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Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat

Jill Stein/Rudolph Ware GRN

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Colin Allred DEM

Ted Brown LIB

Write-in

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Rhonda Hart DEM

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Christi Craddick

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Jimmy Blacklock REP

DaSean Jones DEM

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 8

Margaret "Meg" Poissant DEM

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District Judge, 56th Judicial District

District Judge, 405th Judicial District

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Jimmy Fullen REP

Mark A. Salinas

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County Commissioner Precinct 1

Darrell Apffel

County Constable Precinct 1

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John Devine REP

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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

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David J. Schenck

Holly Taylor

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7

Gina Parker

Nancy Mulder DEM

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Chika Anyiam DEM

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Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place

Andrew Johnson REP

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Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place

Clint Morgan

Julie Countiss DEM

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place

Kristin M. Guiney

Richard Hightower

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place

Susanna Dokupil REP

Amber Boyd-Cora DEM

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Chad Bridges REP

Velda Renita Faulkner

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 4

Tonya McLaughlin

Charles Spain DEM

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From State Senator Mayes Middleton

Fellow Texan,

Today (October 14th), the **Department of Insurance Commissioner** formally rejected the Texas Windstorm **Insurance Association's 10% rate hike on** Coastal Texans. Thank you to everyone who took the time to make your voice heard on opposing this ridiculous rate increase. At the August TWIA Board meeting, the Board of Directors ignored public comments from over 1,000 policyholders opposed to the rate hike and voted to proceed with increasing rates by 10%. Since August, the Insurance Commissioner visited Galveston to hear from you about the proposed rate increase. The Insurance Commissioner heard us loud and clear: NO RATE HIKE!



This week's Galveston County Animal Resource Center Pet of the Week is Maxwell.

Meet Maxwell (A038548), a gorgeous 2-year-old Border Collie mix who's new to the adoption floor. He's got a stunning coat and a gentle, friendly nature. Maxwell loves going for walks and really enjoys running around to burn off some energy. He's ready to find his forever home and share his playful spirit with a new family.

Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on www.facebook.com/garcpets and www.youtube.com.

Maxwell will be available for \$42.50 from Tuesday Oct 22nd – Oct 26th, 2024. Pets of the week adoptions include rabies vaccination, spay or neuter and microchip. For more information call 409-948-2485 or visit www.gchd.org. These and other pets are available at the Galveston County Animal Resource Center, 3412 25th Ave N. Texas City, TX. 77590.

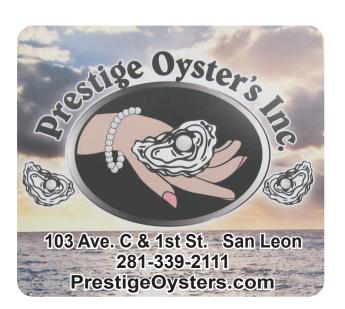
— Information for Pets of the Week is supplied by the Galveston County Animal Resource Center.



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Key Discussions & Insights

- ✓ New Real Estate Rules of Change

 ✓ Monthly Payment Expectations
- What are HOA Dues
- Processes & Documents for Pre-Qualification & Approval
- What is a Net Sheet?
- Money Needed to Close

... and more!





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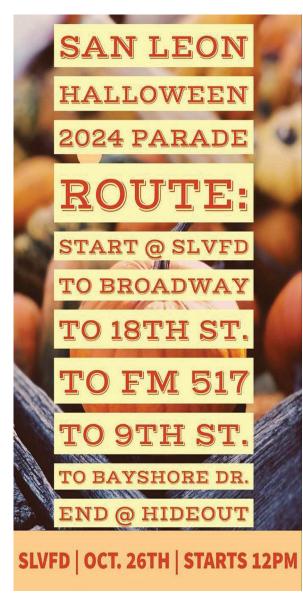


Centerpoint Steps Up

After Beryl, Centerpoint has committed to install a backup generator at the community center located at the 64 acre park off of 10th Street in Bacliff. This will allow the center to be used as a cooling center if power outages occur during the summer and as a shelter during outages after a major storm event. The only other county facility in the area with a backup generator is the relatively new courthouse also on 10th Street but on the other side of Grand Avenue. The courthouse has relatively small community room that was used after Beryl to support the community. Centerpoint has many failings, but this commitment on their part will help the community in times of need.







Stuffed French Toast

Filling:

16 oz (2 pkgs) cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt 2 tablespoons sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 ripe bananas, mashed, or fresh strawberries, or red raspberry or strawberry preserves 24 slices raisin bread

French toast:

1 1/4 cups milk 8 eggs 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, plus more for dusting, if desired 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract warm maple syrup, for serving

Preheat to 350 oven degrees. Generously grease a 15x10x1 inch baking sheet.

<u>filling</u>: In a bowl, <u>For</u> combine cream cheese. sour cream, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, and bananas. Spread filling evenly on one bread slice, then top with another slice. Spread filling evenly on second slice, then top with third slice. Repeat with remaining filling and bread.

For French toast: bowl, combine milk, eggs, confectioners' sugar, vanilla. cinnamon. and Beat until well blended.

Pour egg mixture into a shallow bowl. Dip prepared bread layers into mixture, turning to coat both sides evenly.

Place on prepared baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Flip and bake for 8 to 10 minutes more, or until golden brown. **Dust lightly with** additional confectioners' desired. sugar, if

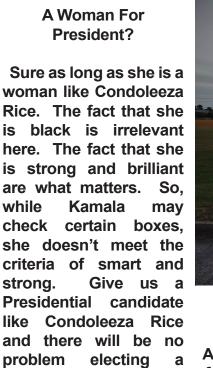
Serve with warm maple syrup.

Makes 8 servings.

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Let There Be Some Light

At Spillway Park, something uplifting has occurred. Four of the long neglected area lights have been reactivated. While there are many more left to repair/replace/or just turn on, this may mark a milestone in which the parks department begins restoring the public parks to their former glory and to a condition the taxpayers of Galveston County can be proud of. EPP will keep on this issue and bring updates on both progress and shortcomings as they happen.



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San Leon MUD Update

Property Address Reminder

Part of San Leon's rate order requires that all residential and commercial buildings in the district have the property address posted on the building. The letters and numbers used to mark addresses should be at least three inches high and should be placed on the building so they are visible from the street. This is to the residents' benefit as well since any EMS responders will be better able to locate your property with the address visible.

Galveston County Mosquito Control

Galveston County has a fleet of vehicles that are deployed throughout the county to spray for mosquitos. If you have any questions regarding spraying schedule or want to request spraying in your area, you can call them at 800.842.5622 or visit their website to see maps of the locations they've recently sprayed as well as where they intend to spray next.

Brush Bundling & Debris Removal

With hurricane season here, be sure to clean up your property, removing any debris that may block drainage or become projectiles in the event of high winds. While Galveston County is not responsible for picking up brush or debris, Texas Pride will pick up brush that's placed in clear, individual piles measuring no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' or tied and bundled and under 50 pounds.

<u>Dates to Remember</u>

October 13 - Navy Birthday

October 17, 6:30 PM
Monthly District Meeting

October 23 – Early Voting Begins

October 31 – Halloween

Conservation Tip of the Month



The MUD meetings are open to the public & are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at www.slmud.org

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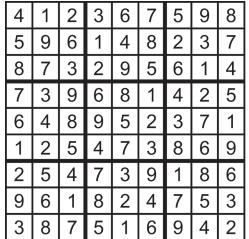
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Readers Write...Letter to the Editor...

As we approach early voting and the November election date, Galveston County residents will be faced again with an important decision on who will be the next Sheriff of Galveston County. Among all the other Presidential, State and County office candidates, the Sheriff decision is a very important one.

There is a major flaw in candidate credibility in that the requirements to run for sheriff are very minimal at best and there are no background checks on a candidate. In Texas you only have to be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state for at least 12 months, a resident of the county in which you are running for 6 months and be registered to vote. You don't even have to be a licensed police officer for elected positions, as the Occupations code gives you two years after taking office to obtain your Texas Peace Officers license (see Occupations Code 1701.302)

In the upcoming election there are two candidates vying for the office of Sheriff. Mark Salinas the Democratic candidate and Jimmy Fullen the Republican candidate. I am unaware of any independent candidates.

During the primaries, Mr. Fullen and his handlers (County Judge Mark Henry, two County Commissioners, Senator Middleton, the State Lt. Governor and influential business and public persons all poured thousands of dollars into Fullen's campaign. This allowed for many weekly mail brochures, the large political signs and even a billboard. Major Ray Nolen with the Galveston County Sheriff's department and Fullens republican primary opponent unfortunately did not have that level of funding and was, in my opinion, beat only because of political advertising, and backing. Not qualifications, not experience, nor integrity.

Mr. Fullen's campaign ads only talked about his 35 years of experience and all the people who were backing him. Unfortunately, he failed to mention that during those 35 years, he meandered around the state working here and there for 8 – 9 agencies. In some cases, for only a month or two. He was fired from two police agencies, including one where he was the Chief because he failed to maintain his state required training for the position, allegations of racism and preferential treatment towards employed family members. At the other department, he was insubordinate to the department's Chief and was thusly fired. Fullen has also been filed on by the IRS and a local school district for failing to pay his taxes. Fullen's campaign ads also failed to mention his 3 arrests for assault one involving a baseball bat and then violating his probation. Fullen is currently awaiting the State Office of Administrative Hearings Judge to render a decision where the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) recommended the cancellation of his Texas police officer license. That decision was made as a result of Fullen lying on a police department employment application as recently as January 2024. Not only did he make false statements once in the application, but a total of nearly a dozen times denying questions about disciplinary actions and criminal activity. All of this doesn't sound like someone you want heading up a law enforcement organization. My guess is that many who voiced support for Fullen did so as a result of occasional meetings where he was viewed as a "nice person", not qualifications and they likely knew nothing of his past.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Department is the largest police organization in Galveston County. It is comprised of over 500 personnel and multiple disciplines including a thousand-person jail facility. Managing such an organization demands demonstrated experience similar organizations, not that of someone who has bounced around in law enforcement with multiple agencies over a three-decade period where no experience relevant to the intended position exists.

I do not know Mr. Fullen personally. I know what I have seen and read in all the proof positive documents uncovered by others. They can be found on the internet at: Therealtruejimmyfullen.com. As a forty-year honorably retired law enforcement officer retiring twice as a Police Chief, I can honestly say that if someone of Mr. Fullen's character applied for employment at an agency that I managed, I would have denied his application and most certainly if any falsification or misrepresentation were found on his employment application.

Honesty, truthfulness and personal integrity are paramount characteristics of any law enforcement official and characteristics you should demand as well.

Come my time to vote, I will vote for Mark Salinas the Democratic candidate. I'm a registered Republican. I do not believe that political affiliation should be involved in law enforcement elections and decisions. It runs contrary to the basic principles of the separation of powers. Law enforcement is not something that should be guided by partisan or nonpartisan politics.

Let's make sure that our county sheriff's department remains managed by someone with an upstanding background and someone who is trustworthy and honest.





