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Pelican by Lu Ann Kingsbury



By Dale Rankin

The first Blue Norther of the season blew through this week, we'll name him Alpha since he is after all the first, and blew the palm trees flat on one side for a couple of days and gave us a break from the Texas heat and sending Islanders rummaging through their closets for their pair of long pants. Get out you fur-lined flip flops everybody here we go for Winter 2023.

Sneak Thieves on The Island

The Sneak Thieves were busy in the area around Commodores Drive and Cabana East over the weekend hitting a total of nine vehicles. As we enter the winter season and there is less traffic on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall the handle pullers move into our neighborhoods so lock your doors everybody and keep your garage doors down unless you want the Sneak Thieves to help you clear the clutter in there.

Growth in the area

New statistics from the Metropolitan Planning Organization suggest the Corpus Christi area is expected to experience little to no growth in population and jobs through the year 2050. A study by the MPO cites a lack of a reliable water source is the biggest problem as currently the Corpus Christi region is at about 70% of its maximum capacity in water. The trend of Corpus Christi lagging behind the growth in the rest of Texas first surfaced in the 2000 census when the state's population increased from 20,851,820 in 2000 to 25,145,561 in 2010. Between 2010 and 2020, Texas' population grew from 25.1 million to 29.1 million, an increase of 15.9%. During that time Corpus Christi few between three and four percent which is considered natural growth; that is to say every time someone is born here somebody else leaves town either in a car or in a coffin.

One thing the study does show is while our permanent population is not projected to grow construction will not stop; just look Around The Island right now and the big projects you see are at least 80% Short Term Rentals not houses for permanent residents. The good news is that those homes will not be homesteaded by the owners and will pay the full load of property taxes and on The Island that means the money stays in the Tax Increment Refinance Zone #2 to pay for the infrastructure that

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County Cancels Mikel May's Contract

Park Board voids Bob Hall Pier concessionaire's contract with three years left



The current state of Mikel May's

By Dale Rankin

The Nueces County Coastal Parks Board put the final nail in the coffin of Mikel May's Beachside Bar & Grill on Bob Hall Pier this week with a vote to cancel the lease between the parks board and concessionaire May Mendoza with just under three years left for it to run.

Mendoza ran the restaurant and

bar on the county-owned pier from August, 2013 through the July, 2020 when Hurricane Hanna damaged the pier beyond repair paying the county just under \$735,000 under a revenue-sharing agreement with the board during its seven years of operation. The Nueces County Parks Board is a separate entity from the

May's cont. on A8

New Hike and Bike Trail across Oso Bay

\$13 million State Grant to connect Flour Bluff to Holly Road

The question of what to do with an abandoned train trestle across Oso Bay was answered when an official from the state's Transportation Alternative Grant Program suggested the project might be a good one for a state grant. That phone call led to an announcement this week that the City of Corpus Christi's Holly Road Train Trestle to Tourism Project has been awarded a \$13 million grant to build turn the trestle into a pedestrian a cart bridge that will connect Flour Bluff to Holly Road through a hike and bike trail across Oso Bay. The project is one of just 83 across the state to be selected by the Texas



Artist rendering of finished trail

Transportation Commission as part of the Transportation Alternative Grant Program.

A previous engineering inspection determined that the existing railroad trestle pilings can be used in the new project. The Transportation

Alternatives program supports local projects that enhance bicycle and pedestrian amenities for people of all ages and levels of ability. No timetable for the project has been announced.

Map of Bridge location on A2

New Art Work for The Island!

World-renowned artist coming to Padre Island Art Gallery



Portland native and world-renowned artist Wade Koniakowsky will unveil a new work created especially for Padre Island at the Padre Island Art Gallery during a three-day workshop.

Koniakowsky is California-based and a lifelong surfer and that has inspired his oil painting of seascapes which are featured in galleries from Europe to Hawaii. He is holding a workshop for Island artists at the gallery which runs from Thursday, November 9,

Wade cont. on A5

A little Island history

The Island Becomes No-Man's Land, Mexicans raid The Bluff, Manifest Destiny Arrives

Editor's note: This story comes to us from the late J. Guthrie Ford, a retired history professor who lived in Port Aransas for several years before his death. He wrote it for the Island Moon more than ten years ago.

By J. Guthrie Ford

The military events of the Texas War of Independence did not touch Padre directly. No battles were fought on the island. The closest the war came to its beaches was when a Mexican agent stationed at Matagorda Bay was forced to flee his post.

He escaped back to Mexico by traveling down Padre Island.

No-man's land

The war did, however, place Padre in an undefined position between Mexico and the new republic. Texas claimed that its territory extended to the Rio Grande. Mexico claimed that its state of Tamaulipas, extended to the Nueces. With neither side possessing the military capability to enforce its claim, the status of the region including Padre Island became no man's land where, as one historian has put it, "for

nearly a decade a predatory and guerrilla like warfare was waged between Mexicans and Texans."

It is unknown how the Texas War of Independence affected Mexican citizens living on Padre Island. Like their compatriots who had ranches between Matamoros and Refugio, they might have been forced to flee to the Rio Grande settlements. However, in that they were in little danger from the Texans, who were more interested in filibustering along the Rio

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Four Coyote Bites Reported on Padre Island

By Dale Rankin

The City of Corpus Christi has issued an advisory for the public to use caution after four people have reported being bitten by coyotes in the 80 acres of empty space between the South Packey Jetty and Beach Access Road 3a at the north end of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall.

The bites occurred since October 23 and Island police officers say they received one call from a man on October 23 reporting that he had been bitten by a coyote and was driving himself to the emergency room but officers were never able to contract him directly and the severity of the bites was unknown. A police spokesman said there are no reports of coyote bites in their files.

However, eyewitnesses said they were contacted by officials from the city's animal control department this week and informed that four people had been bitten and animal control had contacted the private owner of the land to obtain permission to set coyote traps to collect the coyotes and test them for rabies. Those reports were not confirmed by city officials by press time on Wednesday. The statement issued by the city said "four coyote bites" were re-

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Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico

The world's smallest sea turtle calls The Island home



By Ashley Van Wieren

The Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, *Lepidochelys kempii*, is just one of seven marine turtle species in the world, and five that are found in Texas. An adult's carapace (upper shell) averages just two feet long, and they weigh 70-100 pounds. This wins them the title of the world's smallest sea turtle. For comparison, the world's largest sea turtle species, the leatherback, grows up to six feet in length and can weigh up to 2,000 pounds!

The Kemps-Ridley Sea Turtle has a green-gray carapace and the underside of its shell, the plastron, is a cream color. Their heads are triangularly shaped with a beak, which they use to eat their favorite meal, crabs, but they also eat shrimp, jellyfish, sea stars, and

Turtles cont. on A8

A new way to cruise Island canals

Anyone who has ever paddled a kayak upwind in Island canals knows it can be a labor intensive undertaking. To ease the upwind trips there is now such a thing as an e-kayak that will hit the stores in December. Frank Floyd who owns Wind & Wave in Flour Bluff had one out for trials last weekend and it was one sweet ride.



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The Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat was held on Tuesday. The annual event is hosted by Beach Bum Cart rentals, Wade in the Water Pools, Island Italian, Parrot heads of Padre Island, Crossfit Contender, Nueces Brewing Company and one hundred and twenty hotdogs were provided and cooked by Rod Lewis of Hard-knocks Padre Island.
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Letters to the Editor

Bob Hall Pier Update
Say Yes to Bob Hall Pier and Third Party
concessionaire building

I am continuing to support and work diligently to find a way to get the third party concessionaire building where the restaurant was built. I am trying to nicely impress upon the majority of the court that their vote has taken something away from the Island that was there for many years. I have explained the thousands and thousands of people who came to the restaurant and then went on the pier. The ancillary effect of this venue is vital to the Island and Nueces County. The return on investment is not just the revenue it generates but the ancillary effect as well and that is immeasurable. Building back what was there so that the Island can have a nice venue is very important. The venue helped create a true sense of place and generated revenue for our county. Again, I will stress while I strongly disagree with the majority of the court on this (Commissioner Marez continues to support my efforts on this matter), I would ask that all dialogue with them be respectful. This is not dead.

I have never voted to take money out of the other precinct commissioners' project and I am surprised that was done to me. I will keep trying and will not stop on this. It is the right to build back what was there. That is not a big ask in my opinion. It is not the Island or Nueces County's fault that a hurricane destroyed this. To not bring it back in the same fashion as before is befuddling to me.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) pumps million of dollars back into The Island and has for many years

I want to make sure everyone knows how much of your taxpayer dollars are staying on the Island. For over 20 years now Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi have participated in this Island TIRZ. I sit on that board along with other members from Nueces County and the City Council. All the money from that TIRZ has stayed on the Island. It was set up so that the growth on the Island could be captured from a revenue standpoint and stay on the Island. It is money that has been spent to maintain Packery Channel amongst other things. Millions of dollars in future public improvements on the Island will be built by the developers and reimbursed by the TIRZ. The TIRZ recently set aside millions dollars of future revenue for a second causeway when the Texas Department of Transportation has that project ready. The state

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



will pay the majority but the TIRZ board has planned for the future for that very important second causeway. Briscoe King pavilion which will bring about some much needed public space has been funded thus far for 4 million dollars. Island taxpayer dollars staying on the Island.

The TIRZ was just recently renewed and so there will be millions more of Island taxpayer dollars staying right there on the Island. I think sometime this is over looked because the TIRZ does not get the attention it should. This mechanism has been a catalyst for growth on the Island. Many have asked me why can't we get some money from the TIRZ to build the restaurant space back. The funding for the third party concessionaire space is already available and has been previously allocated for the building at Nueces county now.

So it is not a lack of funding. Nueces County has it. The issue is that the majority of the court does not want to build it with taxpayer dollars. I do not understand that or agree with it but until a member of the court changes their mind on allowing the building to be built we do not have the votes to even make that request. So the first step is getting one member of the court to change their mind on building the building. As I have said, I will continue to fight hard to rebuild that building.

In my next column I will be providing a breakdown of the millions spent and the millions that will be spent on the Island from the Island TIRZ. Those are Island taxpayer dollars staying on the Island.

Sand Castle Run

The 7th Sandcastle Run on the Island was a huge success. With 400 participants signed up, the weather could not have been better. In our 7th year we have raised almost 280,000 for children with Diabetes in the Coastal Bend. THANK YOU to our sponsors, our runners and our great volunteers. The day could not have gone any better and many of the participants stayed on the Island to watch the solar eclipses and to enjoy Island life.

Brent Chesney
Nueces County Commissioner Precinct 4

Island obituary

David Harry Aylesworth

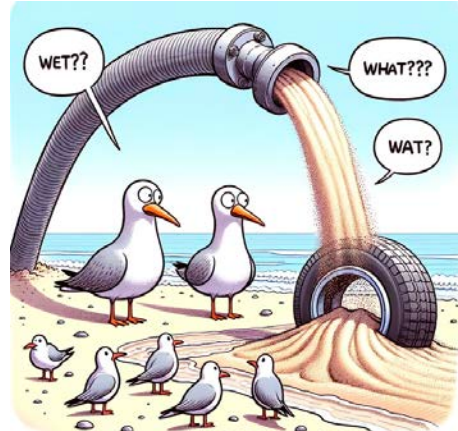
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Principalities. Upon returning back to the States, Dave obtained his 1600T All Oceans Masters license from the USCG. And embarked on his final career as a Captain on Offshore Supply Vessels in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dave will be remembered for his willingness to help others whether it was to work on an engine, redesign a fuel system or just to listen and give advice. Regardless of where Dave was in the world, he never lost track and kept in touch with his friends all the way back to grade school. Dave enjoyed being out on the water be it racing, cruising or sipping sundowners at anchor. New Orleans was his favorite city. The music, food and people fed his soul. He will always be remembered for establishing the tradition of Sunday Services initially on Ferric Star but then later wherever Dave was on Sunday there would always be New Orleans Jazz music and his world famous "Bloody Bulls".

Dave was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Ann, his sister Mary Lou Moore (Greg) and his niece and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. His Aunt Helen Louise Moxley and Cousin Beth Jostrand (John).

A celebration of life will be held at the Padre Island Yacht Club on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at 2:00pm



It looks like they've started dredging Packery Channel Leroy. Yea, Bud and it looks like they started with that truck that's been living down there.

Texas Constitutional Amendment 1
I urge Texans to exercise their right to vote and weigh in on the constitutional amendments during the upcoming election. You can head to the polls on Election Day, November 7th, to cast your ballot, or if you'd like to vote early, you can vote from October 23rd through November 3rd.

Texans need to know that there are several critical constitutional amendments on the ballot this fall that will have a significant impact on our Texas agriculture industry. Many of the proposed amendments would generate funds to support water infrastructure, rural broadband, and property tax relief. Proposition 1: the Right to Farm Act is on the impending ballot and requires your immediate attention. Agriculture is crucial to the Texas economy and has shaped the culture of our great state. Still, it is under threat from cities and municipalities that prioritize tax revenues over Texas' food security needs. Proposition 1 would protect the right to farm and ranch in our Constitution yet still allow for justifiable regulations that protect health and safety, prevent danger to animal health or crop production, and conserve our natural resources. I highly encourage all Texans to vote YES on Proposition 1.

Agriculture is the backbone of our great state. I always say, "no farmers, no food," and right now, we are fighting to keep our agriculture industry alive. This proposition is about more than just preserving our agricultural heritage; it's about having family farms and ranches to feed us for generations to come. During early voting and on Election Day, always remember that Texas Agriculture Matters. If you want to continue to live in a prosperous Texas with access to safe and affordable food, vote YES on Proposition 1.

Sid Miller
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The Buccaneer Commission Governing Board Voted unanimously at our October Governing Board meeting to support Proposition A.

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We see the need for improvements to the entire Convention Center Complex, as current Type A funding only allows for improvements to the arena. Passage of Prop A would allow for the Selena Auditorium and Convention Center to receive much needed updates.

We encourage the cities recruitment of the private sector investing in a Hotel, Retail and Shopping to make the district more vibrant!

We believe there will always be a need for maintenance/improvements of parks, streets and air service, which Prop A will help fund.

We urge you to consider Voting FOR Prop A!

Happy Buc Days!

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Padre Island Resident David Harry Aylesworth was born in Port Huron Michigan on February 19, 1950. He was one of three children born to Ruth and Robert Aylesworth. He graduated from Hazelwood High School in St Louis Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri. He obtained his Master's from Webster College in Missouri. He married Ann Diggins in 1995.

Dave had three distinct careers. One as an elementary PE teacher. Next, he worked in the Oil and Gas Industry as a contract administrator. Then he and his wife Ann took a 7-year break from Corporate America and sailed around the World in their 35-foot sailboat Ferric Star. Proving that if you sailed far and long enough in the same direction that you ended up back where you started from. Adventures were plentiful with many a tall tale from visiting 48 countries and 3

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By Dotson Lewis

WW II-The Pacific Strategy (1941-1944)

Dotson's Note: On December 7, 1941, Japan staged a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, severely damaging the US Pacific Fleet. When Germany and Italy declared war on the United States days later, America found itself in a global war. Thanks to General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Admiral Ernest J. King for the facts contained in this report, and thanks to my uncle, Marine Joe H. Clark for many facts and the photos.

On December 7, 1941, Japan staged a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, severely damaging the US Pacific Fleet. When Germany and Italy declared war on the United States days later, America found itself in a global war. Japan launched a relentless assault that swept through the US territories of Guam, Wake Island, and the Philippines, as well as British-controlled Hong Kong, Malaya, and Burma. Yet, with much of the US fleet destroyed and a nation unprepared for war, America and its allies decided they needed to save Great Britain and defeat Germany first.



The Japanese, meanwhile, sought to complete what they began at Pearl Harbor. They aimed to destroy the US carrier fleet in a victory so decisive that the United States would negotiate for peace. With its battleship fleet crippled in Hawaii, the US Navy turned to two surviving assets. Aircraft carriers and submarines mounted a serious challenge to Japan's triumphant fleet and were critical to protecting mainland America. But as US attacks on Japanese naval forces and merchant ships escalated from isolated raids to full-scale battles, the learning curve proved costly and deadly. **Blunting the Japanese Onslaught** Throughout the winter and spring of 1942, the war news reaching the United States from the Pacific was grim. The Japanese amassed a vast new empire with a defensive perimeter that ranged from western Alaska to the Solomon Islands. In the southwest Pacific, Japan threatened American supply lines to Australia, complicating US plans to use Australia as a staging ground for offensive action.



But within months, the tide of battle started to turn as the United States and its allies in Australia and New Zealand first blunted Japan's advance and then began a long counterattack across the Pacific. The amphibious invasion soon became the hallmark of the Allied counterattack. As they advanced westward toward Japan, Allied forces repeatedly bombed and stormed Japanese-held territory, targeting tiny islands as well as the jungles of New Guinea and the Philippines. The goal was to dislodge the enemy and to secure airfields and supply bases that could serve as the launching points for future attacks.

Turning Points

In early May 1942, US and Japanese carrier forces clashed in the Battle of the Coral Sea. While both sides suffered major losses, the US Navy checked a major Japanese offensive for the first time. Then, in the Battle of Midway the following month, US carrier aircraft dealt a devastating blow to the Japanese navy, destroying four aircraft carriers. The battle marked the first major US victory against Japan and was a turning point in the war.

By shifting the balance of naval power in the Pacific, Midway allowed US forces to take the offensive for the first time. The Allies soon set their sights on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands and on New Guinea.

Amphibious Invasions and Island Hopping



In August 1942, the United States mounted its first major amphibious landing in World War II at Guadalcanal, using innovative landing craft built by Higgins Industries in New Orleans. By seizing a strategic airfield site on the island, the United States halted Japanese efforts to disrupt supply routes to Australia and New Zealand. The invasion ignited a ferocious struggle marked by seven major naval battles, three major land battles, and almost continuous air combat as both sides sought to control Henderson Field, named after Loy Henderson, an aviator killed at the Battle of Midway. For six long months US forces fought to hold the island. In the end they prevailed, and the Allies took the first vital step in driving the Japanese back in the Pacific theater. With Guadalcanal in American hands, Allied forces continued to close in on Rabaul in New Britain. As forces under the command of Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey moved north through the Solomons, General Douglas MacArthur's troops pushed west along the northern coast of Papua New Guinea, grinding out a hard-fought victory by March 1943. But rather than follow this success with a risky invasion of the heavily defended Rabaul, American military planners hatched an ingenious plan: Allied planes and ships would isolate and neutralize Rabaul from the air and sea while the bulk of MacArthur's forces pushed westward to invade less-well-defended islands. This practice—skipping over heavily fortified islands in order to seize lightly defended locations that could support the next advance—became known as island hopping. As Japanese strongholds were isolated, defenders were left to weaken from starvation and disease. This new strategy turned the vast Pacific distances into an American ally, and the United States used it to leapfrog across the Pacific.

Advancing on Two Fronts



In addition to hopping from one less-defended island to another, the Allies' Pacific strategy developed another key feature: soldiers, sailors, and US Marines pressed forward on two fronts. As MacArthur's troops leapt from island to island in the southwest Pacific, a central Pacific campaign began with the invasion of Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands in November 1943. By the end of the year, a two-pronged assault on Japan was well underway. As 1944 began, the southwest Pacific was largely under Allied control. By February, the Allies were also making progress in the central Pacific. Naval and air strikes reduced most of the Japanese bases throughout the area, and after several intense, bloody campaigns, most of the central Pacific was secure. As the islands in the Marshall and Mariana chains fell to US Army and Marines forces by that summer, troops constructed airfields in preparation for air strikes on Japan itself. The Marianas were a particularly valuable asset since they were close enough to Japan for the United States' new, technologically advanced B-29 bombers to reach the mainland.

Dotson's Other Note: As the United States geared up for this aerial bombardment of Japan, military leaders lobbied to continue their campaigns in the southwest and central Pacific. In the southwest, General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz pushed for an assault on the Philippines, while in the central Pacific, Admiral Ernest J. King pressed for an attack on Formosa (now Taiwan). FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Thursdays 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.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

There is a lot of stuff to hear on The Island this week, here is some of it.

Short-Term Rentals and Island bylaws

A few weeks ago in these pages we outlined a way forward to amend the bylaws of each of the thirty Island subdivisions to specifically prohibit Short-Term Rentals in our residential neighborhoods in light of a challenge to the current city ordinance forbidding them by a local builder who says he plans to challenge the legality of the ordinance in court – a hearing is set for two days after our press time and we will have details in the next issue. Since that time the PIPOA board has been working with attorneys to draft language that can be inserted into the bylaws of each subdivision with a vote of the majority of the property owners in each subdivision and once that language is complete we will print it here and then the job will be to go door-to-door and get the signatures needed to insert it into the bylaws of each of the subdivisions.

The wording in most of the bylaws in Island neighborhoods was written before 1980 when there was no such thing as Short-Term Rentals and includes a prohibition on “commercial” operations which is different from the language in the bylaws which were circumvented through a lawsuit in Boerne which allowed only “residential” use. Whether our “commercial” prohibition would suffice to protect us would be a matter for the courts.

The challenge to the city ordinance outlawing STR in our residentially-zoned areas is separate from anything that is written in our subdivision bylaws and that is where our opportunity lies. Property rights are sacrosanct in Texas and our bylaws are the manifestation of the desires of the homeowners in each of the neighborhoods. If we amend our bylaws to specifically outlaw STR that would raise the bar for anyone challenging their prohibition. So once the PIPOA provides the language it will be up to us to get the notarized signatures we need, file them with the County Clerk and make them the law of the land. This is important and time is of the essence. Stay tuned to these pages for updates.

Update on Island canals

We had a question at the Word Factory this week regarding the opening of the canal under the soon to be completed Don Patricio Bridge. As reported here last week the bridge is on schedule to be completed by year's end and current plans call for the canal under the bridge to be cut through in mid-December and the opening of the new canals at the Whitecap NPI site to be done simultaneously. Updates on plans for connecting the new canals to the older canals on the south side of Whitecap Boulevard will be included in the column in these pages by Drew Diggins, the President of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association Board of Directors, as they are determined.

As of this writing discussions are ongoing but no agreement to connect the old and new canals has been announced. As reported here



The current state of the Don Patricio Bridge

previously the permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held by the developer of the property around Lake Padre, unless amended, requires that the canal under the new bridge be opened by the end of 2023 and sources familiar with the project tell us that is the current plan, regardless of whether there is agreement to connect to the PIPOA canals at that time. It was announced at the last meeting of the PIPOA board that consultants have been hired to study the water flow through PIPOA canals but based on what we know the opening of the canal at the new bridge will not await the outcome of that study. That is the latest as far as we know.

Speedy stop

We also get regular questions about the progress of the Speedy Stop adjacent to American Bank where ground work was done but no work has begun on the building. Those familiar with the project tell us the plan all along was to do the ground work in anticipation of the paving of the paper street at the back of the location which connects it to SH 361. There are no plans to construct the building at this time but once a decision is made the construction of the building can proceed quickly.

On the subject of the paper streets – streets designed decades ago but never paved – the Island Tax Increment Refinance Zone (TIRZ #2) board has set aside money to pave Sand Dollar – now two ruts in the sand - from Verdemar south to SH 361; but there is a catch. The intersection of the two streets next door to the old Mesquite Barbeque building is too close to the SPID/SH 361 intersection to place a traffic light there and a traffic light is going to be needed to allow for left turns from the highway into the driveway to the Lake Padre development. One possible solution, nothing is decided as there is some private property involved, is to angle Sand Dollar Street toward Packery Channel to align with the entrance to Lake Padre which would allow enough distance from the SPID intersection to allow for a light.

At some point this will end up in front of the Island Strategic Action Committee and likely go back to the board of the TIRZ #2 but as of now there is no timeline for that. Included with that will be the paving of the cart trail that now runs south from Whitecap Boulevard behind Ace Hardware. After decades the paper streets are going to get paved and that is the good news and we thank our friends at city hall for helping us, especially our District 4 City Councilman Dan Suckley who chairs the TIRZ board and has been very active in getting things moving.

The first public hearing for the Island Mobility Plan was held this week. That plan will connect all of the Island streets to the beach, north to the Aquarius/SPID intersection and likely beyond, making our entire island assessable by bike, pedestrian paths, and cart paths.

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New Recreational Facility for Port Aransas

Port Aransas is getting a new recreation facility that will be located at the Community Park adjacent to the aquatics facility and preliminary plans call for a basketball/multipurpose court, fitness area, flex use community meeting spaces, youth center, Parks and Nature Preserve staff offices and more. Recreation center planners will help finalize the programming of the facility as a part of the planning process.

Gignac Architects of Corpus Christi and Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects were awarded a contract by the Port Aransas City Council to design and oversee construction of the community’s new multigenerational recreation facility. BSW designed facilities like Das Rec in New Braunfels and Gignac recently designed the new Mary Carroll High School’s Multipurpose Arena. No timeline for completion has been announced.

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Grande than in routing a few Mexican peons on a remote island, they probably stayed on Padre and tended the cattle and horses.

The Americans arrive

In 1839 Americans for the first time arrived in the immediate vicinity of Padre Island. In that year one Henry Kinney established a trading post on the shores of Corpus Christi Bay. The trading post would later become the prosperous and modern city of Corpus Christi. There were reasons why the Americans had not come at an earlier date. Prior to 1836 the land between the Rio Grande and the Nueces had not been granted Texas empresarios, but rather to trusted and reliable Mexican citizens. Moreover Mexican authorities allowed no foreign immigrant colonies within ten miles of the coast. The closest foreigners had come to Padre was an Irish colony at San Patricio. It was only after Texas had achieved her de facto independence that Americans could move into those coastal areas, which had previously been reserved for Mexicans.

Kinney and his partner William P. Aubrey choose well the location of their trading post. It was right on the de facto border between Texas and Mexico. The post was easily supplied by sea and Kinney prospered. Although Mexican officials frowned on the trade, American goods such as calico, hardware, and tobacco moved south and Mexican silver, beans, sugar, flour, shoes, and saddles arrived at Corpus Christi Bay. Kinney’s success soon attracted other frontier entrepreneurs.

The Mexicans raid The Bluff

In May 1841 three men named Philip Dimitt, an early trader on Lavaca Bay who had been one of the first to raise the Texas flag, James Gourlay, and John Sutherland set up a trading post in competition with Kinney. This post was located either at Flour Bluff on the Laguna Madre or at the head of Padre Island. Dimitt’s activities aroused the anger of the Mexican authorities, who thought he was involved in smuggling and purchasing stolen cattle. They were probably right. In September 1841, a Mexican force raided Dimitt’s post, capturing him and several other traders. They plundered the establishment of all its merchandise, which they loaded on boats and took south to Mexico. Dimitt and a colleague named

James C. Boyd were packed off overland to a Mexican jail where Dimitt committed suicide. Dimitt’s arrest naturally enraged his fellow Texans. Irish immigrants from San Patricio organized to conduct a reprisal raid. They received intelligence as to Mexican troop strength from fellow countrymen living at the south end of Padre Island. The Texans captured a Mexican colonel and nine enlisted men and took them back to San Patricio. In addition they accused Kinney, who was left untouched by the Mexican raid, of being in league with the Mexicans. Kinney was arrested and charged with treason. He was subsequently acquitted. For a brief five months in 1841 Padre Island was the possible location of a busy trading post. In transporting goods south into Mexico, it is probable that Dimitt’s agents often traveled the beach on Padre Island. When the weather is right, the beach becomes a hard, flat surface, an ideal wagon road. Those desiring to smuggle goods into Mexico could easily do so by rolling down Padre Island and boating the contraband across the Laguna Madre to the mainland. Although records of this illegal but romantic activity are of course not available, it is almost certain that Padre has often been used for this purpose.

Manifest destiny arrives

The unstable conditions which prevailed between the Nueces and the Rio Grande, and especially the hostility that Texans demonstrated for all things Mexican, were noted by Santiago Morales, the owner of one-half of Padre Island. In 1845 Texas joined the United States. Morales recognized that it was only a matter of time before Texas enforced its claim that the Rio Grande was the border. He also apparently knew that Mexicans would have a difficult time as citizens of the United States. In 1845 he sold his interest in Padre to one José María Továr. As Továr and perhaps Grisante continued to ranch the island, and American immigrants arrived at San Patricio and Corpus Christi. American manifest destiny was casting ever more covetous eyes on the vast Mexican possessions of New Mexico and Upper California. By 1846 the American desire to settle its territorial questions with Mexico reached a climax.

fall back the additional hour of operation for Texas watering holes is a boom for the business as imbibers at 2 a.m. on Saturday night get another hour to keep going. Think of it as the beginning of the Holiday Season, La Posada will be here before we know it. Say hello if you see us Around The Island.

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is going to be needed. What the study says is that no matter what we’re going to need more water.

Daylight Savings Time

We officially leave Daylight Wasting Time and enter Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. on November 5. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission this week that when we

The Friends of Redhead Pond and Environmental Stewardship Association was recognized at the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation’s 21st annual Conservation & Environmental Stewardship Awards Banquet in the non-profit category. Photo by Debbie Noble.



We hope you had a joyous and healthy summer season and are excited to be returning to your home away from home, Port Aransas. Parks and Recreation has been busy planning some exciting activities for you all to enjoy. We have your favorites like Line Dancing, Body Toning and Low Impact Aerobics returning (just to name a few) plus this year we are adding some new activities like a Sock Hop Community Dance, more cooking classes, and twice as many “We’re Having Fun” Excursion Trips. We will be kicking everything off with a Welcome Back Winter Texan Picnic in the Park on December 7th. (This is a date change from November 30th).

Winter Texan activities are scheduled to begin in December 2023 and conclude in March 2024. We will be releasing the Activity Guide on November 30th. It will be viewable at: <https://cityofportaransas.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/>. Once you know what programs, activities and/or clubs you want to be a part of you can sign up. All fees will be due at time of registration. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE PROGRAM TO ATTEND.

- A Program, Activity, or Club (P.A.C) is defined as a reoccurring meetup with little supplies needed and a volunteer to oversee the

- group. \$10 one-time fee
- A Series is defined as a reoccurring class with supplies needed and an experienced Instructor to oversee the group. \$20 one-time fee.
- A Drop In is defined as a fee to attend once for either of the above types of meetups. This fee would be used for those wanting to attend a meetup once or wanting to bring a guest with them. This can only be used once per program, activity, club or series. \$5 per person/ per meetup.

Thank you again for your continued support of the City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department. Let’s have a great Winter season. We hope you have a safe trip back and cannot wait to see you soon. Register November 30th!

<https://porta.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

If you are needing some assistance with registration, you can reach out to us on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. either in person or via telephone. We are located at 106 Cut-Off Road, Port Aransas. TX, 78373. Our telephone number is 361-749-4158.

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to Saturday, November 11, and will include a reception at the gallery at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday where a piece created specifically for Padre Island will be revealed and prints will be available. Koniakowsky has been a frequent visitor to Port Aransas over the decades but this will be his first exhibition on Padre Island. The theme for the workshop is “Painting Ocean Scenes” and will run from 1-4 p.m. on November 9,10,11 and the first two days

will feature “A step by step, deep dive into painting waves realistically where students will learn to render spray, froth, backlight and all fundamentals, tips and tricks of wave painting.” The third day will concentrate on painting tropical scenes with a dive into painting lush tropical scenes. Students may register by going to <https://www.koniakowsky.com/products/3-day-painting-workshop-north-padre-island-tx-november-9-11> or by going



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Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon

1951 World Series-Yankees & Giants Game 6 -Part 1



By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: As befitting a crazy season that columnist Red Smith called a "scatter-brained rigadon," the 1951 campaign closed with a showdown between Giants pinch-hitter Sal Yvars and Yankees reliever Bob Kuzava, two players who had not appeared in the Series until its climactic final frame. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Mark S. Sternman, Arthur Daley, New York Times, and Red Smith for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.

For Giants fans, Game Six began with an ominous echo of Game Five. With Jerry Coleman on third, Yogi Berra on second, and one out in the bottom of the first, Giants manager Leo Durocher again faced a choice of pitching to a veteran (Joe DiMaggio, in his last game) or walking him to face Gil McDougald, whose third-inning grand slam after an intentional walk had broken Game Five open.



Durocher made the same choice – calling for a walk – and Dave Koslo fared better than Larry Jansen, yielding only a sacrifice fly to McDougald that put the Yankees up 1-0.

Vic Raschi held the lead through four innings, aided by a pair of double plays started by Phil Rizzuto, who added a third twin killing in the sixth. "The Scooter was the hidden star of this series, ripping off one double-play after another until the Yankees had reached a record total," the *New York Times's* Arthur Daley commented.

The Giants broke through to tie the score with an unearned run in the fifth on Willie Mays' single, Berra's passed ball, and two fly outs. Still looking for his Series record-tying 12th hit, Monte Irvin grounded out with two out and two on to keep the game knotted, 1-1.

Back in right field against the right-handed Raschi, Hank Thompson bobbled Berra's one-out single into the right-field corner in the sixth, allowing Berra to take second. Again, Durocher had DiMaggio walked to get to McDougald. Koslo's wild pitch advanced both runners, but McDougald lined to third.

Johnny Mize walked to bring up Bauer with the bases loaded, two out, and the score tied. The confrontation proved pivotal. "With the count three and two, Hank hammered a high fly toward left field and for many a day Polo Grounders will argue whether Irvin could have caught that ball," the *New York Times* reported. "Monte Irvin, bothered by a stiff wind, did not play it too well. For one thing, he turned the wrong way. For another, he appeared to have been playing too shallow for a left field, long ball hitter like Bauer."

"For a moment the shot looked like another grand slam homer, but it didn't quite have enough carry. It struck the front railing of the field boxes in back of Irvin and as the ball bounded away all three Yankee base runners scored, with Bauer pulling up at third."

After the game, Bauer said, "Koslo threw a lot of knucklers out there today but the pitch he threw me when I hit that triple was a belt-high fast ball."

A leg injury may have impaired Irvin's pursuit, the *New York Times* noted. "Monte may have felt that he could have made the catch had he been playing entirely healthy. Without saying anything about it the Negro outfielder has been unable to run at his usual speed since a slide into second base in the second game."



Gene Woodling could not cash in Bauer, but with the Yankees up 4-1 with three innings to go, extra runs seemed superfluous.

The Giants, however, had been rallying for months, overcoming a 13-game deficit in the National League after August 11 and a three-run hole in the ninth inning of Game Three of the NL playoff. Down to its final nine outs, Durocher's team persisted. Raschi yielded singles to Mays and pinch-hitter Bill Rigney to start the seventh, and the Giants swiftly had the tying run at the plate. Stengel pulled Raschi in favor of Johnny Sain, a late-season acquisition from the Boston Braves and the first of two Yankees relievers who made their first appearances of the Series this day. This was the first time in the World Series that Stengel had asked his bullpen to hold a late-inning lead; all three previous Yankees wins were complete games.



In seven seasons with the Braves, Sain had pitched well against the Giants, with a career record of 16-10, two saves, and a 3.36 ERA. He had good numbers against the three upcoming hitters (Eddie Stanky, Al Dark, and Whitey Lockman), who had batted only .248 against him (35-for-141). Sain's track record held as he retired all three Giants to preserve the three-run cushion.

Jim Hearn, who had not pitched since his outstanding eight-inning effort in Game Three, came out of the Giants' bullpen to work around Rizzuto's infield single in the seventh.

After dousing Raschi's fire in the seventh, Sain started a conflagration of his own with two outs in the eighth. The 34-year-old right-hander, who had set down the first five Giants he faced, walked Thompson, allowed a single to Wes Westrum, and walked Mays.

The tying run was on base and the go-ahead run at the plate with two outs. Ray Noble, a powerful Negro National League veteran who had joined the Giants in 1951 at age 32 and contributed five home runs as a backup catcher and pinch-hitter, batted for Hearn. But Sain struck out Noble looking on an 0-and-2 pitch to strand three. Jansen came on in the eighth and allowed the last hit of DiMaggio's career, a double, to start the inning. But the Yankees went down quickly after that, with Jansen throwing to third on McDougald's sacrifice attempt to erase DiMaggio, Joe Collins flying out, and Noble gunning down McDougald attempting to steal second.

Dotson's Other Note: The Yankees were just three outs from a third consecutive championship, but Sain was fading. Stanky, Dark (a bunt), and Lockman singled to start the ninth. For the second inning in a row, the Giants had loaded the bases, this time with none out.

TO BE CONTINUED



By Andy Purvis

A Moment Alone

There he stood, waiting for his flight. It was Monday morning after the 1991 NBA All-Star Game recently played in Charlotte, North Carolina. My brother Cliff and I had been the guests of Miller Brewing Company. We first toured the Roger Penske Racing facility, where they built their Indy cars and NASCARs. Rusty Wallace's major sponsor was Miller Brewing. Then we attended the NBA Jam which included the Three-Point Shoot Out contest, the Slam Dunk contest and the Legends Game.

On Sunday, the West beat the East and Charles Barkley was chosen MVP of the NBA All-Star Game. On Monday, I flew from Charlotte to Atlanta to change planes for my trip home to Corpus Christi. The fellow standing there was Bart Starr.

Thanks for asking

I approached him with caution out of respect. I was excited. When I stuck out my hand to shake his, I noticed my hand was shaking. After introducing myself, I told him how sorry I was to hear about his son Bret who had recently passed away from a cocaine addiction. Although I imagine it was hurtful to talk about, I could not have said anything better. Sometimes God puts words in our mouth for others. Starr perked up like a Roman candle. He thanked me for my thoughts and told me that he and his wife Cherry were finding it difficult to deal with his loss. We spent about ten minutes talking about family, the real estate business, restaurant business, and traveling. Then his plane began boarding. We said our good-byes. It wasn't until after he had left that I realized that neither of us had mentioned the Green Bay Packers or NFL football. We had exchanged business cards and wished each other a great flight. About three weeks later I received a color lithograph rolled up inside a container. It said it was from Bart Starr. When I opened the container I pulled out a beautiful 36 X 24 inch picture of Starr in uniform. It was autographed with his name in black ink. Interestingly, something told me to turn the photo over and on the back, Starr had written, "Dear Andy, Thanks for asking." Bart Starr was thanking me for asking about his son. It still gives me chills to look at that picture. It was the first and last time I ever met Bart Starr.

Generous to the end

There is no doubt that life rarely offered him an easy path. Starr was one tough son of a gun. He suffered a stroke in 2012 while giving a speech in Madison, Wisconsin. In 2014, a heart attack followed with multiple seizures. Bart underwent stem cell treatment in 2015 and got some better in 2016. He returned to Green Bay only a couple of times, in November of 2015 when

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ported but did not specify whether a single victim was bitten four times or four people were bitten separately.

The city notice reminds "hospitals, clinics, providers, and emergency care facilities to notify Corpus Christi Animal Care Services (ACS) of animal bites or scratches capable of transmitting rabies (per Texas Health & Safety Code 826.041). ACS will conduct an animal bite investigation for disease exposure and risk assessments."

All of the bites occurred on the private land which is posted against trespassing, however, it is a frequent fishing spot for anglers looking for access to Lake Padre. We will have regular updates as the story develops on our Facebook page theisland-moonnewspaper.



Bart Starr

Bret Favre's #4 was retired and in October of 2017 for the Packers' 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Championship season. Bart Starr threw his last pass in life on May 26, 2019. He was 85 and died from a stroke he had suffered earlier. He was living in Birmingham, Alabama, with Cherry, his wife of more than sixty-five years. He is also survived by a son, Bart Starr Jr., and three granddaughters. Their youngest son, Bret, who is mentioned above, died of cocaine overdose in 1988 at the age of 24. Generous until the end, in 1965, Bart and Cherry started the Rawhide Boys' Ranch in New London, Wisconsin. This facility still helps at-risk and troubled youth in the state of Wisconsin.

Broke the Cowboys' heart

Starr will always be remembered for his part in the "Ice Bowl" played at Lambeau Field against the Dallas Cowboys on the final day of 1967. This game would crown the NFL Champion. With Green Bay trailing 17-14 in the frigid cold, Starr comes to the sidelines to speak with Lombardi. It was third and goal at the Dallas two-foot line. Starr suggests he keep the ball and run it himself. Lombardi answers, "Then do it, and let's get the hell out of here." With 16 seconds left in the game, Starr scores behind guard Jerry Kramer's and center Ken Bowman's block, and the Packers won 21-17. It was the stuff legends are made from. It's funny, Starr had always wanted to be the best but never quite felt he was one of the best. There is one thing for sure, he was a better man than he was a quarterback, but still received unconditional love from fans and friends alike. The game of football was better for having Bart Starr under center. He would be happy with that.

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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner



Well, since the weather is what it is this week, and I’ve been having to do some informal consultation with a local project, I think I’ll take you along with me on a small segment of what I do for a living. You loyal readers know that I can’t write all the salacious details of Island projects because they’re typically not ready for public dissemination while we’re developing them; I have to leave those for Dale and the other news outlets. But maybe I can impart some useful information if you like butterflies. Wait what?

Yes, butterflies, specifically the Monarch butterfly. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has published public notice in the federal register that they intend to take public comment and proceed with listing the monarch butterfly as being endangered. When a species so iconic as the monarch butterfly gets listed, then we all need to take stock of what’s going on because there’s something wrong.

So why do you have to consult with the US-FWS on monarch butterflies? Well let me tell you. When someone does a project that involves an Army Corps of Engineers (US-ACE) permit due to wetland impacts, then that opens the door to USFWS, TPWD, and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS – and don’t get me started with that, I’m having to do informal consultation with NMFS on Giant manta rays in the bay. Yes, manta rays – that’s another story.)

So, as you go through the permitting process, consultants are required to prove that the proposed project won’t affect the listed species in the area. This delves into the status, habitat, range, distribution in Texas, presence in the action area, and effects. Effects range from no effect to not likely to adversely affect to may affect. Bureaucratic red tape for the most part, but that’s why you hire a consultant, to navigate that process. Yes, I push a lot of paperwork. Adulting sucks.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife website has lots of great tools regarding monarch butterflies (and other pollinators). There are life cycle FAQ’s, links to migration maps, how to be a citizen scientist on reporting monarch and larva sightings, and most importantly, a milkweed identification guide for Texas. Monarchs are losing habitat at a high rate of speed due to agricultural practices, and of course development of open prairie habitat due to urban sprawl, which is occurring around us.

So how do we help? The best way is to plant what’s known as a monarch waystation. This can be a few milkweed plants among your other flowers, or a good group

of at least 10 milkweed plants. There are lots of sources for natives, and most other varieties carried in the box stores will work. There is a chance that some milkweeds will live through the winter, which increases their odds of harboring a parasite that affects monarchs, but simply cut the plant back in the wintertime and it will spring new from the root ball and be ready for the monarchs when they come back through.

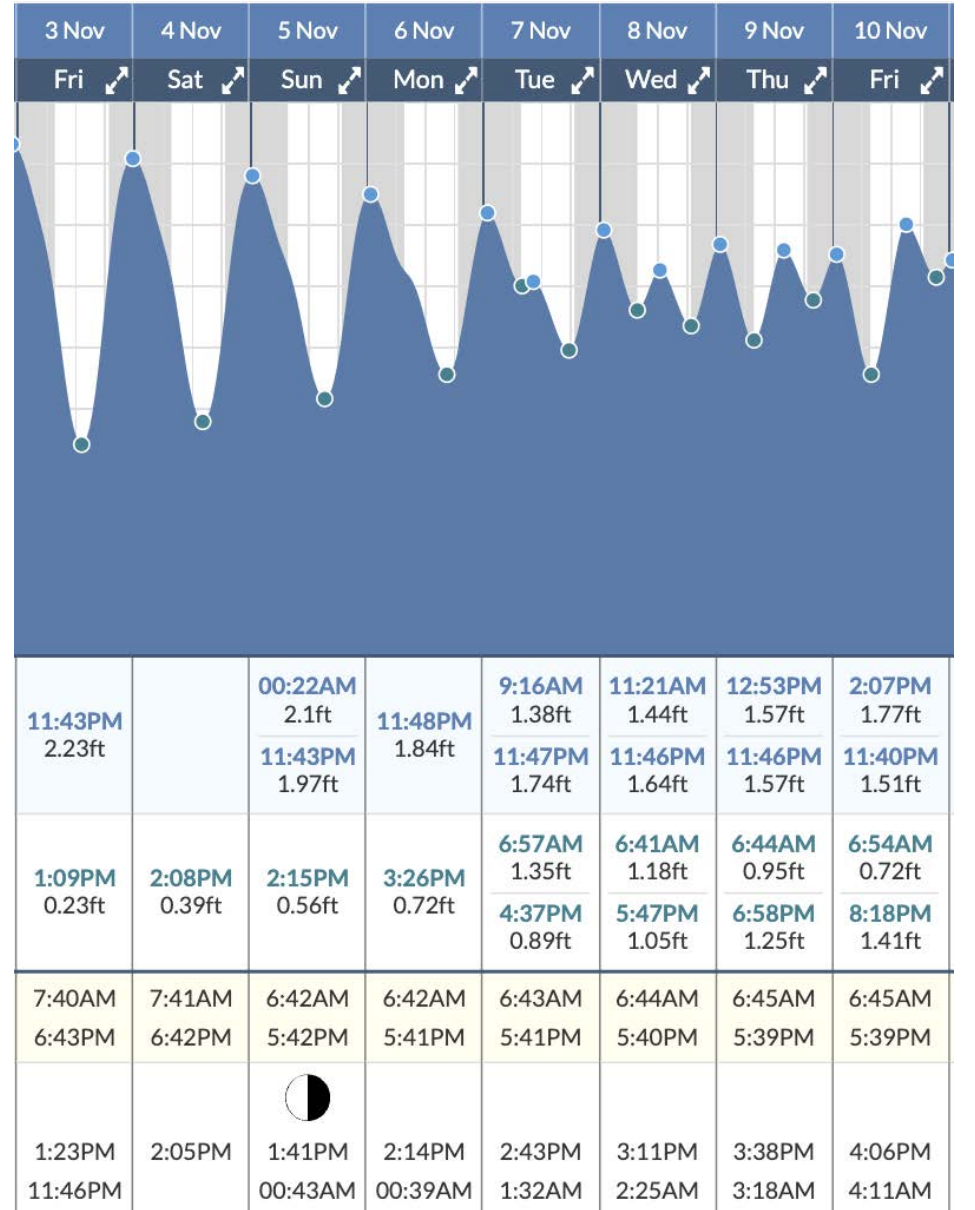
Milkweed is also a great candidate for a rain garden. If you’re not sure what a rain garden is, do a little research on the interwebs. Basically, a rain garden is placing a rain barrel (available from the city for \$47) under one of your gutter downspouts and collecting rainwater and the daily condensation that comes off your roof during high humidities. You then hook up a drip irrigation system (or a soaker hose will work) and place it into a slightly raised bed full of soil and plants. This takes a lot of maintenance out of the equation and provides some great habitat. One of the best examples of a rain garden that I’ve seen on the Island recently is the one on the north side of the Seashore Middle School Academy facing Hardknocks. Go check it out, it is a textbook rain garden full of beautiful milkweed, lantana, and esperanza. Good stuff!

Next Tuesday is the Joint Constitutional Election on the 7th, so we have postponed the Island Strategic Action Committee meeting until the following MONDAY, November 13th at the Seashore Middle School. We should be getting some good updates on Island projects then. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and we’ll see you here next week On the Rocks.



Island Rain Garden

Tides of the Week



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah’s Fishing Adventures



Stringers of fish this fall as everything falls into deep water!

We have been talking about it since it was over 100 degrees, winter is finally knocking at our door. November and the first few weeks of December are my favorite times of year fishing the Lagoon and Baffin Bay. Thermal fluctuation puts gamefish on predictable patterns and the draw of the Wild sends most outdoorsmen to the deer lease. This is the time of year when you are free to roam the bay without other boats and boundaries. Gamefish are hungry with a zest for hunting and building their bodies up for the coldest of months ahead. As anglers we can easily pick the prettiest days to venture out in the water, but often those are well past and before the changes that trigger the heaviest feedings, especially by the most mature gamefish.

Staying on the numbers this time of year is a lot of fun, with an amazing amount of action. When fish and bait fall together in slightly deeper water with a drop in temperature, it can be like fish in a barrel. Some of the last days this year we have caught over 60-80 fish were along some of the deep rocks in Baffin Bay. These rock piles gather life of all kinds and when the winds are slack the deeper water can hide your boat noise and allow you to catch as many trout as you can stand. In heavy rocks use a soft plastic under a cork with a deep drop, or live shrimp. With the shrimp expect to catch some black drum as well. Many times I’m catching my best fish off of the rocks on the gravelly sand. Slow drifts and using my RAPTER SHALLOW WATER ANCHORS, and always watching my HUMMBIRD SIDE SCAN for schools of bait and gamefish holding in groups. This is the time of year that Quality Electronics can really pay off. In 3-5’ of water I can cruise a grass line, Shoreline, or Rock piles and actually see and identify groups of reds, trout, drum and see flounder beds. As fish fall deeper into water 5’ or more the side scan paired with down imaging I can really tell what level they are on and species.

Soft plastics can be the most efficient way to fish during the fall and winter months. Being mobile and able to adapt your technique and presentation to each situation and level of the lunar feeding time is very important. When

fish are cold and slow we scrape our baits along the bottom, strikes feel like you are hanging the bottom. As they warm up and become active we may lighten our jig heads and suspend our lures or tickle them as they fall in the mid column. As their feeding ignites the sound of the baits slapping the water at the end of your cast brings them to the surface quickly and we get hits as the baits are falling. Using a variety of jig head weights is important. MY STAND BYE IS THE DOA LURES SHORT SHANKED JIG HEAD, ALL OF MY FISH ARE CAUGHT USING THESE HEADS. Quality hooks and lifelike lead head that has big reflective eyes makes all the difference in the world. Right now my best three baits are the DOA 3” Call Shad in natural colors with a chartreuse tail, perfect small baitfish sized lure. Pin perch are a main food source right now in 2-4ft of water along mixed sand and grass. The DOA 5.5” Jerk Shad with a light 1/16-1/8 ounce jig head is what I’m using when they want something holding mid water column or in muddy bottoms. This lure dances like a wounded darting ballyhoo, or a swimming sand eel, all with a few flicks of the wrist. My DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL IS THE ALL DAY EVERYDAY MAGIC BAIT. The last few days key lime pie has continued to be hot but the winter favorite Purple Rain is catching up with the drop of water temperatures. The fishing along the PACKERY Channel has been very good with lots of trout on lures, and schools of redfish with live finger mullet. This is the time of year you take those small time breaks and walk the beach, grab a rod and make some casts. If you don’t have a bunch of time go out for two fish for dinner, if you are ready for a FALL ADVENTURE GIVE ME A CALL I HAVE A FEW SCATTERED DAYS READY FOR YOU!

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Nature Notes

Bald Eagles on the Upper Texas Coast

By Celeste Silling



Bald Eagle flying overhead

Photo by Mike Williams

A few weeks ago, I saw a Bald Eagle in Brazoria County. It was flying over Highway 288 as I was driving North by Angleton. I saw it out the windshield, did a double take, then had to actively force myself to keep driving straight and not go looking for it. It was exciting! I had seen these beautiful birds before, but they are relatively uncommon on the Upper Texas Coast, making it all the more exciting.

In 1963, there were less than 500 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the continental U.S. In 1978, Bald Eagles were listed as an endangered species throughout the lower 48 states. This was largely due to DDT, a pesticide that was broadly used in the 50's and 60's. The pesticide washed into waterways, where it was absorbed by fish. When the eagles ate the fish, they ingested the poison. Eagles who consumed too much DDT-laced fish were unable to lay strong eggs, so when they nestled down to incubate their eggs, the shells would crack, and the brood would be lost.

Thankfully, in 1972, the dangers of DDT became well known after Rachel Carson published her book "Silent Spring," which documented the harm being done by these pesticides. DDT was banned shortly after, and the eagle population, with the help of conservation-minded humans, was able to spring back. This took captive breeding, protection by law enforcement, studies by researchers, and much more. Looking back, the rejuvenation of the Bald Eagle population is a truly spectacular conservation story!

By 2007, there were at least 9,789 nesting

pairs of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states.

Today, they are no longer listed as threatened or endangered, which is a relief! Bald Eagles can be found in Texas year-round, and a few of them even nest in our area. Some of them are only present here in the winter, as they've flown south from their breeding grounds to warmer climates.

If you're trying to see a bald eagle, look for area with lots of fish. Eagles will hunt in swamps, lakes, bayous, and in coastal areas. Around here, Armand Bayou Nature Center and Brazos Bend State Park are probably your best bets. Both have had Eagles spotted on their grounds recently. Even so, there's no guarantee you'll see a Bald Eagle if you go to these places. Nesting Bald Eagles are even harder to find. Breeding populations occur in East Texas and in coastal counties from Rockport to Houston. There are only about 150 nesting pairs in the state of Texas and they have spread out to their own territories. These nests are enormous, so they're hard to miss or mistake for anything else. They're about eight feet wide and woven into tree branches.

If you're looking for more specific information about Bald Eagle sightings, try eBird. It's a website and phone app made by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and it's free to use. You can get up-to-the-minute reports of bird sightings in your area, and can even search by species. It's probably the most reliable way to find a Bald Eagle on the Upper Texas Coast.

May's cont. from A1

Nueces County Commissioners Court with its own state charter. The parks board owns the pier and is the landlord, however, the board's budget is controlled by Nueces County Commissioners.

Troy Adler, Chairman of the Nueces County Parks Board, said this week that with the income from the restaurant the board was able to fund park operations for the two years prior to Hurricane Hanna shutting the restaurant down, but keeping the concession contract in place with the schedule for rebuilding the pier yet to be determined by county commissioners was unworkable. "It is going to be another three years at least until the pier is rebuilt," Adler said this week. "Until then there is not going to be anywhere to put a restaurant and it just didn't make sense to keep the concessionaire hanging."

The move by the parks board comes on the heels of a 3-2 vote by Nueces County Commissioners to reallocate the \$3 million set aside to build the restaurant structure at the pier to cover budget shortfalls in the county's General Fund. County commissioners instructed the pier's designers to determine how much it will cost to reinforce the foundation of the planned pedestrian area between the new pier and the existing restaurant building, the only remaining piece of the old pier left standing, so that a restaurant structure could be added later. Mendoza, who is in the process of opening a new restaurant in the old German Bakery building on SPID, said she sent two proposals to county officials prior to the vote to terminate the contract. One would have

reallocated \$4 million currently planned to be used to renovate Briscoe King Pavilion to be used for rebuilding and expanding the restaurant space. That move would have required a vote by the Tax Increment Refinance Zone #2 Board of Directors and needed the support of county officials.

The second proposal would have placed a food truck in the existing building once the new pier is complete, however, county officials said that plan was not possible due to operational obstacles. The current plan calls for the existing building which was built separately in 2012 to be incorporated into the new pier design by removing the garage doors and using it as an observation deck. The cost of the new pier is currently estimated at \$21,739,650 however, the set cost will not be known until plans are complete and can go out for bids. In 2021 there was \$30 million budgeted for reconstruction of the pier which was to include an expansion of restaurant space from the previous 5000 square feet to 10,000 square feet. Currently just under \$5 million has been spent on redesign and engineering of the new pier. No timeline has been established for the project to rebuild the pier to go to bids or for construction to begin.

"I want to thank everyone who has helped us over the years to make Mikel May's a success," Mendoza said. "I hoped that we would reopen when the pier was finished, but I want thank Islanders who have been supportive of us since 2013 and we look forward to working with the county in the future."



Going Native

The Fern Spike

By Ed Proffitt



Ferns on lava

I'm sure most of you know that dinosaurs, except for some species in the process of evolving into birds, went extinct following the earth being hit by a huge asteroid about 65 million years ago (MYA). For those of you not knowing that...shame on you for not watching Jurassic Park more closely! In fact, about three-quarters of all species alive on earth at that time went extinct along with the more notable movie star dinos. This week a paper came out in the journal Nature that has made the news because paleontologists think they've figured out more details about the sequence of post-strike events that caused the massive mortality. This is about much more than the massive shock wave, tsunami(s), and intense fires sparked in our part of the world when the asteroid crashed into the ocean just off the Yucatan. Indeed, the greater problem for life, even on the other side of the planet, was all the massive dust and chemicals thrown into the atmosphere that blocked much of the sunlight and produced acid rain. This resulted in a global loss of plant photosynthesis, leading to widespread plant death and thus disruptions of nearly every food web on earth since virtually all of these depend on plants as their basis. The new data published this week suggest that the exceptionally reduced photosynthetic activity lasted about two years....that's a long time to go without a meal. Maybe I could even fit into my old army uniform! But a "long winter" with temperatures 10-15 deg. C colder than usual lasted for at least 15 years.

Recovery in the ocean was likely first based on phytoplankton, floating minute plant-like algae, that over geologic history has accounted for much of the oxygen in the earth's atmosphere. On land, though, it looks like the early widespread recovery of plant life that would form the basis of new food webs was in what's sometimes called the "fern spike." When scientists look at the fossil record above the iridium layer (that was formed by materials deposited from the disintegrating asteroid), they find an overabundance of fern spore fossils. So,

clearly, some species of ferns were hardy enough to withstand the conditions that they faced for many years and support the surviving fauna. Some higher plants almost certainly survived as well, but their numbers were far, far fewer compared to the ferns.

You've probably wondered what scientists do next to try to confirm these theories about ferns surviving the harsh conditions. Oh, some on....sure you've wondered! Anyway, they like to perform an experiment to see if current day ferns, and some flowering plants and conifers, can survive the environmental conditions that they encountered following the asteroid destruction. Dr. Emily Sassa of the University of Florida, and here colleagues, are conducting an experiment in a greenhouse. They've grown ferns and taken measurements of spore production (when, how many, etc). Now, they're going to simulate as far as is possible what these plants would experience if an asteroid hit....since they were unable to get NASA to nudge a real one this way...ha, ha. The greenhouse will be covered to provide the kind of light environment that the plants would have experienced 65 MYA, they'll also reduce the temperature to that similar to the natural environment after the asteroid, and they'll have a greenhouse technician who's job it'll be to mist the plants with a solution of sulfuric acid mimicking acid rain. Don't try that last at home with your native plants. Our droughts are bad enough without adding acid.

So, there you have it. Mass extinctions like the asteroid strike and possibly the one going on now because of human population expansion and development, can obviously disrupt food webs and pollination processes. Even minor extinction events will do so on some scales that might affect environmental services offered by the natural environment to us humans. A good reason to keep Going Native and promoting more natural species and where possible habitat simulating the wild to some degree.

Turtles cont. from A1



clams.

Females leave the water to nest on the beaches from Bolivar Peninsula all of the way to Vera Cruz, Mexico. Most sea turtle species consider nesting to be a solitary activity done at night. The Kemp's Ridley, however, nests during the day, sometimes in large gatherings called "arribadas" or "arribazones."

During nesting, females use their flippers to dig a hole in the sand in which they will lay as many as 100 eggs. The hatchlings will emerge after approximately two months, using a temporary tooth called a caruncle to break open their eggshells. Weighing just as much as an empty soda can, the darkly colored hatchlings make a run for the water as soon as they're out of their shells. The females will, with any luck, one day return to nest on the same beach they were born. Unfortunately, the Kemp's Ridley is one of the most endangered sea turtles in the world. They are currently listed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Marine debris is a common hazard for sea turtles as they can get entangled in fishing line, ingest lures, or mistake floating grocery bags for tasty

jellyfish. They also face predation from off-leash dogs, raccoons, crabs, and even humans, who will often consume the eggs as a delicacy. The turtles are at risk due to other human activities as well, including boat strikes and eggs and hatchlings getting crushed. Perhaps their largest threat is accidental capture by fishing and shrimping nets.

One of the biggest ways everyone can help Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles is by picking up any trash that they see at the beach and practicing the four R's of trash reduction: reduce, reuse, repurpose, and recycle. Keeping debris out of the ocean is an important way we can help conserve the Kemp's Ridley and other sea life! Looking for a turtley awesome adventure? Bring your friends and family to Seaside Safari November 4th from 9am to 12 pm! This is a free event hosted by SPLASH at the Texas City Dike. There will be education booths from Texas Marine Stranding Network, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Black Cat GIS, and the Houston Zoo! Come clean the beach with us to help protect wildlife like the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle while you learn!



Business Briefs

By Mary Craft
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Urban Air the indoor adventure park is offering free admission to First Responders on Friday, November 10th 5 - 8 pm. I could not get any other info as to an opening date. There is no one to reach by phone and if you try to book a party reservation it doesn't list Corpus Christi as a park site. They started the hiring process in August and had a job fair at a local hotel on October 7th. It is located at 4701 S. Staples where the Get Air Trampoline Park was.

The Marker 37 Fishing Pier canopies are now available to rent for \$250/month which includes fishing for up to 15 people and concierge service where food and drinks are delivered to you. The pier has not been available for fishing so this is huge. Call 949-4750 to reserve your spot.

Singer/songwriter Roger Creager was on the Island for a fundraiser and made a surprise appearance at The Salty Dolphin on Sunday night and sang several songs. He raved about his dinner at Snoopy's Pearl Oyster Bar and said it changed a lot since he last visited Snoopy's. His uber driver Islander Kristalyn Pressley let him know the new addition has just been open about a year. The tour bus was parked on Windward Drive where she picked them up. Roger is from Corpus Christi and went to Tulo-so-Midway schools.



La Posada Boat Parade viewing tickets at Marker 37 Marina are now available for Friday, December 8th 5 - 8 pm. VIP tickets are \$25 to view from the long pier. For other areas of the marina adults are \$15, children age 4 - 12 are \$10 and kids 3 and under are free. You will need to pick up wristbands before the event because you will not be allowed in the parking lot without it.

For reservations and details call 949-4750.

The **Texas Transportation Department** awarded \$13 million to connect Flour Bluff Drive to the Holly hike & bike trails via the old railroad trestle across Oso Bay.

Padre Island Market Christmas Sip & Shop will be inside the Briscoe Pavilion on Thursday, November 2nd 4 - 8 pm. Wine tasting with Rusty Hook Winery will be provided to enjoy while you shop. There will also be food trucks.

Hendrix Honey Holiday Pop-up. Boutique will have a Sip & Shop at Island Gatherings on Compass Tuesday & Wednesday November 7-8 11am - 9 pm. Shop for vintage and designer finds for this holiday season. Teryn Morris will be serving wine and crafted cocktails. You can check out her clothes online at her instagram account @hendrix_and_honey.



Cane Harbor Boulevard on Lake Padre is now literally a gated community which was what it was originally developed as in 1985 with a manned security building.



Island Moon Radio is on every Thursday 7 - 9 am at 94.7 FM

You can listen to the podcast any time until 6 am Friday. Just go to the menu on the radio web site.

Griefshare - Surviving the Holiday is a two hour support seminar for those grieving a loss. It will be held at Padre Island Baptist Church next to Wahtaburger on Thursday, November 16th 9:30 - 11:30 am and Thursday, December 14th 6:30 - 8:30 pm. To register go to griefshare.org/holidays. The fee is \$10.

Disney on Ice: Find Your Hero will be at the American Bank Center Thursday, November 2nd until Sunday.



There is a fishing cabin at Shamrock Cove on a private island with a pier for sale. The owner Kyle Jackson has moved to Dallas. The price has been reduced to \$135,000. Call Kyle at 960-0345.



Hardknocks Kids Menu has some great entrees. sides and dessert plus you can color characters, play tic tac toe and solve a maze. Beef sliders, mini corn dogs, grilled cheese and chicken strip with a side of mac-n-cheese, fries, mashed potatoes or side salad is \$7. The meal includes the beverage of milk, lemonade, soda or tea.

The Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree Silent Auction for Timon's Ministries will be held at Doc's Waterline on Thursday, November 30th 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. Drink vouchers and finger food will be provided.

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) Book Sale will be at Neyland Library on 1230 Carmel Pkwy Thursday, November 16th - Saturday the 18th. There will be a variety of used books including large print, vintage/antique, children's, fiction and non-fiction. For more info contact Kristin Conlan 548-0282.

The Angry Marlin pond has many happy turtles. Restaurant owner Glenn makes sure that the maintenance of the pond is kept up and that the turtles are fed. He has had customers drop off turtles. My grandkids each had a baggie of lettuce that they enjoyed feeding them. Also it's nice to be able to have the kiddos eat outdoors. For adults there's the outdoor tiki bar and live music on weekends.



Island Timeline

At Bob Hall Pier, shark fishermen paid surfers or the surfers themselves would fish and take the bait out. They would throw the surfboard out at the end of the pier and jump next to it and hop aboard with the bait to paddle out.



Photo courtesy of the Caller Times

Halloween Goes to the Dogs!

The first annual Riley P Dog Park Halloween costume contest was held on Monday, October 30th. The wind was howling but the dogs didn't mind. The Scuba diver dog won first place in the large dog category and the ladybug won first place in the small dog category. Photos by Dale Rankin



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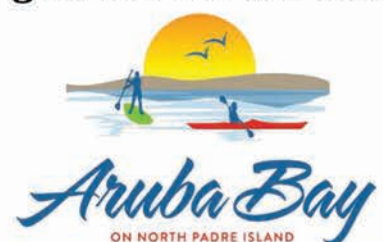
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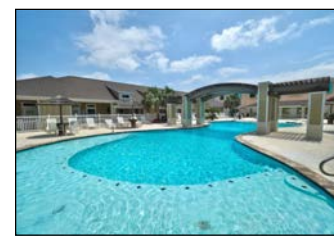
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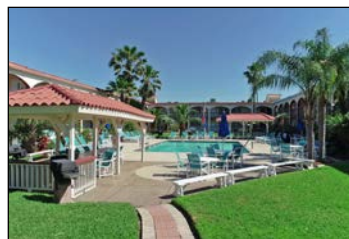
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Moon travels to Ice Cave!

After climbing a glacier, and entering this cave, Robert and Daneille Illgen took this picture with the Island Moon.

"Iceland is an incredibly beautiful country, recommend to all. Although this cave was adventure to enter," Robert said. "Thanks to Dr. Thompson and his staff that two bionic knees in less than a year were able to make it!"



Padre Island Parrot Heads at the Meeting of the Minds Jimmy Buffett event in Gulf Shores, Alabama



Mark Horstmann went to the Bahamas and forgot to take along the Moon but sent these photos.

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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Recently I awoke in a funk. I struggled to get into my morning routine. My soul seemed disemboweled from my body. I was paralyzed in melancholy. It wasn't until I noticed the date that my muddle was revealed for what it was. Grief. It was the anniversary of my father's death.

Grief is like that. We think we have put it behind us as we try to move on, but then bam. It hits us upside the head and sends us into a tailspin. It has been thirteen years since my father died. Yet, on this particular morning, it was as real as it was then.

Grief is like that. It does not proceed in a linear fashion, despite our insistence for it to do so. It's more like a circular experience. We just hope that the circle moves forward in some messy form. Grief is our traveling companion. Sadness, acceptance, anger, understanding, forgiveness, rebuilding, these and more interact in our minds and souls in less than perfect or predictable ways. Grief is complicated, and there is no right way to go through it. It is seldom neat and orderly.

I miss my father. There are so many times I have wanted to call him and seek his wisdom and receive his encouragement and love. Life is complicated. There are other times I want to ask why he didn't stop smoking. Several great grandchildren have been born since his death. Grief is like this.

I boarded an airplane in Seattle thirteen years ago with a heavy heart, feeling sorry for myself. I knew I had seen my father alive for the last time. I had spent a week caring for him in his final days, giving my mother some respite. Grief was already starting its work.

On the airplane next to me, there was a young woman on her way to Phoenix. She was going to meet her fiancé. She was to

be married and start a new chapter of her life. She was hopeful, excited, even giddy. Her joy and anticipation were overflowing. I thought back to the days before my wedding.

On the other side of me was a young mom with a crying baby. As a seasoned father and grandfather, I did my best to calm the child without being intrusive. The mom said she had forgotten the baby's formula. She was on the phone with her husband in tears, feeling like a failure. A resourceful flight attendant was able to solve the formula issue. I reassured the mom she was not a failure. Parenting is always imperfect and challenging. I know that too well!

As she calmed down, the baby calmed down, which was good for all of us sitting next to the baby for next couple of hours! It was going to be okay, for the baby, for mom, and for me.

Those three aisle mates reminded my grieving soul that it was going to be okay. There would come comfort, forgiveness, acceptance, and renewal. Joy, hope, and love remained. Grief is like that. In the midst of our tears and funks, there will be a tomorrow. It will be okay.

Speaking of grief and death, joy and hope, a bunch of humans who know these things well gather each Sunday to worship in community at Island Presbyterian Church. There is always room at the table for you! Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m., 14030 Fortune Bay Drive, or on our Facebook page.

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Texas Deer Population Forecasted to Rebound from Drought Conditions

South Texas brush country deer population expected to rise



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists expect deer hunters statewide to have plenty of opportunities to fill freezers this season thanks to widespread, improved habitat conditions with the deer population in South Texas expected to be above average. The South Texas Plains are known for mature bucks and above average antler quality relative to most other areas in the state. Harvest is expected to be up for 2023 with average to above average antler quality.

Despite drought conditions in 2022 impacting the number of fawns surviving their first six months, the deer population has remained steady in South Texas. Many hunters passed on harvesting trophy bucks last season in hopes for improved habitat conditions in 2023. Biologists expect the two-and-a-half-year-old to five-and-a-half-year-old age classes to be abundant and offer plenty of opportunities to see mature bucks.

"Overall, the 2023-24 deer hunting season is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don't let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fellow hunters pass you by," said TPWD White-tailed Deer Program Leader Blaise Korzekwa. "Texas has one of the longest deer seasons in the nation, so take some time this fall and winter and enjoy one of the best deer herds in the country, right here in your home state."

Much of the state received drought-quenching rain in the spring, which allowed for excellent habitat growth during the initial part of the growing season. Spring forb (weeds and flowering plants) production, which is a critical component of a deer's diet coming out of winter, was abundant and offered essential nutrients to growing bucks,

lactating does and new fawns. Additionally, the improved habitat conditions earlier this year helped keep fawns healthy enough to survive their first six months (also known as fawn recruitment).

The few areas of the state that missed the spring rainfall should expect average antler quality, which is still expected to exceed expectations from the 2022 season. Additionally, reduced harvest numbers last season should pay off this year, those bucks had a chance to reach older age classes and benefit from the spring bounty.

Landowners and hunters play a critical role in managing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Before heading to the field, hunters are reminded that several new CWD zones are in place for the 2023-24 season. New carcass movement restrictions are also in place this license year, so Texas hunters harvesting deer, elk, moose and other susceptible species in CWD-positive states must comply with carcass movement restrictions when bringing harvested animals back home.

The most effective way to help slow the spread of CWD is by reporting sick deer, properly disposing of inedible carcass parts and voluntarily testing harvests. More information about zone boundaries and requirements, and check station dates and hours of operations can be found on TPWD's website.

Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must have an Annual Public Hunting Permit. It's also important for public land hunters to consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.



NEWS from the PIPOA

By Drew Diggins

The next Padre Isles Property Owners Association board meeting will be held at the Wyndham Corpus Christi Resort, 15202 Windward Drive, on November 28, 2023 at 5:30 PM. The next ACC meeting will be held at the PIPOA office on December 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Bulkhead Repairs
The Alchemist Group, LLC, is continuing bulkhead repairs at Hawksnest Bay Drive. They are pouring the bulkhead cap and installing the last thirty feet of bulkhead this week. The contractor expects to complete the project in approximately ten days. The PIPOA took delivery of 270 feet of Truline bulkhead material and 5000 ft of fiber rod to place into inventory. This will allow repairs on any future failure to be addressed in a timely manner. We are seeking bids from local contractors to install the Truline product for future projects. The monthly Bulkhead and Repair Status Reports are posted to the PIPOA community website at www.padreislespoa.net. If you have any information regarding failure of a bulkhead in the PIPOA (or a report that was not previously addressed), please contact the Association as soon as possible. Diamond Beach Holdings, LLC
Several weeks ago, Diamond Beach Holdings, LLC, solicited signatures in

some of the PIPOA subdivisions to acquire 51% of the subdivision members in order to effectively withdraw the DBH owned properties from the PIPOA. The PIPOA continues to work with Diamond Beach Holdings to clarify the specific properties DBH is claiming.

Short-

term Rentals
The PIPOA contains 32 individual subdivisions each with its own set of protective covenants and none of which addresses short-term rentals. The PIPOA has received several requests for information on how to amend the protective covenants to exclude or prohibit short-term rentals. This can be done with a 51% vote of individual subdivision members. The amendment would need to provide a mechanism for members to enforce the provision through the PIPOA. The PIPOA will leave it to the individual subdivisions to decide whether they will approve such an amendment. However, since the PIPOA will be responsible to administer and enforce any amendment, the PIPOA will prepare uniform language for the individual subdivisions to consider for adoption. The PIPOA hopes to have the proposed language available to members within the next week.

PIPOA Board seats up for Election

Registration period November 1 – December 14

In March of 2024, three Board of Directors seats for the Padre Isles Property Owners Association are up for election. The seats are currently held by Drew Diggins, Ray Singleton and David Rossi, respectively.

For Padre Isles POA owners wanting to run for the Board, the registration period will open on Wednesday, November 1 through Thursday, December 14. Per the Bylaws, Board Members must be at least 18 years old and be members of the Association (own property in the PIPOA).

Association members interested in running for election are asked to please send a notice and a brief resume, along with a picture, to the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich at 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. Candidates are asked to limit content and photo to one page.

By submitting a resume, all Candidates agree to allow the PIPOA to publish the Candidate-submitted resume in a newsletter; and allow the resume to be placed on the PIPOA's Facebook page and on the PIPOA's website. The PIPOA will not proofread resumes for grammar, spelling or punctuation prior to publication but may edit, at its discretion, the submittal to one page.

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

Texas Oyster Season Open

The Texas commercial and recreational public oyster harvest season opened November 1 and runs through April 30, 2024. In an effort to protect and restore oyster reefs showing signs of environmental stress, many shellfish harvest areas will be closed to fishing at the beginning of this season. The areas that are open have a relatively high abundance of legal-sized oysters; TPWD chose these locations in an attempt to distribute the commercial oyster fleet over more areas. Some shellfish harvest areas that do not meet previously stated metrics for populations of legal-sized oysters will remain open and be closely monitored. "We had hoped for better abundance numbers that would have allowed for more areas to be open," said Robin Riechers, director

of Coastal Fisheries for TPWD. "Unfortunately, conditions through the summer were not as good for oyster growth as we would have liked."

To facilitate reef recovery, TPWD will continue to sample open shellfish harvest areas and close zones that drop below recommended metrics.

In March 2022, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission directed the TPWD to form an ad hoc oyster advisory workgroup representing all stakeholders to further study oyster management strategies and issues surrounding the sustainability of oysters in our bay systems. TPWD has continued to seek input from this group when opening oyster areas.

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Knuckle-Cracker

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Mind-Numbing Frustration

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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

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Across

1. It should make you pause
6. Legendary centerfielder
10. Tap the brakes
14. Common computer font
15. Muscat's country
16. Temporary superstar
17. What you may do for laughs
19. Sanction misdeeds
20. Flop's opposite
21. The Bard's river
22. Kind of witness
24. Pave the way for
26. Whatsis
28. Gruyere coat
30. Inventor of an alcohol thermometer
34. Hunter's quarry
37. Nerd kin
39. One way to be conspicuous
40. Lamb of literature
41. Dot com letters
43. One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
44. Some oxygen sources
46. Tuscany river
47. Hightailed it
48. Tons in a Tennessee Ernie Ford song
50. Far Eastern desert
52. They create applause
54. Where to pack up your troubles
58. Climb
61. Woeful expression
63. Wine consideration
64. French Sudan, now
65. Make petty distinctions
68. Colonizer of Greenland
69. Celestial bear
70. Keeps an eye on the figures?
71. Nucha
72. It's shaped like a bell
73. Former Toyota model

Down

1. Hiding place
2. Hatch of politics
3. Mazda model
4. Slangy name for a stranger
5. Acid neutralizer
6. Magic power or spell
7. In the company of
8. Beast of burden
9. Merit a blessing?
10. "Cheer up!"
11. Occipital ____
12. Superior to
13. Unit of power
18. Requite
23. Dec. highlight
25. Overcome unfamiliarity
27. Exasperating
29. Union issue
31. Symbol of suburbia
32. More than suggest
33. Try for a part
34. Fathoms
35. Mountain range of southwest Kyrgyzstan
36. Coquette
38. Acoustic organ
42. Observe
45. Yoko's son
49. Ultimately becomes
51. Miter wearer
53. Certain condiment
55. Leaves the groom at the altar, e.g.
56. Nod in unison
57. Plasterlike preparation
58. Congregational response
59. "Two Mules for Sister ____"
60. Kind of joint
62. Mendacious one
66. Start for school
67. Eastern honorific



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Police Blotter October 23rd - 29th

JFK Causeway to SPID-Aquarius intersection

- Disturbances
14000 block SPID 11 a.m. October 26
Suspicious Person
13300 block SPID 4 p.m. October 28
14000 block SPID 9 p.m. October 27
Traffic
40 Traffic Stops
13300 block SPID 2 a.m. October 28
Crash
SPID/Aquarius 9 p.m. October 26
DWI

SPID West to Laguna Madre

- Crimes against Property
14400 block Compass St. 9 a.m. October 27
Burglary
14400 block Compass St. 4 a.m. October 27
Burglary of a Vehicle (two vehicles)
14400 block Compass St. 10 p.m. October 26
Burglary of a Vehicle
14400 block Commodores 10 p.m. October 26
Criminal Mischief \$100-\$750
14400 block Commodores 6 p.m. October 26
Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500
14400 block Commodores 6 p.m. October 26
Burglary of a Vehicle

- 14400 block Cabana East Midnight October 27
Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500/Theft from Vehicle
14500 block Cabana East 10 p.m. October 26
Criminal Mischief \$100-\$750
14500 block Cabana East 7 p.m. October 26
Burglary of a Vehicle

- 14500 block SPID 3 a.m. October 27
Theft of Services
15800 block Grenadine 9 a.m. October 27

- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
15800 block Grenadine 1 a.m. October 27
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
15800 block Punta Espada 11 a.m. October 25
Theft of Services
14200 block Natal Plum 10 p.m. October 23
Theft \$750-\$2500
Disturbances
15000 block Dasmарinas 8 p.m. October 24
Noise Ordinance Violation
14700 block Dasmарinas 3 p.m. October 23
15800 block Palmira 7 p.m. October 29
13900 block Ports O Call 1 a.m. October 25
Suspicious Person
14300 block Indigo 2 p.m. October 24
15400 block Gypsy 3 p.m. October 26
Traffic
128 Traffic Stops
14300 block SPID 6 p.m. October 29
Crash
15600 block Cruiser 4 p.m. October 28
Parking Violation

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico north to City Limits

- Crimes against Person
14900 block Whitecap Blvd. 3 p.m. October 25
Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon/
Disturbance
15200 block Windward 8 p.m. October 24
Shot Fired
Suspicious Person
14700 block Running Light 3 p.m. October 25
11300 block Gulf Beach 7 a.m. October 28
7500 block SH 361 7 p.m. October 28
7100 block Gulf Beach Noon October 28
Traffic
55 Traffic Stops
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Crash
SH 361/Beach Access Road 3
Crash

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Public Meeting
On November 13, 2023 at 6:00pm, during the Island Foundation regularly scheduled Board Meeting, we will have a Public Hearing for the purpose of giving an overview of the financial accountability rating system, known as the CHARTER FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The purpose of FIRST is to ensure that open-enrollment charter schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. Seashore Charter Schools received a rating of A-Superior.

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Crossword Solution

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Padre Island Enrichment Club: Celebrating the End of the Year with Fundraising Festivities

Nestled in the heart of Padre Island, is a dynamic force of women who gather monthly not only for camaraderie but to actively enrich the community they call home. Through a range of engaging activities, the Padre Island Enrichment Club (PIE) has become a philanthropic powerhouse, leaving a lasting impact on Padre Island.

As the year draws to a close, PIE is gearing up for its grand finale—an exciting sequence of events that celebrate community, achievements, and the joy of giving back.

November 10, 2023: Final Luncheon and Annual Meeting at HardKnocks

PIE’s calendar peaks with the final luncheon and annual meeting on Friday, November 10, 2023, hosted at HardKnocks. Sponsored by Crystal Lyon of Cabana Pantry, this event promises to be a culmination of shared experiences and achievements, setting the stage for PIE’s future endeavors. Crystal generously donates gift cards for an enticing raffle, adding an extra layer of excitement to the gathering.

November 21, 2023: Annual PIE Sale at HardKnocks Patio

Adding sweetness to the pre-Thanksgiving anticipation, PIE will host its Annual PIE Sale on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving starting at 9:00 a.m. until sold out, right on the HardKnocks Patio. The irresistible aroma of freshly baked pies will tantalize taste buds, creating a delicious atmosphere while contributing to the club’s ongoing philanthropic efforts.

December 17, 2023: 2023 Holiday Tour of Homes

December ushers in the holiday spirit, and PIE doesn’t miss a beat. The much-anticipated Holiday Tour of Homes will showcase the beautifully adorned residences of Padre Island. Tickets for this enchanting tour are available for \$25, offering residents and visitors a chance to partake in the holiday cheer while supporting the club’s charitable initiatives.

The holiday home tour and raffle are scheduled for Sunday, December 17, from 1 to 4. Tickets can be purchased at the November meeting or by contacting any board member. The \$25 ticket not only includes admission to the festively decorated homes but also a chance to win a \$250 Visa gift card. Each home will feature a collection box for personal care items for Timons Ministries, ensuring the holiday season is made special for those they serve.

As PIE prepares to wrap up the year’s activities, the club invites everyone to join them in celebrating community, philanthropy, and the joy of the holiday season. Whether indulging in delicious pies, participating in the Holiday Tour of Homes, or contributing to charitable initiatives, the Padre Island Enrichment Club stands as a beacon of warmth, generosity, and shared purpose. To learn more about becoming a member of PIE call Deborah Packer (214) 533-7492. Article by Holly Rhoades Advertising & Publicity Chair

Quail Populations Recovering, Strongest in Years

South Texas weather made for early hatches



Texas quail hunting season opened October 28, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) surveys indicate an increased number of bobwhite and scaled quail in the field thanks to a combination of cooler temperatures and spring rainfall during the start of nesting season. “Statewide, we are still far from where we would like to be and drought conditions this summer caused us to temper expectations,” said John McLaughlin, TPWD Upland Game Bird Program Leader. “But with that said, quail populations are likely in their strongest position since 2018-19 and primed to grow if winter and spring conditions are favorable again in 2024.” Despite the summer heat, bobwhite numbers exceeded expectations as birds took advantage of early season nesting opportunities. Thanks to the weather reprieve during that crucial time, TPWD biologists recorded the most promising population survey results of the last five years. “Birds were abundant and widely distributed in South Texas and the Gulf Coast Prairies, indicating that the wet-dry cycle

we experienced this year was beneficial along the coast and further inland,” said McLaughlin. Further west, the Trans-Pecos continues to be the standard bearer for scaled quail populations in Texas. Building off a good nesting season in 2022, birds picked up where they left off and quickly got to work this year. “Much like with bobwhites, a combination of cooler temperatures and spring rainfall led to reports of early hatches,” added McLaughlin. “Large broods were seen throughout the spring and into the summer. As habitat conditions improved, birds were able to take advantage and put chicks on the ground. The only speed bump for scaled quail this year was the summer heat, which settled in and enveloped much of the state through July and August.” While Texas works its way out of the current drought, the winter outlook favors an ongoing El Nino cycle, which should bring average temperatures and above-average rainfall. If conditions hold, both should equate to good hunting conditions in the near-term and favorable conditions for quail populations heading into next spring. More information about quail populations in Texas can be found on TPWD’s quail webpage. For county specific outlooks, contact a local TPWD wildlife biologist. Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must have the Annual Public Hunting Permit. It is important for public land hunters to consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.



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How to Write a Blues Song

A starter kit of do’s and don’ts for the aspiring blues singer

By Lame Mango Washington
(attributed to Memphis Earlene Gray with help from Uncle Plunky)

- Most Blues begin, “Woke up this morning.”
- “I got a good woman,” is a bad way to begin the Blues, unless you stick something nasty in the next line: “I got a good woman with the meanest dog in town.”
- The Blues are simple. After you have the first line right, repeat it. Then find something that rhymes ... sort of: “Got a good woman with the meanest dog in town. He got teeth like Margaret Thatcher and he weigh 500 pounds.”
- The Blues are not about limitless choice. They’re more about being cornered.
- Blues cars are Chevys and Cadillacs. Other acceptable Blues transportation is a Greyhound bus or a southbound train. Walkin’ plays a major part in the Blues lifestyle. So does fixin’ to die.
- Teenagers can’t sing the Blues. Adults sing the Blues. Blues adulthood means being old enough to get the electric chair if you shoot a man in Memphis.
- You can have the Blues in New York City, but not in Hamilton Ont. or Vancouver B.C. Hard times in Saskatchewan or Nova Scotia is just depression. Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City are still the best places to have the Blues.
- The following colors do not belong in the Blues:
 - violet
 - beige
 - mauve
- You can’t have the Blues in an office or a shopping mall; the lighting is wrong.
- Good places for the Blues:
 - the highway
 - the jailhouse
 - an empty bedBad places:
 - Walmart
 - gallery openings
 - weekend in Swinney Switch
- No one will believe it’s the Blues if you wear a suit, unless you happen to be an old black man.
- Do you have the right to sing the Blues?
Yes, if:
 - your first name is a southern state -- like Georgia
 - you’re blind
 - you shot a man in Memphis
 - you can’t be satisfiedNo, if:
 - you were once blind but now can see
 - you’re deaf
 - you have a trust fund
- Neither Celine Dion nor Anne Murray can sing the Blues.
- If you ask for water and Baby gives you gasoline, it’s the Blues.
Other Blues beverages are:
 - wine
 - Irish whiskey
 - muddy waterThe following are NOT Blues beverages:
 - any mixed drink
 - any wine kosher for Passover
 - Snapple (all flavors)
- If it occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it’s a Blues death. Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another Blues way to die. So is the electric chair, substance abuse, or being denied treatment in an emergency room. It is not a Blues death if you die during a liposuction treatment.
- Some Blues names for women:
 - Sadie
 - Big Mama
 - Bessie
- Some Blues names for men:
 - Joe
 - Willie
 - Little Willie
 - Big Willie
 - Lightning
- Persons with names like Sierra, Sequoia, and Rainbow will not be permitted to sing the Blues no matter how many men they shoot in Memphis.
- Other Blues names (starter kit):
 - name of physical infirmity (Blind, Cripple, Asthmatic)
 - first name (see above) plus name of fruit (Lemon, Lime, Kiwi, etc.)
 - last name of President (Jefferson, Johnson, Fillmore, etc.)
- The quickest way to get the blues is to forget to read the Moon.

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Three Chords and the Truth

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Halloween was fun... I hope.



Marshall Dillon and Miss Kitty aka Kip and Heidi at the Gaff's Haunted Garden Party last Friday.

I'll let you in on a little secret... I typically write this column on Tuesday and have it all polished up and ready for **Augs** to layout the paper by Wednesday morning, if not sooner. I tell you this because I'm betting on the come here. Speaking in real time... today is *Halloween* and the super hot **Raul Ayala Band** will be playing *Shorty's* tonight and I'm assuming it will be a big party with lots of cool costumes and a great time had by all. The plan is to write today and take lots of photos tonight and sometime in the middle of the night process all of this and make my deadline... and sleep when I'm dead. I think Raul Ayala is the perfect band for *Halloween* being that he is so animated and energetic... and photogenic. In short, I had a great time tonight and would tell you all about it but it hasn't happened yet!

On the local front...



Shiny's getting hitched this weekend.

I want to congratulate my island daughter **Cheyenne Foss** on the upcoming wedding to her man, **Kody Edwards**, this Saturday. She's a great kid and deserves the very best. I call her **Shiny** because she is. She really helped me through a dark time about five years ago and deserves everything great. Also on the local front, this Sunday is *Daylight Savings* and the day we "fall back" an hour. What that really means is, the bars get to stay open an "extra hour" on Saturday night and soon it will be dark at 5 PM. And finally on the local front, my beloved *Moon Monkey* did NOT place at last week's **WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES**. This new track is so darn fast, the racers are coming in so hot and slamming into the pillows at the finish line at such a high velocity that the racers are getting bent-up and beat-up badly. Our in-house pit boss, **Rusty Daniels**, stays in "damage control" mode most of the time now. He's really great at keeping our racers going.

Scattered shots...



And the Moon Monkey lost this one.

It turns out the weather wonks were wrong. It didn't rain and get cold until Sunday so we had a beautiful weekend of live music and pre-*Halloween* merriment. The *Gaff* had their yearly "Haunted Garden Party" on Saturday with the **Dunebillies** providing some great music. They

had a little costume contest with the newly christened *Queen of Halloween*, **Summer Miller** doing a great job as MC of the event. She's going to fit in just fine with our island population of outlandish characters. Otherwise, I caught several other great shows with **Dreaming in Color** playing *Shorty's* on Friday and **Todd Dorn and the Sea Drifters** playing there on Saturday. *Dreaming in Color* is fronted by the colorful **Debra Scott-Brown** on lead vocals and cheerleading. That gal is a ball of energy not to mention a fine vocalist. And Todd showed up with our old pals **Woodie Ray Lawson** on bass and **Oscar Rios** on drums. Todd will be back at *Shorty's* on *New Year's Eve*. Also, *Bron's* had great shows with the **BIG 8** piece party band, **Cruise Control** on Friday and the great bluesman **John Cortez** covering a last minute fill-in at *Bron's* on Saturday. Also *Treasure Island* had **Buddy Cortines of Bottles and Bandits** on Friday and the **Back Pew Revival** on Saturday. All great stuff... We're starting to see a slow-down at the shows around Port A. There is typically a slump after *Memorial Day* until *Thanksgiving* until the *Winter Texans* show up. I love this time of years... it's our time.

DO NOT MISS LIST
Coming this weekend...



The Dunebillies played the Gaff's Haunted Garden Party last Friday.

And the hits keep right coming... Coming this Friday the 3rd, we have **Justin & Niki** playing *Shorty's* on Friday and **Starlite and the Moonbeams** there on Saturday. **Brad Ethridge** will play the *Gaff* on Friday. Also on Friday the *Rockport Songwriter's Festival* will commence and run through the weekend with such stellar artists as **Michael Martin Murphey**, **Shawn Camp & Verlon Thompson**, **The Gonzo Compadres**, **Shake Russell**, **Butch Hancock**, **Susan Gibson**, **Michael O'Connor**, **Jeff Plankenhorn** and **Bob Livingston**. This fest is a tribute to one time Rockport resident **Guy Clark**. For more info on this event go to www.coastalbendmusic.com. Also the great **John Boyd** and **Passing Strangers** will play *Rockit's* downtown on Friday and the **Chainlinks** will be there on Saturday. Plus nerd-rockers, the **Spazmatics**, will play *Brewster Street Downtown* on Friday and **Pecos and the Rooftops** will play there on Saturday. And coming this Sunday the 5th, we have the *Pink Flamingo Club Crawl* leaving *Red's Riviera* at 1:00 pm and crawling to the *Salty Dog*, *Bernies*, *Shorty's* and the back to *Red's* at 5:00. There is a \$10 cart entry fee and an item of choice (pet food, kitty litter, flea med's and collars) for the *Port Aransas Animal Shelter*. The line up begins at 12:40 in the IGA's back lot. Raffle tickets will also be on sale with all proceeds going to the animal shelter. And don't forget the *VFW* has **Billy Snipes** every Tuesday now and the **Cleartones** will play there every Wednesday. Plus the irreverent house band, **Selfie** plays *Shorty's* every Thursday from 8-12. *Shorty's* (and all the outdoor venues for that matter) is at a place where they have to scale down and play the bands inside... which at *Shorty's* is about half the size of your living room at best.

On the horizon...



Todd Dorn with Woodie Lawson and Oscar Rios ... plus an unknown photo bomber, played Shorty's last Saturday night.

On the near horizon watch for shows from **Boudreaux & Pousson**, **Vallejo**, the **CBDB's**, **Lil' Wayne**, **Yella Beezy**, **Independent Thieves**, **Cory Morrow**, **Larry Joe Taylor**, **Max & Heather Stalling**, **Back in Black AC/DC Tribute**, the *Fredericksburg Balloon Festival*, **Todd Dorn** on *NYE*, **Gimme Gimme Disco**, **Adema**, **Empty Soul**, **Chris Stapleton**, **Jon Wolfe**, **Splendiferous**, **Diamond's Edge**, **Billy Snipes**, **Pat Green**, **Vomit Spots**, **Casey Donahew**, **Old 97's**, **Koffin Kats**, and **Escape From the Zoo**. Be safe out there!

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Raul Ayala with Chris Ivory on keys played Shorty's on Halloween.



Boudreaux and Pousson will bring some Cajun and Zydeco to Shorty's on Friday, Nov 10.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Friday.

November 3

Justin & Niki @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Rockport Songwriter Fest @ Charlotte Plummers tent
JonMikael Mrez @ Pelican Lounge
Spazmatics @ Brewster Downtown
Passing Strangers @ Rockit's
Raul Ayala @ House of Rock
Chainlinks @ Executive Surf Club
Reno Perez @ Vernon's
John Cortez Band @ RETRO Corpus
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Saturday.

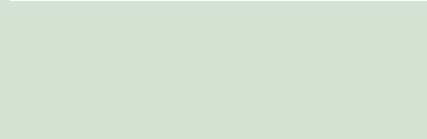
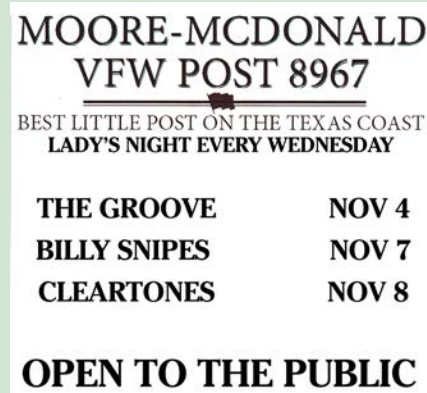
November 4

Cheyenne & Kody's wedding
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Starlite & the Moonbeams @ Shorty's
Groove @ VFW
Rockport Songwriter Fest @ Charlotte Plummers
Dunebillies @ Roosevelt's 1886 Bar
Josh Heinrichs & Skillinjah @ Packery Bar
Crosstown Expressway @ Pelican Lounge
Any Color You Like @ House of Rock
Chainlinks @ Rockit's
Raul Ayala Band @ Exchange
Pecos & the Rooftops @ Brewster Downtown
Cruise Control @ St. Joseph Festival
Reno Perez @ John Wesley's Saloon
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS.

November 5

Ty Dietz, Jim Dugan @ Shorty's
Pink Flamingo Club Crawl @ Red's Riviera
Rockport Songwriter Fest @ Charlotte Plummers
Rockport Jam Night @ The Exchange



Jerry Ward @ Pelican Lounge
Lady Kat & Mattman @ House of Rock
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ Blackbeard's

Monday.

November 6

Raul Ayala @ Pelican Lounge

Tuesday.

November 7

Billy Snipes @ VFW
Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Joey St. Vincent @ Mesquite Street Southside

Wednesday.

November 8

Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ Gaff
Cleartones @ VFW
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's
Kevin Kurtz @ Pelican Lounge
Billy Snipes @ Doc's

Thursday.

November 9

Selfie @ Shorty's
Raul Ayala @ Rialto Theater AP
Igor & the Red Elvises, Matt Hole @ House of Rock
Hayden Baker @ Brewster Downtown
Ruben Limas @ Island Italian

Friday.

November 10

Boudreaux & Pousson @ Shorty's
J & the Sound @ Pelican Lounge
Groove @ Executive Surf Club
Mike Ryan @ Brewster Downtown
Jam Council @ South Texas Ice House
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's

Saturday.

November 11

BELT SANDER RACES 3 PM @ Gaff
CBDB's @ Shorty's
Lyrical Byng @ Pelican Lounge
Vallejo @ Brewster Street Downtown
OTB @ Packery Bar

