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Too Many Don't Know This

This comes directly from the Texas Transportation Code and is particularly relevant given the number of local highways with only one traffic lane each way or with many side streets and driveways accessed by a roadway with a high speed of travel. So keep traffic flowing safely and smoothly and use those shoulders legally as described here.

Sec. 545.058. **DRIVING ON IMPROVED SHOULDER.** (a) An operator may drive on an **improved shoulder** to the right of the main traveled portion of a roadway if that operation is necessary and may be done safely, but only:

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- (2) to accelerate before entering the main traveled lane of traffic;
- (3) to decelerate before making a right turn;
- (4) to pass another vehicle that is slowing or stopped on the main traveled portion of the highway, disabled, or preparing to make a left turn;
- (5) to allow another vehicle traveling faster to pass;
- (6) as permitted or required by an official traffic-control device; or
- (7) to avoid a collision.



This Is An Improvement

EPP has been a justifiably harsh critic of the parks director and the general rundown condition of the Galveston County parks. That said, when improvements are made, they should be recognized. These photos of the men's and women's restrooms at Spillway Park show a marked improvement in those facilities. Given multiple recent acts of vandalism, the stainless steel fixtures are a wise and long term investment. Good job to the men and women in the field getting this job done.



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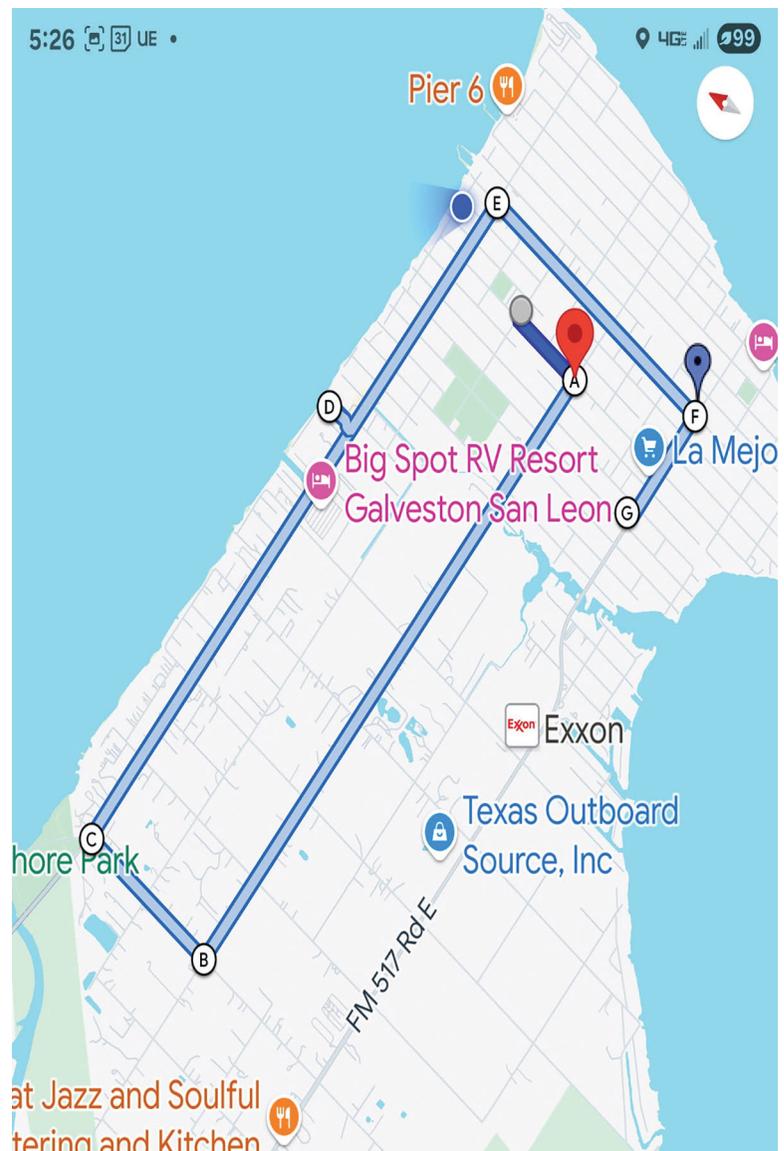


COM Produces A New Crop

Of young and not so young graduating from the EMT training course. The day and night classes are populated with adults, but the numbers are enhanced by both Dickinson and Friendswood high school EMT programs that are well represented in the group photo. Most of the graduates will go on to test and obtain their government accreditation and many will join fire departments or ambulance services.

The young man shown individually is a San Leon local with training and certification in more areas than many twice his age. He has served in the San Leon VFD, including a stint as their training coordinator and has run many first responder calls and fought many fires. He will be an asset to any department lucky enough to have him. EPP congratulates all the graduates and wishes them a productive future.

A vertical poster with a red border. The top half features a background of many small American flags. Overlaid on this is the text "HAPPY Memorial DAY" in a mix of white serif and script fonts. Below this is a dark blue and purple gradient section with a white outline of a coconut and the text "SAN LEON GOLFCARTERS Remembrance" in white. The bottom section is white with black text: "Memorial Day Parade Sat. May 24th, 2025", "Line up, SLVFD 11:30,", "Parade starts @ Noon.", "(Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 26th, 2025)".





They Fixed It

In the previous issue of EPP, lighting issues at Spillway Park off Bayshore and 64 acre park off 10th Street in Bacliff were highlighted. This photo show the parks department crew replacing light fixtures at 64 acre park. Additionally, while there are still lights not working at Spillway Park, additional lighting has been added to the pavilion providing better illumination for the parking areas and playground. EPP will continue to report both good and bad as it pertains to the ongoing saga of the parks department.



Another CERT Class Graduates

Shown with newly minted community emergency responders and their instructors, this photo captures the image of folks who may not be ready to ride an ambulance or a fire truck, but want to be able to make a difference in their communities in times of need. The classes are free and happen around the county regularly. Watch for notice of the next class in future editions of EPP.



Hurricane Season Begins In June - Preparation Begins May 29

As Galveston County readies itself for another hurricane season, a hurricane preparedness meeting will be held in the Bayshore on May 29th at the San Leon VFD. Many residents are old hands at the storm business and are either always ready or never will be. For those that are new or just want the latest information, there will be many resources attending this meeting from county government. They include Commissioner Darrell Appfel, Constable Blake Patton, Road and Bridge Director Lee Crowder, Office of Emergency Management, Nuisance Abatement, Bacliff MUD, San Leon MUD, San Leon VFD, Bacliff VFD and possibly others. This is the who's who of local preparation and response. It is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions. All are welcome, so plan to attend.



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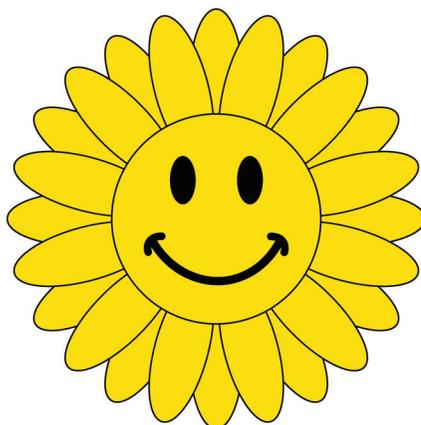
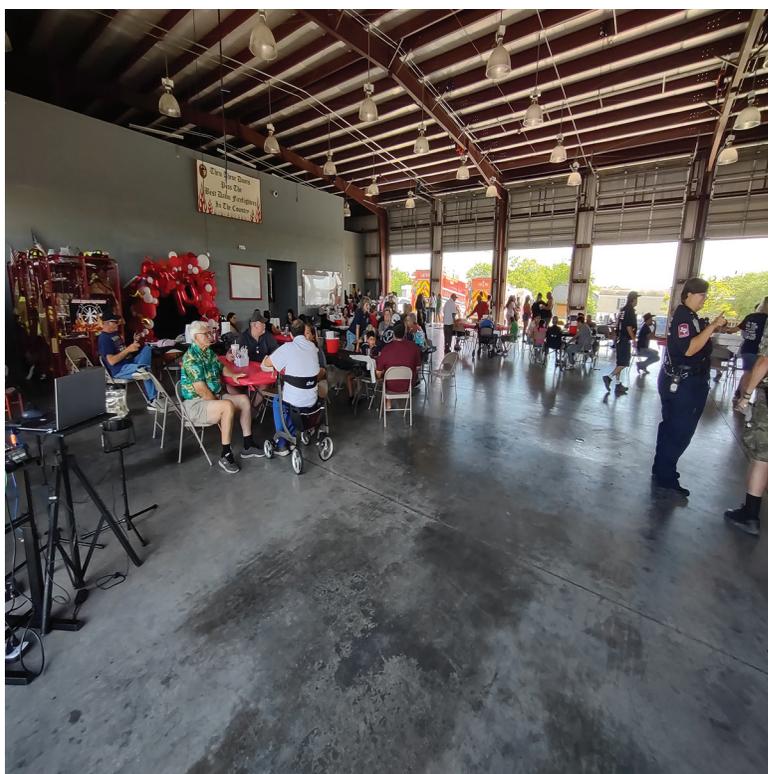
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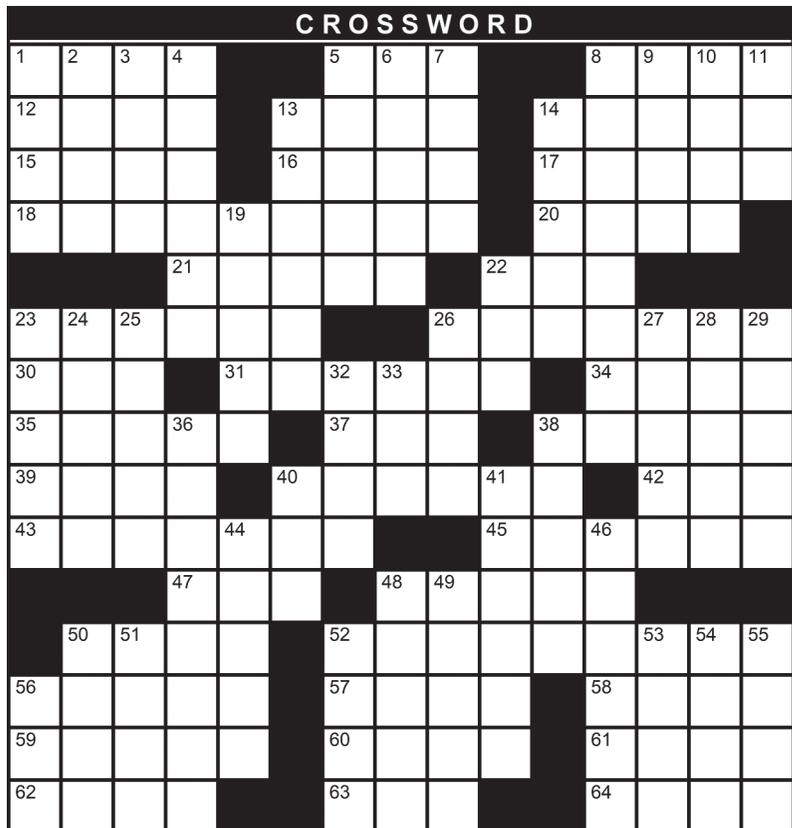
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THEME: ON BROADWAY

ACROSS

1. Benatar and Morita
5. Certain tray contents
8. In custody
12. *Main character in "Shrek the Musical," based on 2001 flick
13. Soreness
14. Wore (2 words)
15. Street in Anytown, USA
16. Burn to a crisp
17. Opposite of alpha
18. *Musical with most Tony Awards, with The
20. Grape holder
21. Entertain
22. ___ Aviv
23. Unrhymed Japanese poem, pl.
26. Snakebirds
30. Opposite of hence
31. Shooting star
34. Milk's favorite cookie
35. Zoroaster follower
37. A Beatle bride
38. Mix-up
39. Type of cotton
40. * ___ Lloyd Webber
42. Dog command
43. Inference of similarity
45. 4th letter of Hebrew alphabet
47. "But I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight..."
48. Pool table fabric
50. Altar location
52. *Last year's Tony Award winner for Best Musical, with The
56. Santa Anna's target
57. To, archaic
58. Small cave
59. Cocaine-producing plant, pl.
60. Diagnostic test
61. Biblical Isaac's firstborn
62. Not quite an adult
63. Craggy peak
64. Tear

DOWN

1. Circumstance's partner
2. Lab gel
3. Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
4. "Where the Wild Things Are" author
5. Plural of #13 Across
6. Social media button
7. Not his
8. *Musical with most Tony nominations
9. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
10. *Private box
11. Double helix-shaped structure
13. Emile Zola's "J' ___...!"
14. What helicopter parents do
19. Savory taste sensation
22. Black gunk
23. Tapa, alt. sp.
24. "Encore!"
25. ___ Jean, a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe
26. Don't let this hit you on the way out
27. Use the other end of a pencil
28. Re-equip
29. *Rodgers' and Hammerstein's "___ Pacific"
32. *Award nickname, short for Antoinette
33. Finish line
36. *Arthur Miller's "Death of a ___"
38. Swaziland native
40. *"___ of Aquarius," song from "Hair"
41. a.k.a. the Wizard of Menlo Park
44. Plural of #34 Across
46. Late actor Heath
48. Social dice game
49. Rose oil
50. Medicinal house plant
51. Tempo
52. Give a boot
53. Gaelic
54. Multicolored horse
55. Wall support
56. *Part of a play

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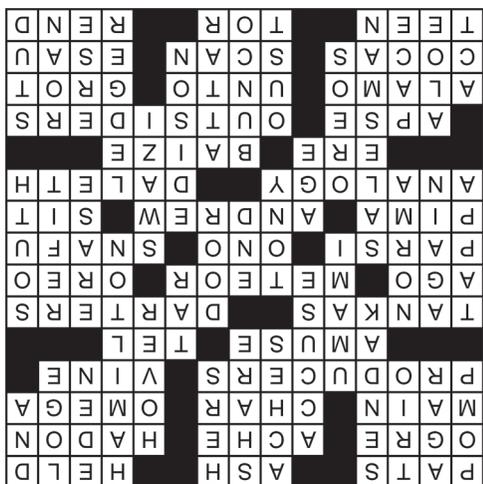
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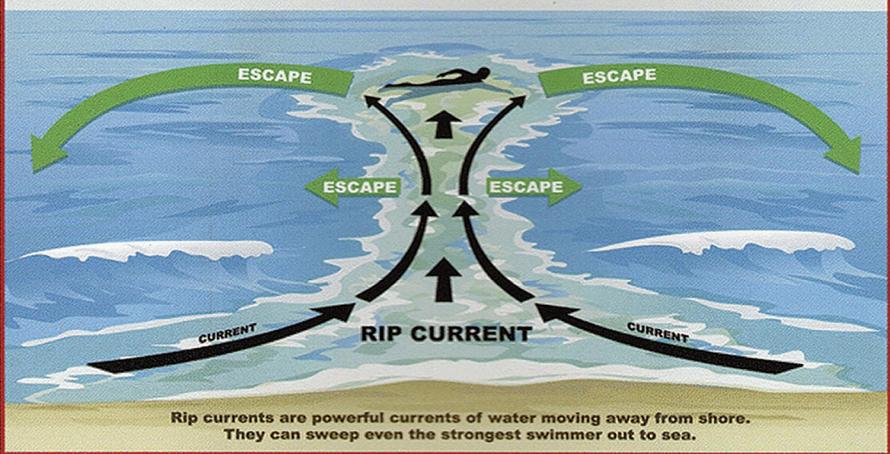


They're Burnin' For You...

Bacliff VFD recently conducted what is referred to as "live fire" training at their training field. The point of the exercise is to provide new trainees the opportunity to be exposed to the heat and reality of fire in an enclosed structure prior to them actually being allowed to participate in a real live fire situation that they may be called to out in the world. The experienced firefighters in the department also participate to keep their skill sharp and share their knowledge with the newbies. EPP supports all the volunteers that make the world a better place through their efforts.

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- 1/4 cup water
- 8 slices bacon, halved, and partially cooked

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