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Evelyn Pless-Schuberth



By Dale Rankin

We begin this week with a quote from our old friend and philosopher Charles Dickens *"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."* We didn't see old Charley Around The Island this week but his description is an apt one. Whether March roared in like a lion or not we will leave to the reader's discretion but if the Weather Wonks are on target it looks to go out like a lamb and that's okay.

The liquid news from The Island this week is that we entered Stage 2 Water Restrictions. This of course means we can only water the rocks in our yards every other week between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on trash pickup days which means that every other Friday we are going to have a lot of wet rocks Around The Island. Get used to it folks it looks like it's going to be a long dry summer with a lot of dry rocks. The *Island Moon Water Management Department* (IM-WMD) recommends looking into an Island water well for irrigation. We have an abundance of free brackish water just a few feet below the sand under our feet that is suitable for keeping plants healthy in the long dry summer months.

Two turtles with a story to tell



These two Cajun turtles hitched a ride to The Island this week hidden in sacks full of crawfish and ended up at the Texas Sealife Center. How they were able to hitchhike without thumbs and how they got picked up by a bag of crawfish remains a mystery and the turtles aren't talking but they are doing fine in the hands of the good folks over at the center. To borrow from philosopher Forrest Gump *a bag of crawfish is like a box of chocolates.*

Viva PIE!



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The Election Nobody Heard of

A new way to set Taxable Property Values in Nueces County

New state rules shake up Appraisal District Board

By Dale Rankin

In the 2nd called Special Session of the 88th Legislature lawmakers passed an \$18.1 billion property tax cut that was placed on the November, 2023 ballot as Proposition 4 which passed by 84% of the voters. A little noticed item included in the new bill calls for the election of three new members to

the Nueces County Appraisal District (NCAD) Board of Directors to be placed on the ballot of the special election on Saturday, May 4 that will change the makeup of the board and ultimately the way taxable property values are set across the county. The addition of the three new elected seats is part of a sweep-

ing statewide shake up appraisal district boards in the 50 Texas counties above 75,000 in population that will change the number of seats on the county boards as well as how they are chosen bringing fundamental changes to the way property tax values are

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Celebrating St. Patrick

By Rev. Dr. Ken

This weekend we celebrate the patron saint of party, St. Patrick. St. Patrick is synonymous with Irish national identity. Although, Patrick wasn't Irish, having been born in Britain.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty. Most agree that he was a Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland in the fifth century AD. His feast day is March 17, the supposed date of his death.

A well-known legend is that Patrick banished

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Sheepshead Rodeo

The changing water temperatures have ignited fishing on the Jetties this week. Apparently the secret is out.



USS Lexington

La Posada Foundation awards \$2500 to U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps



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Public invited

Boat Show & Market Days Padre Island Yacht Club Saturday, March 23, Sunday, March 24

The public is invited to attend the first annual Padre Island Yacht Club and Boat Show & Market Days on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24 at the club. The event includes a boat show by Gulf Coast Marine which will have boats on trailers and in the water, and more than forty vendors, many with a nautical theme, food trucks, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct free

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Padre Island Enrichment Club (PIE) celebrates the Anniversary of 35 Years of providing Community Service

By Jan Jones Advertising & PR Director

Padre Island Enrichment Club (PIE) was founded in 1989. PIE began with a group of 11 ladies meeting for lunch to discuss Island happenings. The group grew to 40 when it was formalized into a Women's organization. PIE now has over 175 members. PIE has both a social and philanthropic purpose. Over the years, PIE has given Island students approximate-

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By the numbers...

Spring Break crossings on the Port Aransas ferries

Editor's note: A total of 38,703 people crossed on the Port Aransas ferries in the first three days of Spring Break 2024 according to figures from the Texas Department of Transportation. The numbers are as follows:

Three-day total crossings both directions

38,703 total passenger crossings

20,253 total vehicle crossings

Three-Day totals in each direction

From Port Aransas to Aransas Pass

16,851 passengers

8711 cars

396 trucks

319 walk ons

From Aransas Pass to Port Aransas

21,202 passengers

10,697 cars

449 trucks

331 walk ons

Crossings by Day

Friday, March 8

From Port Aransas to Aransas Pass

4818 passengers

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By the numbers...

Spring Break 2024...so far

Attendance for the first week of Spring Break 2024 was tamped down by cool temperatures, especially along Island beaches where water temperatures in the low 60s kept spring breakers a bit on the chilly side. But police officers stayed busy taking up semi-permanent residence along the JFK Causeway and South Padre Island Drive. According to police reports a total of 470 traffic stops were conducted, 302 on the JFK Causeway alone, and 11 noise complaints were ticketed, with the majority of those east of the SPID corridor.

With one week of Spring Break 2024 still to go here is a look at the Noise Ordinance for the City of Corpus Christi.

(Ord. No. 027440, § 1, 10-9-2007)

(a) The following acts, among others not hereinafter enumerated, are declared to be "noise nuisances," and are unlawful and in violation of the provisions of this chapter when such acts are done or accomplished or carried on in such a manner, or with such volume, intensity, or with continued duration, so as to annoy, to distress, or to disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of a person of reasonable nervous sensibilities, within the vicinity or hearing thereof, or so as to endanger or injure the safety or health of humans

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A little South Texas history

Mexican Standoff on the Rio Grande and the Beginning of One Riot One Ranger

When the first Mexican cleared leather Ranger Bob Pitts shot him and he „dropped like a polled shoat“

“Give my compliments to the Secretary of War and tell him and his United States soldiers to go to hell“


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Texas Rangers in Las Cuevas War.

Letters to the Editor

⌵ AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



St. Patrick’s Day

From the Emerald Isle to Padre Island on the occasion of Saint Patrick’s Day, here’s an authentic Irish blessing for our friends and neighbors: “May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty.”

Tomas Cuileannain (Tom Cullinan)

I should be so grateful for your help

I live in the UK and made a friend of Mary Laddis some years ago. I stayed with her and we went to Mexico together. We continued exchanging news over the years and I heard about her diving expeditions and work as a docent at the zoo. However, I have not heard from her for several months and although I’ve contacted her places of work- she was a great supporter of endangered turtles- I have been unable to get any news

If you have any information or contacts who might be able to help, I wouldbe really grateful

With thanks

Val Castle

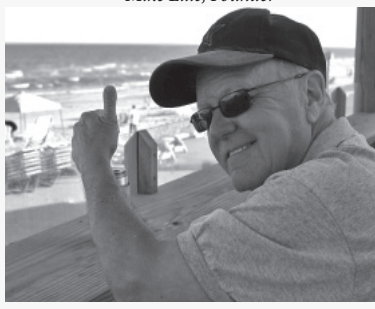


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We want to send a big Island Moon congratulations to the nice ladies at the Padre Island Enrichment Club (PIE) which is celebrating its 35th year this week with its 175 members. Those ladies might eventually grow to 176 members if they would just learn to loosen up and have a little fun. Since Mike Ellis started the Island Moon in 1996 the paper and the members of PIE have partnered up in many Island projects and we look forward to many more. Here’s to another 35 years ladies!

For Sale signs

As the first day of Spring 2024 comes rolling in on Tuesday *For Sale* signs are springing up in yards all Around The island (see how that works). Cindy Molnar over at Coldwell Banker confirms this week that more homes are coming onto the market as sales are slowing a bit so if you are thinking of buying a home hereabouts this might be a good time to take a look.

Commodores Bridge

We have had several inquiries here at the Word Factory regarding the halting of construction work on the Commodores Bridge of late. To borrow from philosopher Benjamin Franklin *For want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of a horse the rider was lost. For want of a rider the battle was lost.*

La Posada cont. from A1

On Saturday March 2nd the La Posada Foundation Board of Directors members attended the awards ceremony for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) aboard the USS Lexington. USNSCC Texas division is a non-profit youth group dedicated to teaching and promoting an interest in the armed forces through self-discipline and hands-on training for children ages 10 through the completion of high school. The award ceremony was to present awards for training completed and rank advancements within the corps. At the conclusion of the ceremony the La Posada Foundation presented a check for \$2500 to the USNSCC to assist with training costs, equipment, supplies and uniforms. Congratulations to all Cadets who were honored at this year’s ceremony.

Spring Break cont. from A1

or animals, or so as to interfere with the physical well-being of humans or animals, or so as to endanger or injure personal or real property:

(1) The playing or permitting or causing the playing of any radio, television, drum, juke box, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound. (2) The keeping of any animal, fowl, or bird, which makes frequent or long, continued noise. (3) The continued or frequent sounding of any horn or other signal device on any automobile or vehicle, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger signal. (4) The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, automobile, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle or boat, except through a properly installed muffler or other device which prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom. (5) The crying, calling, or shouting, in person or by a mechanical device, or the use of any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, hammer, drum, horn, loudspeaker or phonograph with or without an amplifier, hand organ, or other devices or instruments, musical or otherwise. (6) The raucous shouting, whistling, yelling, singing, hooting, or crying of peddlers, hawkers, vendors or any other persons. (7) The creation of any unreasonable loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise on any street or sidewalk adjacent to any school, hospital, or court which is in session.

Not to get too dramatic here, we’re not losing a battle or a bridge but according to our sources the holdup is due to foot dragging by the cable company Spectrum whose delay in removing their underground line in the right of way is holding up the army of workers trying to win the battle to get the new water exchange bridge done on schedule by the end of 2025. The other utility lines have been moved but excavation work is stuck due to the presence of the cable lines lurking below. We tried to get through to someone at the cable company but we can only stand so much Muzak.



Of wildfires and committees...

Word came from Austin this week that our State Representative Todd Hunter has been named to the five-member Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires.

Sea Cadets are young men and women aged 10 through the end of high school who choose adventure, seek challenges, and step outside of their comfort zones. There are two programs within Sea Cadets. The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is for middle school students aged 10 to 13. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is for ages 13 through the end of high school. The Sea Cadet Corps has 400 units across the United States and the training includes two-weeks of training focusing on basic military instruction and team building and advanced training camps including SEAL training, robotics, Scuba, and submarine training as part of training to prepare them for a possible military career.

Sec. 31-3. - Noise violation decibel readings.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, permit, allow, or produce a sound that is discernable beyond the property lines of the property on which the sound is being produced that, when measured with a sound level meter using the standardized frequency weighting as specified by the American National Standards Institute, exceeds the applicable dB(A) level listed below for the property on which the sound is received:

(1) Seventy (70) dB(A) between the hours of 8:01 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and between the hours of 7:01 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday.

(2) Sixty (60) dB(A) between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

(3) Eighty-five (85) dB(A) for sound that both originates from and is received on property within the Entertainment District, at all times.

(b) The dB(A) levels set forth in this section apply to the property where the sound is being received. Any sound that when measured at the property where the sound is being received exceeds the dB(A) level set forth in this section is a violation of this chapter.

(c) Any sound originating from Cole Park shall not exceed seventy (70) dB(A) when measured from any private property.

(Ord. No. 027440, § 1, 10-9-2007)

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boat safety inspections. The event is also a fundraiser for the 4th of July Island Blast fireworks show which funded solely by donations.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There is a two dollar entry fee all of which is a donation to the Island Blast Fireworks show. Children under eleven are free. Parking is along Whitecap Boulevard and free shuttles to the event will be provided.

The Padre Island Yacht Club is located at 13403 Whitecap Boulevard, at the west end of Whitecap Blvd.

Ferries cont. from A1

2744 cars
171 trucks
110 walk ons
From Aransas Pass to Port Aransas
6342 passengers
3437 cars
182 trucks
98 walk ons
Saturday, March 9
From Port Aransas to Aransas Pass
5417 passengers
2520 cars
112 trucks
115 walk ons
From Aransas Pass to Port Aransas
7716 passengers
3712 cars
146 trucks
118 walk ons
Sunday, March 10
From Port Aransas to Aransas Pass
6616 passengers
3447 cars
113 trucks
94 walk ons
From Aransas Pass to Port Aransas
7144 passengers
3548 cars
121 trucks
115 walk ons

Editor’s note: Numbers for vehicles crossing the JFK Causeway were not available. On average during holiday weekends about 72,000 vehicles make the passage to and from Padre Island.



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Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

Pancho Villa Expedition Part 1



1915, Villa sent a force to attack the city of Nogales and in the course of the ensuing battle, engaged with American forces before withdrawing.



Pancho Villa Wearing Bandoliers In Front of An Insurgent Camp

On January 11, 1916, sixteen American employees of the American Smelting and Refining Company were removed from a train near Santa Isabel, Chihuahua, and summarily stripped and executed. Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the district headquartered at Fort Bliss, Texas, received information that Villa with a new force was on the border and about to make an attack that would force the United States to intervene, embarrassing the Carranza government. Raids were so commonplace, however, that the rumor was not seen as credible.

However, at about 4:00 a.m. on March 9, 1916, Villa's troops attacked Columbus, New Mexico, and Camp Furlong, the U.S. Army post there, where four troops (about 240 soldiers) of the 13th Cavalry Regiment had been stationed since September 1912. Ten civilians and eight soldiers were killed in the attack, and two civilians and six soldiers wounded. The raiders burned the town, stole horses and mules, and seized machine guns, ammunition, and merchandise before fleeing back to Mexico.^[10]

Villa's soldiers had suffered considerable losses, with at least 67 dead and dozens more wounded. Many of the casualties were inflicted when the machine gun troop of the 13th Cavalry led by 2nd Lt. John P. Lucas set up its Hotchkiss M1909 Benét-Mercié machine guns under fire along the north boundary of Camp Furlong, firing over 5,000 rounds apiece using the glow of burning buildings to illuminate targets. About 13 of Villa's wounded later died of their wounds, and five wounded Villisca's taken prisoner by the Americans were tried and hanged for murder. Local lore in Columbus holds that the attack may have been caused by a merchant in Columbus who supplied Villa with arms and ammunition. Villa is said to have paid several thousand dollars in cash for the weapons, but the merchant refused to deliver them unless he was paid in gold, giving «cause» for the raid.

The next day, acting on the recommendations of the commanders of his cavalry regiments, Southern Department commanding general Frederick Funston recommended an immediate pursuit in force into Mexico. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson concurred, designating Pershing to command the force and releasing a statement to the press: "An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays. This can and will be done in entirely friendly aid to the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that Republic.

Pershing assembled an expeditionary force consisting primarily of cavalry and horse artillery, the cavalry units being armed with M1909 machine guns, M1903 Springfield rifles, and M1911 semi-automatic pistols. On March 15, 1916, organized into a provisional division of three brigades (four regiments of cavalry, two of infantry, and 6,600 men), the expedition crossed the border into Mexico to search for Villa, marching in two columns from Columbus and Culberson's Ranch.



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

Events in recent days sent me down a couple of memory lanes.

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Water restrictions

I was standing in the newsroom at KENS television one morning when all the phones in the place lit up at the same time. "There has been some kind of waterline break," a caller said. "Water is shooting up 100 feet in the air on the south side of town."

The city was in the throes of a months-long drought with draconian usage restrictions and the thought of a broken waterline was a pretty good story.

An hour later I was circling the man-made geyser in the Chopper 5 helicopter showing the first pictures of it to the city via live television. It wasn't a waterline break at all it was a man-made artesian spring shooting straight up in the air out of a forty-inch line and there were two more just like it adjacent that were still dry. I landed and talked to the landowner who said he intended to use the water to raise catfish. The water shooting out of the ground was too hot to touch and he had drilled three such wells into the Edwards Aquifer and by month's end was using 45 million gallons of water per day, fully a quarter of the water needed to supply the city of then 1.2 million people to grow catfish to sell to HEB grocery stores until they found out about the source and cancelled the contract.

Citizens were aghast. How could such a thing happen!? People in toney Alamo Heights were watching their lawns die of thirst while this charlatan, this out of town-er, this carpetbagger, this brigand wasted water at the rate that could supply 300,000 people per day. Talk of such a waste dominated the radio talk shows for days. Someone had to do something! Does any of this sound familiar?

The city's lawyers went digging through the city ordinances, the county attorney looked through statutes and water regulations in search of a law – there must be a law – to prohibit this person from doing such a thing. There wasn't. It never occurred to anyone that such a thing could ever happen so no law seemed necessary but the free right of water capture had run smack into the Law of Unintended Consequences.

A law was passed forthwith to stop further such drilling but citizens lined up along a county road to watch helplessly as their precious resource shot in the air only to run off into a giant pit while much of it evaporated into the mist. The catfish man was grandfathered as he had dug his well before the law forbidding it was passed. He was temporarily stopped when it was discovered he had no discharge permit to drain the catfish-dropping infested water into the Medina River. Finally, in 2003, San Antonio Water Systems bought out the catfish farm and later all the water rights for a total of more than \$30 million. The incident spurred lawmakers in Austin to pass the water usage laws for the Edwards Underground Aquifer in use today.



The catfish farm owner in front of one of the wells.

Daytona, spring training, and Dave the Intern



The latest running of the Daytona 500 and the beginning of baseball's Spring Training reminded me of Dave the Intern who was working a semester at the local CBS affiliate in West Palm Beach where I was Managing Editor. While I was at the Daytona 500 I got a phone call. "We've lost an intern," the Assignments Editor said. "I thought you should know." While that was good to know there wasn't much I could do from Daytona.

It turned out that our crews were doing a story on dying coral reefs off the coast and it included a live shot in sixty feet of water. The reporter was in a diving helmet with a live microphone and camera which were tethered to the boat with a cable which meant the boat couldn't move without leaving the diver on the bottom and/or losing the live shot. As it turned out Dave the Intern was along for the ride when he got violently seasick and began making a horrible mess on the boat and to relieve his unsettledness he was placed onto a floating donut and dropped over the side, tethered to the boat with a line. But Dave the Intern was a landlubber by nature and the detail of making sure the line was secure was not a priority for him and when it came unhitched Dave the Intern was set adrift in the Gulf Stream moving northbound at about three miles per hour in sporty seas. The photographer zoomed out as far as he could from the boat but even then Dave the Intern was but a speck that became visible as he crested waves in his brisk northbound ride.

The crew had the foresight to equip Dave the Intern with a walkie-talkie in which the battery had died or had drifted out of range as Dave floated north where he would have eventually passed me by in Daytona on his way to the coast of Charleston.

The Coast Guard was called and Dave the Intern was hoisted out of his floating donut with a line into a helicopter and became a bit of a celebrity among his fellow interns there at the station. "You just had the best day of any intern in America," I told Dave on my return. "Why don't you go out to Jupiter and watch some baseball today, take it easy."

Out of a blue clear sky...

It was a beautiful South Florida day as Spring Training was underway and the St. Louis Cardinals and the Montreal Expos were in town so Dave the Intern went to the park and got a spot in the dirt track between the outfield fence and the first row of bleachers in right field where he was sitting in a lawn chair minding his own business when the crack of the bat sent a ball soaring toward the right field fence.

This was the start of the season after St. Louis Cardinal slugger Mark McGwire had hit 70 homeruns breaking the record of Yankee Roger Maris set in 1961. Unbeknownst to Dave the Intern, a marginal Chicago Cubs fan, the ball headed his way was launched by history since it was off the bat of McGwire and was his first home run hit after his record-setting season. Dave said the first hint that something was up was when kids in the bleachers started running toward him yelling but hesitated when confronted with the ten-foot drop from the bleachers to the dirt track below. Then he saw the ball come flying over the fence and bounce off the wall behind him before rolling around in the dirt and coming to rest right next to the lawn chair where Dave the Intern had come to recuperate from his recent Atlantic sojourn. Dave naturally reached down and picked it up and not knowing why all the kids were yelling at him from the bleachers slipped it into his pocket where it remained until Dave got up and started walking toward the exit.

But before he got to the parking lot a guy in a St. Louis Cardinals hat offered Dave \$500 cash for the ball. Dave, being a nominal Cubs fan figured St. Louis fans must all be crazy and handed the ball over for \$500. "If I was a talent agent I would sign you up right now," I told Dave the Intern. "Because you just had the most exciting two days in the history of interns and either you have the best nose for news I have ever seen or you were born under a lucky journalist star and either way you seem to have a knack for being in the right place at the right time."

I don't know where Dave the Intern is today, I don't even remember his last name, but wherever it is I'm betting there is a pretty good story nearby – and even if there isn't Dave can fill the void telling about his two most exciting days in the history of interning...which reminds me of another story about my own internship at the *San Angelo Standard-Times*... A story for another day.

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History cont. from A1

Editor's note: This is the latest in a series of stories based on the book *Taming the Nueces Strip* by Texas Ranger George Durham who road into the area between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande to confront bandits who had been raiding into downtown Corpus Christi and the King Ranch in the year 1875.

In what came to be known as the Las Cuevas War which began in the last installment the Ranger troop , lead by Captain L.H. McNelly, rode into Mexico and ambushed the cattle rustlers at their camp, killing more than fifty before running back to the south bank of the Rio Grande to take cover. Meanwhile, soldiers from the U.S. Army had violated orders to cross the river and help the Rangers. When we last left them the soldiers had raked the charging Mexicans with a Gatling gun, killing more than thirty of them along the shore including some wearing the uniform of the Mexican Army and the Mayor of the nearby Mexican town of Camargo.

By Dale Rankin

The first thing that happend when the Rangers dug in along the riverbank is that the few bandits on the south side of the river left alive retreated. The second thing that happened is that the Captain commanding the U.S. troops crossed the river with a telegraph from his superiors. It was from Colonel Potter at Fort Brown: *Advise Captain McNelly to return at once to this side of the river. Inform him that you are directed not to support him in any way while he remains on the Mexican territory. If McNelly is attacked by Mexican forces on Mexican soil do not render him any assistance. Let me know if McNelly acts on this advice.*

When McNelly finished reading the telegraph the Captain asked him, „What shall I tell him?“
 “Tell him no,” was McNelly’s answer.
 “Anything else?“
 “No. Plain no,” McNelly said.
 “The colonel won’t like that,” the Captain said.
 “The answser is still no,” was McNelly’s final reply. He had come to Mexico with two things in mind; the first was to kill a Frenchman who had betrayed him and there was a good chance that the Frenchman was one of the fifty or so men who now lay dead on the Mexican side. The second thing was to return about 300 head of cattle that had been stolen and recently crossed into Mexico by the men McNelly had attacked. McNelly wasn’t going back without the cattle.

Mexican standoff

What they had now was a true Mexican standoff - in fact it may be where the term came from. The Rangers weren’t leaving until they got the cattle but they didn’t have enough men to go round them up while fighting Mexicans at the same time. On the other side, the Mexicans had the Rangers pinned down, at least for now, but didn’t have enough men left to drive them back across the river. A few hours passed while McNelly went in search of food for his men which the Army provided.

Then a party of three riders appeared out of the prarie with a white flag held high on the end of a carbine and a letter pinned under the hammer. As the truce party approached three Rangers including Durham but not McNelly, went out to meet them. The leader of the bandits was a man listed in *The Book* - a list of those wanted in Texas for various crimes - as Doc Headly. He was said to be one of the leaders in the border gang. As he rode up he was drinking from a bottle of mescal. Behind his white beard his face was flush from the mescal.

“You’re not McNelly,” he said to the Ranger.

“Just give me the letter,” the Ranger said.
 “This letter,” Doc Headly said. „Is from the chief justice of the sovereign Mexican state of Tamaulipas addressed to the commander of the Texas and United States forces that have made an armed invasion of Mexico. And you sir, are not the commander.“

“Just give me the letter.“
 “How many men you got?“ Doc wanted to know.

“Enough to go on through to Mexico City if we want to,” the Ranger said. „Just give me the letter.“

“You have invaded Mexico and killed our beloved alcalde (mayor) of Camargo and eighty other citizens.“

“I’ll make it eighty-three right d--- quick unless I get that letter,” the Ranger, whose name was Robinson, said.

Doc started to speak but Robinson drew his pistol and pointed it at him, the other two Rangers followed suit and one of them asked Robinson., „If I get the first slug in of his - and that handtooled belt?“

“Well,” the other Ranger spoke up, “if I get



Camargo, Mexico in Tamaulipas State.

the second slug in can I have that saddle.“ The answer to both questions from Robinson was yes. Doc was sober enough to know the real thing when he saw it Durham wrote later. He handed over the carbine with the letter, butt first. About that time McNelly showed up and read the letter out loud. In short, it said for all Americans to go leave Mexico and then they would talk about the cattle.
 “We’ll negotiate when we get that herd of stolen cattle,” McNelly said. “We’ll stay in Mexico until we do.“
 After some discussion Doc said,“Let’s suspend fighting for tonight and tomorrow, that being Sunday. Then we deliver the cattle.“
 „We suspend nothing,” McNelly said. „The only way to stop fighting is for you to keep your men out of our shooting range. That’s final.“
 Doc was starting to sober up. “Those cattle are penned at Camargo,” he said. “Your write out an order for them. Write it and sign it. We’ll see then.“
 That was done and when both McNelly and Doc signed, the talk was over.

The United States soldiers can go to ...



Captain Leander H. McNelly

Back on the riverbank the Army had brought over a pot of slum gullion stew and bread. While they were eating an Army Captain rode up with another telegram: *Secretary of War Belknap orders you to demand McNelly return at once to Texas. Do not support him in any manner. Colonel Potter.*

McNelly wrote back: *I shall remain in Mexico with my rangers and cross back at my discretion. Give my compliments to the Secretary of War and tell him and his United States soldiers to go to hell.* And then he signed it.

About that time a group of wagons appeared under a white flag. It was the Mexicans come to bury their dead. McNelly ordered his men to start back across the river. It had been twenty four hours since they saddled up for their raid and in that time they had covered more than fifty miles, wiped out an outpost rull of rustlers, and earned themselves ten cents wages for the day. When they got across they found their horses fed and rested. The mounted up and rode out. “We want to be across from Camargo at daybreak,” the Captain said, „to take delivery on the cattle. I don’t trust those rascals and they might change their minds.“
 “They ain’t going to deliver the cattle across,” Ranger Sergeant Hall said.
 “They’ve taken a beating as it is. They’ve lost their big jefe and lots of men. They’ll be forced for us at Camargo.“

The next day a messenger arrived from Diego Garcia, the man who had takent the place of the slain mayor, saying the new mayor had so much business he wouldn’t be able to deliver the cattle until tomorrow. “Tell him,” McNelly said, “we want the cattle today, like we agree to yesterday. They were to be delivered this morning. Tell him the commanding officer of the U.S. Army demands them now and might take military action if that truce agreement is violated.“ A short while later a note arrived from Garcia via a very polite messenger who reported that the cattle would be delivered to the river at 3:00 p.m. today. Across the river the Rangers could see a pole corral full of cattle with plenty of armed horsemen riding herd. The Rangers checked their weapons and wondered what McNelly would do

St. Pat cont. from A1
 snakes from the island of Ireland. One story from the late twelfth century says that Patrick chased the snakes into the sea after they attacked him during his fast on a mountain. However, post-glacial Ireland never had snakes. Why let fact get in the way of a great story!

There is also a prayer that is attributed to Patrick, sometimes called the St Patrick Breastplate. The language might sound archaic. However, it is a beautiful prayer offered in the morning to remind oneself of the strength of Christ that works through you. Perhaps before we raise a pint to St. Patrick this weekend, we can begin the day in prayer.

I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today, through the strength of Christ’s birth and His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial, through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today, through the strength of the love of cherubim, in obedience of angels, in service of archangels, in the hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in the prayers of patriarchs, in preachings of the apostles, in faiths of confessors, in innocence of virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through the strength of heaven; light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, firmness of the rock.

I arise today, through God’s strength to pilot me; God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eye to look before me, God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak for me, God’s hand to guard me, God’s way to lie before me, God’s shield to protect me, God’s hosts to save me from snares of the devil, from temptations of vices, from every one who desires me ill, afar and anear, alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil, against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul, against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of pagandom, against false laws of heretics, against craft of

idolatry, against spells of women and smiths and wizards, against every knowledge that corrupts man’s body and soul.

Christ shield me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that reward may come to me in abundance.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today, through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the Threeness, through a confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. Amen.

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

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

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One riot one Ranger



Texas Ranger

Years later, after a career in law enforcement George Durham wrote: “I had learned another mighty good lesson that stood me in good stead in later years as a peace officer, and that was to get control of the leader when you had a mob or crowd to handle. Never kill the leader if you can help it. Take control of him, and do it in a way so he’ll know he’s been brought under control. That way one or two peace officers can handle a whole mob without too much killing.“
 It was the origin of the mantra of the Texas Rangers that lives through until today. Like the Ranger said years later when he got off the train alone to squash a riot in an oilfield town. “Only one Ranger!? the town’s Mayor croaked. “Well, you only got one riot,” the Ranger said. One Riot One Ranger. The Las Cuevas War was over.

Next time: The stolen cattle are returned to Nueces County and the King Ranch. McNelly becomes a folk hero, and King Fisher is next.

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Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: Sergey Nazarovych Bubkaii (AKA: Назарович Бубка & Serhiy Nazarovych Bubka) was born 4 December 1963. He is a Ukrainian former pole vaulter. He represented the Soviet Union until its dissolution in 1991. Bubka was twice named Athlete of the Year by Track & Field News, and in 2012 was one of 24 athletes inducted as inaugural members of the International Association of Athletics Federations Hall of Fame. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Wikipedia for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Bubka won six consecutive IAAF World Championships, an Olympic gold medal and broke the world record for men's pole vault 35 times. He was the first pole vaulter to clear 6.0 meters and 6.10 meters. He held the indoor world record of 6.15 meters, set on 21 February 1993 in Donetsk, Ukraine for almost 21 years until France's Renaud Lavillenie cleared 6.16 meters on 15 February 2014 at the same meet in the same arena. He held the outdoor world record at 6.14 meters between 31 July 1994, and 17 September 2020 when Sweden's Armand Duplantis cleared 6.15 meters, though since adopting rule 260.18a in 2000 the IAAF regards the indoor record as the official «world record».

Bubka is Senior Vice President of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), serving since 2007, and President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, serving from 2005 to November 2022. He is also an Honorary Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), having been involved since 1996. His older brother, Vasilii Bubka, was also a medal-winning pole vaulter.

Born in Luhansk, Sergey Bubka was a track-and-field athlete in the 100-meter dash and the long jump, but became a world-class champion only when he turned to the pole vault. In 1983, virtually unknown internationally, he won the world championship in Helsinki, Finland, and the following year set his first world record, clearing 5.85m (19 ft 2 in). Until the dissolution of the USSR in late 1991, Bubka competed for Soviet teams.

The Soviet sports system rewarded athletes for setting new world records, and he became noted for establishing new records by slim amounts, sometimes as little as a centimeter higher. This allowed him to collect frequent bonus payments and made Bubka an attraction at track-and-field meets. By 1992, he was no longer bound to the Soviet system, and signed a contract with Nike that rewarded each world record performance with special bonuses of \$40,000.



From 2002 to 2006 Bubka was a member of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada with the Party of Regions group and until 2014 an advisor to Viktor Yanukovich. He was on the youth policy, physical culture, sport and tourism committee while a MVR.

On 5 March 2022 Bubka professed his love for his homeland after the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, and declared: "Ukraine will win" Sergey Bubka started competing on the international athletics scene in 1981 when he participated in the European Junior Championship finishing seventh. But the 1983 World Championship held in Helsinki was his actual entry point to the world athletics, where a relatively unknown Bubka snatched the gold, clearing 5.70 meters (18 feet 8 inches). The years that followed witnessed the unparalleled dominance of Bubka, with him setting new records and standards in pole vaulting.

He set his first world record of 5.85m on 26 May 1984 which he improved to 5.88m a week later, and then to 5.90m a month later. He cleared 6.00 meters (19 feet 8 inches) for the first time on 13 July 1985 in Paris. This height had long been considered unattainable. With virtually no challengers, Bubka improved his own record over the next 10 years until he reached his career best and the then world record of 6.14 m (20 feet 1¾ inches) in 1994. He primarily vaulted on UCS Spirit poles throughout his later career.

He became the first athlete ever to vault over 6.10 meters, in San Sebastián, Spain in 1991. Until January 2014, no other athlete on earth had cleared 6.07, indoors or outdoors. In 1994, he achieved his personal record with a vault of 6.14 meters, long after many commentators assumed the great sportsman was retired. Bubka increased the world record by 21 centimeters (8 inches) in the period from 1984 to 1994, more than other pole vaulters had achieved in the previous 12 years. He cleared 6.00 meters or better on 45 occasions. As of June 2015, 6 meters had been cleared by all athletes worldwide exactly 100 times.



Sergei Buvka

Dotson's Other Note: Bubka officially retired from pole vault in 2001 during a ceremony at his Pole Vault Stars meeting in Donetsk. Despite his dominance in pole vault, Bubka had a relatively poor record in the Olympic Games. The first Olympics after Bubka's introduction to the international athletics was held in 1984 and was boycotted by the USSR along with the majority of other Eastern Bloc countries. Two months before the Games he vaulted 12 cm higher than the eventual Olympic gold medal winner Pierre Quinon. In 1988 Bubka competed in the Seoul Olympics and won his only Olympic gold medal clearing 5.90 m. In 1992 he failed to clear in his first three attempts (5.70, 5.70, 5.75 m) and was out of the Barcelona Olympics. At the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 a heel injury caused him to withdraw from the competition without any attempts. In 2000 at the Sydney Olympics he was eliminated from the final after three unsuccessful attempts at 5.70 m. Bubka won the pole vault event in six consecutive IAAF World Championships in Athletics in the period from 1983 to 1997. He has a son who was a professional tennis player, whose name is Sergei.



You're Nuts

By Andy Purvis

Upon being fined \$100 for his part in a "hotel episode" in Detroit, "Rube" Waddell said to a reporter, "You're a liar. There ain't no Hotel Episode in Detroit." He enjoyed wrestling alligators in the off-season, drank too much on occasion, and was fascinated by fire trucks and fires. He grew up across the street from a Fire Station and would wander over there almost everyday. Sometimes as a child, he would get caught sleeping at the station. At times, he drank so much, reporters sometimes referred to him as "souse paw" instead of "south paw" and he was known to leave the mound, while pitching, during a game, when he heard a fire siren. In the past, he once saved a woman from drowning, accidentally shot a friend through his hand and was bitten by a lion. He almost shot Manager, Connie Mack, in the head, when a pistol fell out of his pocket and fired off a shot in the team hotel. In 1903, he climbed into the stands to beat up a heckler and was suspended for five games. He also baffled his teammates, as he would sometimes leave a game early to go fishing. He was late to a game, on several occasions, because he was playing marbles in the streets with the local kids. Some said he could not remember how many women he had married and served time in jail for missing alimony payments. Teammates and opponents never knew what he would do next, but the fans loved him. Rube was showered with screams of "You're Nuts." Maybe he was. It was generally known that left-handed pitchers were the weirdest players on the field. He never really took his profession seriously. It was said that the site of a puppy would distract him while pitching, so opponents would hold up their pets in the stands.

George Edward "Rube" Waddell was a farmer's son. He was born Friday, October 13, 1876, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Friday the thirteenth should have been a clue. Catcher Jack Nelson gave him the nickname, "Rube," which was usually reserved for hicks. Rube grew up throwing rocks and killing crows trying to eat seeds as they were being planted. He played professional baseball for 13 years with the Louisville Colonels, Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago Orphans, Philadelphia A's and St. Louis Browns. He owned a fine fastball, a fall-off-the-table curveball, and threw a screwball that few batters had ever seen. He led the American League in strikeouts for six consecutive years, and he may have been the strangest player to ever play Major League baseball. Back then players slept two to a bed when traveling to play other teams. Rube's roommate, Ossee Schreckengost, always complained that Rube ate crackers in bed so his contract included a clause that prohibited him from doing that. He wore red under his clothing in case a fire bell would ring. Rube once poured ice water on his left arm before he pitched. He said if he didn't he would burn up the catcher's glove. He often did cartwheels, walked on his hands, or turned somersaults all the way back to the dugout, after he had won a game.

On July 1, 1902, Rube became only the second pitcher in Major League Baseball history to strikeout three batters with only nine pitches. The first had been John Clarkson with the Boston Beaneaters, on June 4, 1889. It has now been done by 74 different pitchers, with Sandy Koufax being the only pitcher to accomplish that feat three times. From 1903-1907, Rube won 21, 25, 27, 15

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set in Nueces County.

While the election for the three newly created seats flew under the radar of most voters in Nueces County it caught the attention of eleven candidates who have filed for the three new At-Large seats to be filled by a countywide vote in the May 4 election. But there is a wrinkle in the new bill; while each of the three new seats – Places 1-3 on the ballot – are countywide seats the winner of each seat must get more than 50% of the votes in their election and with four candidates in the races for two of the seats and three in the third race it is likely runoff elections will be needed, the date of which is yet to be set by county officials. So when the dust settles by the end of 2024 the NCAD board will consist of eleven members with seven appointed by taxing entities across the county, three elected At-Large and Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector Kevin Kieschnick who will switch from an Ex-Officio (non-voting) member to a voting member.

A change in the system

The CAD board of directors is responsible for the governance of the CAD, including the hiring of the chief appraiser, and adopting the CAD's annual budget and the board also chooses the members of the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) which is the board which reviews property valuation appeals filed by taxpayers. The ARB is the board



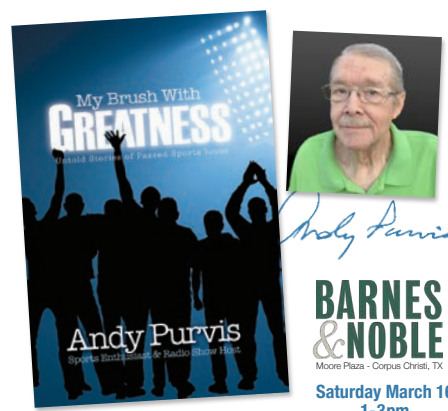
Rude Waddell

and 19 games respectively, while pitching for the A's. In 1904, Rube struck out 349 batters in a single season, an American League record which stood for 60 years, until Sandy Koufax struck out 382 in 1965. In 1905, Rube won the Triple Crown of pitching with a 27-10 win-loss record, with 287 strikeouts and a 1.48 ERA. By 1911, Rube was drinking his way back to the minors. Eventually he was driven out of the big leagues and then the game. It was 1912 and he was living in Kentucky with friends, when a nearby dam burst and caused flooding. Waddell helped many people who would have drowned. While his actions were heroic, he developed pneumonia, which led to tuberculosis; and he never fully recovered. He was sent to live with his sister in San Antonio, Texas. Rube Waddell died on April Fools Day in 1914, at age 37, of tuberculosis. There is speculation that he may have suffered from autism or (ADD) attention deficit disorder. Waddell posted a career win-loss record of 193-143, with a 2.13 ERA. Rube had 2,316 strikeouts recorded. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in 1946 by the veterans committee. Connie Mack once said, "Waddell had more stuff than any pitcher I ever saw." There's a funny story that has Rube Waddell winning the opener of a doubleheader, when Manager Connie Mack asked him how he felt about also pitching the second game of the afternoon. Rube responded, "I don't know, but I'll see by going down to the bullpen and warming up."

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which taxpayers face when they appeal their property valuations with its members currently chosen solely by a vote of the CAD board. The new system, as designed by the new bill gives the three new members elected by voters an outsized role in the choosing of ARB members because under the new rules two out of three newly-elected members must approve hiring of members on the all-important ARB. Current Board members There are currently eight members on the NCAD Board of Directors: Three are appointed by the City of Corpus Christi; two by Corpus Christi School District; one by the cities of Port Aransas and Aransas Pass currently occupied by Leo Gonzalez; one by four small cities across the county; one by Nueces County, currently occupied by Island resident Gabriele Hilpold; and one by the Del Mar College District. The directors are appointed for staggered four-year terms. Candidates for new board seats According to Nueces County records the following candidates have filed for the three At-Large seats on the May 4 ballot: Place 1: Mark Lawing, Sr., Tony Alcoser, James Magill, and Floyd "Andy" Anderson Place 2: John M. Cudd, Butch Pool, Joseph E. Titlebaum. Place 3: Shirley Madej, Glenna Eliff, Ed Bennett, Ken L. Baker

Island Outdoors



By Jay Gardner

On the Rocks

We are currently experiencing what is likely the best weather in memory for spring break. Of course, now that I typed that, the forecast looks like typical spring break weather this weekend. I would expect nothing less than keeping my parka handy for the next month. Get out and enjoy it while you can. I can only look forward to more chores.

ISAC Update+6

I promised you loyal readers a rundown of what’s occurred as a result of the Island Strategic Action Committee over the past few years. I’ll keep it simple; we worked on the rules for golf carts on the Island, updated the Area Development Plan, took on short term rentals (hey, we got the rules made, the rest of enforcement is up to someone else), we got the TIRZ #2 renewed (and a bunch of projects put on it), finally got some soccer goals at Billish Park, a beach maintenance facility built, Packery Channel dredged (again), and we got the Don Patricio bridge built. Of course, that’s the short story.

Where are we going from here? That’s more of what I want to talk about. We have a few projects currently in the hopper that we need to push up the last couple of stairs. While we voted for an increase in lifeguard pay, that seems to be caught in some red tape. The Riley P Dog Park/Site, Bond 2018 - JFK Causeway improvements, and “paper streets” are moving, however slowly. Need to continue to keep up with the Area Development Plan (ADP) which is the main goal of the Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC). Development.

There are still some projects that are languishing without any progress in sight. The Packery boat ramps are still in need of correcting, and an ADA ramp still needs to be attached to one of the piers down there. I can’t believe that the city is allowed to operate a public boat ramp leased from the TGLO without having an ADA ramp. The TIRZ #2 was created to ensure that the public amenities are constructed and maintained.

Island Mobility Plan

The Island mobility plan seems to have hit a snag as well, and I’m not sure where. I met with Roger a couple weeks ago and gave him some “low-hanging fruit” ideas, but the big rub is that we’re going to have to get TxDoT to the table, and you loyal readers know that they have pretty strict rules of what can and cannot happen within their right-of-way. Hopefully someone can dis-

cover some common incentives and goals with them. This is also the case with the JFK/Bond 2018 projects under the bridge, but as I announced at my last ISAC meeting, there has been movement on lighting and paving, and a perceived hurdle was removed (again).

I don’t need to tell you loyal readers that esteemed colleagues and city staff are actually working on many of these projects already. Together with leadership from Councilman Dan Suckley, I like to think that the Island is gaining steady momentum, instead of the stop-and-start way things have come to us in the past. I will also iterate that I will work with the incoming ISAC Chair and Co-chairs (when they are elected at the next meeting), local/island developers, and city staff to make a smooth transition to keep the ball rolling. That’s the purpose of ISAC, to get projects done, not to slow things down or create red tape. And I’m still here and working on projects.

Get your bird feeders ready

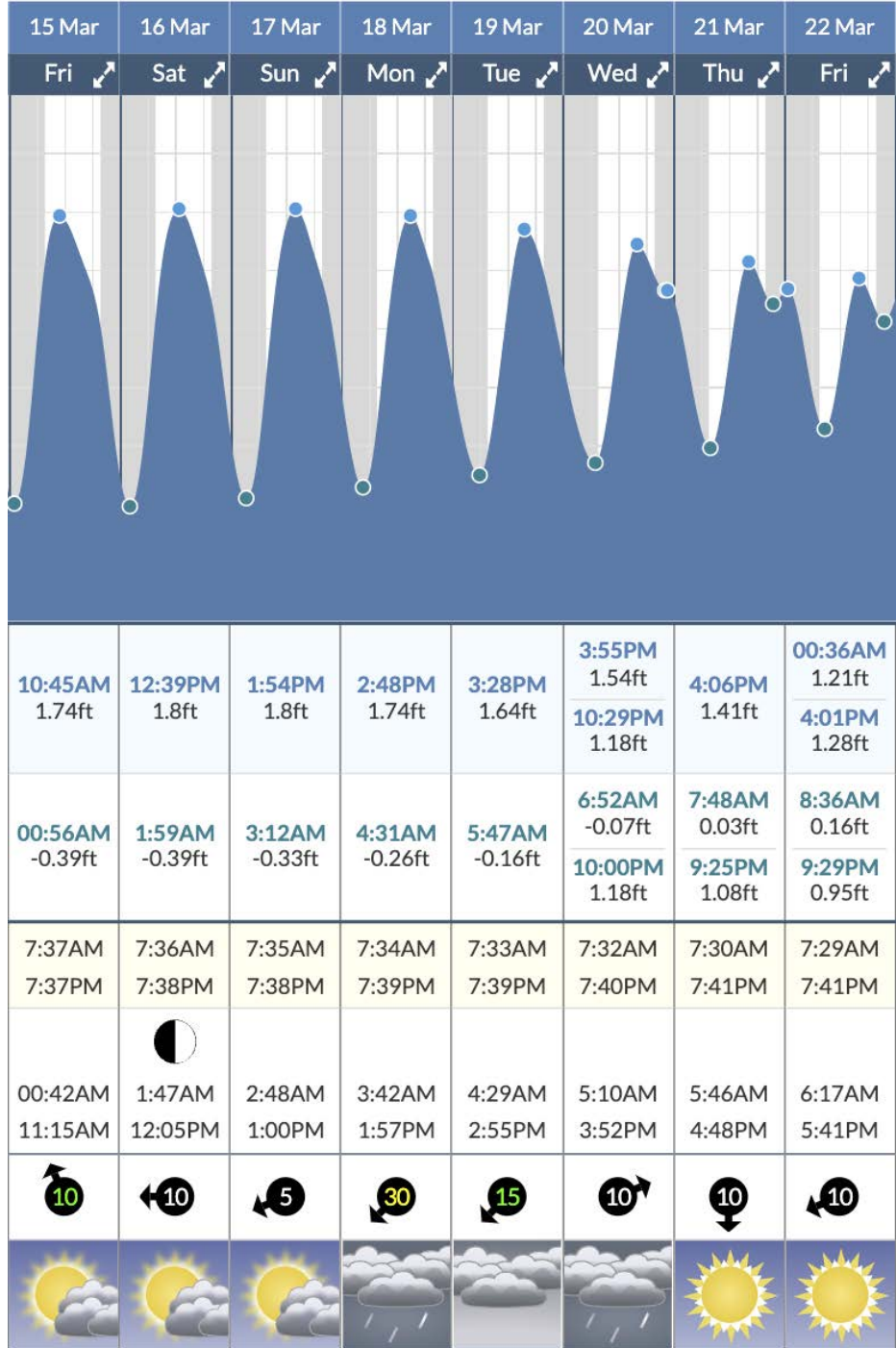
Bird migration is slowly starting, with a few early birds showing up later in the week. Bird nesting season start is announced by the white wing dove calling out to each other, which is going to hit a cacophony in the coming weeks. I have three hummingbird feeders up, which are being visited by one buff belly as far as I can tell (besides the dang golden fronted woodpeckers). There might be a small fallout early next week, so keep your eyes peeled.

Well folks, I gotta hit the road. I’m meeting with a few people on site at a location that’s been sitting for a bit. Maybe we can get things jump started again. Happy belated birthday Aunt Grace. We broke new records last week at the CCA banquet, although there was a hiccup in the service. Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and we’ll see you next week On the Rocks.



White winged dove

Tides of the Week



Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah’s Fishing Adventures

The Sun and The Sea

She rises every day and her smile fills me with warmth. Her light gives keeps me safe from the darkness and opens my sight to the best things in life. The Sun kisses the sea at dawn, and sends him out under her watchful light. Before the darkness they kiss again, so that neither of them forgets the day and sleeps unconcerned by the cold of night. The Sun and the Sea are trying to find their balance right now here along the water in the Coastal Bend. Life is jumping while the sun is out and her warm touch is making everything happy. Spring is here, reignite your life and love of both the Sun and the Sea and grab a pole and catch a fish.

Perfect conditions

Last week we had an incredible Prefrontal day catching trophy trout. The water temperatures were in the mid 70’s and just before the front the winds laid down to perfect conditions. The water temps dropped ten degrees and fish were not very active until the water warmed up back to 70. Watching the water temps and lunar feeding tables will be important to catching great days on the water. When we get the cooler days move deep to the transition zones between 3-5 feet of water. Here the barometric pressure will not affect fish as much and they will enjoy consistent temperatures. Lures



Mr. Dick Butler with a Monster Laguna Madre Trout. We released this fish after she struck a DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL IN Magic Grass.



Spence Collins holds a King Ranch Giant he caught on a DOWN SOUTH LURES soft plastic.

We are using lighter jig heads and soft plastics when we are up shallow, 1/16-1/8oz. As we move deeper in the boat making drifts over the water that is too deep to wade fish we move to 1/8-1/4oz heads to keep our baits low and in the strike zone. Bright color plastics have shined at dawn and then natural colors with a chartreuse tail or dark colors after the sun rises up in the sky. Water quality is still stained in many places down in Baffin Bay because of a dredge that spread mud this winter. Fish are in the stained water but there are many more gamefish in the green waters as they migrate into the bays. This will eventually fix itself when we get a few more spring bull tides. Dirty water fishing can be good, use popping corks or larger baits with paddle tails to give gamefish more vibration to key in on. The East Side of the bays have been the best water quality and leeward wind shorelines are full of great fishing. Paradise on Padre

The cold wind and cloudy sky have kept the Sun and Sea from their best of days lately. The Sea needs her warmth and shine. He is the strongest force with her smile, and she is the most beautiful when her reflection lays over the waves. Take some time to celebrate both of them and go fishing, walk the beach, smell the ocean. Dig your feet into the sand. Enjoy our Paradise here on Padre.

Follow all of our fishing on Facebook at JOEY FARAHS BACKWATER FISHING! 361-442-8145



Kiran Powers and her husband Chris purchased a condo on the canals three years ago and love to take the boat out every chance they get! On March 1st they threw some fresh frozen shrimp out on jig heads and caught this “38 drum in Laguna Madre, casting into the channel. They unanchored the boat and let the fish take them for a ride as it ran until it got tired enough to let Kiran reel it in. They let him go so perhaps someone else can catch the same thrill!

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Nature Notes

The American Pika

By Ashley Van Wieren



An American pika (*Ochotona princeps*) collecting a delectable bouquet of flowers for a winter haypile.

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Spring is approaching and wildflowers are in bloom! In the mountains of the Western US, the American Pika is ready to feast on these flowers! The pika is a tiny creature, roughly the length of a standard #2 pencil. Their small bodies, short legs, and short round ears suggest a rodent-like appearance; however, pikas belong to the order Lagomorpha, making them relatives of rabbits and hares. The American pika, *Ochotona princeps*, is tailless with sharp claws that add agility when traversing rocky mountain terrain.

The pika uses its two sets of incisors, characteristic of lagomorphs, to cut off flowers, grasses, thistles, and weeds. This tiny florist has a taste for flowers like no other, as it gathers flowers during summer to bring back to its den. This practice of stashing meals for later is called haying. They create a nest under rocks that is lined with edible plant materials to cozy up in and snack on throughout the winter. These collections of grasses and flowers can grow to be large enough to have more than enough food for the entire year! Toxic plants act as preservatives and slowly detoxify throughout the season, eventually becoming edible.

When winter rolls in with bellowing winds, remaining vegetation dwindles, leaving minimal food such as lichen and bark to eat. The American pika, which does not hibernate in the winter, must find another way to keep itself warm and fed to survive these harsh conditions.

The cinnamon-brown coat of summer is transformed into a thicker gray coat to pair with furry feet. Lucky for the pika, it has been preparing for the chilled winter seasons since summer. The pika can now reap the rewards of its summer labors and cozy up in its edible nest, a warm and tasty pile of foraged summer treats. Uneaten food in

spring leftovers eventually decays, replenishing the ground with nutrients.

American pikas are colonial which allows them to warn each other of predators. However, they tend to live separated lives within the colony, as they are territorial if others approach their den. They break from their solitude in spring when male pikas of adjacent territories call to attract the female pikas. In May, as the snow melts away, up to six blind pups are born, entirely reliant on their mother. At a mere four weeks of age, the pups are weaned and ready to live independently. A second litter is born in the summer. Due to the mother's energy being depleted from raising the first litter, the second litter usually does not survive. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species categorizes the American pika as least concern, but high temperatures are one of the greatest threats to pikas, and this makes them highly sensitive to climate change. As yearly temperatures have a rising trend, American pikas may become restricted to cooler northern territories.

If you find yourself taking a hike in alpine terrain and hear a "meep," keep an eye out for a tiny creature with a love for bouquets.



Going Native

Tecoma stans or Esperanza or yellow elder or yellow trumpet flower

By Dr. Ed Proffitt

In the midst of our spring break hunker down, we entered Stage 2 water restrictions meaning no broadcast lawn watering except every other week on trash day before 10 AM or after 6 PM. The better news is that La Nina will bring us above average rainfall through spring and much of summer. Regardless, predictions longer term are for increasing likelihood of drought conditions. Good citizens on our island and throughout all of southeastern Texas should do what we can to reduce water use. One easy approach is to increase the use of native plants in our yards (you knew that was coming ... admit it). This will help wean the region off the archaic 1950's lawn concept of a few shrubs or flowers fronted by a spread of non-native (and in some cases, invasive) grasses. Policies that don't encourage this should be relegated to the trash where they belong.

Here's an update of native plants in my yard that did and did not survive this past winter. First, the bad news. Our beautyberry, wine cup, and firebush have not resprouted although I'm still hoping for recovery perhaps from root stock. But, my wild olive, hackberry, and Texas kidneywood trees have leafed out nicely. One of two coral beans have resprouted after the freeze. And, the shrub that will one day be the prettiest of all once it's larger, my necklace pod (genus *Sophora* for those wanting to look it up) didn't lose more than one leaf during this past winter's freeze. Further, my pride and joy, the skeleton daisy didn't lose a leaf either! All of these I've covered in past columns as drought tolerant, cold tolerant plants for your consideration to be included in your landscaping.

For those of you who want to liven up the color of your yard, I suggest *Tecoma stans*, common names Esperanza or yellow trumpet flower. This, however, is not listed by Diamond et al. (2017) as naturally occurring at the national seashore. It is, though, listed as native to southern Texas with wild stands in a variety of locations and habitat types. It's a bit tropical so even though it's



Tecoma stans

a small tree in Central and South America it'll likely be shrub size here. In particularly cold winters, it may die back to the ground but should recover from root sprouts in the Spring.

It is very drought resistant and moderately tolerant of salt spray. *Tecoma* prefers full sun and well-drained soils. It is easily propagated from seed or cuttings. It's fast growing and seedlings may bloom within a couple of years. I've read it's roots have been used to brew beer, but haven't tried that (I prefer stouts anyway). It produces very showy flowers in Spring and Summer and is generally considered evergreen or partially evergreen. And, one of the most important points, it's attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. This could add nice shrubby touch of color to your yard and encourage you to keep Going Native.

PIE cont. from AI

ly 70 academic scholarships. Last year, \$10,000 in scholarships were given. This year, PIE hopes to increase the scholarship amount to \$12,500. Raffles, a Bake Sale, a Holiday Home tour, and a Silent auction raise funds for scholarships. It meets once a month for lunch on the 2nd Friday of each month. Speakers are invited to provide information on Island topics of interest. Padre Island Enrichment Club will be awarding five \$2500 scholarships this year to graduating seniors who reside on North Padre Island. Scholarships will be awarded by merit and/or need for students attending institutions of higher learning, including colleges, universities, and trade schools. Applications are available through your

High School Counselor or by contacting PIE Scholarship Chair Maureen Dean at 206-949-3825 or thorsmom1@aol.com. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 26, 2024. At the 35th Anniversary Luncheon in February, three-lifetime memberships were given to Peg Fairy, Ann Marie Colossi, and Kathy Southard. These ladies were honored for their many years of service to the organization. The current Officers include Kathleen Cullinan, President; Margie Corbett, Vice President; Deb Hall, Recording Secretary; and Dolly Grosz, Treasurer. If you are interested in joining the Padre Island Enrichment Club, send an email to padreislandenrichment@gmail.com or visit our Padre Island Enrichment Club Facebook page.



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Business Briefs

By Mary Craft
mkay512@aol.com

Monster Mini Golf in Flour Bluff has set a target opening date for this summer. It is an indoor glow in the dark mini-golf, arcade, laser maze and bowling. They will be offering birthday party packages. It is located where Bealls was at 10241 SPID.



Texas Surf Camps registration is now open for the summer for ages 6 - 17. The weekly sessions are Monday - Friday 8:45 am - 2 pm and the cost is \$350.00/week. Half day sessions are available.



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Cabana Pantry is hosting a Pasta Party with Gourmet Faye on Monday, March 18th 6 pm. You can learn how to make pasta from scratch and roll it out into a pasta shape of your choice. During the two hour class you will also be taught how to make sherry cream sauce. The cost is \$50. It is located next to Isles Mail & More.



The Padre Island Charity Poker Run will have the first event of the year on Thursday, March 28th 6 pm. It begins at Black Sheep Bistro on to The Boathouse Bar from there to The Salty Dolphin Bar and end up at The Angry Marlin for prizes. It will benefit the Texas Sealife Center.

New Stride Physical Therapy will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a BBQ, food truck, door prizes with Ty Dietz providing the entertainment. Join the party on Tuesday, March 19th 5:30 - 7:30 pm at 14302 Nemo Court.

South Texas Botanical Gardens now has registration open for its Kids Summer Weekly Nature Camps. The camps run through June and July and most are 9 am - noon for ages 5 - 13.

Barry Manilow will be at the American Bank Center on August 20th and tickets can be purchased starting Friday, March 15th . The best seats are \$500. He is 80 years old and this year's tour dates will be his final concerts. If you look at his website with the tour dates Corpus Christi is not listed so I am guessing it was recently added. Other than Las Vegas his concerts will be at New York City, London and midwestern states.



The Island-wide Spring Garage Sale will be on Saturday, April 13th. The fall event was a huge success and was especially fun to tour the sales in a golf cart. Some of the parents gave their kids like \$10 to buy things for themselves. There were 80 - 100 participants on 80 streets and I suspect it will be just as big or bigger in April.

A Nite at the Races was an Island favorite fundraiser for years and now that we have a Padre Island Rotary Club again it is back. It was originally held at Padre Isles Country Club and later Schlitterbahn where the Whitecap Development is now located. You watch actual horse races that you bet on with funny money for a chance to win prizes. There will be contests for best female derby hat and best male derby attire. It will be held on Thursday, April 11th 6 - 10 pm at Hardknocks. Attendance is limited to 200 so it's never too early to get tickets. General admission is \$50, VIP reserved tables are \$50 for four and \$100 for eight. The cost is \$200 to sponsor a race. Visit their Facebook page to purchase.

Hardknocks Sports Grill owner Rod Lewis said "We had an Awesome Spring Break, everyone worked exceptional hard. I want to thank everyone and especially our Staff. HardKnocks will be Closed Monday March 18 for our employees."

Padre Island Farmers Market will be at the Island Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 21st 4 - 8 pm.

Random Stuff

The Zebra is a car insurance comparison company that I used to see if I could lower my premium. I submitted my information like age, location, car model, ticket/accident history last three years, etc and they gave me two companies that offered the lowest premium for my situation. I chose Progressive to get their quote and for identical coverage as my current insurance was able to reduce my premium for six months almost \$400. I cancelled my current insurance and will be getting a refund for the time left on the policy. The Zebra makes their money with commission they get when you click on their suggestion to get a quote and accept it.

American Airlines has round trip flights to Denver that are only 4 - 4.5 hour total travel time each way. My family went this week and Daisy's top item on her wishlist was building a snowman.



What does the roseate spoonbill symbolize? Roseate's live in balance, honoring both community and solidarity. These pink birds are sensitive to their environment, they can be shy, introverted, and prefer silence. Roseate Spoonbills protect their young, this points to a need to attune to and care for the vulnerable around us and the inner child within us.

By Riekie Roncinske



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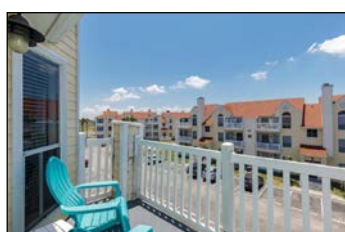
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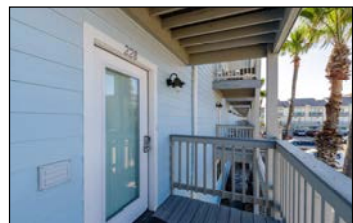
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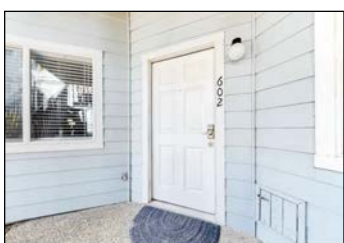
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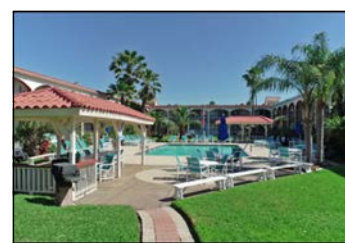
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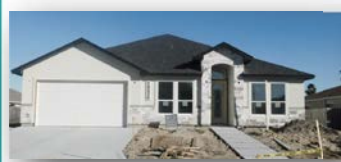
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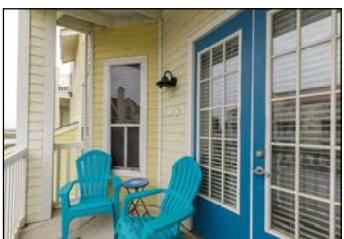
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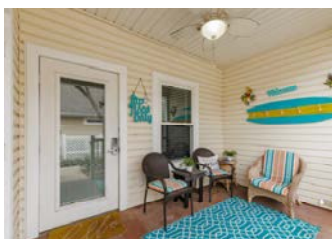
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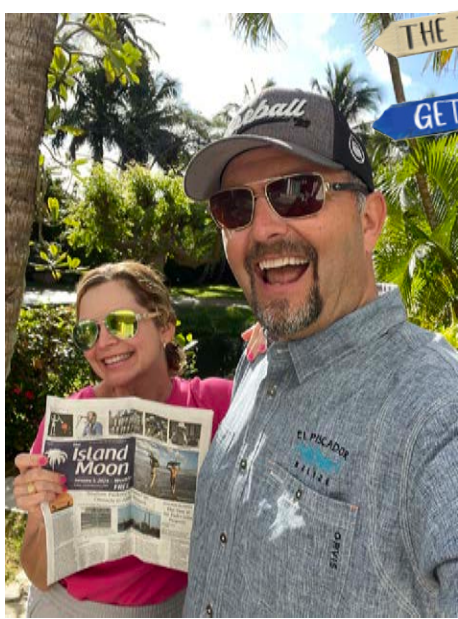
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Banded Brown Pelican Spotlight!

This is JJ (ZE0) a juvenile Brown Pelican you may come across if you are in Port Aransas especially at Station Street Pier. He was originally rescued 12/23/2022 at Robert's Point Park during a cold front exhausted and unable to fly. After spending time at the ARK he was released back at Robert's Point 2/20/2023! We are always happy to see previous patients thriving out in the wild and staying out of trouble! You can report any banded bird to the banding lab at: www.reportband.gov



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Moonbeams and Stardust

By Bob Skipper

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A smile lights up her face.
The moon lights up the gentle surf
Like delicate frilly lace.

Moonlight falls around her,
 From her lips, a gentle sigh.
 She stands with moonbeams in her hair,
 And stardust in her eyes.

Gathering seashells that lie around,
As she strolls the moon white sand.
Moving slowly with the breeze
That blows softly across the land.

Then she stops and slowly turns
Looks lovingly all around.
She walks slowly in the darkening night,
As the moon goes slowly down.

The earth is silent all around
And beneath dark starry skies.
She walks with moonbeams in her hair,
And stardust in her eyes.



Photo by Crissy Ann Northcutt



Mud Turtles being found in sacks of crawfish are being brought to the Texas Sealife Center. Photo by Texas Sealife Center.

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- Prerequisites: Participants must complete a 300-yard swim, 100-yard front crawl, 100-yard breaststroke, and 100 yards of breaststroke and front crawl.

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- Prerequisites: None
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Padre Island Rotary Club Invites the Community to Nite at the Races April 11

By Linda Moyer Walsh

We are excited to announce we are bringing back an Island Favorite activity after 7 years, “Nite at the Races 2024,” a unique blend of fun and fundraising. Follow us on Face Book for pictures of past “Race Nites”. Slated for Thursday, April 11, 2024, this event is more than just a fundraiser. “Nite at the Races 2024” is an innovative, interactive event where participants can experience the thrill of horse racing in a fun, simulated environment.

Padre Island Rotary Club is extending an open invitation to the entire community to join in on this exciting event at HardKnocks Sports Grill. It's an opportunity to have fun, meet new people, and most importantly, contribute to meaningful causes. Tickets for "Nite at the Races 2024" are now available on line. You can also reserve a 4-top or 8-top table on line as well. Those interested in purchasing tickets, or learning more about the event can visit <https://padreislandrotary.org/nite-at-the-races>. You can also visit the Padre Island Rotary Club face book page and click on the event at top of page.

Get out your Derby Best! There will be a parade of interested participants for the Best Ladies Derby Hat and the best Derby Outfit for Men. The winners will each receive a \$100 VISA gift card. The evening will include simulated horse races and betting with Island Bucks (funny money). You can also purchase a horse for \$20 cash, 10 horses per race and if your horse wins, you win \$100 and a bottle of champagne! Doors will open at 5:30. A buffet dinner will begin at 6:00, and races begin at 7:00. When you enter you will receive an envelope with your dinner ticket, a door prize ticket and \$1000 in Island Bucks (funny money). This will enable you to place one bet for each race. Minimum bets are \$100 Island Bucks. If you run out you can always buy more, \$10 US Dollars will buy you \$1000 Island Bucks.

We have some awesome raffle items donated by various business partners and individuals supporting the goals of our Rotary Organization. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each and put your ticket in the jar in front of the item you want. At the end of the evening you can also trade your Island Bucks (funny money) winnings in for raffle tickets. \$1000 Island Bucks buys One raffle ticket. We will have the

drawings at the end of the evening. We have a fantastic Beach Shrimp boil and bonfire for 10 including chairs, music and games. A Beach Day in Port A for 2 including umbrella, 2 chairs, table and food delivery. Jewelry. A Certificate for 4 people to play golf at Lozano/Oso Golf Course, A chartered fishing trip for 2 in the Upper Laguna Madre and Baffin Bay, Kentucky Derby Gift basket, A shrimp Boil and Bonfire for 20. Other beautiful gift baskets and we are still receiving items all the time. If you would like to donate a gift item or basket contact Linda Walsh by email; lawalshva@yahoo.com

The proceeds from “Nite at the Races 2024” will go towards various community service projects. These projects range from local environmental efforts to educational initiatives, such as the enhancement and maintenance of Maryanne’s Way Memorial Park at the end of Whitecap and the addition of a Memorial paver park. The Butterfly and Bee Gardens partnering with our Seashore Schools and the community to preserve and protect natural habitats on the island helping to save the endangered Monarch butterflies and increase the bee population. We will educate students and community individuals with the help of local naturalists and Master Gardeners. Various programs to help and serve our local Veterans. The SIL program, Supervised Independent Living, a partnership with TAMU-CC and the Department of Family and Protective Services to help young adults aging out of Foster Care to transition from foster care to independent living at TAMU-CC while earning a degree. Adoption Awareness is one of our most endearing projects held two times per year at various locations in our community. Partnering with the Department of Family and Protective Services we provide a memorable day for children in the foster program to help facilitate adoptions with vetted individuals, while providing these children time to reunite with siblings for a fun day with games and food. These projects and many more are aimed at enriching our Island and its residents.

For more information on The Padre Island Rotary Club contact Linda Moyer Walsh at lawalshva@yahoo.com and our FB page, Padre Island Rotary Club. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at HardKnocks at 5:30 pm in the back meeting room. Come and join us anytime and get a glimpse of what we are all about.

A black and white photograph of a smiling man with a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt with a 'Community Bank' logo on the left chest. He is holding a brochure titled 'business' which features a table of data. The background shows a blurred office setting with a plant and a sign that partially reads 'Community'. A dark semi-transparent box with the text 'You Deserve Better Banking' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Spring Break south of Port Aransas was full again this year.
Photos by Ronnie Narmour

Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

1. "All in the Family" producer
5. Pale-faced
10. Lasses' companions
14. Fairy tale start
15. Strong adhesive
16. Snack item since 1912
17. Two following the news
20. Small intestine division
21. Middling grade
22. Type of common denominator
23. Descend
25. College sr.'s exam, perhaps
27. Three following the news
34. Become older
35. Did away with, biblically
36. Naval base builder
37. Purges
39. Body pouch
41. Min. fractions
42. Go by, as time
45. Blackjack dealer's device
48. Word with down or key
49. Two following the news
52. What a tartan symbolizes
53. Goddess of the earth
54. Diarist Nin
57. Matter of law
59. Spanish resort island
63. Three following the news
66. Douglas or Wallace
67. Come to a consensus
68. At the highest point
69. "The Good Earth" heroine
70. Stiller's partner
71. Dundee toppers

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Down

1. Scenes of activity
2. Organic compound
3. Teen's affliction
4. Just say no
5. ___ Lingus
6. Trout features
7. Use a strop
8. Outshines the competition
9. "Science Guy" Bill
10. Lynn and Swit
11. Leontyne Price piece
12. "Disco Duck" singer
13. Like an infielder's hands, supposedly
18. Sultans' associates
19. Nonchalant
24. Ravens org.
26. Librarian's utterances
27. Apple gadget
28. Like a good gymnast
29. Bicycle feature
30. Partly submerged
31. Ancient critical printing marks
32. Scout's mission, for short
33. "___ Have No Bananas"
38. Dissected frog, perhaps
40. More lame, as a joke
43. Chips go-with
44. Spaniard's "that"
46. Dinghy adjunct
47. Rocker Money
50. Send into a tizzy
51. Many a maze runner
54. BBs and .22s, e.g.
55. It may be acrylic
56. "Eso Beso (That Kiss!)" singer
58. II Chronicles follower
60. Least little bit
61. Camera feature
62. Roadie's burden
64. Leg, slangily
65. Teacher's org.

Police Blotter March 4-March 10

JFK Causeway to SPID-Aquarius intersection

Crimes against Property

- 13500 block SPID 10 pm March 5 Damage to a Vehicle other than Collision
- 14000 block SPID 1 am March 10 Trespassing Violation

Disturbances

- 13300 block SPID 5 pm SPID Fire
- 14000 block SPID 10 pm March 9

Traffic

- 302 Traffic Stops

SPID West to Laguna Madre

Crimes against Person

- 13700 block Suntan Ave. 5 am March 5 Missing Person
- 13500 block King Phillip Ct. 9 pm March 10 Unlawful Restraint/Assault
- 14500 bloc SPID 11 pm March 9 Physical Altercation

Crimes against Property

- 15300 block SPID 1 pm March 5 Trespassing
- 15200 block Isla Pinto Ct. 10 am March 5 Fraudulent Financial Statement False/ Groundless Enhanced
- 14500 block SPID 7 am March 4 Shoplifting
- 15300 block SPID 1 pm March 5 Trespassing

Disturbances

- 15100 block Beach Country 11 pm March 9 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15100 block Beach Country 10 pm March 9 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 14800 block Cobo De Bara Cir. 9 pm. March 9 Fire
- 14800 block Cobo De Bara Cir. 9 pm March 9 Disorderly Conduct
- 14200 block Encantada Ave. Midnight March 8 Discharge of a Firearm/ Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500
- 15700 block Cruiser 11 pm March 6 Noise Ordinance Violation

Suspicious Person

- Carolos Fifth Ct./Cobo De Bara Cir. 8 pm March 10
- 14300 block SPID Midnight March 9 Arrest Warrant/Wanted Person
- 15000 block SPID 10 pm March 6
- 14400 block Cabana East 9 am March 6
- 15600 block Dyna 7 am March 9

Traffic

- 168 Traffic Stops
- 14500 block SPID 8 pm March 10 Crash
- 14900 block SPID 1 pm March 9 Driving while License Suspended
- 14200 block SPID 11 am March 8 Crash
- SPID/SH 361 7 am March 7 Crash
- 13700 block Cayo Gorda Ct. 1 pm March 5 Hit and Run Investigation/ Crash

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico north to City Limits

Disturbances

- 15200 block Leeward Dr. 10 pm March 10 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15200 block Leeward Dr. 8 pm March 10 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15200 block Windward Dr. 8 pm March 10 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15200 block Windward 3 pm March 10 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15100 block Leeward Dr. 10 pm March 8 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15300 block Leeward Dr. 8 pm March 8 Noise Ordinance Violation
- 15200 block Leeward Midnight March 4 Noise Ordinance Violation
- Newport Pass Rd/Gulf Beach Midnight March 9 Noise Ordinance Violation

Suspicious Person

- 14700 block Gulf Beach 6 pm March 9 Zahn Road/SH 361 7 pm March 8
- 11400 block Gulf Beach 4 pm March 8

Traffic

- 124 Traffic Stops
- Zahn Road/Gulf Beach 7 am March 6 Parking Violation
- 10200 block SH 361 9 am March 7 Crash
- 10200 block SH 361 9 am March 7 Crash

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In addition AA meetings are held
Friday 7 PM and Sunday 8 AM at
The second Gazebo on the
Boardwalk behind
Brisco King Pavilion

Crews are in the process of placing paving stones along the South Packery Jetty. The City of Corpus Christi has an easement that runs along the jetty from the dune line to the entrance to Lake Padre.

Crossword Solution

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Ballots mailed for Padre Isles Property Owners Association Board of Directors

Ballots for the Padre Isles Property Owners Association have been mailed. Early votes will be counted at the 2024 March 23, 2024 Annual Meeting where members can also cast ballots. Three of seven Board of Directors seats are up for election. The seats are currently held by Drew Diggins, Ray Singleton and David Rossi, respectively.

The candidates for the upcoming 2024 Board elections are

- Charles Cantu, Jr.
- Chul Kim McGuire
- Drew Diggins (Incumbent/President)
- George Reed
- Kevin Tansey
- Michael Gdfula
- Ray Singleton (Incumbent)
- Thomas Gottemoller

The 2024 Board Candidates’ resumes may be viewed on the Community Website: www.padreislespoa.net.

There is also a referendum item on the ballot which reads as follows:
“Owners of single-family residential lots may lease the entire residence and lot, provided each lease shall be in writing, and is for a minimum duration of 30 consecutive days. Owners of residences designated as a condominium or a townhouse may lease their residence for less than 30 consecutive days if permitted by any applicable condominium or townhouse regime and zoning laws.”

Padre Isles Property Owners Association, Inc. Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 23, 2024
Seashore Learning Center
15801 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418
Doors open at 9:00 AM; Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTION TRUST (Vote Tallying)
4. APPROVAL OF 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
5. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
7. 10:30 AM – VOTING ENDS
8. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
9. PRESIDENT’S STATE OF THE POA (WORKING FOR YOU)
10. ELECTION RESULTS
 1. BOARD ELECTION RESULTS
 2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATIONS
11. SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS
13. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION WITH BOARD MEMBERS
14. ADJOURN

NEWS from the PIPOA

Gary Klepperich, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

CAM Fees

Executive Director

Padre Isles POA

Election

The 2024 Board Election and Short-Term Rental Amendment proposition ballots have been sent out to all Owners via the professional election company, **Election Buddy**. Padre Isles POA Owners have the capability of voting by mail, with the paper ballot, voting online, or by phone, using the secure QR code provided on each ballot. If you require assistance with your ballot and casting your vote, please contact Election Buddy at: pipoa@electionbuddy.com or: 1-833-328-6837 ext 3. If you have not received your ballot, please contact the PIPOA Office at: (361) 949-7025. The Management Staff will assist you by providing your Owner Account Number, for verification, so you may contact Election Buddy Customer Service to obtain your Ballot electronically.

Annual meeting

PADRE ISLES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL MEETING will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2024** at the Seashore Learning Center, located at 15801 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418. Doors open at 9:00 AM; Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Paper ballots will be accepted at the meeting by Election Buddy, the professional election company facilitation the election processing and certification.

If you haven’t yet paid your 2024 CAM Fees, please make every effort to initiate your payments. CAM Fees are due by March 31, 2024. Beginning April 1, 2024, CAM fees are officially late and are subject to late fee interest. All Padre Isles Owners now have the ability to pay CAM fees via the Community Website: www.padreislespoa.net. On the POA’s home page, will be a “Pay Online” button. From there, two payment options will be available: 1) pay by credit card; and 2) pay by ACH/E-Check. Each option link will then take you to the appropriate secure payment portal of your choice for you to make your assessment payment. If you have not received your 2024 CAM Fees statement, please contact the PIPOA Office Staff at (361) 949-7025.

Boat ramp parking

2024 Boat Ramp Parking Permits are required for parking at the seven POA boat ramps. The permit color for 2024 is red. The 2023 permits stickers, gold in color, are no longer valid. If you have not yet purchased your red 2024 boat ramp parking permit, please contact the PIPOA Office Staff. Each permit sticker is \$20.00 per permit sticker and each permit is serial numbered and registered to the specific vehicle, so when purchasing your boat ramp parking sticker, you will need to have the make, model, color, and license plate number of each vehicle you are purchasing for.

AUSTAL USA DELIVERS FUTURE USS KINGSVILLE (LCS 36)



Mobile, Ala. – Austal USA delivered the future USS Kingsville (LCS 36) to the U.S. Navy March 1, 2024. Kingsville is the 18th Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) delivered by the company and the first U.S. Navy vessel to be named after the Texas city home to Naval Air Station Kingsville and directly tied to the historic King Ranch. Delivery documents were signed on board the ship and followed the successful completion of acceptance trials at the end of January during which the ship’s major systems and equipment were tested to demonstrate mission readiness. The ship’s pre-commissioning unit will now prepare the ship for fleet introduction. “The delivery of this ship on time and on budget is representative of the pride and dedication on which Austal USA’s ship-builders have built their stellar reputation,” remarked Austal USA’s acting president, Michelle Kruger. “We are excited to provide Kingsville to the Navy to join her sister ships operating in the Pacific providing a critical capability to the fleet.”

The LCS is a fast, agile, mission-focused platform designed to operate in near-shore environments, winning against 21st-century coastal threats. In November 2023 the Navy proudly reported it had six Independence-variant LCS deployed in the Pacific throughout 2023, including the record-breaking 26-month overseas deployment of USS Charleston (LCS18). The Austal USA-built LCS variant is also providing support to the Navy’s unmanned programs with USS Oakland (LCS 24) operating as a mothership for the Unmanned Surface Division 1 vessels Ranger, Mariner, Seahawk and Sea Hunter and the large flight decks support unmanned drones, like the MQ-8C Fire Scout. Integration of the mine countermeasures (MCM) mission package placed aboard USS Canberra (LCS 30) signifies additional capabilities planned for Independence-class ships. Austal USA is constructing the Navy’s final Independence-variant LCS, future USS Pierre (LCS 38), which is scheduled to be christened later this spring.



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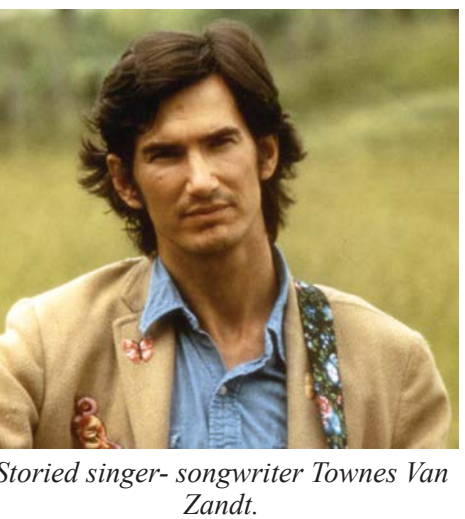
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By Ronnie Narmour
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Happy heavenly B-Day Townes...



I want to wish my favorite songwriter, **Townes Van Zandt** a happy heavenly birthday. He would have been 80 on March 7. He is probably best known for his popular song, *Pancho and Lefty* which was recorded by **Willie Nelson** and **Merle Haggard** and reached number one on the *Billboard Country Charts* in 1983. Townes’ influence is massive. Countless artists across many genres have recorded or performed his songs such as **Steve Earle**, **Lyle Lovett**, **Jerry Jeff Walker**, **Guy Clark**, **Robert Earl Keen**, **Emmylou Harris** and on and on. He was born into a wealthy family who are cited as one of the founders of Fort Worth. Between the years of 1968 and 1994 Townes recorded ten studio albums and released sixteen singles and twenty live albums. Back in the day I thought he was the gold standard and learned many, many of his songs on my little cheap guitar. I knew Townes in the 70’s when he lived in Austin and I was bartending at the *Texas Chili Parlor*, which was next door to *Castle Creek*, one of the premier listening rooms in early Austin and showcased such talent as **Little Feat**, **Doug Sahm**, **Lightening Hopkins**, **Leon Redbone**, **Jimmy Buffet**, etc. Whenever Townes would play *Castle Creek* he would always grab up the *Chili Parlor* bartenders after they got off work and were loaded with tip money and take the party to his place in Clarksville to play craps. I can hear him now, “Hey **Kid**, you got any money?” ... he called me Kid so you know that had to be a long time ago. I remember one night when he was already done with his show at *Castle Creek* and was waiting for me to get off work and my pal, **Andy Winnegar’s** car in front of the *Chili Parlor* and he got impatient. He beat on the door until the owner, **Phil Vetech**, let him in to pester me to hurry up. About then I heard Phil yelling at Townes to “give it back Townes.” Apparently he had reached over the bar when no one was looking and snaked a bottle of booze and the owner saw it. Townes’ reply was, “No way man. That bottle is mine. I stolt it fair and square.” We had to wrestle it away from him and he grumbled about all the way to the crap game in which he won all our money, like he usually did. I got stories.



The *Festering Den of Sin* is alive and well and thriving at Pole 29. As I sit down to write this column on Tuesday, the big news around here is, of course, Spring Break. Me and my **Mermiad Gal** ran out to Pole 28 yesterday to see how the *Festering Den of Sin* was coming and in a word, IT WAS (that’s two words). The wagons were circled and there was already a large crowd of young adults on the scene and *Butt Cheek Beach* was living up to its name. I also found out that there was a shooting out there on Monday night which left a 22 year old man from Ingleside dead and a 19 year old Alice man wounded. Not good! Details were sketchy but I’m sure they’ll know more by the time you read this. Also on the local front *Bron’s Backyard* has come back online and came out swinging with a big line-up of great bands and all kinds of nifty improvements they did over the winter. The place just looks great. I sampled some of **Jimmy Jam’s** famous

chicken wings and brother; they were the best I’ve ever tasted. Also try his killer *Smash Burger*. Those guys are hitting on all cylinders so check ‘em out. It’s family friendly with all kinds of fun stuff for the whole family such as ping pong, corn hole, hula hoops, shaved ice drinks, great food and really great music... oh, and they also rent golf carts, many, many golf carts. It’s a fun place. I want to also mention that this Sunday the 17th is *St. Patty’s Day* and, as is usual, the *VFW* will have their annual golf cart pub crawl starting at noon and hitting many of the local haunts such as *The Gaff*, *Shorty’s*, *Salty Dog*, *Red’s*, etc.



Me and my **Mermiad Gal** got out to catch some good music around town. **Boudreaux and Pousson (Boo & Poo)**, our new Cajun pals, played the *Gaff* last Friday. They are ALWAYS a good time. San Antonio guitar god, **Chris Boss**, played *Bron’s* last Saturday and will be back about once a month until September. One of my new favorite bands in our area, **Heavy Soul**, played *Shorty’s* on Saturday. They consist of two of the members of the **Chainlinks**; **Louis Mandel** on guitar and vocals and drummer **Landin Martinez** and the crowds really seem to dig their harder edge. And we also ran by *Treasure Island* to catch some of the **Jam Band**. The hard working owner **Tommy Saad** has been hard at it during the off season and built a new, beautiful bar in the patio area where the bands play. It looks fantastic.



There is A LOT going on. Here’s the weekend run down...coming this Friday the 15th *Bron’s* has **Flying Free** featuring **Anna the Rockstar**, *Shorty’s* has the cool jam band **Triptonite**, *Treasure Island* has **Carson Miller** and the *Gaff* has **Boo & Poo**. On Saturday **Funk Rock Stereo** plays *Shorty’s*, the great **Ruben V** from S.A. will play *Bron’s* and the **National Nobodz** are at *Treasure Island*. Also on Saturday the **Toadies** play *Brewster Downtown* and Rockport has their annual *Crawfish Fest*. And on Sunday the 17th, **Joey St. Vincent** and **Ty Dietz** play *Shorty’s*, the **CBDB’s** play *Bron’s* and **Brad Ethridge** plays the *Gaff*. Check out the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box for all the current band listings. Be safe out there. Peace out!



Triptonite will play Shorty’s on Friday.



San Antonio legend Ruben V with Val Cronk on bass will play Bron’s Backyard on Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Friday, March 15
Sunset Sounds
@ Patsy Jones Amphitheater
Triptonite @ Shorty’s
Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
Flying Free @ Bron’s Backyard
Carson Miller & the Coastal Cowboys @ Treasure Island
Clark Bros @ Virginia’s on the Bay
The Drive @ Bier Haus
Raul Ayala @ Exchange
Groove @ Executive Surf Club
John Cortez @ RETRO
Aaron Jacobs @ Brewster Southside
Kyle Elliot, Bluff Rat Revival @ Packery Bar
Cruise Control @ Pelican Lounge
Cover Tones @ South TX Ice House
Gritty Fish @ Vernon’s
Eli Brown @ Lucy
Coopers New Braunsfel
Los Texmaniacs w/ Augie & Flaco @ Gruene Hall
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard’s
Funk Rock Stereo @ Sugar Shack Rockport
Brad Ethridge @ Sunflower Resort
Michael Anthony Perez @ KBob’s
Wade Bowen @ Rockport Crawfish Cook-off
Billy Snipes @ Cinnamon Shore

Saturday, March 16
Dreams; Fleetwood Mac Tribute @ PACT
Funk Rock Stereo @ Shorty’s
Ruben V @ Bron’s Backyard
National Nobodys @ Treasure Island
Groove @ Cinnamon Shore
Clark Bros @ Virginia’s on the Bay
Diamond’s Edge @ Pelican Lounge
Billy Snipes @ Island Italian
Eli Brown @ Black Marlin
Joey St. Vincent @

Eighteen 18 Bar
Natalie Rose, Michael Burtt, John Cortez, Jules Taylor, Carson Miller @ Packery Bar
John Cortez @ Boathouse
The Toadies @ Brewster Downtown
Scarecrow People @ Brewster Southside
Triptonite, Sweet N Juicy @ Exchange
Dreaming in Color @ Executive Surf Club
Michael Anthony Perez @ Rockit’s
Funk Rock Stereo @ RETRO
Jam Council @ Cassidy’s Irish Pub
Jam Band @ Harley Davidson
Cruise Control @ South Texas Ice House
Otis Terrell’s Blues Revue @ Rialto Theater AP
The Drive @ London Bar and Grill
Crawfish Fest @ Rockport
Riptide @ Sugar Shack
Michael Burtt @ Tannin’s
ChillBillies @ Doc’s
Ruben Limas @ Blue Marlin Saloon

St. Patty’s Day, March 17
Joey St. Vincent, Ty Dietz @ Shorty’s
CBDB’s @ Bron’s Backyard
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Tyler Davis @ Bier Haus
Clark Bros @ VFW
Eli Brown @ BUS
Catfish Blues Jam @ Rialto Theater
Jered Clark @ VFW
Jennifer Gayle Bradley @ Blackbeard’s
Cathouse @ Packery Bar
Michael Burtt @ Pier 99
Aaron Jacobs @ Brewster Street

Monday, March 18
Open Jam w/ Raul Ayala @ Shorty’s
Michael Burtt @ Pier 99

Tuesday, March 19
Open Mic w/Rev Matt @ House of Rock
The Drive @ Aloft Hotel

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