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By Dale Rankin

It's been a calm week here on our little sandbar this week as locals have been able to enjoy light traffic on area beaches as the kids are back in school and the water has been beautiful. Also missing are the mosquito fleet of electric bikes buzzing *Around The Island* as the bikes are now parked outside the schools and the riders are inside the schools.

As reported in this issue of the *Island Moon* there will be new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings along Encantada Avenue by the time school starts in 2026 if the plan approved at City Hall this week goes as scheduled. See the details in this issue.

Time to Paddle!

The annual Paddle for Parkinson's event is scheduled for Billish Park on Saturday August 30.

Everyone is welcome and the event starts at 9 a.m. and runs until noon so if you are boating in Island canals during that time watch out for paddlers along the 2.5 mile route where boat marshals will be stationed. Live music will be provided by Brian Winfrey and there will be BBQ provided by the Downtown Lion's Club. The annual event draws a crowd and Mona Singeterry has been making this event happen for eighteen years now. It's time to dust off the kayak and get to paddlin' everybody!



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Update When will Island canals reopen to water flow?

The word from the Padre Isles Property Owners Association



Lake Padre Sand Dam

Water flow under the Don Patricio Bridge has been blocked since late 2024 to allow for repair work to Island bulkheads following Tropical Storm Alberto in June 2024. To answer the question of when the dam



Commodores Brdge Sand Dam

on the Lake Padre side may be removed we sent a series of questions this week to the Executive Director of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association Rick McGinley. Here are the questions and responses.

IM: If I remember correctly the PIPOA has a Memorandum of Understanding with Tim Lange to remove the sand dam on Lake Padre once the canal under
Canals cont. on A3

Sidewalk for Encantada Avenue approved

By Dale Rankin

The Corpus Christi City Council this week approved a \$1 million project to construct sidewalks and bike paths from Gypsy Street to South Padre Island Drive. The improvements constructing pedestrian and bicycle improvements including a 5-foot sidewalk along Encantada Avenue from Gypsy Street to Park Road 22, along with curb ramps, signage, and pavement markings.

In March 2022 the Corpus Christi

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Encantada Project Area

20 Years After Katrina



9th ward underwater after the storm

By Dale Rnkin

It was twenty years ago this week and the scene is still stuck in my mind. It was a beautiful day as I sat upstairs looking out the second-story window of what is now Brewster Street Icehouse when my phone rang. It was my friend Jerry from my days in the television dodge.

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A little Island history How did Padre Island get a traffic light at Aquarius-SPID Intersection?

Council vote followed months of debate at Island Strategic Action Committee

By Dale Rankin

Ten years ago this week the Corpus Christi City Council approved the installation of the traffic light at the intersection of South Padre Island Drive and Aquarius Drive. The vote was the culmination of several months of discussion at the Island Strategic Action Committee where the light was approved by a vote of 7-6 before going to the council for approval of funding.



The intersection before the light installation

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How much is property in Flour Bluff ISD worth? *By the numbers-tax value of area school districts*

The Texas Comptroller's Office this week released its findings on the value and taxable value of property in individual school districts across the state for the year 2024. The following numbers were taken from that report and reflect only values pertaining to property taxes; any special considerations made to specific commercial or residential developments are not included. They do not match the values reported by the Nueces Appraisal District whose numbers are used for taxing purposes. The reports contains the following qualifying statement:

Government Code subsections 403.302(j) and (k) require the Comptroller's office to certify alternative measures of school district wealth. These measures are reported for taxable values for maintenance and operation (M&O) tax purposes and for interest and sinking fund (I&S) tax purposes.
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The scammers are out there! *BBB Texas alert: Debt collection and investment scams lead in losses*

Scammers are targeting Texans with tactics that have cost residents more than \$3.8 million so far this year, according to new data from the Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Debt Collection and Investment scams top the list with the highest financial impact.

- Debt Collection scams: Over \$2 million lost
- Investment scams: Over \$1.8 million lost

These two scams alone account for most reported financial losses in 2025. The chart below highlights the top five scams ranked by total dollars lost so far this year.

In comparison, debt collection scams accounted for over \$20,000 in losses in the 2024 BBB Mid-Year Report, and \$1.9 million were reported in investment scams.

Identified as the No. 1 riskiest consumer scam in BBB's 2024 Scam Tracker Risk Report, investment/cryptocurrency scams continue to take a toll on residents throughout North America.

"Scams aren't just about money—they impact people's confidence, trust, and peace of mind," said Jason Meza, BBB's senior director of communications and member relations. "Debt collection and

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Islanders Sarah and Jimmy Pena took the Moon on their Alaskan Cruise from Vancouver to Seward/Anchorage.



The Island Moon travels to Nazare, Portugal accompanied by Regina Holloway and Sandra Hickl.



Here is a picture of Sonya Becker and Michael Teitle in Riviera Cancun.



Rachel Park who is expecting her first child and Dale and I's fourth grandchild in October and her bestie Sydney Paul took The Island Moon to Petit Trois in Sherman Oaks, California. Can't wait to meet you baby boy.



Kathleen Cullinan and daughter Karen Cullinan took The Island Moon to lower Broadway in Nashville and posed with the yellow roses at Casa Rosa. Owner Miranda Lambert has already donated millions of dollars to help people and animals impacted by the Texas Hill Country flood last month.



Ghost crabs dig burrows in the sand, which they use for shelter and to escape the heat of the day. By Lu Ann Kingsbury

You're Invited!

To The Padre Island Poker Run

August 28th • 6-9pm

End of Summer Luau

PADRE ISLAND POKER RUN

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Shiner CRAFT SPIRITS

The Island Moon Weekly

The Anchor Beach Bar & Grill

August theme: End of Summer Luau. Dress up you and your pet!

2025 EVENTS
September 25th
October 30th

proceeds to benefit
Seashore Charter Schools

The caravan and sign up starts at the Black Sheep Bistro/Barrel at 6pm, continues to The Anchor Beach Bar & Grill at the Wyndham hotel, moves to the Brewster Street Ice House and then finishes at The Angry Marlin Tiki Bar. Last draw and prizes at 9pm. For more information about this event or details about the next monthly themed poker event go to Facebook @AngryMarlinRestaurant

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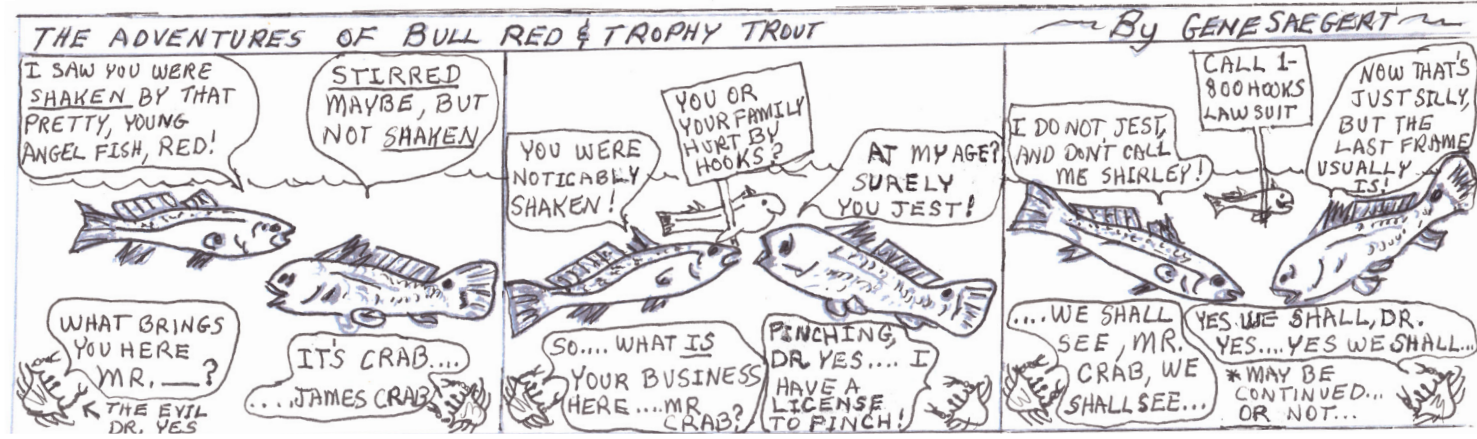
Birds of the same sort or with the same tastes and interests will be found together. Tri-colored heron, Great egret and ibis. Riekie Roncinske



Some birds will open and droop their wings to allow air to circulate around their body, promoting heat loss on a very hot day. By Lu Ann Kingsbury

Back to MARKET

Thursday Aug 21 4-7pm
14353 Commodores Dr



Letters to the Editor



Catherine Farenthold's 'Celebration of Life' is August 23, 2025 Noon to 4pm at 'Island Gatherings' 14814 Compass St. Corpus Christi, Texas. In lieu of flowers Please donate to The Cattery cat shelter In Catherine's name.

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Christus Spohn Health System announced this week there will be a grand opening of their new building on SPID near the JFK Bridge on Thursday, October 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the renovation of the long-empty facility.

Winter Events

If you or your organization have an event coming up the next few months you can post a notice for free in the Texas Highways calendar which is pushed out state-wide by the Texas Department of Transportation. This is a good way to get the word out across the state and you have until September 3 to get them your information. Go to texasevents@txdot.gov for more information.

Texas Women's Angler Tournament

If you want to see a flotilla of million-dollar boats look no further than Port Aransas this weekend as the Texas Women's Angler Tournament takes to the water. The event was founded in the 1980's with the mission to raise funds for the Women's Shelter of South Texas; now named The Purple Door. In 1989 eighteen boats registered for the tournament with about fifty women anglers. Today, an average of forty boats and over three-hundred women anglers gather in Port Aransas to fish the tournament and raise money for the Purple Door. It is one of the best boat-watching events in the Coastal Bend. The weight station at Fisherman's Wharf opens at 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Islandmoon.com

The Island Moon website islandmoon.com went up this week with limited content and has resulted in a slew of questions mostly about our archives. We are in the process of uploading the three terabytes of archives of old Island Moon issues going all the way back to 1996. It is a work in progress and will also include a database of all things Island. There are a lot of source documents to dig through and categorize here at the Word Factory but we are working on it.

And finally, word came from the Texas Railroad Commission this week that half of the horizontal drilling rigs in the United States are now working in Texas. That fits with things *Around The Island* where half of the storytellers are above average. Say hello if you see us *Around The Island*.

Bluff cont. from A1

Flour Bluff ISD

\$5,286,473,369 value of single-family homes in FBISD
\$170,086,826 value of multi-family residential property in FBISD
\$29,153,973 value of property currently for sale
\$101,817,385 value of utilities
\$436,680,092 loss of taxable value due to state-mandated reduction in homestead exemption.
\$6,512,200,180 value of property with no reductions for tax purposes
\$5,003,172,834 Total value of property prior to state-mandated reductions in appraisal value on homesteaded property for assessing property taxes
\$4,566,492,742 total taxable value of property

Corpus Christi ISD

\$28.3 billion total value
\$20.4 billion total taxable value

the Commodores bridge is open. Is that correct?

RM: Our MOA with Tim Lang was not tied to opening the canal under the new Commodores bridge. It was tied to our completion of bulkhead repairs. The POA position on removing the sand dam is tied to us getting the floodgate installed along with the box culverts at Encantada. While there is no formal agreement on this position we briefed our concerns to the City during our 7 August meeting at the City Manager's office and again today (Monday, August 18) at a meeting between the TGLO and the POA's Canal Committee. FYI: Tim Lang was in attendance at the 7 August City meeting and he did not take exception to our position, nor did the City. The City Manager was also present when I briefed our initiative to fund the study. As you may recall, the City's funding request of the TIRZ committee was denied and that left the City dead-in-the-water so to speak. It became obvious the only way to get the flood gate study accomplished was for the POA to step up... and we did.

IM: What is the cost of the study?

RM: 50K was the initial estimate for the flood gate study when the City was going out for bids. So, the PIPOA will fund the study to identify the optimum location for a flood gate. We expect to send out a scope of work for the study over the next couple of weeks. The scope of work is designed to assess the best location for a flood gate based on an independent Hydrologist's analytical assessment of the requirements and to some

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City Council approved submission of an application for a federal cost reimbursement from \$4.5 million in local projects approved through the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Organization for fiscal years 2022-2025 to be used for, among other projects, improving safe routes to schools. Under the terms of the project the city will pay for the improvements with reimbursement to follow. The funds were divided into five projects with on each city council district with the Encantada Project in District 4.



Encantada project features

Port Aransas

\$5.6 billion value of single-family dwellings
\$86 million value of residential property currently for sale
\$627,318,607 value of vacant lots
\$7.1 billion total value
\$6.4 billion total taxable value

Callen ISD

\$3.8 billion total value
\$2.6 total taxable value

London ISD

\$1.3 billion total value
\$1 billion total taxable value

Tuloso-Midway

\$4.4 billion total value
\$3.8 billion total taxable value

Gregory-Portland

\$17.8 billion total value
\$2 billion residential value
\$13 billion total deductions
\$4.5 billion total taxable value

extent by interrupting the results of previous studies done as they are available. Also interesting to note was that according to a few previous board members this independent Hydrologist study should have been completed back in 2018 or so; well before the work stated. But then hindsight is always 20/20.

IM: To make sure I understand, is the PIPOA asking that the dam remain until "completion of bulkhead repairs" and if so when is that scheduled to happen?

RM: Yes, on the completion of bulkhead repairs but we still have several months of work to go yet. It will likely extend until after hurricane season at the earliest. This is based on newly discovered bulkhead damage while we were repairing the known issues.

IM: If the study determines that the best location for the floodgate is on private property what happens next?

RM: That was the reason for our meeting today with the Texas General Land Office. We don't believe it would need to go on private property and the TGLO was willing to change their lease agreement with the City if necessary for the flood gate to be installed on their property. Our "go do" from the GLO today was to prepare an agenda for a meeting between us, the City, and the GLO to discuss this very issue.
Editor's note: the Texas General Land Office owns a 150-foot wide easement which runs along the South Packery Jetty from the beach to the canal entrance to Lake Padre. That easement is under a long-term lease to the City of Corpus Christi.

The agreement approved by the council this week obligates the federal funding, and also commits the city to pay for \$196,733 of the final cost of the project, with \$42,298 committed from the Texas Department of Transportation, with \$786,931 coming from federal reimbursement.

City staff told the city council on Tuesday the work is expected to begin in early 2026 and is expected to take six months to complete.

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Sidewalk with bike lane coming to Encantada

Texas Hunting, Fishing Licenses now on sale

Fall is upon us and for hunters and anglers that can only mean one thing, it is time to renew hunting and fishing licenses. Before taking the boat out or hitting the field, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new licenses for the 2025-26 season.

Current-year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) expire at the end of August. Licenses for the 2025-26 season went on sale August 15.

Texans purchase more than 3 million hunting and fishing licenses annually, directly funding a magnitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities. Fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river access sites and Texas Game Wardens are just some of the many projects made possible by license sales. A variety of licenses are available and can be purchased through the official TPWD website, or in-person at retail locations throughout Texas or TPWD offices. Licenses may also be purchased by phone at (800) 895-4248 during regular business hours, though callers may experience long hold times during the beginning of the season and other peak calling periods. A \$5 administrative fee applies to phone and online purchases.

All recreational licenses and endorsement stamps now have a digital option. The digital license option is available through online

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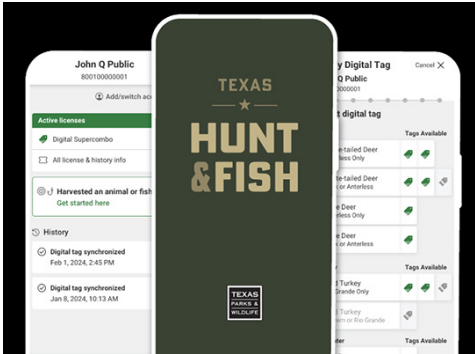
Total approved cost of the project was \$705,625 with \$420,000 coming from the developer of the adjacent property and \$285,625 paid by the city from 2014 bonds. The San Antonio-based developer who owned the property on the east side of the intersection and who was the impetus for the light, told the Island Moon the previous December that he planned to build a retail center on the lots on the east side of the intersection, including a Starbucks Coffee Shop, and a 105 room Hamilton Inn motel which would not be approved by the chain without the light which was needed to handle the traffic for the hotel.

The project was begun in January 2016 and by the time it was installed the price had increased to \$1.2 million to include warning signs on the JFK Causeway to inform drivers there is a traffic light ahead. The increased funding came from the city’s capital improvement fund.

Average traffic flow across the JFK Causeway at that time was estimated at about 30,000 vehicles per day and a comprehensive count was done through the summer season where a count on Saturday, July 4, 2015 showed more than 50,000 vehicles passed through the SPID/Aquarius intersection. Residents cited safety as the main reason for the light, as the heavy traffic delayed drivers trying to enter the roadway from Aquarius or turning across traffic who experienced long delays leading some to take dangerous changes when crossing. Then-District 4 City Councilwoman Colleen McIntyre, who was a proponent of the light, said city records showed a total of 39 accidents in the southbound lane of SPID between the JFK Causeway and the SPID/Commodores intersection in the past two years. Later, figures obtained by the Island Moon through an Open Records Request to the City of Corpus Christi showed substantial increases in the number in the 2020 summer season with most coming at the SPID/Aquarius intersection. The council in 2015 also discussed dropping the speed limit along SPID but took no action. That change, like the light, would have to be approved by the Texas Department of Transportation. The proposed Hampton Inn has yet to be constructed.

purchase only when licenses go on sale on Aug. 15. Digital license holders must keep their digital license available via mobile device while in the field or on the water as they will not receive a printed license or tags. License holders must access and use their digital tags through the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app. Digital licenses can be viewed through the Texas Hunt & Fish and TPWD Outdoor Annual mobile apps.

For repeat license buyers, TPWD offers an expedited checkout process, allowing customers to re-purchase licenses bought in recent years. Paper license holders may show an electronic copy of their license but must possess and apply physical tags for animals that require tagging. Several options exist for customers to provide proof of licensure other than their physical license, including: (1) an electronic photo of their licenses, (2) an emailed receipt of their purchases; (3) their account in the on-line license sales system; (4) by connecting their license to the Outdoor Annual or Texas Hunt & Fish mobile apps.



Skipper Tales

Nameless Rain By Deborah Barney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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“The Japanese are looking for you,” he said. “Do you want to be found?” The mind races at such times but I couldn’t come up with any reason I should be hiding from the Japanese. “Well, I guess unless you know something I don’t,” I said. “They want you to go to New Orleans,” he said. “There’s a big storm and they are going all in with coverage.” Twenty four hours later after some give and take on pay I was driving north in an RV headed towards San Antonio on my way to Baton Rouge to meet the crews from the NHK television network. I had to make a stop in San Antonio to drop off Riley P. Dog who had been vacationing on The Island and then made a stop at the Walmart only to discover that the only gas cans left were two-galloners; everything bigger than that had already been stripped from the shelves. By the time I rolled into Baton Rouge at sunup the next morning I had most of the space in the vehicle filled with small gas cans giving off such a smell I was driving with the windows down. I pulled into the hotel parking lot and met the crews, none of whom wanted to ride shotgun in Dale’s gasmobile. As we drove down I-10 towards News Orleans it was clear it had been a big storm. There were boats lining the roadside and as we rolled into New Orleans proper the only place to park our trucks was on the highway overpasses as Canal Street was in fact a canal.

Living on the overpass



On the freeway soon after arriving in New Orleans.

The first five or six days were spent living on the I-10 overpass looking down Canal Street. Everything as far as we could see in every direction was underwater. The Army had not yet arrived and tens of thousands of people were living on the freeway in open Hoovervilles and surviving as best they could. Bodies were left uncollected in the black water that covered the Ninth Ward and many were left to ripen in the sun along the freeway where we were camped. Life was cheap and stories began to circulate about roving gangs who had pillaged a National Guard armory the night of the storm and made off with heavy weapons. Gunfire from the flooded streets was common after dark and dark stories made the rounds about what was going on down there.

We camped on the freeway and filed our stories until one afternoon I was listening to a French radio show which was broadcasting from Baton Rouge. The reporter said that he had made his way to the Quarter by boat and there was a bar there that had stayed open right through the storm and was still open. He interviewed a fellow by the name of Squirrel who worked there and said they were serving hot beer and what was left of their liquor supply. About that time a fellow wet to the armpits walked up and introduced himself as Sam and asked if he could charge his cell phone on our generator. Sam said that he had ridden out the storm in his house which was visible from our vantage point on the freeway and was full of gnarly water up to the second floor.

He had been living on beans and bottled water and had seen the gangs going through town in the two days after the storm, fueled by looted booze and firing randomly into houses. «Just letting people know they were still here,» Sam said. Sam would blow out his candle and lie on the floor until they passed. The police were a non-factor as more than four hundred New Orleans police officers went feral after the storm and sordid stories made the rounds about what they had been up to. It was said that the furniture from the Hotel Monteleone was stacked inside the police station known as Fort Apache. After a few days we made our way across the Huey P. Long Bridge and parked our trucks next to the Superdome where thousands of refugees had taken up residence in the open air. I waded through chest deep water with several of them and we liberated jugs of water from a warehouse and floated them back to the freeway and rolled them up the ramp and I piled them in the RV to the point that when I hit a bump it smoked the tires. Water was a precocious thing.



Everything from our vantage point on the I-10 freeway was underwater.

Into the Quarter

After a couple of days Sam and I determined that we would make our way to the Quarter and find that bar that had stayed open no-matter-what. We borrowed a car from a crew and we set off. We went the wrong way on I-10, common at that time as the city was under no discernable law and went the wrong way down the Claiborne Avenue ramp and started through downtown toward the Quarter. The streets were empty - even of emergency crews. The Army and National Guard had still not arrived and the locals only came out at night.

Many stores had been broken into and outside the convention center were thousands of chairs and tables which had been brought outside by people looking to escape what turned out to be murder and open gang warfare inside. The chairs were strung out for several blocks as the social order broke down and anarchy pushed people to the safety of groups in the open where they could see danger coming. Cars were buried under tons of fallen bricks; broken glass was everywhere. The streets were full of water but we found our way through to Canal Street after several tries.

I expected a deserted street but instead I found at least thirty satellite trucks lined up in the dry median where cable cars would normally run. That afternoon we moved our satellite truck there and it became our home for the next three months as the city slowly came back to life. The gutters were filled to the storefronts with water that looked like it could eat its way through the very concrete which corralled it but as we crossed onto Bourbon Street the streets dried up and it looked less cluttered than after a night of Mardi Gras. No wind damage to speak of. No water. Nothing but empty streets.

Johnny White’s



Tom Brokaw outside of Johnny White’s Sports Bar in the French Quarter.

About ten blocks down we found our destination- Johnny White’s Sports Bar. It was on a corner and jammed with people. There were journalists most of whom were from European countries and had heard the same French radio report I had but mostly there were Quarter dwellers who had ridden out the storm in their homes and were now looking for food and drinks. I met a painter named Chester who had a cat named Bob who was asleep on the bar. I met Squirrel who was playing what I think was *Louisiana 1927* on a guitar with four strings. I met Ben, an elderly gay man who had lost his companion to the storm after thirty one years of living in the Quarter. Over the course of the next two weeks I met everyone from Bern the cross-dresser to Tom Brokaw. Bern swore that to Brokaw he was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge and was fond of green leotards and combat boots. He invited me to an evening voodoo service in the Quarter which I declined to attend. He returned a couple of hours later and informed me that Dogleg, the voodoo seer predicted two more storms for the season; turned out she was right. All in all it was the strangest and most interesting cast of people I will probably ever encounter; survivors with nowhere else to go. The atmosphere was flavored by the fact that we were the only people in the Quarter, something we all knew we would likely never see again.

Then the Army and Blackwater showed up

But at Johnny White’s Sports Bar hope sprang eternal. When the 82nd Airborne showed up and the mayor ordered mandatory evacuation the Army troopers guarded Johnny White’s from both directions rather than close it down. The reaction of state troopers was to roll up one night about three o’clock and toss tear gas grenades inside. The story goes that everyone ran outside except Squirrel and Chester as both had already been jumped by the law and figured they would take their chances with the teargas.

I found enough pieces of old bicycles on the freeway to piece together a workable bike and used it to get around the Quarter. On two occasions, while making my way home at sunup I was rolled out by the black-clad troopers from Blackwater who patrolled the Quarter in black Escalades who figured me for a looter and gave me the once-over twice. Once they found a shotgun shell in my pocket which con-

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Nature Notes

The Ways of Waterways

By Caleb Clarkson



A Brown Pelican flying over the ocean by Mike Williams

Living on the Texas coast means being surrounded by water. In a single day, you might visit the Gulf, drive along a bay, and cross a river before heading home. Or was it a creek? Or a bayou? These names aren’t just for show; they describe different kinds of water with unique sizes, depths, salinities, and flows. Knowing whether you’re near a bay or lagoon (or perhaps a creek or a bayou) is more than just a fun fact—it changes how we interact with them: the fish you might catch, the birds you might see, and how we make decisions concerning their conservation and protection.

One of the most commanding bodies of water in our lives is the Gulf, and its consistent ebb and flow throughout the year greatly influences other bodies of water along the Gulf Coast region. Gulfs are large bodies of salty water surrounded by land on three or more sides and connected to a sea or ocean. It is connected to the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean by the Straits of Florida and the Straits of Yucatan, narrow stretches of saltwater that connect our gulf to its oceanic neighbors.

Gulfs are frequently much deeper and extend further into the landscape than bays in the area, which are typically shallower and smaller. These areas are incredibly popular spots for anglers and birdwatchers alike, as they attract a diverse amount of fish, birds, and other fauna. The Gulf also acts as a staging ground for tropical rain, bringing freshwater ashore and filling our freshwater systems.

As rain falls, it gathers and pools into larger and larger tributaries of a river system. Tributaries can take on many forms; some

are creeks or small rivers, waterways with a well-defined channel. Others may be bayous, slower-moving bodies of water that meander through low-lying areas. Like a large funnel, the landscape collects the rain that falls, and gravity guides it to a main channel where it empties into a large body of water, in our case, the Gulf or its bays. That “funnel” where all the rainfall flows to the same place is called a watershed. Watersheds have areas that flood when large amounts of water pool, called floodplains. Knowing which watershed you are in and where the floodplains are is useful when understanding rainstorms and their risks.

When the water finally reaches the Gulf, something special happens. The freshwater mixes with the salty water of the Gulf, creating different types of brackish water features. Estuaries are the point where the flow of freshwater meets the tides of the ocean, and they provide habitat for many iconic Texas species, including the Whooping Crane, Redfish, various types of waterfowl, and much more. Near these estuaries, large brackish marshes can form that rise and fall with the tide of the Gulf. Marshes are low-lying areas that are typically waterlogged throughout the year, and on the Gulf Coast, they can provide food, shelter, and resting areas for wildlife.

Together, these waterways, spanning from the open waters of the Gulf to the curves of a stream, form an intricate system of interconnected bodies of water that play a role in shaping life along the Texas coast. Understanding them and their differences can help us better appreciate and protect the ecosystems and communities that depend on them.

HRI Marine Policy & Law Program Develops New Resources for Protecting Texas Coastal Nesting Birds

The Texas coast is a key migration route for as many as two billion birds, and some of those birds nest there. But increased human activity along the Texas coast puts coastal nesting sites at greater risk of disturbance and, in some cases, damage that can lead to the death of eggs and chicks.

To help address this issue, the Marine Policy & Law program at the Harte Research Institute (HRI) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), with support from the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP), has created two online resources outlining the laws that protect coastal nesting birds — from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to state laws to local trespassing ordinances — and ideas on how to relay that information to the people enjoying the coasts.

“These projects are designed for anybody interested in coastal birds,” said Kristina Alexander, the Endowed Chair for Marine Policy & Law at HRI. “That includes wildlife managers, law enforcement, and the public. Hopefully, they give everybody a better understanding of how to protect these crucial habitats.”

The online resources are titled *Law Enforcement Guide to Reducing Human Interference with Coastal Nesting Birds* and *Ideas to Increase Coastal Nesting Bird Protection in Texas*.

The *Law Enforcement Guide* is a handbook identifying the various laws protecting birds, includes a list of coastal nesting birds

in Texas with nest descriptions, and outlines the penalties for harming a coastal nesting bird or its nest.

“Many people do not know that scaring a bird away from its nest could mean the bird never comes back and the young die,” Alexander stated. “This guide helps folks know what the laws are and what to look for to help keep birds safe.”

The *Ideas* report recommends ways to communicate this information to the public. It combines suggestions from wildlife enforcement officials and conservation experts with extensive legal research into the overlapping state and federal laws.

The resources were developed with input from Texas and federal wildlife enforcement officials, as well as wildlife conservation groups and experts.

Explore the guides at <http://bit.ly/3UpGhvi>



Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

Fishing line poses danger to turtles along Packery Jetties



Green sea turtle wrapped in fishing line August 2025

This week, I set out to film a Beachcombing video about green sea turtles at the North Packery jetties. With incredible water visibility — rare for Corpus Christi — it was the perfect day to highlight these amazing animals. Green sea turtles are by far the most common sea turtle species seen around the jetties, making up 99.9% of sightings.

As I snorkeled about halfway down the jetties, I was surrounded by huge schools of bay anchovies. Just then, I spotted a green sea turtle — upside down and motionless, dangling underwater by red fishing line strung between two rocks, about three feet below the surface.

At first, I thought it was dead and kept filming as I reached down to gently grab its flipper. Then I noticed a faint movement from the opposite flipper — it was still alive. I dropped the camera and shifted focus to saving the turtle.

Holding the turtle steady, I pulled one side of the fishing line loose and was able to bring it to the surface. The turtle expelled a large slug of water from its nose and mouth — then went completely limp in my hands. I freed the other end of the fishing line from the rocks and began the long walk back to shore, hoping for the best.

The turtle didn’t move at all during the walk. I laid it on the beach and grabbed my phone to call the Amos Rehabilitation Keep (ARK) in Port Aransas. When I turned around, I was shocked to see the turtle with its head up — still alive!

I rushed the turtle to ARK, and by the time I arrived, it had started slowly moving — a promising sign of recovery.

What started as a calm day of filming turned into an unexpected sea turtle rescue with a happy ending. It’s a powerful reminder of the impacts of discarded fishing line on marine life. If you get your line snagged on the rocks, try to cut it as close to the hook as safely possible. Every bit of line left in the water can make a big difference for the wildlife that call our coast home. And if you find a stranded sea turtle, call the sea turtle hotline at 1-866-TURTLE-5.

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Jace Tunnell rescuing a green sea turtle wrapped in fishing line.

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investment schemes are particularly harmful because they prey on fear and hope, leaving victims financially and emotionally drained.”

Other impactful issues include employment scams – a scheme that capitalizes on jobseekers’ pursuit of remote work opportunities by using fraudulent job postings that offer high-paying positions people can do from the comfort of their homes. While the financial toll of these scams is relatively low compared to investment scams, the

sensitive personal information provided to a fraudulent employer places targets at an extreme risk of experiencing identity theft. So far in 2025, Texans have reported over \$440,000 in losses to employment scams. This is nearly double the amount reported mid-year in 2024.

BBB urges consumers to remain vigilant, confirm collection attempts directly with original creditors, and thoroughly research all investment opportunities before sending money. Consumers can report scams at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](#) to help protect others.



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Sports

Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



2025 NCAA Football Rule Changes

By Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: As the 2025 college football season kicks off this weekend there are some rule changes that take effect. here is a list of every 2025 NCAA football rule change explained, with examples. The 2025 NCAA football rule changes are official, and they apply to every NCAA team, not just powerhouses like the Longhorns, Aggies and Notre Dame. From clock management tweaks to player safety upgrades, these updates will reshape how games are played, coached, and officiated this fall. Here's the complete guide to each change, with official rule numbers, exact NCAA language where needed, what it means, and real examples so you can see each in action. Thanks to Cliff Shaw and Jack Robbins for the facts contained in this report. Also thanks to the old Southwest Conference for the photos.

1. Fake Injuries Will Cost You Now-The Change: If a player appears injured after the ball is spotted, his team loses a timeout. If no timeouts remain, it's a 5-yard delay-of-game penalty. Inside the final 2 minutes, the opponent may take a 10-second runoff. What It Means: Stops teams from faking injuries to disrupt tempo. Example: 2024 Tennessee vs. Oklahoma — Oklahoma's Da'Jon Terry dropped with no contact, killing momentum. In 2025, that's a timeout or penalty.

2. Overtime Timeout Limits-The Change: First & Second OT: Each team may use one timeout per overtime period. From the Third OT onward: Each team gets only one timeout total for the remainder of the game. What It Means: Keeps marathon OTs moving, forces careful timeout strategy. Example: Georgia vs. Georgia Tech (2024) went eight overtimes. Under this rule, pace would have quickened dramatically.

3. Scrimmage Kick Formation Clarified-The Change: No player may align within the snapper's frame unless the snapper is on the end of the line — and if so, he's not protected. What It Means: Ends deceptive "hidden snapper" or "swinging gate" formations exploiting numbering exceptions. Example: Notre Dame vs. UVA (2024) — direct snap over Joseph Vinci to Jadarian Price was flagged. Now, explicitly illegal.

4. Kick Return 'T' Signal Kills the Play -The Change: A returner using the "T" signal (arms outstretched) forfeits the right to return — ball is dead immediately.

What It Means: Removes confusion and gamesmanship around fake non-returns.

Example: 2024 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl — Illinois coach mocked South Carolina's T-signal. In 2025, play ends immediately.

2025 rule: 'T' signal ends the play instantly.

5. Trick Cadence & Offensive "STEM" Prohibited -The Change: Offenses can't use defensive cadence terms like "stem" or "move" to draw defenders offside. What It Means: Ends verbal trickery wars between lines. Example: Offense yelling "stem" to make a linebacker jump is now a flag.

6. New Roughing the Passer Standard -The Change: Protection extends to QBs in a passing posture even before they release the ball. -What It Means: Defenders must pull up sooner to avoid penalties. -Example: Blitzing LB hits QB mid-windup — in 2024, legal; in 2025, roughing.

7. Simulated Weapon Celebrations Banned -The Change: No mimed weapons — bow-and-arrow, finger guns, bazookas — in celebrations. What It Means: Keeps celebrations cleaner, avoids misinterpretations. Example: Florida State's bow-and-arrow? Now a 15-yard penalty.

8. Substitution & Tempo Loophole Closed -The Change: After the 2-minute timeout, if the defense commits a substitution foul, the offense can reset the clock to the snap time. What It Means: Stops defenses from burn-

ing time with illegal subs. Example: Oregon vs. Ohio State (2024) — Oregon's 12th man trick to burn 4 seconds? Now nullified.

9. Eye Shields & Goggles Approval -The Change: "Nearly-clear" eye shields can now be submitted for NCAA approval. -What It Means: More visor options while keeping visibility for officials.-Example: A Lightly tinted but see-through shield can be approved.

10. Coach-to-Player Communications -The Change: Helmet comms now legal in FCS (2025), D2/D3 in 2026. What It Means: Aligns lower divisions with FBS sideline-to-field tech.

Example: FCS QB can hear OC's call directly in the helmet.

11. Play Clock & Comms Reset - The Change: If the referee resets the 25/40-second play clock, coach-to-player communication is restored. What It Means: Avoids lost comm time during administrative resets. Example: Delay for ball placement no longer ends comm link prematurely.

12. Tablet Use Expansion-The Change: Tablets may be cast to larger screens at half-time only, and only for plays captured by the approved in-game system — no outside video or analytics allowed. What It Means: Coaches can give big-screen halftime breakdowns without introducing unauthorized film. Example: OC projects first-half plays on a locker room TV — but can't show scouting clips.

13. Replay Language Update -The Change: "Confirmed" and "Stands" replaced by single term "Upheld." What It Means: Simplifies replay results. Example: Now: "The ruling is upheld" every time.

14. Advertising Placement Change -The Change: Title sponsors allowed at midfield and on the 50-yard line in postseason/neutral-site games.-What It Means: More sponsor visibility in major games. Example: Bowl game with logo at the 50.

15. Defenseless Player Expansion -The Change: Adds "player attempting to recover a loose ball" to protected status. What It Means: Enhances safety during fumble scrambles. Example: Diving for a loose ball? No hits to head/neck.

16. Sideline Control Enforcement -The Change: Stricter penalties, including ejection, for non-participants wandering onto the field. What It Means: Keeps the sidelines orderly. Example: A Staffer stepping on the field to celebrate risks ejection.

17. Faster Flags for Taunting -The Change: Officials will issue taunting/baiting penalties more quickly. What It Means: Cuts down on post-play confrontations. Example: Staring down a defender after a TD = instant flag.

18. Offensive UNS Fouls Enforcement -The Change: Offensive unsportsmanlike fouls behind the line now enforced from the line of scrimmage. What It Means: Greater yardage penalties for behind-the-play misconduct. Example: OL taunting behind LOS = big penalty march.

19. Holder Clarification -The Change: "Handed" added as a legal action while kneeling as holder. What It Means: Clarifies trick-play legality. Example: Holder hands ball while kneeling — explicitly legal.

20. Ball Boy Restrictions -The Change: Ball attendants can't be in opponent's team area when their team doesn't have possession. What It Means: Prevents sideline interference/gamesmanship. Example: Ball boy can't stand by the opponent's bench between plays.

Dotson's Other Note: The bottom line , from clock tweaks to celebration bans, every 2025 NCAA football rule change is about fairness, pace, and safety. They're nationwide, but teams with creative schemes or fast tempos will feel them most.

The Art of Island Life



Riding the Wave: TGSA and a Legacy in Motion

By Melissa Mitchell

From the Shoreline to the Storyline

If you've walked into Padre Island Art Gallery, you may have noticed a striking pelican painting near the entrance created by the late John Olvey. It hangs beside information about the scholarship that bears his name, a reminder of both his artistry and his love for the ocean.

While his elaborately carved surfboards have all found homes, our support for his legacy continues through contributions to the John Olvey Scholarship, awarded each year to a Texas Gulf Surfing Association (TGSA) member who embodies John's positivity, dedication, and love for the sport. And if you're curious about Raymond, ask us sometime—there's a story there.

TGSA: Building Confidence from the First Wave Out

Since 1988, TGSA has been a steady presence along the Texas coast, fostering not only competitive skill but also character, sportsmanship, and stewardship of the ocean. Surfers as young as five learn that TGSA is more than a competition schedule—it's a community. Members develop confidence both in the water and out, gaining mentors, teammates, and lifelong friends.

That spirit aligned perfectly with John Olvey's own life. A gifted surfer from a young age, John competed locally, regionally, and nationally, but it wasn't just about the trophies. For him, surfing was about connection—to the water, to fellow surfers, and to the community. Even in his art—whether carved into the shape of a board or painted on canvas—he carried that same fluidity and movement.

One Day, Endless Impact

This year, TGSA caught a new wave of opportunity thanks to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's American Ad-



Raymond, painting by John Olvey

vertising Federation student team. Each year, they choose one nonprofit for their ONE DAY campaign, pouring months of planning into a single, high-energy day of creative work. Out of all of the applicants, TGSA was selected for their deep roots in the community and the potential to grow their mission even further.

On October 19, 2024, TGSA representatives kicked off the day with a Q&A session, sharing the organization's story and goals with the students. Then the creative sprint began—teams broke into groups to develop social media concepts, billboard designs, radio and TV ad scripts, print layouts, and promotional merchandise ideas. By the end of the day, they had built a full campaign package designed to help TGSA expand its membership, strengthen sponsorships, and draw new fans to the sport.

The campaign will roll out through 2025, leading up to the John Olvey Texas State Surfing Championships in April, where the next scholarship recipient will be announced.

A Scholarship with Heart

The scholarship itself is more than a monetary award—it's a bridge between John's love of surfing and his belief in supporting the next generation. Each year, it is presented to a TGSA high school student in good standing who not only surfs but demonstrates the same positive spirit John was known for. Past recipients have spoken about how it motivated them to keep competing, pursue their goals, and stay connected to the surfing community.

For Yvonne Olvey, John's wife, the partnership with TGSA is deeply personal. "Working with TGSA on the scholarship and the annual contests has been my way of honoring John," she shared. "The last three years have made me respect, understand, and enjoy TGSA's mission even more. I know John would be proud."

For me, as someone who had the privilege of showcasing John's art in our gallery and seeing how his creative vision extended far beyond the shoreline, this moment feels like the perfect intersection of legacy and forward momentum. It's art, sport, and community catching the same wave.

Catch the Spirit

If you'd like to learn more about TGSA, support their mission, or see how you can get involved, visit www.surftgsa.org.

And next time you stop by the gallery, be sure to visit Raymond by the front door—because the stories worth remembering are often the ones waiting to be told.

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



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Roger Calandres was fishing for reds on the King Ranch shoreline but caught this snook instead!

Treasure Island Beach Bash 2025

Photos by Ronnie Narmour



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vinced them I was up to something they couldn't figure out. Then a few nights later I found a looted shoe store on Canal Street which had a broken glass front door and the power had been turned on that very afternoon and a cool breeze was blowing out onto the sidewalk though the broken door from the air conditioner inside; the first cool air I had felt in months. I stood in the doorway for over an hour thinking how fortunate I was when half a dozen police cars came screaming around the corner and pinned me against the store front.

«Looters inside,» one cop screamed. I moved out of the doorway so they could run inside when I realized I was the looter! Fortunately I was not wearing new tennis shoes and eventually they let me go on my way. I did notice though that all the shoes on display in the looted store were for the left foot. Somewhere in New Orleans there was a gang of looters all wearing right shoes on both feet. Then again I did see a lot of people hanging around Johnny White's with new shoes on. Next door at a Walgreen's store the first thing the looters went for were the drugs, then interestingly the cosmetics. Not sure why.

The Social Order

As I look back two decades later I think the thing that sticks in my mind is how quickly the social order breaks down when the power goes off in an empty city. Sitting on the freeway at sundown looking out into the complete darkness and knowing that just a few days ago there was a bustling city there and now there was nothing but sporadic gunfire was an eerie feeling. In that world water, gasoline, ice if you could find it, and sometimes ammo was the currency as cash had no purpose nor value. The only source of information for weeks was an AM radio station which had been set up in Baton Rouge. One night the Sheriff of Jefferson Parish went on air and said, "I hereby deputize all citizens of Jefferson Parish to shoot looters on sight." There was little looting in Jefferson Parish after that. I spent the better part of three months there until the wind off the river turned cool and my mother told me years later that when I visited shortly after my return she saw some version of post-traumatic stress. It wasn't a war but it wasn't civilization either.



The Superdome in the days after Katrina.



The looted shoe store on Canal Street. Note the shoes left behind are all for the same foot.

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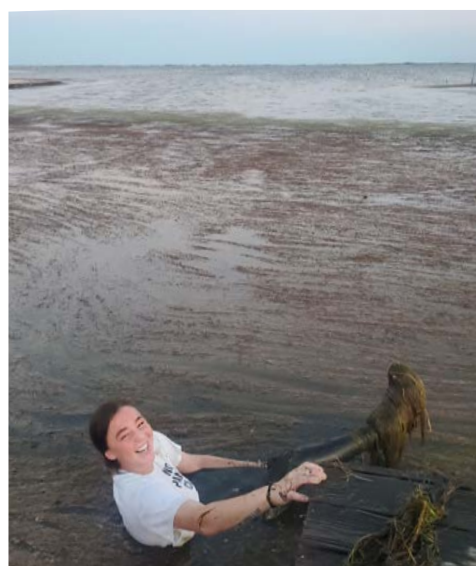
By Jay Gardner

Lily's mask



The well traveled dive mask.

Come to find out, she had used it down the beach those years ago to get in the water and snorkel around at the beach as it was so clear. She was quickly run out of the water by an aggressive black tip shark and decided that snorkeling solo might not be the best idea. Evidently, she had left the snorkel on the truck bumper, and it bounced off on the way up the beach and I just happened to be the next person along and discovered it. I didn't put two and two together realizing that Lily was from South Dakota and that it was her mask until she told me her end of the story. All's well that ends well. Well folks, we all have things like this that happen to us, and you can call it fate, you can call it God, Buddha, the stars aligning, or simple coincidence. These kinds of occurrences are the spice of life and make things interesting. Watch out for the kids in the school zone and have patience on the road. We're in Houston this week on a rodeo road trip for a CCA meeting and work luncheon. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Lily's new seagrass shoes

A group of us were down the beach a few years back, hanging out in the 50's and rock hopping at the jetties for the weekend. Conditions were optimal, and Curtis and Kevin and I had jumped a few tarpon the first morning. I met our buddy Andrew Jones for the first time, and we were sightcasting snook from the rocks. I caught a few mangrove snappers for a beach lunch of fried snapper on my Coleman stove. There was a devil ray out in the second gut just circling the jetties. Lily and Cody showed up and caught a shark from the jetties and I snapped a pic of them. A lovely time at the beach was had by all, and life was great. Sunday morning came and everyone was slowly driving north. Somewhere north of the jetties I spied a dive mask laying in the sand at the edge of the water. I thought it was odd and stopped and picked it up. It was a decent Mares mask, that had a fancy purple and yellow neoprene strap on it. There was no one around and no name on it and I just threw it in the truck. What I had failed to notice was that the strap was from a dive shop in South Dakota. I eventually put the mask with the rest of my dive gear, and the mask lived in my closet for another seven years. We are planning a Belize trip here in a few weeks, and I was going through my dive gear and ran across the mask. I had family in town for a pool party, and I got the mask out for the kids to mess around in the pool with. Upon my homecoming, I set the mask on my outdoor table prior to a rampant work week that entailed some field work. My Project Coordinator and our friend Lily Walker stopped by before we headed into the field and was stopped in her tracks when she saw the mask sitting on the table. A completely serendipitous moment covering a lot of time and space.

She immediately recognized the mask strap as being from the dive shop where she got certified in South Dakota. There was no mistaking it. It was like reuniting an owner with a long-lost dog, and there might have been some tears shed. She had been looking for that mask for several years, and even accosting her mom, Dr. Jennifer, in South Dakota to continue to look for it. It's safe and in fine shape, and you can stop looking for it, mom. Owner and mask will hopefully have many happy years back together underwater – starting with the upcoming trip to Belize. This was one of those moments that stagger the mind with the odds.



Got to take these two down to NINE MILE HOLE for some great shallow water fishing last week. The redfish ate a DOWN SOUTH LURES SUPER MODEL.

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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Dog Days in the Backwater



Richard and Lori jumped in with me and headed to Baffin to pull some trout out of the rocks along the Kennedy Ranch shoreline this week. Deep water when the winds die off!

The DOG DAYS of Summer start to close down with each push of tropical waves pushing Gulf Water into the bays and bringing some clouds and rain the water temps in our back bays right now are into the low 90's, this is just as much an extreme as the coldest parts of winter. Fish are thermal and feeding when it's most comfortable, and where bait and conditions make it easiest to stay healthy and alive. Migrations of bait of all kinds are flowing out towards the sea with each falling tide. Mullet and shrimp are making their way to the surf while ocean living baitfish are sweeping in with each push of tropical storm tide. Gamefish are following from both directions.

The giant specs that we are famous for here in the Coastal Bend are waiting for this push of cooler tides and temperatures. Right now these mature spotted weakfish are holding tight to areas that offer some deep water refuge, easily accessible shallow grassy feeding areas, and lots of boat so that they don't have to work too hard to get a meal. One of these great locations is along the edge of the ICW canal. The Laguna Madre is choked up with thick grass growing in most all sand packets right now; this is forcing most of the tidal transfer to happen in deeper water. The ICW has been a great stop with soft plastics when the winds are light. Using the MINN-KOTA TROLLING MOTOR along the east and west sides of the channel has produced some great catches. Remember that fishing this drastic drop off means that for every one foot your life travels back to you it gets two feet deeper. Fish the drop of your lure,

following it down with a controlled decent of the bait. Tickle the bottom and imagine those predatory gamefish hunting the minnows dealing refuge along the shallow grassy edge. The spoil islands south of Bird Island continue to hold lots of redfish up shallow and some good trout fishing along the grass lines surrounding the spoil area. Look for those areas that are full of birds of different species. Brown pelicans diving will tell you where the Shad and small finger mullet are at, herons eat blue crabs and pony mullet. Small turns are hunting tiny baitfish. See and follow the signs.

The giant redfish are schooling up and making their way towards the gulf passes! We have been finding schools of 30-50 at a time, glowing orange in the sunny sky. Spooky reds only give anglers a cast or two before they fly off like ghosts. While casting at the schools we use 1/4-1/2 oz jig heads to really get out there precisely and are able to target individual fish in the school. Soft plastics with a natural profile and color with a blight tail have been best. I use a faster retrieve when casting into schools to delete them know the barbs nervous, wouldn't you be if there were 30 giant sharks hunting you down for a snack?! Morning redfish have been tough with little to no wind they can feel every movement and the displacement of your boat. Keeping just out of casting range makes thing tough. In ankle deep water walk with or slightly quartering the wind so that the slightest waves don't refract off of your legs. Quietly slide along the waves and ripples, searching for the sun lighting up the bronze backs of redfish silently hunting tiny baitfish and grass shrimp. One of my favorite lures for flicking at redfish is the DOA SHRIMP, this old bait is a perfect shallow water lure. It is made not to be casted and worked the same speed as a shrimp, slow now. The sound many lures make when they hit the water is alarming to many gamefish, the DOA SHRIMP just plops down with a natural sound and can be skirted along without dipping into the grass. We locate the shea where the big schools are at and drift over them watching topwater strikes and hooking up with soft plastics from the boat as well. We need wind for red fishing from the boat so we usually don't start looking for redfish until 10-11am after a good morning of trout fishing.

The next month will see our dog days of summer blend into tropical patterns and give us many perfect days on the water. It's a time of year when the crowds are gone and the fish get to do their thing without a lot of boat traffic each day. We all like that, let's plan YOUR ADVENTURE this month.

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Medical Minute



What I Did and What I Do *Internal Medicine Explained*

By Dr. Mario Martinez

Sometimes people are a little unsure what an internal medicine (internist) doctor does. Internal medicine is general adult medicine. I see pediatric patients sometimes, if their parents are patients of mine but internists generally do not see children as patients. We also do not provide health care to pregnant women. These are a couple of ways that family medicine and internal medicine differ. Family medicine doctors are usually trained to take care of small children, pregnant women, and adults. An internal medicine residency program is 3 years of adult medicine. At least half of my training was dedicated to taking care of older folks.

I started medical school at The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas when I was 39 years old. After completing 4 years of medical school, I started my residency in the Internal Medicine program, also at UTMB. My internal medicine residency program lasted for 3 years. I finished my residency program when I was 46 years old and moved to Corpus right away!

Internal medicine training covers a vast array of adult diseases. We are trained to diagnose and manage diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, infectious diseases, respiratory illnesses, and just about any other disease that afflicts adults. Internal medicine differs from an urgent care clinic or a minor emergency clinic as well. These types of clinics are focused on an acute problem only. An internal medicine practice will address all of your health care needs every visit. This includes health maintenance issues such as eye exams, screening colonoscopies, and mammograms. It is our goal to make every patient that walks in the door a patient for life.

All five of my offices are diagnostic centers. My parent company is called Primary and Diagnostic Medical Centers of Texas. We perform x-rays, allergy testing, pulmonary function testing, nerve conduction studies, and neurological testing. We also perform many different types of ultrasounds. We are able to identify patients at high risk of having a heart attack or a stroke through our diagnostic studies. We can then refer them to see a specialist before they ever have a catastrophic event. It doesn't take much gumption to make a referral to a cardiologist for a patient after they have already had a heart attack. Our goal is to intervene on behalf of our patients before something goes terribly wrong.

When a person has a heart attack, the part of the heart muscle that is deprived of blood flow dies and is replaced with scar tissue. At that point, the heart will probably never function normally again. We are able to identify these high-risk patients before this occurs through our diagnostic studies. If these patients are identified early, they can be sent to a specialist and have stents placed in their clogged arteries. Then the patient's heart can go on functioning normally.

The focus of my practice is preventative medicine. I can't tell you how many people we have saved by detecting different types of cancer and other serious illnesses early through the use of our diagnostic studies. All of my offices also have an in-house lab. There is no need to drive somewhere else to get your blood drawn if you are seen in one of my offices.

My new office on the Island is my new headquarters. I will be here Monday through Friday. Let me tell you that there is nothing more tranquil and relaxing than driving over the causeway every morning. The people that live on the Island are mostly about my age. You all seem so relaxed and have a tan as well. I feel like I am making a lot of new friends here when I meet new patients. I guess you could say I am living vicariously through my new Island patients!

I offer med spa services in some of my offices, including my new office. I have been injecting Botox, Jeaveau and dermal fillers, like Juvederm, for over 20 years. I really enjoy this part of my practice but my med spa comprises only approximately 5% of what I do in my medical practice. The vast majority of my practice is traditional internal medicine and diagnostic studies. I guess you could say that the internal medicine portion of what I do is like the hamburger and the french fries. The med spa services would be like the ketchup but be serious. You can't eat french fries without ketchup!



Island Eyesore Padre Island, TX - by Billings Bait Stand
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Thoughts from Reverend Ken

By Rev. Dr. Ken

Dave's twin brother Steve died from cancer. While fighting cancer Dave said Steve received a letter from a Christian telling him that she knew it was God's will for him to be miraculously healed. All he had to do was believe. Steve said the letter hit him like a hot iron of judgment. If he were not healed, it implied, it would be his own fault.

This well-meaning writer of the letter thought of divine providence in terms of control and protection. She assumed, like so many, that God controls all events. Therefore, she had to create a justification for God's apparent inaction in this case. Her attempt to keep God blameless led her to place blame on Steve. It is easy to think that God is ready to do the right thing if only we have enough faith.

The story of Jesus includes several instances of healing. Many people experienced healing; many others did not. This is still so. Many people experience healing; many others do not; all must face death.

A significant part of my seminary experience was the chaplaincy training I received at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. One of the units to which I was assigned was the Children's Hospital. As a father to three young children, it was not easy. Any neat and tidy understanding of God's providence was quickly challenged.

So many of the children I met were there because of cancer. Some left the hospital cancer-free. Some did not. Janna was one of the children who did not leave cancer-free. Janna was in and out of the hospital often during the semester. I prayed for her; her parents prayed for her; she prayed; the medical team prayed. I was in the room when Janna died.

Her death was devastating for everyone. Why? Where was God? Some attempted to suggest God decided to take her home, as if God was behind the death, as if God is the master puppeteer. I think this is a dubious understanding of Scripture. It was also of no comfort to her parents, thinking they must have failed at parenthood if God had to take Janna home.

The healings of Jesus were not intended to promote a "presto-change-o" conception of God. That is, the healings were not intended to point to a God who wipes away pain and evil without leaving any trace. They were intended as a sign, pointing to the new day dawning in Christ, when death will be no more.

God does bring new life out of death. God does heal, forgive, and transform. However, God does not do this by waving a magic wand from afar but by entering into our human suffering with us. God promises to lead us into a new future, while meeting us in our still present state of brokenness and suffering. The one who healed is the one who also died our human death. But death could not hold him. This is our hope which gives strength and comfort as we walk in the valley of the shadow of death.

The day after Janna died, I was in a class that covered the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew. At the center of this magnum opus of Jesus is the Lord's Prayer. On that

particular day we talked about the Lord's Prayer. It became more than the perfunctory and rote prayer said in a worship service. Through tears of grief, we must pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, one earth, as it is in heaven."

Summer beach worship continues each Sunday through Labor Day Weekend. We meet on Whitecap Beach at the end of Whitecap Blvd. at 8 am. Bring a chair and join us! If you park on the beach a current parking permit is required. Well behaved pets are always welcomed!

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

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Turtle Nest Count

By Donna J. Shaver, Ph.D.

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Texas Coordinator, Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network

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Kemp's Ridley Turtle

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

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

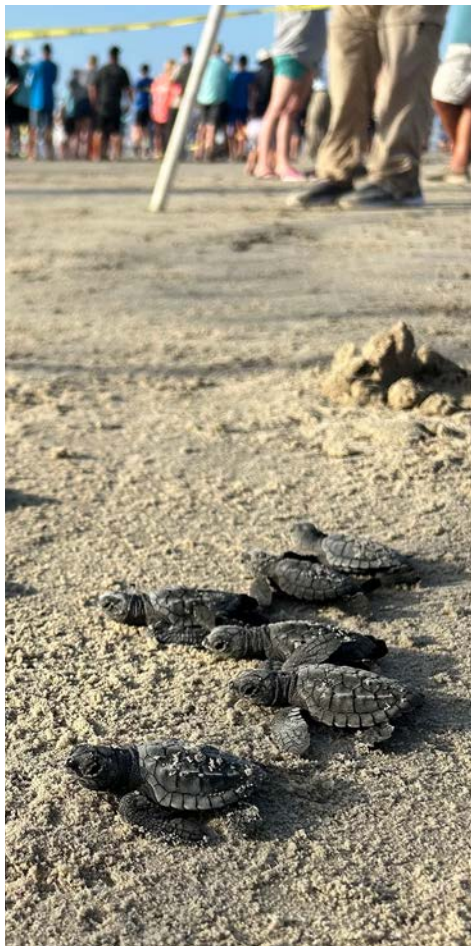
Loggerhead Turtles

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

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

Green Turtles

So far this year, **24** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):
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City and FBISD Will Host Joint Town Hall Meeting for Interested Residents to Address Harte Library Operating Hours Adjustment

Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25, at The Janet F. Harte Public Library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The City of Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff Independent School District (FBISD) will host a Joint Town Hall meeting to engage with residents about the recent change in operating hours at the Janet F. Harte Public Library, located at Flour Bluff High School.

Interested residents are invited to the Harte Library at 2629 Waldron Road on Monday, August 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The updated operating hours, which took effect on August 11, are necessary to comply with safety requirements outlined under Texas Education Code 61.1031. The law mandates that all school districts secure building entry points and restrict public access during instructional hours.

In 1998, the City and FBISD entered into an interlocal agreement to establish and jointly operate a branch library on school district property. Located on the Flour Bluff High School campus, the Harte Library serves FBISD students and city patrons in the same facility. During the meeting, City Councilwoman Kaylynn Paxson (Council District 4) will join City Manager Peter Zanoni and Flour Bluff Independent School District Superintendent Chris Steinbruck to obtain input and address the community’s questions.

The following table outlines the revised operating hours for the Harte Library.

CITY PATRON HOURS AT JANET F. HARTE LIBRARY

Day	Prior Hours	Current Operating Hours (Effective August 11)
Monday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

Island Crossword
Crossword Solution on classifieds page

Across

- 1. Needs a masseuse
- 6. Did a smithy's job
- 11. Fix a skirt
- 14. Mushroom seed
- 15. Plume
- 16. Yalie
- 17. Concern of an environmental stylist?
- 19. She sang "At Seventeen"
- 20. Thumb-in-the-air call
- 21. Left at sea
- 22. Classic Pontiac
- 23. Team player
- 27. Not one or the other
- 29. Bonnet invader
- 30. Camera part
- 32. Radiate
- 33. Word wailed in woe
- 35. Entranced
- 37. Actor Hawke
- 40. Parched
- 41. Use an S.O.S. pad
- 43. Reverse, on a PC
- 44. Sing the praises of
- 46. Whistler's output
- 47. Covers some ground
- 48. Shades
- 50. Recording medium
- 52. Pigskin prop
- 53. Aspirin source
- 56. Some eBay users
- 58. Java server
- 59. Game with Mustard and Plum
- 61. Hubbub
- 62. Offshore structure
- 63. Measure of damage?
- 68. Gaggle formation
- 69. Cyberspace epistle
- 70. Photo tone
- 71. Pipe joint
- 72. Kind of putty
- 73. Spencer or Dick

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- 1. Hibachi residue
 - 2. Bean counter
 - 3. ___ polloi
 - 4. First name in swashbuckling
 - 5. "Aliens" is one
 - 6. Wet retreat
 - 7. Butler, maid, etc.
 - 8. Ring source
 - 9. Right to enter
 - 10. Light hours
 - 11. Record of a musician's growth?
 - 12. Make merry
 - 13. Insignificant
- 18. Gives voice to
 - 23. Dishonor
 - 24. Outdated communication service
 - 25. Fireside song from "The Penguins"?
 - 26. Create a statute
 - 28. It's after the second Timothy
 - 31. Rainwater carrier
 - 34. City east of Inchon
 - 36. Skipjacks and bluefins
 - 38. Terrestrial viper
 - 39. Spots for spectacles
 - 42. Subject of a 1933 Amendment
 - 45. Lascivious ones
- 49. Something inside a hero, perhaps
 - 51. Primogeniture beneficiary
 - 53. Batter's challenge
 - 54. Bay window
 - 55. Urban antonym
 - 57. Antisocial type
 - 60. Famed runner Zatopek
 - 64. Crafty
 - 65. Transcript fig.
 - 66. Twitch
 - 67. Source of allergens

More Little Known History Fishing “Facts”



By Gene Saegert

How fishing played a role in the first presidential debate

It is a little known “fact” that the first two Presidents of the U.S. George Washington and John Adams were not only fast friends but fishing buddies as well. One fishing trip prompted what may have been known as the first Presidential debate. As often as not, you could find them out fishing in the local lake, in the Presidential row boat “PADDLE ONE.” Very early one morning George and John took out” PADDLE ONE” And as usual George was standing in the bow of the boat with his hand in his jacket and his foot

upon the seat. John Adams, paddling for all he was worth got ticked off and said “Drop your stupid pose and start paddling, George, we are not crossing the Delaware again.” Reluctantly George sat down and they paddled to their favorite spot. Then the debate began. George said “I think de bait to use is worms.” John replied, ” I think de bait to use is minnows”. Now it is not recorded as to who won but there it is, best as I can tell, the first recorded Presidential debate.



George Washington and John Adams

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Texas Game Wardens near Conclusion of ‘Ghost Deer’ Case with 24 Suspects, 1,400 Charges Filed Statewide

Ten area men among those charged

The Texas Game Warden investigation known as «Ghost Deer» has reached a possible conclusion after two additional suspects turned themselves in on felony charges. This brings the total number of individuals implicated in the case to 24, with approximately 1,400 charges filed across 11 Texas counties, according to a statement released this week by the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Ken Schlaudt, 64, of San Antonio, the owner of four deer breeding facilities and one release site, along with facility manager Bill Bowers, 55, of San Angelo, surrendered to the Travis County District Attorney’s Office on charges of felony tampering with a governmental record. Both men allegedly entered false information into the Texas Wildlife Information Management System (TWIMS) to facilitate illegal smuggling of white-tailed breeder deer. They also face more than 100 misdemeanor charges related to unlawful breeder deer activities in Tom Green County.

Local men charged

According to a statement from Texas Parks and Wildlife local suspects charged in the case include:

- Vernon Carr, 55, Corpus Christi
- Jarrold Croaker, 47, Corpus Christi
- Joshua Jurecek, 41, Alice
- Justin Leinneweber, 36, Orange Grove
- James Mann, 53, Odem
- Gage McKinzie, 28, Normanna
- Herbert “Tim” McKinzie, 47, Normanna
- Eric Olivares, 47, Corpus Christi
- Dustin Reynolds, 38, Robstown
- Reed Vollmering, 32, Orange Grove

It began with a traffic stop

The “Ghost Deer” investigation has uncovered widespread, coordinated deer breeding violations including, but not limited to: smuggling captive breeder deer and free-range whitetail deer between breeder facilities and ranches, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing violations, license violations and misdemeanor and felony drug charges relating to the possession and mishandling of prescribed sedation drugs classified as controlled substances. Cases are pending adjudication in Bandera, Bee, Brazoria, Duval, Edwards, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Montgomery, Tom Green, Travis and Webb counties.

The investigation began in March 2024 when game wardens discovered the first violations during a traffic stop. That incident led wardens to the much larger network of violations, resulting in one of the largest deer smuggling operations in Texas history.



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By Dotson Lewis

Victory Over Japan Part 2

Times Square on August 14, 1945 Dotson’s Note: One of the best-known kisses that day appeared in V-J Day in Times Square, one of the most famous photographs ever published by Life. It was shot on August 14, 1945, shortly before the announcement by President Truman occurred and when people were beginning to gather in celebration. Alfred Eisenstaedt went to Times Square to take candid photographs and spotted a sailor who “grabbed something in white. And I stood there, and they kissed. And I snapped four times.” The same moment was captured in a very similar photograph by Navy photographer Victor Jorgensen , published in the New York Times.

Several people have since claimed to be the sailor or the female, who was long assumed to be a nurse. It has since been established that the woman in the Alfred Eisenstaedt photograph was actually a dental assistant named Greta Zimmer Friedman, who clarified in a later interview that “I was grabbed by a sailor and it wasn’t that much of a kiss, it was more of a jubilant act that he

didn’t have to go back, I found out later, he was so happy that he did not have to go back to the Pacific where they already had been through the war. And the reason he grabbed someone dressed like a nurse was that he just felt very grateful to nurses who took care of the wounded.

Above, Japanese commanders listen to the terms of surrender aboard an Australian warship On August 15 and 16, some Japanese soldiers, devastated by the surrender, committed suicide. Well over 100 American prisoners of war were also murdered. In addition, many Australian and British prisoners of war were murdered in Borneo, at both Ranau and Sandakan, by the Imperial Japanese Army. At Batu Lintang camp, also in Borneo, death orders were found which proposed the murder of some 2,000 POWs and civilian internees on September 15, 1945, but the camp was liberated four days before these orders were due to be carried out. Japanese forces remained in combat with Soviet forces on several fronts for two weeks following V-J Day. The formal signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender took place on board the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, and at that time Truman declared September 2 to be the official V-J Day.

Dates To Remember · April 1 – June 21, 1945: Battle of Okinawa. 82,000+ US military casualties, and 117,000+ Japanese and Okinawan. Approximately one quarter of the Okinawan civilian population died, often in mass suicides organized by the Imperial Japanese Army. · July 26: The Potsdam Declaration is issued. Truman tells Japan to surrender or suffer “prompt and utter destruction.”

· July 29: Japan rejects the Potsdam Declaration. · August 2: The Potsdam Conference ends. · August 6: The US drops an atomic bomb, Little Boy, on Hiroshima. In a press release 16 hours later, Truman warns Japan to surrender or «expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth.» · August 9: The USSR declares war on Japan, and invades several Japanese-held territories. The US drops another atomic bomb, Fat Man, on Nagasaki.

· August 10: At the direction of the Emperor, the Japanese Foreign Ministry notifies the Allies (via Swiss diplomatic channels) of Japan’s intention to surrender unconditionally in accordance with the terms of the Potsdam Declaration, providing the Emperor be permitted to remain in place.

· August 11: The Allies notify the Japanese

government (again via Swiss diplomats) of their willingness to accept Japan’s surrender as offered.

· August 14: Allied governments announce the surrender of Japan, and the Emperor informs his people of the fact in an unprecedented radio broadcast. The date is described as «V-J Day» or «V-P Day» in newspapers in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. · September 2: Official surrender ceremony is held aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay; President Truman declares September 2 as the official «V-J Day». · November 1: Scheduled commencement of Operation Olympic, the planned Allied invasion of Kyushu. · March 1, 1946: Scheduled commencement of Operation Coronet, the planned Allied invasion of Honshu. · September 8, 1951: 48 countries including Japan and most of the Allies sign the Treaty of San Francisco

· April 28, 1952: The Treaty of San Francisco goes into effect, formally ending the state of war between Japan and most of the Allied countries. · Some Japanese soldiers continued to fight on isolated Pacific islands until at least the 1970s, with the last known Japanese soldier surrendering in 1974.

On 15 August 1945 Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley announced on radio that Japan had unconditionally surrendered to allied forces. This day, which has become known as VP Day, was marked with jubilant celebrations across the nation as citizens looked towards a future free of conflict and fear of invasion. To manage celebrations authorities closed pubs, as they had on VE Day. However, this did not dissuade individuals from partying, with crowds gathering in streets and strangers dancing together in city squares. In Australia, many use the term “VP Day” in preference to “VJ Day”, but in the publication The Sixth Year of War in Pictures published by The Sun News-Pictorial in 1946, the term “VJ Day” is used on pages 250 and 251. Also an Australian Government 50th Anniversary Medal issued in 1995 has “VJ-Day” stamped on it. Amateur radio operators in Australia hold the “Remembrance Day Contest” on the weekend nearest VJ Day, August 15, remembering amateur radio operators who died during World War II and to encourage friendly participation and help improve the operating skills of participants. The contest runs for 24 hours, from 0800 UTC on the Saturday, preceded by a broadcast including a speech by a dignitary or notable Australian (such as the Prime Minister of Australia, Governor-General of Australia, or a military leader) and the reading of the names of amateur radio operators who are known to have died. It is organized by the Wireless Institute of Australia, with operators in each Australian state contacting operators in other states, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea. A trophy is awarded to the state that can boast the greatest rate of participation, based on a formula including: number of operators, number of contacts made, and radio frequency bands used.

Dotson’s Other Note: Thanks to all of you Moon Monkeys, for reading about the war which only a few of us who are still alive personally remember.

Please remember the weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Thursdays 9-11 a.m. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans’ activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS 1440 AM., Saturdays, 8 to 11 a.m.

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Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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Big winds...



Lubbock tornado of May, 1970.

We've finally made it to the end of summer and *Labor Day Weekend* is next week. All our usual weather patterns are all wacked out so your guess is as good as mine about what to expect next. One thing I'm sure of... we aren't going to get a break from this relentless heat for a while, I'm betting at least October, but that's nothing new. And warmer Gulf waters only mean one thing for sure; hurricanes will be looming large and most likely hitting double digits before it's all over. We've already seen a Cat 4 **Erin** in the Atlantic and the radar maps are starting to look menacing. Impending tropical storms always keep us on our toes but with all the abnormal heat waves, wild fires and flooding from coast to coast, I suspect we'll go through the whole alphabet before it's all over. This old island house me and my **Mer-maid Gal** call home has been through many, many tropical slap downs since it was built in 1964, so we're hoping she has at least one more big wind left in her. I'm just glad it's not tornadoes we're looking at. Having grown up in *Tornado Alley*, I've been through my share of tornadoes and they all suck trying to figure out where to get down low and not get crushed or sliced up. At least with hurricanes you can see them coming for a week out, but those nasty tornadoes will blow you away when you're not looking. I was out on a coke date at the *Hi-De-Ho* in my grandmother's car when a big F5 tornado hit Lubbock in May of 1970. It had winds up to 290 mph and only took 30 minutes to kill 26 people and devastate the city. I spent the duration of that storm underneath a mattress in the hallway of my high school sweetie's house with her whole family. After things calmed down, I went downtown where two tornadoes actually hit at the same time, and helped emergency workers with the evacuation. It looked like a war zone down there. I'll never forget when one lady came running up to me, frantic and hysterically screaming that she couldn't find her baby. Yep, give me a good old hurricane any day and we'll wait it out in Austin or San Antonio.

On the local front...

We have a couple of noteworthy events on the near horizon... first of all, our cherished and **WORLD FAMOUS BELT SANDER RACES** that is synonymous with our favorite *Pirate Bar*, the *Gaff* has taken a much needed hiatus in July and August and will reappear on Saturday, August 30th at 6:00. And will get back on their regularly scheduled routine of every second and fourth Saturday of the month starting in September at 4:00. Pro tip: smart money's on the **Moon Monkey**. I digress... the *Texas Women Angler's Tournament (TWAT)* is this Friday and Saturday with the awards ceremony on Sunday at the *Sip Yard*. In case you didn't know, the *TWAT* is an annual event where it's a "ladies only" and prizes are given for best costumes and best decorated boats. It's always hilarious. Also, the *42nd Annual Pig Party* at *Shorty's* on October 11th has announced their band lineup with **Nik Parr and the Selfless Lovers** and **Left Right Left**. Nik Parr is a super happening band from Austin who tours constantly. He's a very energetic sort who sings, plays piano and has a saxophone hanging from his neck. The gals be wiggling.



Nik Parr will play Shorty's Pig Party on Oct 11.

Scattered shots...



The Jam Band will play Treasure Island on Saturday

Just a quick re-cap of last week... I was able to get around town and see shows by **James Buffaloe and the Heard**, **Dreaming in Color**, **Cathouse**, **Gary P. Nunn**, **Todd Dorn**, **Triptonite** and the **Palacios Brothers**... not too shabby I gotta say, I love all those bands. *Treasure Island* had it going on with their annual *Beach Party*. This year's theme was "the 80's" and it was tight workout uniforms and mullets. James Buffaloe's band showed up dressed as the 80's icons; the **Blues Brothers**. The crowds were still strong despite school starting back earlier in the week. Mercy, I love my job!

Coming this week...



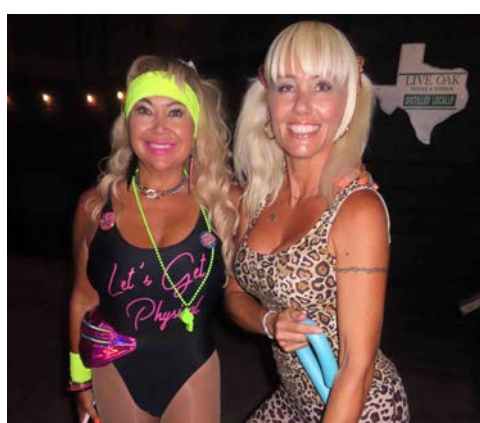
Brodie Lane featuring A.J. Vallejo will play the Sip Yard on Thursday.

Starting on Thursday, August 21st, the *Sip Yard* will have **Brodie Lane** from South Austin with the talented **A.J. Vallejo** of the famed **Vallejo Brothers**. Anything "Vallejo" is golden in my book. I booked them many times at the *Laboratory Brewing Company* which I ran in San Antonio for several years in 1999. We ended up at my place many times in the wee hours and second guessed the woes of the world. Hard to believe that was 25+ years ago. Best believe I'll be at this show. Also on Thursday, troubadour **Billy Snipes** will play the *Gaff* and **Chris Ivory** will play *Shorty's*. On Friday the hottest blues band around, **John Cortez** and his well honed team of veteran players, **Jody Jennings**, **Rick Linn** and **Matt Perez**, will play *Shorty's*, the folk rocking **Independent Thieves** will play *Bron's*, the adorable couple **No Wake Zone** will be at the *Gaff* and young **Carson Miller** will play *Treasure Island*. Coming this Saturday we have some great female fronted 80's cover bands with **Dreaming in Color** at *Shorty's* and **Flying Free** at *Bron's*. I can guarantee BOTH of these shows are fire. Also on Saturday, the **Jam Band** with ex-Lyrical Byng alum, **Edna de la Garza**, **Donald Aguirre** and **Arnold Marcha** will play *Treasure Island*. This band rocks! And finally on Saturday, **Coach Big Jim Dugan** is back at the *Gaff* from taking his daughter **Jenny** up to Arkansas so she can officially punch in as a bonafied **Razorback**. Congrats Jenny. Plus there's a big double-header at the *Sip Yard* on Saturday with **Tyler McCumber** opening for the great country/Americana stud **Darryl Lee Rush**. And on Sunday, it's the **Tom McElvain** at the *Sip Yard*, **Dugan and Dietz** at *Shorty's* and **Brad Ethridge** at the *Gaff*.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The John Cortez Blues Band will play Shorty's on Friday.



Linda and Roxanne at Treasure Island's Beach Bash 2025 last Friday.



Triptonite with a couple of knuckle-head hangers-on played Bron's last Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday.

August 21

Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shorty's
Brodie Lane @ Sip Yard
Billy Snipes @ Gaff
Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A Beer Hut
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Coastal Bend Big Band @ Bay Jammin' Cole Park

Friday, August 22

TWAT Fishing Tourn @ Port A
John Cortez @ Shorty's
Independent Thieves @ Bron's Backyard
Carson Miller @ Treasure Island
No Wake Zone @ Gaff
Jam Band @ Sugar Shack
Oceano, Rose Funeral, Filth + 2 @ House of Rock
Cruise Control @ Laguna Bob's SPI

Saturday.

August 23

TWAT Fishing Tourn @ Port A
LIBRARY LEGOS @ Ellis Library
Darryl Lee Rush, Tyler McCumber @ Sip Yard
Dreaming in Color @ Shorty's
Flying Free @ Bron's Backyard
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Jam Band @ Treasure Island
Victoria Jane Duo @ Whale Bone
Robin Blue @ The Pearl
Lisa Sullivan @ Pier 99
Anjelah Johnson-Reyes @ ABC
Austin Meade @ Brewster Downtown
Cruise Control @ Laguna Bob's SPI

Sunday.

August 24

Tom McElvain @ Sip Yard
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Robin Blue @ Padre Island Burger Co.

Rip Tide Cowboy Open Mic @ Calypso Drive and Drive

Tuesday.

August 26

Brad Brown & Jim Schubert @ Old Town Festival
Carl Hayes Open Mic @ Salty Dolphin
Rich Lockhart @ Packery Bar
Los Locals @ Palm Republic

Wednesday.

August 27

Open Mic W/ Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Boone Holding @ Bron's Backyard
Cleartones @ Port A VFW

Thursday.

August 28

Brett Axelson @ Sip Yard
Dreaming in Color @ Bron's Backyard
Chris Ivory & Friends @ Shorty's
Jim Bush @ Gaff
Open Jam w/ Brad Ethridge @ Port A Beer Hut
Robin Blue @ Angry Marlin
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Black Flag @ Brewster Downtown

Friday, August 29

Boudreaux & Pousson @ Gaff
Rich O'Toole, Pauline Reese @ Sip Yard
Tumble Dry Low @ Shorty's
Ruben V @ Bron's Backyard
Jon Car @ Treasure Island
Love Street @ Pelican Lounge

Saturday.

August 30

Championship BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff 6 PM
Clay Hollis @ Sip Yard
Heavy Soul @ Shorty's
Splendiferous @ Bron's Backyard
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Jonmikaël MREZ @ Treasure Island
Max Stalling, Timber Wilde @ Palmilla



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INDEPENDENT THIEVES AUG 22
FLYING FREE AUG 23
RUBEN V AUG 29
SPLENDIFEROUS AUG 30
AUSTIN FORREST SEPT 5
ALOHA DAVE SEPT 6

Treasure Island

CARSON MILLER AUG 22
JAM BAND AUG 23
JON CAR AUG 29
JONMIKAEL MREZ AUG 30
FIVE CARD DRAW AUG 31
KITCHEN OPEN UNTIL 1:30 AM



BRODIE LANE AUG 21
DARRYL LEE RUSH AUG 23
PAULINE REESE AUG 29
CLAY HOLLIS AUG 30
CRUISE CONTROL AUG 31
SHINYRIBS OCT 31



OPEN JAM EVERY WED WITH BRAD
BELT SANDER RACES EVERY 2ND & 4TH SAT
BILLY SNIPES AUG 21
NO WAKE ZONE AUG 22
JIM DUGAN AUG 23
BRAD ETHRIDGE AUG 24
JIM BUSH AUG 28

SHORTY'S

JIM DUGAN & TY DIETZ EVERY SUN
CHRIS IVORY & FRIENDS EVERY THUR
JOHN CORTEZ AUG 22
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