was still on my way to a geological and biological masterpiece, Big Bend National Park.

Even before entering Big Bend National Park, I knew it was about to be an extraordinary experience. Big Bend National Park is located in the southernmost area of the Chihuahuan Desert range in the United States. The meandering Rio Grande River makes the park's southern border; meaning that in areas of the park by the river you could peer right into the country of Mexico. The elevation of the park, depending on exactly where you are standing, is anywhere from 1,800 feet to 7,800 feet.

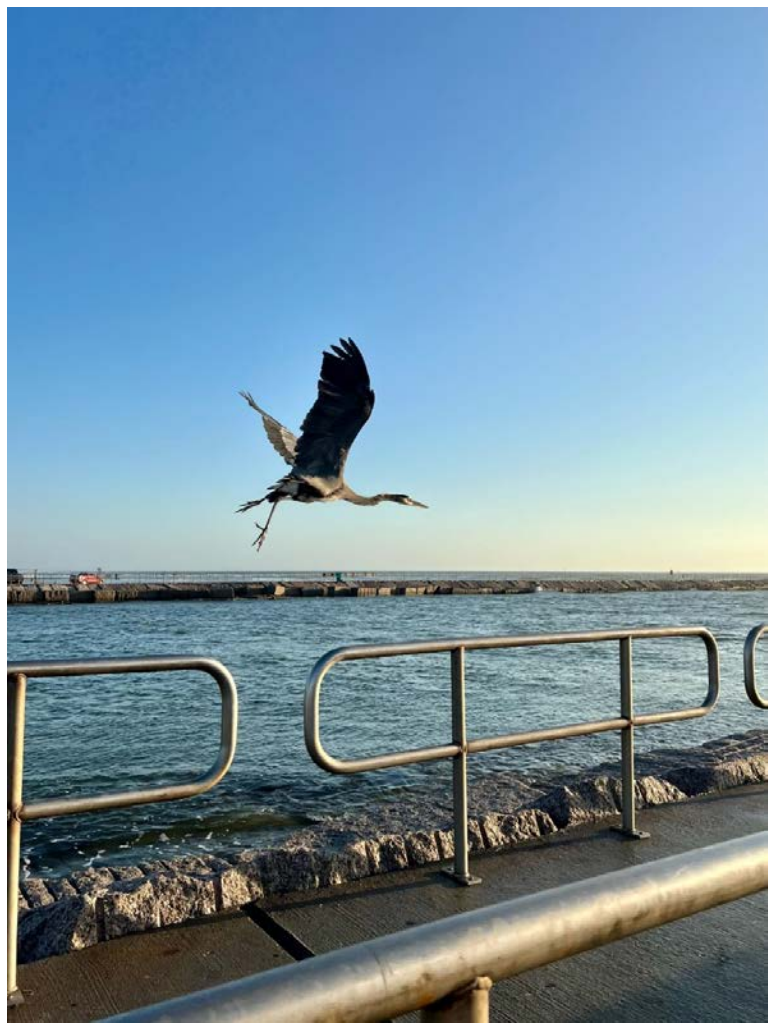
The most astonishing feature of Big Bend National Park is the Chisos Mountains. Here elevation is above 5,500 feet with the tallest peak, Emory Peak, being 2,387 meters. In these mountains, you can walk by a prickly pear cactus growing right beside oak and pine trees. The Chisos

Mountains are also the only location in the United States where one can find the Weeping Juniper which, like its name, always appears to be drooping but can grow to be 55 feet in height.

The Chihuahuan Desert has elevations around 1,000 to 1,500 meters, making it a high-elevation desert. There, you don't get many tall luxurious shade-producing trees; instead, you get more scrub and semi-succulent growth due to the high evaporation and low rainfall. With it only raining between 7-12 inches per year and temperatures reaching well above 100 degrees, the desert is the perfect location for Yuccas. Their leaves are quite long and "spine-tipped."

By the river, at the lowest elevations of the park, you can see the greenery change a bit from the desert flora of the rest of the park. One of the most common plants found in the oasis, so much so that a campground is named after it, is the Cottonwood. These large, fast-growing trees can grow upwards of 6 feet per year. They have leaves that look just like a spade and are 3-5 inches long and they produce a fruit capsule in the summer with silky hairs attached to the seeds.

As you travel throughout the country, or even just the state, take a moment to see if you can distinguish whether elevation is changing and try to observe how plants change through each environment. What do you think allows the change in plants from biome to biome?



Big Blue Heron by Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



dolphins by steve

Going Native

By Ed Proffitt

Halloween is behind us and now we look forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and some colder temperatures. So, what else is there to do but talk about a little native plant botany! We have our drought tolerant plants and those that can handle the infrequent harsh winters in south Texas. Let's start this week with palm trees because I have been asked which are native to the area. That's easy, NONE are native to north Padre Island. The family is not even mentioned in the checklist of flora of Padre Island National Seashore (see Negrete et al. 1999). The Mexican palm, *Sabal mexicana*, is native to the Brownsville region and south Padre Island and has been propagated by gardeners elsewhere, but many only survive until the next hard freeze. So, palms we see on our little sand bar are native to "elsewhere." Indeed, an archaeological assessment of the island done by Scurlock et al. (1974, State Archeologist Special Reports, No. 11) provided a very nice historical review of the biota found on north Padre Island especially focusing on a survey by William Lloyd in 1891. Lloyd reported very little woody vegetation on the island other than shin oak (6 to 18" tall, usually) for the northernmost several miles and some scrubby shrubs.

But, palm trees make us think of tropical island paradises and so we (that's the royal we, not me!) plant them. Once established they are somewhat tolerant to "dry" conditions, but probably not extended drought. They are not invasive in our area (although they can volunteer colonize into open areas) and so do not have a serious negative impact on wildlife and other aspects of local native ecology. Do keep in mind that most palms, *S. mexicana* included, are notoriously slow growing and it's likely that they'll suffer from a hard freeze before a smaller one that's been planted will even begin to resemble a tree. So, if you want a palm tree, you'd be better off buying a large one to begin with.

Palms are flowering monocot plants in the family Arecaceae. They are characterized by having one cotyledon or embryonic leaf instead of two in the dicots, parallel veins in leaves, lack of true wood, roots are all adventitious arising from the stem in a broad cluster, etc. Trunk sturdiness is produced by the hard bases of leaves (fronds) in many species rather than true laying down of wood

Palm Trees

in secondary growth like most dicot trees. One interesting fact that you can impress your friends with this winter over cups of warm beverages is that the water-conducting tissue called xylem is alive in palms whereas at maturity in most other higher plants it is comprised of dead cells. Most palms tend to have one trunk and that has one apical meristem (or growing tip) that typically can't regenerate if destroyed. In the grocery stores you know this growing tip as "heart of palm." While tasty, keep in mind that if it's heart has been removed, the palm typically dies.

Palms may require special care to be healthy. Don't remove old fronds unless they are already hanging down parallel to the trunk! The tree is reabsorbing nutrients from the old leaves (fronds). Don't nail something to the trunk as palm tree wounds seldom heal and both that and tearing off old fronds can lead to attack by fungi. There are specialized palm fertilizers, use them and water fairly regularly during hot, dry periods.

Enjoy your palms while they survive. Me....I'd rather Go Native.



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Nadia And Bart: Olympians in Love – Part 1

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Let us begin with their first kiss. He remembers it, she doesn't. But, hey, give Nadia Comaneci a break. After all, she was only 14 when Bart Conner, an older man of 18, kissed her, for the first time, on the cheek. It was at a gymnastic competition in New York, just before the 1976 Olympic Games. In the event you are from another planet, it ended up with the Romanian Nadia becoming the first Olympic gymnast ever to be awarded a perfect 10. Seven perfect 10s. Thanks to Alice Steinbach and to Bill Morgan, for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

Getting Back To The First Kiss

Bart and Nadia had never met before, but when they both won in the New York competition, later Bart said "I remember distinctly we were holding up our trophies and some guy from the New York Times said, 'Why don't you lean over and give her a little kiss on the cheek?' So I did."

Bart, a three-time Olympic gymnast who won two gold medals in the 1984 games, interrupts himself. "Don't you remember that?" he asks Nadia. It is early evening, and they are sitting in a downtown hotel overlooking the waterfront. "No, I don't," she says. "Although I read it in a magazine last year."

OK, so it was not love at first sight. But now, 46 years later, Bart and Nadia -- who between them have a closetful of gold medals -- are in love.

Sex symbols



In 1992, Bart and Nadia were in Baltimore to promote their association with Jockey underwear. Both were appearing in magazine advertisements for Jockey. She in pink French cut briefs, matching top, and lacy stockings; he in bright blue bikini briefs.

When asked how it felt to be a sex symbol, Bart laughed and invoked the name of another jock for Jockey: "When they asked me if I wanted to appear in their ads I thought, 'If Jim Palmer can do it, I can do it.'" "And I thought," says Nadia, butting in, "if Bart can do it, I can do it."

Which brings up this important question: were they both wearing Jockey underwear? "Yes, I have," says Nadia, which, translated into English, means "Yes, I am."

"You know how much Jockey underwear we have?" asked Bart. "How could we not be wearing Jockey underwear?"



Although they had no official connection with the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials that were being held in Baltimore, their interest in the competition was high. In fact, they had just come from the trials at the Baltimore Arena where, once spotted,

they were surrounded by fans and media types.

What everyone wanted to know, said Nadia, was how she felt about a Baltimore Sun article on her old coach, Bela Karolyi, one in which some of the young gymnasts he trained had been highly critical of his methods. Nadia was one of the original "Karolyi Kids" back in her native Romania, and she trained with him from 1967 to 1981, the year he defected to the United States. He called Nadia "the greatest gymnast ever." The admiration was mutual.

Father Figure

Nadia said, "I read the article today, and I'm really disappointed about the reaction of the girls." referring to the critical comments made by some gymnasts in the newspaper. "I know Bela very well. And he was not only a coach to me, he was a father. And his wife was a mother for me. I don't agree with those girls. You know why? Because the gymnasts who blame that he is pushing too much and being too tough are some gymnasts. She stopped, searching for the right words in English. Then: "Their dreams are a little bit too big for their possibilities. And when they don't make that, they start to blame everybody. And the first person they blame is the coach. I didn't hear any blame from Mary Lou Retton. But you never hear a complaint from somebody who became a champion. And the work is the same for everybody." Of course, Nadia knew in a very personal way what it is like to get bad press.



Involvement Misunderstood

When she fled from Romania to the United States in 1989 with the help of Romanian national Constantin Panait, a married man whose wife and four children lived in Florida, it was reported as a romantic relationship. It turned into a scandal and Nadia, who as a ponytailed 14-year-old gymnast had won worldwide affection, suddenly was seen as a home-wrecker. Her involvement with the man, she says now, was totally misunderstood. And a nightmare.

"That was not a romance. That was the only chance for me to get away from Romania. I knew that guy only five days before I left." Her plan was to come to the United States and stay with the man's wife and children in Florida until she made a life for herself. Instead she was held almost a hostage by Mr. Panait. She claims the romance story was concocted by Mr. Panait and his wife, who then used the titillating story to charge money for interviews with Nadia. She escaped from the situation in February, 1990, with the help of Alexandru Stefu, a former Romanian rugby coach who, upon meeting her in Montreal, knew instantly something was wrong.

TO BE CONTINUED

Dotson's Other Note: Bart Conner remembers having the same feeling when he read about Nadia's "scandalous" defection in the papers: "I was as appalled as everybody was when I read that stuff. But I didn't believe it. I knew there was something wrong there." He was one of the first to welcome her to this country -- he presented her with two dozen red roses when she appeared on "The Pat Sajak Show."



By Andy Purvis

Four Guys Named Joe

In the summer of 1990, I had the honor of meeting one of my dad's favorite players, "Meadowlark" Lemon. Lemon had grown up in Wilmington, North Carolina, the same town as Michael Jordan. Yes, that Michael Jordan. They lived on opposite sides of town but did attend the same Boys' club. "Michael wanted to be like me," said Meadowlark smiling.

My dad was a hard-working, no-nonsense kind of guy. Owning his own convenience store required him to work from 6 AM in the morning until 10 PM at night. There was very little time for play, and my brother and I rarely saw him when we were little. But, there were two things he always made sure we did together. Whenever the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus or the Harlem Globetrotters came to town, we were there. I vividly remember my dad laughing out loud at the antics of the Globetrotters. It may have been the first time I ever heard him laugh like that. Of course, Meadowlark was known as "The Clown Prince of Basketball," a title he had earned over 26 years of traveling the globe and spreading laughter during 16,000-plus basketball games.

As I tell this story to Meadowlark, he smiles and nods his head in approval. I wanted to purchase his autograph and saw a stack of cancelled checks on his table. The company name in the top left hand corner said, "Four Guys Named Joe." I asked him about those checks. He explained that in 1955,



Meadowlark Lemon

when Abe Saperstein signed him to a Harlem Globetrotter contract, Abe took Meadowlark to Chicago for a press conference. During the press conference, one of the reporters raised his hand and asked who is Meadowlark Lemon? "Abe placed his hand on my shoulder and said, 'I can take Meadowlark Lemon and four guys named Joe and beat any team in the country.' It was the nicest thing anyone has ever said about me," said Meadowlark. "So, when I formed a company in June of 1984, I named it Four Guys Named Joe." Meadowlark Lemon was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

Padre Island Spanish Shipwrecks of 1554

On November 4, 1552, fifty-four vessels under Captain-General Bartolomé Carreño set sail from Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain. The fleet had been preparing since the previous February and included an armada of six vessels, well armed and carrying 360 soldiers. The armada plus eighteen other vessels were bound for tierra firme (the mainland). There were also ten ships headed to Santo Domingo, four to various other destinations in the Indies, and sixteen for San Juan de Ulúa (Veracruz) in Mexico. These sixteen included the San Esteban (Francisco del Huerto, master), the Espiritu Santo (Damián Martín, master), the Santa María de Yciar (Alonso Ojos, master, and Miguel de Jáuregui, owner, captain, and pilot), and the San Andrés (Antonio Corzo, master). Of the sixteen ships bound for New Spain, these four and one other were the only ones scheduled to make the round trip; the rest were to be scrapped upon arrival in the New World. This was a common practice since the outbound cargo was much more bulky than the cargo to be returned to Spain, which consisted largely of precious metals that occupied very little space. Of the tierra firme contingent only seven of twenty-four were slated for return. On the outbound trip the fleet was cursed with foul weather, corsairs, and disaster. For instance, the capitana (the ship carrying the captain-general) burned and sank in mid-ocean, leaving over 300 dead and only twenty survivors, among them the captain-general himself. The fleet was scattered before the journey was well begun, and in all, eight ships were lost on the outbound voyage. None of the ships bound for Mexico was among those eight, and arrivals at San Juan de Ulúa occurred between early February and late March 1553. Upon arrival the mariners found a port still devastated from a hurricane in September 1552. Repairs were slow, which resulted in delays in unloading and prevented all but one of the five returning vessels from being ready to depart in time to meet Carreño in Havana for the return voyage. The San Pedro, one of the first to arrive on February 2, was ready to sail again on May 15 and departed with four ships which had come with a previous fleet. The remaining four ships waited in San Juan de Ulúa for more than a year, hoping to return with the next fleet. However, on April 9, 1554, they sailed independently with Antonio Corzo as captain-general, only about three weeks before the arrival of the New Spain contingent of the next fleet, that of Captain-General Farfán. The combined cargoes of the four ships had an estimated value of a little over two million pesos or more than \$9.8 million (1975 values).

Twenty days later, on April 29, three of the four vessels were lost in a storm on Padre Island. Only the San Andrés escaped, reaching Havana in such bad condition that it had to be scrapped and its cargo transferred to other vessels for the return to Spain. Approximately 300 people were on the three wrecked vessels.

Perhaps one-half to two-thirds drowned before reaching the beach. A small contingent, including the most skillful mariners, probably departed immediately for Mexico in one of the small ship's boats to inform officials of the disaster and organize a relief expedition. The second and larger group of survivors who remained ashore undertook what they mistakenly thought was a short journey back to Mexico along the beach. They ran afoul of the local Indians, and the trek turned into a death march with only one of the survivors, Fray Marcos de Mena,^{qv} reaching Pánuco.

Upon learning of the disaster officials in Mexico promptly organized a salvage expedition, which arrived at the wreck sites within two months of the loss of the vessels. One of the three ships was still visible above the waves, and free-diving salvage workers began recovery operations. The other two wrecks were located by dragging. The expedition raised somewhat less than half of the approximately 1,000,000 ducats lost in the three ships. About 41 percent of its cargo was recovered.

When in 1967 a General Land Office^{qv} field representative officially reported the discovery of a sunken Spanish ship off Padre Island near Port Mansfield, recovery attempts for artifacts from the ship were already in full operation by a private out-of-state salvaging firm; the company, however, did not have a permit to operate within the state. Acting in accordance with a 1960 United States Supreme Court ruling that title to all submerged coastal lands out to a distance of 10.35 miles belonged to the state of Texas, Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler requested the Texas attorney general's office to bring suit against the salvagers in December 1967. The Kenedy County Twenty-eighth District Court granted a temporary injunction in January 1968 to halt further recovery operations and removal of objects.

After considerable controversy and confusion over rights of the state, rights of private firms, and the land commissioner's jurisdiction, the Indiana salvage firm began returning treasure to the state. The firm then filed suit in a federal court against the state actions, and after 1968 several rulings were handed down verifying federal jurisdiction in the case, and an injunction was filed to halt state proceedings in the original suit. The Padre Island artifacts recovered from the salvaging company were taken first to the General Land Office, then to the Texas Memorial Museum,^{qv} and in October 1969 to the University of Texas Balcones Research Center (now the J. J. Pickle Research Campus^{qv}) in Austin. The case remained in litigation until 1984, when Attorney General Jim Mattox and the Texas Antiqu-

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The Texas Veterans Commission was established in 1927 and was originally designated as the State Service Office. It was tasked with assisting those veterans of the Native American wars, Spanish-American War, and World War I. The intention of creating this agency was to act as the state appointed advocate of the veterans in Texas. Today, the TVC works to try and help both current and former members of our military to secure the benefits they have earned through their service. According to their website (<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/>), there are four program areas in which they can be of assistance:

Claims: this department serves veterans, their dependents and survivors, in all matters pertaining to veterans' disability benefits and rights. It is the designated agency of the state of Texas to represent the State and its veterans before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Employment: this department offers employment services to Texas veterans and helps employers find qualified veteran job applicants. The goal of these services is to match veteran job seekers with the best employment opportunities available.

Education: this department approves all programs for Chapter 30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607 federal educa-

tional benefits. Through an approval process, the Texas Veterans Commission ensures that institutions and employers are in compliance with federal guidelines and are qualified to provide the type of training offered.

Grants & Funding: The Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) grant program awards reimbursement grants to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas Veterans and their families.

In addition to the TVC, the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) helps military men and women after they return from service. The VLB was created in 1946 with the mission of administering benefits that were exclusively for Texas veterans. Some of the programs at the VLB help our service members with obtaining low interest loans on land, homes, home improvements as well as home programs to help provide long-term care services for our Texas veterans. If you would like to learn more about these programs and the VLB, please visit their website at: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/vlb/>. If you have questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this week's article, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol or District Office. Please always feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or issues regarding a Texas state agency, or if you would like to contact my office regarding constituent services. As always, my offices are available at any time to assist with questions, concerns or comments (Capitol Office, 512-463-0672; District Office, 361-949-4603).

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PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President



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

2023 Board of Directors Election- In March of 2023, two (2) Board of Directors seats are up for election. The seats are currently held by Marvin Jones and Sandy Graves, respectively.

For Padre Isles POA owners wanting to run for the Board, the registration period will open on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 8:00 AM Central and will close on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM Central.

Per the Bylaws, Board Members must be at least 18 years old and be members of the Association (own property in the PIPOA).

Interested members are asked to please send a notice and a brief resume, along with a picture, to the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, gary@pipoa.net. Resumes may also be mailed to the PIPOA office or dropped off at the office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

Candidate-submitted resumes will be published in a newsletter; be placed on the PIPOA's Facebook page, and put on the PIPOA's website. The PIPOA will not proofread resumes prior to publication.

For questions, please contact the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich, at the email address above, or call 361-949-7025.

Common Area Maintenance Fees (Dues)- Every year during the PIPOA Board election season, the question of will CAM fees be in-

creased. There will be NO increase in CAM fees for 2023. It requires a 51% vote to amend covenants in each subdivision within the PIPOA to raise CAM fees. Furthermore, this issue will not be on the ballot.

Dock Builders- Dock builders, continue to place pilings and other construction materials on PIPOA boat ramps. The rules for dock builders are that they must identify who the owner of the materials is, the location where the pilings will be installed, and how to contact the dock builder. The PIPOA has had and continues to have a problem with the builders. The builders drop the materials with no identification of ownership. The pilings often sit on the ramp for several weeks. Builders, if you fail to identify the materials, the PIPOA will consider the materials abandoned and possibly put them up for auction. It would be unfortunate for the builders to lose the materials. Builders, your cooperation, please.

Towing- Over the weekend, six vehicles and three trailers were towed from the boat ramps. You can purchase your vehicle and boat trailer stickers at the PIPOA office located at 14015 Fortuna Bay Drive. The vehicle sticker is \$5.00, and the trailer sticker is \$10.00.

Board Meeting- The next PIPOA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Padre Island Baptist Church located across from Whataburger. All PIPOA members are invited to attend.

La Posada- December 9th will be the boat parade on the North canals, and December 10th will be the boat parade in the South canals. For a full listing of dates and events, go to the La Posada Facebook page. La Posada invites those participating in the boat parade to a boat decorating party on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Padre Island Yacht club volunteers, along with the Marines, will be available to help you decorate your boat. Bring your lights and decorations, and they will all pitch in to help.

Marvin Jones, PIPOA President

The Flu Returns

The flu is here in full force which is common after all the holiday traveling. The CDC also released some data recently showing flu B is more common in young kids and flu A more common in adults. That seems to bear out at our facility. The other issue is we are seeing quite a few cases of both A and B that have had the flu shot and get it anyway. This is disheartening for those of us that deal with the disease day in and out but not uncommon from year to year.

What to do if you think you may be coming down with it or you have been heavily exposed? Typically flu cases have some common symptoms and presentation. Flu B in years past was much milder but this year we are seeing it present very similar to Flu A with very high fevers and body aches. Headache and sometimes gut issues can be seen with both this year. Just feeling awful with achiness and fever should make you start worrying and getting in to be seen in the first 48 hrs is a good idea. Sometimes the flu test can give a false neg early so your doc needs to have a high index of suspicion and we tend to treat aggressively and not always just rely on the rapid flu test early but take the whole picture into account. If you have had it a couple of days the test is more sensitive.

If you are thought to have either strain then using mask to avoid getting others ill is a good idea. We will usually use steroids if there is no contraindication and this can help reduce the inflammation and symptoms somewhat. Antiviral meds such as Xofluza for adults and

Tamiflu for all ages can be useful. Medications for cough are useful and sometimes even inhalers if the virus causes wheezing and bronchospasm or asthma type symptoms, which is common. Rest fluids and fever control are common sense additions. You will need to be out of work or school for few days usually. This helps control the spread in the community.

Complications of the flu are more common in the elderly, pregnancy, young children and those with asthma and copd. These complications include pneumonia, dehydration, sepsis and respiratory failure. Deaths associated with the flu are typically related to these conditions and these age groups.

Prevention really starts with getting your flu shot. They are not perfect but they are the best course of action. A common misperception is that it will give you the flu. This is not accurate as the virus is dead with the exception of the live attenuated virus given intranasal and its use is no longer supported. Wearing a mask is important in high risk environments. Hand washing and hand sanitizers are a must and keeping your hands away from your face unless clean.

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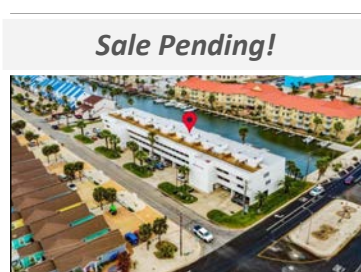


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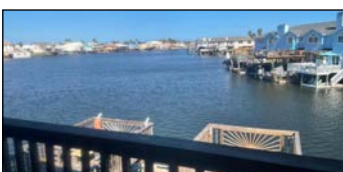
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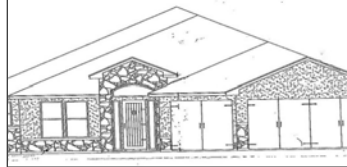


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By Chris Jordan

If you’re not aware, it’s a thing: the cultural appropriation of food. Chef, food writer, and film producer Adán Medrano calls the perpetrators “cultural poachers”. Even if you’re not a food professional, you could still be guilty of it — though likely with lesser negative consequence. Nonetheless, as someone who eats, you should know what food appropriation is and how to spot it.

What it is

Culinary appropriation occurs when a person of relative privilege from a locally dominant culture puts forth food or food ideas originally from a minority culture without acknowledging that origin. Sometimes the appropriation is so loud it drowns out native voices. Sometimes it takes up space it shouldn’t. And it often includes an unsavory adulteration of the original food.



Some examples of food appropriation are minor transgressions

Like when I make a sushi roll with cream cheese and who-knows-what else in it. I know it’s wrong. I’ve studied under a sushi chef that didn’t let me touch anything else until I learned how to make the rice correctly. That took me three days. While I effed-up the rice over and over, this chef — who shall remain unnamed — screamed angrily at me in Japanese the entire time. I haven’t paid the kind of Japanese food dues that allow me to call myself a sushi chef, but I’ve paid enough dues to get away with making admittedly dubious sushi rolls. You see, my Philly roll may have dreadlocks, but it’s not tryna act all Rastafari.

Other food appropriations are more heinous

My second-ever restaurant job was at the upscale San Antonio Tex-Mex stalwart El Jarro de Arturo. It was there that I learned about *chiles toreadados*, prepping a *cabesa de puerco* for *tamales*, and a little bit of Spanish. I began a years-long quest to find the best of everything Tex-Mex. Of course I wanted to know if anyone could top the cheese enchiladas I had been served every Wednesday at public school, but I also wanted to know all about *cabrito* and *machacado con huevo*. And why was the best *barbacoa* in town to be found at places with “bakery” in the name? Diligence and a twenty-year-old’s insatiable appetite for both knowledge and tacos would propel me into the *nopalitos* nooks and *carnitas* crannies of San Antonio. Just a few years later, I opened my own taco stand. I didn’t have much money, worked hard to make it happen, and did everything myself at first. I was very proud. But I was also the Appropriator-in-Chief of this new enterprise. Mind you, I’m white. And — more apropos — I’m neither Mexican nor even slightly Mexican-American. And though I am Texan through and through, that doesn’t make me 50% Tex-Mex. I painted my taco stand in the yellow-and-red-striped style of Ricos Concession Nachos with a little touch of green just to get some Mexican flag action going on. We had rustic wooden tables and a palm-thatched roof. In the fraught apogee of my ill-conceived gringo-ized glory, I named the joint *Tacorama*. I did all of this so passersby would know exactly what we served at a glance. And it worked *como un hechizo*.



Tacorama

Awareness

Did I do anything wrong? In principle, yes. In practice, no one was harmed in the making of these tacos. But there is plenty to think about. Did I acknowledge the sources of my inspiration? Did I cop to my outsider-ness? Did I usurp an opportunity that could have gone to someone more authentically connected to the food? Did any brown people even work there? It was 1996, I was twenty-eight years old, and none of this ever crossed my mind. I certainly think about it now though. And I remember one time in particular two older *Tejana* ladies gave me *el ojo malo* when I handed them their tacos. I couldn’t understand why. Now I get it: Tacorama was a stereotype wrapped in a cliché with a creamy white dude center. At least the tacos were good.

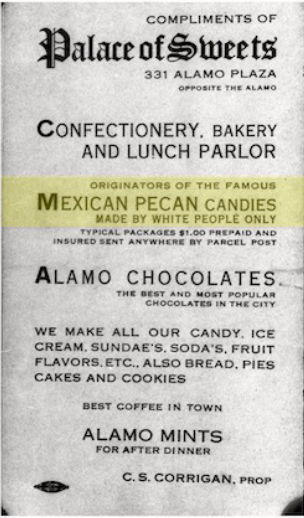
Bottom line

Turns out anyone can cook anything they want. *Acknowledgement* is the key to avoiding appropriation. Acknowledge from whom and where the food originally came. Acknowledge your intentions and execution — authentic or not. And not least importantly, honestly acknowledge who YOU are — and maybe even who you aren’t.

A work in progress

At some point the proprietor of Ricos Concession Nachos, Frank Liberto came around Tacorama to inform me the building’s paint job was infringing on his trademarked yellow and red stripes. I was like all, say what? Who was this Italian nacho cheese merchant hassling me over my *bolillo* taco emporium? After a minute, it was made clear to me that Frank didn’t want me to cease and desist, he just wanted me to sign a licensing agreement for the graphic scheme. And he wanted one dollar for the privilege. Alright then, I thought. We haggled over the dollar’s worth of compensation and finally came to an agreement: some free tacos. But Mr. Liberto was adamant that I sign that limited licensing agreement. When I eventually signed my name *Toshi Segiura*, Frank was surprised to learn that I was also a sushi chef.

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Padre Island Real Estate Activity
October 16 – October 31

Interior Lot Homes Sold

- 14818 Aquarius Street
- 13909 Sea Anchor Street
- 13829 Longboat Drive
- 15045 Tesoro Drive
- 13837 Hawksnest Bay Drive
- 15022 Reales Drive

33 Interior Lot Homes Listed From \$347,500.00 to \$785,000.00

Waterfront Homes Sold

- 14117 Whitecap Blvd.
- 14862 Cobo De Bara Circle
- 15034 Tesoro Drive
- 13853 Gunwale Drive
- 15357 Key Largo Court
- 15905 Punta Espada Loop

41 Waterfront Homes Listed From \$434,995.00 to \$2,950,000.00

Interior Condominiums/Townhomes/Duplexes Sold

- 14825 Windward Drive #215
- 14206 Anegada Drive
- 14721 Whitecap Blvd. #337
- 15403 Palmira Avenue
- 15417 Palmira Avenue
- 15209 S. Padre Island Drive #105

49 Interior Condominiums/Townhomes/Duplexes Listed From \$164,900.00 to \$895,000.00

Waterfront Condominiums/Townhomes/Duplex Sold

- 14434 E. Cabana Street #117
- 14300 S. Padre Island Drive #215
- 14878 Granada Drive #201

19 Waterfront Condominiums/Townhomes/Duplexes Listed From \$105,000.00 to \$1,490,000.00

Waterfront Lot Sold

- 13806 Gunwale Drive

22 Waterfront Lots Listed From \$235,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00

Interior Lots

20 Interior Lots Listed From \$39,000.00 to \$300,000.00

Commercial Lots

22 Commercial Lots Listed From \$150,000.00-\$3,000,000.00



beauty shot by Marvin



dolphin by Reed Watson



kites by Steve Coons

Texas Drilling Permit and Completion Statistics for October 2022

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 851 original drilling permits in October 2022 compared to 768 in October 2021. The October 2022 total includes 735 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 12 to re-enter plugged wellbores and 98 for re-completions of existing wellbores.

The breakdown of well types for original drilling permits in October 2022 is 191 oil, 122 gas, 501 oil or gas, 25 injection and 12 other permits. In October 2022, Commission staff processed 977 oil, 181 gas and 317 injection completions for new drills, re-entries and re-completions, compared to 597 oil, 95 gas and 341 injection completions in October 2021.

Total well completions processed for 2022 year-to-date for new drills, re-entries and re-completions are 11,442 compared to 7,980 recorded during the same period in 2021.

DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL NEW OIL/GAS HOLES	NEW OIL COMPLETIONS	NEW GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	123	76	17
(2) REFUGIO AREA	48	55	25
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	19	9	4
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	24	1	7
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	6	3	1
(6) EAST TEXAS	38	9	21
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	19	14	0
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	73	57	0
(8) MIDLAND	313	517	64
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	17	18	1
(9) NORTH TEXAS	38	19	7
(10) PANHANDLE	17	0	4
TOTAL	735	778	151

Sudoku

*Sudoku answers are not available.
Play at your own risk!
Going Easy On You...*

4				7			5	6
				4	8			
	7					5	4	9
3					1	5		
	4	1	2		6	8	7	
		5	7					1
8	3	4	5				1	
					2	8		
1	9			4				5

Knuckle-Cracker

5				4	6	3			
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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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6			9		8		4		

Brain-Buster

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	9	3					2	1	
		6				3			
5	4					6	8		
			6						3
9					7	4			
3				2			1		

Moon Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

- Across
1. They're found under the sink
6. 1949 peace org.
10. Firing oven
14. "He's ____ nowhere man . . ." (Beatles)
15. Trump's "today!"
16. Falco of "The Sopranos"
17. Duke's dessert?
19. Rude grin
20. Collection of anecdotes
21. Negative link
22. Princely domain
24. Quixotic
27. "The Queen of Scream" Wray
28. 62-Down forerunner
29. Comment from a lonely heart
34. Sews back together
37. Ripped between the lines
38. Lethal weapons
39. Word with shooting or pig
40. Catcher Posada
41. Word with birth or interest
42. Homophone for sleigh
43. "Mila 18" author
44. Jan Peerce, e.g.
45. Broth
47. YOU ____ HERE
48. Buster or fella
49. "Give up!"
54. Small songbird
58. Dry, as wine
59. Actress Tyler
60. Captive of the grape
61. Black's blade?
64. Part in an ensemble
65. Keystone State port
66. Invigorate
67. Easily imposed on
68. Past potentate
69. Put to use

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60					61		62				63			
64					65					66				
67					68					69				

- Down
1. Custard apple cousin
2. Persian, today
3. Corolla constituent
4. Put away
5. Guile
6. Mother-of-pearl
7. Simile center
8. Booty
9. Pull the trigger
10. Ripa's place for putting balls?
11. Fanciful notion
12. Hold on property
13. Uncool kid
18. Dark salty sauces
23. Go-juice
25. Osmond's oasis?
26. Personal writings
30. Russian fighters
31. Kublai Khan's dynasty
32. Word with catch or hang
33. Cybercafe patron
34. Part of CD
35. Folk singer Guthrie
36. Speckled steed
37. It requires filling
40. Boeing product
44. Kowtow
46. Start of the Lord's Prayer
47. Assents, asea
50. Third degree giver
51. The "C" of C.S. Lewis
52. Career soldier
53. It may be blessed
54. Performed one-third of a triathlon
55. Big stack
56. Pony up
57. "Star ____"
62. Hush-hush org.
63. Put the kibosh on



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- Disturbance**
13500 block SPID 7 p.m. November 6
- Suspicious Person**
13900 block SPID
- Traffic**
31 Traffic Stops
14000 block SPID 2 p.m. November 3 Parking Violation
14000 block Packery Pointe 7 p.m. November 1 Parking

SPID West

- Crimes against Person**
15300 block Cruiser 6 a.m. November 1 Possession of Marijuana/Aggravated Robbery
15900 block San Filipe 4 p.m. November 7 Assault (two counts)
15800 block Gypsy 10 p.m. November 4 Assault
13400 block SPID 9 p.m. November 4 Assault
- Crimes against Property**
14500 block SPID 7 p.m. October 7 Theft of Services
14500 block SPID 6 p.m. November 7 Credit Card Abuse
15300 block Bonasse Noon November 7 Fraud
Cobo de Bara/Carlos Fifth 6 p.m. November 2 Trespassing
Cobo de Bara/Carlos Fifth 5 p.m. November 2 Trespassing
16000 block Cuttysark 9 a.m. November 4 Trespassing
- Disturbance**
14500 block Compass 2 p.m. November 6 Boat Fire or rescue
14000 block Bounty November 5 Criminal Mischief
14200 block SPID 1 p.m. November 2
14600 block SPID 10 a.m. November 1
15500 block Palmira 5 p.m. November 6

- Suspicious Person**
14100 block Cabana North Midnight November 5
13900 block Jacktar 10 p.m. November 4
Whitecap/SPID 2 p.m. November 4
15400 block Cruiser 7 p.m. November 7
15800 block Gypsy 2 p.m. November 3
- Traffic**
103 Traffic Stops
15300 block SPID/Whitecap 11 p.m. November 6 DWI
Whitecap/SPID 11 p.m. Whitecap/SPID Crash
14000 block Bounty 1 p.m. November 5 Hit and Run

SPID East/Gulf side

- Crimes against Person**
La Concha/SH 361 10 a.m. November 2 Harassment
- Crimes against Property**
6100 block SH 361 8 a.m. November 6 Trespassing
- Disturbance**
15200 block Windward 9 p.m. November 5
15200 block Windward 9 p.m. November 5
- Suspicious Person**
Leeward/Granada 11 p.m. November 6
15700 block Gulf Beach 6 a.m. November 1
Leeward/Granada 11 p.m. November 6
15200 block Leeward 7 p.m. November 1
15700 block Gulf Beach 6 a.m. November 11
- Traffic**
73 Traffic Stops
6600 block SH 361 5 p.m. November 2 Crash

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October Sea Turtle Strandings

Donna J. Shaver, Ph.D.
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During October 70 uncategorized sea turtle strandings were recorded in Texas. Not included in this number were 1 green sea turtle post-hatchling and 3 incidental captures, including 2 greens and 1 Kemp's ridley.

- ⌚ The 70 stranded turtles recorded in October included 33 greens, 32 loggerheads, 4 Kemp's ridleys, and 1 turtle of unidentified species.
- ⌚ The 10-year-average for sea turtle strandings in Texas during October (2012-2021) is 40 strandings. The stranding numbers during this record-breaking month nearly double the 10-year average.
- ⌚ Of 70 strandings found in October 2022, most [52/70 (74.3%)] were found in south Texas, primarily in Zone 20 (32; 45.7%) and Zone 21 (20; 28.6%).

The stranding pulse of sub-adult/adult loggerhead sea turtles that started in mid-April continued in October with stranding numbers starting to decline around mid-month. These turtles continued to strand primarily in Zones 19 and 20, encompassing Mustang and San Jose Islands, although Galveston and North Padre Island saw an increase in loggerhead strandings this month as well. About a third of the 32 stranded loggerheads for this month stranded alive but in a debilitated condition and were taken to a rehabilitation facility for medical care.

ALL STRANDINGS 2022

Monthly numbers of all stranded sea turtles recorded in Texas during 2022. Includes turtles that stranded for any reason excluding incidental captures.

Total Monthly Texas Sea Turtle Strandings								
Strandings	Loggerhead	Green	Kemp's ridley	Leatherback	Hawksbill	Olive ridley	Unidentified	Total
Jan	2	106					1	109
Feb	4	435						439
Mar	4	33						37
Apr	34	100	26	1			3	164
May	109	59	16				3	187
Jun	57	75	24		2		1	159
Jul	58	43	18					119
Aug	37	39	12		5			93
Sep	96	27	3		1		2	129
Oct	32	34	4				1	71
Nov								
Dec								
Grand Total	433	951	103	1	8		11	1507

INCIDENTAL CAPTURES								
Monthly numbers of incidentally captured sea turtles recorded in Texas during 2022. Includes turtles caught during recreational or commercial fishing, dredging operations, or or power plant water intakes.								
Incidental Captures	Loggerhead	Green	Kemp's ridley	Leatherback	Hawksbill	Olive ridley	Unidentified	Total
Jan	1	3						4
Feb		8						8
Mar		2						2
Apr		2	2					4
May	2	18	3					23
Jun	1	3	6					10
Jul	1	3						4
Aug	2	6						8
Sep	1	4	2					7
Oct		2	1					3
Nov								
Dec								
Grand Total	8	51	14					73



Seaturtle Release Photos
Evelyn Pless-Schuberth

Ships from A8

Antiquities Committee^{qv} settled, awarding the salvage firm \$313,000 while Texas kept the artifacts the firm had recovered from the Espiritu Santo.

The find was considered a major discovery by most antiquarians and archeologists and at the time was cited as the earliest Spanish material ever recovered from American waters. Among the 400-year-old objects recovered from the wreck were a small solid-gold crucifix, one gold bar, several silver discs, cannons, crossbows, and three astrolabes. The latter, considered by some to be the most valuable objects recovered, were used in navigation and are extremely rare today. As a result of the difficulties surrounding the salvaging attempts the Sixty-first Texas Legislature passed the Antiquities Bill in September 1969 to fix procedures in artifact-recovery attempts. The bill provided for a committee with the authority for the designation and regulation of archeological landmarks and the protection and preservation of the archeological resources of Texas. Strict limitations were placed on all salvaging and excavation attempted by private individuals or companies.

On recommendation of the Antiquities Committee, the Institute of Underwater Research, a privately financed

nonprofit organization, was formed in 1970 to locate other sunken ships in the same area as the 1967 find. In addition, the organization was to assist artifact recovery by any properly licensed salvaging company. The institute surveyed an area about twenty-five miles long near Port Mansfield, and sixteen possible sites of sunken Spanish ships were located and mapped for future investigation.

The Texas Antiquities Committee's investigations at the 1554 wreck site, tentatively identified as the San Esteban, began in 1972 with a detailed magnetometer survey and lasted three months with a crew of from five to eight people. Excavations were carried out with a "blower" device similar to a prop-wash deflector which sent a current straight to the bottom, thus eroding the 1.5-meter overburden of sand and shell. The artifacts were exposed lying on a dense deposit of Pleistocene clay. Several large conglomerates were recovered during the first season together with a number of isolated artifacts and small conglomerates. In 1973 investigators returned to the site with an underwater archeological field school. In addition to extensive excavations at the site, a surface survey of the island opposite the wreck sites was carried out in order to locate evidence of the survivors or salvagers' camps. During the 1973 season the remaining major artifact conglomerates were recovered, along with many small conglomerates and isolated artifacts. Over 12,000

kilograms of encrusted artifacts were recovered during the two seasons of excavation. Meanwhile, an archival research team was recovering and translating over 1,000 pages of original documents from various Spanish archives.

Of the hundreds of artifacts recovered from the San Esteban, the most significant for interpretation of the ship itself was the aft section of the keel with part of the sternpost. This is the only major fragment of the ship which survived, but it is a good one to have for size estimates. One consultant placed its length at about twenty-one meters (seventy feet) and displacement at 164 tons, another at thirty meters (ninety-seven feet) and 286 tons. Also recovered were wrought-iron anchors, cannon, tools, ship's fittings and fastenings, and silver coin and bullion. Of particular interest were several items of aboriginal manufacture, including a mirror made from a polished iron pyrite nodule and prismatic blades of obsidian. The silver coin and bullion and a small amount of gold bullion comprised the greatest part of the fleet's cargo, but such perishable items as cochineal, hides, and wool were also being shipped to Spain. The collection from the San Esteban is housed in the Corpus Christi Museum.^{qv} The third wreck, the Santa María de Yciar, was destroyed in the 1950s when the Port Mansfield Channel^{qv} was dredged.



Three Chords and the Truth
By Ronnie Narmour
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Shorty's no mas...



Selfie played their last gig on Tarpon Street last Tuesday at Shorty's last hurrah.

I guess I won't be writing about the island's *Oldest and Friendliest* for a while. Just to state the obvious, *Shorty's* closed its doors on *Tarpon Street* for the last time last Tuesday. That's OK. It was a good run... ten years of booking the music there has been a lot of fun and I sure had some good times in that old dive bar. I guess I'll say it for the last time, "*Shorty's is the center of the universe*"... or was. Having worked in bars and music venues from Austin to San Antonio to Corpus to Port A and even a year in Florida, since 1975, this one was definitely a goodern. And I know as well as anyone, all good things must end. I made some lifelong friends there and had a lot of laughs along the way. Sure, I've managed and worked in much larger clubs than *Shorty's* and in MUCH bigger cities than this (*Antone's*, *Billy Blues*, *The Laboratory*, *Austin Opry House*, *Hut's*, *Mark's on the River*, *The Raw Deal*, etc) but I gotta say, *Shorty's* is my favorite. The "Last Hurrah on Tarpon" that the club had last Tuesday was bitter sweet. *Selfie* played the last rites and many of our friends were there. It's going to be really weird (it already is) when she's gone. When I was delivering the *Island Moons* last Thursday, I instinctively pulled onto *Tarpon* to leave papers at *Shorty's*... but there wasn't anything stirring but a bunch of old ball caps and stuffed pigs. I'm sure going to miss the old girl. But as of now, my dance card got a whole lot lighter.

On the local front...



Bottles and Bandits played Treasure Island last Saturday.

Me and my *Mermaid Gal* just had a blast running around town last weekend. We are starting to see more and more Winter Texans arriving on our little island and less and less of our typical tourist types. *Island Wine* had a big event full of our Northern neighbors last Saturday and while we were taking our morning bicycle ride, I ran into a whole bunch of *Winter Texans* at the *Community Park* who were playing *Pickleball*. The lady I spoke to, *Kelle Casey-Ross* from Oklahoma informed me that *Pickleball* is the latest big deal. Who knew? But those folks were having a great time and made it look so easy. I may have to give it a try sometime. As we were leaving, a couple of my friends, *Jason Jenkins* and *Cobey Boedeker*, were just walking into the park for their standing *Frisbee Golf* game they have every Sunday. The park was actually quite active between the heated pool, the dog park, the skate park and the *Pickleball* court, there were happy people abound. And this is the time of year that your Winter Texan barometers come into play. That's where you can count all the out of state license plates in the *IGA* parking lot and *Bernie's* at Happy Hour. Minnesota and Michigan are usually the big winners. It's been so cold so early up North that I bet we get a bumper crop this year. We also made it to the big Chili Cook-off last Saturday in *Roberts Point Park*. We stopped by *Bron's* tent and sampled *Jimmy Jam's* killer chili and jalapeno corn bread and it was slurpicious, as my daddy might have said. The *Coast Guard* even flew one of their helicopters in. There were fun activities going on all over town last weekend and the weather was here. Wish you were beautiful.

Scattered shots ...



Crosstown Expressway played Bron's Backyard on Saturday.

We did catch a few good shows last week. The *Groove* was playing the *VFW* on Saturday and the old *Back Porch* gang was in there. I hadn't seen those folks for a while. *Sammy Joe* told me her son *Ace* is on the PAHS tennis team and that she's happy working at the *Salty Dog* and *Cold Water Cowboy* but sure misses the *Porch*. Sigh, so do I. First the *Back Porch* closes and now *Shorty's* is moving. The times they are a changing in our sleepy little fishing village. BTW, I'm quite impressed with the momentum that the *Groove* has going around here. They've become quite popular with their 80's dance covers. Earlier, I went by *Bron's* at the request of keyboardist *Chris Zavala* to see the *Crosstown Expressway*. I like these guys. They're really talented musicians. And finally we stopped at *Treasure Island* on the way home to see *Bottles and Bandits*, who are a two man Americana act. Keep an eye out for those guys. I think they're on to something.

DO NOT MISS LIST
Coming this weekend...



The Groove played the VFW last Saturday.

Coming this weekend; on Thursday one of the original alt rock bands, the *Toadies*, will play *Brewster Street Downtown*. And speaking of *Brewster*, they will have one of my fave reggae/ska bands, *Fortunate Youth* plus *Pasafire* on November 17. We WILL be there. On Friday, look for the *Free Beer Band* at *Island Wine*, *Artie V* at *Treasure Island*, *Splendiferous* at *Bron's*. Both the *VFW* and *Island Wine* have karaoke on Fridays. On Saturday the WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES will be held an hour earlier (3:00 PM) at the *Gaff*. Come watch the *Moon Monkey* lose one more time... I need a new pit boss. *Coach Jim Dugan* will be providing the music before and after the race. Also on Saturday we have the *Jimmy Buffett-ish* tribute band *The Coastal Benders* at *Island Wine*, *Red Tide* is at the *VFW*, *Afterglow* is at *Treasure Island*, *John Elijah* is at *Bron's*. And on Wednesday, *Riptide* plays the *VFW* and Americana stud *Zach Williams* plays the big room at the *American Bank Center*. That ought to hold you for a spell.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Fortunate Youth will play Brewster Downtown on the 17th.



Jimmy Jam and Charlotte represented Bron's at the Chili Cook-off last Saturday in the park.



Winter Texans gather in mass at the Port A Pickle Ball Courts last Sunday. Photo by Kelle Casey-Ross

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday,

November 10

Toadies, New Ends @
Brewster Downtown
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Lucy Morrison @
Blackbeard's
Ty Dietz @ Packery
Bar
Ruben Limas @ Island
Italian
Acoustic Open Mic
@ Rockport Little
Theater
C. Allen Berkebile @
Irish Pub Fulton

Friday,

November 11

Free Beer Band @
VFW
Splendiferous @ Bron's
Artie V @ Treasure
Island
Billy Snipes @ Gaff
CBDB's @ Exchange
Cathouse @ Vernon's
Cruise Control @
House of Rock
18 Hours @ Rockit's
Karaoke @ Island
Wine
Jered Clark @
Virginia's
Michael Burtts Band
@ Packery Bar
Triptonite @ Pelican
ChillBillies @ Legends,
Fulton
Downtown Eli Brown
@ Nucky's
Ruben Limas @
Blackbeard's
ChillBillies @ Legends
Fulton
Dreams @ Goofy's
Canyon Lake

Saturday,

November 12

BELT SANDER
RACES (3 PM) @ Gaff
Coastal Benders @
Island Wine
Afterglow @ Treasure
Island
Red Tide @ VFW
John Eliah & Padrinos
@ Bron's
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
The Groove @ Rockits
ChillBillies @
Executive Surf Club
Jered Clark @
Virginia's
Chainlinks @ Pelican
Bottles & Bandits @
Packery Bar
Bark at the Dark: Ozzy
Tribute @ House of
Rock
Brian Winfrey @
Blackbeard's
Jam Council @ The
Barn
Flying Free @ Sugar
Shack Fulton

Sunday,

November 13

Tumble Dry Low @
Bernie's
Damn Right Duo @
House of Rock
Jennifer Gayle Bradley
@ Blackbeard's
Shawn Hart @ Pelican
Kevin Kurtz @
Packery Bar
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Monday,

November 14

Ruben Limas @
Blackbeard's

Tuesday,

November 15

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

Wednesday,

November 16

Riptide @ VFW
Singer Songwriter Open
Mic @ Island Wine
Zach Williams @
American Bank Center
Dave's Duo @ Katz 21
Chuck Almarez @
Blackbeard's
Kevin Kurtz @ Pelican

Thursday,

November 17

Fortunate Youth @
Brewster Downtown
Brian Winfrey @
Blackbeard's
Robin Blue @
Scuttlebutt's
Ruben Limas @ Island
Italian
Art Barrera @ Packery
Bar
Acoustic Open Mic @
Rockport Little Theater

Friday, November

18

Dunebillies @ VFW
Justin & Niki @ Bron's
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Dreams: Fleetwood
Mac Tribute @ Brewster
Downtown
Dreaming in Color @
Executive Surf Club
Jered Clark @ Virginia's
Ruben Limas @
Blackbeard's
Karaoke @ Island Wine
The East & the Crow @
Packery Bar
Afterglow @ Sugar
Shack Fulton
AudioBox @ Pelican

Saturday,

November 19

Daze @ VFW
Free Beer Band @ Island
Wine
Profiles @ Bron's
Sun Salutation,
Triptonite, Chainlinks,
Matt Hole + 3 @
Exchange
Dreaming in Color @
Pelican
Randy Rogers, Gary
Allan @ Concrete Street
Motley Crue Tribute ft/
The Crue @ Brewster
Downtown
Passing Strangers @
Rockit's
Ruben Limas @
Blackbeard's

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