



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Well caca, the dock burns and harbor hags of our fair Sandspit have just lost the only affordable medical provider many have ever known.

Dr. Ken Adwan passed on last week at the tender age of 81; to many the gent was an angel of mercy. You sliced open your thigh dressin' a hog, you or a buddy would ring up Doc and he'd say come on over to the

house. There at the kitchen table he and his wife Alice the nurse would survey the damage and more times than not, clean the wound, stitch it closed, dress it and send you on your way with a smile. Or say you had a suspicious skin eruption that needed attention, there at the kitchen table he'd cut it out and send it to the lab for analysis. You'd get the lab bill at a serious discount

but that's about all you'd be out. Even if you had a nut case of a concubine with a script from U.T. Medical Branch in Galveston that calmed her urges to go after ya with a butcher knife, when the script ran out he'd authorize the chemist to refill it. And if your condition was such that it couldn't be fixed at the kitchen table, he'd grease the skids at the local abattoir to have you fixed, often times meeting you at the facility to make sure you didn't fall through the cracks.

He did all this because he was one damn fine gentleman and was dedicated to those less fortunate. He also had a small hand in bringing to the valley the likes of Dr. Robert Ballard of Woods Hole Marine Institute, the guy who found the Titanic and David

Breashears the IMAX film demon who filmed "Into Thin Air" about the 1996 tragedy on Mount Everest. All this was part of the UTB-TSC Distinguished Lecturer Series that he and Alice helped underwrite. They and we paid the big bucks so the valley school kids could broaden their horizons free of charge. A truly remarkable feat considering we live in the buffer zone between the real world and the third world. Ken lived a long, active life and in doing so he touched many. He will be sorely missed.

This Saturday the 4th St. Andrews by the Sea will present their 12th Annual outdoors seminar at the Sandspit's convention center. The line up is a who's who of local luminaries in the worlds of the outdoors. You got Father Tom Pincelli givin' a presentation on everything that has wings, from sky rats to osprey birds of prey and Richard Moore who'll no doubt have a spectacular visual presentation on the local flora and fauna. All the local eco groups will be there from Sea Turtle Inc. to PI/SPI Shell Club to Coastal Baywatch Foundation to The Guides Association to Nature Conservancy to Texas Parks & Wildlife and the RGW Texas Master Naturalist Program. The seminar runs from seven in the AM to five PM and is free of charge, see ya there.



Island vending mogul Chris Kobel and grandson Anthony Glosen with some nice trout snagged on the bay recently. The fishin's been good.

We welcome your fishin' photos. Drop them by 2600 Padre Boulevard on the island, or mail them to I.B. Hooked, c/o Coastal Current Weekly, P.O.Box 2429, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Be sure to include the name of the angler, weight and type of fish, where caught, and name of boat if applicable. Photos with \$ASE will be returned.