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Around The Island

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By Dale Rankin

The big news *Around the Island* this week is that after over four years of blockage water is about to flow though Island canals again as crews mid-week began work to remove the sand dam on Lake Padre that has been in place since just after Tropical Storm Alberto in 2022. The last time the canal under the Don Patricio Bridge was open to Lake Padre and on to the 177-foot opening from the lake into Packery Channel there was no water passage under the bridge on Commodores Drive so once the sand dam is removed it will mark the first time that water can flow to the Laguna Madre in two directions.

Residents on Cruiser Street immediately north of the Whitecap Blvd. Bridge reports they have seen a change in water conditions there since the opening of the Commodores canal several months ago with a noticeable daily tidal flux. The opening of the sixteen miles of canals *Around the Island* – not including the two miles at Whitecap NPI – to water flow from Packery Channel has been forty years in the making, but Island developers in the 1970s who originally planned for underground culverts to provide water flow under the SPID corridor did not anticipate having a second opening to the north which is expected to relief some of the pressure on bulkheads south of the bridge. Judging by what we saw when the canals were opened in early 2022 we should expect to see a change in water conditions in our canals within a few weeks of removal of the dam. The biggest difference will likely be in the canal north of Commodores Dr. which was not open at that time.

The City of Corpus Christi is in the process of installing water flow meters under the city-owned bridges at Whitecap, Commodores, and Gypsy in early 2027 and officials at the Padre Isles Property Owners Association said at their October board meeting they plan to install similar meters in their canals. The PIPOA has installed more than 1000 feet of new sheet piling since Alberto did its damage in anticipation of the removal of the dam and that work continues.

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Water to flow in Island canals!



Crews prepare for the opening of the sand dam in Lake Padre this week. Its removal is expected in the near future

Surfers rejoice!



The new NOAA Weather Station that went active this week on Bob Hall Pier will provide real time information on surf conditions for local surfers and fisherman. For more information see Jay Gardner's column on A7 in this issue.

Mardi Gras Art!



The new artworks for Barefoot Mardi Gras 2027 was revealed this week at Evoke Studios. The Artist is Jennifer Seymour

Beachcombing Report

A Second Chance for a Yellow Box Crab



Front view of the yellow box crab

This week, I came across a large yellow box crab stranded along the high tide line. These are also called shame faced crabs for the way the keep their claws up next to their face. Its beautifully patterned shell measured nearly five inches across, making it one of the largest box crabs I've encountered. Unfortunately, this crab was missing an eye and appeared to be in pretty rough shape.

After taking a few photographs, I decided to attempt a rescue. I brought the crab home and placed

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A little Island history

The Island's Seawall our sentry against the assault of the sea

How we got to where we are…

By Dale Rankin

In January the $16 million project to renovate and improve the Michael J. Ellis Seawall. will begin This will be the third major event since the construction of the seawall.

It all began 61 years ago when Padre Island Investment Corp. built the 114-room Million Dollar Inn

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Seawall repair 1981. Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

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By the numbers

Short-term rentals

The following numbers regarding Short-term rentals were presented to the Corpus Christi City Council this week.

1652 Short-term rentals currently permitted in Corpus Christi

1000 not permitted (estimate)

278 STR in residential areas – would be closed if ban is enacted

10,000 platforms to advertise STR online

City Council delays decision on Short-term Rentals

Four hours of public comment at city hall

By Dale Rankin

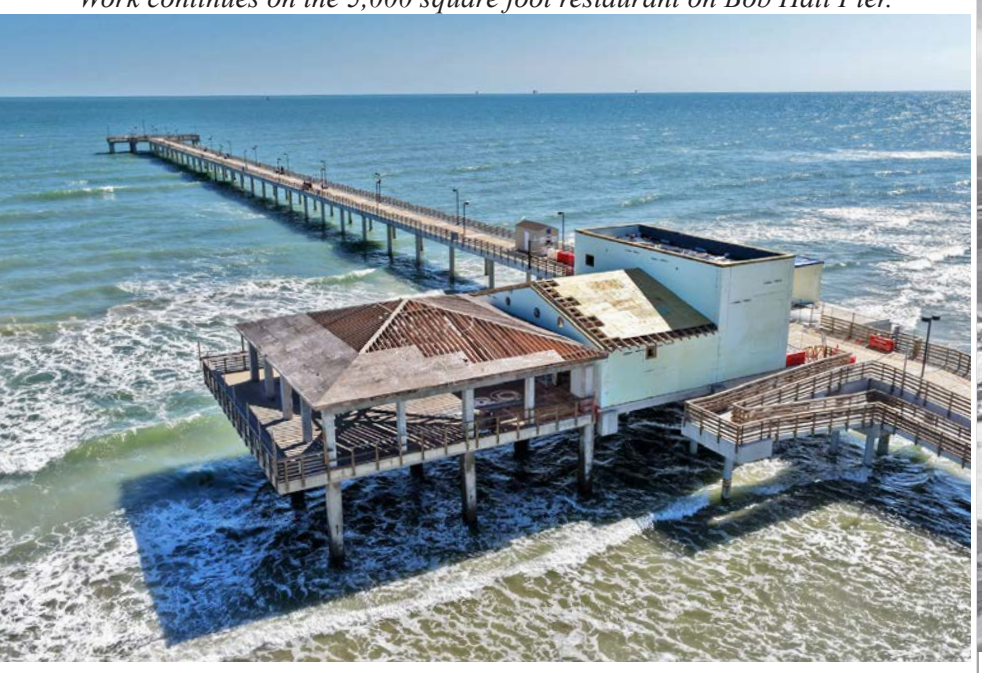
The Corpus Christi City Council meeting this week turned into a referendum on Short-term rentals (STR) in residential neighborhoods across the city as residents on both sides of the issue lined to speak on a day the council was to vote on a second and final reading of an ordinance that would have banned STR in all residentially zoned areas across the city.

At last week's meeting the council poked the bear by voting on first reading to ban STR rental units in all residential areas around the city. As a result 68 citizens showed up for more than three hours of public comment followed by another hour of public comment. In early evening the council took a vote to postpone a final decision until Monday, January 11, which according to the timeline posted on the city's website is the last day the current council members will remain in office and is posted as a "Ceremonial Meeting for Outgoing Members." New members are

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Bob Hall Pier Update

Work continues on the 5,000 square foot restaurant on Bob Hall Pier.







The Island as it was



As the white pelicans return to The Island take a look at the pelican party in Lake Padre in late 2008. The peninsula in the center of the shot has since been removed and is now the location of the canal leading to the Don Patricio Bridge.

Here are a few shots of Lake Padre as it is today. New aerials by Jacob Augs









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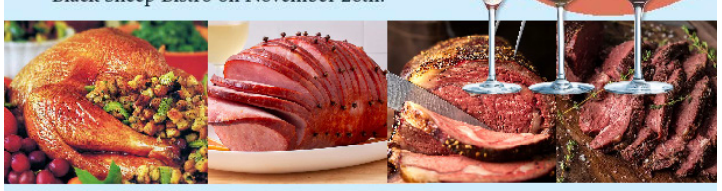
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Final election results

Runoff Election Saturday, December 12

Early Voting begins Monday, November 30 and runs through Tuesday, December 8 for the December 12 City of Corpus Christi elections. Any registered voter may vote in the runoff whether they voted in the General Election or not. There will be three elections on the ballot on Padre Island and in Flour Bluff.

District 4

The following are the final vote totals for the November 3 election in City Council District 4. The runoff is between Dan Herrington and Kristina Nelson to replace outgoing council member Kaylynn Paxson.

4954 35.58% Kristina Nelson (runoff)

4939 35.47% Dan Herrington (runoff)

2085 14.97% Joshua Anderson

1,946 13.98% Stacie Garrecht

Mayor

31,178 38.79% Paulette Guajardo (Runoff)

18,831 23.43% Gil Hernandez (Runoff)

12,648 15.74% Kaylynn Paxson

10,801 13.44% David Ainsworth

At-Large

To avoid a runoff candidates must have reached a threshold of 12% of the total vote.

26,133 16.32% Mark Scott (elected)

18,556 11.59% Carolyn Vaughn (runoff)

17,898 11.18% Merida Nardone Mendoza (runoff)

15,443 9.64% Michael Miller (runoff)



Island Obituary

William Earl Boyd Jr.

1942-2026



William Earl Boyd, Jr. November 28, 1942 ~ November 06, 2026 (age 83) William E. (Bill) Boyd, Jr., 83, passed away on November 6, 2026, in Corpus Christi, TX. Born in Detroit, MI, on November 28, 1942, he was the son of William and Eilleen (Gordon) Boyd.

Bill graduated from Lincoln High School and went on to join the United States Navy in 1960. He proudly served his country for 10 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. While stationed in California, Bill married Jacqueline R. Spadafora on December 31, 1966, in San Diego, CA. The couple welcomed one daughter, Ericka Boyd. After being honorably discharged, Bill went on to earn an associate's degree in San Diego, CA, and later a Bachelor of Arts in Photography from Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, CA.

A long-time resident of North Padre Island, Bill was deeply involved with the Padre Island Yacht Club (PIYC) for many years, where he served as Treasurer, Vice Commodore, and Commodore (2006). He was quick to volunteer for almost any job and pitch in wherever needed, especially when it involved boats—such as the La Posada Lighted Boat Parade and collecting Toys for Tots—or cooking, whether preparing eggs benedict for the annual PIYC Mother's Day Brunch, grilling at numerous cookouts, or even roasting a whole pig. He loved living on the island and enjoyed boating, fishing, weekly coffee clubs with friends, and RVing.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Ericka Boyd of Corpus Christi, TX; his brother, John (Betty) Boyd of McKinney, TX; his sister, Lynn (Larry) Dalton of Bay City, MI; his brothers-in-law, Thomas (Peggy) Spadafora and Robert Spadafora, both of Oneida, NY; his sister-in-law, Fran Manzella of Ithaca, NY; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces, great grandnephews, and cousins.

Bill was reunited in death with his beloved wife of 56 years, Jacqueline Rose Boyd, and was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eilleen Boyd, and his infant brother, Robert. A memorial service and interment with his late wife, Jacqueline, will be held at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi, TX, on Monday, November 23 at 1:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to any VA-supported charity in Bill's memory.

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set to be sworn in on January 12 after the December 12 Runoff Election in which eight of the nine seats on the council will be decided.

The speakers at Tuesday's meeting included Chris Monro who manages about twenty STR homes along Ocean Drive which have led to a reworking of the STR ordinance passed by the council in 2022, as well as dozens of owners of STR homes in residential areas across the city whose property would not be eligible for leasing for terms of less than thirty days after January 2027 under the new proposed ordinance.

The vote by the council comes after more than twenty STR on Ocean Drive have been the subject of ongoing complaints from neighborhoods about noise, parking, and trash. In response the council decided to ban them altogether in residential neighborhoods across the city.

The current ban on STR in neighborhoods on Padre Island is included in the city ordinance under consideration and if it is approved the Island ban will not be effected. STR, already legally operating on Padre Island and Mustang Island, would also not be affected.

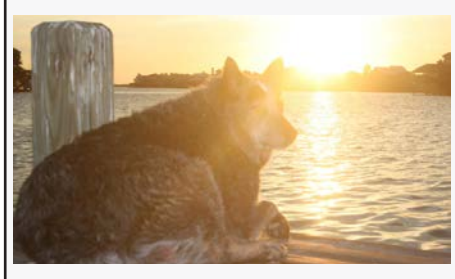
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Stuff I Heard on the Island



By Dale Rankin

Regular readers here know that I often mention the benefits we have on The Island because our citizens get involved. Through our Island Strategic Action Committee and the Island Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 we are by far the most organized part of the city when it comes to dealing with our city government.

The benefits of that were on full display at City Hall this week when more than 70 citizens signed up to speak for over four hours coming at the question of how to regulate short-term rentals in residential areas from all angles. There is no easy answer here and the advantage and the foresight of keeping STR (that is a plural) out of Island residential neighborhoods was on full display.

This is a sticky wicket which can be and was argued round and flat with equal conviction and reason. City councils all over Texas are trying to deal with the balance between the rights of residential homeowners who reside fulltime next door to absentee homeowners who lease their property for overnight stay. This is an issue that is not going away and Islanders need to be aware of the points at hand so here are the highlights.

The pros

Many of the speakers at city hall gave tearful accounts of the money they have put into STR homes and the hoops they have jumped through to meet city guidelines which are now being reconsidered four years after the first local ordinance was passed. Most stressed the investment they have made and their adherence to the rules and perceived damage to property values if the ability to lease short term is removed.

Most said the problem is not that the STR are there, but rather there are some bad actors who are the cause of the need to revisit the matter. Bad actors are the ones who produce the need for rules.

They emphasized that lack of city enforcement has allowed things to evolve to this point and there is no arguing that. When the STR ordinance was passed in 2022 it was with a 24 hour hotline for enforcement which was discontinued two years ago, meaning that enforcement fell to city police. Police Chief Mike Markel told the council last week the only way for CCPD to enforce STR rules is to station an officer in front of the house full time. This is not and should not be a police matter. Those opposing the proposed citywide ban on STR in residential areas universally said set the permit fees so they will cover the cost of enforcement.

They also made the point that the cash flow from STR is not allowed to be considered in price when selling a home – more on that later.

The bottom line is whether STRs are a "business" or if leased for overnight stay are still considered "residential" which is how the areas in question are zoned. That is the heart of the matter and the crux of the lawsuits now before the Texas Supreme Court and awaiting a writ of certiorari at the U.S. Supreme Court. The owners of STR emphasize their homeowners rights and their assumption when they bought the property that leasing overnight was allowed in perpetuity.

The cons

This is pretty straightforward. Those of us who bought houses in residential neighborhoods did so with the assumption that there would not be a business run out of the house next door. No matter how quiet the overnight guests, having a steady stream of strangers as next door neighbors was not why we bought. An STR owner told the council that state regulations do not allow the cash flow generated by STR to be considered when pricing a house for sale. That may be technically true but the reality is this falls under the heading of the water that runs off a hog after a washing. Sales notices stress the availability to lease short-term which would not be the case if it does not affect price. And while living next door to a house/hotel may depress the sales price it simultaneously raises property taxes as the cash flow is baked into the sales price of the neighboring STR home which becomes the comp for neighboring houses where the owners pay property tax on the cash flow they are not receiving. The proof of this is in Port Aransas where a decade of STR has driven up taxes – and values – pushing permanent residents OTB (or the ferry). When buyers of STR units purchased homes they did so under one-year rollover permits. There was never any promise – even implied – that it was a permanent right. In fact, with only 15% of the homes on any block allowed to lease short-term under the rules, neighbors who wanted to keep STR out could apply for permits any January and squeeze the STR operations out. Just because they hold the STR permits doesn't mean they have to lease short-term. The STR buyers took a risk for short-term cash flow and said this week their homes will be "worthless" if the ability to lease short-term is removed. They can't have it both ways. If leasing short-term does not increase the sales price then it follows that it must not decrease the re-sale price either. The STR owner can always get their sales value back.

The middle ground

When the council voted to ban STR in residential areas all over town they poked the bear…or bears…70 of them at least. I can only speak for myself and I don't want a STR house next door to me but that doesn't end the argument – it's going to take the courts.

This question is likely to end up before the legislature that starts up in January with the ability of cities to regulate STR across the state at the heart of the matter. The good news is that due to the work of Islanders with the support of our city council we dodged the bullet.

There but for the grace of God and our diligence goes to our Island.

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Bob Hall Restaurant

The Requests for Proposals for operation of the new restaurant on Bob Hall Pier are now out. Operators interested in the 5000 square-foot space can now apply. County Commissioner Brent Chesney said the bids will be opened on December 1. To apply go to *publicpurchase.com* and search for *Nueces County* and you can download the RFP. The new restaurant is scheduled for opening in early 2027, however, there have been no work crews on the site this week.

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. The La Posada Foundation is helping the Police Officer's Christmas Angels collect toys for the children in the Corpus Christi area and as always the lighted boat parade needs boats! Go to laposadafoundation.org and sign up.



Island Blast

The Island Blast 4th of July Fireworks Show is still a long way off but Nick Colosi has to put in a down payment by January 1 so if you would like to donate go to GoFundMe at Island Blast and pitch in.

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A little Island history

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Repairs to seawall in 1981 after Hurricane Allen in 1980.

which opened in June 1967. It was built 300 feet from the water behind a 13-foot-high, 4200-foot seawall to protect it. Without permits.

Things were fine until the arrival of Hurricane Allen in 1980 which destroyed the wall and led to a protracted discussion about who owned the land under the seawall. The City of Corpus Christi annexed Padre Island in 1981 and the beach along the seawall which had been exempted from the Texas Dune Protection Act was claimed by the Texas General Land Office when the seawall was no longer present. The GLO claimed ownership of the easement under the seawall from the mean high tide line to a point 300-feet back from the beach which included parts of buildings behind the seawall and half of the lobby of the old Holiday Inn.

At issue was the private ownership of the seawall, which continues today, which required the property owners to raise the $10 million needed to rebuild the wall. Finally the Water Resources Development Act in 1999 resolved the matter which culminated in the North Padre Island Storm Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration Project which eventually led to one-time federal funding and special assessments for the seawall property owners and raised the $10 million with the caveat that cost of future maintenance of the seawall remained in the hands of the private property owners but public access must be maintained in perpetuity.

So the seawall was rebuilt and the seawall and the majority of the property in the PIPOA were then owned by a single common owner leading to the establishment of a fund whereby 10% of the dues from the Padre Isles Property Owners Association were to be set aside in a fund to maintain the structure. No money was ever put into the fund. That is how things stood for the next two decades as the seawall succumbed to the constant assault of the harsh elements leading to exposed rusty rebar and crumbling concrete with no funds available for its repair.

The result was that for the next twenty-three years not only did the seawall structure deteriorate but funding for any new development along the seawall ran into the reality that each property owner owned the portion of the seawall directly in their front, however, there was no requirement that they repair it in case of a repeat of the type of damage caused by Hurricane Allen. Lenders were wary of putting money into projects along the seawall if the owners of neighboring properties were not required to rebuild it. That is where things stood until 2022.

Next time: The seawall is renamed for Michael J. Ellis and responsibility for its repairs shifts leading to the current improvement project.



Michael J. Ellis Seawall in 1980 after Hurricane Allen

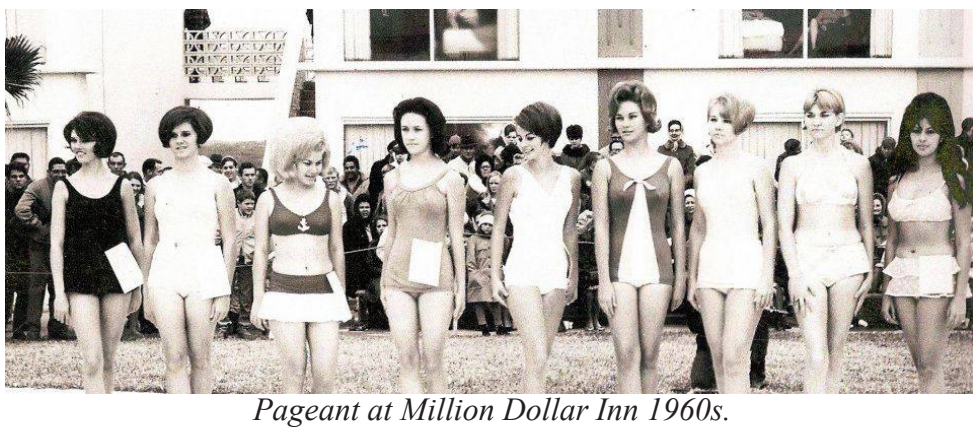
Courtesy of the Caller-Times.



Seawall location February 1968 with Million Dollar Inn in the foreground.



Sand on the seawall September 2008 just prior to Hurricane Ike.



Pageant at Million Dollar Inn 1960s.

The Traveling Moon



Islander Catherine Clark and her mother, Judith took the Moon hiking in Georgia.

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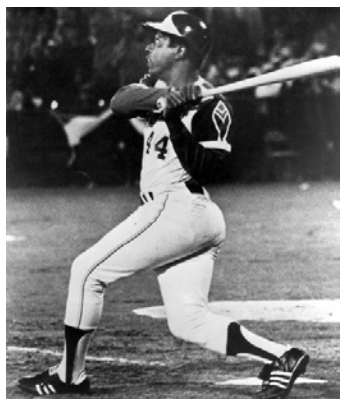
Sports Talk Special to the Island Moon



Baseball - Our National Pastime

By-Dotson Lewis

Dotson's Note: On Sept. 1, 1971, the Pirates became the first AL or NL team to field an all-black, or all-minority lineup. Roberto Clemente was part of the lineup that day, a fitting inclusion for a player who willingly spoke up about issues affecting Latino players of his era. Thanks to Bill Morgan and Wikipedia for many of the facts and to Bill Morgan for the photos contained in this report.



On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run in front of a crowd of more than 53,000 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, passing Babe Ruth's record of 714. The Dodgers' legendary broadcaster Vin Scully summed up the moment with his call:

"It's a high drive into deep left center field. (Bill) Buckner goes back to the fence… It is gone. What a marvelous moment for baseball. What a marvelous moment for Atlanta and the state of Georgia. What a marvelous moment for the country and the world. A Black man is getting a standing ovation in the Deep South for breaking a record of an all-time baseball idol."

Aaron's uniform from this historic moment is on display in the Hank Aaron: Chasing the Dream exhibit on the National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum's third floor.



Mike Piazza wore this jersey when he hit a home run on Sept. 21, 2001, the first game played in New York after Sept. 11, 2001.

For many, 9/11 is a moment etched into our memories. The events of that day left us with a tremendous sense of loss and anger for what had been taken from us, and a heavy feeling that our lives would be changed forever. Thankfully, baseball was there to help us heal again.

Just 10 days after the attack, on Sept. 21, Major League Baseball resumed in New York. The city was still reeling and coming to grips with a changed world. That game represented hope – and gave people faith that despite our terrible loss, America was going to persevere. The evening reached a crescendo as future Hall of Famer Mike Piazza of the New York Mets hit one out of Shea Stadium to beat the rival Atlanta Braves. The crowd went wild – screaming, jumping, hugging and crying together. The jersey Piazza wore that day now splits time on display between the Museum in Cooperstown and the Mets Hall of Fame and Museum at Citi Field.

Just a few weeks later, in late October and early November 2001, the New York Yankees were facing the Arizona Diamondbacks in the World Series. Games 1 and 2 took place in Phoenix. When the series returned to New York for Game 3, President George W. Bush was at Yankee Stadium to throw out the first pitch.

In a show of American strength and perseverance, Bush strode to the mound wearing an FDNY jacket to honor the first responders, and as Yankee fans erupted in cheers of "USA, USA, USA," the President delivered a first-pitch strike.

Years later, President Bush spoke about that moment, saying:

"I had never had such an adrenaline rush as when I finally made it to the mound, I was saying to the crowd, 'I'm with you, the country's with you'… And I wound up and fired the pitch. I've been to conventions and rallies and speeches: I've never felt anything so powerful and emotions so strong, and the collective will of the crowd so evident."

Moments in which baseball and our culture have intersected in powerful ways.

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Red-tailed Hawk By Roxanne Green



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It's easy if you say it real fast…

By Ed Proffitt



Island residents have many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. The annual holiday season is starting (although apparently many shops started some time ago), election season is finally over so landscape-polluting signs are beginning to come down, and some of our Fall landscape plants are blooming wildly. One of the most notable is the camphorweed or false golden-aster (*Heterotheca subaxillaris* (Lam.) Britton & Rusby) as a more complete scientific name. Thus, we know it was first described by Jean-Baptiste Lamarck and later revised into a different genus by American Botanists Britton and Rusby. The plant is in the Family Asteraceae (aster or sunflower family) along with some 32,000 other species world wide, including two tropical tree species over 130 feet tall. So, evolutionarily a very successful group.

Because I don't particularly care for common names of native plants ending in "weed" I'll refer to it by the genus name *Heterotheca* or by the less pejorative common name of false golden aster. At this time the bright yellow flowers cover a sizeable portion of back dune and other secondarily disturbed coastal lands. On particularly windy days some entire fields seem to be covered in yellow waves of flowers. Interestingly, at least to me, *Heterotheca* employes two plant reproductive strategies. Inner flower of a disk-like seed head termed an achene produce a feather-like appendage that can bear the seeds to somewhat distant locations on the wind. On the same seed head the outer seeds lack the "feather" and drop locally below the parent. This is a bit of a evolutionary bet-hedging technique since ones that drop are assured soil and other conditions proven good for growth, while the aerial floaters promote dispersal to novel habitats that may or may not support germination and survival.

Heterotheca is considered by some to be a bit of a nuisance plant since its windblown seeds can come up in yards or gardens where not wanted. We've got a small one in one of our native plant gardens but there's enough larger foliage from other plants that we don't expect it to crowd out our other plants. However, false golden aster can cheer up a field often characterized by grasses for most of the year. For me, its fields of bright yellow flowers herald the start of the holiday season.

The species is important in restoration of degraded dune habitat, although most usually behind the foredune that blocks a portion of the Gulf's salt spray. It's also used to restore coastal and some interior lands with nutrient poor, sandy soils where it functions as an early-colonizing pioneer species whose roots can hold soil while other native plants are dispersing. Once more typical dominant dune grasses become very abundant, *Heterotheca* is typically outcompeted largely persisting in disturbed patches. Sometimes, however, the chemicals in very abundant *Heterotheca* foliage can leach into the ground and inhibit colonization by other plants --- a process known as allelopathy.

In some regions, pioneers (human pioneers I'm talking about now) mixed with fleabane and other plants producing aromatic chemicals to drive away flea and other insect pests. Some native American tribes mixed crushed leaves with grease to form a face and body paint that would repel insects and provide color. Moreover, it was also used by early herbalists to produce an aromatic salve for various medical purposes. However, please note here that any such uses should be approved by your medical professional, because there's likely modern treatments that are much more effective.

But, all in all, *Heterotheca* is a native plant that we can be proud to have in abundance at Thanksgiving. I plan to decorate with some of the foliage, if I can keep my cats from chewing it!



Beachcombing Report

Beachcombing cont. from A1



Jace Tunnell holding a yellow box crab.

it in my saltwater aquarium, hoping it might recover. To my surprise, it worked!

Over the next three days, I watched as the crab slowly regained its strength and began moving around the aquarium with renewed energy.

Yellow box crabs are fascinating creatures that typically inhabit deeper sandy areas of the Gulf, where they spend much of their time buried beneath the sediment. Their rounded, boxlike bodies and powerful claws make them particularly interesting.

What impressed me most were the incredible colors and intricate details of its claws. Each claw was different, with specialized functions for handling prey. One is designed for crushing the hard shells of clams and snails, while the other helps manipulate and open them. It's an amazing example of how marine animals adapt to their environment.

After three days, my temporary houseguest appeared ready to return to the wild. I released him in the calm clear water we had on Friday, where he could hopefully make his way back to the deeper sandy habitat these crabs prefer.

I don't know what caused his injuries or how he ended up stranded on the beach, but watching him recover was one of the more rewarding experiences I've had while beachcombing.

After spending so much time searching for treasures along the shoreline, it's nice to know that sometimes the greatest treasure is one you get to return to the Gulf.

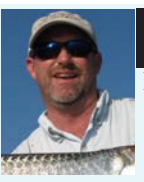
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Jace Tunnell holding an aquarium with a yellow box crab before releasing back to the Gulf.



A 4 winged duck???? This was a shot of 2 flying Northern Shoveler hens that almost looks like a single duck with 4 wings. You never know what interesting images you might get when you go out! By Jim Gilmore



On the Rocks

By Jay Gardner

Finding the Fish in Fall!

I can't believe that next week is Thanksgiving; where does the time go? I remember Augs and I were talking somewhere around February this year, and I told him that "next thing you know it will be Thanksgiving." And here we are. I was just thinking that I need to buy some stamps so I can get Christmas cards out in the mail. Ugh.

I missed the ribbon cutting for the new-to-us NOAA station at the end of Bob Hall pier the other day. The ceremony appeared to be well attended, but it was breezy and the station being back up is the important thing. If you're reading online, you can follow the link to the station home https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=8775870

The station has the usual wind speed, air and water temperature, pressure measurements, along with current water levels. What I found was that there are new sensors that will measure Tsunami water levels, and "microwave" water levels. We all know what the former is, but the latter is a sensor that will measure wave heights in real time. Once this is up and running, it will be one of the most popular sites and data that is observed, mainly by surfers and fisherpersons. Hopefully Dr. Tissot will also put his AI models to use and be able to predict when the best waves are forecast for the coast. I can't wait!

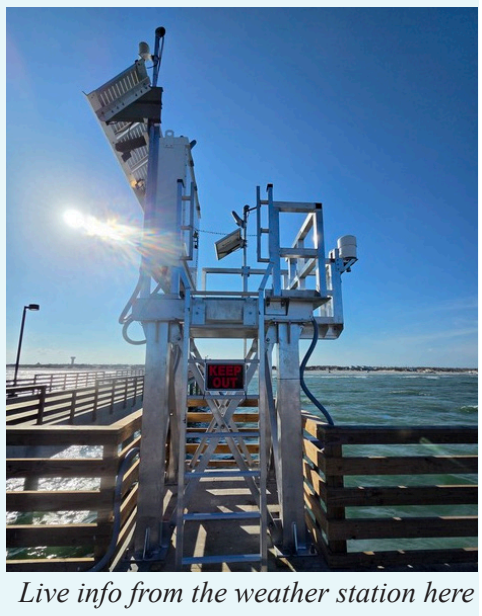
Now that we have the Bob Hall station back up and running, it's a lot easier to see when the tides are going to hit the Laguna in various places, and how they are muted. For instance, if you look at high tide right now at Bob Hall, high tide is running around +2.0 feet above mean high water. Then, high tide is only running around +1.5 feet, and an hour and a half later at the Packery Channel station. Then, you can look at Bird Island, and see that tides are running slightly below +1.1, and 3 hours after that. You can literally follow the pulse of the tidal water as it comes in the passes and when it will hit there. You could do that, or just follow Joey Farah around, and he will tell you because it's hard wired into his brain. Ha!

Hummingbird season

I have to admit that I've only seen one hummingbird over the past few weeks, but I still have the feeders up. The red wing blackbirds are starting to drop in from up north, and they will wipe out a feeder in a few minutes. The last front also brought a few sandhill cranes, and a couple of ducks here and there based on the shotgun activity I hear in the Laguna. The monk parakeets continue to expand, and I'm pretty sure I heard one in Flour Bluff the other day. Don't forget to spread your pre-emergent for sticker burrs and get some seeds planted.

8-mile marker

We made it down the beach this past weekend, and although conditions weren't ideal, it was nice to get back out on the sand. Since this was the first shakedown cruise of the season, we only made it down to about the 8-mile marker down the Padre Island



Live info from the weather station here

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=8775870

Seashore. The quarry was pompano and redfish, and we were bound to give it an effort…up until the first walk out to cast and we decided that the water was a bit chilly. I didn't feel like I was getting out to the pompano grounds, and we bumped around but couldn't get into them.

Chris joined the Zeps and I, and we scratched out a few larger golden croaker, which are actually good eating both fried and sashimi. I was just feeding the small whiting most of the day. A few bonnethead sharks were caught and released, and then finally Chris caught a nice slot redfish. It was nice to get out, and get some sand on our toes and a few fish on the beach.

There's a lot going on out on the Island these days folks, with the new NOAA station, Commodores Park, Packery Channel Park, and there's some equipment out at Lake Padre and they appear to be working on the sand plug. While I feel like 2027 saw a lot of progress, we're going to start 2028 with some things up and running that we've been waiting on for what seems like decades. Drop me a line at jaygardner1032@gmail.com and we'll see you next week On the Rocks.

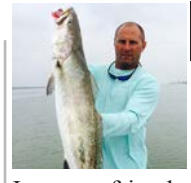


Chris with a nice red at an undisclosed location



Chris, Zep, and Nash at the truck with Rachel shelling in the background.





Backwater Adventures

By Joey Farah

Thankful Harvest



We rolled into a migrating herd of these GIANT REDFISH this week out deep in the Laguna Madre. Shad were jumping for their lives and the redfish were fighting for our lures

I see my friends each day, the Osprey, standing over what we think our world. If I just run by in the boat, they fly, but I call to them. Matching the sound of their screech, they always turn and look instead of bolting off. I look them strait in the eye and see friend and family passed. Spirits fly, and return to us in so many ways. This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, past the pilgrims and settlers that now seem like a sort of concerning and destroying of civilizations. It is time to gather friends and family and celebrate what we share together. Memories of past and present. As my years seem to roll, funerals punch me deep. I attend only to see, hear, and watch the best moments of our lives be together fishing, hunting, on the beach, in the sun of life. Those of us blessed to be on or near the water can get too caught up in life to remember why we live here. Ms Butler's trinket towel stood in the cream parlor for many years. IF YOU'RE LUCKY TO LIVE BYE THE OCEAN, THEN YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH…

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for reading my rambling fishing reports over the last 30yrs make some memories.

FISHING HAS BEEN GREAT! High tides have been blowing in with every north wind, and then pouring out as they switch to the east and southeast. The high water will drop when we get a good week of southeast wind or a blast of westerly winds. The northern coast's tides roll out as they are in the top of the curve of the Texas Coast. Here we need a west wind to push water out away from our coastline. They will retreat in time and with that bring the bays down to a restart. For now, bait and gamefish seem to be scattered for many anglers. Wade fishermen are having a tough time finding waist deep water unless they are standing against an island or shoreline. Flats that are usually knee deep are over their waders. We have been Technical Boat Fishing, drifting and keeping in position with the aid of my MINNKOTA TROLLING MOTOR AND THE MINNKOTA ONE BOAT SYSTEM. This links my trolling motor, GPS, SIDESCAN, and RAPTER SHALLOW WATER ANCHORS together at a push of a button. I can actually draw a line with my finger in the map and the trolling motor will keep us along it, incredible. With cold water fishing coming up, fish will be deep along the channels and light up like a video game.

The best fishing seems to be during an outgoing tide in the Laguna Madre with fish that traveled to the surf zone returning with the hint of outgoing tide. North wind changes have found me drifting the western shorelines of the King Ranch catching trout and reds along the sand pockets in and around thick grass. Four feet has been the best depth but these areas are usually 2-3' deep. This week's cold snap did not send fish deep or get them cold, but it did trigger some hard and heavy feeding during the night time lunar feed period. That left us without much action at dawn, but mid day action was great. When the sun warms the bay waters even a few degrees just as those magic times approach, be at the good spot!

Soft plastics are by far the most popular lures to use right now from the bank or boat. They are easy and clean, and very productive. Watch every move you dance the rod to and mimic a wounded baitfish. Keep most of your presentation down in the lower to middle water columns.

Color choices on my boat are selected in three categories, DARKS BRIGHTS AND NATURAL COLORS

Temperatures have a lot to do with choices, hit bright colors and cool purples pinks, and blue. The best soft plastic this week has been by far the DOWN SOUTH LURES PURPLE REIGN. My other top bait has been the MIRROLURE SOFT DINE, from the boat with a small 1/16thoz weight 6" up the line to help keep the bait in the strike zone. While wade fishing or a stationary boat this is not needed.

The big rock piles in Baffin Bay have been excellent for black drum and redfish on live shrimp, as well as the edge of the Land Cut. That's a long way but this time of year it is so nice to make a long run into the wilderness.

THE OPENING OF THE SAND DAM!! This is happening at an important time. As beach fish return to the bay for winter shelter, and mature gamefish and bait will fall into the maze of canals during cold snaps. Look for there to be a flood of gamefish living in the housing developments this winter. Great fishing will come at a small cost, the erosion of docks, decks, and sea walls! When you buy your very own impact evaluations that really aren't even from the area, well nature always wins.

Heck them fish like natural shorelines anyway! Behind the house try dawn and dusk with GULF SHRIMP, soft plastics with added scent to catch trout and reds that have been milling around lights in the channel all night. Those fish can get spooky quick, but at sunrise are very catchable if you're walking quietly along the edge of the canal. Look for daily tides to start ripping though and bringing in all kinds of different bait species. My Young E-Bike fishermen friends here on the Island are in for some great catches this winter!

Along the skyline I saw flickers of birds diving in the deepest of the Lagoon. Most certainly it was just skipjacks and small trout under them but I had to make sure. As the boat neared and slowed down, a herd of Shad flew out of the water and greyhounded out in front of massive boils. The heads and tails of giant redfish hit the sun as they slashed the water. The speed of the reds was astounding, and soon we were engulfed in a school of 1,000swirling redfish. Two casts in and we watched as they were fighting for our lures. 38-40" bull redfish, two on and one in the rod holder! Lots of fun but as we lifted them from the water for a quick picture their majestic beauty struck us. Long thick sides of orange and maroon, power of flesh and bone had torn the water apart. These great feedings happen often at night, but as our days are shorter and the nights colder, more and more spectacular fishing is during the daytime hours. The cold wind in our lungs brings the CALL OF THE WILD TO HEART, and the need for adventure. Gather this week and enjoy the best of family and friends. If you are staying at home, on the road, or even taking your family on the ocean..

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The DOWN SOUTH LURES PURPLE REIGN has been the weeks most deadly lure! This big trout was released along the Flour Bluff Shoreline during a Midday lunar peak. Farah

Island Real Estate Roundup



Apryl Noles

The season to be selling

As we head into the middle of November, the holiday season is quickly approaching! With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, we can expect more visitors making their way to Padre Island to spend time with family, enjoy our beautiful coastal community, and perhaps even explore the possibility of calling the island home. Despite the typical seasonal slowdown, we are still seeing activity in our local real estate market!

This week in the detached home sector, we had six homes successfully close. In the condominium sector, we had one condominium enter the option period and two successfully close.

With the holidays approaching, it will be interesting to see how the increase in visitors impacts our local market. While some buyers may put their home searches on hold for the holidays, others may take advantage of their time on the island to explore available properties.

Here, you'll find a breakdown of this week's real estate statistics. Stay tuned for next week's update as we continue to follow the trends and activity in our Padre Island real estate market!

Detached Homes That Sold:

-13613 Port Royal Ct (Listed for $509,000)

-15213 Tesoro Dr (Listed for $485,000)

-15229 Barataria Dr (Listed for $449,900)

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

-13946 Jibstay St (Listed for $425,000)

-13918 Windjammer Dr (Listed for $409,900)

Condominium In The Option Period:

-14721 Whitecap Blvd Unit 327 (Listed for $174,900)

Condominiums That Sold:

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

-15005 Windward Dr Unit 119 (Listed for $179,000)



Belted Kingfisher By Britt Thompson

Thoughts from Reverend Ken



By Rev. Dr. Ken

Have you heard the term, "Matthew 25 Christian?"

Sen. Raphael Warnock, D – GA, calls himself a Matthew 25 Christian. Newly elected senators, James Talarico and Adam Hamilton, among others in Washington D.C., frequently refer to Matthew 25. Even Pope Leo cited Matthew 25 when answering a question regarding immigration and detention centers.

Matthew 25 contains three parables told by Jesus. The first one is about being ready and prepared for the return of Jesus. The second parable is about being faithful with the gifts and resources entrusted to us by God. The third parable teaches about offering care to the most vulnerable. Who are the most vulnerable? Who is responsible for caring for them?

Jesus loved to tell parables. They always had a twist, a gotcha, that cemented the radical and countercultural teaching of Jesus.

The third parable in Matthew 25 is about final judgment, sheep, and goats. On the surface, this third parable told by Jesus in Matthew 25 sounds like an imperative to love more, give more, share more, care more. Be more Christian, or else.

I suppose the prospect of final judgment has led more than one person to pray, "Please God, don't let me be behind Mother Teresa on Judgment Day."

Jesus was direct and practical. We are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison. Those who do these things are the sheep in the parable, and they inherit the kingdom of God. Those who do not do these things are the goats. The goats are sent away from Jesus' presence.

One of the twists is that when we do these things with the least, we are doing them to Jesus. Within the parable both the sheep and goats are surprised by their failure to recognize Jesus. They were surprised by where Jesus hangs out.

Indeed, few expect to see Jesus in the face of the disadvantaged, the poor, the imprisoned, the stranger, the migrant, the refugee, the marginalized, the excluded, the dehumanized. When we think of God and the reign of Christ we typically think in terms of power, might, and glory. The parable even began by describing the coming of Christ in glory to sit on his throne.

The parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 calls into question where we find God. God is revealed most clearly in suffering. If we want to experience God's presence fully, deeply, and truly transformatively, we look for God in the need of those around us. When we do so we are living a life of mercy, kindness, and love, doing justice and making peace.

The parable can be stern and ominous. Yet, through our trust in Christ it becomes an extension of who we are, and what it means to follow Jesus. As we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Savior we do so in our lives and in our world. We meet God not in some distant other-worldly reality. We meet God in the here and now, in the concrete needs and pains of our neighbors. In doing so, God is revealed not in power, but in vulnerability; not in might but brokenness; not in judgment but in mercy. God is revealed on the margins of society.

The parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 calls us to a life lived deeply with an incarnational focus in our lives. The parable is not so much about self-optimization as it is Jesus' stark reminder that God's judgment is revealed in how a community treat those who are most vulnerable.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it would be a long trip to where God lived. So, he packed a backpack full of M & M's and Dr. Pepper. He had gone only a few blocks when he came across an older woman sitting on a park bench. She looked sad and lonely.

He offered her a bag of candy. She took some and smiled at the boy. Her smile was warm, so he offered her some Dr Pepper. Once again, she took it. They sat all afternoon eating candy and drinking soda. It grew dark so the boy got up to return home. He gave her a great big hug. She gave him great big smile.

When the boy returned home, his mom noticed how happy he was. He said he had lunch with God. He added that she has the most beautiful smile I have ever seen. When the woman returned home her son noticed how happy she was. She remarked that she sat in the park and ate M & M's with God. She also revealed that he's much younger than I expected.

It's good to be a Matthew 25 Christian. It is even better to live in a Matthew 25 community.

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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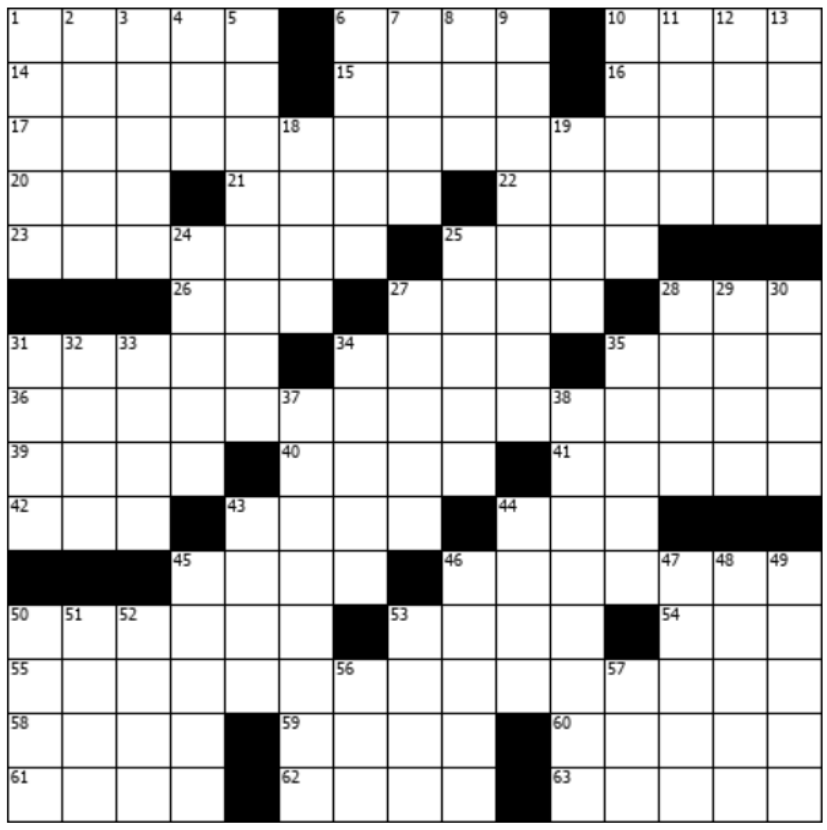
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Island Crossword

Crossword Solution on classifieds page



Across

1. It's wreaked
6. British cleaning woman
10. Recess at St. Peter's
14. Baker or O'Day
15. Singular
16. One way to buy staples (with "in")
17. Epiphany, e.g.
20. Start of a promise
21. It may have a twist
22. Split to unite?
23. Chanoyu beverage servers
25. Proust novel "Remembrance of Things ___"
26. Move quickly
27. Hors d'oeuvre selection, perhaps
28. Morning condensation
31. Prepare for company
34. Overcome difficulties
35. Troika
36. Ocean predator
39. Peak of perfection
40. Contract loopholes
41. Tries to persuade
42. Kind of jacket
43. Some Eutherian mammals
44. Something many amateurs turn
45. It may be before one's time?
46. Panacea
50. Strong supporters of art?
53. Mark replacement
54. Dove chat
55. Certain noncommissioned officer
58. Flounder's filter
59. Show senility
60. Gallows' loop
61. Elihu's college
62. Fancy jug
63. Units of force

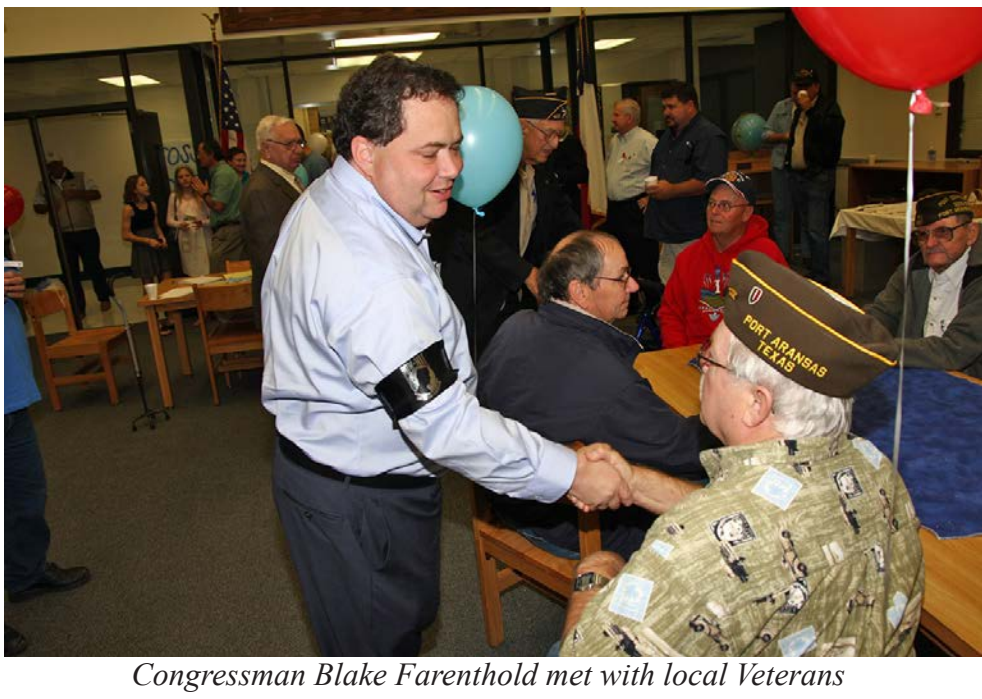
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2. American chameleon
3. Country estate
4. Giant who wore four
5. Coffee's kick
6. Coagulates
7. Word with sick or work
8. Doodlebug's prey
9. Prepared leftovers
10. Monastic superior
11. Orange juice feature, sometimes
12. Turn on an axis
13. Supplemented (with "out")
18. Have status
19. Choice word?
24. Public humiliation
25. Hemingway and Haydn, for two
27. Frost and Burns, for two
28. Bummer
29. Yeats' country
30. Chinese pans
31. Guy in a pub
32. It's fit to be tied
33. Aurora Greenway's daughter
34. Waterslide feature
35. Spasm of pain
37. Fruit stand locale, often
38. Encircle
43. One or twenty, e.g.
44. Cat or engine sound
45. Certain ball-goer
46. More attractive
47. Respond to, as good advice
48. No longer caged
49. Spaces just under a bird's eyes
50. On pins and needles
51. La Scala highlight
52. Place to cool a pie
53. Boiardo's patron
56. Response to "When do we want it?"
57. Demure

Fifteen years ago in the Island Moon



RedHeads. By Miles Merwin.



Congressman Blake Farenthold met with local Veterans





Schlitterbahn owner Jeff Henry spoke to the Padre Island Business Associaiton at the Padre Isles Country Club.



Crews were removing a burned boat from an Island canal.

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Island Moon Live



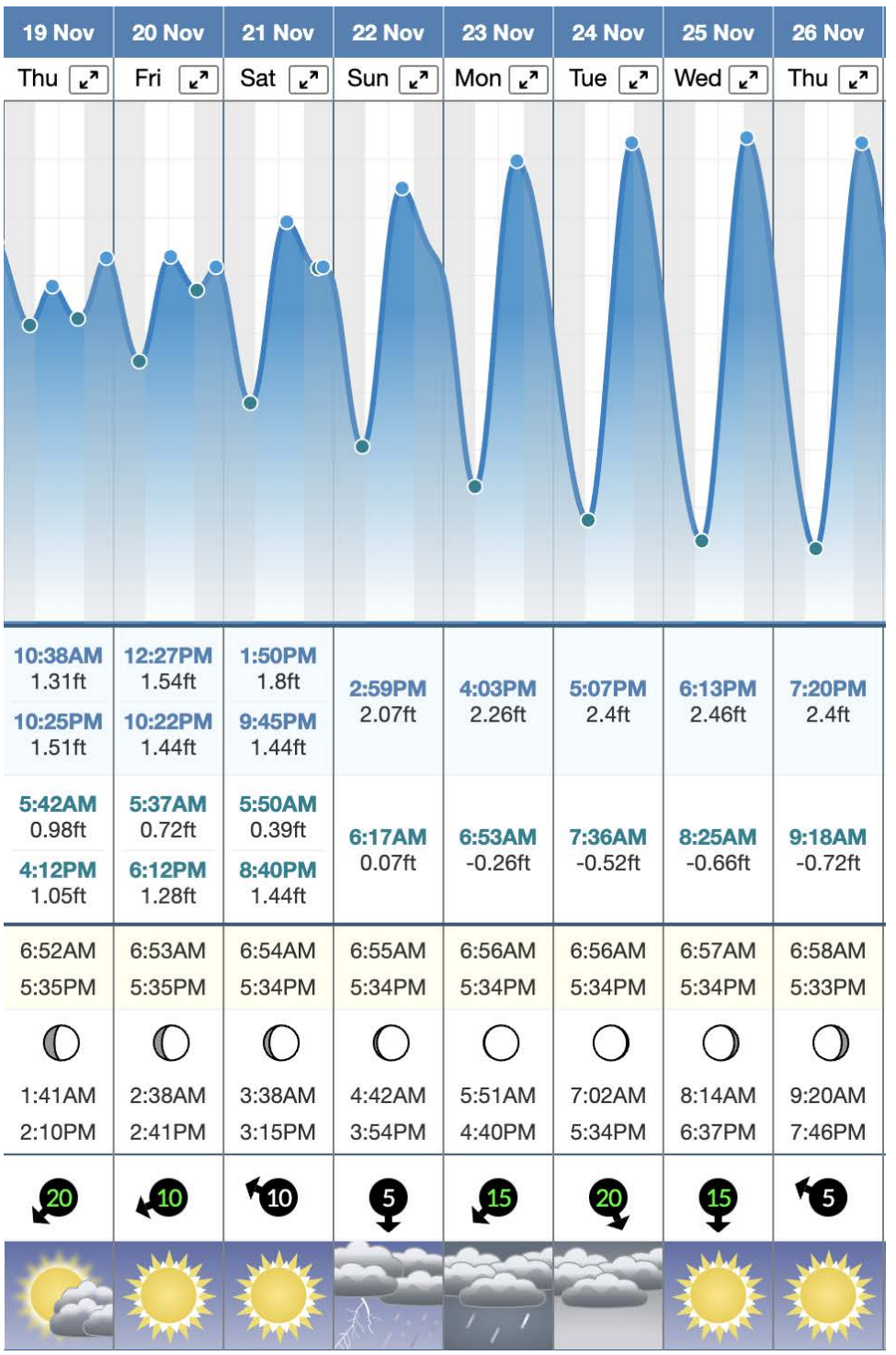
Our Thursday radio show is on 1440 KEYS and 98.7 fm as well as streamed live on YouTube and Facebook! We record the show on Thursdays live from 10 am to noon. We have an enormous amount of different friends and guests, telling stories about how the Island used to be, and where we are heading. All of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

Live Streams



Reflections at Bob Hall Pier By Lu Ann Kingsbury

Tides of the Week



Crossword Solution

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Final numbers for 2026 turtle nesting season

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Report Nesting & Stranded Sea Turtles in Texas to 1-866-TURTLE5. Direct report Padre Island National Seashore (poor cell coverage) to: 361-876-8462

Thank you for your assistance and support during the tremendously exciting, record-setting 2026 sea turtle nesting season on the Texas coast.

KEMP'S RIDLEY TURTLE

So far this year, **697** Kemp's ridley nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, exceeding the previous annual record of 449 nests, set in 2025. Consistent nest record keeping began in 1980. The Kemp's ridley nests found this year include (north to south in state):

5 Galveston Island
2 Surfside Beach
1 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
2 Matagorda Peninsula
16 San Jose Island
40 Mustang Island
370 North Padre Island, including 337 at PAIS
208 South Padre Island
53 Boca Chica Beach

GREEN TURTLE

So far this year, **97** green turtle nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, exceeding the previous annual record of 51 nests, set in 2023.

Green turtle nests found this year include (north to south in state):

2 San Jose Island
1 Mustang Island
70 North Padre Island, including 65 at PAIS
21 South Padre Island
3 Boca Chica Beach

LOGGERHEAD TURTLE

So far this year, **6** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

1 Brazoria County, N. of Surfside
3 North Padre Island, including 3 at PAIS
1 South Padre Island
1 Boca Chica Beach



Kemp's Ridley Turtle on PINS



Monarch Butterfly By Jim Gilmore

Federal Red Snapper Season Closes November 20

The 2026 private recreational red snapper season in federal waters will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20.

This year, the federal red snapper fishing season opened on May 22 instead of the typical June 1 opening date, making 2026 the longest federal red snapper season since the inception of state management of red snapper in 2018.

Opening the federal red snapper season the Friday before Memorial Day surpassed last year's impressive 173-day season and offered saltwater anglers over 183 days of offshore red snapper fishing along the Texas coast.

"The 2026 federal red snapper season offered nearly six months of red snapper fishing opportunities to the people of Texas," said Robin Riechers, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Coastal Fisheries Division Director. "This remarkable milestone clearly shows that regional management of fisheries works to provide greater benefits and fishing opportunities to anglers."

The Nov. 20 closing date ends an extraordinary 183-day season in federal waters and allows state waters to remain open until the total allowed state catch limit is reached. After the closing date, coastal anglers in Texas state waters out to nine nautical miles can continue to keep up to four red snapper per day with a 15-inch minimum length limit.

The federal red snapper season is managed by a quota system under an agreement between TPWD and the National Marine Fisheries Service. During the season, red snapper catch data (in pounds of fish) is monitored closely to determine when a federal closure is necessary. Texas closes the federal red snapper season when the state's catch limit in pounds is reached for the year, with enough cushion to keep Texas' state water red snapper season open year-round and maximize federal fishing opportunities.

To estimate the state's annual red snapper fishery harvest season, TPWD closely monitors red snapper landings through its creel survey program and mobile application. Anglers can continue to report snapper landings in state waters with TPWD's mobile application, Texas Hunt & Fish, and are encouraged to always use the app to report their red snapper landings.

Gulf-wide "DisCARD" Study

The 2026 federal red snapper fishing season was also the first year for TPWD's new gulf-wide "DisCARD" study.

In partnership with Mississippi State University and the four other Gulf state agencies (Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi), TPWD asked saltwater anglers to submit data collected while fishing on cards that TPWD distributes at certain boat ramps along the Texas coast. This research project to obtain information on reef fish caught and released offshore with real data from anglers will be utilized as part of ongoing assessments to help determine the sustainable harvest levels for important species like red snapper.

This new research study will continue next year during the 2027 federal red snapper season. For more information about the DisCARD study, please visit: https://msu-coastal.com/discard/



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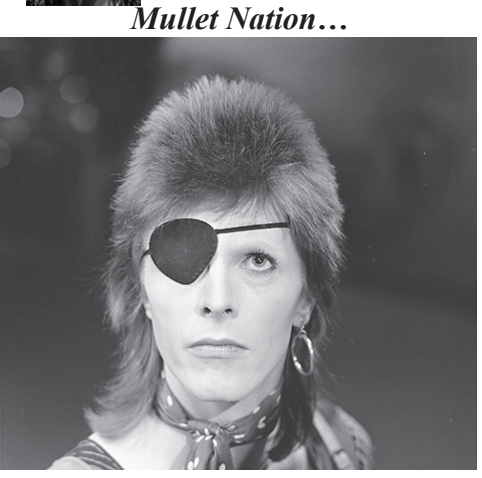
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Three Chords and the Truth

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Mullet Nation…



David Bowie, aka Ziggy Stardust had a mullet.

The *Mullet* is back baby! Yep the classic hairstyle featuring short hair in the front, top, and sides, with longer hair in the back, famously summarized as "business in the front, and a party in the back" and I inadvertently just got one. I hadn't had a haircut in five or six years and to be honest, I was tired of it constantly blowing in my face. My pal **Heidi Hagen Shannon** who owns a beauty salon on Cutoff Road has been trimming it up a little for years so I went to see her for another little whacking. And the more she whacked the better it looked. So I let her have at it. Let it be known that she refused to cut it all off in the back and before I knew it, I had myself a bonafied, real deal mullet. And it was down to the middle of my back at that point. The Mullet has been the choice of men going way back to the Roman emperor **Tiberius** and was popularized through the years. Even *Native Americans* sported the look. Men were wearing the Mullet in the 60's and 70's and such celebrities as **Tom Jones, David Bowie** and **Paul McCartney** wore mullets not to be confused by the *Mohawk, Shag*, R*at Tail. Skullet* or the P*ompadour* or as **Rockin' Dale Rankin** said it looks more like a mud flap… he's got a good point. The actual name "mullet" was coined by the **Beastie Boys** in the 90's who had the first record of the term in the *Oxford English Dictionary* in 1992. Plus it was popularized in lesbian fashions with flannel and hipster jeans in 2011. Look it up, it's got a ton of history and I am digging it, not to mention my friends seem to enjoy ribbing me about it. I concur that the old longhaired hippie look is old news and the Mullet is back. Join the new trend, it's the *Mullet Nation* and it might look good on you! So, go see Heidi, she'll hook you up.

Scattered shots…



Chadwick Hunter was on the scene at the Gaff last Thurday.

Yall be careful out there. There's a nasty cold going around and me and my **Mermaid Gal** caught it and it sucks. Last Thursday we had up and comer **Chadwick Hunter** aka: **Catfish Hunter** played the *Gaff*. Honestly, the last time I saw him play was in my back yard a few years back. He's got a distinct voice in the low register and writes his own material. Keep it going **Cat**, I see you are playing around the region now, even up in Austin. On Friday it was the **Wayward Gypsies** duo also at the *Gaff*…they're good. We had a lot of rain last weekend so they played inside. In spite of the rain, we were still able to hold the bi-monthly BELT SANDER RACES who were celebrating their 20th Anniversary. BTW, I had a miserable showing and lost in the very first heat. And don't forget **Boone Holding**, a talented singer-songwriter who played *Shorty's* on Friday. Young Boone has a sincere heart and it shows on every original song he sings. On Saturday **Dreaming in Color** played *Shorty's* to a big crowd. They had a great show in the back of the *Oldest and Friendliest.* I'm hoping to get a stage built back there. And on Sunday the **Jokers and Jesters** comedy troupe played *Red's Riviera* to a very receptive audience. This is becoming an annual event at *Red's*.



The Groove 2.0 will play the Sip Yard on Friday.

Coming this weekend…



Cruise Control will play the Sip Yard on Friday the 27th.

We have another nice lineup coming this weekend in Port A. *Thanksgiving* is right around the corner on the 26th and *Christmas* and *New Years* will be here before you know it. *Red's* and the *Gaff* will have their usual *Thanksgiving* pot luck dinners on the 26th. Coming this Thursday the 19th look for **Philip Dean West** at the *Gaff*. On Friday the 20th, **Love Street** with **Lisa Sullivan** on lead vocals, will play *Shorty's*. That should be a great show. Also on Friday the **Groove 2.0** will play the *Sip Yard*. This band has garnered a big following both here in Port Aransas and all over the *Coastal Bend* and for good reason, they are a cover band who plays the right songs, plain and simple. Also on Friday, **Chadwick Hunter** will play *Beach Bums* and the amazing **Chris Duarte** will play *Brewster Street Downtown*. I used to work with Duarte back in Austin when he was working with **Junior Medlow**. That was a long time ago. Medlow was an old friend of mine from Lubbock and eventually took over **Paul Ray's** place with the **Cobras** back in the 70's and 80's. The Cobras were a cornerstone band who helped establish the Austin music scene. And with Duarte on lead guitar the sky was the limit. I'm glad to see him taking on the lead roll and getting his name out these days. And on Saturday, the great blues blaster **John Cortez** will blow your little minds at *Shorty's*. Cortez is also gaining popularity around the Bend and has branched out regionally. Also on Saturday the 21st, **Guy Vincent** will play the *Sip Yard* and the great **Diamond's Edge** will play the *Pelican Lounge* on North Padre. I am super attracted to Diamond's Edge. Dude, these cats put on a strong performance and are consummate pros. I want to also mention the **Dangerous Toys,** based out of Austin, will be performing at *Brewster Street Downtown* on Saturday. This band is a heavy metal rock band plain and simple. These cats play hard, hard rock with such songs as *Scared* and *Teas'n, Pleas'n*. This will be a great show for all you metal heads. I also want to also mention the *Sip Yard* has some great shows on the near horizon with **Jason Suthern, Cruise Control, Philip Dean West, John Cortez, Rockoholics, Cathouse** and **The Alley Cats.** Yall be safe out there and have a lot of fun.

♫♪♫ ***And, that's the truth*** ♫♪♫



Love Street will play Shorty's this Friday.



Paul McCartney and Dolly Parton had mullets.



John Cortez will play Shorty's this Saturday.

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, November 19
Johnson All Starz @ Shorty's
Philip Dean West @ Gaff
Brad Brown @ Blackbeard's on the Beach
Carson Miller @ Rockit's
Brian Zampini @ Anchor Bar
Melissa Ann @ Fifth & Elm Portland
Marti Jay Karaoke @ Sandbox NPI
Scott Graham Karaoke @ Commercial Street IcehouseAP
Lisa Sullivan @ Honey's

Friday, November 20
Love Street @ Shorty's
The Groove 2.0 @ Sip Yard
Orlando Herrera @ Gaff
Chadwick Hunter @ Beach Bums
The Drive @ Pelican
Chris Duarte @ Brewster Downtown
8-Bit Serenade @ Rockit's
Heavy Soul @ Exchange
Kelly Kenning @ Sugar Shack RP
Marti Jay @ Anchor Bar
MACHIN3 @ Hard Knocks RP
Melissa Ann @ Gallery 41
Palacios Bros @ Sandbox NPI
Michael Burtts Band @ Honey's

Saturday, November 21
John Cortez @ Shorty's
Guy Vincent @ Sip Yard
Jim Dugan @ Gaff
Scott Graham @ Honey's
Diamond's Edge @ Pelican
Dangerous Toys @ Brewster Downtown
The Max @ Rockit's
The Groove 2.0 @ Sugar Shack RP
John Elijah @ Exchange
Randy Hopper @ Anchor Bar
Phllip Dean @ Sandbox NPI
TCBBS Jam @ Fajitaville
Carl Hayes @ Anchor Bar
Bill Goodge @ Fifth & Elm Portland
Scott Graham Solo @ Honey's
Trisum @ Surf Club
Randy Hopper @ Lulu's Landing

Sunday, November 22
Jim Dugan, Ty Dietz @ Shorty's
Brad Ethridge @ Gaff
Robin Blue @ Anchor Bar
Randy Hopper @ Fajitaville
Darren McGill @ Anchor Bar
Alee Velazco @ Sandbox NPI
Melissa Ann @ Doc's

Monday, November 23
John Elijah Band @ Shorty's
Melissa Ann @ Pelican
Melissa Ann @ Doc's

Tuesday, November 24
Brad Etheridge @ VFW
Ruben Limas @ Blackbeards on the Beach

Wednesday, November 25
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