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Crested Caracaras By Marvin Orrellano



By Dale Rankin
As the cold weather in the Great White North pushes the first wave of Winter Texans in from OTB we slide right into the heart of the great weather season here on our little sandbar. The cacophony of shotgun blasts that usually announce the arrival of duck season have so far been muted so we got that going for us. We also got in a little practice at stumbling around in the dark this week with our first blackout of the autumn season. No injuries were reported.

Behold the Dredge!

The work to begin dredging in Packery Channel is scheduled to arrive in the next week according to city officials. The dredge is now in Rockport and has to traverse the open Gulf of Mexico to reach Packery Channel so its arrival is weather dependent but imminent. The project will move 270,000 cubic yards of sand and dig the channel to fourteen feet of depth, the same as the original depth when the channel was first cut through The Island. Once begun the work will continue around the clock and is expected to take two to three months with the dredged sand to be distributed on the beach from south of Whitecap Boulevard north along the Michael J. Ellis Seawall to a point near the Wyndham Hotel. The new sand is expected to push the width of the beach beyond 150 feet all along the seawall allowing for vehicles to drive the entire length of the seawall.

Art Show this week



The art show by seascape artist Wade Koniakowsky is set for Saturday, November 11 from 6:30-8:30 at the Padre Island Art Gallery. Koniakowsky is known for his Island-themed art and will be unveiling a new creation with a Padre Island touch at the show. The gallery is now home to the works of 82 local artists and is located in Compass Plaza near the intersection of Compass Street and Commodores Drive. Thanksgiving deadlines
As we do each year we are moving our publication date up for the Thanksgiving issue in two weeks. We ask advertisers and writers to

Around cont. on A3

Don Patricio Bridge canal opening scheduled by end of 2023

Connection to existing Island canals still undecided

By Dale Rankin
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit which covers the construction of new canals on Padre Island calls for the new canal under the Don Patricio Bridge to be opened by the end of 2023, according to the language of the permit. Tim Lange whose company is developing the land around Lake Padre and holds the permit is responsible for cutting the new canal through said this week he is prepared to meet that deadline if a deal can be reached with

Bridge cont. on A5



The Corps of Engineers permit requires the cutting of the canal under the Don Patricio Bridge by the end of 2023



The decision on whether or not to cut the canals through is still pending with the PIPOA Board.

2023 La Posada Schedule

La Posada Toys for Tots Kickoff Party

Friday, December 1, 6 p.m.

HardKnocks Sports Bar & Grill

There is no charge for entry to the party, guests are encouraged to bring a toy for Toys for Tots.

La Posada Lighted Boat Parade

Friday, December 8, 7 p.m. Broadcast by KRIS 6 Television from Snoopy's Oyster Bar

Begins at JFK Bridge continues through North Island canals

Lighted Boat Parade Watch Party

Friday, December 8, 7 p.m. HardKnocks Sports Bar & Grill

La Posada Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 9

Begins 6 p.m. at Caravel Boat Ramp continues through South Island canals



A little Island history

Island Duck Hunting 100 Years Ago

By Greg Smith

It's that time of the year for the weekend morning alarm clock on the Island, the sound of a small war out in the Laguna. It brings to mind one of my favorite Island family pictures, Pat Dunn with four duck hunters about a hundred years ago. The same Pat Dunn known as Don Patricio who name now adorns the Island new water exchange bridge. It seems that the hunters back then didn't get the message that the Island was a no tie zone with their hunting outfits of coat, tie and waders. Don't



Duck Hunters a century ago on Padre Island

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Tax Cut!

Texas voters this week approved Proposition 4 which includes the following:

- Increases Texas homestead exemption to \$100,000 on 5.72 million Texas homeowner's ISD property tax bills effective on this year's property tax bill, and approves a "catch-up" for over-65 and disabled for the \$15,000 homestead exemption increase adjustment from the May 2022 state-wide election. Plus, an 18% decrease in the M&O property tax rate compression.
- Three county citizens will be elected county-wide in May of 2024 to join each County Appraisal Districts (CAD board) of directors in non-partisan positions. The elected CAD board of directors will now help select Appraisal Review Board (ARB) members in each county with 75,000 population or greater.
- Approves non-homesteaded real property valued at \$5 million and under to receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised value increases as a 3-year pilot project. The constitutional circuit breaker will sunset Dec. 31, 2026, however, the constitutional fund set up to fund SB 2's property tax cut will remain evergreen.

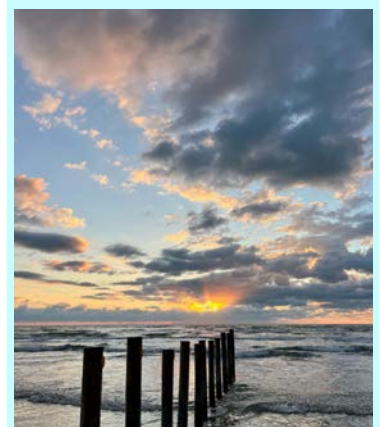
Island Moon Rain Report

All stations are on Padre Island

| October | 2023 |
|---------------|--------|
| Cayo Cantiles | 4.03" |
| Dyna St. | 3.94" |
| Elbow St. | 3.98" |
| Reales Dr. | 4.41" |
| Scallop St. | 4.40" |
| Jan. -Oct. | 2023 |
| Cayo Cantiles | 19.98" |
| 19.87" | |
| Dyna St. | 20.37" |
| 19.57" | |
| Elbow St. | 21.45" |
| 20.71" | |
| Reales Dr. | 16.97" |
| n/a | |
| Scallop St. | 18.56" |
| 19.15" | |

Normal year-to-date Corpus Christi rainfall at the airport is 27.78"

Source: Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, & Snow Network



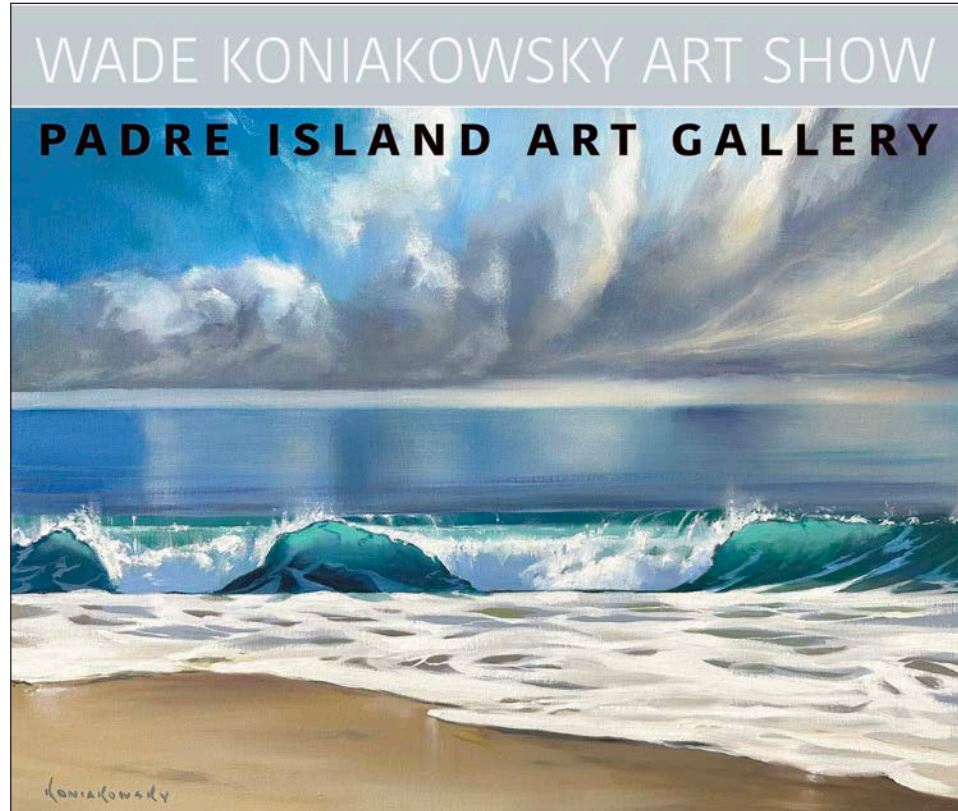
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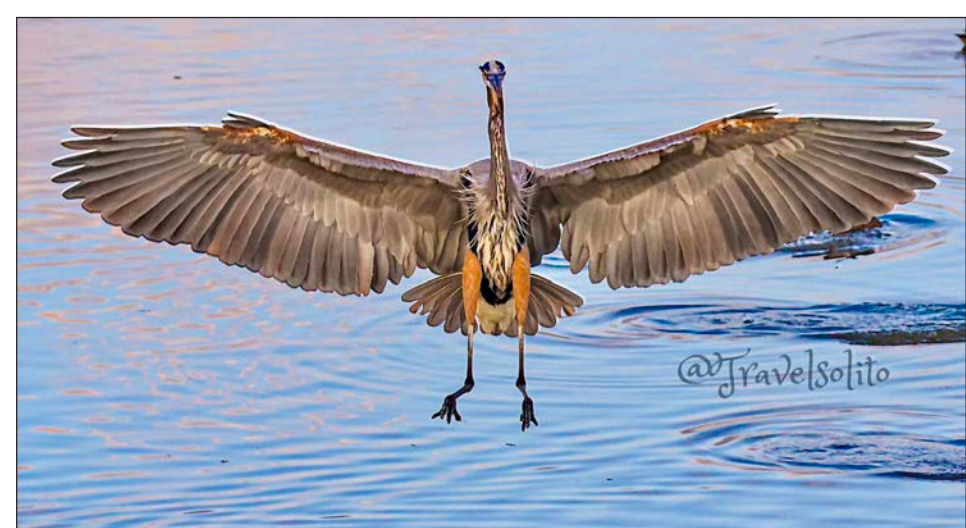
On Saturday 63 members of the newly formed Facebook group **Only PINS** had a get acquainted BBQ on the beach hosted by Ashley and Kent Meadows. Not only is this a Facebook group it is also a community of fisher people and beach combers who are dedicated to sharing stories, adventures and taking care of the resources on Padre Island National Seashore.

The BBQ was so successful that several more are planned in the near future along with a theme shirt for the group. All who love and cherish PINS are invited to this group's activities.

Pictured are some of the group's leaders.



You're invited to an Art Show and Reception with Wade Koniakowsky this Saturday, November 11th, 6:30-8:30pm!
Padre Island Art Gallery 14646 Compass Drive. Meet the artist and take home a special piece of artwork.



Landing By Marvin Orellano



A big thank you to the UTSA Leadership & Volunteer Services who offered to come down to help us around the Texas Sealife Center facility this past weekend! We couldn't have gotten this work done without you guys! From painting to yard work to organizing, we appreciate your hard work and kindness to our facility!
Thank you! Tim & Amanda

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have a rather unusual proposition for you. It's something that I believe would be a great deal of benefit to you with absolutely no risk.

My name is David Sek-chi Kwok and I'm the Managing Director of Shanghai Commercial Bank (HK) Ltd. I'm contacting you for joint business venture of \$36.2Mn USD, as I intend to invest in Real Estate business in your country. I'll discuss in further details and benefits the moment I hear from you. Best regards, Mr David S. Kwok Dear Mr. Kwok,

I am looking for investors in a puppy farm. I have developed and patented a new method of planting them that I believe will revolutionize the puppy farm industry. I am willing to send any information you might need such as my registration number as soon as possible. Please contact me as soon as you can. I am ready to start planting puppies. Riley P. Dog

Dear Mr. Dog, Thank you for your interest much. Shanghai Commercial Bank has many customers in the puppy farm industry. The first requirement will be your necessary information to transfer the funds into your account. We will unable be to transfer the entire \$36.2 Mn USD all at once. Please forward your social security information and we will contact you. Best regards, Mr. David S. Kwok

Dear Mr. Kwok, I'm a dog. I don't have a social security number Mr. Kwok. I have a dog tag number that Dr. Christi gave me after she stuck a needle in my buttocks. It's on my tag but it is upside but it doesn't matter because I can't read numbers. I'm a dog. If you can't send me \$36.2 million USDs

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



can you please just send me a hotdog? The bun doesn't have to be gluten free. I drink out of mud puddles and out of the toilet when my humans are not around. And I don't care if there are rat lips in the weenie Mr. Kwok. I like rat lips pretty good. Riley P. Dog

Dr. Mr. Dog, We have many American clients who are dogs. Do you have access to a bank account? Mr. David S. Kwok

Dear Mr. Kwok, Are you smoking human crack David S.? I'm a dog. Why would I have access to a bank account? If I had access to a bank account I would raid it and buy my own hotdogs. Stoopid humans! Do you have a hotdog or not Mr. Kwok? If you do please send it to Save The Riley P. Dog Foundation in International Falls, Minnesota. If you don't have a hotdog then maybe you can send me some of your crack Mr. Kwok. Maybe I can sell it to the cats and get me a hotdog! Stoopid cats! Help me here Mr. Kwok. Dr. Christi has me on diet dog food and I' withering away here. I've lost twenty pounds and I need to find them. Chihuahuas are starting to bully me. The cats are sleeping in my bed. Last week a roach crawled across my nose! Help me Mr. Kwok. \$36.2 million USD...International Falls, Minnesota... Help me. Riley P. Dog

Public Utility Commission of Texas to Administer Texas Energy Fund Following Voter Approval of Proposition 7

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) will implement the Texas Energy Fund (TEF), as directed by the Texas Legislature through Senate Bill 2627 and approved by Texas voters on Nov. 7. The TEF will provide grants and loans to finance the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric facilities in Texas. "PUCT staff has been working hard since early summer to prepare for implementation of the TEF," said PUCT Executive Director Thomas Gleeson. "With voter approval of the fund, we will push forward developing the program and design transparent processes to ensure the administration of the TEF is timely, fiscally responsible, and effective. The TEF is another vital tool to ensure the reliability and resiliency of the Texas electric grid." TEF funding opportunities will be available for dispatchable electric generation projects and facility enhancements both in and outside of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Power Region based on application and award processes under development by the PUCT. The PUCT will

review all applications and administer the fund. In addition to grants and loans to finance the construction and modernization of dispatchable electric generating facilities, the TEF will provide grants and loans to support the installation of backup power packages for facilities in Texas that are critical for public health, safety, and well-being. A backup power package is a stand-alone, backup power source that can provide at least 48-hours of power in the event of an outage, such as a natural gas or propane generator or a combination of solar panels and battery storage. As directed in Senate Bill 2627, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott, the PUCT must begin accepting loan applications for projects within the ERCOT region by June 1, 2024 and must make initial disbursements for approved loans by Dec. 31, 2025. Senate Bill 2627 also includes provisions to prioritize interconnection for TEF-funded electric generation facilities.

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have copy to us by Monday, November 20, of that week and the paper will hit the racks on either Wednesday or Friday of that week pending our discussion with the printer.

Football playoffs

The Flour Bluff Hornets football team is set to kick off its playoff run at Hornet Stadium at 7 p.m. on Friday after winning district with a 56-21 shellacking of Gregory-Portland. The team begins its playoff run after winning six contests by more than 34 points this season. They play Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Memorial who is coming into the contest on a three-game losing streak.



And then there's this...

As long as we're talking sports the World Minnow Racing Association announced this week they are returning to The Gaff in Port Aransas for the winter season and further that the races will involve "trained minnow" racers. Who knew!? The good news is that there is still some time to train your minnow so there you go, minnow racing and belt sander racing all in one spot! In the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.



Here's your hat.
Image by Mary Craft

Be Part of the New TPWD Shooting Sports Community!

You are invited to join Texas Parks and Wildlife's new Shooting Sports Community. This online and offline community is for Texans interested in recreational shooting sports – including hunters, target shooters, clay/skeet shooters, archers, new and experienced gun owners and anyone else interested in safe, fun, responsible shooting. Whatever the reason you enjoy shooting – to increase your proficiency, refine your skills, get comfortable with firearms for home/self-protection, or just to enjoy the company of like-minded people with a common interest — you'll find it can be a lot of fun and beneficial to be part of a shooting sports community.

What's In Store for You?

By joining the community, you will get: **Texas Shooting Sports E-newsletter** – a free, [quarterly e-newsletter](#) with a variety of short articles, stories and videos for beginners and experienced shooters including: seasonal hunting information, tips on safe shooting and gun storage, advanced shooting sports, where to shoot and take classes, how to choose ammo, and more.

Enhanced information on TPWD's website – check out the new enriched [TPWD Texas Shooting Sports](#) page.

Social media community – follow us on our [Facebook](#) Shooting Sports page for instructional videos, details on tournaments, where to shoot, gun safety and other material. [#TexasShootingSports](#)

TPWD days at local target ranges – we have been speaking with shooting ranges around Texas who are interested in partnering on special events and other activities. Stay tuned. Plus, so much more! As this is a new program, we would love to hear from you at marketing@tpwd.texas.gov with more ideas for what you would like to see

Port Aransas Community Theatre in Collaboration with the Aransas Repertory Theatre Present "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914" Nov. 30 – Dec. 10, 2023, at the Port Aransas Community Theatre "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914," a collaboration of the Port Aransas Community Theatre and the Aransas Repertory Theatre, will be performed at the Port Aransas Community Theatre, Nov. 30 – Dec. 10, 1923. The Western Front: Christmas 1914. Out of the violence of World War I, a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music and peace. This remarkable true story is told in the words and songs of the men who lived it. Written by Peter Rothstein, the show features a cappella choral arrangements by Erick Lichte and Timothy C. Takach. Directed by Russ B. Walker, the cast members are Philip Ridley, John Ridley, Ryan Rogers, Russ B. Walker, Zeke Davila, Tod Michael Murphy, Tytus Sewell, Brayden Jake, Daniel Immekus and Cezar Herrera. The Music Director is Maggie Scheerer, the Stage Manager is Suzy Walker and the Set Designer is Ray Dillahunty. General admission tickets for "All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914" are \$22. All active and former military will be admitted free with ID at the box office. The Port Aransas Community Theatre is located at 2327 State Highway 361 in Port Aransas. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit: portaransascommunitytheatre.com.

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Senior Moments



Senior Moments Special to The Island Moon

By Dotson Lewis

Veterans Day & Etc.



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Dotson's Note: Veterans Day is the day to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Noember11th because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. Thanks to all of you Moon Monkeys who contributed the facts contained in this report. The photo is from the Peggy Aoyama Lewis Collection.



Tokyo Japan-November 11, 1949

A Military Veteran

We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventurer. We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives. We said goodbye to friends and family, and everything we knew. We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the earth.

We found new friends and new family. We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed. We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times. We didn't get enough sleep. We smoked and drank too much. We picked up both good and bad habits. We worked hard and played harder. We didn't earn a great wage. We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing importance events. We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again. We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all. We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.

Some of saw actual combat, some of us didn't. Some of us saw the world and some of us didn't.

Some of us delt with physical warfare, most delt with psychological warfare. We have seen and experienced and delt with things that we can't fully describe, or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.

We participated in time honored ceremonial rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie. We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.

We have delt with victory and tragedy. We have celebrated and mourned, we lost a few along the way. When our adventure was over, some us went back home, some of started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all. We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures. We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.

We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches. We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and stand together in a heartbeat.

Being a veteran is something that has to be earned, and can never be taken away. It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift. People see a veteran and they thank them for their service. When we see each other, we give a little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not. So, from myself to the rest

of the veterans out there, you are commended and thanked you for all that you have done and sacrificed for our country. Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times, share your stories. But most importantly, stand tall, and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a **VETERAN**.



Dotson's Other Note: To be a Military Veteran, an individual must have served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard or a reserve component thereof. An individual may also be eligible if he or she was on full-time duty as a commissioned officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service or on full-time duty as a commissioned officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or its predecessor organization the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Service can be for any length of time but must be more than just for training. The regulation requires that the individual applying for Veteran's status has been discharged or released from the military under other than a dishonorable status. Created October 2019 – Page 3 NOTE: There is a separate designation found in the Beneficiary Identification and Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) called "DVA" for "Dishonorable for VA Purposes." While the word dishonorable is used in the definition, it does not refer to a discharge from military service. Consequently, an individual would not be disqualified as a Veteran on the basis of a DVA designation. To verify Veteran status, CVE generally requests the applicant to provide official documentation from the military such as an individual's DD-214 form. A letter of explanation will not satisfy this requirement. Helpful Hints: • Net Federal Active Service: If the time reflected on the DD-214 is less than basic training (approximately 8 weeks), then the individual may need to provide additional documentation showing that the net service time was for other than training. • A person without active-duty time who was injured during training may still qualify as a Veteran. • If a member of the National Guard or Reservist unit was activated for training but was not called to Federal active duty, that person will not qualify unless he or she was disabled from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. • If a call to active duty was issued by Executive Order of the President but actual activation occurred by order of a state governor as opposed to the President, (i.e., attending to riots, call for hurricane disaster relief aid, etc.), that is considered State active duty, not Federal active duty, and therefore would not qualify. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The weekly Veterans Round Table meetings are on Thursdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The meeting location is at Del Mar College, Center for Economic Development, 3209 S. Staples. (Across from Ray High School). Also, the Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 – 10 a.m., Saturdays. Please listen and call in or text. The listener/text line is: 361-882-5397. It's your two hours; please let us hear from you.

Island Moon



Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

When the dust settled Tuesday night on the City of Corpus Christi's Proposition A it was clear that voters and taxpayers are not crazy about getting into the convention hotel business; at least not at the American Bank Center. The final tally was 6584 in favor and 14,694 against. What was most astounding was the turnout of 21,278 voters which is nearly twice the normal number for off-cycle constitutional elections which happen in the two years between presidential and gubernatorial cycles. I think the reason for that is the public felt like they were being hustled; sold a \$133 million convention hotel project disguised as a streets project. As I said in this space a few weeks ago they were peeing down our leg and telling us it was raining and voters don't like that. The lingering effect of the vote I think will spill over into the upcoming city council races which due to turnover among members is going to look a lot different a year from now. The current council members who voted 9-0 to place Proposition A on the ballot with little public input now own it. Having said that the question now is what to do about our convention center which is losing \$40,000 per day.

Déjà vu all over again...

What this is really all about is money from the Hotel Occupancy Tax that comes from The Island. Twenty years ago the city raced to annex The Island from Packery Channel north to what is now the city limits with the Port Royal and its \$1 million per year HOT being the prize; it is no coincidence that the city limits is spitting distance from the Port Royal property line. Now twenty years later this vote is really all about the same bucket of Island money which would have been redirected in the latest attempt to jam the round peg into the square downtown hole. The numbers tell the tale. Here they are for 2022.

By the numbers...

\$215 million in hotel revenue across the city
\$20 million of that came from Mustang Island
\$33 million of that came from the 78418 zip code
\$25 million of that came from Airbnb (90% of which comes from The Island)
\$73 million total hotel business generated by Island businesses
\$40 million in hotel revenue HOT from downtown
\$145 million in hotel revenue from Port Aransas
Short-term rentals are up 50% in 2019-2022.

Our HOT generates about \$20 million per year and The Island accounts for just under half of that.

That is the world we live in.

Now what?

So what is next? The first question is how to stop the bleeding at the current American Bank Center and that question I suspect will be front and center in the city election cycle we are now in. In the Proposition A plan and in the plan launched in 2022 that has led us to where we are there has been no consideration of using any of the HOT money to fund any facility on The Island.

Now that Prop A is out of the way maybe that can change.

A twenty-year cycle

In the twenty years since the ABC was built the convention business has changed. The mega-conventions are going to the largest cities which we cannot compete with. The 40,000-sized conventions are not coming here but there is a market niche for us in smaller gatherings which fit with where The Island is already going. Just look around us. There are two \$1 billion developments already underway and both will have a hotel with some version of convention space which would have been in competition with a partially public funded downtown hotel if Prop A had passed. Why not consider a public-private partnership with either or both? What is needed on The Island is a conference center with about 20,000 square-feet of space on the gulf beach and as we recalibrate what to do next that should be on the table.

The city has a contract with the Texas General Land Office to develop the land between Packery Channel and Zahn Road north of the channel. There is also 80 acres of privately-owned land directly south of the channel just north of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall which will be connected to both the Lake Padre and the Whitecap NPI developments by pedestrian and carts paths once the Island Mobility Plan is in place. And don't forget that the city has an agreement that has been in place since 2000 that gives it control of the strip of land that runs along the south side of Packery Channel which could be made use of as public space running from the beach all the way to Lake Padre.

What we saw from Prop A is that there is somewhere north of \$1.4 billion in funds in play, about half of which would have been used to cover cost overruns at the planned convention center hotel, that we can use to build our tourist base and fund convention and visitor facilities. If the political class is dead set on putting a convention facility downtown then at least carve out some of that money and put something on Padre Island where much of the money is already coming from; an idea that up until this point has had zero discussion.

Let's put Prop A behind us and look at it as a new chance to get this right. Clearly something has to be done to the ABC and that is a policy question best suited for the upcoming election cycle, but as we do that let's talk to the developers of the two Island projects who are already investing money here and see if there is a way to work together. Our tourist industry in the Coastal Bend has always been a three-legged stool – Port Aransas, Padre Island, and downtown with the tourism business on The Island the goose that laid the golden egg. This is a chance to feed the goose a little grain instead of relocating the golden egg. This is our second chance in twenty years to get it right and our political class wanted to make the same mistake we made twenty years ago and the voters bailed them out.

Any plan going forward needs to include The Island.



Padre Island in 1970

We often get questions about why Aquarius Street is chopped into two pieces on The Island. It was in fact cut into three pieces until the completion of the Aquarius extension connecting it to Commodores Drive in 2014. Originally Aquarius Street was to be a connection from the Aquarius/SPID intersection all the way south to Whitecap Boulevard with the partially completed bridge shown in this photo connecting its two sections. However, as development progressed and money became tighter the developers scrapped plans for the bridge and sold the adjacent lots.

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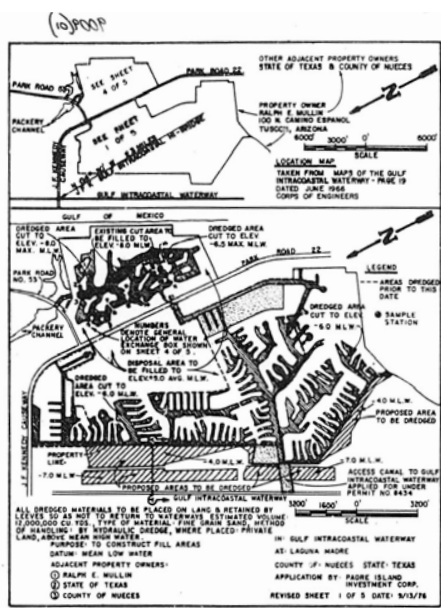
with the Padre Isles Property Owners Association to connect the new canals now nearing completion to the existing canals through the removal of the sand barrier now in place. The PIPOA board is currently awaiting the results of a water flow study before making a decision, see the column by PIPOA President Drew Diggins in this issue. Diggins said this week he expects to have the results of the latest study soon but no firm date has been set.

Jennifer L. Hoff, Senior Vice-President of Public Affairs for Diamond Beach Holdings, LLC., developer of the Whitecap North Padre Island project said this week that no agreement with the PIPOA to connect the canals has been reached.

A fifty-year process

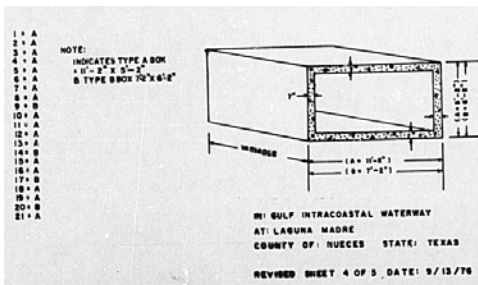
The effort to connect the new canal from the bridge to the existing Island canals is baked into the corps permitting process which goes back 50 years to a time when the land on both sides of Park Road 22 was owned by a single owner and construction on both sides Park Road 22 was covered by a single Corps of Engineers permit. That changed in 1985 when the land was still under common ownership but the permitting process was split by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The permit now held by Lange's company which led to the construction of the water exchange bridge was originally connected to the permit that allowed for the digging of the original canals in Island subdivisions and that permit was first issued to Padre Island Investment Corp. in 1973 and was renewed every five years through December, 1988.

According to corps' records it was extended February 1, 1977 through December 15, 1982, and again on April 22, 1986 through December 31, 1988. However, on June 25, 1985 when the Padre Isles Property Owners Association filed to extend the permit for the digging of Packery Channel as well as the permit covering the Island canal system which called for the canals to be connected to the Gulf of Mexico through culverts under Park Road 22 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informing them they lacked standing to alter the Packery Channel dredging permit, now held by Lange, and to "contact the permittee and arrange for him to apply for an amendment to revise the water quality conditions" in Island canals. This is when the permitting process for dredging Packery Channel and Lake Padre now held by Lang's company and permitting for the Island canals and bulkheads west of Park Road 22 separated requiring the PIPOA to extend its permit independently with the permit language requiring circulation of water from Packery Channel through residential canals as the underlying requirement of its regular extension. The latest five-year extension found in Corps records expired in 2014, according to a check of corps files. The requirements listed in the 1985 permit reads as follows: If the water quality within the canal system dredged after December 31, 1976, cannot be corrected within 10 days, then those waters not meeting dissolved oxygen criteria and other water quality criteria shall...be isolated from the receiving waters. If the water quality within the canal system...cannot be corrected...



Map from original permit issued February 1, 1977 allowing for the dredging of Island canals. It requires water exchange under Park Road 22 at a location near the intersection of PR 22 and Cruiser Street where the original design placed the water exchange culverts. That location was later determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be too near Whitecap Boulevard to allow for the prevailing southeast wind to provide enough fetch and reach to push water under the roadway and into Island canals on the west side and the location was moved to the current site of the Don Patricio Bridge.

these waters not meeting dissolved oxygen criteria shall...be isolated from the receiving waters by a suitable method, such as construction of double-leaf boat locks, or an acceptable alternative, at points between the canals and receiving water. The permit also requires the PIPOA to create fund for "setting aside 10% of the property assessment collected by the Association and be known as the Water Quality Fund." The 1985 permit began the requirement that the PIPOA monitor water quality in the canals prior to their connection to water from the Gulf of Mexico through Packery Channel, and finally through the culverts under Park Road 22 (changed to an open channel in 2004). This originated the regular testing of water quality in Island canals which is still in place today. The remedy for poor water quality set down in the permit was a connection to the water exchange culverts under Park Road 22 which is now under discussion. See the graphs in this issue from the original Corps of Engineers permit.



Box culverts required for water exchange under PR 22 in original Corps of Engineers permit issued February 1, 1977.



Three Flamingos by Felisa Wallace

History cont. from A1

think they discussed the advantages of two cycle vs. four cycle outboards either, their boats looks to be four oared powered.

Spoonbill feathers and fashionites... Although in the picture Pat was greeting the hunting party on the bank of the Packery, he was more of a conservationist than a hunter. Being Irish he had a lot of politician in him. He was Chairman of the Nueces County Democratic Party before being elected to State Representative for Nueces County in 1911. Even though he was a rookie in the legislature he was a political veteran, having supported such political luminaries as future Vice President John "Cactus Jack" Garner. Arriving in Austin he was appointed to the Game and Fish committee on Game and Fisheries. There Pat was able to represent not only the two legged folks of his district but the feathered variety also. At that time there was a big market in feathers, with birds of color being slaughtered at an alarming rate to decorate the hats of East Coast fashionites, to keep them up with the latest styles.

Pat's first order of business was carrying a bill to outlaw the sale of Roseate Spoonbill feathers, stopping the shooting of those beautiful magenta birds. In 1913 he was appointed Chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee with the next battle being the "Oyster Interests." Oyster fishing was big business then and what is now Parks and Wildlife was then the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission. The Oyster lobby felt that the brown pelicans were eating just too many oysters and their solution was to wipe them out. Luckily the pelicans had a champion in Chairman Dunn. Quoted from the State Topic in April 1913, "Col. Bill Sterett, Fish, Game and Oyster Commissioner, and Mr. Gibson, the Corpus Christi fish and oyster shipper, didn't succeed at the late session of the Legislature in putting the pelican off the face of the earth, but they gave the "beauteous bird" with the "dainty



Pat Dunn's picture in the Texas Capitol.

feet" a scare that will make him confine his depredations to Padre Island for many a day to come, where he will at least have a friend in the Hon. P. F. Dunn, the noble Duke of Padre."

After serving three terms in Austin representing Nueces and surrounding counties Pat chose not to run for another term, rather concentrating his time on the Dunn Ranch whose herd and camps had just been devastated by the 1916 hurricane. One legacy that was not to be for Pat was Dunn County, named for him but dissolved before it became official in those rough and tumble days of South Texas politics.

Back to today's times for those that enjoyed the pitter-patter of shot gun shot falling on houses and yards by hunters that ignored the 1000 foot shooting ban, catholic Pat had a saying for those few ignoramuses that give all hunters a bad name, "Put the Pope in a hunting jacket and you will turn him into a son of a b***h."



Pat Dunn, left, & duck hunters on Padre one hundred years ago. Greg Smith collection



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By Dotson Lewis

1951 World Series-Yankees & Giants Game 6 -Part 2 Plus 2023 Texas Rangers

Dotson Lewis

Dotson’s Note: The Yankees were just three outs from a third consecutive championship, but Sain was fading. Stanky, Dark (a bunt), and Lockman singled to start the ninth. For the second inning in a row, the Giants had loaded the bases, this time with none out. Thanks to Bill Morgan, Len Levin, Mark S. Sternman, Arthur Daley, The New York Times, and Red Smith for the facts contained in this report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.



With right-handers Irvin and Bobby Thomson due up, Stengel went to his bullpen for what the *New York Times* labeled “perhaps as deep and mystifying a piece of managerial strategy as any world series has seen,”⁷ calling on the left-handed Kuzava, a June 1951 trade acquisition from the Washington Senators.

In part-time action, Kuzava had recorded five saves for the Yankees, only one off the team lead, suggesting that Stengel had confidence in the 28-year-old veteran. “Kuzava frankly admitted he was nervous,”⁸ “but Stengel gambled with . . . Kuzava, because of his control. ‘Get it over. Make ’em hit it in the air. We’ll get ’em out,’ Casey told Kuzava.”⁹

The first batter Kuzava faced, Irvin, hit a deep fly to Woodling in left. All three runners advanced, with Stanky scoring the Giants’ second run of the game. Inexplicably, Woodling threw to third to try to nab Dark, allowing Lockman, the tying run, to take second.

Thomson was next, seven days after his “Shot Heard ’Round The World” home run, under almost identical circumstances, had rallied the Giants to victory in the NL playoff. He fell just short this time, although his sacrifice fly to Woodling cut the lead to 4-3. An out from defeat but a hit from a likely tie, Durocher called back left-handed Hank Thompson, seeking the platoon advantage with Yvars, a 27-year-old backup catcher who had hit .317 in 50 plate appearances in 1951.

Yvars acquitted himself admirably with an opposite-field liner, but Bauer in right made an “amazing catch” to end the World Series.¹⁰

“I thought for a while I wouldn’t make it,” Bauer admitted afterward. “I lost it in the shadows. I was playing him shallow. But [I] started running with the crack of the bat. Even so, I had to leg it like all get-out and wound up sitting down to make the catch, skidding along the ground. I knew I couldn’t let that one get past me and didn’t.”¹¹

Durocher graciously praised Bauer’s glove work: “He made a great catch. And he couldn’t have made it if the ball had been six inches shorter or a foot to either side and not directly at him.”¹²

In his first three years as manager of the Yankees, Stengel had skippered his squad to Series wins over the Brooklyn Dodgers, Philadelphia Phillies, and now the Giants, highlighted by a bravura use of his bullpen in Game Six. “A man eating a plate of

spaghetti while standing on his head would have had little on Casey Stengel today,” opined Harold Kaese of the *Boston Globe*. “Stengel stood strategy on its head, kicked it on the shins, and tickled its ribs – but, as usual, he was the winner.” “Stengel had called on a left-handed pitcher to stop three long-ball-hitting right-handed batsmen and . . . had got away with it.”

The incredible 1951 New York Giants season had ended with high drama, a fitting conclusion to a memorable campaign. “We would have been in real trouble if it had gone down to a seventh game,” confessed DiMaggio. “All my years in baseball I never saw a ball club come back with so much fight.”

While some lamented what might have changed had Don Mueller been healthy enough to have played, 16 others with more perspective realized that the Giants, while falling to the Yankees in the Series, ultimately triumphed over the Bombers in the annals of the most memorable teams in baseball history.

Dotson’s Note: Since I have a little space left, I thought you Moon Monkeys who are diehard Astro fans might need to be reminded “How about them rangers?” Thanks to Anthony Castrovince, for the facts contained in this report and to my friend Cliff Fagen, from Arlington Texas for the photos.

Rangers Earn Crown!

This 2023 triumph is the first World Series championship for the Texas Rangers franchise, which had previously been MLB’s oldest team without a ring. But let the record show that with their 5-0 victory over the D-backs in Game 5 on Wednesday night at Chase Field, the Rangers also made history of another sort.

Having entered the postseason as the American League’s fifth seed (AKA second Wild Card), Texas tied -- with Bruce Bochy’s 2014 Giants! -- as the lowest playoff seed to win the World Series. Additionally, the Rangers have the sixth-lowest regular-season win total (90) for a World Series winner in a 162-game season.



These facts are sure to trigger the traditionalists, who prefer we go back to a (much more boring) time when the teams with the best records in each league advanced directly to the World Series. They’ll criticize the newly crowned champions as a product purely of the expanded postseason format. The wide-open nature of an expanded postseason is a feature, not a bug. And we’re here to tell you that anybody who paid a lick of attention to the 2023 MLB season knows this Rangers team is not a fluke. Low though their seed might have been, the Rangers are real champions who went out and earned it.

“I’ve said all year that I thought they were the best team in the American League,” said Arizona closer Paul Sewald, who spent most of the season with the Rangers’ AL West-rival Mariners. “When they’re at their best, that lineup comes at you, and they did a great job. They’re deserving champions.”



By Andy Purvis

Did I Tell You About The Time?

I originally wrote this article about my dear friend Dotson Lewis several years ago. It’s worth sharing again. Most of you Moon Monkeys have come to enjoy his writing style as I have. So, for those of you who remember, you’re welcome and those who are reading this for the first time-Enjoy. .

This guy’s got more stories than Uncle Remus. He’s traveled all over the world, met most of your sports heroes and mine, and is still going strong at 88 years old. He has also become a dear friend. I once accused him of being the spitting image of Red Sox Hall-of-Fame infielder Bobby Doerr and he said, “How did you know I used his model bat?” Known as a teacher, an excellent writer, and a fine speaker, he does not know the meaning of the word “shy.” This fellow owns a quick wit, a mind as sharp as a tack, and he’s such a pleasure to spend time with. He has served his country and has been decorated; a true honorable patriot. Dotson G. Lewis, Jr. was born in Gunter, Texas, but grew up in Northwest Arkansas. His hero was his father. He now lives here with us in Corpus Christi, Texas. Dotson Lewis and I share a sports page in the *Island Moon* each week. It was his idea. He also writes a weekly column called “Senior Moments.” Dotson has earned two college degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso, in Education and Kinesiology, but it doesn’t take long to know his heart belongs to sports and officiating. Dotson was the supervisor of the Southwest Officials Association from 1977-1995. From 2002-present, Dotson has taught many different classes at Del Mar College and continues to do so. His most prized publications include the annual [CCA Football Mechanics Manuals](#) and the [NCAA Football Rules Illustrated Manuals](#), both written from 1987-1995. His achievements are many. I will list a few to highlight his incredible journey. In 1950-51, Dotson received the Korean Service Medal with 5 Battle Stars. He was also chosen as the European Sportsman of the Year in 1967 and received the U.S. Army Legion of Merit in 1968. Dotson is a member of several Halls of Fame including the College Football Officiating Hall of Fame in 1995, the El Paso Texas Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, and the Japanese-American Football Hall of Fame. He also received the Corpus Christi, Texas, Greatest Generation Award in 2008. Along the way, I made it a point to meet with him on Fridays for lunch. Little did he know I was taking notes, so this article is supposed to be a surprise? Dotson also spends some time each Thursday afternoon on the radio air waves with the sports talk radio show known as “The Benchwarmers” on ESPN 1440 KEYS. One of his favorite things to say is “Did I tell you about the time?” Dotson knows I’m a baseball fan, especially concerning the history of the game, including the Negro Leagues. I have quite a few stories of my own, but here are a few of the stories Dotson has shared with me. “I met Satchel Paige on three or four different occasions,” said Dotson Lewis. “Around 1942, I was playing in the old Ban Johnson League and we were barnstorming. During one game against a Negro League Team of All Stars, after watching Paige warm up, I said to my teammates, ‘I can hit this guy; I’ll just wait for his curveball.’ Well, when it came my turn to bat, old Satch threw that curveball and it was unbelievable how much it broke. I bailed out of the batter’s box and catcher Josh Gibson said, ‘You better stand in there, son.’ I was also learning to chew tobacco at the time and had just placed a wad of “Brown Mule” between my cheek and gum. As I leaned over the plate closer, the next pitch was not a curve and it didn’t break. Being a right-handed hitter, the ball hit me behind my left ear above my jaw. I swallowed that chaw of tobacco and it made me sick for two or three days afterward. Not only was I lucky I didn’t get hurt badly, but I never chewed tobacco again,” laughed Dotson. “I was signed by Freddy Haun of the St. Louis Cardinals,” said Dotson. “I attended Spring Training with the Columbus Redbirds. Shortstop Marty Marion kept me out of Sportsman’s Park,” said Dotson. “I could hit as well as him, but he could really go in the hole and catch those ground balls.” Dotson ended up playing Minor League ball against a team from Joplin, Missouri, who had a kid named Mickey Mantle. “During practice, Mantle threw the best knuckleball I’ve ever seen,” said Dotson. “One time in Memphis, during a Texas League game, a low-flying Cessna plane was circling the field when a pop fly lodged in the airplane’s landing gear. The umpire



Dotson Lewis & Me Nolan’s

ruled it a home run, because when the ball was last seen, it was in fair territory,” laughed Dotson.

“It was 1955 and I had just returned from overseas. I was stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts,” said Dotson. Fort Devens is located about 32 miles west of Boston. Curt Gowdy was the radio voice of the Red Sox at that time, and this was also where Dotson met Red Auerbach, the coach of the Boston Celtics. “A fellow by the name of Karl Benson called and said he needed a referee for a football game. I think a good friend of mine named Dallas Shirley suggested me to Benson,” said Dotson. Shirley had officiated over 2,000 basketball games during his 33-year career, including the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, Italy. “Dallas was one of the first NBA officials and was inducted into the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame in 1980. He was buried with a whistle in his hand,” said Dotson. “The game turned out to be Syracuse at Holy Cross. I noticed that Syracuse had a kid that could really run the football, but he didn’t block all that well. I think he scored two or three times on long runs. I do remember it was not a very tough game to officiate. I thought to myself, if this kid ever learns to block, he is going to be a great football player. That fellow turned out to be Jim Brown,” exclaimed Dotson. Syracuse won 49-9 over #13-ranked Holy Cross. I asked Dotson who was the greatest high school player he had ever officiated. “One night, I refereed a high school game in Tyler, Texas. They had a kid named Earl Campbell,” said Dotson. “I thought he was the best linebacker in the State of Texas.” “I’ll tell you a little known story,” said Dotson. “Basketball Coach Hank Iba had his wallet stolen after the USA team lost to Russia in the 1972 Olympics. He figured there was nothing he could do about it.” “Oh, I’ve run Bobby Knight five or six times over the years,” said Dotson smiling. “I fired NFL official Red Cashion and trained current NFL official Ed Hochuli, otherwise known as ‘Papa Touchdown,’” said Dotson.

Dotson once officiated a Globetrotters game in Japan. “There were 103,000 people in the stands and no one clapped,” said Dotson. “Curly Neal asked me, ‘What’s wrong with these people?’” I’ve tried to imagine what a poker game would look like at Dotson’s house, if he could invite his dearest friends. They are as follows: General Douglas MacArthur, who presented Dotson with an award (gold watch) in 1948; Audie Murphy--“He and I were in the same outfit in the Army, but not at the same time,” said Dotson. They met when Murphy was shooting a movie in France and Germany. “Joe Paterno was a good friend and a great guy; what a sad ending,” exclaimed Dotson. Darrell Royal and Bill Clinton would round out the group. “Darrell Royal was a great teacher and coach; there was nothing phony about him,” said Dotson. Bill Clinton--Dotson was on a committee with him when he was the Governor of Arkansas. “He was a pain in the neck,” laughed Dotson. You can add names like Don Haskins, Charlie O. Finley, and Gil Brandt. “I once helped Tex Schramm with the overtime rules of the NFL,” stated Dotson.

I believe we all take a little bit of everyone with us, with whom we come in contact, and in return, they take a piece of us with them. If we surround ourselves with good people, we can’t help but become a good person. Dotson was kind enough to write the foreword for my book entitled [Secrets of Greatness](#) and has sat with me on several occasions during book signing events. So, next time you read the sports page in the *Island Moon* or find your radio dial on 1440 KEYS, check out my friend Dotson Lewis. They don’t make guys like this anymore. I have been blessed to be able to move in his circles.

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Island Outdoors

On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

When I first started down the career path that I'm currently on, the Nueces County Judge was Richard Borchard, Martha Stewart went to jail, and President Reagan passed away. The engineering shop I was working for was doing mainly infrastructure (streets, drainage, etc.) but the department I worked for was starting to get into development work, especially on Mustang Island. At that time, nothing had been built on Mustang Island for almost 20 years (except for a few houses in La Concha). A new client, Kevin, walked in the door, and was looking to do something new on the Island. He had an airplane that he traveled around in that could get in and out of the Mustang Airport near Island Moorings and had made a ton of money on the east coast as an electricity provider.

A cantankerous, large man with a toothless grin

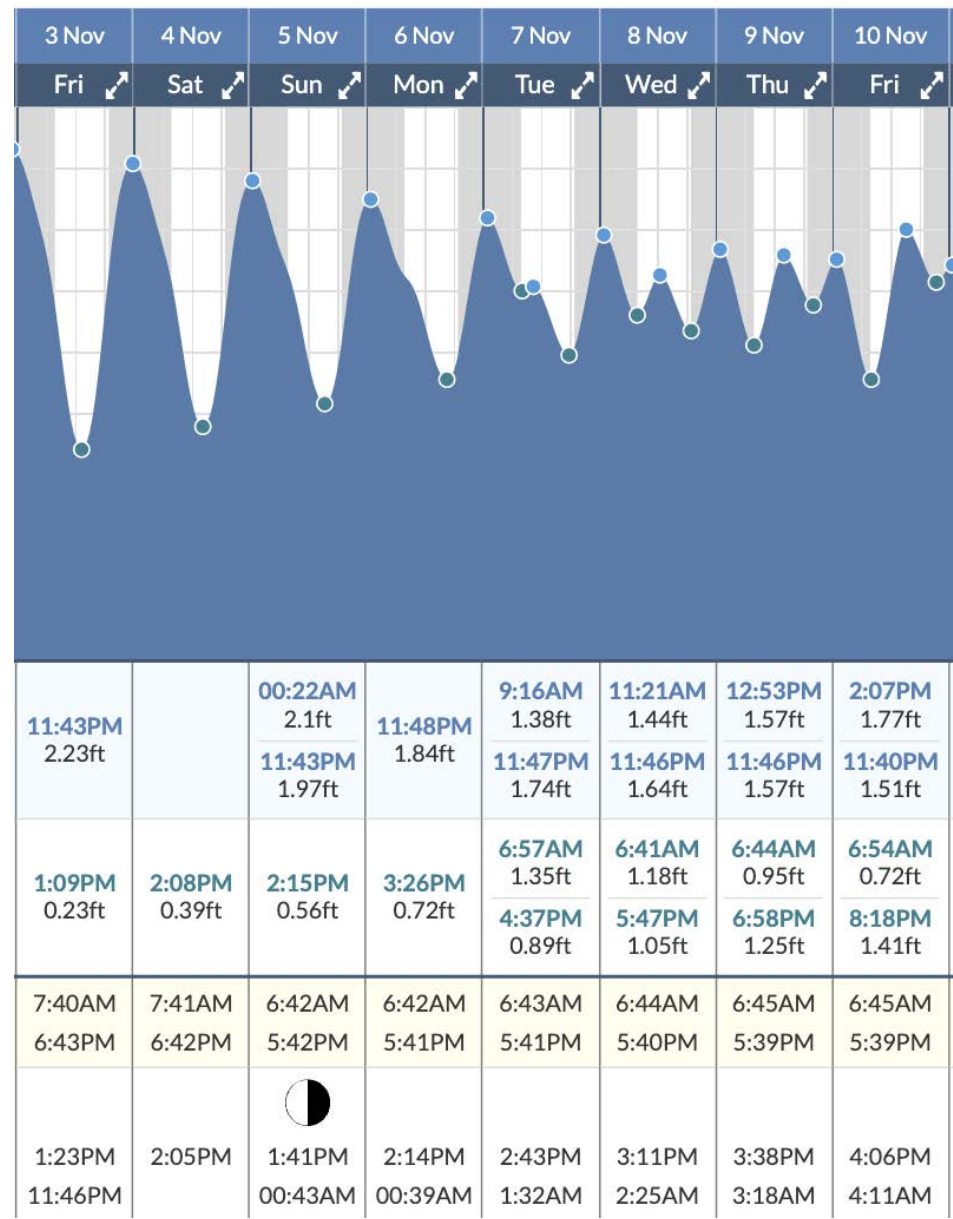
Years before, there were several horse-riding stables in Port Aransas, and one was owned by Roy Graham, who was a cantankerous, large man with a toothless grin who sometimes wore a pistol on his hip and really didn't play by too many rules. The city had pushed his operation farther down Mustang Island simply by "outgrowing its britches" he would tell us. While he was a bit rough around the edges, he really did like to see "city slickers" riding his tired old nags. It was hard not to like him.

Roy's operation at the time was situated just to the north of the small blue water tower on the right headed to Port A, right next to the City of Corpus Christi Beach Operations facility and City Firehouse #16. He was winding down with his operation, but was looking at one more move, as he was being pushed out yet again by development. He found the Walters tract south of Beach Access Rd 6, and then our client Kevin made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Roy sold the tract to Kevin for a fair price, and we were pretty sure Roy had never imagined that he would have that much money in his life. Roy moved his operation, and we got started working on what is now Island Park Estates. This was 2004-2005, pushing twenty years ago. I guess I'm just feeling nostalgic lately.



Dan and Jay catching Redfish at the South Packery Jetty

Tides of the Week



Public Improvement District
Anyhoo, Janet dropped me a line the other day (thanks!) asking "what is a Public Improvement District?" A PID is created by the city and pays for public infrastructure that benefits the public-use property within the PID. A PID resembles a Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) but is site specific, and only succeeds if the development within it succeeds. A PID does not affect city taxes and it actually improves the city tax collections based on new construction within the PID that typically have higher development standards than the minimum city standards. Basically, developments within a PID are of higher quality, and these include public amenities such as parks, kayak launches, canal walks, walking trails, and yes golf cart paths. It benefits people living within the community, and also increases the quality of life of people living in the community around them.

There are PID's in every major Texas city, and they do a variety of things. There is one in Park Glen in Ft. Worth that does landscaping, common area maintenance, holiday decorations, public improvements, capital improvements, and security enhancements. The assessment for that particular PID is \$.155 on residential properties per \$100 of assessed value (not market). I'm not sure what the equivalent would be say, in Barataria Bay because of the way it's assessed here, but I'm sure someone with enough fingers and toes can cipher it out. In addition, Ft. Worth has a "Tourism PID" that includes all hotels that have more than 100 rooms, and that charge is 2% of the room charge. That PID puts the money into conventions, leisure and sports tourism, and things like community arts grants. An additional hotel tax that stays local, which I think that's what our Convention of Visitors Bureau and many hoteliers are already starting to do around here. Good stuff!

Well folks, I've gone a little long again this week, there's a lot going on that I didn't even get to mention. All good. The weather looks less than ideal this weekend, so it might be time to start making that winter-time chore list. Boo! Drop me a line at tarponchaser@mail.com and I'll see you next week On the Rocks.

Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah
Farah's Fishing Adventures



Big stringers this time of year, let's find YOUR DAY!

It's not really cold yet, and fish are doing the same thing we are with every swing of the wind from the north. The last cool down was definitely felt we all grabbed too many jackets and broke out the space heaters. In a few months on these 50-degree days, we will be running errands and saying it's spring time again! Our gamefish were shocked as well, but not acclimated. They fed hard as the temperatures dropped and stayed dormant for one day then quickly turned into eating machines!

When water temperatures really fall and stay low gamefish will fall into deeper water for protection. This last cold front did not push bait deep, nor predictor species. We looked in many deep holes while it was cold and all we could find was scattered bait and very few game fish on my HUMMN-BIRD SONAR. So we slid out to the deeper flats between three and five feet deep with scattered grass and sand and started finding quality trout mixed with a few bonus reds right away. Our gamefish moved from one

level to another with the temperature drop but did not move out of the flats at all.

Looking ahead to this weekend's front, looks to be similar but not as strong. Stay in that magical fall fishing depth of four feet of water with mixed sand pockets. A 1/4 ounce DOA JIG HEAD with soft plastics is the best way to relax, catch fish, learn, cast far, and keep contact with your lure. The King Ranch Shoreline has some great water quality right now and plenty of gamefish along the break in the bottom. Drifting short drifts over this transition zone has put one to two keeper fish in the box each drift. Ten short drifts and you have built one heck of a box!

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Red Headed Ducks By Marvin Orellano



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Nature Notes

Have you heard of a Timberdoodle?

By Susan A. Heath



American Woodcocks have eyes set high on their heads so that they can see 360 degrees around themselves. Photo by Sue Heath

In late December and through January, those of us in east Texas are treated to the display of the timberdoodle if we take the time to seek them out. Timberdoodle? That’s the colloquial name for the American Woodcock, a bird species that likes moist forests. Although they are taxonomically considered a shorebird, you’ll never find one near the shore!

They walk along the forest floor probing for earthworms with their specially designed bill which has a flexible tip. They sometimes rock their body back and forth stepping heavily with their front foot to get worms to move around in the soil, and if you ever see one out in the open you might see them walking this way. There are a lot of videos online showing this distinctive feature. Google it!

Their breeding range is the eastern U.S. and Canada as far south as central Florida, but in Texas they only breed in the far eastern part of the state. Their wintering range includes a larger area of Texas though and they can be found in winter along the coast almost to the Rio Grande River. They are fantastically camouflaged, making them hard to find unless you almost step on one when walking through the woods. They flush with a wing whirl and are gone before your heart stops its frantic beating from the encounter.

Near the end of December, they start getting revved up for the breeding season and often you can see and hear them displaying at dusk until they depart for the breeding grounds in late January. The male gives a buzzy peent call over and over from the ground until he finally launches himself in an upward spiral that can reach 200-350 feet. As he rises, his wings make a twittering sound and then when he descends he makes a chirping noise before silently landing on his display area and starting the whole process over again. It is a fantastic thing to see! By February they have all departed for the breeding grounds and the show is over until next year.

American Woodcocks are plump and short-legged with very long straight bills. They have large heads, short necks, and short tails giving them a bulbous look, kind of like a ball of feathers. Their wings

are broad and rounded compared to other shorebirds which supports their breeding display but also flight through forests where long wings would be a disadvantage.

They are similar to the Wilson’s Snipe (yes, there is a bird called a snipe!) but woodcocks have crown stripes going back and forth across the head while snipes have crown stripes going from back to front. Snipes also hang out in wetlands and muddy spots in fields versus woods where you will find the woodcocks.

Woodcocks have another feature that might be considered useful for all you parents out there. Their eyes are positioned high and near the back of their skull giving them a view of 360-degrees in the horizontal plane and 180-degrees in the vertical plane. Pretty nice feature when you want to keep an eye on aerial predators while you’re probing the ground with your bill.

Woodcocks have a couple of other interesting names including Labrador twister, night partridge, mudbat, and bog sucker. If you ever see one, you can yell out one of those names and I bet you’ll get some attention! But seriously – seek out the woodcock and see their fantastic display. It’s worth it!



Going Native

The Fern Spike

By Ed Proffitt



Sabal Texana or Mexicana

Going Native – *Sabal texana* or *S. Mexicana* as per North Carolina State U. (Texas sabal palm)

By Ed Proffitt

I get a lot of questions about palm trees. Are they native? Can coconut palms persist here? That sort of thing. First, there are several palms native to various parts of Texas but the only one native to our coastal zone is the Texas sabal palm (*Sabal texana*). Some taxonomists describe this species as *S. mexicana* but I’ll let them fight that out-- as in my experience life is much too short to argue with plant taxonomists! They can be a rough bunch. You don’t want to meet one in a dark alley if they’re armed with a thick taxonomic key, or worse, one of their own papers on the subject in question. Coconut palms are native to the Caribbean, according to most reports, and perhaps the Florida Keys and have been introduced into Texas and other parts of Florida. Although coconut palms may do just fine in parts of south Florida where being surrounded by ocean on most sides buffers winter temperatures, they tend to die out after a while in most parts of south Texas mostly because our winters are a bit colder. That said, they may persist for a good while on south Padre Island, but likely for a much shorter time in our neck of the “Island woods.” Some horticulturists also recommend various non-native palms (date palms, etc) but, hey, this is a *NATIVE* plant column, so my suggestion is to “go native”... now how did you know I was going to say that!

So, back to our sabal palm. This very nice native tree can typically grow to over 30 feet in height, although they’re slow-growing so don’t hold your breath. I know, I know there are taller ones, but I think some of those are not really our *S. texana* but another closely related palm native to states

east of here. But, I’m not a taxonomy-guy so wouldn’t want to say for sure without DNA testing, which, by the way in case you’re not sure on this point, I have no real interest in doing.

Sabal palms have been used by people for hundreds of years, perhaps thousands. The flower is pretty, and forms a hard fruit that is edible, although in my view not particularly tasty. I’ve seen reports of native Americans, and early settlers, in the southern U.S. chopping off a stalk with many fruits (nuts, in texture and flavor, actually) and walking for hours using those as a snack along the way. I’ve tried it. When you’re in the middle of nowhere hiking through the wilderness, they’re ok. But back at home...I’m going for a burger. The leaves, palm fronds, have been used as thatch for homes and animal pens. And, a variety of animals nest at the base of new or old fronds or use fruits as food, so there’s much value along the ‘fauna dimension.’

If you want to include this species in your yard, I recommend talking to your supplier to make sure it’s a native species and not some similar-looking species from Florida or South Carolina. You can likely buy seedlings, but larger trees are available too and they actually often establish better. If you get seeds, bury them a couple of inches in potting soil and allow soil to dry out between waterings. Too much water may induce root-rot...which is as bad as it sounds. It may take a while before they germinate so don’t give up. Also, be careful with trimming old fronds! Those are part of nature but palms are sensitive to trunk damage so don’t let anyone with tree-spikes climb them...ladder only!

Good luck and happy plantings!

Archimedes Screws



Ten years ago these Archamedes Screws moved the water at Schlitterbahn.

The massive amounts of water that eventually flowed through the waterpark were moved by these large Archimedes Screws. Archimedes was born in 287 B.C. and lived in Syracuse, Sicily, where King Hiero II commissioned him to design a giant ship, the Syracusia, which would hold 600 people and included a garden, a gym, and a temple dedicated to Aphrodite. Archimedes knew a ship that big would board water and he needed some way to get it out of the bilge. What he came up with is what you see here; a rotating screw inside a cylinder. It is believed to have been an improvement on a pump design used to water the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Later, in 1839 the first steamship with a screw propeller was named the SS Archimedes.

Besides inventing the screw pump Archimedes is most remembered for something

that likely would get him jail time or at least a mental evaluation these days. After being commissioned by King Hiero II to determine if a goldsmith had slipped some silver into the King’s supposedly golden crown. While sitting the bathtub Archimedes noticed that as he went in the water level rose and he calculated a way to measure the density of an object by measuring the water it displaced. Old Archimedes was a smart guy but maybe a little absentminded. He got so excited by his discovery he ran into the street and yelled, “Eureka! I have found it?” But what he didn’t find was his pants. Is his excitement he forgot to put any clothes on. But they forgave him because his calculations found that indeed the goldsmith had slipped some silver into the golden crown and when the King’s happy then everybody’s happy.


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Business Briefs

By Mary Craft
mkay512@aol.com

Dr. Lauren Jensen, Optometrist will start seeing patients at her Island Family Eyecare practice on Thursdays and Fridays November 16th. You can stop by the office Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm starting Monday, November 13th to have Haley Olvey set up an appointment for you or check on your insurance or call 529-7570. Dr. Jensen takes most insurances including Medicare, VSP, United Healthcare, Wellmed and Aetna. You can purchase, contact lenses, prescription glasses and sunglasses including Costa brand. The office is located at 14650 Compass Street.



The Padre/Mustang Island Mobility Plan survey gives you an opportunity to give input on what streets should get sidewalks, bicycle lanes plus other mobility issues. Go to [surveymonkey.com/r/IslandMobility](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IslandMobility).

Celsita's Restaurant will be closed starting November 13th and will re-open on Wednesday, November 29th.

Port Aransas Community Theater will hold auditions for the comedy "The Play that goes Wrong" on November 12 & 13. Auditions will consist of performing a memorized one-minute comedic monologue, as well as a cold

read from the script. The cast consists of six male and two female roles.

Frontage road between Jackfish and Commodores has been paved on the east side and now the other half is being worked on that will have a sidewalk. It is still one way going south.

Padre Landscapes is offering 20% off on all labor costs due to some recent negotiations that their sister company The Rock Depot made with its vendor and lowered the prices of lots of materials as well.

Give them a call at (361)949-6999 to get a quote that they think will beat quotes from other companies.



Padre Boat Tours will have special cruises for the La Posada Boat Parade on December 8 and 9. The tickets are \$100/person with half the proceeds donated to the Toys for Tots. Call 252-2510 for tickets or visit the website under the special events tab. The boat will be decorated and is seeking to win a trophy.



The Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) monthly meeting will be at Seashore Middle Academy on Monday, November 13th at 5:30 pm. There should be some updates on Island projects. Everyone is welcome.

Padre Island Art Gallery invites you to an Art Show and Reception with artist Wade Koniakowsky on Saturday, November 11th 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Wine and charcuterie boards will be served. The gallery is now home to the works of 82 local artists.



Black Sheep Bistro will be serving a Thanksgiving Day meal 1 - 5 pm. The main courses are turkey, honey ham, smoked prime rib and smoked beef tenderloin. The meal includes a choice of four desserts and bottomless mimosas. The price is \$45/person and \$25 for children under age 12. The meal is by reservation only so call 210-418-4819 or email gmier@theangrymarlin.com. You can also reserve on their website.

The Padre Island Enrichment club (PIE) annual PIE sale will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving 9 am until 11 am or until sold out which it always is. These fresh baked pies will be sold from the Hardknocks patio this year. Funds raised go towards scholarships for graduating Seniors who reside on Padre Island. This year four \$2,500 scholarships totaling \$10,000 will be distributed.

Island Market IGA now carries D'Italiano Italian Bread. I made a request for it on their Facebook page and Presto! it's on the shelf. Now I no longer need to go OTB to Walmart to get a loaf. You can also make your request on their website or in person.

Random Stuff

If you want to go somewhere that's beautiful, laid-back and off the beaten path I recommend Bocas del Toro, Panama. It is a group of islands with water taxis scattered throughout and colorful waterfront restaurants. It is a great place for surfing, coral reef snorkeling, partying and dining. Surfers tell me it reminds them of Costa Rica before it was discovered. The non-stop Houston to Panama City flight is four hours and I took a puddle jumper plane to Bocus Town.



Ten Years ago in the Island Moon



A new parking lot was under construction between the JFK Bridge and Packery Channel. Ten years later it is still unfinished.



Improvements under the JFK Bridge were about to happen.



Mike the bra inspector



Parts of The Island were a dumping ground.

The big Island news ten years ago this week was the construction of the Schlitterbahn waterpark that was in full speed ahead mode.



Golfers and construction workers were sharing the fairways.




Work on the old clubhouse at the Schlitterbahn site is moving quickly.



Schlitterbahn from the air.




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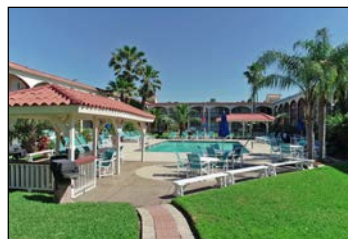
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Yard of the Month

The island gardeners have selected a beautiful yard at 15666 Cumana. Both Mary Ann and John McShane are avid gardeners. The backyard is sectioned off creating rooms, a patio, a dining area, and a grassy area. All have fabulous plants with lots of color. Drive by and be inspired.



Carolyn and Ted Mandel traveled with the Island Moon to celebrate their 40th anniversary where it all began, Honolulu, Hawaii.



Liz Stovall & Jennifer Murphy attend the Breeders' Cup World Championship Horse Racing at Santa Anita Race Park in Arcadia, California



The Horstmanns took the Moon to the Bahamas this week.

Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl in Port Aransas

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According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), veterans and military retirees have lost more than \$842 million to fraud since 2019. While online purchase and tech support scams are frequently encountered in the veteran community, 39% of all fraud reports submitted to the FTC detail experiences with either a business or government impostor with a median loss of \$950 and \$1,906, respectively.

BBB’s 2022 Scam Tracker Risk Report found military consumers report a median loss of \$238 to various types of scams, \$75 more than the median loss for non-military consumers. The top three scams affecting veterans are online purchases, home improvement, and employment fraud.

To help protect veterans from falling victim to scams, BBB provides the following tips:

- Do your research. The first line of defense is often the strongest. Spend the time to research a company before purchasing their services or goods. Review business profiles on BBB.org and check government websites if the service is required to be licensed, such as interstate moving companies or companies using pesticides. Have a full understanding of the reason that a business requires access to your military records or government benefits, if requested, and what that information will be used for.
- Avoid aggressive selling tactics. Companies and businesses that pressure consumers to immediately contract their services without allowing time to obtain quotes or estimates from competitors should be handled cautiously. While it is good practice

for companies to follow up with potential customers and clients, aggressive selling tactics may signify that the company is not invested in the consumer’s interests. Be especially wary if the contractor requires full payment for the project upfront, or claims to have been working at a nearby property and has leftover material they can use for your project at a discount. Use protected payment methods. Money that is sent via wire transfer, gift cards or an unprotected mobile app is extremely difficult to track and can be challenging to obtain a refund. BBB recommends using a credit card for online purchases whenever possible. Charges on credit cards are easier to dispute and be refunded when engaging with a business that does not provide the purchased service or goods. Verify communications from government, law enforcement and businesses. Scammers often initiate contact with their target by disguising themselves as either a government or business representative, as well as a local utility company. They may claim the recipient has unpaid taxes, tickets or bills that must be immediately paid in full. Even Better Business Bureau is not immune from being used in these scams. Often, communications from businesses are designed to appear they are from a representative working for the fraud prevention department and will claim ‘suspicious activity was detected on your account.’ Conveniently, the recipient can verify their account details through a provided link. In all cases, BBB does not recommend following any links provided in unsolicited emails, text messages or QR codes. Instead, contact the organization directly to address any possible issue using methods listed on their official website.

Visit BBB.org/Military for more tips and resources to protect active-duty and veteran service members from engaging with fraudulent businesses.

The FTC provides resources focused on military consumer protection at Military-Consumer.gov.

Current and prior military service members who have encountered a scam are encouraged to report their experience to BBB Scam Tracker. Information provided may prevent another person from falling victim.



NEWS from the PIPOA

By Drew Diggins

News from the PIPOA

The next Padre Isles Property Owners Association board meeting will be held at the Wyndham Corpus Christi Resort, 15202 Windward Drive, on December 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

The next ACC meeting will be held at the PIPOA office on December 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Bulkhead Repairs

The Alchemist Group, LLC, is continuing bulkhead repairs at Hawksnest Bay Drive. They had some issues with materials last week, and the contractor expects the project will require an additional seven days to complete.

The monthly Bulkhead and Repair Status Reports are posted to the PIPOA community website at www.padreislespoa.net. If you have any information regarding failure of a bulkhead in the PIPOA (or a report that was not previously addressed), please contact the Association as soon as possible.

Canal Connection

LJA Engineering (“LJA”) is providing work to Diamond Beach, LLC, regarding the flow conditions in and around the Whitecap and Gypsy canal bridges. In a meeting with the Association, LJA shared preliminary findings that show the PIPOA bulkheads at these locations would see flow rates significantly greater than 2 Feet Per Second (“FPS”) during a winter storm rain event. According to LJA, flow rates

greater than 2 FPS will scour and undermine the bulkhead and bridge supporting structures. The information shared with the PIPOA did not include any analysis of conditions during a more severe storm, tropical, hurricane or otherwise.

In follow up communications with the PIPOA’s engineers, Anchor QEA has notified the Association that they expect to have their preliminary flow study completed for our membership review next week.

Short-term Rentals

As previously reported, the Association has received several requests for information about how to amend protective covenants to prohibit short-term rentals. The Board and PIPOA attorney are continuing work to prepare uniform language for members to use in a petition. The proposed amendment language will include a fine provision that will allow the PIPOA to enforce the prohibition. The PIPOA will leave it to the individual subdivisions to decide whether they will approve such an amendment.

Another ongoing complaint of the membership has been the absence of enforcement of other provisions/prohibitions. The PIPOA will have uniform language for a separate provision for enforcement of other violations available for members to use in a petition. This will allow each subdivision to decide whether to pass one or both amendments for their neighborhood.

PIPOA Board seats up for Election

Registration period November 1 – December 14

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

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

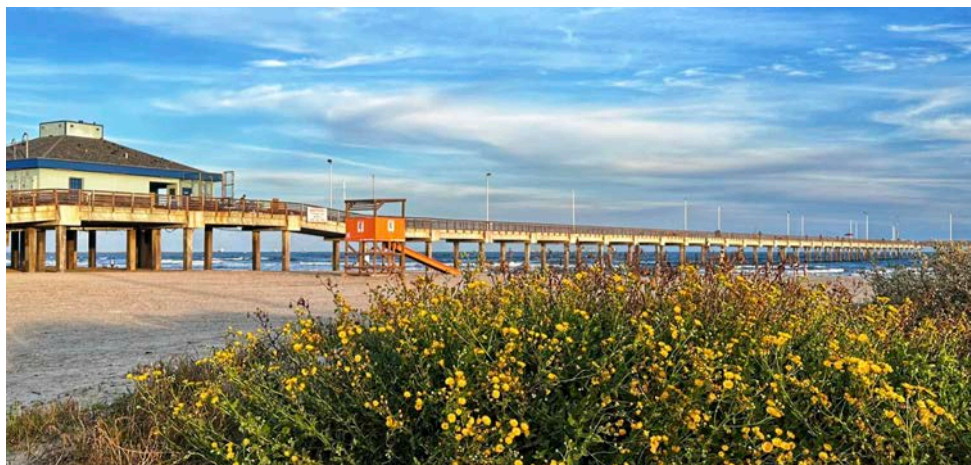
Association members interested in running for election are asked to please send a notice and a brief resume, along with a picture, to the Executive Director, Gary Klepperich at gary@pipoa.net. Resumes may also be mailed to the PIPOA office or dropped off at the office, located at: 14015 Fortuna Bay Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418. Candidates are asked to limit content and photo to one page.

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

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




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Across

1. Séance sounds
5. Apparel
9. __ one's time (waited)
14. Model MacPherson
15. Butter substitute
16. Car made by Honda
17. "Oh, no!"
18. Breathing organ
19. Closed car
20. Game of subterfuge
23. Language suffix
24. Motifs
25. Globes
27. Speak highly of
30. Verdi heroine
31. Skirt border
34. Yarns
36. Bivouac shelters
39. Keogh alternatives: Abbr.
41. Harvests
43. College sports org.
44. Committee
46. Ejects, as lava
48. "The Sopranos" channel
49. Part of the foot
51. Overcharge for tickets
53. Use as a pedestal
56. Outcast
60. Come in first
61. "Auld Lang Syne" bandleader
64. Confuse
66. Gospel writer
67. Jules Verne captain
68. Cotton farm machine
69. Monster
70. Interweave
71. Snowy-hill toys
72. Well-ordered
73. Sinks, as the sun

Down

1. Respond (to)
2. Moslem Almighty
3. Piece of dinnerware
4. Bun-seed source
5. Symbol of excellence
6. Grad
7. Nevada city
8. Not genuine
9. Single, in a ballpark
10. Rink surface
11. Tenderfoot's resort
12. Wipe clean
13. Copenhagen residents
21. __-door neighbor
22. Hot tub
26. Adam and Eve home
28. Cheers for the matador
29. Jumps
31. In the know
32. Period of history
33. Mistreat
35. Freelancers work on it
37. Bar bill
38. __ Paulo, Brazil
40. Witnessed
42. Bargain hunter's paradise
45. Accountant's books
47. Thick slice
50. Singer Rawls
52. Practical jokes
53. Ear cleaners
54. __ wave (dangerous water)
55. Sock fabric
57. Actress Dunne
58. Own up to
59. Owl calls
62. Olympics vehicle
63. Gumbo ingredient
65. Was in front



More Love By Donna Martin

Police Blotter October 30th - November 5

JFK Causeway to SPID-Aquarius intersection

- Crimes against Property**
13300 block SPID 8 a.m. October 31 Theft \$2500-\$30,000
- Disturbances**
14000 block SPID 1 a.m. October 30
- Suspicious Person**
10800 block SPID 6 a.m. November 5
- Traffic**
24 Traffic Stops
13900 block SPID 5 p.m. November 5 Hit and Run
13500 block SPID 3 a.m. November 4 DWI
Aquarius/SPID 11 a.m. November 3 Crash
13900 block SPID 8 a.m. November 2 Crash

SPID West to Laguna Madre

- Crimes against Person**
14200 block Playa Del Rey 5 p.m. November 3 Assault
15400 block Fortuna Bay 8 p.m. November 1 Assault
15600 block Gypsy 10 p.m. October 31 Robbery/Suspicious Person
15600 block Gypsy 9 p.m. October 31 Online Harassment
15600 block Gypsy 9 p.m. October 31 Robbery

- Crimes against Property**
14200 block SPID 8 p.m. November 5 Trespassing
15300 block Isabella Ct. 10 p.m. November 4 Burglary of a Vehicle

- 14000 block Cabana North 11 a.m. November 3 Burglary
- 14800 block Highland Mist 3 a.m. October 30 Burglary

Disturbances

- 14400 block Compass St. 5 p.m. November 1 Violation of a Court Order
- 14300 block SPID 1 a.m. November 1
- Suspicious Person**
13800 block Halyard 6 a.m. October 30
La Blanquilla Dr./Palo Seco Dr. 1 a.m. November 3

Traffic

- 101 Traffic Stops
- 15300 block SPID Noon November 4 Hit and Run
- 14500 block SPID 8 p.m. October 31 Crash

SPID East to Gulf of Mexico north to City Limits

- Crimes against Property**
11800 block SH 361 2 p.m. October 30 Burglary of a Coin Operated Machine/Burglary
14700 block Whitecap 7 a.m. November 5 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- Disturbances**
Newport Pass/Beach Access 1 a.m. November 5
- Suspicious Person**
11700 block SH 361 9 p.m. November 4
- Traffic**
61 Traffic Stops
SH 361/Beach Access Road 3 7 a.m. November 2 Crash
SH 361/Fish Pass 7 a.m. November 2 Crash

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Recognizing Veterans

The month of November is a time to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women that served in the armed forces. U.S. veterans have made major sacrifices for The United States, so it is important to honor them for their service. In Texas, there are several programs that seek to help and assist our current and former members of the military. These programs are spread across different state agencies that work to implement and administer them. According to the Texas Veterans Commission, Texas is home to around 1.4 million veterans. Many have chosen to stay in Texas or move to Texas from somewhere else due to the great programs that are in place to help assist our service members. Texas has many resources that are managed by a wide range of state agencies, but the two primary agencies are the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and the Veterans Land Board (VLB). The Texas Veterans Commission was established in 1927 and was originally designated as the State Service Office. It was tasked with assisting those veterans of the Native American wars, Spanish-American War, and World War I. The intention of creating this agency was to act as the state appointed advocate of the veterans in Texas. Today, the TVC works to try and help both current and former members of our military to secure the benefits they have earned through their service. According to their website (<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/>), there are four program areas in which they can be of assistance:

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

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

Education: this department approves all programs for Chapter 30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607 federal educational benefits. Through an approval process, the Texas Veterans Commission ensures that institutions and employers are in compliance with federal guidelines and are qualified to provide the type of training offered.

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

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

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American Legion Post 229 The Islander Post Leathernecks and Veterans

By Ken Ames

November is a time for celebrating an organization that is older than the United States itself. The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, and will be celebrating its 248th year as an organization this year.

Marines are fiercely proud and wear nicknames with honor. The first was "Leathernecks" and has a couple of possible origins. Legend has it that the term Leatherneck was derived from the leather neckbands worn in the times of the Barbary pirates that protected the Marines from the slash of a cutlass. Others say the more likely reason for the high stocks was one of discipline to keep the Marines heads high and straight. Whatever the reason, the nickname stuck, and the distinctive blue uniform still bears a high stock collar to remind Marines of the leatherneck legacy.

The other popular nickname was earned in battle. German soldiers who fought against U.S. Marines in the Battle of Belleau Wood in 1918. The Marines fought with such ferocity that they were likened to "Dogs from Hell." The term "Devil Dog" is historically a well-accepted term of endearment and as a title of honor for Marines. The bulldog is a common mascot in the Marine Corps and can be seen on many in the form of a tattoo. The next day, November 11th, is Veterans Day. It is known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in some other countries. Most often seen with an apostrophe, the official spelling is without one. The Veterans Administration says Veterans Day is correct "because it is not a day that belongs to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans. Originally known as Armistice Day, major hostilities of WW1 formally ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the armistice with Germany

went into effect. Armistice Day, through acts of congress, was made a federal holiday in 1938 and in 1954 it was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans, instead of just those from WW1.

Since Veterans Day falls on Saturday this year, government offices will be closed on Friday and there will be no mail service. There will be ceremonies in town at Sherrill Park and the USS Lexington. Our members have been invited to a couple of local schools and we will represent Island veterans with pride. Take some time out to take your kids to a ceremony or take a drive down Ocean Drive to see the American flags on display in the Rotary Club's Flags for Heroes. 1,800 flags on display lining the bayfront parks November 11-19. If you haven't seen it you are missing out on an awesome sight.

Great news on the American Legion Post 229 live auction and concert event at Marker 37 on January 20, 2024. A big thank you to Representative Todd Hunter who sponsored the musical performance featuring Ty Dietz and Jake Bush! We are still looking for donors for items to be included in the silent and live auctions. Hunting or fishing packages, products, services, large, small, anything helps. If you would like to donate, please reach out to our adjutant at the email address listed below. Tickets will be on sale soon, so save the date for what is sure to be a fun-filled evening.

If you are a veteran or family member that would like to join or find out more about our American Legion Post 229, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Riders please check out our Facebook page: American Legion Post 0229 "The Islander Post" or reach out to our email: Americalionpost0229@gmail.com.

Southwest Airlines to begin Seasonal Flights from Corpus Christi to Dallas Love Field Airport in Summer 2024

Southwest Airlines and the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) are pleased to announce a seasonal Saturday flight from Corpus Christi International Airport to Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL). The seasonal flights will begin on Saturday, June 8, 2024, and end on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

"This air service announcement results from a consistent and robust relationship between CCIA leadership and Southwest Airlines over the past several months," said Kevin Smith, Director of Aviation at CCIA.

"Southwest also benefited from CCIA's first Air Service Incentive Program."

Additionally, CCIA has lowered the cost per enplanement (CPE) by 37% since 2021. CPE is a metric used in the airline industry to measure the cost of each passenger boarding a plane at an airport, including landing fees, airside usage charges, fuel flowage fees, and more. A lowered CPE reduces airline costs to the airport, which will help lower ticket prices and could potentially influence an airline to add service.



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Three Chords and the Truth



By Ronnie Narmour
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On the local front...



Ronnie won the first place costume at Red's Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl last

On the local front Red's Riviera had it going on last Sunday and I mean in a BIG way. It was the FIRST ANNUAL "Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl" and fundraiser for the Port A Animal Shelter raised over \$2K. Yep. It looks like we have a new tradition in the making. **K.K.**, the boss lady over at Red's started telling me about it last month and I thought, "hmmmm... that's a great idea and might work". AND IT SURE DID! Never being one to shy away from any excuse to dress up our little golf cart, me and my **Mermaid Gal** jumped in on this one head first. **Tracy** hit *Amazon Prime* hard and soon we had pink flamingoes of every kind, including one of those blow-up suits that make you look like you're riding on the back of a giant flamingo... that one got delegated to me. But I wasn't the only one, there were a bunch of us riding flamingoes and we all took to the dance floor at the *Salty Dog* for a photo op. You know, one thing I've noticed over time in Port A is NO ONE seems to even give it a second look anymore when a giant flamingo (or any decorated golf cart for that matter) goes rolling down the street. Our golf cart is a constant work in progress. Pimped out is more like it. Right now it has a full size skeleton riding on a life preserver on the front window with jolly Roger flags and (now) assorted flamingos all over it... and I think I'll leave it like this for a while, or at least until the next parade comes around. The next big one will be the *Mardi Gras Parade* on Fat Tuesday, February 13. I credit the *Gaff* for setting precedence on our zany island events. **Kip Shannon** and his assorted crew of pirates at the *Gaff* have set the gold standard high when it comes to goofy fun stuff to do at a bar. Mark my words when the annual *Black Eye Pea Off* rolls around in a couple of months. Their "Haunted Garden Party" which they just hosted was hilarious. In short, me and my **Mermaid Gal** absolutely love our island paradise because it is such a creative adult playground where characters of every ilk can dress up and go a little nuts every now and then. It's all good clean fun.

Scattered shots...



The Pink Flamingo Pub Crawl at Red's received donations over \$2K and a bunch of pet foods for the Port A Animal Shelter last weekend.

It was an absolute perfect weekend. The weather couldn't have been nicer and our streets were virtually void of tourists. The beaches were delicious and empty. As for the bars, this is historically the "off season" time of year when the flow of island visitors greatly declines and the next influx of Winter Texans (WT's) have only started to trickle in. Typically the WT's will start piling in heavily after *Thanksgiving*. I did get around a little bit last weekend and caught **Selfie** at their weekly Thursday gig at *Shorty's*. **Cody Strong**, their drummer has recently joined society and is now a fully functioning Registered Surgical Nurse... meaning he doesn't have time to play music as often. **Selfie** had **Roy Hollingshead**, a **Joe King Carrasco** alumni, playing with them at this gig and he sure seems like a good fit. I also caught the latest lovebirds **Justin and Niki** at *Shorty's* on Friday. We're at

that time of year when the bands have to tip toe around the weather with all the outdoor stages in Port A so you're going to see a trend at the bars where smaller local bands will be playing around until say, spring break next March. They can only get smaller ensembles crammed into the little corner inside *Shorty's* when the weather is crappy. I know **Tommy Saad** at *Treasure Island* plays his cards close to his chest during the winter, only booking a short time out in the winter.

DO NOT MISS LIST
Coming this weekend...

Selfie with Chris Jordan, Roy Hollingshead and Ray Ray Summy play *Shorty's*

I'm excited to announce a new band (to us, anyway) will be playing *Shorty's* this Friday and they are of the *Cajun/Zydeco* persuasion and are a duo by the name of **Boudreaux & Pousson**. Truth be told, I am a big fan of the genre and have booked many, many zydeco bands at venues in San Antonio; **Boozoo Chavis**, **CJ Chenier**, **Rosie Ledet**, **Gino Delafosse**, **Buckwheat Zydeco**, **Wayne Touns**, **Beau Jocque**, **Terrence Simien**, **Queen Ida**, **Chubby Carrier**, **Rockin' Dopsie** and on and on. It is music rooted in Louisiana from French settlers in the 1600's and is played on accordion, frottoir (scrub board), fiddle, triangle and guitar. I am very much looking forward to hearing and getting to know Boudreaux & Pousson. Also coming this weekend will be **Johnny Elijah** and the **CBDB's** play *Shorty's* on Saturday. The *VFW* will have the **Back Pew Revival** on Friday and the **Gainans** on Saturday. Plus the *VFW* will also have a couple of weekly shows with **Billy Snipes** playing every Tuesday and the **Cleartones** playing every Wednesday. Also on Saturday, some old friends from Austin who are a band of brothers will rock your socks off... **Vallejo** will be playing *Brewster Street Downtown*. They are funky and hard rockin' for sure. I want to also mention that the *Gaff's* bi-monthly BELT SANDER RACES, held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, will start at 3 PM until further notice.

On the horizon...



The Gainan Band will play the *VFW* this Saturday.

There's good stuff on the near horizon. Watch for shows from **Lil' Wayne**, **Independent Thieves**, **Cory Morrow**, **Larry Joe Taylor**, **Max and Heather Stalling**, **Heavy Soul**, **Back in Black**, **Chris Stapleton**, **Koffin Kats**, **Escape from the Zoo**, **Jon Wolfe**, **Splendiferous**, **George Birge**, **Pat Green** and **Todd Dorn** and the **Sea Drifters** at *Shorty's* for *New Year's Eve*. Also I want to mention the **PA Rockers** will be back at *Bernie's* playing every Wednesday starting in the middle of January. Be safe out there!

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



The PA Rockers will be back at *Bernie's* every Wednesday starting in mid-January.

Photo by Karen Boeckler



Boudreaux & Pousson will play *Shorty's* this Friday.



Heather and Max Stalling will play the *Third Coast Theater* on Saturday the 25th.

LIVE MUSIC
TONIGHT

Friday.

November 10

Boudreaux & Pousson @ *Shorty's*
Back Pew Revival @ *VFW*
Billy Snipes @ *Island Italian*
J & the Sound @ *Pelican Lounge*
Groove @ *Executive Surf Club*
Tres Matts @ *Exchange*
Mike Ryan @ *Brewster Downtown*
Trisum @ *Brewster Southside*
Jam Council @ *South Texas Ice House*
Ruben Limas @ *Blackbeard's*
John Cortez @ *Cassidy's Pub*

Saturday.

November 11

BELT SANDER RACES 3 PM @ *Gaff*
CBDB's @ *Shorty's*
Gainan Band @ *VFW*
Lyrical Byng @ *Pelican Lounge*
Vallejo @ *Brewster Street Downtown*
Meza Band @ *Brewster Southside*
OTB @ *Packery Bar*
Heavy Soul @ *Exchange*
Gimme Gimme Disco @ *House of Rock*
Michael Burtt @ *STX Ice House*
Groove @ *Sugar Shack*
Lisa Sullivan @ *Blackbeard's*
Third Coast Duo @ *London Bar*
J.R. Cole @ *RioFest Harlingen*

Sunday.

November 12

Ty Dietz, Jim Dugan @ *Shorty's*
Catfish Blues Jam @ *Rialto Theater AP*
Jam Night @ *The Exchange*
Lady Kat & Mattman @ *House of Rock*
Jennifer Gayle @ *Bradley*
Bradley @ *Blackbeard's*
Raul Ayala @ *Pelican Lounge*
Michael Burtt @ *Pier 99*

Monday.

November 13

Lance Covington @ *Pelican Lounge*

Tuesday.

November 14

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

Wednesday.

November 15

Brad Ethridge Open Mic @ *Gaff*
Cleartones @ *VFW*
Adema, Smile Empty Soul, ONOFF @ *House of Rock*
Ruben Limas @ *Blackbeard's*
Alonzo Cruz @ *Pelican Lounge*
Lucio Furs, Rover @ *Exchange*
Billy Snipes @ *Doc's*

Thursday.

November 16

Selfie @ *Shorty's*
Ruben Limas @ *Island Italian*
Brad Brown @ *Blackbeard's*
Josh Abbott, Michael Burtt @ *Brewster Downtown*

Friday, November 17

Starlite & the Moonbeams @ *Shorty's*
Lil Wayne, Yella Beezy @ *American Bank Center*
Tres Hombres @ *Legends Fulton*
Chainlinks @ *House of Rock*
Jam Council @ *Executive Surf Club*
Groove @ *Pelican Lounge*
Ruben Limas @ *Blackbeard's*

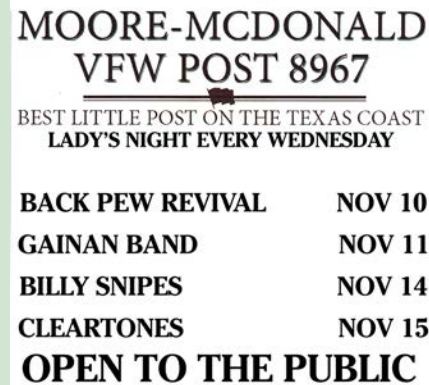
Saturday.

November 18

Wayward Gypsies @ *Gaff*
Independent Thieves @ *Shorty's*
OTB @ *VFW*
Cory Morrow @ *Brewster Downtown*



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