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A Strong Move Forward

The decrepit, dangerous and unmaintained piers at the boat ramp at Spillway Park have been removed and professionally replaced by outside contractors hired by Galveston County. They are already being enjoyed by fishermen and others and will hopefully be in good condition for years to come. At this time, EPP has noticed that they don't have rub rails or tie off cleats that are typically present on piers adjoining boat ramps that make boaters life easier when launching or recovering a trailered vessel. Presumably these will be added to bring these nice new piers up to expected standards and EPP will follow up on this issue. Galveston County parks are almost universally in dreadful condition as noted elsewhere in this issue, but when a bright spot arises EPP is happy to share that positivity with its readers.



The Results Are In

In **Bacliff**, the \$25 million dollar bond issue appears to have passed overwhelmingly by a very small number of voters at 145 votes for and 30 votes against. The MUD board can issue up to \$25 million in bonds for various improvements.



In **San Leon**, the MUD board of directors election has been decided and the voters were very clear who they wanted to represent them. The incumbents, Kenneth Bishop and Keith Gossett won handily with 120 and 116 votes respectively. They trounced Phillip Haskett who received only five votes. San Leon MUD management will continue on its current path which seems to be satisfactory to the voters who participated.

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squeezed dry
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artichoke hearts
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dried tomatoes
1/4 cup diced sweet
roasted red peppers
2 cups shredded
Italian cheese blend
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Parmesan cheese
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Contact: Saul Mendoza
(512) 463-0502

State Representative Terri Leo Wilson Urges Students to Apply for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship

(Austin, TX) - State Representative Terri Leo Wilson is now taking applications from gulf coast students who want to be selected as recipients of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP). The purpose of the TASSP is to encourage students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services.

Students who wish to be considered must be enrolled in an institution of higher education directly from high school and meet two of the following four criteria at the time of application:

- Be on track to graduate (or have graduated high school) and complete the curriculum requirements of the Distinguished Level Achievement Plan or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
- Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23); and
- Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class.

"It is an honor to be able to recommend outstanding gulf coast students who plan to be active in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs for this scholarship opportunity," said Rep. Leo Wilson. "As a former teacher, I am glad to see these young men and women, who are interested in serving our country, seek out a quality college education."

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has opened legislative member nominations for the TASSP scholarship. We ask that those interested apply as soon as possible.

Additional information and applications for the TASSP can be found at www.hhloans.com. Students may send their applications to Saul.Mendoza@house.texas.gov before **July 31st, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact State Representative Leo Wilson's office at (512) 463-0502.

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

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

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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Do Your Kids Support Terrorists?

Lately, colleges and universities have been in the news because not at all peaceful protests have been taking place. Not limited to so-called institutions of higher education, similar protests have taken place in cities and outside government buildings in various places around the country. Expressing clear support for the terrorist group Hamas, chanting "death to America" and ranting about supposed genocide. It is clear that some of the youth of America have very twisted ideas about the world and the United States role in that world.

As the headline asks, it is past time for parents who are paying for these pampered idiots to ask their kids, "where do you get such stupid ideas". Of course, with so many parents intent on being best friends with their children rather than teaching, leading and correcting them, difficult questions are often never asked. Never the less, it is time to set aside that bff malarky and have real and possibly unpleasant conversations with those offspring that are or may soon screw themselves and the world around them with their misguided thoughts that are aggravated by false facts and dishonest instigators.

"Death to America" could reasonably lead a person to believe that those chanting it want death for themselves as they are in fact America. It could also mean that they no longer appreciate or need clean water, abundant food and safe and civil society. Raging against "genocide" certainly means that they don't have any understanding that genocide means wiping out an entire group/race/religion, which in this case based on the conflict in Gaza, Israel has the means to do if they chose to do so but have not and are not. Strangely, the chant "from the river to the sea" seems not to be understood as calling for the genocide/extermination of the Jews in Israel.

The bottom line is that the young folks involved in all this have been failed by their parents and the institutions paid by their parents to turn them into productive and intelligent members of society. So, once again, as the headline asks, do you as a parent even know the answer to the question "do your kids support terrorists"? Don't think that you know your kids answer on this any more than you know whether they are ordering drugs on social media. Ask the questions, have the conversations, be a parent first and a friend a distant second.



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San Leon MUD Update

It has come to our attention that someone has created a Facebook page impersonating the district. This page has false information about how to contact the water office. As always you can contact our office at **281-339-1586 or email us at SLMUD1@SLMUD.ORG.**

What is a house shut off valve?

A house shut off valve (pictured below) is a valve that's typically found on the side of your home where the water line comes in. While not all homes have a house shut off valve, it's a very important valve if you do have one: if closed, this valve will turn off all water service to the home! While this is handy to take care of any repairs you may need to address inside the home, during the summertime many people accidentally turn the house shut off valve when trying to turn off hoses or sprinklers. If you're experiencing a loss of service, always be sure to check your house shut off valve because it might be the culprit!



Dates to Remember

May 5 – Cinco De Mayo

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 21 - Monthly District Meeting

May 27 – Memorial Day (Office closed)

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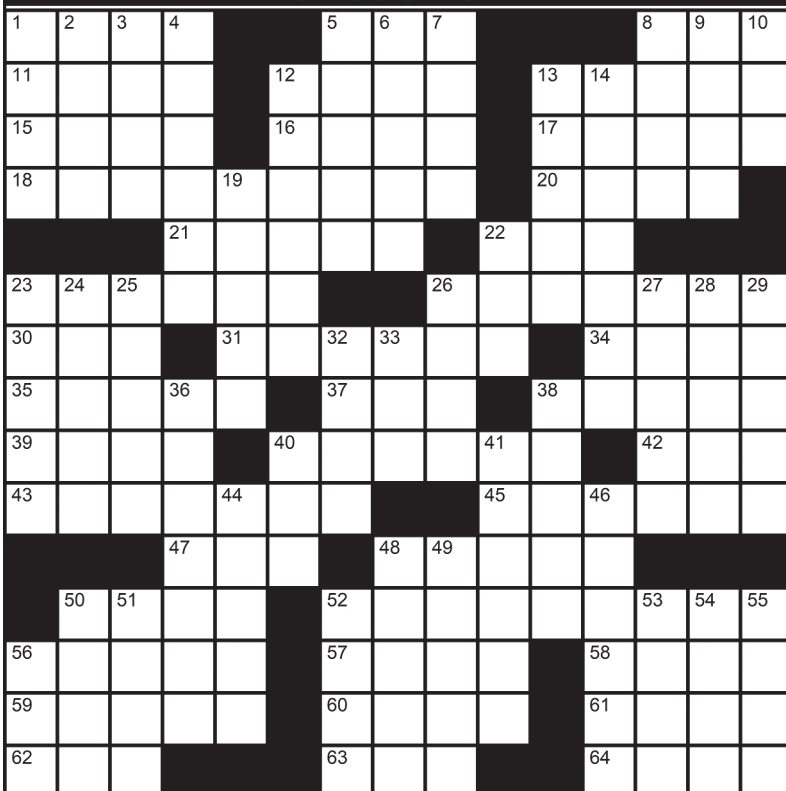
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1. Country alliance
5. Fish of liver oil fame
8. *Stinging pollinator
11. Prefix in levorotary
12. *Dark home to #33
13. Sudden growth
15. Like certain Steven
16. Symphony member
17. Type of feather
18. *Comfy seat (2 words)
20. Don't put these into one basket?
21. Full nelson is _____ wrestling _____
22. Santa _____, Orange County
23. Puts down
26. Et cetera (3 words)
30. Pen point
31. With signs of wear and tear
34. Beyond natural, in U.K.
35. Messes up
37. Chitchat
38. Willow twig
39. Evening purse
40. Win a race
42. Tucker of "Modern Family"
43. Army bathroom
45. Eucharist plates
47. Opposite of WSW
48. French composer Erik Alfred Leslie _____
50. "Back to the Future" antagonist
52. *Beatle with Wings
56. Poodle minus d
57. England's medieval royal house
58. Rabbit's cousin
59. Nymph chaser
60. _____ Genealogist's creation
61. Blackhearted
62. George Gershwin's brother
63. "For _____ a jolly..."
64. It often goes with a rod

1. What the Big Bad Wolf did
2. First name in jeans
3. "Pop it in the _____!"
4. Cuban drums
5. Secret clique
6. Roundish
7. Chronic wasting disease carrier
8. Plug for a barrel
9. *As opposed to urns
10. Pilot's estimate, acr.
12. Herb for treating menopausal symptoms
13. Shop till you drop, e.g.
14. *Flying stallion
19. "The Queen's Gambit" game
22. Take your pick
23. *Biblical Gabriel, e.g.
24. All plants and animals
25. Approximately
26. Shortened word, abbr.
27. Drink request
28. Home to largest mammal
29. Socially acceptable behaviors
32. Malaria symptom
33. *Nocturnal mosquito eater
36. *Lightning beetle
38. Recording studio sign
40. Next to nothing
41. Same as intake
44. Reason by deduction
46. Restraint
48. Academy Award for Best Original _____
49. Chunks of 43,560 square feet
50. Wild hog
51. Itty bit
52. Urban legend
53. Part of cathedral
54. Great Lake
55. Holler
56. Tire meas.

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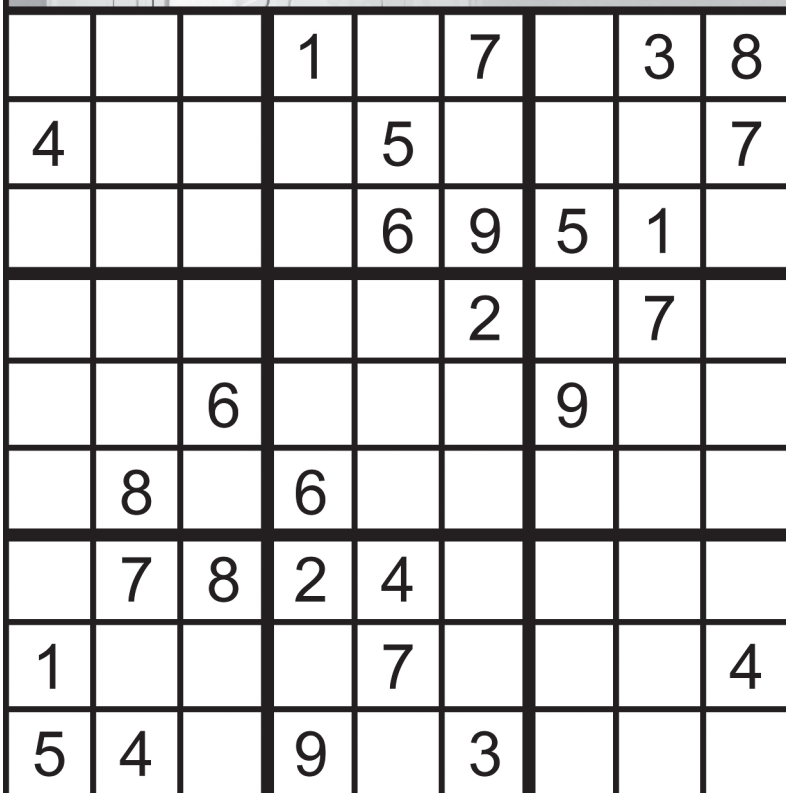
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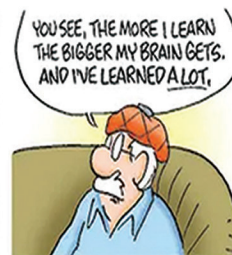
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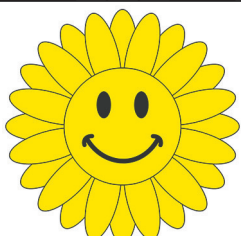
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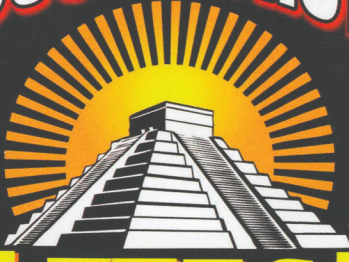
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Our Veteran's Memorial Park Is A Disgrace

To all those who have served and sacrificed to preserve our freedom. Rotting and sinking picnic tables. A men's room that looks permanently vandalized. A filthy pavilion area. No water fountain. A basketball court that looks like it belongs in a New York slum. Sidewalks that are uneven and not edged. All of these issues and more plague an area that is supposed to honor our veterans. It looks more like Galveston County Parks Department hates our veterans. The county judge is a veteran. How is this allowed to reflect how Galveston County residents feel about our veterans?

