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Around The Island

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Island Moon Live

By Dale Rankin

Halloween 2026 is upon us and so far the scariest thing we have seen has been the television campaign ads which make it seem like the candidates are a spectral species of ghouls, ghosts and office seeking goblins. As of mid-week we have yet to see a single dog in costume but we have a confluence of Halloween Happenstance this year with the holiday falling not only on Saturday but on the Saturday that marks the time we Fall Back our clocks so there will be an extra bewitching hour of revelry for partiers after 2 a.m. when it will become 1 a.m. once again – it will be like Déjà Vu all over again. Ah, to be young again...

Commodores Park already being used

With the ribbon cutting for the new and improved Commodores Park set for Thursday, November 5, pickleballers, hoopsters, and tennis players have already broken in the new courts there. The beautiful weather brought out Islanders over the weekend to use the new facilities in a show of how much we have needed the new additions to the park over the years.

So long Andre

For the past quarter of a century the Beach Bums have been a fixture of Island life. Like the tides you could count on finding the Bums gathered on the beach each day and catching up on surfing conditions and where the reds were biting. The Bums first began on the beach at Zahn Road then moved south after the opening of Packery Channel in 2005 and Beach Bum #1 was Islander Andre LaVoy. Each day Andre would post his duck decoy on a stick to slow down traffic then paint sea shells gold and spread them on the beach to the delight of kids of all ages. Andre was the consummate Islander who took full advantage of the easy access to our local beaches and showed the rest of us how to live our best Island life.

A few years ago Andre and his wife moved east to be near family and this week word came that he passed away at the age of 86. It will be impossible to replace Andre *Around the Island* and his photo will be the latest addition

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Early Voting turnout breaks records

First nine days of balloting already exceeds 2022 total



Voting signs outside of the Island Presbyterian church

By Dale Rankin

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In 2022 a total of 89,744 votes were cast across the city in mid-term election, the 2026 totals if the trend continues look to shatter

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Beachcombing Report

A Beachcomber's Halloween Nightmare



Jace Tunnell holding a doll covered in barnacles.

There is nothing quite like a doll with snail eggs coming out of its eyes to ruin a perfectly pleasant walk on the beach.

I find about 20 dolls each year during my beachcombing surveys. Some have barnacles growing out of their heads. Others are missing hair, limbs, or whatever innocence they once possessed.

Some may enter the Gulf through rivers or get left behind on beach-

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Property Owners Association proposes water flow restriction devices for Island canals

Two structures would leave "12 to 15 foot" opening for boat passage

By Dale Rankin

The Padre Isles Property Owners Association this week announced they are exploring plans to place two water flow restriction devices in canals that could be closed

during high water events to protect the 32 miles of island bulkheads.

The two structures would be constructed of sheet piling with a "12 to 15 foot" gap in the center of the canal for boat passage, the opening

could be closed with the use of panels when a surge tide from an approaching storm or other high water events is eminent, according to plans presented at the monthly meeting of the PIPOA

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A little Island history

Laguna Fisherman Were a Colorful Lot

By Bobbie Kimbrell

Editor's note: Bobbie Kimbrell moved to Flour Bluff in the early 1940s where he was a commercial fisherman and where he still lives.

There have been thousands of men and some women who have commercial fished in the Laguna Madre and some of them were very colorful characters.

Some were very adventurous and some could be called renegades because they broke what game laws there were in helping to eke out a living. The average fisherman didn't drink any more than the average worker of any profession although some of them drank to excesses and there were some teetotalers. Some spent all of their catch on alcohol and had to borrow money from the fish dealer for a loan to make the next fishing trip.

Up toward the bulkheads

Most fishermen were very generous and would give you the shirt off their back and would help you learn how to catch fish, but would hardly ever tell where they made their catch or the exact locations.

If you asked a fisherman where he was fishing he would usually say, "up toward the bulkheads,

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Island Moon website launch

QR Code will allow readers to receive latest issue by cell phone

The first draft of the new Island Moon website is launching next week. Starting in the next issue of the Island Moon we will include a QR Code to allow Moon readers to receive the new edition of the paper through their cell phones by connecting to the new site which will still be a work in progress.

The new site will include a comprehensive history of Padre Island and the surrounding area drawn from the past three decades of the Island Moon as well as an *Ask the Editor* box to allow readers to submit questions.

Look for the QR Code in the next edition of the Island Moon!

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Briones receives prestigious TxDOT award

Gilchrist award honors outstanding agency engineer



Joseph Briones, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation Corpus Christi Deputy District Engineer, recently received the 2026 Gibb Gilchrist Award.

The annual award, one of TxDOT’s prestigious Big Five awards, recognizes an outstanding TxDOT engineer who demonstrates exceptional leadership and management with dedication to innovation and collaboration while overcoming highly complex highway engineering challenges.

Briones received the honor this month as part of the agency’s 100th Centennial Short Course at Texas A&M University.

During his more than 20 years with TxDOT, Briones has served in numerous leadership positions with the Corpus Christi District, including, and most notably, as Project Manager for the US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement Project.

Briones grew up in Orange Grove and attended Texas Tech University where he received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering.

Gilchrist was a TxDOT pioneer serving as the state highway engineer and dean of engineering, president and first chancellor for Texas A&M University.

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I'm personally asking for your vote.

Corpus Christi deserves better than what we have seen over the last two years. The division and negativity from leadership have stained our city's reputation at both the state and national levels. **It's time for a change.** Resolving our critical water infrastructure challenges and restoring our city's credibility requires **leadership with a clear vision, experience, and a willingness to work together despite differences.**

With your vote, we can shift the direction of our city council towards collaboration, progress, and a **better future for District 4.**

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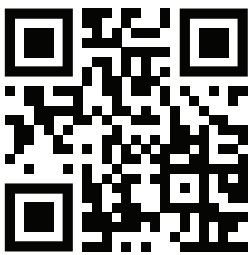


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Letters to the Editor

I AM WHEEL. HEAR ME SQUEAK.



Hello Dale,

I enjoyed reading your article titled “Box 13 and the Election That Will Live in Infamy” published in the February 25, 2016 edition of *The Island Moon*. However, there is a factual misstatement in the last paragraph of said article regarding the death of George Parr on April 1, 1975 on his Los Horcones Ranch, to-wit: George Parr did **not** shoot himself with a “shotgun” as alleged. In truth and in fact, George Parr shot himself in the head with a .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol belonging to his attorney, Nago Alaniz. See *The Duke of Duval, The Life & Times of George B. Parr* by Dudley Lynch, Texian Press (1976), pp. 130-31. See also *The Fall of the Duke of Duval* by John E. Clark, Eakin Press (1995), pp. 17-20. You may also want to search the archives of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* for news articles written by Joe Coudert reporting the events of April 1, 1975 in Duval County. Moreover, as an Assistant Attorney General of Texas, I was present in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Owen Cox in Corpus Christi on the afternoon of March 31, 1975, when George Parr failed to appear for his revocation hearing; and on April 1, 1975, I personally observed the body of George Parr, with its fatal .45 caliber head wound, at a funeral home in San Diego. At the time of his death, inside his Chrysler automobile parked near a windmill on his Los Horcones Ranch, George Parr had in his possession an AR-15 assault rifle, in addition to the .45 pistol, but he had no shotgun, just for the record. Otherwise, your article on Box 13 was commendable, and I look forward to reading more of your interesting and informative articles in future editions of the *Moon*. Keep up your good work!

Best Wishes,

Jerry Carruth

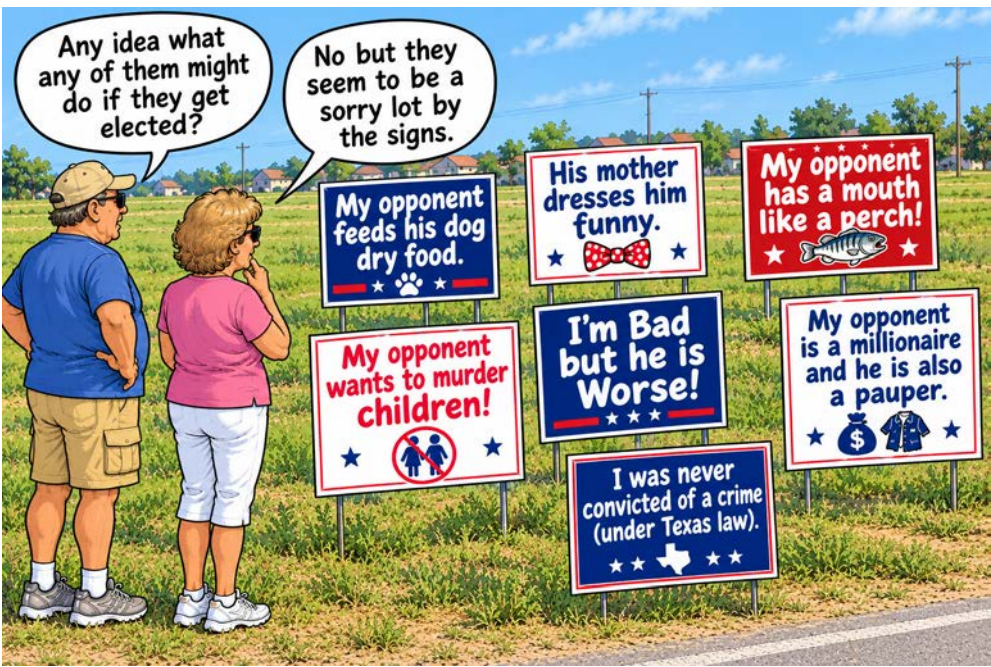
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Board Tuesday would be located on PIPOA owned property north of the existing bridge on Whitecap Blvd. and a second north of the bridge over Commodores Drive.

A prior plan to construct a seagate at the entrance to Lake Padre from Packery Channel to replace the gate removed in 2022 was not mentioned at Tuesday’s meeting.

Board members said Tuesday the next step in the process to move forward with the two water flow restriction devices is to seek an engineering firm to design the structures and to determine if a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be necessary. The plan for the devices comes with the anticipation of removal of the sand dam east of the Don Patricio Bridge which currently blocks water flow into the island canal system from the east. Board members said they are meeting with city officials this week to request that the dam remain in place until water flow meters can be installed to record water velocity through the system prior to the removal of the sand dam so that it can be contrasted to flow after its removal. They said those devices are anticipated to be in place “in the next 60 days.” They said water flow has increased with the opening of the canal under the Commodores Dr. Bridge and has caused some washouts around bulkheads on Jackfish Ave.

The cost estimate for the two proposed structures and a timeline for their design and construction was not given.



Island Obituary

Andre Maurice LaVoy

September 17, 1940 – October 11, 2026
Andre during his service as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot
Andre Maurice LaVoy, 86, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories, extraordinary adventures, and a legacy of love, laughter, and friendship.
Born on September 17, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, to Llewelyn and Elda LaVoy, Andre attended Milford High School, graduating with the Class of 1959. A gifted athlete, he excelled in both football and track and field, setting a state high school record in the high jump. His athletic talents earned him a football scholarship to Western Michigan University, where he continued his education before beginning a life of service and adventure.
Andre first served in the United States Navy before going on to distinguish himself as a helicopter pilot in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.
A decorated veteran, Andre was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary heroism while participating in aerial flight. His courage under enemy fire, unwavering dedication to his fellow soldiers, and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty reflected the remarkable character of a man who lived his life with bravery, integrity, and heart. His military service was a source of tremendous pride and an enduring part of his legacy. Following his military career, Andre relocated to Texas and continued his passion for aviation as a pilot for Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. (PHI). His career in aviation took him around the world, providing opportunities to experience new places, explore different cultures, and enjoy countless adventures. Flying was more than a profession for Andre; it was a lifelong passion that perfectly suited his adventurous spirit and love of discovery.
Beyond his distinguished flying career, Andre had an unmistakable zest for life and a wonderful sense of humor. He was passionate about Formula One and NA-SCAR racing and was an enthusiastic sports fan who enjoyed following the University of Michigan Wolverines, Detroit Tigers, and Kansas City Chiefs. He loved photography and had a gift for capturing life’s moments, although those who knew him might say his greatest talent was delivering a perfectly timed—and often wonderfully corny—dad joke. Andre never missed an opportunity to make someone laugh.
But of all the places Andre’s adventures took him, none held his heart quite like the beaches of Padre Island, Texas. It was there, surrounded by sunshine, sand, and an incredible circle of friends, that Andre was truly in his element. An avid shuffleboard player and enthusiastic participant in beach golf, he embraced the easygoing island lifestyle and the friendships that made it so special.



Andre during his service as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot

Andre also had a deep appreciation for the natural beauty of the island and the wild-life that called it home. He volunteered his time helping protect endangered sea turtles, assisting with the identification of nesting sites, supporting hatchling releases, and contributing to conservation efforts during nesting season. It was one of the many ways he quietly gave back to a place he loved so dearly.
He also had a particularly endearing tradition of collecting seashells, painting them gold, and leaving them along the beach for unsuspecting children to discover—a small gesture that perfectly captured his generous heart and playful spirit. Andre was a beloved presence on Padre Island, where his warmth, humor, and genuine love of people earned him countless lifelong friends.
One of Andre’s favorite places was the Pelican Bar on Padre Island, a place that would forever hold a particularly special meaning. On November 11, 2011—11/11/11—he married the love of his life, Glenda, there. Their marriage was a beautiful chapter in Andre’s life, filled with love, companionship, laughter, and treasured memories.
Above all else, Andre loved his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Glenda; his three children, Adam LaVoy (Kristy), Alan LaVoy, and Eric LaVoy; and his five stepchildren, Lisa Crary (Brian), Jack Cimino (Tony), Paula Jones (Mark), Christopher Walker (Samantha), and Joey Walker (Dana). He also leaves behind one granddaughter, eight step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren, along with countless friends whose lives were brighter because he was part of them.
Andre had a rare ability to make people feel welcome, to find humor in the everyday, and to turn ordinary moments into lasting memories. Whether sharing stories, cheering on his favorite teams, enjoying a day at the beach, or spending time with those he loved, he approached life with enthusiasm and an unmistakable spirit.
He was a decorated soldier, a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, a generous, loyal friend, and a man who knew how to enjoy life.
Andre will be deeply missed by his family, his many friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. While his absence leaves an immeasurable void, his legacy lives on in the laughter he inspired, the friendships he nurtured, the love he shared, and the countless memories he leaves behind.
And somewhere, we like to imagine, Andre has found a sunny spot on the beach, a shuffleboard game waiting, and one more dad joke ready to tell.

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Stuff I Heard on the Island

By Dale Rankin



Jay Gardner, Craig Thompson, Dale Rankin, and Jacob Augs on the radio show live each Thursday from Doc's

Each Thursday a group of us gather downstairs at Doc's Seafood & Steaks and do a live radio show for two hours to talk about all things Island. It airs on KEYS Radio and on YouTube under the Island Moon Live title. I began doing the show with long-time local radio host Jim Lago since what was supposed to be a one-time only show in 2021 that somehow turned into a regular gig then a show with Blake Farenthold and with the passing of both of them it fell to me to keep going.

The show began out on Tupper Road where the Clear Channel Radio studios are located and then migrated to Blake's house then finally to Doc's where it has settled in for the past three or four years. It also moved around on the radio dial to KEYS Radio 1440 AM and 98.7 FM where you can catch the audio version and the YouTube channel where you can see the video.

It's an interesting location for a radio show because it includes the soundtrack of The Island in the form of squawking seagulls, the motor whine of passing tug boats, and the cackling of grackles grabbing packets of sugar off of neighboring tables that are picked up by the six live microphones we use. The show is somewhere between National Public Radio and Howard Stern as we have had everyone from the chair of the Port of Corpus Christi to our friend Ernie Buttler, to the kids from the Challenge Team at Flour Bluff High School.

The first hour of the show goes on live from 11 a.m. to noon then we continue on YouTube as that portion of the show is taped to run at 1 p.m. on KEYS after they simulcast the noon news from KRIS. We try to avoid office seekers during the election season, with a few exceptions, since there is plenty

of space on the radio waves for that on other shows. The last thing we want to become is a show that is an echo chamber of stump speeches by the great and near-great. We do keep an open mic for Islanders with upcoming events to talk about and anyone is invited to stop by as long as you are comfortable in front of a live microphone.

We also use a soundtrack from recordings with local musicians who own the publishing rights to their own material with regular appearances by Stevie Start, Billy Snipes, and Ty Dietz who play us in and out of breaks.

So if you have something you want to say or you just want to stop by and see how the sausage is made we are there each Thursday making radio on Island Time.



We like to stay near the Twin Lakes of Muddle and Puddle when we do the show.



Last week we were entertained with the removal of the dilapidated sailboat that had taken up residence under the JFK.



The Radio show cast from 7-31-2025 with Jay Gardner, Jacob Augs, Dale Rankin, Charlie Zahn, Greg Smith, and Dr. Brian Gulley



Billy Snipes plays the show on from a break on 9-17-2026 with Debbie Noble, Natalie Williams, and Sheriff J.C. Hooper

The Port A Cookbook



The Ghosts of Restaurants Past

By Chris Jordan

The legendary Grey Moss Inn in Grey Forest, Texas, was a great place to have landed for my very first restaurant job. It was an easy choice: it was just down the way on the same rural road my family's miniature horse farm was on. The farm was miniature; the horses were full-sized. And to be clear, The Grey Moss Inn wasn't an inn at all. It was a restaurant, and a hell-of-a-one at that.

It was where I learned about washing dishes, peeling garlic, busing tables, waiting tables, playing host, schmoozing bigger tips, wine, steak temps, cigarettes, drugs, girls, staying up all night, and doing it again for days in a row. It was like being at a CIA campus that had gone off the rails and Kitchen Confidential was the curriculum. The Grey Moss Inn made it 90 years. That's 540 in restaurant years. It's a Mexican restaurant now. I'm just glad I was there smack-dab in the middle of its heyday. The place certainly left its mark. I can still remember my coworkers' names. Remembering The Grey Moss Inn is melancholy for me for sure, but that's the thing about restaurants — even the great ones — they don't last forever.

I worked at a couple of restaurants after that, but I wouldn't be thrust into another formative restaurant experience until I moved to Port Aransas in 1992. Guy Carnathan had never owned a restaurant before Beulah's. Hell, he hadn't even worked in one. That turned out to be more blessing than curse, though. Guy was blazing a trail for sure — it was like riding a culinary comet. I'd never seen food done with such elevated intention before. What Guy did have that ended up being his ace in the hole was exceptionally good taste. In food, though not necessarily in any other aspect of the restaurant business — he hired me, after all.

My girlfriend, Beedle, went to work there first and recruited me soon after. I was thrust among a crew that was both rag-tag and exceptionally well-suited for the



Guy Carnathan and the author, October 9, 1993

task at hand: survive the restaurant's first summer. I'd made it through basic training at The Grey Moss Inn, but I had not seen any real combat until that summer of '93. It was trial by fire — the kind of experience you share with others and NEVER forget. Now's as good a time as any for the inevitable shout-out: Julie Caraker, Beedle Scalan, Andy Wells, Cita Palmeros, and Guy Carnathan, of course. Many others came later, but that was the crew at the core of Beulah's origin story.

Beulah's morphed into the waterfront where it was mostly-sorta known as The

Pelican Club. It carried on for a few years, wound on down, eventually closed, and the building it left vacant fell into the marina during Hurricane Harvey.

Years later, I would open a restaurant of my own, Tacorama. Beedle came to work there shortly after and pretty much ran the show from then on. If you were in Port Aransas at the end of the last millennium, you had some of our tacos. Locals, tourists, school kids, and fishermen were among the folks that kept us in business day after day: 6 AM to 1 PM ... every single day. It was brutally hot in that little thatched-roof taco hut. It vanquished all but the strong. Lots of good folks passed through its doors, but I remember Mark Pulich and Gloria Fisher for sure. I burned my finger once and Gloria said to let her see it. After she'd given it a glance, she leveled a scornfully disappointed look my way and said, "Oh, good lord, child! That ain't nothing! I've had worse on my eyeball!" Mark went on to complete culinary school, become the chef at Venetian Hot Plate, and now operates his own restaurant, The Roasted Clove over in Corpus Christi.

I opened another restaurant, Shrimp House, and then The Flats Lounge. I thought all three of those joints were pretty cool and a lot of y'all had a hand in making them so. By 1999, I was partying like it was 1999 and just never stopped. It was what my friend Preecher Williams has come to call "the good ole, bad ole days." If you had to put up with me and my BS around that time, I hope you can please forgive me. By 2004, I figured I was about to get run off the island and decided to see myself out before that happened. I didn't leave town in a barrel, but that was only because I couldn't afford one. If it wasn't for Celean Duthie loading me up in her land yacht and driving me to her cabin in the arid mountains of eastern Washington, I might not have made it. Thank you, Celean.

There's just one more restaurant I need to tell about before I get to the one I really want to talk about. Beedle and our son Jordan had come to live in Kerrville and Celean was willing to relocate there from the Pacific Northwest so I could be near Jordan. I would need a job immediately upon arrival, and had sniffed out an ideal prospect. I managed to get Blake Pickett on the phone, and after we'd chatted a bit, he and I both knew we were right for each other: he was soon to be opening a killer restaurant in Kerrville and I — well, I needed a job.

River's Edge Tuscan Grille was the closest thing to fine dining Kerrville ever had and will probably ever have. The well-researched menu was developed from Blake's travel in Italy as well as his lifelong dedication to crafting great food. We had a good crew, a great clientele, daily specials, and an all-Italian wine list. We made history there, both professionally and personally — Blake met his wife Stephanie there and that's exactly where they got hitched. Blake sold the restaurant to a guy who couldn't keep the doors open. Sometimes there's not even an apparent reason a successful restaurant fails under new ownership. It just happens. It's a tale as old as time.

I'm gonna leave it right here for now, and even though most of y'all know where this is going, you're gonna have to wait until next week to get some closure ... so to speak.

Island Construction Update



Drivers headed OTB of late have been asking about the new developments going in east of SPID near the base of the JFK Bridge. The work consists of two projects.

The new structure at 14,102 SPID is the Lighthouse Center which is a two-story 32,000-plus square-foot building that will be home to Real Life Church which is the owner and anchor tenant that will take up about half of the space in the building. The remainder will include space for commercial, meeting, recreational, and retail space, and a 3000 square-foot

restaurant with an operator still to be announced.

The newer development still in the foundation stage will be home to the Surfing Crab Cajun seafood restaurant which announced in July they are opening two new locations across the city. The development will also have retail space available with a scheduled opening in February, 2027. The Nueces Appraisal District lists the property owner as Purnama LLC.

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(where Corpus Christi Bay meets the Laguna Madre); or down below which meant south of Pita Island. If he said the Lower End it meant south of Baffin Bay or before you get to the Nine Mile Hole which is also called the Graveyard because so many fish suffocated in the hot salty water in the summertime when the tide got so low the fish were trapped in the hold. Some fishermen would say they were fishing in the flats, (shallow water), or in the deep or on the Padre side (eastside), or the King Ranch side, (west side or west shore).

Nearly every new fisherman added some new ideas or new means of catching fish which helped the fishing industry. In the earliest days of fishing the nets were made of cotton and the stageings, (Leaders), made of cotton with iron fishhooks that rusted fast. The nets changed from cotton to linen and eventually to nylon and monofilament and the hooks changed from plates to stainless steel. Different types of hooks were used, such as New York trout hooks and Eagle claw which were smaller hooks used on the trotlines.

Winfield Garfield Bowman

When the weather was bad and too rough to go fishing a lot of fishermen would gather at the fish market and swap stories of past fishing experiences or about where they came from originally and what their previous life was all about.

One of the most interesting and colorful fishermen I ever met was Winfield Garfield Bowman. He was from New York City and lived near Fulton Fish Market on Long Island. At that time and for 100 years the Fulton Fish Market was the largest fish market in the world. During the Spanish American War Windy was a cook in the Army and was in the battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba. He drew a pension from being in that war. Windy built his own 35-foot motor boat that he stayed on while fishing down the Lagoon and he built his own 16-foot skiff that he used for fishing. Windy was heavy on the salt and put a lot of salt in everything he cooked, including the coffee.

Windy was about six feet tall and on the slim side but strong and durable. In the winter months Windy caught a lot of drum and usually loaded up the ice box in the motor boat in two or three days. In the early spring Windy was famous for making a trap set on the King Ranch shoreline and caught a lot of sow trout, five to eight pounds on average. At that time, about when the Intracoastal Canal was completed, the water had so much salt in it that it had the color of strawberry soda water which made for better gill net fishing. Windy always had a bottle of good whiskey on board in case the game warden came by for a visit. Windy was also a gambler and would gamble on just about anything; poker, moon and dominoes and the punch boards. Windy stayed in the Nueces Hotel in downtown Corpus Christi when he wasn't fishing. One winter my dad fished with Windy in Baffin Bay and they caught a good load of drum on every trip. At age 69 Windy died in the Spohn Hospital of pneumonia.

Ace Kimbrell

Another fisherman who I call colorful was my dad, Samuel Acie (Ace) Kimbrell. At age sixteen he learned how to survey working with a surveyor. From there he got into the cement business of building small cement bridges and culverts when the first paved roads in Texas were built. Ace's surveying skill helped the contractor bid on the jobs. If the contractor won the bid, Ace would subcontract the job and he and two

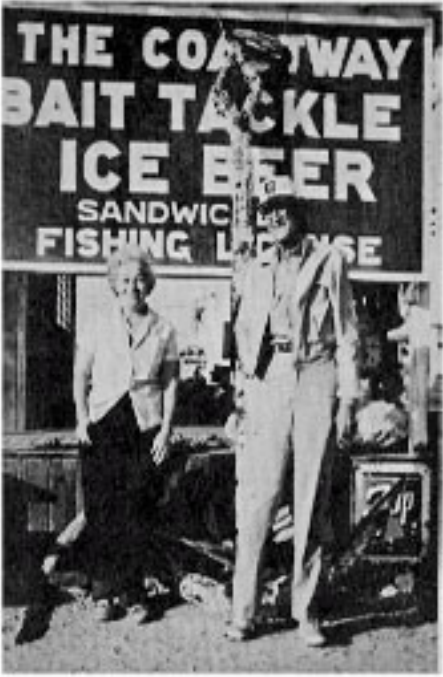
of his brothers would build the bridges. Ace hired two men of Mexican descent to do the cement finishing. They could do whatever finish was needed on the cement and were known Texas-wide as the best in that trade.

On his time off from working Ace spent most of his time fishing with a rod and reel in a river, lake or just anywhere there was some water. Ace's last cement job was on the construction of the NAS-CC where he worked on the cement bulkheads and the unique underground fuel tanks for the airplanes. After that Ace's health got bad and he gave up the cement work for a try at commercial fishing. Being inexperienced in commercial fishing Ace nearly starved to death to start with but eventually made a go out of it with the help of other fishermen.

After the JFK Causeway was completed in 1950, Ace and another fisherman and a former superintendent of Flour Bluff school put in the first bait stand ever on the Intracoastal Canal south of the former swing bridge. After a few years Ace became the sole owner of the Red Dot Bait Stand and ran it until he retired. While commercial fishing and running the Red Dot, Ace did a lot of rod and reel fishing, fishing under the birds, where trout kicked up shrimp and the birds flocked over them. Ace caught a lot of trout. Fishing in the flats with a Johnson spoon Ace caught a lot of large redbfish as they were tailing in the shallow water. At one time Ace was the president of the Flour Bluff-Padre Island Business Association with the members taking turns to be president for one year. Ace made one of the first removable popping corks out of cork, which resulted in the first plastic popping cork.

When it got cold in the winter Ace would go fishing on the west bank of the canal across from John Bean's Pier, (no Snoppy's), and catch a lot of big trout with a mirror lure or live shrimp. One morning he caught a Number 3 tub of trout with a mirror lure on live shrimp in one hour and gave them to his customers at the Red Dot Bait Stand. Ace demonstrated the first spinning reel to customers but hardly ever sold one because they could be bought for less elsewhere.

Through the years there have been so many colorful commercial fishermen that it would take volumes to write about all of them. Their catches of trout and redbfish were a blessing for the housewife who bought fish at the market since trout and redbfish are the top choice.



On of the original bait stand owners was Louis Rawalt who owned The Coastway where Packery Bar & Grill building is now located



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Sports Talk Special to the Island Moon



By-Dotson Lewis

The Baseball World Series-Part 1

Dotson's Note: The World Series is the annual championship series of Major League Baseball (MLB), a professional baseball league operating in the United States and Canada, contested between the champion teams of the American League (AL) and the National League (NL). The winning team, determined through a best-of-seven playoff, is declared the champions of the league (often called "world champions") and awarded the Commissioner's Trophy. It was first played in 1903 to determine the championship team of baseball after the American League declared itself the second major-league circuit in the United States to compete with the previously established National League. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Wikipedia for the facts and photos contained in this report.



Commissioner's Trophy

Qualification to the World Series is determined through a postseason tournament consisting of six teams per league — three teams who won their respective divisions and three teams who achieved the best win-loss record overall but failed to clinch a division title. The team which have won their league's tournament, or clinched a pennant, qualify for the World Series against the other league's pennant winner.

The series is traditionally played in October, although sometimes the series is played into November due to the expansion of the MLB postseason. Because the series is played in the fall (autumn) season in North America, it is often referred to as the Fall Classic.

Before the AL and NL were split into divisions in 1969, the team with the best regular-season win-loss record in each league won that league's pennant and advanced to the World Series, barring a tie necessitating a pennant playoff. Since the introduction of the Major League Baseball postseason playoff format in 1969, each league has conducted a League Championship Series (ALCS and NLCS) preceding the World Series to determine which of its teams will advance, while those series have been preceded in turn by Division Series (ALDS and NLDS) since 1995, and Wild Card games or series in each league since 2012. Until 2002, home-field advantage in the World Series alternated from year to year between the AL and NL. From 2003 to 2016, home-field advantage was given to the league that won that year's All-Star Game. Starting in 2017, home-field advantage was awarded to the league champion team with the better regular-season win-loss record regardless of that team's seeding in earlier postseason rounds (i.e. a Wild Card team in one league will be given home-field advantage over a division winner in the other league if it had the better record or wins the tie-breaking procedure).

The World Series has been contested 121 times through 2025, with the AL team winning 68 times and the NL team 53. The current World Series champions are the Los Angeles Dodgers of the National League, who defeated the AL's Toronto Blue Jays in seven games.

The Original World Series

Before 1882, when the American Association was formed as a second major league, the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players (1871–1875) and then the National League (founded 1876) represented the top level of organized baseball in the United States. All championships were awarded to the team with the best record at the end of the season, without a postseason series being played. From 1884 to 1890, the National League and the American Association faced each other in a series of games at the end of the season to determine an overall champion. These series were disorganized in comparison to the modern World Series, with the terms arranged through negotiation of the owners of the championship teams beforehand. The number of games played ranged from as few as three in 1884 (Providence defeated New York three games to zero), to a high of fifteen in 1887 (Detroit beat St. Louis ten games to five). Both the 1885 and 1890 Series ended in ties, each team having won three games with one tie game.

The series was promoted and referred to as "The Championship of the United States", "World's Championship Series", or "World's Series" for short. An urban myth holds the name "World Series" came from a putative sponsorship by the *New York World* newspaper. The earliest such claim found by Snopes was made in 1991 by Nick Auf der Maur. Ben Zimmer posits confusion with *The World Almanac*, whose name does reflect being founded by the newspaper.

The 19th-century competitions are not officially recognized as part of World Series history by Major League Baseball, which considers 19th-century baseball to be a prologue to the modern baseball era. As late as approximately 1960, some sources treated the 19th-century series on an equal basis with the 20th-century series. After about 1930, however, many authorities date the modern World Series to 1903 and discuss the earlier contests separately. (For example, the 1929 *World Almanac* lists "Baseball World's Championships 1884–1928" in a single table, while the 1943 edition lists "Baseball World's Championships 1903–1942".)

1892–1900: "The Monopoly Years"

Following the collapse of the American Association after the 1891 season, the National League was again the only major league. The league championship was awarded in 1892 by a playoff between split season champions. This scheme was abandoned after one season. Beginning in 1893—and continuing until divisional play was introduced in 1969—the pennant was awarded to the first-place club in the standings at the end of the season. For four seasons, 1894–1897, the league champions played the runners-up in the postseason championship series called the Temple Cup. A second attempt at this format was the *Chronicle-Telegraph* Cup series, which was played only once, in 1900.

In 1901, the American League was formed as a second major league. No championship series were played in 1901 or 1902 as the National and American Leagues fought each other for business supremacy (in 1902, the top teams instead opted to compete in a football championship).

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Nature Notes

Mottled, Mallard, or a Species Between?



Florida Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula fulvigula*) pair; male (left) and female (right).

Photo by Katie Titsworth

By: Katie Titsworth

If you’ve ever stared at a brown duck through binoculars, wondering whether you’re looking at a female, an immature bird, or a male in eclipse plumage, you know how tricky duck identification can be. On Florida’s Gulf Coast, however, telling these ducks apart is becoming increasingly important as the endemic Florida Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula fulvigula*) is hybridizing with feral Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) at an alarming rate.

The Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) is a year-round resident of the Gulf Coast, making it the only dabbling duck species in this region that both nests and winters here. Mottled Ducks are found in their highest numbers in the coastal prairies and wetlands of the western Gulf Coast, where they are a highly valued game species. There are two distinct subspecies of the Mottled Duck: the Gulf Coast Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula maculosa*), found along the coast from Alabama to Tamaulipas, Mexico, and the Florida Mottled Duck, endemic to peninsular Florida.

Wild Mallards winter in low concentrations throughout Florida and migrate to their northern breeding areas in the spring. However, their feral counterparts are found year-round in the state, primarily within urban and suburban areas. As a result, the range of feral Mallards completely overlaps with the relatively small breeding range of endemic Mottled Ducks, which extends from Alachua County southward.

Observations of the two species in mixed flocks and pairs have been noted for over 20 years by birders and biologists alike, and they are even capable of producing fertile hybrid offspring. This poses a serious threat to the Florida Mottled Duck population as the subspecies is genetically “swamped” by the overabundant feral Mallards.

Research has demonstrated a concerningly high hybridization rate between Florida Mottled Ducks and Mallards, at around 95%. Genetic analyses reveal that more individuals are identified as hybrids, colloquially known as “Muddled” ducks, than as genetically

distinct members of either species. Hybrids can be identified largely by their unique facial streaking, often showing patches of iridescent green on the head, a trait not seen in pure Mottled Duck individuals with an unstreaked, buffy face.

Although permits are required for the possession, purchase, or selling of domestic Mallards in Florida, these birds are illegally released in concerningly large numbers throughout the state. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) estimates that over 12,000 Mallards are purchased and potentially released across the state each year, often for aesthetic purposes. In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the FWC provides permits for the control of feral Mallards through lethal control and trapping (May 1st–August 31st) and destruction of nests and eggs (year-round). However, such control methods appear to have a limited effect on hybrid prevalence, based on population surveys and increasing observations by birders in peninsular Florida.

Threats to Mottled Ducks are not centralized to the Florida Gulf Coast. Coastal marsh loss in Texas and Louisiana forces these ducks into urban wetland areas, potentially increasing contact with Mallards. Hybridization rates between these species have not been extensively analyzed within this area of the Mottled Duck range, but such habitat loss raises concerns about similar genetic swamping to that occurring in Florida.

Protecting the Florida Mottled Duck means preserving more than a familiar face in our coastal wetlands. As a subspecies endemic to peninsular Florida, it represents a unique part of the state’s natural heritage, one that could be lost if hybridization continues unchecked. Reducing the release of domestic Mallards,

protecting wetland habitats, and monitoring hybridization are important steps toward ensuring that Mottled Ducks remain a distinct part of our Gulf Coast wildlife for generations to come.

Beachcombing Report

Beachcombing cont. from A1

es, then travel with winds and ocean currents before washing ashore in Texas. Their exact origins are usually a mystery, and the dolls have been reluctant to cooperate.

With Halloween approaching, there is no reason I should be the only one losing sleep.

Recently, I rode past a doll lying facedown on Matagorda Peninsula. It wore a sandy white dress, had a full head of hair, and looked disturbingly realistic. Pale skin and tar smeared across both legs completed the scene. I did a double take from my electric bike, briefly thinking I had found a body. Fortunately, it was a doll about two and a half feet tall. My heart eventually accepted that explanation.

Then there is the post at mile marker 30 at Padre Island National Seashore. Dolls are nailed to it or tied around it. I regularly inspect the residents. New ones appear while older ones become increasingly weathered by sunshine and salt air. The area is supposedly haunted. My only encounter involved getting stuck in deep sand. That was sufficient.

Occasionally, these finds pay off. HBO comedian John Oliver once paid \$10,000 for my collection of about a dozen dolls, then destroyed them. A reasonable approach to home security. I donated the money to the Amos Rehabilitation Keep in Port Aransas, which rehabilitates sea turtles and birds.

So, the next time you find a beach doll, consider the possibilities. It might help wildlife. It might haunt your dreams. Either way, I recommend checking the eyes before bringing it home.

Sleep tight tonight.

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Mile marker 30 on the Padre Island National Seashore covered in dolls.



Creepy doll found on Padre Island National Seashore.



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On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

The Sweet Spot of Fall

I attended the TPWD artificial reefing workshop the other day, and a few things stuck out. Mainly, the new regulations being promulgated from the Feds are becoming more and more onerous over time. The amount of red tape being required for applications has quadrupled from what it was just a few years ago and organizations that were already strapped for time and money in these efforts are literally being tripped up.

We want to be waiting on materials, not on paperwork and permits. We lose materials of opportunity all along the Texas coast because either we don't have a place to store them, we don't have the money on hand to move them, or the main reason is, we don't have the permit to reef them. The folks at TPWD are doing the best they can, but applying for a permit, then waiting for two years and going back and forth over minutiae details is borderline not acceptable. I have to give a shout out to Lindsey and MaryBeth for doing more work than what they are handed.

The main issue is that it takes 2-3 years to get these US Army Corps of Engineers permits, and a good deal of that is waiting on National Marine Fisheries to figure out if a pile of rocks in the middle of nowhere in the gulf is going to somehow massacre a bunch of sea turtles and manta rays. You know, because a pile of concrete culverts and concrete pyramids is extremely hazardous. These 2,000 lb pieces of concrete may grow a brain, become sentient, transform into motile organisms, and take down a manta ray. Yes, I'm being facetious, but come on, there has got to be some form of logic and common sense applied to these situations. The part that really hurts is that it takes 2-3 years to get a permit that is only good for 24 months, and then you have to start the entire process over again.

Some of the main reasons for the declines worldwide of sea turtles and manta rays is bycatch in longlining, gillnetting, small scale fisheries, and of course Asian trade

in gill plates, because as you guessed it, ancient medicine claims that tonic made from the ground bones of manta rays gives you special powers. Those types of fishing aren't legal here in the States, we kicked the massive longlining operations out of our EEZ, and I don't know of anyone who puts zip in their step by grinding stingray bones. So I'm not sure why we get punished for something that is going on on the other side of the world? If you want to make a difference for these sea creatures, then hop a plane to Indonesia and take the poachers head on instead of sitting in an office in Tampa and hiding behind a mountain of paperwork. Rant over.

There are still a few migrating birds around. We were sitting at the cabin in the Laguna the other day, and I had just noticed that my hummingbird feeder was dry, and right on cue, a hummingbird flew up right in front of us sitting there. I felt bad that I didn't have an adequate supply of sugar at the cabin to fill it up again. That's on the top of the list for the next trip down. There have been some great migrants coming through that are on the rare and range extension list on eBird. There are still somewhere around 75 million birds a night that are headed our direction and waiting on the next cold front to push them south.

We are sitting in what I consider the sweet spot of the fall right now with temps in the mid 80's and lows in the low 70's at night. It's still not enough for me to turn off the A/C, but it feels pretty comfortable most of the time. Beachcombing has been pretty good from what I'm reading, but I wouldn't know because I am chained to this chair. I'm assuming fishing is pretty similar as well, so it's time to get out there. The Island Strategic Action Committee is next week, as well as the Commodores Park ribbon cutting. I'll see you there. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.



Roadkill Willie on the grill on another beautiful day at the cabin!



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Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Changing winds, Change plans!



Mr John held this MONSTER BULL RED high after it demolished a topwater plug while we were fishing a spoil area along the ICW south of Bird Island. Farah

The sky ignited in bright orange and yellows, breaking dawn into a heavenly painting of a new day. I looked over my shoulder as I made my way south, with friends recently passed on my mind. Ancient peoples that lived here along the ocean believed you could channel a connection with our loved ones as the sun met the horizon over the sea. I have to say I feel the same way. My friend Jeff Kratz made that journey south for decades, shrimping, fishing, building cabins, lots of fun hunting trips, and most important trips to the cabin with grandchildren! A man finds his sole in the quiet moments like a rising sun over the water, puts your thoughts and focus in check. If you are not able to watch the sun rise, catch up to it as it falls a few times a week. You might find some great memories of folks gone from us and many a little bit of yourself in that sky.

The variable temperatures and weather changes have given us some beautiful sky canvas, and fishing has been both excellent and frustrating. Both are normal for the month of October, a month of change. Anglers must remember that there is a smorgasbord of food sources readily available to gamefish all over the bay and the surf. This has put mature gamefish on a pattern of holding tight to the best bait, and waiting for the best lunar feeding times to take a meal. High tides are also a normal condition this time of year and spread everything out over a fast and shallow expanse. Many anglers are beating their summer program to death, using what was working this summer far too late in the year. Covering water and staying loose and maneuverable is key in constantly getting into good catching.

Drift fishing over anchoring up will allow you to find out what water level in the bay fish and bait are concentrated in. Matching maps, GPS, even Google on your phone to your drift fishing will let you figure where the bait is relatively to the bottom changes. Pin point where you have seen the most bait and that's where you need to be during predicted lunar feeding times. We drift using a drift anchor or bag; this slows us down and keeps us square so that casting is easier as a group.

When we have light winds don't slow you down too much, the sound of landing baits and lures over and over again in the same location will spook fish. Windy conditions are best 10-20mph. In light winds I almost always look towards deeper water to find feeding fish. Light winds will most likely be during high pressure; shallow fish feel that and lock up. Head to deeper water

where there will be some tidal movement and shade from the sun. The edges of the ICW are hit right now. I've found lots of trout and big redfish along the spoil islands along the Intracoastal Canal past Bird Island. The water will be a little dirtier than that found over along the shoreline of the King Ranch. This makes it easier for predators to catch baitfish, clear water is not always your friend. That slightly off color also shows the signs of tidal flow, which means more oxygen and baitfish. Bait fishermen are starting to narrow their efforts towards only shrimp and finger mullet, these baits fished along the edges of flats and deep water have been the most productive.

Here is a big event coming up! Those giant redfish will be spawning in the surf during the next three weeks! Cut mullet, finger mullet and sardines fished in the second and third guts will land the largest of redfish of the year! These are spawning fish, they need to be released. Not all redfish make baby redfish, just the big ones. Heavier rods and pyramid or surf weights are needed; some of the roughest conditions are when they are really going off. Bob Hall Pier is going to be the eat place to catch true giants mid November during cold fronts.

Chase your soul and good fishing through the glow of the rising and setting sun. Even a few casts alongside the ocean will relax your thoughts. Follow all of our fishing on Facebook at Joey Farah's Backwater Fishing!

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My friend Manfred celebrated his 88th birthday with me on the water this week! Still fishing and enjoying the outdoors!

Island Real Estate Roundup

Apryl Noles

Sales of detached homes continue to lead the market

As we head into the final days of October, the Padre Island real estate market continues to show steady activity! It's been a busy and productive month, with buyers making moves and properties successfully closing across the island.

This week, the detached home sector led the way, with six homes entering the option period and four successfully closing. In the condominium sector, we saw one property go pending and two enter the option period. Meanwhile, the townhome sector recorded one successful closing.

As October comes to an end, it's encouraging to see continued movement across our island market. With the holiday season approaching, we'll be keeping a close eye on how market activity unfolds heading into November.

Here, you'll find this week's breakdown of the latest market statistics. Stay tuned for next week's update as we continue tracking the Padre Island real estate market!

-13613 Port Royal Ct (Listed for \$509,000)
-14702 Aquarius St (Listed for \$470,000)
-13733 Hawksnest Bay Dr (Listed for \$429,900)

Detached Homes That Sold:

-15342 Cartagena St (Listed for \$1,199,900)
-15942 El Socorro Loop (Listed for \$585,000)
-13929 Blackbeard Dr (Listed for \$499,000)
-14702 Aquarius St (Listed for \$425,000)

Condominium That Is Pending:

-15005 Windward Dr Unit 122 (Listed for \$169,500)

Condominiums In The Option Period:

-15002 Windward Dr Unit 202 (Listed for \$375,000)
-14810 Windward Dr Unit 603 (Listed for \$249,900)

Detached Homes In The Option Period:

-13910 N Cabana St (Listed for \$1,099,900)
-13521 Port Royal Ct (Listed for \$695,000)
-13518 Carlos Fifth Ct (Listed for \$685,000)

Townhome That Sold:

-14890 Granada Dr Unit 107 (Listed for \$499,999)

Texas Oyster Harvesting Season Opens Nov. 2



AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is opening several bays to commercial and recreational oyster harvest, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2.

To establish which harvest areas will be open at the beginning of the oyster season in Texas, TPWD collects samples prior to the shellfish harvesting season. The factors evaluated include reaching certain thresholds based on the abundance of legal-sized oysters (3-inches or greater).

After evaluating pre-season oyster samples, four of the areas opened met the threshold and four additional TX areas had relatively high abundance of market oysters on select reefs but did not meet the opening threshold

overall due to the presence of reefs with lower abundance. Harvest areas TX-1 and TX-5 in Galveston Bay; TX-13, TX-19 and TX-20 in Matagorda Bay; TX-29, TX-30 and TX-32 in Aransas Bay will be open for harvest on Nov. 2. TX-33 in Corpus Christi Bay and TX-34 in the Lower Laguna Madre were not sampled but will also open Nov. 2. These areas typically do not have any commercial oyster harvest. Opening these TX areas will provide more fishing opportunities and better distribute the fleet when the 2026-2027 season begins.

Aransas Bay, Matagorda Bay, Corpus Christi Bay, and the Lower Laguna Madre will be open to public harvest beginning Nov. 2.

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to the Beach Bum Wall of Fame just south of the channel as a reminder of Beach Bums past. We miss Andre, he left our island a better place.

Open canals

With the end of October upon us we await the removal of the sand dam east of the Don Patricio Bridge blocking water flow into Island canals. The board of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association this week announced a plan to place water flow restriction devices at two places in PIPOA canals and also to delay removal of the sand dam until devices to measure the speed of flowing water are in place, a process that is expected to take about sixty days. All we can say right now is take a look to the east as you cross over the Don Patricio and do a site check...



The Don Patricio Bridge and the Sand Dam

Island Police Blotter October 1- October 26

14200 blk. Allamanda Oct. 26 Assault with Injury

13800 blk. Gunwale Oct. 26 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

14800 blk. Cobo de Bara Oct. 26 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

14200 blk. Encantada Oct. 25. Theft from a building \$750-\$2500

15100 blk. Leeward Oct. 25 Assault Family Violence Choking – Lost Consciousness

13500 blk. Peseta Oct. 24 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

15100 blk. Leeward Oct. 24 Assault with Injury

16000 blk. Cuttysark Oct. 20 Assault by Contact

13300 blk. SPID Oct. 20 Burglary of a Vehicle

14100 blk. SID Oct. 15 Theft \$2500-\$30,000

Short-Term rentals

The new Short-Term Rental Ordinance is set to go before the Corpus Christi City Council in its November 10 meeting. A draft is circulating but will likely change by the time it reaches the council.

STRs are prohibited by language in the current STR Ordinance which reads:

Each applicant (for a short-term rental permit) shall acknowledge that any permit granted under this article does not supersede any property-specific restrictions against short-term rentals that may exist under law, agreement, lease, covenant or deed restriction.

That comes down to the language in covenants in each of the 29 separate Island subdivisions that make up the membership of the PIPOA. That language is available on the PIPOA website and the board is working with the association's attorney to see if it needs to be tightened up to ward off the kind of problems with STRs currently going on along Ocean Drive. To change that language 51% of the property owners in each of the separate subdivisions must approve the change and that is going to take some door-to-door heavy lifting. We will keep readers abreast of the developments as the new ordinance moves through the system. It is also a question for Islanders to ask of candidates in the current council elections.

That's all for now everybody, look for the new website next week and say hello if you see us *Around the Island*.

15000 blk. Dasmariñas Oct. 10 Assault with Injury

14721 Whitecap Blvd. Oct. 10 Assault with Injury

14800 blk. Granada Oct. 10 Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

14800 blk. Dasmariñas Oct. 9 Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

14300 blk. SPID Oct. 8 Terroristic Threat

15200 blk. Beach Way Oct. 5 Burglary of a Vehicle

14300 blk. SPID Oct. 4 Assault

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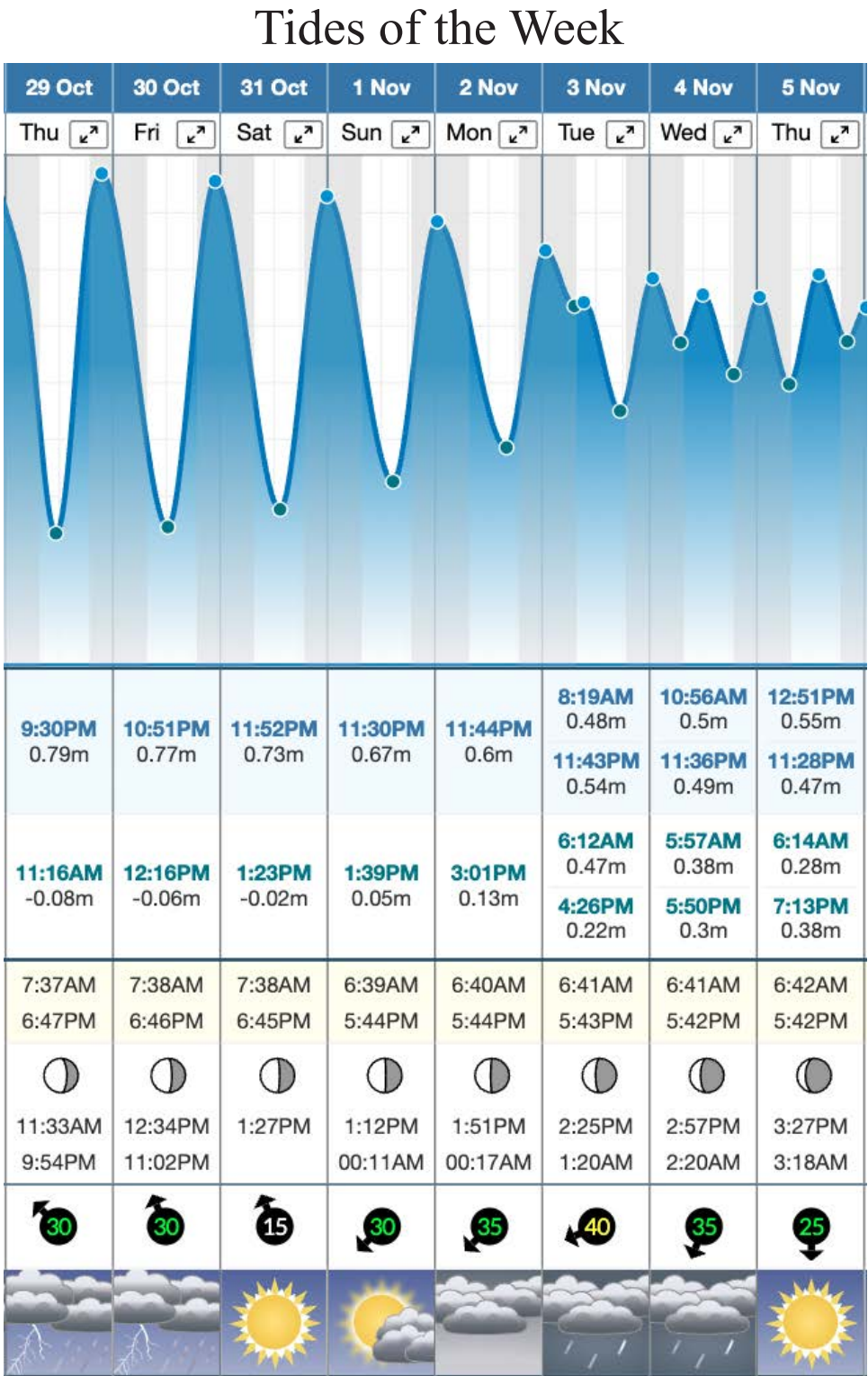
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Joe King Carrasco with the K City Rockers in Poltava, Ukraine
The music scene is dominated by All Hallows Eve this week with the return of Port Aransas favorite by way of Ukraine Tex-Mex **Joe King Carrasco** who will be playing **Shorty's** on Halloween Night. This year's holiday hits on Saturday night and expect a big night with Joe King recently returned from the war zone in Ukraine where he and his crew have been working to rescue stranded dogs and get as many Ukrainian families to safety as they can.

For the past two years Joe and wife Nicole and friends have been raising money to buy used cars across Europe and driving them to Ukraine where they can be used as ambulances near the front lines where marked rescue vehicles fall prey to hostel missiles and drones. In an interview on the **Island Moon Live Radio Show** on his last visit to town Joe King said the cars turned into ambulances have a life span of about forty days before they are identified as rescue vehicles and are targeted and have to be replaced. One tip from Joe King if you are planning a trip to the Ukraine – don't fasten your seatbelt in case you are targeted by a drone and have to bail out in a hurry.

Joe King has been playing shows all over the Ukraine in basements and under camouflage netting sometimes to crowds of mostly female audiences – behind the front – and mostly male audiences near the frontlines.

Joe King and The Crowns are part of the Austin landscape all the way back to the 1970s and are now based in Llano when they are not in Europe. A Joe King appearance has been a regular thing on the Port Aransas musical landscape for over a decade. Before Hurricane Harvey arrived he and the band played New Year's each year at the old **Giggity's** and before that the now lamented **Back Port Bar**.

He and Nicole and a group of road weary musicians that always includes his bass player Chuggy will light it up at Port Aransas' **Oldest and Friendliest** along with an opening show.



The Huser Bros played the famous Pig Party at Shorty's recently

Scattered shots...

Down the street from Shorty's over at the **Sip Yard Cruise Control** will be on hand for the Saturday night fun. On Friday the **B52s** tribute band **Mock Lobster** will ride in to town in their car as big as a whale – a

Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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The King is here!

Chrysler that seats about 20 - and turn the **Sip Yard** into a **Love Shack** for the evening. For the uninitiated the **B52s** and **Mock Lobster** are a mash up of 1970s and 80s new wave with a little bit of **Rocky Horror Picture Show** thrown in just for fun. So spray your hair up in a beehive, throw some glitter on your tail feathers and head over the **Sip Yard** for a night of over the top music and fun.

A sure sign that the **Winter Texans** are returning to Port Aransas for the season are the new and improved designs of beltsanders at the races at **The Gaff**. The racers from up north return each autumn with the new designs they have woodshedded over the summer and kick things up a notch every other Saturday when the beltsanders run. If you plan on heading that way for a race get there early because the place fills up.

A second sign of the **Winter Texans** return is the regular Wednesday night residency of the **PA Rockers** at **Bernie's Beach House** which will start to ramp up in early November and hit its crescendo after the Thanksgiving holiday. The **PA Rockers** might be doing a little make-over after their band leader, **Colorado Bob Reed**, passed away this year. The Return of the **Rockers** marks a change of the seasons as much as the cooler temperatures of late.



The PA Rockers playing at Bernie's.

Also Coming this weekend...



Jim Dugan

Also around Port Aransas this weekend is the 20th Annual Halloween Party at **Bernie's** and the Halloween Dress Up Part at **The Gaff** with **Jim Dugan** and then on Sunday **Brad Ethridge** will do his weekly Sunday show.

Also on Sunday the monthly **Sip & Shuck Tour** on the Scarlet Lady will launch with the first-of its kind oyster boat tour of local oyster bed with Prosecco, fresh oysters, paired with curated Sauvignon Blanc from **Chris Hamilton** and a background on oyster farming in the area. The tour launches 1 pm at 440 W. Cotter Ave. and runs through 3 pm.

It's going to be a Big Halloween Weekend in Port A so don't you dare miss it!

♪♪♪ And, that's the truth ♪♪♪



Brad Ethridge



*In 2022 Jim Dugan played the Gaff and Ronnie was holding down the fort.
Photo by Mark Wysoki*

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday,

October 29

Treaty Oak Revival,
Wm Clark Green @
Concrete Street
Johnson All Starz @
Shorty's
Jim Dugan @
Brewster Island

Friday, October 30

Boo & Poo @ Gaff
Boone Holding @
Shorty's
Mock Lobster-
B52's Trib @ Sip
Yard
Tryptonite @ Pelican
Alley Catz Duo @
Brewster Island
Meza @ Brewster
Southside
Eli Howard &
Colby Lee Swift @
Brewster Downtown
Lucky Dogz @
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HALLOWEEN,

October 31

JOE KING
CARRASCO @
Shorty's
Cruise Control @
Sip Yard
Diamond's Edge @
Pelican
Billy Snipes @ Bier
Haus PA
Creepy Crawlers @
Dorados
Emerald Unplugged
@ Brewster
Southside
Nathan Allen @
Brewster Island
Dreaming in Color
@ Surf Club
Anthem 182, Just
a Girl @ House of
Rock

Sunday,

November 1

Fall back
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz
@ Shorty's

Monday,

November 2

John Elijah Band @
Shorty's

Tuesday,

November 3

Brad Etheridge @
VFW
Ruben Limas @
Blackbeards on the
Beach

Wednesday,

November 4

Open Jam @ Gaff
Billy Snipes @ Doc's

Thursday,

November 5

Johnson All Starz @
Shorty's
Brad Brown @
Blackbeard's on the
Beach

Friday, November 6

WOODEN BOAT
FEST PA

Saturday,

November 7

WOODEN BOAT
FEST PA
Left Right Left @
Shorty's
Gimme Gimme
Disco @ House of
Rock

Sunday, November 8

PINK FLAMINGO
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BOAT FEST @ City
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FARMER'S
MARKET
Ryan Bingham @
Concrete Street
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz
@ Shorty's

Monday,

November 9

John Elijah Band @
Shorty's

Tuesday,

November 10

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