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# The Island Moon

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Photo by Lu Ann Kingsbury

## Around The Island

By Dale Rankin

It's been a quite week here on our little sandbar as Winter Texans trickle in and locals negotiate the storm und drang of the persistent fungus among us.

Talk among Islanders has been peppered with conversations about the long-awaited Island grocery store which is already adding parking after only a few weeks of operation. We Islanders are still getting accustomed to not having to go OTB every time we need a tomato or fresh head of lettuce. When the Island Moon began Mike would include a slug line on each front page that began along the lines of..."The only Island in Texas with more gauze shops than grocery stores." At the time there were three, count 'em three gauze shops on Padre Island raising the rhetorical question – how much gauze do you really need Charlie Brown? If we were to include a slug line in this issue it would be "The only Island in Texas with more grocery stores than tennis courts, or dog parks, or fishing piers."

### Dog Park update

While we here at the Word Factory can't do much about helping the number of public tennis courts catch up with the number of grocery stores we are working to even things up between grocery stores and dog parks. A bid on the fence for the Riley P. Dog Park located at the west end of Whitecap is in place and scheduling for the work is underway. Now the question is how to grow grass in the nutrient-challenged sand, old cement, and clay mix at the site. If any Moon readers with green thumbs have an idea on the subject please contact us here the Moon office as we are – sorry for this – on uncharted ground here. The cost of sodding the two-acre part is currently beyond the reach of Island dogs and seeding looks to be the way forward. The water meter is in place so the new grass can be watered, the question now is what kind of grass to water and how best to get it to grow. On this subject Island dogs and Moon Monkeys are collectively in the dark. Any help is appreciated as we push to get the park open by spring.

### Belt sander bust out!

Racing power tools is the fastest



Pioneer RV park now has a belt sander race track.

growing sport Around The Island and a second Island track is now in operation at Pioneer RV Park in Port Aransas. If there is one thing our Winter Texan friends like more than dollar beer and loose eight-liners it's watching the belt sander ruck at the Gaff. Things have been tricky at the Gaff with the Covid restrictions and the Pioneer track so far is restricted to park residents. But as things get back to normal, whatever that turns out to be, we will have the beginnings of a Belt Sander Circuit and Glen has plans for what would be the third

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These columns of rebar will be filled with cement and support the arches that are the main portion of the bridge.

## Water Exchange Bridge Construction on Schedule

"In six weeks it's going to start looking like a bridge"

By Dale Rankin

Construction on the \$20 million Water Exchange Bridge is moving as planned with three arches that will be most recognizable and most crucial part of the structure expected to arrive on the site within six weeks.

Mike Franklin, the project manager for Haas-Anderson Construction, said crews are currently doing the boring to pour cement into the drill shafts that will form the vertical

support structure for the bridge. Once the vertical support pillars are in place the next step will be to put the arch structures in place, that is expected to take place in six to eight weeks.

"In six weeks it is going to start looking like a bridge," Franklin, who is an Island resident said.

The bridge structure will consist of three arches on each side that are

Construction cont. on A4



The cranes at the site are drilling the shafts for the vertical supports..

## Improvements to Area Under JFK Bridge Stalled Two Years After Bond Vote

The area under the JFK Bridge is still a mudpuddle two years after a \$1.5 million bond issue to make improvements there was approved by voters.

A design contract in the amount of \$195,650 to Urban Engineering was approved by City Council on January 28, 2020 and according to information provided to the Island Strategic Action Committee in 2020

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### A little Island history

## South Texas Miracle Tree

Due west of Padre Island, out in the Wild Horse Prairie just beyond Kingsville on an otherwise unremarkable stretch of highway in Duval County between the towns of Concepcion and Premont drivers find themselves drawn to a small yellow house surrounded by a chain-link fence owned by Estella P. Garcia.

But it isn't Estella that is the star here, it's the tree she planted in 2002. Garcia grew up in Concepcion, which is home to the oldest Catholic church in the region and fewer than one hundred residents. Garcia had read in the Bible about the Mount of Olives, a sacred ridge just east of Jerusalem that was covered in olive trees and she wanted to plant a tree descended from a tree growing

there that she prayed would be a place that would help people heal; a miracle tree. She found a nursery in The Valley that agreed to help her.

Garcia traveled south and returned with an eighteen-inch cutting of what she was believed was an olive tree. She planted it in her yard and prayed over her tree and after six months, it had grown higher than her head and a year later was nearly eighteen feet tall. After a few years of prayers the tree was higher than her house. All along Garcia believed the tree had healing powers and in 2004 the first confirmation arrived. Garcia happened to be in Falfurrias when she happened to have a conversation with a stranger who was about to have knee surgery. Garcia explained her



The miracle tree.

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## Learning What The Island Likes to Eat

After two weeks of operation IGA Market managers are tweaking the product line to suit local tastes

By Mary Craft

When the new IGA Market opened on Padre Island two weeks ago managers there had to guess at what shoppers would be looking for on the shelves. Now some products are being added as shoppers provide feedback through their buying habits.

Store manager Tammy Smith has 16 years of experience with Sprouts Farmers Market at both the corporate and store level and is working through the process and it is hard for her to hide her enthusiasm about her new position.



Island Market Store Manager Tammy Smith at the expanded 18 foot long Grab N Go display. The empty shelves to the right will soon be filled with Phat Keto Restaurant items.

"I have never been so happy. I have always had many ideas and working for a mom and pop operation like this helps bring products customers want. We often learn what customers want from our cashiers who give us the feedback. There were many request for more gluten free items so we are going to have an aisle end cap of them. In a few days we will be carrying products from the Phat Keto Restaurant in town as well."

Owner Lori Rasheed wants to bring in lots of local products and some that they already carry or will carry are Islander Tisha Gavlik's Nauti T's Creation jellies, A La Mode gelato, Padre Poke Restaurant items and local produce. When Celsita's Authentic Mexican Restaurant opens next door the store will add rotisserie chicken, the restaurant's lentil soup, salads and possibly tamales. Tammy talked about more additions.

"There are plans to expand the deli



Store owner Lori Rasheed (right) and Islander Tisha Gavlik who now has her Nauti T's Creation jellies on the shelf at the Island Market IGA.

with a "Grab N Go" section with sandwiches, salads and wraps that you can pick up and take to the beach." Also in this section is a Max & Louie's New York Diner display of soups and prepared foods from the popular Jewish deli. It will be awhile before we have a bakery but it's definitely in the plans especially

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# Judge Moves to Remake Nueces County Parks Board

## Current chairman would be left off new board under Canales' plan

By Dale Rankin

Nueces County Judge Barbara on Wednesday moved to shake up the Nueces County Coastal Parks Board, announcing a new list of members which includes only three of the current seven members and excludes the current board chairman.

Formal appointment of the new members proposed by Canales was postponed due to the an objection by Precinct 4 County Commissioner Brent Chesney to the exclusion of current board chairman Jim Needham who has been on the board for eighteen years.

Canales cited a recent vote by the commission to recommend that state lawmakers limit terms on county boards and commissions to twelve years.

"I can't recommend reappointing someone who has been on the board longer than twelve years while we are recommending that the state set limits at twelve years," Canales said.

The appointments, when finalized, are for two-year terms which expire in January of odd-numbered years. The Coastal Parks Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month and is an advisory committee to the Nueces County Commission and oversees the operation of Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park on Padre Island and I.B. Magee Beach Park and Horace Caldwell Pier in Port Aransas.

Chesney objection to the exemption of Needham to the reappointments led to the postponement of the final vote on the item. Padre and Mustang Islands are inside the boundaries of Chesney's precinct and in past years the decision on who to appoint has been left largely in his hands. Under state law the County Judge appoints the board with the approval of the remaining four members. However, the current appointments will be first since the court shifted from three Republicans and two Democrats to four Democrats with Chesney now the lone Republican. No date was announced for a second vote on the appointments.

Three of the current Parks Board members were appointed to a newly formed advisory committee for the rebuilding of Bob Hall Pier. They are Jane Bell, Tyler Thorsen, and John White. It was not stated Wednesday whether the new board will report to the Coastal Parks Board or directly to the Nueces County Commissioners.

The new board as recommended by Canales would consist of new members Jason Cody Bates, Mitra Khan, Misty Svoboda, and Elizabeth Erickson, and re-appointments Troy Adler, Bob Paulison, and Kimberly Zahn-Winton.

# Beauty Throughout



Walking on Sunshine by Lu Ann Kingsbury.



All in formation now. Leonabelle Turnbull. Photo by Robert Phillips.

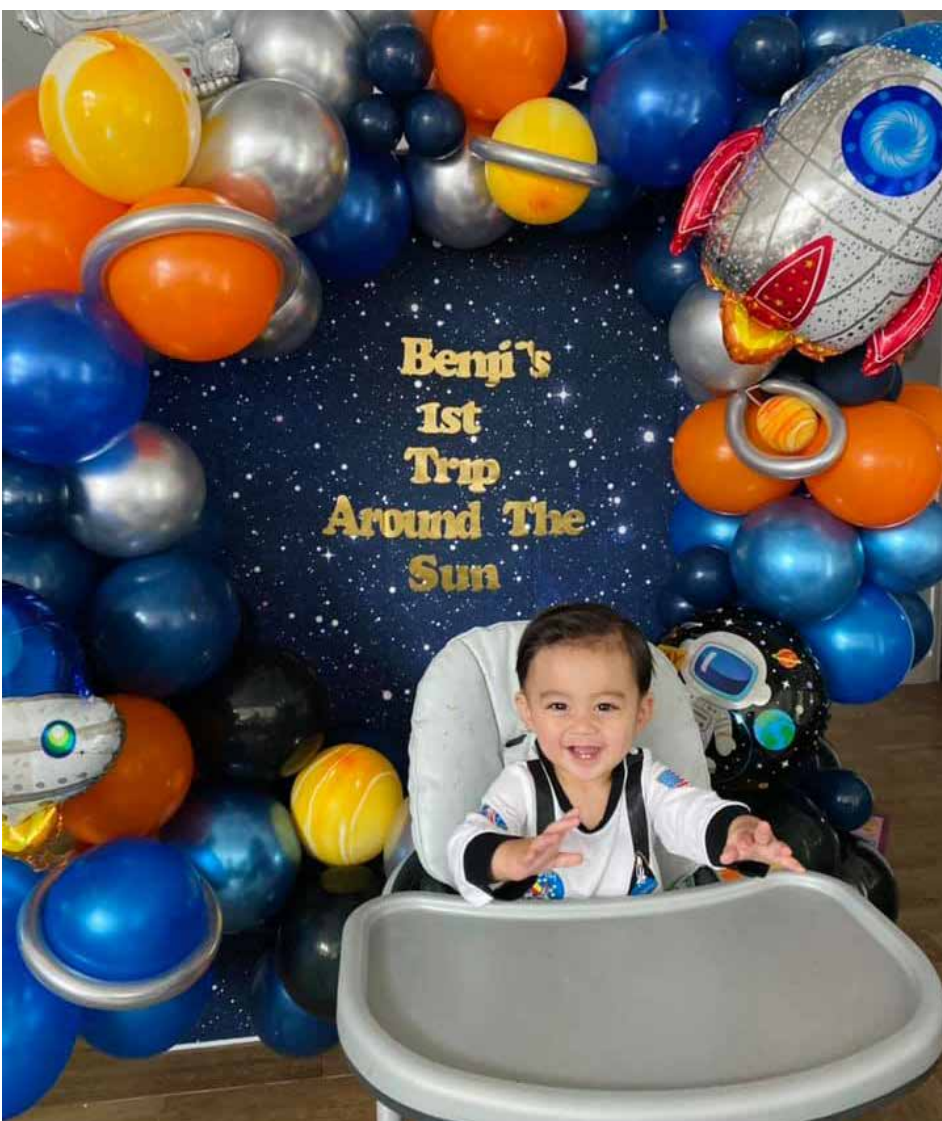


Nueces County Commissions on Wednesday moved to begin the process of rebuilding the parking lot at Bob Hall Pier which was destroyed by Hurricane Hanna in 2020. The old parking lot was made of asphalt and has been destroyed by storms several times over the past decade. The new lot will be made of concrete at a cost of about \$1.6 million. No timeline was announced for completion of the project.



Dunes from Above. Photo by Bob Reed.

# Benji's Big Birthday Bash!



Benji's 1st Birthday shared with Islander friends. Benji is Mary Craft's grandson.



Typically Roseate spoonbills do not breed until their third year. To attract one another, courtship displays include ritualized exchanges of nest material, dancing and clapping. Female spoonbills create deep, well-constructed nests out of sticks using materials brought to them by males  
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# Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



## From Our Facebook Page

### Dale column about Gib

Rosanna Dailey

Gib never met a stranger that's for sure. If you were blessed enough to know him, you will never forget him and his welcoming smile. And about those holes people would dig in the sand, Gib was always filling them back up with sand so that unknowing drivers wouldn't drive into them at night. Now there's a huge hole in our hearts and in the sand that no one will be able to fill.

Carl Hayes

Yes I remember first meeting him seeing him paint seashells gold and seeing him fish next to me. He was special. R.I.P. Gib

Vickie Bullis

What a great story! What a gem! Wish I could've known him...RIP Gib

Kim Turner Miller

A beautiful human being and a beautiful spirit  
Kris Keenan Nicolas

Rest in Sweet Peace, Gib. I always left the gold shells for the tourists. Kinda wish I'd kept one...but he enchanted many beachcombers that never even met him.

Mary Anne McIntyre

Best smile ever that I will not forget

### Business Briefs

Roy Sharp

The speeding on Whitecap and Aquarius is because of the construction on SPID.

The only way to stop it is old fashioned speed traps day and night.

Odette Cruz

I see we aren't the only ones who bought up some fresh sauerkraut!

Jorgi Daugherty Kurtz

Love the Jergens lotion comment.

Rene Foley

Scents and songs are always nostalgic for me.

## Great Shots



Hey There,

Fiancé and I are new to the Island. Absolutely loving it as my employer (CarMax) relocated us here in August from Maryland. Also, we both truly enjoy the Island Moon. Wanted to share some great shots from the Packery that my better half (Sydni) took.

Regards,

Adam McCabe and Sydni Lyon



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By Mary Craft

# Did Ya Hear?

## Business Briefs

Cirque Italia ater Circus is another outdoor event that will be held. The big circus tent will be at the La Palmera Mall parking lot February 11 - 15. Tickets are \$20 - \$40 for adults and \$10 - \$35 for children.



Cirque Italia Water Circus tent.



Cirque.

**Phat Keto Co.** has some of their all gluten-free and sugar-free desserts, treats and foods at the IGA. They will be giving out samples at the store on Friday, January 22nd 11 am - 1:30 pm. The restaurant is located at the Doddridge Plaza.

**There will be a Bid Farewell to John Eric and Fundraiser** for his family at the Pelican Lounge on Sunday, January 24th 1 pm - 2 am. The entry fee is \$5 and there will be \$10 John Eric CDs and customized T-shirts available. There will be \$10 BBQ plates and raffle/auction items. The Bands that will be entertaining Dreaming in Color, Ty Dietz, The Chanklas, Rich Lockhart Band, Matt Hole, Jerry Ward & the Dirty Birds, Sonny Salinas, Flatbroke, Melissa Brooke, Michael Burts, Art Barrera, Aaron Jacob, Damon Scott- Ballweg and Devon Cable & the Rangers. All of the proceeds with a heartfelt thanks will go to the family from his soul brother Irfan Kardas.

**Isle Mail & More** now does passport photos for \$15. They also have a notary public there 10 - 5 on weekdays and they even notarize wills, which not everyone does, for around \$6/ notary. The store hours are 9 am - 6 pm weekdays and 10 am - 2 pm on Saturdays.

**The Water Exchange Bridge** arches should be on site in six weeks.



Snoopy's apparel

**Snoopy's** has a 10% off an order of \$20 or more food in this issue. There is Snoopy's apparel for purchase inside the restaurant that includes t-shirts, hats and sweatshirts and are available in children's sizes.

**Surfside Sandwich Shoppe** now has a happier happy hour 4 - 8 pm with \$4 small bites that include Asian pork sliders and shrimp & spinach mini quesadillas.

**Island Market IGA find of the week** - The produce section has so much produce you don't normally find like baby bok choy, tofu and alfalfa sprouts. The cantalope was excellent. Maine Root beverages made from organic sugar cane from Brazil are in the refrigerated case near produce. The Boar's Head section has Canadian bacon for your eggs Benedict. The fancy cheese in the far left corner of the store has French brie. Best Yet 2% gallon of milk for \$3.18. Local product finds are the A La Mode gelato

in the ice cream section and Nauti T's Creations jellies.



A La Mode gelato.



French Brie



Maine Root beverages made from organic sugar cane from Brazil.



Nauti T's Creations jellies.

Last week this brief backfired on me because the cheap rose' wines I mentioned were mostly gone each time I went which is almost every day. I savor every trip because I have lived here 28 years without a grocery store.

Countdown - 52 days until daylight savings time.



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### History cont. from A1

miracle tree and the man returned with her to her house where he knelt at the base while Garcia prayed for him. He came back a week later to inform her that he no longer needed knee surgery and the healing powers of the tree were confirmed. In gratitude he built Garcia a covered shed near the tree so she did not have to pray in the relentless South Texas sun.



Word got around and a front-page article was published in the Duval County Picture in October 2007 with the caption: "A tree believed to possess the power to heal continues to draw hundreds of people a week to see what they believe is God's healing power." After that people began showing up

Since then the Miracle Tree has drawn visitors from all over the world to tap its healing powers or just to gaze on it. Horticulturalists point out that it looks more like a eucalyptus tree than an olive tree but no matter to Garcia Miracle Trees can come in all shapes and sizes.

A record of pilgrims to the Miracle Tree shows hundreds of letters noting cures not just for bum knees but also tough pregnancies, strokes, and migraines.

Things turn a personal turn in 2017 when Garcia asked her daughters to locate her long-

lost grandson, Cory Garcia, who hadn't been heard from since 1979, when he was four years old. A check of genealogy websites found a man in Collinsville, Illinois who turned out to be Garcia who was battling an infection in his foot from a diabetic ulcer that refused to heal leaving bone exposed and showing no signs of getting better until he arrived in Conception in 2018 and places his foot against the bark of the tree. Before he got back to Illinois the wound had stopped draining and shortly eventually closed to the size of a dime and was stitched up leaving only a scar.

But by then Garcia was gone. She died in 2017 but the chair in the shade where for fifteen years before her death Garcia sent up her healing prayers is still there. And even if Garcia is gone as many as 1800 visitors in one day have passed by to get a catch a little of the Wild Horse Prairie magic of the Miracle Tree.

A reminder that God does indeed work in mysterious ways be they eucalyptus or olive.

Dale Rankin



Chapel in Conception

### Stalled cont. from A1

the design of the project is 60 percent complete but no date has been set for issuing bids on the job.

The land is owned by the Texas General Land Office and is under lease to the City of Corpus Christi through 2036. Under the terms of the lease the city is required to keep the property "clean, and free of trash, and in good repair and condition."



### Construction cont. from A1

made of pre-stressed concrete which will be poured offsite and transported to the work site as finished products. When in place the arches will span three paths each of about forty feet with two outside paths for golf cart and pedestrian traffic and center span which will cover a waterway with fourteen feet of clearance above the waterline.

The canal will connect Lake Padre on the east to the recently dug canal on the west and through to the existing Island canal system allowing for water from the Gulf of Mexico to flow directly into Island canals.

The construction contract with the City of Corpus Christi allows for two years for construction which would place the finish date in mid to late 2022. However, on the current pace, barring weather delays, that date could be moved up.



Crews have dug trenches along the east side of the construction site where utility lines will run under the new waterway.



These vertical supports will be the underpinning of the bridge structure. There will be a total of 32 and several are already in place.

### IGAcont. from A1

with the German Bakery closed. We do have Tribeca Oven's Artisan bread which has been doing extremely well."



Tribeca Oven Artisan Bread.

The meat section is not surprisingly, doing very well and getting compliments on the pricing according to Tammy. There are a wide variety of meats including the 1855 Black Angus Premium Beef that has ideal marbling for the most flavorful and juicy beef.

The parking lot situation which is mainly an issue on weekend nights will be improved once the work on the additional parking is done. In the original plan there was going to be a restaurant lease available on the pad in front but that idea was scrapped. There is employee parking available behind the building for the strip mall businesses.

It sounds like for weeks to come we will be getting a new and improved Island grocery store. Someone pinch me.

### Around cont. from A1

Island track at the Angry Marlin.

Belt sander racing technology takes a great leap forward each January as Winter Texans return with newly improved models and this year is no exception. Belt sander aficionados say the fastest stock machine out there is the Makita 9403 but that is being challenged by new custom designs involving motors from wood routers which are said to be quicker off the starting line but catchable at the finish by the Makita. You know you live on The Island when your migration habits revolve around the belt sander racing season. You gotta love it!

We'll see you at the track, in the meantime say hello if you see us Around The Island.



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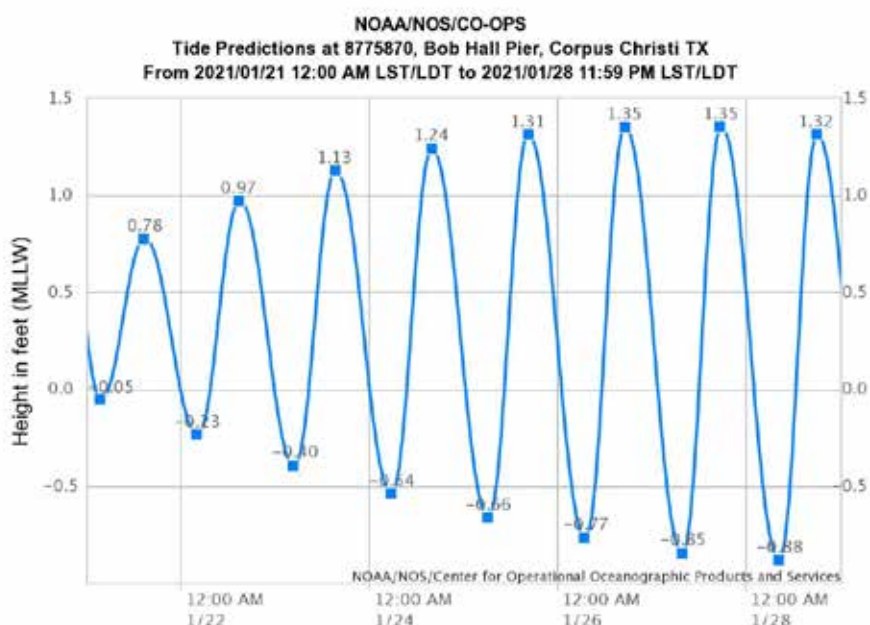


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# Tides of the Week

Tides for Bob Hall Pier January 21 - January 28

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height in Feet	Sunrise /Sunset	Moon Time	Moon Visible	
Th	21	Low	3:34 AM	-0.1	7:19 AM	Set 1:06 AM	49
	21	High	1:41 PM	0.9	6:01 PM	Rise 12:39 PM	
F	22	Low	4:11 AM	-0.3	7:19 AM	Set 1:59 AM	58
	22	High	2:21 PM	1.1	6:02 PM	Rise 1:12 PM	
Sa	23	Low	4:51 AM	-0.4	7:19 AM	Set 2:52 AM	67
	23	High	2:57 PM	1.3	6:03 PM	Rise 1:49 PM	
Su	24	Low	5:32 AM	-0.6	7:18 AM	Set 3:48 AM	76
	24	High	3:32 PM	1.4	6:04 PM	Rise 2:31 PM	
M	25	Low	6:14 AM	-0.7	7:18 AM	Set 4:44 AM	83
	25	High	4:07 PM	1.5	6:05 PM	Rise 3:18 PM	
Tu	26	Low	6:55 AM	-0.8	7:18 AM	Set 5:39 AM	90
	26	High	4:41 PM	1.5	6:05 PM	Rise 4:12 PM	
W	27	Low	7:37 AM	-0.9	7:17 AM	Set 6:33 AM	95
	27	High	5:13 PM	1.5	6:06 PM	Rise 5:10 PM	
Th	28	Low	8:18 AM	-0.9	7:17 AM	Set 7:23 AM	98
	28	High	5:40 PM	1.5	6:07 PM	Rise 6:11 PM	



## County to Sell Land on Alister Street in Port Aransas Site of the old computer center



Nueces County Commissioners on Wednesday approved the sale of county owned property that is the site of the former computer center which was destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. The commissioners approve an authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to sell the county owned property at 430 North Alister in Port Aransas by public auction. No date for the auction was set.



## Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin

There been a lot of Stuff to Hear on The Island this week and here is some of it.

### Gib send off

Saturday saw a gathering of the tribe of Beach Bums old and younger in honor of our friend Gib who passed away last week. While it can truthfully be said that old Beach Bums don't die they just rust away, it can also be said that they also come together when one of their own departs the beach for the last time. It was a mix of twenty years of Beach Bums that turned out including a rare appearance by the Tishomingo Kid who rolled south across the Red. The Island already seems like a different place without Gib around. As Little Kim said, "I always thought Gib would be here. It never occurred to me that he wouldn't be around." It was a sentiment shared by many of us.

What we have learned from the effort to received funding for repairs to Bob Hall Pier from Hurricane Hanna last summer is that decisive action in the first thirty days after a storm is crucial to getting funding from FEMA. The county has not been able to get FEMA funding for repairs at the pier (so far at least) but it's for a completely different reason than the funding for the Packery Jetties.

In the case of the pier the counties along the Texas Coast did not suffer the requisite amount of collective damage, \$38 million, for FEMA funding to kick in. The eye of Hanna hit the King Ranch shore south of us in Kleberg County thereby missing most of the development along the shoreline to the north. While County Judge Barbara Canales said two weeks ago she is still perusing the FEMA funding County Coastal Parks Director Scott Cross expressed pessimism



### Packery Channel and Bob Hall Pier repairs

Two Island projects are hanging fire awaiting separate decisions on funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Repair to damage done to the Packery Channel Jetties by Hurricane Harvey, actually the lack of repairs, got the attention of the Island Strategic Action Committee in their last meeting as committee members expressed angst at the lack of action and attention from city staff. Three years out from the storm the jetties continue to deteriorate with little in the way of a solution for fixing them in sight.

A now former Assistant City Manager told the ISAC for months following the storm that funding from FEMA was "80 percent" certain right up until the time he told them it was not to be forthcoming leaving the source of the estimated \$20 million in needed funding uncertain. If the FEMA funding is not forthcoming the best source for repair money looks to be the Island Tax Increment Finance Zone which can float bonds for the work. However, for that to occur the expiration date of the Zone will need to be extended beyond its current 2022 date. That matter is expected to be on the agenda for the next ISAC meeting on Tuesday, February 2.

that FEMA funding will be available. For FEMA money to come through requires a declaration of emergency by none other than the President and county officials said in their Wednesday meeting they will approach the new one in an effort to secure the needed declaration. But if that doesn't happen county officials have found a way to pay for the repairs through a refinancing of county bonds that will bring about \$25 million to cover the repair costs without increasing taxes.

County officials have been active in pursuing the FEMA money and ran into trouble through no fault of their own. Such is not the case with the city where in hindsight inaction looks to be the cause. City officials say they sought help from Congressman Michael Cloud to secure funding for repairs to the Packery Jetties but got little traction and turned to Texas Senator Ted Cruz who has engaged but so far has not been able to secure the sought after FEMA money. As things now stand odds are that funding for Bob Hall Pier repair is likely to be in place before funding for the Packery Channel work. So far there is no firm timetable for either but the county project seems to be moving faster than the city project.

Stay tuned.



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## Senior Moments



By Dotson Lewis  
Special to the Island Moon

*Dotson's Note: Movies from 1930 to 1967 were governed by a production code which prevented proposed stories and scenes from reaching American cinemas. The 1966 revision of the Code was heavily changed from its predecessors. Thanks to Bob Mondello and Lois Anita Clark for the facts contained in this report and to Lois Anita Clark for allowing the use of her photos.*



Released in 1934, *It Happened One Night* was among the first films to follow the Hays Code. No "scenes of passion" here; a bashful Colbert shields her body from Clark Gable's eyes with full pajamas and a blanket divider.

With its cross-dressing and same sex pairings, *Some Like It Hot* was released in 1959 without a certificate of approval from the Production Code Administration. The Tony Curtis-Jack Lemmon comedy was an overwhelming success, weakening the authority of the code.

When people talk about the "more innocent" Hollywood of years gone by, they're referring to an era when the movie industry policed itself. But that early Hollywood wasn't always so innocent.

For decades, it's true, the major film studios were governed by a production code requiring that their pictures be "wholesome" and "moral" and encourage what the studios called "correct thinking."

But that code, which was officially abandoned 53 years (1968) ago this year, was the result of a nationwide backlash — an outraged reaction to a Hollywood that by 1922 had come to seem like a moral quagmire, even by the bathtub-gin-and-speakeasy standards of the Roaring '20s.

Silent-film comic Fatty Arbuckle charged with manslaughter in the death of an actress; a bisexual director found murdered; movie stars dying of drug overdoses — small wonder the nation's religious leaders were forming local censorship boards and chopping up movies every which way to suit the standards of their communities.

And at first, when Hollywood studios banded together under former Postmaster General Will Hays to come up with a list of 36 self-imposed "Don'ts and Be Carefuls," it's no wonder no one believed them. There were no penalties, no laws, no enforcement.

Moralists were so outraged, meanwhile, by Mae West's casual slatternliness in *I'm No Angel*, by Barbara Stanwyck's promiscuousness in *Baby Face*, by Cecil B. DeMille's racy biblical epic *Sign of the Cross*, that calls for official government censorship became overwhelming.



There were those that said that Hays himself, working behind the scenes, had helped to make overwhelming, and he used the pressure to force filmmakers to toe his line and obey the new Production Code he eventually promulgated. "The code sets up high standards of performance for motion-picture producers," Hays proclaimed when the new code was unveiled. "It states the considerations which good taste and community value make necessary in this universal form of entertainment."

Among those considerations: that no picture should ever "lower the moral standards of those who see it" and that "the sympathy of the audience shall never be thrown to the side of crime, wrongdoing, evil or sin."

There was an updated, much-expanded list of "don'ts" and "be carefules," with bans on nudity, suggestive dancing and lustful kissing.

The mocking of religion and the depiction of illegal drug use were prohibited, as were interracial romance, revenge plots and the showing of a crime method clearly enough that it might be imitated.

## Do You Remember Hollywood's Hays Code?

You couldn't really do most of Shakespeare under those strictures. But you could hang a blanket across a motel room in *It Happened One Night*, and let Clark Gable embarrass Claudette Colbert into sleeping on the other side, with a mock tutorial on "how a man undresses." Colbert fled, she got an Oscar for fleeing, and propriety was upheld.

The Production Code was voluntary for film companies, who figured it was a nifty way to avoid government censorship. But it was mandatory for filmmakers, if they wanted their films to play in American theaters.

Filmmakers didn't much care who was doing the censoring if their scripts were getting watered down. Howard Hughes threw a well-publicized fit when his western *The Outlaw*\* was kept out of theaters, not for its content alone but because the film's advertising focused attention on Jane Russell's cleavage.

After World War II, with competition from TV on the family front, and from foreign films with nudity on the racy front, movie companies were less inclined to rein in filmmakers who couldn't wait for the rules to catch up.

The Catholic Legion of Decency notwithstanding, films about banned topics like drug addiction often made for intriguing, well-received movies: When Otto Preminger made *The Man with the Golden Arm*, featuring Frank Sinatra as an addict, he didn't get a seal of approval, but he did get good reviews, and enough theater bookings to make plenty of money. When Sinatra received an Oscar nomination in 1955, from the same Hollywood establishment that had refused to give the film he was in its seal of approval, it was clear that something was amiss. And attempts to make the code flexible? They just made it meaningless.

By 1959, the man charged with enforcing the rules conceded that if a "moral conflict" provided "the proper frame of reference," a Code-approved film could deal with pretty much any topic but homosexuality. The film that came up that year was *Some Like It Hot*, with Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis, in drag, fending off male suitors. The film's plot was a veritable catalog of once-forbidden topics, gambling and racketeering to get the plot going, and a booze-swilling Marilyn Monroe to keep it going.

When Monroe's Sugar Kane Kowalczyk climbed into a train berth with Jack Lemmon's



"Daphne," there was no longer a hanging blanket to separate them, and when Sugar's breathless, dingbat recollections of bedtime games with her sister inspired a strangled, hormonal snort from Lemmon, the code was dead, whether Hollywood admitted it or not. Judging from attendance at the nation's theaters, it was not much missed.

A year after *Some Like It Hot* was released, the head of the MPA began suggesting that some sort of classification system might work better than a censorship system that no one was paying attention to. In 1968, his organization finally shifted from restricting filmmakers to alerting audiences, using the film-ratings system we know today.

It took all of one year for an X-rated movie to win an Oscar for Best Picture, *Midnight Cowboy*, which violated more "don'ts" and "be-carefules" than it observed. And it took just two years after that for *Midnight Cowboy* to be re-rated from X to R, without a single frame being altered. Community standards had changed as they invariably do.

\**The Picture That Couldn't Be Stopped*: Jane Russell, perhaps the Hays Code's most notorious Outlaw.

*Dotson's Other Note: Your take on the foregoing report will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for reading and commenting on the articles in The Island Moon. Contact me at dlewis1@stx.rr.com or call/text: 530-748-8475.*

Please note: The Weekly Veterans Round Table Meetings have resumed at Del Mar College CED (masks required) in Room 106 and not on Zoom, on Tuesdays 9-11AM. All veterans, their families and anyone interested in veterans' activities, are invited. The Veterans Radio Round Table is on the air on KEYS AM 1440 & 98.7 FM, 8 - 10 a.m., Saturdays. The next show will be January 23, 2021. 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.



By Pastor Kris Bair

As I write this, social media and the news is buzzing about "accountability." Teachers everywhere are responding, "Nothing new for us!"

Back in the day, when I was teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in one room of a 3-room school in North Dakota, I had a 7th grader named Tommy who refused to be accountable.

Again and again, out of Tommy's mouth came inappropriate language. I warned him, first gently and then sternly, multiple times not to do it. I punished him with losing recess and not getting to do special things. I gave him extra assignments.

Nothing deterred him from cursing—AND bullying others. Boundaries had been set, but he regularly disregarded them, as (according to our two other teachers) he always had.

I had been warned about Tommy when I took the job. And on the very first day of classes, when I was introducing myself and printing my name on the chalkboard, I heard, in the very back of the room, muttering and then chuckling.

I had gotten to my last name—Bair—and I knew immediately what the chuckling was all about.

I whipped myself around, stared directly at Tommy, and snarled, "Mrs. Bair, as in GRIZZLY!"

Tommy behaved himself, and was a model student for quite a while. But eventually, it wore off.

So how does one hold a student accountable? Not by capital punishment, no matter how deserved it might seem to be. And we couldn't isolate Tommy, because the school was too small and our resources too limited.

Tommy misbehaved one more time. I took him out of class (oh, he was delighted by that!), gave him pen and paper, and told him to write an essay justifying his use of inappropriate language in school.

He looked at me in disbelief.

I said, "Tommy, you use it all the time. You must think there's a good reason for it. Write about it."

Well, Tommy gleefully wrote two pages extolling the virtues of cursing everyone around him any time he felt like it, using any language he felt like using. I took the paper from him, thanked him, and led him back to class.

## The Latest Buzz

After the bus left with our students that day, I wrote a short letter to Tommy's parents explaining why Tommy had written the essay, and apologizing for Tommy's grammatical and spelling errors. I told them I clearly hadn't done my job of teaching him the nuts and bolts of English very well, but I thought they'd probably want to know about this in Tommy's own words.

And I put the letter, along with a copy of Tommy's essay, in the mail to them.

Several days passed, with Tommy gloating about having gotten out of being accountable, and then the weekend came.

On Monday morning, Tommy raced off the school bus and into our classroom, demanding to know why I had sent the letter and his essay to his parents! What a rotten thing to do! If he'd KNOWN I was going to do that, he wouldn't have written what he wrote.

I said, "Why Tommy. You told me you really meant what you wrote. Are you telling me now that you really didn't? How was I to know?"

Well, he would never admit to me that his parents had whupped him for his misbehavior, but I'm pretty sure that's what happened—the other students found ways to let me know. And Tommy quit cursing, though he never did completely quit trying to bully people.

In the Gospels, Jesus never mentions the word "accountability." I doubt if you'll find it anywhere else in the Bible, either. But it's there.

Whenever the prophets and psalmists talk about "justice," they are talking about accountability.

Most, if not all, of the Old Testament stories are stories about people being held accountable, or holding others accountable, or what happens when we're not concerned about accountability.

And when Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life," he's talking about his own accountability to God.

Jesus taught us accountability through the Golden Rule: we are ALL accountable, not just to God (but God first), but also to one another and even to ourselves.

It's THAT important.

Island Presbyterian Church practices accountability in the time of pandemic by providing worship each Sunday, 10 a.m., livestreamed on our Facebook page, where you can use the Zoom link, if you so desire, to participate in a more personal congregation. If you join us, you'll be hearing about lots of other ways we hold ourselves accountable to God.

## Expanded Protections for Texas Gulf Corals and Manta Rays

### Federal government plans to expand the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary by 104 square miles

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, the only known nursery in the world for manta rays and important feeding grounds for sea turtles, sharks and many species of fish, will officially be expanded by 104 square miles, according to the final rule announced this week by the National Marine Fisheries Service.



The move expands the sanctuary from 56 square miles to 160.4 square miles and adds 14 new reefs and banks to the protected region.

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, designated in 1992, is located 115 miles off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana to protect the unique coral habitats that cover the region's beautiful underwater mountains, called banks. Stetson Bank, located 70 miles off the Texas coast, was added to the sanctuary through congressional action in 1996. The three banks, encompassing 56 square miles, include the northernmost coral reefs in the continental United States, deep-water reef communities, and other essential habitats for a variety of marine species.

Expansion of the sanctuary emerged as one of the top priority issues during a review of the sanctuary's management plan in 2012. The Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion, which resulted in the largest marine oil spill in U.S. history, also accelerated interest in expansion, with government scientists and non-governmental organizations urging additional protections for marine life and essential Gulf habitat. The plan will become effective after 45 days of continuous session of Congress. During that time, Congress will have the opportunity to review the final proposal.



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## Game Warden Field Notes

### Willie the Decoy

Two Henderson County game wardens and two Cherokee County game wardens were patrolling for night hunters because calls were received from landowners about road and night hunting on a farm-to-market road in their area. Willie, the decoy deer, was put into action and the wardens barely had time to set up the decoy before the first shots rang out. One of the subjects said he was just shooting to get the deer to run back into the woods. Cases pending.

### Just 'Looking at Animals'

A Leon County game warden received a call from the Limestone County Sheriff's Office about a driver of a green vehicle who shot a deer from the road. The warden met with the person who called the sheriff, who said he was sitting in his deer stand when someone drove by, stopped, shot, drove down the road, turned around, and shot again. Then, the suspects got out and drug the deer from the property, loaded it up and drove off. Although the man was unable to get a license plate number, the warden contacted the local police department thinking that the truck would be heading in their direction. The Mart Police Department found the truck with fresh blood in the bed and two loaded shotguns in the cab. The warden arrived at the suspect's residence in Mart, where evidence was collected and the shotguns and deer were seized. The man, his two sons, and his young daughter were on a Sunday drive "looking at animals" when the violations occurred, the father said. Cases pending.

### Getting Schooled

A McLennan County game warden received a call from a hunter to help locate a deer he shot while bowhunting. After further investigation, the warden found that the deer was shot on China Spring Independent School District property and the hunter had been hunting on this property for some time without permission from the ISD. The large white-tailed buck had been seen on a few trail cams in the area and was being hunted by many in the area. The deer was found on an adjoining landowner's property a week later. Citation issued. Charges pending.

### Ruffled Feathers

An Austin County game warden made contact with two hunters at a campsite after hearing a gunshot. The hunters claimed they did not see or shoot anything, but after the warden mentioned hearing a shot, the suspects changed their story and said they shot at a coyote with a shotgun. The warden looked around the area and found fresh dove feathers on a four-wheeler. The hunters were persistent that they only shot at the coyote. After further conversation, the hunter claimed he thought it was still dove season and admitted to shooting a dove. Citations were issued and the dove was seized.

### A White-Tailed Lie

An Austin County game warden responded to a call at a local residence where a shot was heard. As he approached the house, he saw three men standing outside the garage looking at him. Two other men soon came out of the garage and shut the door. The men claimed they did not shoot anything and that they were not hunting. After talking with the men and hearing conflicting stories, the shooter was identified and the warden found a white-tailed doe hidden in the garage. Citations were issued, and the deer was seized.

### Smoking Through a Storm

While on patrol during a winter storm in Callahan County, a game warden and deputy stopped to assist a man whose pickup truck had slid off the icy roadway, ending up on its side in a ditch. When the door was opened, a strong odor of marijuana escaped the vehicle. After a lengthy interview with the driver in 10-degree weather, the man pulled a bag of marijuana out of his pants. The man was transported to jail and was charged with possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license.

### Tag, You're It

A Polk County game warden filed a citation on a local man for killing a white-tailed buck in Polk County and tagging the deer with his wife's license. The man explained to the warden that he had already killed a buck in an adjacent county and thought that if he used his tag on the deer in Polk County, he would be "tagged out." The warden pointed out that he misunderstood the antler restriction bag limit and found that he was not "tagged out" after all. Citations and warnings were issued to the man and his wife for hunting/allowing to hunt under the license of another, failure to tag white-tailed deer, and failure to complete harvest log.

### Too Much Fun Can Lead To a Lot of Problems

A Val Verde County game warden received a call after midnight from a concerned landowner who feared that a rowdy group of hunters, who had just left his hunting ranch without paying for a big game hunt, had also committed hunting violations. The warden was able to track the group to a local hotel through tips he received, but when he attempted to make contact with them he found that they had been kicked out of the hotel due to disorderly conduct. He was finally able to make contact with the group in the county jail, when they were being booked for discharging a weapon within the city limits and public intoxication. After several interviews, another trip to the ranch for evidence collection, and 12 hours and investigation, the game warden found that the group had been too inebriated to shoot straight and had not been able to harvest any deer. Multiple citations for no hunting license and lack of hunter education certification were issued. Cases pending.

### Dodging Traffic and Trouble

Two Palo Pinto County game wardens were patrolling for night hunters when a call came over the radio about a suspect who had just run from Department of Public Safety troopers nearby. The wardens arrived on scene just as the subject ran his vehicle into the side of a DPS patrol car. The suspect played Frogger across four lanes of Interstate 20 and across the service road before he was captured. The wardens assisted with the search of the area to see if the subject had thrown anything out of his vehicle and found two pounds of crack cocaine and more than \$3,000 in cash.

### Sea Turtle Given a Second Chance

Three Aransas County game wardens were in an airboat checking duck hunters, when they saw a green sea turtle struggling in the water. The turtle was rescued from the cold and shallow waters and relocated to deep water in Aransas Bay.

## Island Moon on a Spoon



By Chef Vita Jarrin

I'm sure there are a few readers out there that can relate to me when I say, that there isn't a day that goes by when we don't open the refrigerator or pantry door and take a deep breath and wonder what to make for lunch or dinner. Part of the problem is boredom because everything gets repetitious after a while and the other part is lack of time. Lack of time refers to making a quick meal during a busy week, or utilizing what you already have in house, in order to avoid going to grocery store. Either way, we struggle with the daily challenge of meal planning.

I discovered a little trick to solving this problem that I thought you might find fun and helpful. I found that making something I would normally serve on a special occasion, such as a holiday or social gathering, can also be made on a smaller scale for a meal at home. Another helpful idea is recreating that special appetizer or meal your favorite restaurant makes so that everyone can enjoy it at home.



One of my family's favorite appetizers is Spinach Artichoke Spread. It's served hot out of the oven and it has oozy goopy cheese on the inside that envelopes chopped spinach and creamed artichoke hearts as well as a layer of Monterey Jack on the outside with sprinkles of parmesan cheese melted into a crust on the top. I took this spread recipe and made it for dinner and instead of toasting small rounds of baguette bread, I opted to toast large circles of garlic bagels and smear them with the spread. I served them with a small side salad and voila... Dinner was served.

Moral of the story... spreads make great appetizers, but they make amazing meals too! There are several recipes I can think of off the top of my head, that I hope sparks your interest to try this week's fun tip. Using different spreadable cheeses, as well as proteins, makes the spread versatile and interesting. Feel free to add sunflower seeds

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for added crunch, add a little lemon zest for citrus notes or add blend in some chipotle peppers to your spread for a little spicy kick. Most of all have fun trying new recipes and say good bye to stressing over meal planning.

### Baked Spinach & Artichoke Spread

1 Can 14.65 oz Artichoke Hearts  
4 oz cream cheese softened  
¼ C Hellman's Mayonnaise  
¼ C Sour Cream  
¼ C Grated Parmesan Cheese  
½ C Shredded Monterey Cheese  
1 lb. Bag frozen chopped spinach (thawed & squeeze out water)  
½ tsp. Kosher Salt  
¼ tsp. ground black pepper  
Dash or 2 cayenne pepper  
Cooking Spray

### Cheese Topping

¼ C Shredded Monterey Cheese  
¼ C Grated Parmesan Cheese

Preheat oven to 400 Degrees

In a food processor or blender, blend the artichokes, cream cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, parmesan cheese and add the salt and pepper as well as the cayenne. Pour out into a bowl. Scrape any remaining spread in blender or food processor with a spatula into the bowl as well. Add the chopped spinach (liquid removed) and with the spatula fold ingredients together. Add the shredded Monterey cheese and fold in as well. Take a 6x6 oven proof casserole dish and spray with cooking spray. Pour the spread into the casserole and add the Monterey cheese and Parmesan cheese on top by spreading it evenly and place it in the oven for 30-35 minutes, until the top is golden. Remove from heat and let cool for about 5 minutes before spreading onto bread or bagels of choice.

### Tip of the week!

Take my Spinach & Artichoke recipe idea and create other recipes and spread the love to your family table as well.

Food for Thought: Crab and Artichoke spread, Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese, Goat, Walnut, Cranberry spread and add Smoked Turkey, Brie cheese, apples & raspberry jam, ricotta cheese baked with mozzarella, topped with prosciutto on toasted panini bread.

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## SPORTS

## Sports Talk Special to The Island Moon



## Bum Phillips-Football Coach

By Dotson Lewis

*Dotson's Note: O.A. "Bum" Phillips brought much more than a cowboy hat and colorful quotes to the game of football. He started his coaching career at Nederland High School in Texas, taking the team to the state playoffs in 1955. He coached at Port Neches-Groves in 1963 and 1964, where his son Wade was a defensive stand-out and quarterback of the team. Thanks to Bill Morgan (former SWC SID) and Doug Farrar for the facts contained in the report and to Bill Morgan for the photos.*



There is a temptation when looking back on the life of Oail Andrew "Bum" Phillips to view him simply as a folksy coach with a 20-gallon hat and a colorful turn of phrase. And through that narrow prism, Phillips qualifies -- this is the man who once said of Don Shula, "He can take his'n and beat your'n and take your'n and beat his'n." And yes, Phillips forged a series of unforgettable images with his cowboy attire on the sidelines when coaching for the Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints.

College and NFL coaches were working to make their fronts more diverse, from the old five-man fronts to the Tom Landry-conceptualized 4-3 defense to the first strains of the 3-4 defense as a base concept. As with most NFL innovations, the 3-4 gained traction in college football, and its primary practitioners took the 3-4 with them to the pros.

Phillips and Chuck Fairbanks are the two coaches credited with bringing the 3-4 to the NFL as a pure base defense. There had been elements of it before -- as SI's Paul Zimmerman pointed out in a 1997 article, the Oakland Raiders moved defensive tackle Dan Birdwell around to different positions in the 1960s, and the Miami Dolphins of the early 1970s brought linebacker Bob Matheson in for certain defensive packages to enhance Bill Arnsparger's defense. But it was Phillips for the Oilers, and Fairbanks for the New England Patriots, who took that principle to the next level.

Phillips explained why he actually installed the 3-4 in his time with the Chargers. "The fourth year I was out there, we did not have enough defensive linemen to play four down people. So, I just went back and started working up a 3-4, which did our personnel good and we started playing it. And, of course, Sid, he didn't think we could play it. He thought the people would just run the ball on you. I told him, well, that is the reason why Oklahoma uses it. They can't run the ball on the 3-4. They might think they can, but they can't. But the value that was gotten out of it was even greater. Because in pro ball, everybody had the same pass protection rules. Linemen on linemen, backs on the linebackers, and the center on the middle linebacker. That was everybody's rule. Well, we had three linemen and two outside linebackers and we learned which way they were going to block, which backs. And we could choose which linebacker we wanted to rush to get just more rushers. So, I would give us a linebacker.

"Nowadays, everybody has done turning their line towards the most dangerous linebacker and they can get big men on big men and even your good linebacker. But in those days, it did not,

and we hurt them bad with it until we got ready to play the season. [Then Gillman] came in and he said, 'I want to go back to the 4-3.' I said, 'Coach, we can't play the 4-3.' He said, 'That is what I want to do.' So, we put the 4-3 in and Kansas City beat us, 45-7. We could not stop them with a shotgun. And we got far that year."

In Houston, Phillips had the most important thing to make it work -- the right players for his schemes. Nose tackle Curley Culp was the perfect interior road-grader, as he had been for the Hank Stram-coached Kansas City Chiefs (who also experimented with 3-4).

Defensive end Elvin Bethea and outside linebacker Robert Brazile combined pass rush and dominant run-stopping ability from the right side, and Jim Young and Ted Washington were among those players who brought it from the left angle. It was believed that the 3-4 would be soft against the power running game, but Bum's Oilers didn't have that problem -- through the most impressive and contentious times in the old AFC Central division, that defense helped the team amass a 55-35 regular-season record over seven seasons. The subsequent frustrations against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the playoffs were more about Pittsburgh's greatness than any obvious flaw in what the Oilers were doing.

Phillips further explained the Houston 3-4: "It makes more sense that you can defend against the pass better with eight people than you can with seven. And as for the rush part of it, it's just about as easy as with a four-man front because you can rush one of your linebackers. It baffles



Bum Phillips &amp; Son Wade

the quarterback because you can get so much more variation with eight people back there than you can with seven. Quarterbacks are also used to seeing a middle linebacker and reading their keys off him. Now with the 3-4, you come in with two middle linebackers, it messes the quarterbacks up and it messes protections up." He also said: "After playing it so many years in high school and college, I knew that when we put a nose man in there the center couldn't be a good pass protector because he's got to raise his shoulders after he snaps the ball. By then the nose man is by him. What it ends up doing is tying up three people because the guards have got to look out for the center." In New Orleans, Phillips ran his trademark schemes, and gave Jim Mora's "Dome Patrol" defense -- regarded by many as the best 3-4 unit in NFL history -- a head start when he selected Hall of Fame linebacker Rickey Jackson in 1981. Phillips never had a winning season in New Orleans from 1981 through 1985, but he took over a defense that ranked 28th in points and yards in 1980 and had it in the top five in yards allowed from 1982 through 1984. He resigned in November 1985 and never coached in the NFL again -- content at that point to work on his ranch, assemble some estimable charities, and watch the ideas he helped create take hold through the following years.

*Dotson's Other Note: One would be mistaken to assume that Bum Phillips, who passed away in 2013 at the age of 90, was all hat and no cattle. Suggestions and/or comments, please call, text and/or email me. Email: dlewis1@stx.rr.com Mobile: 530-748-8475*

-30- Have Fun and hang in there



By Andy Purvis

## Football Heart

He's all Texan, one hundred percent pure beef, no fillers. His unmistakable canyon-deep, southwestern drawl permeates the room just like his old ball coach, Darrell Royal. His words come with lots of "you knows" included and his favorite colors are burnt orange and white. You get the feeling you're talking to Will Rogers. I could spend days listening to him talk, telling stories of UT football during a time when being a Longhorn meant being on top of the world of college football. And not to be mistaken, he can talk with the best of them. He was born into a tough, no-nonsense family, a football family. Heck, he even called his own father "Iron Mike." He was a scraper; the kind of player whose uniform was dirty by

that year ranked third in the nation. In 1969, Tom Campbell was chosen the Southwest Conference (SWC) Defensive Back of the Year.

Tom outdid himself in the 1970 Cotton Bowl by intercepting the last pass of the game, thrown by Joe Theismann, the quarterback of Notre Dame. Campbell's interception with 38 seconds to play helped preserve the Longhorns' victory, 21-17; and although bowl games, at that time, had little to no impact on the crowning of a national champion, the win helped seal the National Championship for an undefeated (11-0) Texas team. Tom also posted six tackles during that game.

Interestingly, the 1970 Cotton Bowl came on the heels of the #1 Texas Longhorns versus #2 Arkansas Razorbacks game which was played in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on December 6, 1969. The world of college football celebrated its 100th year, in 1969. This game would become known as the "Game of the Century." Again, Tom Campbell made a game-saving interception to secure a 15-14, come-from-behind win, for the Longhorns. This victory gave Texas the SWC title and the National Championship.



Tom Campbell &amp; Me

the end of the National Anthem. You get the feeling that when he was growing up; he had to scrimmage to get something to eat. I spent an afternoon having lunch with him and several close friends. His eyes widened, his voice got lower and his hands began to move, when asked about playing football at the University of Texas. His stories are gifts, and you could tell he had repeated them many times. When I use the word "legend" to describe him, he laughs.

His name is Tom Campbell and he owns a football heart. Tom and his twin brother, Mike, walked on as freshmen. As a kid he had always been told that he was too light, too short, and not fast enough or mean enough; yet, not only did he make the team, and eventually start, but his name will always be linked to Texas Football, as well as to Cotton Bowl history. Tom just loved the game and was willing to do whatever it took to get better. That's a football heart. "Initially, I was just happy I made the team," said Campbell. Standing 5' 11" tall and never weighing more than 183 pounds, even with rocks in his pockets, Tom was listed as a linebacker-defensive back and was given the #84.

It seemed that Tom Campbell had a knack for stealing footballs out of mid-air. Campbell made a name for himself in both the 1969 and 1970 Cotton Bowls. As a junior, he helped a (9-1-1) Texas team destroy a fine Tennessee team, 36-13, in the 1969 game. Campbell was named the game's Outstanding Defensive Player after recording two tackles, two interceptions and breaking up four passes. Texas would finish

Tom Campbell finished his career with 13 interceptions. The 1969, Texas versus Arkansas football game became the first televised college-football championship game. It was also the last championship game to be played with only white players. U.S. President Richard Nixon became the first sitting President to attend a college football championship game.

Tom was inducted into the Longhorn Hall of Honor, in 2006. On April, 19, 2012, at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Tom Campbell was also inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

Campbell now lives in Austin and is in business for himself. He has recently been a consultant on a new movie entitled My All American. This is the story of a teammate, Freddie Steinmark, who played with bone cancer and then had his leg amputated six days after the Arkansas game. Steinmark died two years later, on June 6, 1971. "This is really a story about football and life," said Campbell. "Forty-seven years later, the game is still alive. It just doesn't go away." Check it out.

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## Corpus Christi Yacht Club Racing Laser Sailboat this Weekend

The Corpus Christi Yacht Club will host a Model Laser Racing Fleet Regatta on Saturday, January 23 and Sunday January 24.

Club officials say they are expecting 30 boats from all over the United States and the world. The boats are copies of the manned laser boats, just scaled down. They are one-person boats and will begin arriving on Friday. The first race begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and the races can be viewed from the downtown seawall. On

Sunday the races begin at 9:30 a.m. with the trophy presentations at 3:30 p.m.

The event is called the "Radio Controlled Laser National Championship Race" and is sponsored by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club.

The US has 10,000 members of the American Model Yacht Association who are members of the which has the lasers as well as at least six other designs that are raced around the world.



Laser boats.



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# Rockport Center Showcases "The Many Shapes of Clay"

Group show featuring four Texas clay artists runs Feb. 5-28

Although "The Many Shapes of Texas Clay" artists come from varied backgrounds and training, they all share a similar love of art and expression through their clay creations.

The Feb. 5-28 Rockport Center for the Arts' (RCA) show features four Texas clay artists, each bringing their unique perspective of the medium: Alejandra Almuelle and Rory E. Foster from Austin, Roy Hanscom from Houston, and local favorite Stan Irvin of Rockport.

The exhibition will be viewable and for sale both in person and online at rockportartcenter.com. A public reception with the artists in attendance will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, from 5-7 p.m. to officially launch the show, which is free and open to the public. A maximum of 50 attendees will be admitted at any one time in the galleries, and all attendees, including visitors, staff, and volunteers, are required to wear face masks and maintain social distancing.

In addition to "The Many Shapes of Texas Clay," there will also be a special clay show in Galeria Dos featuring the work produced by RCA's open studio pottery group, known as the "Rockport Clay Artisans." Featuring aspiring local artists Chris Dawson, Susan Fest, Linda Frank, Susan Myers, Genie Mysorski, Ken Reese and Janette Sims, the show will introduce their work to the public while paying tribute to their impressive achievements over the past year. A third exhibit at Rockport Center for the Arts will feature recent work from the membership in the Members Gallery.

Rockport Center for the Arts is located at 401 S. Austin Street at the Baker Law Building, first level. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday and Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Admission is free. Visit rockportartcenter.com, follow RCA on Facebook, or call (361) 729-5519 for more information.



# Seashore Happenings

## Getting Into the Game



Trenton Garces forces a jump ball against Incarnate Word Academy.



Above: Xavier Hisaw takes a shot against Yorktown Christian Christian Academy. Seashore Middle Academy's 7th grade boys' team is undefeated, having won 14 games against various opponents from area school districts. "With all of the challenges this season has presented, the athletes have worked hard to maintain their focus," head coach Bruno Fawcett said. "Paying attention to detail and self-discipline have led them to a dynamic season." The remainder of their season will be played away until the boys' final game at home on February 16.

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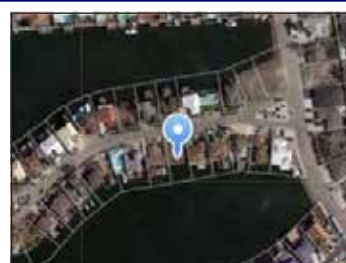


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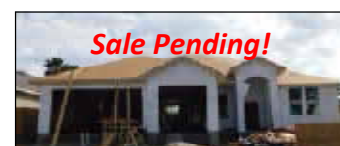
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# The Island Outdoors

## Thoughts From Dr. Tom



By Dr. Tom Dorrell

### The Tide Is Out

Winter negative low tides are here based on recent excursions and of course evidenced by the ride across the causeway recently with a foot of spoil island visible down the ditch to the north. It is really a great time of year to be on the water and learn the intricacies of our bottom features this time of year. Having said that, you better know your vessel if you want to get around with out getting stuck. Knowing ingress and egress channels and places you might be able to get up are priceless.

Mid day cruises to parts that you are not familiar with is very useful as long as you go slow and take your time. If you have a GPS unit, take the time to mark obstacles for future reference for when the water is deeper and they are hidden. This type of mapping might take several days or even a lifetime to get the whole estuary that we might fish on a given day. If you do not have a GPS try to commit to memory what you are seeing and maybe a few hand written notes. Even if you don't have oyster reefs and pipes pinpointed just knowing they are near might save you a lower unit or glass repair bill over at Fibertex (even though Kevin and his guys do awesome work).

Fishing during these low tides can be easier than when we have our big tides. The fish are congregated typically and when they are then fishing deep holes near shallow mudflats can be easy pickings. Even the long rod guys can find fish later in the day when the mudflats heat up. It also gives you a great view of what will be under the water when the tides are up. This can help you key in on structure you might not be aware of during higher tides. The fish might require a little bit slower feed during these times but the bite is good and the fight is great when it is cool. The fish are a little stronger I think in the cooler temps and easier to revive as well. They also tend to be heavier in weight especially the big trout.

One last little boating tip I will leave you with this week. Many of us have trim tabs on our boats and some vessels require these for optimum control and shallow water running because it lifts the stern up in shallow water. Coop and I went out last Saturday here close during the low tide and I had not run my boat during December due to running hunts at the ranch. Like anything that sits and especially anything electrical I had a bad switch that allowed my starboard tab to extend but not retract. Well if you know anything about trim tabs that creates a difficult scenario.

First thing I had to determine, is it the switch or the tab actuator. That is easy by pulling the switch you can hot wire it but of course the polarity change determines whether the actuator goes in or out. In my case I spun it out then blew the fuse.... haha, great job doc. Luckily the Chittum is so light we could counter weight and get up and run even in the skinny conditions. We caught some nice reds and trout and kept 3 or 4 for dinner and limped back in.

The moral of the story is keep some momentary switches on board for a quick repair in that instance. Took about 20 minutes to fix with the right parts and you can buy the switch for 14 bucks on Amazon or 39 bucks at West Marine. I am keeping a couple on board along with extra fuses which are a normal part of my tool kit for the boat. Open wrenches, single small socket with 1/2 to 9/16 and metrics, crimper and electrical connectors, long flat head (incase of vapor lock) and a Phillips head and you are mostly good. Keeping a small block of wood, prop wrench and extra prop on the boat is also smart if you can tolerate the weight. These can get you out of a bind if you run thru fishing line with your prop or spin a hub etc.

Enjoy the outdoors when you can, breathe the great outdoor air with out your mask on the water. Get you some! Fly fishing trips at [www.lagunaflyoutfitters.com](http://www.lagunaflyoutfitters.com) Doc Tom

## Gardeners Take Note!

### Botanical Gardens & Nature Center announces 2021 Winter Lectures

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is offering classes for area gardeners in a series of presentations running January 20 through February 24.

Guest speakers present a variety of nature and horticultural topics which define and explain our unique South Texas environment, from 10 to 11a.m., on Wednesdays, January 20 through February 24, lectures are ZOOM only until further notice. Class/lecture fees are: FREE with membership or general admission; \$5 others.



#### Schedule of Classes

For reservations and ZOOM connection, call 361-852-2100.

Jan 20 EDIBLE GARDENS Deb Holliday, Nueces Master Gardener

Jan 27 TREES FOR SOUTH TEXAS Dr. Michael Womack, Executive Director

Feb 3 FACE LIFTS for LANDSCAPES Whitney Lance, Color by the Door

Feb 10 GROWING ORCHIDS ON A STICK Jorge Garcia, Orchid Conservatory Curator

Feb 17 MONARCH WAYSTATIONS Dr. Rosemary Plank, Texas Master Naturalist

Feb 24 PLUMERIA WINTER WAKEUP Melissa Garcia, Plumeria Society of South Texas



## Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah  
Farah's Fishing Adventures

I've been caught behind the ball again out on the water and behind deadline at the Moon Monkey Shack. I'm wade-fishing the extreme shallows today down along the south shore of Baffin Bay. I stalked the skinny sand pockets fluttering my DOA swim bait just under the surface. I was spaced out when a flashing sow trout rolled writhing feet of my rod tip. She swallowed the plastic lures and dove towards deep water. When she felt the hook she rose and shook clouds of whitewater in defiance. Her head crowned the waves and the sun reflected a haze of purple. The thick winter coat of muscle rippled along her belly to the tail. I could see her eyes roll when she came to hand. Disappointed in her failure to a sound an anglers hook. I strung her through the lips and onto the stringer. After landing some more trout and redfish I stared at her swim along the line of gamefish that had collected. I rounded back to the boat and left my anglers catching where I had stood. A quick snap of the camera and I slid her back into the green winter water. She is there waiting for you. Follow all of our hookups on Facebook at Joey Farah's Backwater Adventures.



Drifting on those sunny days with soft plastics can be outstanding! DOA glow grub.



Big reds will assassinate cut crab and cut mullet.



I'm catching some nice 5-6lb specks from the boat on lures right now, quietly maneuvering through the shallows along the King Ranch Shoreline. Farah.PNG



This trio set out for Baffin Bay this week hunting reds and found Golden Backs! Farah.

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## Sudoku

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### Going Easy On You...

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### Knuckle-Cracker

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### Mind-Numbing Frustration

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### Brain-Buster

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### Across

1. Way to stand
4. Domains of feudal lords, for short
9. Prince of \_\_\_\_
14. Comic actor Kabibble
15. Filmdom's Sophia
16. Mentally alert
17. Big winner in 1965
20. Gangster's female companion
21. One place where soccer is football
22. The Spanish \_\_\_\_ (1588 invasion fleet)
25. Pizarro's conquest
26. Dove sound
29. Most shipshape
31. Set sail
33. Humid
36. Slanty font (Abbr.)
37. Big winner in 1937 (with "The")
43. Churchill's "\_\_\_\_ Country"
44. Unpleasant encounter
45. Type of bird seen in many pirate films
48. "Baptism" painter
53. Fr. noblewoman
54. Fan noise
57. Earthquake warning
58. Refuse to speak
60. Start of a magician's phrase
61. Big winner in 1954
66. "Are you in \_\_\_\_?" (poker dealer's question)
67. Accra is its capital
68. "Didn't I tell you?"
69. Out of \_\_\_\_ way (safe)
70. English test requirement
71. Somber

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### Down

1. Coal miner
2. No longer a sea
3. Geena's role opposite Susan in 1991
4. Producer Ziegfeld
5. Creditor's chit
6. Sea eagle
7. Disgusted
8. Saw wood at night?
9. One-time beaded currency
10. Fever fit
11. Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_
12. Wallach in "The Magnificent Seven"
13. "Just a \_\_\_\_"
18. Bedspring support
19. Golfer's shout
23. Dealer vehicle
24. From then on
26. "The Elder" of Rome
27. Televangelist Roberts
28. Sooner terr.
30. Met level
32. Show \_\_\_\_
34. Dallas inst.
35. Part of a fork
37. Track units
38. "\_\_\_\_ first you don't ..."
39. Cost of a ride
40. Make a mistake
41. Manner of song
42. MIT graduate
46. Baby hooters
47. Lose that frozen feeling
49. Hitchcock's "\_\_\_\_ Window"
50. Carve in relief
51. Iris cover
52. Emulated Cicero
55. Campaign concern
56. Babe and Baby
58. Pal
59. Pod denizens
61. Exclamation of surprise
62. New Deal org.
63. Rocky spot
64. Genetic stuff
65. Wray of "King Kong" fame

## Police Blotter

January 13 - January 19

### Busy week on Bonasse

Calls on successive days kept Corpus Christi Police busy on Bonasse Court this week.

#### January 14

On Thursday January 14 police were called to the 15300 block of Bonasse for what police officials described as a dispute among neighbors over items on an outside deck. The police calls were listed as:

15300 block Bonasse 10 p.m. January 14 Criminal Mischief \$30,000-\$150,000

15300 block Bonasse 9 p.m. January 14 Assault by Contact

A police spokesman said officers were called to a dispute involving the placement of the objects on the deck. The spokesman said that after officers left the scene on E of the respondents involved in the dispute threw items into the canal. He said no arrests were made.

#### January 15

In an unrelated matter police were called to the 15300 block of Bonasse at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 15, for a call Burglary with Intent, and Criminal Mischief.

The incident report states:

Officers were dispatched for a possible robbery at 15300 Bonasse. When the officers arrived, they contacted the reporting party who told them that he had gone outside and observed several people that he was familiar with drive by. The reporting party then went back inside the house and minutes later he was being assaulted by one of the males that he knew and another that he was not familiar with. The suspects left the residence and the reporting party went outside to find his vehicle had been vandalized. This was not a random act of violence and the victim and offender were known to one another. No arrest has been made at this time. "

Police said the victim had walked outside to take out his trash cans when he saw the assailants drive by then he was set upon by the suspects after he returned to his abode and the suspects kicked in his door and beat him with a blunt object. After the assault the victim walked outside to find the windshield on his car broken and his tires slashed.

The incidents were listed as:

15300 block Bonasse 4 p.m. January 15 Robbery

15300 block Bonasse 4 p.m. January 15 Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500/Burglary of a Habitation

The case is still under investigation.

#### Disturbances

14300 block SPID 3 a.m. January 17 Noise Ordinance Violation

SPID/Aquarius 5 p.m. January 16

14300 block SPID 11 a.m. January 16 (two counts)

14500 block Cabana East 2 a.m. January 16 Noise Ordinance Violation

14500 block Cabana East 3 a.m. January 16 Noise Ordinance Violation

14400 block Compass 4 p.m. January 15 Violation of Court Order

14300 block SPID Midnight January 15

Capstan/Whitecap 8 p.m. January 16 Noise Ordinance Violation

14100 block Atascadera 3 p.m. January 16 Wanted Person

15600 block Gypsy 8 p.m. January 15 Noise Ordinance Violation

15200 block Caravel 10 a.m. January 13 Noise Ordinance Violation

13800 block Laffite Midnight January 13 Building Fire

1800 block SH 361 2 p.m. January 17

11500 block Gulf Beach 5 a.m. January 17 Noise Ordinance Violation

14400 block SPID 4 a.m. January 17 Public Intoxication

11500 block Gulf Beach 3 a.m. January 17 Noise Ordinance Violation

11500 block Gulf Beach Midnight January 17 Noise Ordinance Violation

11300 block Gulf Beach 11 p.m. January 26 Fire

14600 block SPID 11 a.m. January 14

15800 block SPID 4 p.m. January 16

### Crimes against Person

14900 block Topgallant 6 p.m. January 15 Assault by Contact/Disturbance

15300 block Bonasse 4 p.m. January 15 Robbery

14800 block Whitecap 6 p.m. January 13 Indecent Exposure

### Crimes against Property

15300 block Bonasse 4 p.m. January 15 Criminal Mischief \$750-\$2500/Burglary of a Habitation

15300 block Bonasse 10 p.m. January 14 Criminal Mischief \$30,000-\$150,000

13500 block Ducat 2 p.m. January 14 Theft of Services

14700 block Whitecap 7 p.m. January 13 Burglary of a Vehicle

14700 block Whitecap 7 p.m. January 13 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

15300 block Leeward Dr. 3 p.m. January 18 Criminal Mischief under \$100

### Suspicious Person

15600 block Gypsy 2 p.m. January 15

15300 block Bonasse 9 p.m. January 14 Assault by Contact

14000 block Ports O Call 4 p.m. January 14

14200 block SPID 5 p.m. January 16

15200 block Windward Midnight January 16

14900 block Canadian Mist 8 p.m. January 18 Assault

### Traffic

124 Traffic Stops

Fortuna Bay/Port O Call 6 a.m. January 15 Parking Violation

15200 block SPID 5 p.m. January 13 Crash

### Other calls

15000 block SPID 10 p.m. January 18 Bar Check

15200 block SPID 10 p.m. January 18 Bar Check

15400 block SPID 9 p.m. January 18 Bar Check

15200 block Leeward 10 p.m. January 10 Bar Check




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*PIPOA News by Marvin Jones, President*



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

**Board Meeting-** The next PIPOA Board meeting will be on January 26, 2021, at 5:30 PM at the Hyatt Place located on S.P.I.D. beside Saltgrass. Due to COVID, seating will be limited based on COVID rules. The meeting will be live-streamed on the PIPOA's Facebook page.

**2021 Board of Directors Election-** The following persons have registered to run for the three seats up for election. Drew Diggins, Ken Hughes, Jim McFadden, Vicki Marsden McGinley, Ray Singleton, Dennis Sprout, and Frank Stover. Seven members are seeking three seats.

**Meet the candidate-** A meet the candidate forum will be held on January 28, 2021, beginning at 5:30 PM. The location will be the Hyatt Place on S.P.I.D. beside Saltgrass. All COVID rules and regulations will be observed, including masks. The event will be live-streamed on the PIPOA's Facebook page.

**Board Candidate Newsletter-** The newsletter containing candidate resumes should be mailed the week of January 22, 2021.

It is critical that the PIPOA have your correct mailing address and email address. PLEASE

contact the PIPOA by email at padreisles@pipoa.net or call the office at 361-949-7025 to verify or update your information.

**CAM Fee Statements-** The 2021 CAM fee statements will be mailed out by the end of January. Full payment is due on or before March 31, 2021. Your cooperation regarding prompt payment is appreciated.

**Boat Trailer Stickers-** The 2021 Boat Trailer Stickers are available at the PIPOA office. Please remember, you must have a boat trailer sticker on your trailer to park on the boat ramps.

**Businesses operating at Residences-** This is a covenant violation. The PIPOA has been advised that at least three or four businesses are operating out of people's houses and driveways. The covenants do not allow this. There is a distinction between working from home and operating a business at your residence.

**Dead Ducks-** Dead ducks appear on boat ramps and in the canals. Not surprisingly, the breasts of the ducks have been removed, and the carcasses abandoned. There is a small number of hunters that are completely disrespectful of our community. In other words, they are slobs. Please keep your eyes open and report to the PIPOA or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department- Game Wardens, any time you see this behavior.

**PIPOA's New Website-** The site should be up and running by the end of this week. It has new features, new graphics and provides a more user-friendly environment.

## Padre Isles Property Owners Association, Inc. Candidate Meet and Greet

Thursday, January 28, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Hyatt Place Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78412

(next to Saltgrass Steakhouse)

Streaming to PIPOA Facebook Page

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Come and meet the candidates for the upcoming Board Election. You can submit questions for the candidates at the meeting or email questions to Gary Klepperrich, Executive Director at gary@pipoa.net. The meeting will be live-streamed via the PIPOA Facebook page.

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5:30 PM

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

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Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Board during Public Comment. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. Your presentation will be limited to three minutes. Please sign in prior to the meeting with your name, physical address, email address, and the subject to be addressed.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. RECEIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT(S)
3. PRESENTATION: MRS. POLLY BALZER DIGGINS, ISAC REPRESENTATIVE MR. DAVID HEIZMAN, CHAIR ACC
4. MEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 minutes, per member)
5. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: CURRENT TOPICS
6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – The Board will receive a report of important topics since the previous meeting.
  - a. Next Board Meeting: February 23, 2021-location to be determined.
  - b. Compliance Enforcement Update

- c. TOPS One transition
- d. Bulkheads
- e. PIPOA Website
- f. Other topics
7. CONSENT AGENDA: (Routine items; acceptable without further discussion)
  - a. Secretary's Report: December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
  - b. Board Votes via Email
8. TREASURER'S REPORT – FINANCIAL REPORTS: (The Board will review, discuss, and then accept all financial reports, with possible motions.)
  - a. Bank Accounts Update
  - b. Approval of November 30 and December 31, 2020, Financial Statements
  - c. Accounts Receivable
  - d. 2019 Audit and Tax Return
  - e. TOPS Cleanup
9. OLD BUSINESS (with possible motions):
  - a. Resurface Boat Ramps
  - b. Election Newsletter
  - c. Closing Boat Ramps
  - d. Bulkheads
10. NEW BUSINESS (with possible motions):
  - a. 2021 Board Election & Annual Meeting March 27, 2021
  - b. 2021 Candidate 'Meet and Greet' Thursday, January 28, 2021
  - c. Resale Certificates
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - a. Legal Matters
  - b. Personnel Matters
12. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION
13. ADJOURN



By Todd Hunter, District 32

Each year, January is designated as Glaucoma Awareness Month. This initiative is used in order to raise awareness about a condition affecting millions of individuals across the country, including some living in the Coastal Bend. According to the National Eye Institute, glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. Currently, more than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma. The National Eye Institute projects this number will reach 4.2 million by 2030, a 58 percent increase. Also, Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. Given these staggering statistics, I would like to share some of the facts relating to glaucoma in this week's article in hope that through increased awareness, we can work to protect our eyes and vision.

The National Eye Institute defines glaucoma as a group of eye diseases that cause vision loss by damaging a nerve in the back of the eye called the optic nerve. Although glaucoma primarily affects the middle-aged and elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages. According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, there are several types of glaucoma, but there are two main types both marked by an increase of intraocular pressure (IOP), or pressure inside the eye. The most common form of glaucoma, which accounts for at least 90% of glaucoma cases is Open-Angle glaucoma. Open-Angle glaucoma is caused by the slow clogging of the drainage canals, resulting in increased eye pressure. This type of glaucoma develops slowly, where the symptoms and damage are not noticed and is considered a life-long condition. The other less common form is Angle-Closure glaucoma, which is caused by blocked drainage canals, resulting in a sudden rise in intraocular pressure. This type develops very quickly, and has symptoms and damage that are very noticeable, and may require

## January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

immediate medical attention. Despite the different types of glaucoma, the symptoms at first may not be noticeable. However, over time there may be vision loss, usually starting with your peripheral vision, and eventually may lead to blindness, which can affect your ability to perform common daily tasks.

Although those with glaucoma usually have high eye pressure, the causes of most types of glaucoma are unknown. Everyone is at risk for glaucoma from babies to senior citizens, but some are at higher risk. Furthermore, since there is no way to prevent glaucoma, it is important to have eye exams performed. If there is early detection, doctors can use a few different types of treatments, including medicines, laser treatment, and surgery to stop further loss of vision.

Glaucoma Awareness Month is very important to raise awareness to protect our eyes and vision. To learn more information about glaucoma please visit the National Eye Institute's website at: <https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/eye-conditions-and-diseases/glaucoma>. You may also visit the Glaucoma Research Foundation's website at: <https://www.glaucoma.org/>, as well as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/resources/features/glaucoma-awareness.html>.

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. 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).

- State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

Rep. Hunter represents Nueces County (Part). He can be contacted at [todd.hunter@house.texas.gov](mailto:todd.hunter@house.texas.gov) or at 512-463-0672.

## 87th Legislative Session Opens Amid Virus, Economic Worries

By Richard Lee

It was a muted start to this year's legislative session in Austin last week as lawmakers returned to tackle the biggest public health crisis in living memory and the economic downturn it caused. The normal raucous hallways and packed galleries of past opening days were replaced by quiet on a day usually filled with ceremony and celebration as the pandemic kept constituents and well-wishers at home. One day before, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar laid out his projected forecast for state revenue for the next two fiscal years, telling lawmakers how much they'll have to work with as they look to pay for state services over the upcoming biennium. "The pandemic, which resulted in steep declines in key sources of revenue in the later half of fiscal [year] 2020 and has continued to drag down collections in fiscal [year] 2021 wiped out a projective positive ending balance and has turned it into a currently projected deficit of nearly \$1 billion," said Hegar.

Though COVID restrictions and a crash in the price of oil this spring led to concerns about a much larger budget deficit entering session, an increase in on-line sales tax collections as well as a stronger-than-expected economy coming into 2020 helped blunt the impact. Hegar told reporters that with the prospect of effective vaccine distribution, Texas could see a robust economic rebound in the second half of this calendar year. Additionally, reduced consumer spending during the pandemic led to increases in personal savings and reductions in personal debt, which could mean a strong recovery once the economy is fully reopened. "These and other factors suggest there may be capacity for

a substantial surge in consumer spending once pandemic concerns have receded," said Hegar. In all, he projected state revenue collections through August 2023 to total \$112.53 billion, slightly down from the amount available to state budget writers when they came into Austin last session. The revenue forecast doesn't include five percent across-the-board agency cuts requested by state leadership over the summer or any forthcoming federal aid packages.

In Austin, the COVID pandemic has reached new highs, with a record number of cases announced on Wednesday and hospital capacity reaching its limit. That meant a quiet opening day and new rules for COVID prevention in the Senate. Rules adopted last week require Senators and staff to be tested daily for the virus. Members of the public who want to watch proceedings from the gallery or attend a committee hearing will also have to test negative for COVID. While not required to enter the Capitol building itself, testing is offered at no charge outside the north entrance of the Capitol. Those who test negative will get a wristband verifying that status, as will those who can demonstrate proof of vaccination against COVID.

Other mitigation protocols approved this week would limit seating in the gallery, reduce staff levels on the Senate floor and require mask wearing in most public spaces under jurisdiction of the Senate. In the event of a positive test, a person is required to leave the Capitol complex and cannot return for at least 10 days. The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, January 26th at 3 p.m.



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## Choosing the Right Solar Company

By Emily Gaines | PR Coordinator for BBB serving the Heart of Texas

The solar industry has grown tremendously in the last 10 years, and Texas ranked second in the nation for solar growth in 2019. Solar energy promises consumers lower bills, tax incentives and an increase in home value, making it a tempting option for homeowners. Spring is the most popular time for solar panel installation, which means consumers will start their search for the best panels and deals soon. But what should they know before they buy?

As the demand and use of solar energy grew, so did the number of complaints against the industry. Between 2010 and 2014, only 70 complaints were filed with BBB against Texas-based solar companies, but more than 1,000 were filed from 2015 to 2019. Many of these complaints reported issues with poor installation, inaccurate information regarding the federal solar tax credit and unsatisfactory panel performance, but misleading claims about savings and benefits of having solar panels are the biggest problems consumers encounter.

Solar panels can save homeowners money, but some companies claim or guarantee individuals can save thousands of dollars by using solar panels. In reality, the amount saved depends on several factors, such as roof size, how many hours of direct sunlight your house receives and how much electricity you currently use.

Solar energy offers several benefits, but if you're considering installing panels on your home, remember these tips from your Better Business Bureau as you shop:

- Review your utility bill and see how much energy you used in the past year along with the cost.
- Evaluate how you use energy and determine if there are ways to reduce your usage. For example, purchasing more energy-efficient appliances and HVAC systems.
- Figure out what size panel system you need, then use the customizable calculator from the Department of Energy to help you estimate how much energy it will produce.
- Contact your utility company to see what arrangements it makes with homeowners who produce solar power.
- Determine if you need your homeowner's association permission to install a solar panel system.

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## Nature Notes



By Susan Heath

Winter is a great time to put out bird feeders and this year, with a lot of us staying home more, there's even more incentive to have some fun with winter birds at your feeders. This winter we are getting a lot of goldfinches. The name comes from their bright yellow plumage in spring. During winter, however, they are much duller and we don't get to see them when they are bright yellow.

On the central and upper Texas coasts, the predominant goldfinch is the American Goldfinch. This species ranges over the entire state and can be seen at feeders with sunflower seed or nyjer. Goldfinches are one of the few songbirds that eat only seed (no insects) so that explains why they are so common at feeders.

In winter, both sexes are a drab yellow or even brown color with dull black wings that have white markings on them. American Goldfinches breed much later than most birds do because they wait until June or July when the thistles are blooming. Because of that, they don't get their breeding plumage until later in the year and most have migrated out of Texas by the time that happens. So here in Texas, we miss the beautiful yellow male with jet black wings and a black cap.

In the western parts of the state, we have another goldfinch entirely, the Lesser Goldfinch. It is a shame that this beautiful bird has lesser in its name for it is every bit as handsome as the American. It is a bit smaller though and has a much smaller range, so I guess lesser it is. The male of this goldfinch is also bright yellow but in Texas the back is black.

In breeding plumage, a male Lesser Goldfinch could never be mistaken for a male American Goldfinch. In the western part of their range (California), the back of the male is green but we don't have to worry about that here! The

## Texas Goldfinches



American Goldfinches are one of the few songbirds that eat only seeds and not insects. Photo by Susan Heath.

we'll just concentrate on those two.

Why do we birders need to concentrate on them? Well it's possible that hiding among the hordes of American Goldfinches at your feeders is a Lesser Goldfinch. They are rare in the eastern part of the state but in a winter like this, where odd birds are showing up everywhere, it would not be that surprising to find one where it shouldn't be. Lesser Goldfinches have turned up in Alabama and Iowa this winter so why not the eastern part of Texas? At our house in Lake Jackson, we had a male Lesser Goldfinch spend two winters with us a few years back. He was quite a treat to see! So while you're enjoying the birds at your feeder, keep an eye out for a sneaky Lesser Goldfinch.



## Padre Island Real Estate Ticker

December 1 – December 15

By Cindy Molnar  
Coldwell Banker Island Realtors

### Waterfront Homes Sold

- 15137 Aquarius Street
- 15302 Bowsprit Court
- 15362 Tortuga Court
- 13722 Cayo Cantiles Street
- 13914 Hawksnest Bay Drive
- 13757 Primavera Drive

22 Waterfront Homes Listed From \$425,000.00 - \$3,200,000.00

### Interior Lot Homes Sold

- 14873 Lighthouse Drive
- 15037 Tesoro Drive
- 15030 Reales Drive
- 15925 Cozumel Drive
- 15410 Escapade Street
- 13950 Ketch Street
- 14029 La Blanquilla Drive
- 15706 Dyna Street
- 14154 La Blanquilla Drive
- 15841 Grenadine Street
- 14929 Das Marinas Drive
- 15817 Gypsy Street

27 Interior Lot Homes Listed From \$350,000.00-\$899,000.00

### Interior Lot Condominiums/ Townhomes/Duplexes Sold

- 14721 Whitecap Blvd. #192
- 14721 Whitecap Blvd. #127
- 14721 Whitecap Blvd. #263
- 15010 Leeward Drive #9301

- 13969 Ports O Call Unit A
- 15034 Aruba Drive #211
- 15209 Beach Way Drive
- 15241 Beach Way Drive

35 Interior Condominiums/Townhomes/ Duplexes Listed From \$104,900.00-\$430,000.00

### Waterfront Condominiums/ Townhomes Sold

- 14300 S. Padre Island Drive #150
- 14434 E. Cabana Street #304
- 13901 Mingo Cay Court #9
- 15401 Fortuna Bay Drive
- 15109 Kokomo Drive
- 15113 Kokomo Drive
- 15410 Fortuna Bay Drive

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- 15418 Cuttysark Street
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- Sea Pines Drive
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### Commercial Lots

- 18 Commercial Lots Listed From \$125,000.00-\$2,200,000.00

## The Barnacle Line



By Del Smith

Well good readers, here is something from a March issue 20 years ago. Seems as though some things just keep-on, keeping-on;

I don't know about you folks, but it seems to me this has been a strange year and a half. This beginning of the new millennium. Why, even the Wharf Committee's main topics have been about things other than boats and the people that bring them into being. Does it seem to you, also, that there is something in the air we are breathing? Something that has permeated our existence and our lives as we know it? Some indefinable substance, or ray, that has made our world more sharper, more brightly focused and just ever so slightly, more hostile. Or is it just my imagination and the dangers and the hostilities have always been here. Lurking just outside of our awareness.

In, any case, the Wharf Committee daily topics tend more towards head-line news rather than the pros and cons of reef-able jibs or electronic bilge pumps. Now all of the oration centers around kids shooting each other, the Navy making mistakes, who has cancer, why relationships don't work, elections, high profile prison escapees, causeways and channels. It is as if the fast lane of life has finally arrived here, from OTB, on our sleepy island. No longer are we the isolated, little oasis, on the edge of urbanity. Seeking that simple life of long ago, yet still having that hustle and bustle of shopping malls and health security just 'Over The Bridge', ---- OTB.

The WC largely knows that this change is inevitable, but does bemoan it's passage. What ever happened to the time when kids only shot each other with paper wads and rubber guns? Where have all of the childhood heroes gone? Those of the Saturday afternoon movie and weekend television. Where the goods guys were of high principle and courteous and the bad guys were just plain evil. Where are the Roy Rogers's of today? What did happen to Joel Mc Crae and Randolph Scott? Why are guns only a tool of destruction and not the tool of putting wild game on a, sometimes, sparse table? "What ever happened to the 'Spare the rod -- Spoil the child' axiom of child rearing?," one WC member asks.

"Why are some parents living in fear of their child turning them in as child abusers over a

temper tantrum?," another one offers, shaking his head in wonderment

Questions, always questions. ----- Answers are more difficult to come up with.

The Committee's consensus, of all of this, seems to be that of the inevitability of change. "We got to here. We got to go on. ---- ain't no turning back.," one says. "We are getting more people, not less. Turning back means less people. Less need for hospitals, schools and shopping malls."

Another offers, "That's right and if you could go backward, to that simpler life, where do you stop? Back to when there was no television and no polio vaccine? Back to when there was no automobiles and dentistry was practiced without Novocaine?----- Everybody wants to remember the good times; ---- not the bad, about those 'Simpler Lives'".

"I agree with that.," as another member takes the floor. "Change has to happen. Humanity has always demanded change, never status quo. It is not in our make up. We have to go forward. Our only choice. To go backward means large changes towards less population and that always means death and destruction, or some other form of ugliness. ---- I, for one, do not want any part of that!"

"Boy!, now that's the truth.," said 'Simpler Life'. "I think our perception of change has always been that of slow verses fast change. The change has always been there but sometimes it happens so slowly that it feels as though everything is staying the same. Kind of like watching your self shave in the mirror, every morning never noticing the changes of aging taking place. Then going to a class reunion and wondering where all of these old farts came from!"

Then a long period of silence came over the Wharf Committee. It seemed to be a moment of astute profoundness. As if they had just become suddenly aware that they had been too astute, too profound. ----- Too intelligent?

But the pressure of being who they were and why they had gathered together became, eventually, too great, as 'What Ever Happened To' took a long sip from his drink and asked, "Hey! Did you guys hear about that new chart plotter? Now, this thing has got it 'ALL'!" -----



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## Baby Names in a Pandemic...

Hope springs eternal and during these difficult times reports this week show that new parents are turning to names that suggest optimism and strength.

Among the surging Google searches

- **Zora**, which means 'dawn' and suggests new beginnings, are up 40 percent.
- **Alma** ('soul' in Spanish) is up 37 percent.
- Other risers include Vivienne (from the Latin root Vivus, meaning 'alive' or 'lively'), Aurora (Roman goddess of the sunrise), Felix ('happy'), Frida ('peaceful') and Zuri ('good' in Swahili)."
- Biblical names are making a comeback too, including Gabriel, Elijah, Esther, Lilith and even Naomi.



## Crossword Solution

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 In addition on Sunday AA Meetings are held at 8 AM at **The Pavilion on the Boardwalk Near Padre Bali**

## Port Aransas Winter Texan Activities

**Low Impact Aerobics:** Mon & Wed, 9-10am, PACT auditorium, Low Impact Aerobics: Get your heart pumping with an adaptive workout for all ability levels with DVD & instructor. Limited to 10. Pre-registration required at [https:// porta.recdesk.com](https://porta.recdesk.com)

**Mahjong:** Mon, 9am-noon, PACT Lounge, Skill, strategy and chance have players of this Chinese tile mind sport gathering weekly. Pre-registration required at <https:// porta.recdesk.com>

**Body Toning:** Tues & Thurs (Starts Jan. 5), 9-10am, PACT auditorium, Workout with chairs and weights (bring own) twice a week. Pre-registration required at <https://porta.recdesk.com>

**Cribbage:** Tues & Thurs 9am-11am, PACT lounge, two to four players plus six cards, equals countless hours of fun! Pre-registration required at <https://porta.recdesk.com>

**Pickleball:** Tues - Sat, 9am-noon, Community Park, FREE. It's not tennis, racquetball or badminton and there are no pickles. It's a paddleball sport played on a concrete court, & folks love it!

**Yoga in the Preserve:** Tuesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm, NP Pavilion & FB live, Practice a variety of yoga styles with Selena Esensee in the wild.

**Brown Bag Lunch Lecture:** Tuesdays, (Jan. 6 - Feb. 24), 12-1pm, FB: @ [portaparksnrec](https://porta.recdesk.com), FREE. Eat lunch while virtually watching a different speaker/presentation weekly. Viewable on [FB](https://porta.recdesk.com) & [YouTube](https://porta.recdesk.com).

**Birding on the Boardwalk:** Wednesdays, 9-11am, Birding Center, FREE, for novice to expert birders. Ray Dillahunty and Leslie Hoekstra lead the way, pointing out exciting wildlife.

**We're Having Fun:** Wednesdays 1-3pm, PACT Lounge. Put your creative hat on and try a new craft. Supplies and socialization provided. Pre-registration required at <https://porta.recdesk.com>

**Let's Try It!:** Thursdays (Jan. 14 - Feb. 11), 2-2:30pm, FB: @ [portaparksnrec](https://porta.recdesk.com), FREE. Virtual crafts, cooking and activity classes. Watch online weekly. Presentations available for viewing on [FB](https://porta.recdesk.com) & [YouTube](https://porta.recdesk.com).

**Game On!:** Thursdays (starts Jan. 7), 5-6pm, Roberts Point Park, FREE for all ages. Play corn hole, horseshoes, bocce ball, shuffleboard and more. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

**Hobby Day:** Fridays (Jan. 8 - Feb. 26), 11am, FB: @ [portaparksnrec](https://porta.recdesk.com), FREE. Watch virtually as hobbyists share how they create their wares, then get info on how to buy products for great gift ideas.

**Nature Walk:** Saturdays, 8-10am, Community Park Trail Head, FREE guided birding in the Nature Preserve. Walk through the Gulf Coast Prairie habitat, see birds, plants and other critters. Pre-registration 5pm the Friday before required at <https://porta.recdesk.com>

**Pedaling with Pam:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 2-3pm, Parks & Rec office, Graba bike & take a FREE short trip with Pam. Route length & location will change each month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month, 8:30-9:30am, Horace Caldwell Pier, Yoga on the Beach:** FREE yoga class with Nancy Myers. Bring a mat or towel suitable for beach. Instructions for all ability levels. On Facebook live @ [portaparksnrec](https://porta.recdesk.com) and in-person.

**Beach Walk:** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month, 9-11am, Horace Caldwell Pier, FREE. Learn fun beachcombing facts with expert tour guide, Lisa Ansley. Stroll, shell or shimmy down the shoreline in style.



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# Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour  
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## Road trip...

Let's hear it for insurance companies!!! Since our old car was totaled last week and the insurance company made good on their end of the deal, we now get a new car... a Toyota C-HR to be exact. Don't you love it when a plan comes together? In the mean time, it was my birthday this week and we snuck away for the night and went to San Antonio and stayed with our friends Steve and Allison. We had dinner at our favorite Mexican restaurant, *Mi Tierra*, complete with Mariachi's serenading of course. I ran into my old friend Carlos Santana for a quick photo op and then later found some live music at *Gruene Hall*. I haven't been past the Corpus city limits in many moons and it sure felt good to get out of town. Since me and my Mermaid Gal have a brief reprieve from the COVID right now and do have immunity, we felt OK about traveling. One thing we immediately noticed was that darn near everyone in San Antonio was wearing masks and made visible efforts to social distance. I



Me and Carlos Santana are tight.

It was the same thing at *Gruene Hall*. It seems they are taking this thing seriously in the big city. I don't think Port A got the memo. Two of my friends recently tested positive in Port A and called me for the contact info for the antibody infusion study and got hooked up with them (*Crossroads Research*). And now, both of them are already better. That makes me very happy that they took advantage of this potentially live saving effort. These folks are still actively seeking participants who recently test positive for COVID and will be conducting a clinical trial on another vaccine (*Merck*) at the end of February. Again, here's their phone number in Corpus: (361) 288-4668.



No trip to S.A. is complete without a song from the roving Mariachis at Mi Tierra..

## On the local front...

Also on the local front, according to the *Ghetto Rescue Foundation*, the next four to six weeks is mating season for coyotes. Please do not let your pets out alone. Coyote breeding typically peaks in late February and early March, the gestation period averages 58 to 63 days. Male coyotes can become more aggressive during this time of year, the long and short of it all



It's coyote mating season. Keep your pets safe.

is that coyotes always pose a risk to your dogs and cats (and other small pets). That risk increases during mating season. Coyotes are pursuit predators – they chase their prey and don't usually "lure" or "ambush" prey although it's known to happen. Coyotes need to eat to survive. They are beautiful, good parents. So, watch your pets, you are their parent.

## Scattered shots...

I mentioned earlier that we caught a show at *Gruene Hall* last Sunday with **Matt Kirk and the Gueyfarers**. None of us had heard of this band and walked in sight unseen. I'm glad we did. Matt started off his show with just an acoustic guitar and keys. This guy has some wicked range and really strong pipes. He pulled off a **Van Morrison** classic, *Into the Mystic*, with flying colors. He then broke into a bunch of originals and when the band came back on, the rock began to roll. It was hard driving blues



Matt Kirk and the Gueyfarers played Gruene Hall last Sunday.

rock and showcased Kirk on blistering guitar. He mentioned on stage that this was only the band's fourth gig and it showed when they would huddle before each song, but the final result was pretty amazing. In short, the guy is good and can flat shred a guitar, his band is good, especially the keyboard player. I would suggest a little more variety on their repertoire... after a while it began to sound a little repetitious. They get a B+. I liked 'em.

## DO NOT MISS LIST Coming this weekend...

On Thursday this week, I recommend seeing our pal Rudy Llanes with Starlite and the Moonbeams at the Surf Club. It's a good, solid R&B band that I've seen many times and will always continue to pursue. Also on Thursday singer-songwriter deluxe, Jimmy Willden, will play Cassidy's Irish Pub downtown, plus Falco and the Wolf are at Brewster Street Downtown. On Friday, blues rocker Rich Lockhart is at the Back Porch, Randall King at Brewster Street Downtown, my all time favorite singer-



Rich Lockhart will play the Back Porch on Friday..

writer Ty Dietz at the Exchange and Hank Reeves at Roosevelt's at the Tarpon Inn. On Saturday Coach Jim Dugan will park his tractor at the Back Porch, songbird Trisha Lynn is at the Pelican on Padre. On Sunday there will be a benefit and silent auction for the family of recently deceased Padre Island troubadour, the beloved John Eric at the Pelican Lounge starting at 1 PM- 2 AM. Music will be provided by many of John's friends including Ty Dietz, Dreaming in Color, The Chanklas, Rich Lockhart Band, Matt Hole, Jerry Ward and the Dirty Birds, Sonny Salinas, Flatbroke, Melissa Brooke, Art Barrera, Michael Burts, Band Meza Band, Aaron Jacob, Damon Scott-Ballweg and Devon Cable and the Rangers and more. To contribute to the silent auction contact **Debra Scott-Brown** at (361) 442-6194 or **Irfan Kardas** at the Pelican Lounge. The organizers want to thank **Clarissa Serna** of the Coastal Living show and **Logan on Air at 106.5 Shark Radio** for their help and to everyone who've donated gifts for the silent auction. This will be a big deal.

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Dreaming in Color with Debra Scott-Brown will play the John Eric benefit on Sunday.



There will be a benefit for the family of recently deceased troubadour John Eric on Sunday at the Pelican Lounge.

# LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

## Wednesday, January 20

Jerry Ward @ Doc's  
Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's  
Ty Dietz @ Vernon's  
Open Jam @ Executive Surf Club

## Thursday, January 21

Ruben Limas @ Island Italian  
Jimmy Willden @ Cassidy's Irish Pub  
Robin Blue @ Scuttlebutt's  
Starlite & the Moonbeams @ Executive Surf Club  
Falco & the Wolf @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Jim Dugan @ Brewster Street Southside  
The Alley Catz @ Flanagan's Southside  
Justin & Niki @ Rock Bottom in Rockport  
Sonny Salinas @ Rockit's

## Friday, January 22

Rich Lockhart @ Back Porch  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's  
Randall King, Kylie Frey @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Flatbroke @ Brewster Street Southside  
Ty Dietz @ The Exchange  
Eric Graham @ Scuttlebutt's  
Beto Ramon @ Rigatoni's  
Rudolph Llanes @ Bella Luna  
Hank Reeves @ Roosevelt's at the Tarpon Inn  
Falco & the Wolf @ Rockit's

## Saturday, January 23

Jim Dugan @ Back Porch  
The Groove @ Treasure Island  
Brian Winfrey @ Island Italian  
Sierra Dawn @ Scuttlebutt's  
Ty Dietz @ Cassidy's Irish Pub  
Trisha Lynn Experience @ Pelican Lounge  
Ozz: Tribute to Ozzy Osbourne, Cathouse @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Alley Catz @ Brewster Street Southside  
Beto Ramon @ Rigatoni's  
Rudolph Llanes @ Bella Luna  
Billy Snipes @ Roosevelt's at the Tarpon Inn  
Meza Band @ Rockit's

## Sunday, January 24

Billy Snipes @ Doc's  
John Eric Benefit @ Pelican Lounge  
Crosstown Expressway @ House of Rock  
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's

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## Monday, January 25

Stevie Start @ Doc's  
Eric Graham @ Scuttlebutt's

## Tuesday, January 26

Stevie Start @ Doc's  
Mike Perez @ Scuttlebutt's

## Wednesday, January 27

Jerry Ward @ Doc's  
Billy Snipes @ Scuttlebutt's  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's  
Ty Dietz @ Vernon's  
Open Jam @ Executive Surf Club

## Thursday, January 28

Ruben Limas @ Island Italian  
The Alley Catz @ Flanagan's Southside  
Robin Blue @ Scuttlebutt's  
Falco & the Wolf @ Brewster Street Southside  
Sonny Salinas @ Rockit's

## Friday, January 29

Mike Isbelle & Matt Hole @ Back Porch  
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeard's  
Sierra Dawn @ Scuttlebutt's  
Josh Abbott (2 shows) @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Justin & Niki @ Brewster Street Southside  
Eric Graham @ Cassidy's  
Beto Ramon @ Rigatoni's  
Hank Reeves @ Roosevelt's at the Tarpon Inn  
Falco & the Wolf @ Rockit's

## Saturday, January 30

Riptide @ Back Porch  
Brian Winfrey @ Island Italian  
Sierra Dawn @ Scuttlebutt's  
Meza Band @ Brewster Street Southside  
The East & The Crow @ Executive Surf Club  
Tribute to Sublime/Blink 182/ No Doubt @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Beto Ramon @ Rigatoni's  
Billy Snipes @ Roosevelt's at the Tarpon Inn  
Alley Catz @ Rockit's

## Sunday, January 31

Tribute to Sublime/Blink 182/ No Doubt @ Brewster Street Downtown  
Billy Snipes @ Doc's  
Tasha Brun @ Scuttlebutt's  
Crosstown Expressway @ House of Rock  
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's

## Monday, February 1

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## Tuesday, February 2

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