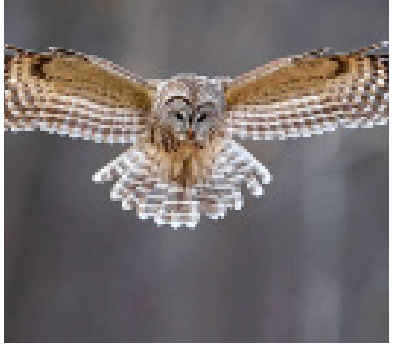
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By Dale Rankin

Island cell phones *Around the Island* finally caught a break this week as the onslaught of political ads took a breather, at least until the approach of the runoff for eight of the seats on the Corpus Christi City Council set for Saturday, December 12 with Early Voting from November 30 to December 8.

Water from the sky!



We got about a year's worth of rain over the course of the weekend which came with a reminder of how flat our little sandbar is as we navigate through standing water. It won't be long until we are adding some steps to the Island Skeeter Dance.

Surfing news

Dedication of the new NOAA Weather Station on Bob Hall Pier will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17. That may not sound like a big deal but the new station includes a wave meter which will allow surfers to check wave heights online.

La Posada

Don't forget that La Posada 2026 is just around the corner on the weekend of December 12 – the same as the runoff election. The Kickoff Party is Friday, December 4 at HardKnocks and the first parade on Friday, December 11. The Friday night parade will once again be televised on KRIS TV.

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Corpus Christi City Council moves to ban Short-term rentals in all residential areas

Rules on Padre Island remain the same under new ordinance

By Dale Rankin

In a surprise move the Corpus Christi City Council this week cast eight votes in favor of amending a new city ordinance which if approved next week will ban Short-term rentals in all residential areas of Corpus Christi beginning January 1, 2027.

The difficulty of regulating Short-term Rentals (STR) was in full display as the council considered the new city ordinance to regulate their use across the city. The ordinance was put together by a specially appointed committee made up of owners and operators of STR and of neighbors of STR homes along south Ocean Drive where some homes have seen STR operations with a capacity of up to 55 guests per night and where noise, parking, and trespassing have been continuing problems. The ordinance as it came to the council for consideration included a system that would have allowed STR to continue to operate in residential areas under a set of new regulations which would raise permit fees with the funds to be used for the hiring of enforcement

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City Council Approves final funding for $16.3 Million Overhaul of Michael J. Ellis Seawall

Major investment will restore structural integrity, improve ADA accessibility, and add new public amenities

The Corpus Christi City Council this week approved the final funding for a $16.3 million contract with JE Construction Services for extensive repairs and amenities upgrades at the Michael J. Ellis Seawall on North Padre Island.

Originally built by private developers in the late 1960s as both a storm barrier and a recreational

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Damage on the face of the Michael J. Ellis Seawall

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Nests Increase across Texas Beaches in 2026

Nest numbers increased by 55%

The number of documented 697 Kemp's ridley sea turtle nests on the Texas coast during the 2026 nesting season – a 55% increase from the 449 nests located in 2025, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and partners

These nests are counted by staff and volunteers who conduct beach patrols and respond to public reports of nesting sea turtles. Kemp's ridley sea turtles likely once formed large nesting colonies across the western Gulf of America before being driven to the edge of extinction by egg collection, fishing bycatch and habitat loss. In response, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, National



Kemp's Ridley turtle on PINS

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A little Island history

Our Friend Dotson Lewis

We take a moment on this Veterans Day to honor our favorite Island veteran Dotson Lewis who joined the United State Army in 1949 in the immediate aftermath of World War II where he was assigned to Sugamo Prison guarding defendants in the war crimes trials following the war.

He also was part of Operation Chromite when General Douglas MacArthur led the invasion of Korea to recapture the city of Seoul. Dotson met his wife while assigned to Tokyo and learned Japanese which became the primary language of Korea after the Japanese invasion. When the U.S. Army moved into Korea Dotson found himself manning a jeep with a fifty-caliber machine gun mounted on the back and as his unit moved inland he and his unit found themselves ahead of other U.S. troops and were captured.



Dotson Lewis

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By the numbers

How The Island voted

The following numbers show the preliminary voting results for combined numbers for the two voting precincts on Padre Island. In most partisan races Islanders voted 3-1 in favor of Republican Party candidates. The following are numbers from the Corpus Christi City Council races as reported by the Nueces County Clerk's Office.

8446 total Island registered voters
4966 total votes cast on Padre Island

Mayor (Runoff)

1352 Paulette Guajardo (Runoff)
1271 Kaylynn Paxson
811 David Ainsworth Sr.
723 Gil Hernandez (Runoff)

City Council District 4 (Runoff)

1792 Dan Herrington
1248 Kristina Nelson
371 Stacie Garrecht
370 Joshua Anderson

At-Large Council (Runoff)

(Editor's note: Mark Scott was the only candidate out of a total of 16 in in the race to reach the 12% minimum and was the only At-Large candidate elected Tuesday. The runoff will include the top three vote getters with the two top finishers in the runoff taking office.)

1630 Mark Scott
1204 Marida Nardone Mendoza (runoff)
1188 Carolyn Vaughn (runoff)
1184 Michael Miller (runoff)

By the numbers

Short-term rentals in Corpus Christi

1600 current STR permits in the city
1100 unlicensed STR's (estimate) currently operating in the city
278 Minimum number of STR permits currently in residential neighborhoods that would be outlawed under new ordinance
$250 current registration fee raises $350,000
$756,000 in anticipated revenue from STR permits when registration fee is raised to $500 for single-family homes, unless a ban is approved
$696,609 estimated cost of personnel to enforce new ordinance in 2027
$556,977 estimated annual recurring cost to enforce new ordinance beginning in Fiscal Year 2028
$100 per unit permitting fee for multi-family buildings
$300 fee to apply for a waiver of rules in the new ordinance. Waivers to be heard by City

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Commodores Park is open!

Photos by Debbie Noble



Kids bird watching from the blind at Commodores Park



The Island Pickleball Kingpin David Eckenrode (right) worked for more than two years to include picleball courts in the new Commodoes Park.



Pickleball broke out as soon as the new courts were open.



The Traveling Moon



Carolyn and Joe Rhode took the Moon on an unscheduled stop in Portofino Italy due to the riots in France.



The new birdwatching station at Packery Channel Park.

Financial Focus

Put your finances in position for 2027

Year-end is a good time to take stock of your finances and make sure you're still aligned with your long-term plan.

Start by reflecting on your goals and progress. Assess whether there's been changes in your life that could impact your progress and make updates to your strategy if needed.

Consider whether you can increase contributions to a health savings account or retirement accounts before year-end. Even small increases can add up over time.

Then, depending on your priorities, explore opportunities to continue making progress, such as additional contributions to a 529 plan or reviewing charitable giving strategies.

Next, review your investment portfolio to determine if rebalancing is necessary based on your goals, time horizon and comfort with risk.

It may also be a good time to review your protection strategy, estate-planning documents and beneficiary designations, especially if you've experienced major life changes.

A year-end review can help you enter 2027 with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of your financial position.

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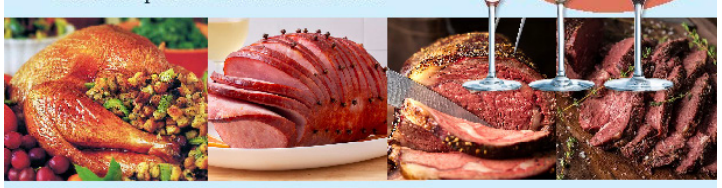
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Letters to the Editor



To: Precinct 4 County Commissioner Brent Chesney, Troy Adler Chair, Nueces County Coastal Parks Board

I now have in my possession a Nov 5, 2026 letter from the GLO which states, "The GLO would have no objection to the County using a portion of the Padre Balli RV parking lot for Bob Hall Pier. However, it's at the County's discretion." Signed by Lauren Medlin, GLO.

I hereby ask for the County to immediately cease any work in the Southeast corner of the Balli Park RV Park until this matter is resolved in a businesslike manner. The Pier and especially the Restaurant needs a PAVED parking lot.

Lets meet as soon as possible; I will hand carry the GLO letter to each of you. Advise via phone text message to 619 204-0391.

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Climate change

According to a story in the Caller-Times about greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, the greenhouse gasses are what is causing climate change and making it get hotter with more rains, flooding, storms and damaging high tides on each coast. One gas, sulphur hexafluoride that makes it hotter can remain the atmosphere for 1000 years. In the election climate change was not an issue but it should have been since the government has done away with all restrictions on releasing gasses into the atmosphere.

The story state nothing about other nations releasing gas used for making electrical equipment. A different majority in congress could slow down climate change since most nations look to the USA for leadership and betterment of all kinds. At age 96 I wonder what will be the end cause of Doomsday and now I believe it could be climate change.

Your votes in the future could slow down climate change and make it better for mankind. And also insure that sport fishing in the Laguna Madre will continue to produce good catches and trophy fish. Seafood is the epitome of a healthy diet.

Bobbie Kimbrell



The only Island in Texas with more fishing piers than grocery stores

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promenade, the seawall structure deteriorated over decades of private ownership before the City assumed responsibility for maintenance. This comprehensive overhaul will repair crumbling concrete and deliver features long requested by the public.

Key Infrastructure & Amenity Upgrades Include

- Construction of a new concrete cap over the existing seawall to restore structural integrity and overall appearance.
- Full replacement and addition of stairways and ADA-compliant ramps.
- Installation of shade structures, public seating, updated signage, lighting, and granite markers (including entrance markers and 1/8-mile distance markers).
- Creation of a dedicated public plaza featuring a showcase location for public art or sculpture.
- Comprehensive parking lot upgrades.

The work is the first comprehensive overhaul of the seawall since it was rebuilt after damage caused by Hurricane Allen in 1980. The project was made possible after property owners along the seawall ceded control of maintenance of the structure to the City of Corpus Christi.
Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2026 and take approximately one year to complete. The project is funded through Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 (TIRZ #2.

Below are some construction renderings that were presented to City Council





STR's cont. from A1

personnel to work round the clock answering complaints from neighbors.
However, several city council members on Tuesday raised concerns that the ordinance written and approved by the advisory committee had been altered before it found its way to the council for the first of two votes to put it into effect. One of the changes was to language regarding waivers allowing exceptions to the ordinance which would then have to be approved by the City Planning Commission, and another to grandfather the operation of STR already licensed. Under the existing rule permits are issued each January and are good through the following year and must be renewed annually.
After more than an hour of discussion with council members questioning whether the new ordinance could be enforced effectively the council voted 8-0, with District 2 Council member Silvia Campos where the Ocean Drive properties are located absent, a motion by At-Large City Councilwoman Carolyn Vaughn was approved by the council which bans them altogether in residential areas all over the city.
The vote does not impact current rules banning STR's in residential neighborhoods on Padre Island, nor does it impact the operation of permitted STR currently operating in non-residential areas of Padre Island, although the new ordinance as written would increase the cost of permitting fees. (See the attached story).
The vote Tuesday was to approve higher registration fees and stricter enforcement in all STR that continue to operate in non-residential areas of the city. The amended ordinance prohibiting STR in residential neighborhoods and implementing new rules for their regulation in non-residential areas will go back to the city staff for revisions and return to the city council next week, Tuesday, November 17, for final approval. Instead of the current permit system, the new ordinance, unless amended, calls for every STR to hold an annual license, regardless of who owns it or whether they live there.

The new rules focus on several main areas:

- STRs will be prohibited in all single-family zoning districts.
- Properties must pass inspections, have required safety equipment (like smoke detectors), and meet minimum bathroom-to-guest standards.
- There are strict limits on noise and off-street parking, plus specific rules for handling garbage.
- The city will use a progressive system of fines and administrative hearings to crack down on rule-breakers.

New Braunfels

Prior to Tuesday's vote the City of New Braunfels was the only city in Texas where STR were banned in all residential neighborhoods and the legal path forward for the local ban came from a case there recently decided by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Former President of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association and attorney Marvin Jones provided a summation of that case to the Island Moon.

Marfil v. New Braunfels

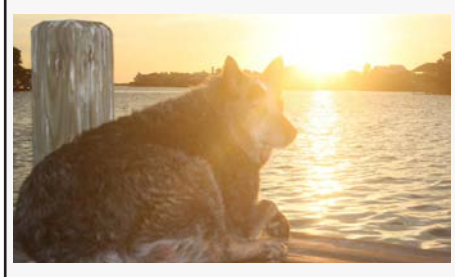
This case was decided by the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. (A Federal Case). The City of New Braunfels created an ordinance zoning regulating short-term rentals in certain residential districts. The regulations banned rentals for less than 30 days. Marfil claimed that, under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Property-Rights Interest, he could short-term rent his property. The Court held that the City of New Braunfels did have the right to enact regulations, including zoning, prohibiting rentals of fewer than 30 days. As a matter of public policy, the good of the many outweighs the need of a few.
A second challenge to the local ordinance could come from Austin through what is referred to as the Death Star bill which reigns in the power of cities across the state to regulate certain items. Island attorney Brian McCabe provided a review of that bill.
In 2023, the Legislature passed HB 2127, officially called the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act, but generally known as the "Death Star" law. The nickname comes from the fear that it could wipe out a good many city ordinances. In simple terms, the law limits local regulation in certain areas already governed by state law.
Why should we care? Because a property owner challenging Corpus Christi's short-term rental rules may argue that the City has gone beyond what state law permits. That argument could affect the Island carve-out (which prevents STR on Padre Island). But the Death Star law does not, by itself, make short-term rentals legal in every residential neighborhood, and it is not yet clear how far the courts will allow it to reach.
So while the legal intricacies are sorted out in the courts the session of the Texas Legislature which convenes in January, 2027 could revisit the bill or, depending on the court rulings take no action. But as things now stand, if the city council passes the ordinance banning STR in residential areas next week the new ordinance would take effect in January 2027 pending any further legal action.

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Planning Commission
8 city inspectors needed to enforce the new ordinance around the clock – that number could decrease if ban on STR in all residential neighborhoods is approved
200 foot boundary around licensed STRs prohibiting a second STR within that radius – applies only to residential areas
12% of homes on a residential block can be permitted for STR (down from current 15%) unless STR are banned outright in all residential neighborhoods

Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

The change of pace on our island has picked up of late. In just the past week we saw the opening of several new amenities that have been much needed.

First the new and improved Commodores Park opened with much fanfare with a playground and courts for tennis, basketball, and pickleball that are much appreciated. The next phases will include a swimming pool and meeting space.

Packery Channel Park

Also this week people began using the new fishing pier at Packery Channel Park. Space for public fishing along Packery Channel has been shrinking for the past few years as private property has closed in and the new park fills a void. It also has 3000 feet of walking trails and bird watching space designed for migrating birds exhausted from their flight across the open gulf. There is still some work to be done on the road leading into the park but the pier and other amenities are a great addition to this county park.

Whitecap NPI

Over at Whitecap NPI the new homes were opened to viewing and the Wake Zone was ushered in with three events throughout the week. The space includes a community lawn for events with hookups for food trucks and a live stage as well as the Packery Queen tour boat and Freedom Boat Club. It has a space reserved for a restaurant and expanded concert venue both to come. It also includes four new pickleball courts with a windscreen. With the new courts at Commodores Park we are now officially a Pickleball Destination.

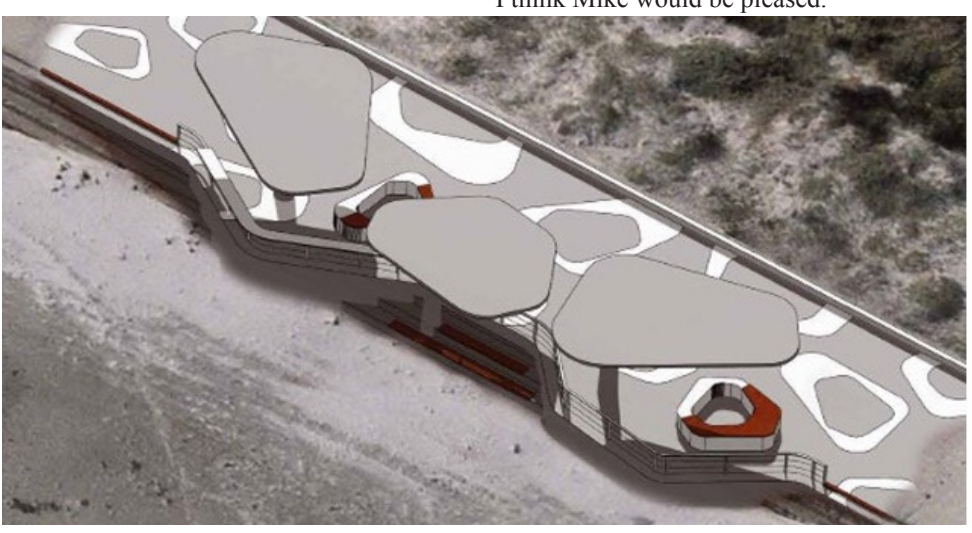
Michael J. Ellis Seawall

And finally, down at City Hall the council put the final financing in place to do much-needed work on the Michael J. Ellis Seawall. City Councilman Mark Scott marked the occasion by mentioning how Mike would have reacted to the city approving $16 million for work on the structure named in his honor; “bemused” was mentioned and I can just about see the bemused expression on Mike’s face.

When Mike started the Island Moon in 1996 he had no experience in the newspaper business but decided we needed one and he turned The Island from a group of neighborhoods into a community. I still remember getting up to speak at his wake at the old Holiday Inn not sure of what to say and as I looked around the room I counted enough votes on the city council to rename the seawall after him (it didn’t have a name then) and our then City Councilwoman Chris Adler took the ball and ran with it. Councilman Scott had represented District 4 in the early aughts and his mention of our friend Mike this week was much appreciated.

We printed the plans for the new seawall which will include some new public areas with shade and tables as well as hookups for food trucks. The work is scheduled to begin in early 2027 and take about nine months to complete.

I think Mike would be pleased.



Renderings of the new Seawall features.

A look inside the houses at Whitecap NPI

Whitecap NPI opened their model homes this week, and the Wake Zone on Compass St, which is open to the public.







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When an order came for the captured troops to sit down Dotson instead misunderstood and stood, a move which cost him two front teeth. Instructors had told U.S. troops that the first few minutes after capture offered the best chance of escape and on a predetermined signal from Dotson his men rushed the stack of their weapons and were able to escape.

On two occasions General MacArthur pinned medals on Dotson’s chest and he also received five Battle Stars and he remained in the Army through the onset of the Vietnam War retiring as a Sergeant after 21 years of service. After the Army Dotson graduated from college on his return to the states and worked in the athletic department at what is now the University of Texas at El Paso and then moved to Dallas where he was the head of officials for the Southwest Conference for more than a decade. He continued to referee high school football games until they made him turn in his whistle at 91 years of age (against his wishes).

Aside from writing for the Island Moon Dotson is also the recipient of the Daniel E. Kilgore Historical Society Local History Award award and at 98 continues to host the weekly Veteran’s Round Table and local veterans’ radio show on KEYS Radio. He also works to secure help from the Veteran’s Administration for the widows of service members. Aside from that – as we like to tell him – he mostly just stands around…

As an aside while Dotson was serving his country in Japan he played professional baseball in the Nippon Professional Baseball League. When he hit a screaming grounder that got past the shortstop it was ruled an error. Dotson was eligible for a bonus based on his batting average so after the game he made his way to the scorer’s booth to lodge a complaint with the scorekeeper who as it turned out was a female native of Japan whose father was a baseball fan. She declined his request to change her ruling but eventually accepted his request to marry him and they found their way to Padre Island where Dotson resides today. So while the shortstop may or may not have made an error, Dotson hit a home run!

We salute our friend Dotson on Veteran’s Day as he approaches his one-hundredth trip around the sun. If you see him thank him for his service but don’t get in his way or you may get run over.

Dale Rankin



Dotson in 1949

Around cont. from A1

To get the latest edition of the Island Moon each week go to the new Islandmoon.com website by scanning the QR Code on this page. Readers are already signing up and we are adding new features to the website each week. We will also be adding an *Ask the Editor* spot to respond to questions from readers. Like the Island Moon it is free.

Barefoot Mardi Gras

On Tuesday November 17 the new art for Barefoot Mardi Gras will be revealed at Evoke Studio where the monthly mixer by the Padre Island Business Association will be held. The artist for this year’s poster is an Island Secret and will be announced at the event.

Barefoot Mardi Gras North Padre Island

The Dam remains

The dam that won’t go away is still in place as of this writing mid-week. There was some word last week that the removal of the water-blocking sand dam on Lake Padre would get underway this week but alas, so far there has been no action. Keep an eye on theislandmoonnewspaper Facebook page for further developments.



Newport Pass Cleanup

The World Mission Society Church of God will hold a Community Beach Cleanup, at Newport Pass Road Sunday, November 15.

That’s all for now everybody the beltsanders will run at The Gaff this Saturday, November 14. We’ll see you there and in the meantime say hello if you see us *Around the Island.*

City Council Approves Updated Speed Limits for Highway 361

Speed limits increased on SH 286 and Harbor Bridge; reduced along SH 361 to improve traffic flow and safety

The Corpus Christi City Council approved an ordinance adjusting the speed limit on State Highway 361 between Packery Channel and the Port Aransas City Limits.

The adjustments follow speed and traffic engineering studies conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code, according to a statement from the city. Specifically the city action lowers the speed limit to 50 mph from Park Road 22 to Mariners Drive / Port Aransas City Limits.

The previous limit was 55 mph from Park Road 22 to Packery Channel Bridge; 60 mph from Packery Channel Bridge to city limits.

The Texas Department of Transportation approved the reduction in September after a series of fatal crashes on the roadway in that area and signs noting the drop in speed limit to 50 mph have been posted since that time.

361 Bridge looking North to Port A

State officials told the Island Moon Live radio show that four troopers from Texas Department of Public Safety have been assigned to enforce the lower speed limit on that roadway through the end of 2027 and more than 2000 traffic stops have been conducted since that time.

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Island Moon Live!



The Island Moon Live radio show and YouTube podcast went live from the grand opening of the new and improved Commodores Park this week. Guests included State Representative Todd Hunter, political consultant Steve Ray, Assistant City Manager Michael Dice, Assistant Director of Park Operations & Development for the city Sergio Gonzalez, and City Manager Peter Zanoni, along with the usual suspects and various office seekers.

This week the show will go live on Thursday from the monthly luncheon of the Padre Island Business Association. The show goes out live each Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, then from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on KEYS Radio and simultaneously with video on YouTube and Island Moon Live. If you would like to have the show broadcast from your business contact us at editor@islandmoon.com.







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The Packery Queen is now doing boat tours out of the Wake Zone at Whitecap NPI.

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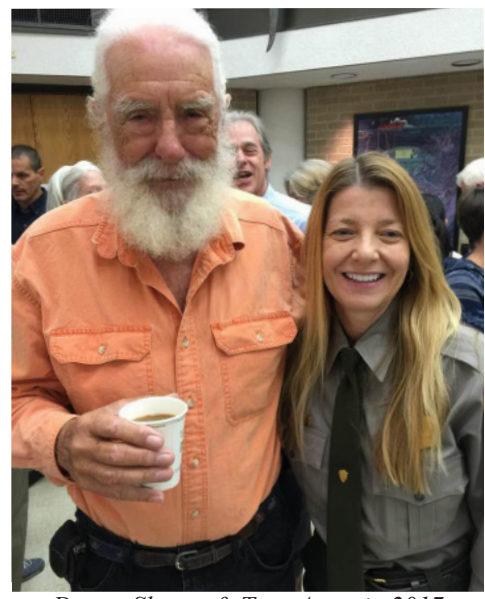
and Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Pesca launched a restoration action plan, which outlined an ambitious effort to save the species from extinction.

In 1978, an interagency reintroduction effort began collecting a portion of the eggs laid on Rancho Nuevo beach in Mexico, the species' primary nesting site, and taking them to Padre Island National Seashore in South Texas. At the national seashore, the eggs were incubated, and hatchlings were released onto the beach to encourage them to imprint on the area so they could one day return to nest. After a short swim, the hatchlings were recaptured and raised in Galveston until they were large enough to be tagged and released, with the goal of establishing a self-sustaining nesting colony in Texas.

In 1996, the first tagged Kemp's ridley sea turtles were found returning to Padre Island to nest, an early sign of the reintroduction effort's success. This year's nesting Kemp's ridley sea turtles trace their lineage back in part to those original reintroduced turtles.

"What began as a conservation emergency has become a remarkable success story. On the Texas coast, growing from about one nest every three years in 1978 to nearly 700 nests in 2026 would not have been possible without decades of partnership among thousands of people and organizations across the U.S. and Mexico," said Dr. Donna J. Shaver, Chief of the Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery at Padre Island National Seashore.

From March to September each year, Texans and beachgoers play a critical role in protecting these incredible turtles as they nest along the coast. By driving slowly on Texas beaches, keeping a distance of at least 100 feet from any turtles and calling 1866TURTLE5 to report stranded, injured and nesting sea turtles, as well as their nests and tracks, beachgoers help support the species' continued recovery.



Donna Shaver & Tony Amos in 2017

"The Kemp's ridley's continued progress reflects the commitment of Texans who care deeply about our coast," said Alicia Walker, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist and State Coordinator of the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network. "From practicing responsible fishing techniques to protecting vital beaches and nearshore habitats, Texans play a direct role in protecting these turtles. Sea turtles are a key part of a healthy Gulf ecosystem, and every report of a nesting, coldstunned or stranded sea turtle helps us respond quickly and give these species their best chance at survival."

With nesting numbers rising, biologists are optimistic about the trajectory of the species and its progress toward the recovery goals outlined in the Binational Recovery Plan for the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle. Partners continue to work year-round to conserve Kemp's ridley sea turtles and ensure that future generations have the chance to see these incredible turtles in the waters and on the beaches of the Texas coast.



Turtle release on PINS



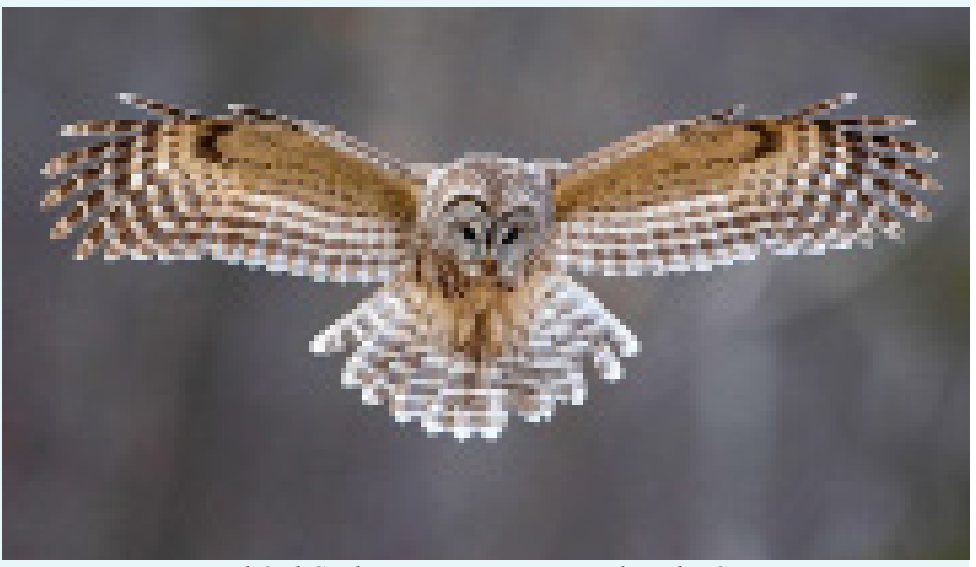
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Nature Notes

Seeing Owls in a Different Light



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By Katie Titsworth

At first glance, owl feathers may appear relatively ordinary, displaying shades of brown, gray, and other muted colors. However, under ultraviolet (UV) light, these same feathers can reveal something much more striking: a bright pink fluorescence. This unusual glow is caused by naturally occurring compounds within the feathers called porphyrins.

Porphyrins are pigments that fluoresce when exposed to ultraviolet light, producing the distinct pink coloration visible under a UV flashlight. However, this fluorescence does not last forever. As feathers are exposed to sunlight and environmental conditions, porphyrins gradually break down, causing their fluorescence to fade over time. This difference in fluorescence between newer and older feathers provides researchers with a useful tool for estimating the age of an owl.

The relationship between feather age and UV fluorescence becomes particularly useful when examining an owl's wings. Newly grown feathers contain porphyrins that fluoresce brightly, while older feathers exhibit weaker fluorescence as their porphyrins degrade. Consequently, the distribution of bright and faded feathers across a wing can reveal information about an individual's molting history.

In juvenile owls, which hatched earlier in the same calendar year, all flight feathers typically develop during the same general period. Because these feathers are relatively similar in age, they fluoresce quite uniformly under ultraviolet light, producing an almost entirely bright pink appearance across the wing.

This pattern changes as an owl matures. At approximately one year of age, owls begin replacing their feathers through a more gradual molting process rather than growing all their flight feathers simultaneously. Only a portion of the feathers are replaced each year, leaving a combination of newer and older feathers. Under UV light, newer feathers fluoresce bright pink, while older feathers appear increasingly dull. The result is a distinctive patchwork, or mosaic, pattern across the wing.

Researchers can use these differences in fluorescence to estimate an owl's age with considerable confidence, particularly during its first two years of life. Beyond this point, molting patterns become more variable and irregular, making it difficult to distinguish between older age classes. As a result, most owls beyond their second year are grouped into a general category known as "after second year".

Interestingly, ultraviolet sensitivity also varies among bird species. Many diurnal birds possess specialized UV-sensitive cone cells in their eyes, allowing them to perceive ultraviolet wavelengths. Owls, however, lack these specialized cones. Nevertheless, research suggests that they may still be capable of detecting some ultraviolet light, potentially allowing it to play a role in social signaling or mate selection.

Porphyrins are not exclusive to owls or even to birds. They occur across a variety of organisms, including mammals and invertebrates. In many of these organisms, excess porphyrins are

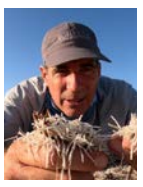
eliminated through waste or contained within keratinized structures, such as shells. This is important because porphyrins can be phototoxic in high concentrations, meaning exposure to light can cause damaging reactions.

What appears to be an ordinary brown feather under natural light can therefore reveal a surprising amount of information under ultraviolet illumination. Through the fluorescence of porphyrins, researchers can examine feather age, identify molting patterns, and gain valuable insight into an owl's development. It is a fascinating example of how much information can be hidden within something as seemingly simple as a feather.



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Beachcombing Report



By Jace Tunnell

Beachcombing in West Texas? You Bet!



Jace and Kathryn Tunnell on a hike in West Texas

When most people think of beachcombing, they picture sandy beaches, seashells, and waves rolling in from the Gulf. But this past week, I discovered you can go beachcombing hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean, right in the middle of the West Texas desert.

My wife, Kathryn, and I celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary by spending a week camping and hiking through Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park. Nothing says romance quite like hiking 60 miles through cactus-covered mountains, narrow canyons, and rocky desert landscapes!

What amazed me most was the incredible diversity of plants, rocks, and wildlife. Heavy rains the previous week had transformed the desert into a blooming paradise. Cactus flowers were everywhere, thousands of butterflies fluttered around us, bees were busy pollinating, and we even encountered some impressive millipedes.

But the beachcomber in me was especially fascinated by something much older.

Millions of years ago, much of Big Bend was covered by a shallow sea. During the Cretaceous Period, marine creatures including sharks, clams, and ancient oysters inhabited waters that stretched across portions of what is now Texas.

Although I didn't find these fossils along our hikes, I saw some fascinating examples in the museums at both parks. Imagine finding shark teeth and seashells in the middle of the desert!

Interestingly, researchers from HRI's Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation were featured on Discovery Channel's Shark Week this past July, searching for fossilized shark teeth in the Texas desert, further proving that you don't need an ocean to find evidence of sharks!

Big Bend's geological history doesn't stop there. Dinosaurs once roamed this region after the seas retreated, and later volcanic eruptions helped shape the rugged mountains and colorful rock formations we explored.

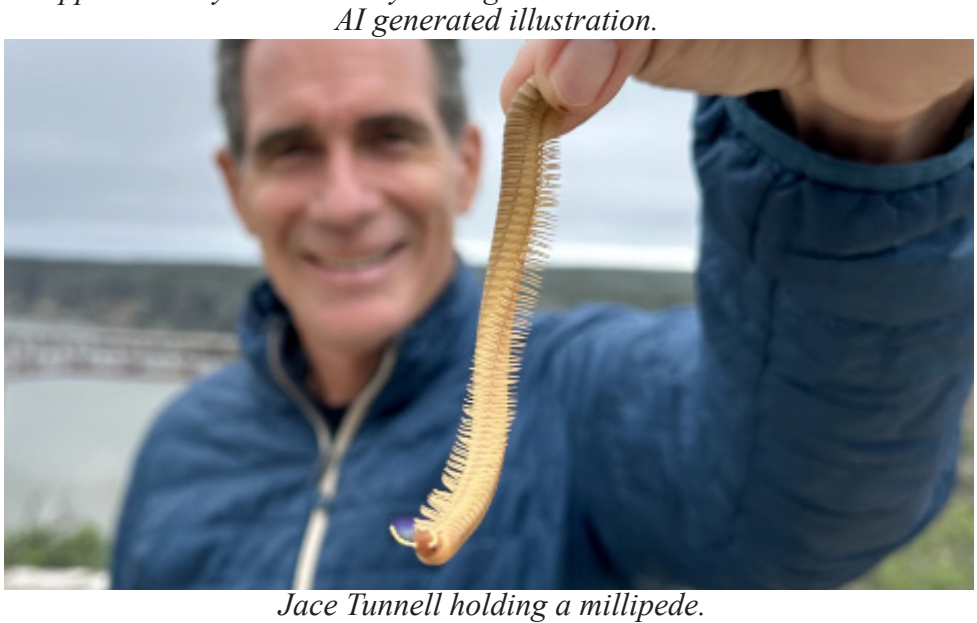
After hiking through ancient seabeds, volcanic landscapes, and desert canyons, I realized that beachcombing isn't always about what washes ashore today. Sometimes it's about discovering what an ocean left behind millions of years ago.

And as for our anniversary celebration, Kathryn and I wouldn't have had it any other way!

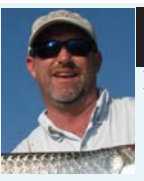
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Approximately 100 million years ago when the sea covered West Texas. AI generated illustration.



Jace Tunnell holding a millipede.



On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Sewing seeds in Fall

The weather wonks are saying that it's going to be a longer and colder winter than normal. I hate this kind of weather we've been having lately. It just makes me want to hibernate on the couch until spring, but I know that I have to get up and push through some winter-time projects or nothing will get done. I suppose the silver lining in this cooler weather is that the A/C finally caught up, and hopefully the electricity bill won't cause me to hyperventilate into a brown paper bag when I see the next one.

Speaking of wintertime projects, I promised myself I would actually read the directions on some packages of wildflower seeds I had last year and pay attention. The front 40 turned in a crispy mess of sticker burs this past summer, and maybe I can get something in there to compete with them next year. There are many commercially available wildflower seed mixes out there, with a variety of flowers. Roadkill Willie says the best way to plant them is to spread them out on the ground and rake them into the sand/soil. Which reminds me, I need a new rake and hoe. Time to hit the hardware store.

It's also a great time of year to plant trees that way their roots get a head start on spring and summer. Last year I planted a mulberry tree and it was doing great, but then the dang deer used it to rub their velvet off their antlers and killed it. Between the squirrels and the deer, it's hard to have nice things in the yard. I will make sure to protect the next one. Jam Master Scott has two or three mulberry trees in his back yard and had an amazing variety of migrants in his yard this season. Yes, they can be messy, just don't plant them next to where you park your car.

I will also be planting some willow trees, and an anachua that Topdog gave me. Anachua trees are from south Texas and northern Mexico, and aren't very common, but we need more of them around. They produce dense fragrant clusters of small white flowers, and then edible orange berries that look like china berries, but these are much better for pollinators and local wildlife. They need a bit of water when they are smaller, but once they hit the water table, they are self-sufficient and very drought tolerant. Look into planting an anachua or two.

All this rain reminded me of my rainwater collection systems. For one, you should be collecting rainwater and getting your rain gardens set up now that way they take off in the spring. we went through a pretty good drought, and it encouraged me to set up a few rainwater collection systems at the cabin and the house. The issue is that they are all set up as straight collectors, and I don't have any overflows except over the top. I need to get these set up as sources for rain gardens as well, likely with some raised flower beds,



Desert rose grown from a seed from one of Jan's many plants

for plumeria, or my native scrub-shrub area that I'm in the middle of planting. Look up "rain garden" if you're unfamiliar with the term. It's basically a controlled overflow for your rainwater collection, condensation drains, or grey water; a term you loyal readers know well.

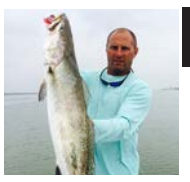
Speaking of "seeds", some statistics are coming out regarding the Kemps Ridley sea turtle nesting numbers from this past year. Texas beaches saw almost 700 nests this year, and Rancho Nuevo had an amazing 2,300 nests by mid-May. That is a testament to folks on both sides of the border in attempt to bring that species back from the brink of extinction. Sea turtles in general are having issues, mainly dealing with plastics and derelict commercial fishing gear. Long term efforts of locals like Donna and Cynthia are paying off some great dividends.

Well folks, I had also planned to write about stormwater issues here in Corpus, but that can wait. I didn't know this was going to turn into a horticultural task reminder, but here we are. I popped some desert rose seeds given to me by Jan last year, and the first one bloomed the other day. Good stuff Maynard. I finally got some red mangroves started as well. I heard a quote the other day that hit hard; "Don't disappear when you feel inadequate." Solid words to live by. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On



water logged desert rose babies





Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Ole man is Back



Big Tom smashed one of these reds at the PACKERY bridge during a rush of outgoing tide, and the other in the flats close to the JFK. Slot redfish are making their way back into the bays from the surf.

With the first hint of Ole Man Winter's return I've seen all the signs of changes in fishing patterns that push towards great winter angling. Tides are still extremely high after the stiff north wind blew surface water in from Corpus Bay. Last week water was rolling out, as well as today as the Laguna Madre will start shedding some of this high tide every time the southeast winds return. These tidal changes will move fish and lower water temperatures will trigger gamefish to be on the hunt!

For the last month after our big redfish migration towards the surf, bay fisherman have been catching lots of smaller redfish instead of those big upper slot sized reds. This has been because most of them were in the surf zone after following migrations of Shad and finger mullet. Now that those large concentrations of bait have dissipated, many of them will swim against the outgoing flow at the passes and reenter our bay system. Today I could see a migration of 27-30" reds coming under the PACKERY bridge and spreading out into the flats all within a mile or two of the JFK. Many of these fish will winter in Corpus Christi Bay, but a lot will stay here and move south into the Lagoon for the winter months. Redfish will not be affected by the cooler water for quite some time, their thick skin and scales keeps the warm. They will be close to spoil islands, sand bars, shorelines and rock piles. Drifting close to the ICW Canal is a great place to find them. Drift fishing with soft plastics over the scattered and mixed sand pockets in 2-4' of water is going to put you in the right spot.

Topwaters are KING right now! High tides spread fish out, and topwater plugs help cover a lot of water, bring attention to your bait with sound, and catch larger fish on the average. With the Trout spawn coming up inside the next few weeks big aggressive trophy trout love smashing topwater baits, scaring anglers into heart stopping strikes! Throw plugs that you can see at a long distance, MirroLures TOPDOG& SHE DOG IN GLOW, Chartruse, and Bone.

Picking through Marbled sand pockets and listening to two lifelong friends roast each other over long and large stories are a lot of fun. Last week I had Mr. Able and his friend David out drifting over a lot of good memories, and fishing spots. With Able you can never tell when he is serious or kidding around, but you can be safe to say he is always pushing a good story on you. Some people have a talent to be in a roaring story and still manage to kick everyone's rear end on the boat fishing! He hooked a beautiful trout along the drop off of a spoil island around Bird Island and we all got to see her in gulf the bait and come up to the surface. Her jet black back was wide and thick as she caged the boat. Ina fish of silver she turned and opened her gills throwing water side to side trying to throw the hook. As she bolted and ran, circling the boat Able looked like a teenager crawling out of a girlfriend's window as he went over the motor, under lines, and round and round the boat! I slipped the net around her body and slipped her into the release well. We rose her up to take a few pictures before we sent her back down into the Laguna Madre. These few months ahead of us are perfect time to improve your angling skills and come learn how to use artificial lures instead of depending on live bait. Come refine your casting rod play, learn how to read water and predict where fish will be laying. Perfect the way your lures swim just like a fleeing or injured baitfish. Always remember to open your eyes to the beauty of our back yard here on North Padre.

Follow all of our fishing and catches on Facebook and Ticktok at Joey Farahs Backwater Fishing! 361-442-8145



Local Island legend Mr Able caught and released this Trophy Trout while using a DOWN SOUTH LURES SOFT PLASTIC around the spoil Islands close to Bird Island.

Island Real Estate Roundup



Apryl Noles

Rainy weather slows real estate activity

Last week brought a slower pace to the Padre Island real estate market, which comes as no surprise given the significant rainfall our area experienced. After all, house hunting isn't quite as enjoyable when you're dodging puddles and carrying umbrellas!

Despite the rainy weather, we still saw activity across the market. In the detached home sector, four properties entered the option period. The condominium sector also saw movement, with two properties entering the option period and two successfully closing. As we move further into November and approach the holiday season, we're hopeful for continued activity and renewed momentum in our beautiful Island community.

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

Detached Homes In The Option Period:

-13730 Hawksnest Bay Dr (Listed for $1,048,000)

-13538 Catamaran Dr (Listed for $574,500)

-14218 Allamanda Dr (Listed for $489,900)

-15409 Cuttysark St (Listed for $439,000)

Condominiums In The Option Period:

-14427 Compass St Unit B12 (Listed for $359,000)

-14434 Cabana E Unit 319 (Listed for $199,999)

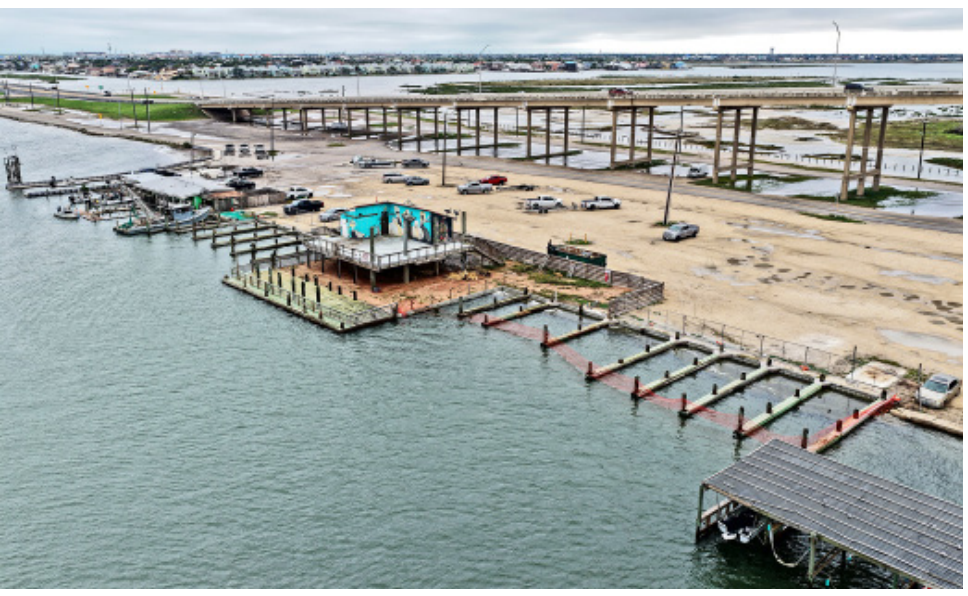
Condominiums That Sold:

-15002 Windward Dr Unit 202 (Listed for $375,000)

-15418 Fortuna Bay Dr Unit 101 (Listed for $125,000)

Packery Bar and Grill Construction

As you passed over the JFK Bridge this week you may have noticed work going on at the old Packery Channel Bar & Grill. The owners of Doc's Seafood & Streaks have taken over the location and have begun renovation work. No final plans for the building have been announced but additional docks are part of the plan in order to expand the number of slips for fishing tournaments. We look forward to having another spot to hang out on The Island.





Thoughts from Reverend Ken



By Rev. Dr. Ken

Of Chronos, Kairos and dandelions

Dandelions fascinate children. Molly's mom implored her to hurry up because there is no time to stop and blow dandelions. Molly asked what could be one of the most significant questions any human could ask, "Mommy, what is time for?"

What is time for? That's a good question!

For some people there is never enough time. For others there always seems to be too much time. For some, time flies; for others time drags.

Ancient Greeks distinguished two kinds of time. Chronos is the time that move sequentially; Kairos is sacred time. Kairos is the time of significance, the moments of opportunity. Chronos is the time that is ongoing. Chronos extends a warning; Kairos offers hope.

Former British paratrooper Karl Bushby recently completed an epic twenty-eight-year, 31,000-mile global walking trip. The journey is known as the Goliath Expedition. He arrived in his hometown of Hull, England on November 2, 2026. He began the trip November 1, 1998, in Punta Arenas, Chile. He walked across four continents and thirty countries. He did not use any mechanical or motorized transport to advance his journey. When faced with water crossings, he swam. His only companion was a custom gear trolley named, "The Beast," containing his survival supplies and camping gear.

Bushby was imprisoned in Panama and Russia. He encountered bureaucratic and visa delays. He faced down a polar bear and survived lawless, dense jungles. When he reunited with his son and mother, he also met for the first time his twelve-year-old granddaughter.
Bushby's commitment, perseverance, and courage is certainly admirable. There is a lesson here for our shallow and rootless culture. He will have endless stories of his adventure. He will undoubtedly be the center of the party at his local pub. Yet, what is the toll?

How we mark time says a lot about how we assign meaning and purpose to our existence. How do we mark the time from the cradle to the grave? Jonathan was making millions of dollars a year on Wall Street. He was also miserable. He could have retired to the mountains, reading novels, fishing, and keeping bees. Instead, he changed careers. He became a rescue paramedic with the Fire Department of New York. His salary is considerably less.

By his own admission, he's a Fire Department grunt. Yet, he is also one of the few rescue medics who are trained to save firefighters from active fires, retrieve people trapped beneath subway cars, and reach injured people by rappelling down elevator shafts. Jonathan also has stories to share.

The work is hard, and he loves it. He thinks he is in a better place. He is marking his time by serving others.

The Bible says, "Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." (Psalm 90:12) The apostle Paul counsels to be careful then how you live, not as unwise people, making the most of time. (Ephesians 5:15-16). So much of what Jesus taught was an expansion on his command to love our neighbor. One of the resources available to us is our time. When we choose to use our time focused on loving and serving others we are living in Kairos time.

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

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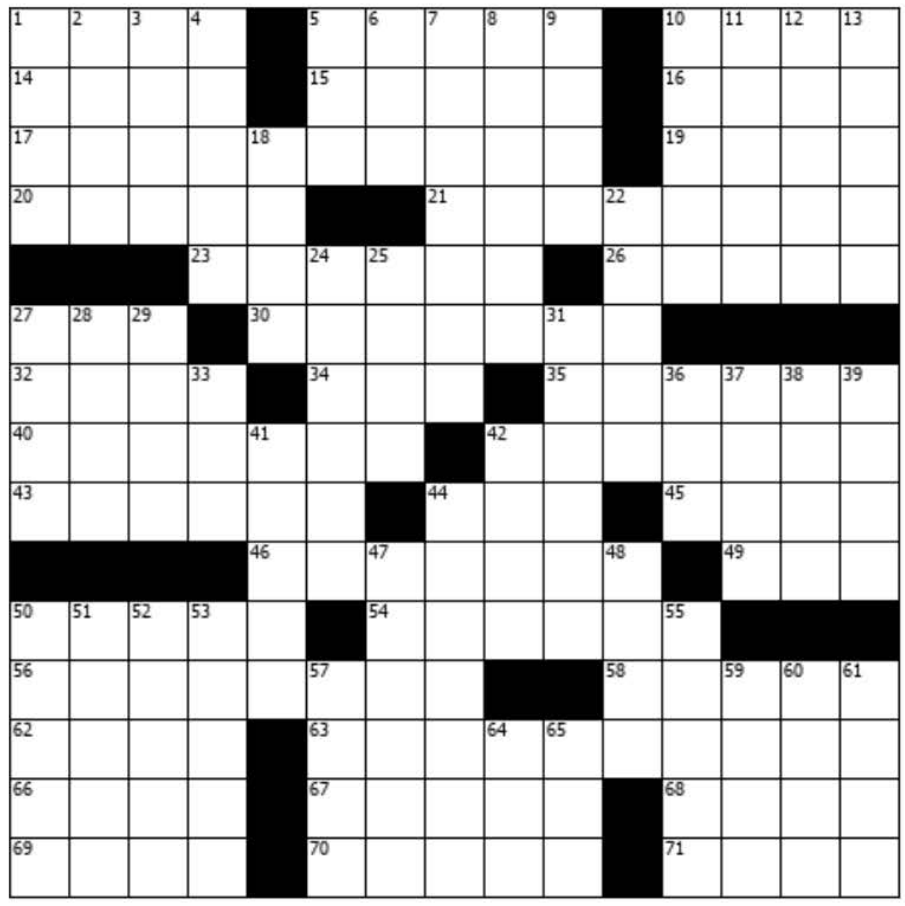
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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page



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1. James Michener novel, e.g.
5. Fancy neckwear
10. Symbol on many sarcophagi
14. Nibble between meals
15. Communication device
16. Actress Turner
17. Man of letters?
19. Mayberry character
20. Reduce, as prices
21. Automobile engine part
23. Juicy tidbit
26. "Roots" author
27. Pop and op follower
30. Man of letters?
32. Codger
34. Grasp the significance of
35. First-born of siblings
40. Man of letters?
42. Man of letters?
43. New York tribe
44. Adjoined
45. Intersection sign
46. Man of letters?
49. Rejection after rejection?
50. Dispatch boat
54. Photographer Adams, et al.
56. Obsolete disc player
58. Away from port
62. Toward the sheltered side
63. Man of letters?
66. Tenement locale, perhaps
67. "___ bad moon rising ..."
68. Latvian capital
69. Soldier's lullaby
70. ___ slipper (orchid type)
71. Conclude

Down

1. They justify the means
2. Sci-fi author Frederick ___
3. Hispaniola, por ejemplo
4. Deep divide
5. Common mo. for showers
6. Pronoun for Paula
7. Arrogance
8. Beepable, as a doctor
9. Abound or swarm
10. Hello, in Hilo
11. Post followup
12. Jam spreader
13. Precipitate
18. "Hold up!"
22. Pasta piece
24. Disheveled
25. First mate aboard the Jolly Roger
27. Great serves
28. Justice's garb
29. Hotel guests are often out of this
31. Crunch maker
33. Common article
36. Morning moisture
37. Actor McGregor
38. Feature on the farm skyline
39. Clucks disapprovingly
41. It ran through the veins of Venus
42. Disney collectibles
44. Terrorized
47. Former Polish president
48. Shaq specialty
50. Nautical command
51. Luxurious country house
52. Become slippery in winter, in a way
53. Botanical uprights
55. Mixes up
57. Trompe l'___
59. Foul mood
60. Morning toaster treat
61. "I need it yesterday!" initials
64. Turnabout, informally
65. Bell and Kettle, for example

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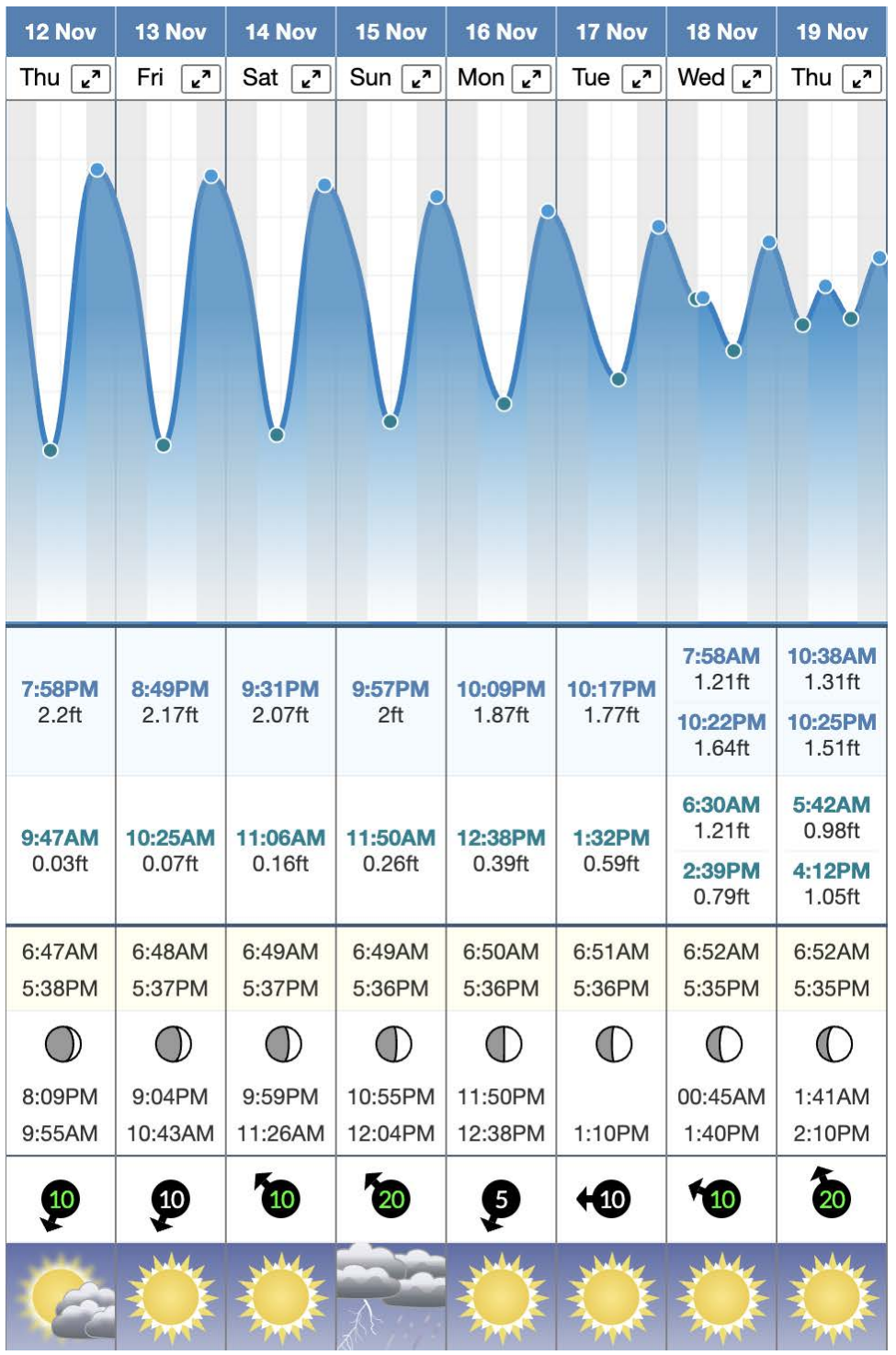
Island Moon Live



Our Thursday radio show is on 1440 KEYS and 98.7 fm as well as streamed live on YouTube and Facebook! We record the show on Thursdays live from 10 am to noon. We have an enormous amount of different friends and guests, telling stories about how the Island used to be, and where we are heading. All of the videos are free to watch, and can be found on YouTube at Island Moon Live via this QR Code.

Live Streams

Tides of the Week



Crossword Solution

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Port A Farmer's Market

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Stacy with Island Wellness always has the best stuff



Heidi Cluck with the Port A Chamber of Commerce



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Some of the Pink Flamingo Pub Crawlers stopped by the market

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Science and the Sea

Sharks' Killer Sense of Hearing



A recent study involving blacktip sharks demonstrates their ability to hear further than previously thought. Credit: Jerome Paillet CC 4.0

You've likely heard how acute sharks' sense of smell is. They can smell blood hundreds of feet away in tiny concentrations equivalent to about one pinch of salt in 2,000 potato chips. You might also have heard about sharks' sixth sense of electroreception, which lets them detect tiny electrical fields in the water through special jelly-filled pores around their head called ampullae of Lorenzini. But those aren't the only highly sensitive senses sharks have.

Researchers recently discovered that sharks have a killer sense of hearing too. Not only can they hear sound almost 250 feet away, but they can even pinpoint the source of that sound. A recent study involving blacktip sharks demonstrates their ability to hear further than previously thought.

Researchers from Florida Atlantic University learned this by observing the behavior of blacktip sharks swimming in the shallow waters off the Southeast Florida coast. The scientists dropped an underwater speaker into the water and let it drift up to 60 feet from their boat to lessen the likelihood that the boat itself would influence the sharks' behavior. Then they played three sets of low-frequency sound that ranged from 100 to 800 hertz, ensuring the sound was loud enough to startle the sharks if they heard it. A drone tracked where the sharks were and how they responded to the sounds, including whether they changed swimming direction.

Sharks as far as 243 feet away reacted to the sound, often sharply turning away from the speaker, which suggested they could tell where the sound came from. The study is the first evidence that sharks can detect sound from far away and move away from it—this finding is especially surprising since sharks likely rely on their inner ears instead of the swim bladder that bony fish have, which helps with sound detection. In the ocean's noisy underwater environments, sharks' super hearing is another asset they can use in hunting prey.

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Fisheremen found the new pier at Packery Channel Park.



Island pelicans have a new party house at Packery Channel Park.



Nature boardwalk at Packery Channel Park.



Three Chords and the Truth

By Ronnie Narmour
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Because of the wind…



Because of the wind.

I am pleased to announce that my brain fog has pretty much subsided and I'm feeling fit as a fiddle. I am, on the other hand, on the fence about this autumn weather. We've seen two cold fronts this past week and the wind and rain have been quite disrespectful, especially the wind. But, in the immortal words of **Joe Ely**, "…up in Corpus Christi, the wind blows all the time." It compares with Lubbock where you get a dust storm blasting away pretty much daily. I can't say I miss that. I remember standing out in center field at little league practice and watching those big brownish red clouds blow in covering the entire horizon and jumping on my bicycle at the last minute and pedaling home at break neck speed so the dust storm wouldn't devour me. It seems like I've been hiding from the wind my whole life. And brother, it does get cold up there. That wind that blows down from Amarillo is a bonafied booger bear.

Good times…



A new Farley Boat at the Wooden Boat Show 2026

There was a bunch of cool stuff to chase around last week, and more on the way. I made it over to the city park in Port A for the WOODEN BOAT SHOW on Saturday, before the rain hit on Sunday. They cancelled the boat show due to rain and moved the FARMER'S MARKET indoors to the Civic Center. I absolutely love those annual events and attend them every year. I adore the handmade boats, the smell of the wood and the beautiful tones they get on the mostly teak boats. This show is sponsored by FARLEY BOAT WORKS who has a long, rich history in Port Aransas. They gained public notoriety in 1937 when **Franklin Roosevelt** went tarpon fishing in one and caught a whopper in it. BTW, he was piloted by **Teddy Mathews** of the local Mathews/Ward lineage in Port A. A photo and tarpon scale hangs in the *Tarpon Inn* today. There was a Farley boat on display at the Wooden Boat Show and a tent where they actually built a boat on premise. I did go over to the Civic Center and wandered around the *Farmer's Market* for a spell. Actually I was looking for some locally grown oysters and did find some, although they were very small. I did buy a dozen in spite of the fact they are cold water animals and best in the winter. After that I headed for the *Red's Riviera* for their fourth annual *PINK FLAMINGO PUB CRAWL*. It was a bit discouraging due to the rain but encouraging when I saw the big number of decorated carts and people decked out in pink. They opted out of the traditional beach pic since there was some flooding going on with the high tide. So we all headed to the *Sip Yard* for drinks and found our photo opts there. I really did have a great time and got a slew of pics.

Holidays & Winter Texans…

The live music scene here has slowed down being that the summer tourist season took a hike when public school started at the end mid August. We are in that sweet zone right now waiting for *Thanksgiving, Christmas* and *New Years Eve* to leave their mark. Soon our *Winter Texas* families will start trickling in followed by a steady flow. The lodging rates and trailer park rates go way down starting in September and it's a whole new ball game. Truth be told, I love the *Winter Texan* months. Everything slows down and the summer chaos subsides. One indicator that the *Winter Texans* are here, except for driving through the *Lowes Market* parking lot counting out of state license plates, is the Wednesday residency gig at *Bernie's* with the **PA Rockers**. The Rockers have a new lineup since **Colorado Bob** passed and **John Boeckler** quit. **Steve Goldstein** will still be there leading the charge from January until March. The Rockers will also play the *Parrot Heads* annual *Spring Phling* on February 20th.

Scattered shots…



Tex Zep blew us all away last weekend.

I was able to catch a nice selection music last weekend. The *Sip Yard* takes the prize with their **Led Zeppelin** tribute show; **Tex Zep** in which the local band, **Dirty Ridge,** opened the show. Both bands were FANTASTIC. I'm a huge Zeppelin fan and loved every minute of this show. Their singer had **Robert Plant's** tone and range down to perfection not to mention their instrumentation was spot on. They sounded just like the records. I also caught some of the **Lowland Revelry**, a *Red Dirt Southern Rock* band who really knows their stuff. They were good. Elsewhere at *Shorty's* I saw the **Palacios Brothers** from Hebbronville on Friday at *Shorty's* followed by the grungy **Left Right Left** on Saturday. And somehow I made it by the *Gaff* for some real deal foot stomping zydeco/Cajun from **Boudreaux and Pousson**…they ALWAYS get the gals wiggling.



Boo and Poo played the Gaff last Friday

Coming this weekend…

Up and comer **Chadwick Hunter** will play the *Gaff* on Thursday, November 12. Keep an eye out for that guy. On Friday, November 13th, we have the **Wayward Gypies** duo playing the *Gaff* and at the *Sip Yard* the **B-Flat Dueling Pianos** will play *stump the band*, and I bet you can't. Also on Friday original singer-songwriter **Boone Holding** from Utophia will blow your little mind at *Shorty's*. On Saturday the 14th the *Gaff* will host another installment of *Grown Men Racing Power Tools (BELTSANDER RACES)* with **Coach Dugan** on stage. Also on Saturday **Five Card Draw** will play at the *Sip Yard*, **Dreaming in Color** will play *Shorty's*, **Billy Snipes** will play the *Beach Lodge* and the CC BEER FEST will take up residency in HERITAGE PARK. I also want to mention that the JOKERS AND JESTERS comedy troupe will bring their laughs to *Red's Riviera*. Check out the LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT box for more live music in the Coastal Bend. Be safe!

♫♫♫ And, that's the truth ♫♫♫



The Wayward Gypsies will play the Gaff on Friday, November 22nd.



FDR tarpon fishing in a Farley Boat 1937.



Dreaming in Color will play Shorty's on Saturday the 14th.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, November 12
Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Chadwick Hunter @ Gaff
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Los Guys @ Rockit's
Identity Crisis @ House of Rock
Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar
Marti Jay @ Sandbox NPI
Darren McGill @ Honey's Drive n Dive
Nathan Allen @ Doc's

Friday, November 13
Boone Holding @ Shorty's
Wayward Gypsies @ Gaff
B-Flat Dueling Pianos @ Sip Yard
Chadwick Hunter @ Beach Bums
The Groove @ Pelican
Corey Kent @ Brewster Downtown
Splendiferous @ Rockit's
Jive Turkey, Left Right Left @ Exchange
Marti Jay @ Anchor Bar
Jules Taylor @ Fajitaville
Darren McGill @ Sandbox NPI
Carl Hayes @ HardKnocks
Caleb Griffis @ Sugar Shack
Ty Dietz @ Honey's Drive n Dive
Nathan Allen @ Doc's
Jacob Pena @ Doc's
Waterline

Saturday, November 14
BELT SANDER RACES @ Gaff
CC BEER FEST @ HERITAGE PARK
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Five Card Draw @ Sip Yard
Dreaming in Color @ Shorty's
Billy Snipes @ Beach Lodge
The Groove 2.0 @ Rockit's
Fuzion @ Annex
J & The Sound @ Pelican
Michael Burtts @ The Slip
Dead Love Club @ Brewster Downtown
Jam Band @ Exchange
Bill Goodge @ Anchor Bar
Carl Hayes @ Anchor Bar'= Trisum @ Fajitaville
Bill Goodge @ Fajitaville
MACHIN3 @ Sandbox NPI
Sikk Puppy @ Honey's Drive n Dive
Bubba Durham @ Salty Dolphin
2Gann Band @ Doc's

Sunday, November 15
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Etheridge @ Gaff
Rip Tide Cowboy @ Anchor Bar
Kelly Kenning @ Anchor Bar
Alee Velazco @ Fajitaville
Darren McGill @ Sandbox NPI
Melissa Ann @ Doc's

Monday, November 16
John Elijah Band @ Shorty's
US- Penny & Joe @ Pelican
Melissa Ann @ Doc's

Tuesday, November 17
Brad Etheridge @ VFW

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