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This Is How It Started

Declaration of Independence

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

Publisher's Note: If this interests you, go online and read the complete text, it is not that long and is the basis for the founding of the country.



Happy Independence Day!

We may refer to the fourth of July, but the core of the celebration is the independence that the United States obtained in its war to separate the colonies and territories/states from the British Empire. All those years ago, tough, future citizens of this great country that was being formed put it all on the line. They didn't choose the easy way out by submitting to rulers an ocean away. They didn't run fearfully from the dangers of revolution. Instead they risked their lives, their livelihoods and their futures by standing up for their beliefs. Thus began the process of forming and developing the land that became the most powerful and decent country in the history of the planet.

July 4th is a good day to think about why society has become so afraid of nearly everything. Words are not weapons, biology is pretty simple at the gender level, risk does bring rewards and trading freedom for security results in neither. It is a good day to recognize the silliness of triple masking while driving alone and running to the doctor in fear of every runny nose. It is a good day to recognize that the world owes you nothing that you are unwilling to work for on your own. It is a good day to appreciate what so many have fought and died for in the days since that war for independence began. It is a good day to set aside the petty, first-world complaints like who looked at me funny and whose dog pooped on my yard. A good day to be thankful that you don't live in a society that eats the dogs that you get so upset about adding their poop to the birds, squirrels, cats, raccoons, possums and every other living thing that also poops in your yard. All those things that today's citizens are free to complain about, but seldom appreciate, are thanks to that long ago Independence Day. Independence breeds happiness, freedom breeds strength, lack of both breeds the downfall of society.

On July 4th, consider having a civil conversation about politics, religion, the constitution or some other "off limits" topic with someone you disagree with. It is something that few people on earth can do without consequence. Happy Independence Day!



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What A Debate!

For readers who missed the presidential debate, the best summary word is **WOW** was it bad for Biden. Trump was confident and restrained, but despite Biden taking a week off to prepare, he looked old, shaky and decrepit and his words were slurred, halting and despite occasional moments of clarity and anger, he was often unintelligible. For those who have wondered how the country has gotten so far off track, this debate demonstrated the problem all too clearly. EPP says, Please Vote, the people get the government they deserve and it is time for the people to realize that they deserve better.

TRANSLATION COMPLIMENTS OF GOOGLE TRANSLATE

¡Qué debate!

Para los lectores que se perdieron el debate presidencial, la mejor palabra de resumen es **WOW** fue malo para Biden. Trump se mostró confiado y comedido, pero a pesar de que Biden se tomó una semana libre para prepararse, parecía viejo, tembloroso y decrepito y sus palabras eran arrastradas, vacilantes y, a pesar de los momentos ocasionales de claridad y enojo, a menudo era ininteligible. Para aquellos que se han preguntado cómo el país se ha desviado tanto del camino, este debate demostró el problema con demasiada claridad. El PPE dice: Por favor, voten, la gente tiene el gobierno que se merece y es hora de que la gente se dé cuenta de que merece algo mejor.

Swiss Bliss

This is a hearty one-pot dish. If you prefer saucy stew, use a 28 oz. can of whole tomatoes instead of the 14.5 oz. one called for or add 1 1/2 cups of beef broth. Cooking in foil makes for easy cleanup. If you do not want to turn on the oven, cook it in a slow cooker, on low for 8 hours.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. 1" thick chuck eye roast or chuck eye steak, cut into cubes
- 1 envelope (1 oz.) onion soup mix
- 1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 green bell pepper, sliced
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) whole tomatoes, chopped and drained,
- with 1/2 cup juice reserved
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 4 - 6 potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. A1 Steak Sauce
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Line a 13x9 inch baking dish with aluminum foil, with edges of foil extending over the sides enough to allow eventual closing. Spray foil with nonstick cooking spray.

Arrange meat cubes in baking dish, overlapping each piece. Sprinkle with dry soup mix, mushrooms, bell peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, salt and pepper.

Separately mix reserved tomato juice with A1 sauce and cornstarch. Pour over meat and vegetables. Fold aluminum foil over to enclose. Bake for 2 hours. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

Makes 4 servings.



Not Everyone Can Evacuate

Yes, it is hurricane season and at some point there may be calls to evacuate voluntarily or otherwise. First understand that there are no plans to drag you out of your homes and throw you in a locked government bus to be whisked away to a FEMA camp (as far as we know). Beyond that, consider the road system and the number of people who just might try to evacuate whether they need to or not. It really cannot be done. The solution is for those wanting to evacuate to leave early enough that traffic is somewhat normal. The key to traffic remaining somewhat normal is for the folks that don't need to evacuate to stay put. If your house won't be washed away or inundated by storm surge and it is built strong and decently well maintained, having good preparation means you don't have to leave. If a lack of power will lead to death, not just inconvenience, leaving may well be a good idea. When it is time to make the decision, choose wisely and don't depend on the possibly unwise choices of others to keep you safe.

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Heat Exhaustion vs Heat Stroke

Heat Exhaustion Symptoms:

- Headache
- Dizziness/Fainting
- Weakness
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Heavy Sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle Cramps
- Tiredness
- Weak Pulse

Heat Stroke Symptoms:

- Bad Headache
- Dizziness/Fainting
- Confusion
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Altered Sweating
- Flushed Skin
- Temp Over 103°
- Unconscious
- Rapid, Strong Pulse

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Rest in cool area
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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THINGS WITH WHEELS

ACROSS

1. Unfledged hawk

5. The _____ Gala, haute couture fundraiser

8. Ballet step

11. Sasquatch's cousin

12. Prefix in levorotary

13. DVD player button

15. What Tylenol and xylenol have in common

16. Seaport in Yemen

17. With ample space

18. *Rumpelstiltskin's _____ wheel

20. Viking writing symbol

21. Musical finales

22. In favor of

23. Source of tapioca

26. Smith, e.g.

30. "Stand and Deliver" singer

31. Live-in helper (2 words)

34. Et alii, abbr.

35. Nephew's sister

37. Tire depression

38. Turkey's southern neighbor

39. Same as ayah

40. Engage in a pursuit (2 words)

42. Bed-and-breakfast, e.g.

43. Tibetan Buddhism

45. Pinched

47. Sing like Public Enemy

48. Mother-of-pearl

50. Cripple

52. *Wheel in Vegas

55. Chocolate substitute

56. Egg on

57. Capri or Catalina

59. Olden days violin maker

60. Croaks

61. "Run Away to Mars" singer

62. Jump key

63. Corncob

64. Gaelic

DOWN

1. *London _____, tourist attraction

2. Hankerings

3. At the summit of

4. Glass ingredient

5. TV and radio

6. Not odds

7. Chinatown gang

8. _____ Low-ranking worker

9. Pinnacle

10. Pig's digs

12. _____ *Royal procession carriage

13. E in baseball box score

14. *"Wheel in the Sky" band

19. Star bursts

22. "_____ Elise"

23. Suez or Panama

24. Carl Jung's inner self

25. _____ *Type of locomotive

26. Surfer's stop

27. Like anchor aweigh

28. _____ Easternmost state

29. Serengeti grazer

32. *Perambulator, for short

33. Black and white sea bird

36. *Ancient Greek ride

38. Top of a steeple

40. Kitchen meas.

41. _____ Reunion attendees

44. Poets' feet

46. Smaller size than small

48. _____ *a.k.a. water wheel

49. Hole-borer

50. Baby's first word?

51. Speedy steed

52. Boorish

53. Russian autocrat

54. 90-degree pipes, e.g.

55. "Peace Train" singer-songwriter

58. Increase

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San Leon MUD Update



Smart Irrigation Month

Yards can quickly die in the brutal Texas heat if not adequately watered, but overwatering can also drown the yard, resulting in shallow roots and decreased resilience. Most lawns only need about 1" of water per week to stay green and healthy. Place a few empty tuna cans around your lawn while you're watering and measure how long it takes your sprinkler to fill them with a half-inch of water. Then, try watering that amount of time twice a week, gauge how your landscape responds, and adjust based on weather conditions. Also, try to avoid watering in the middle of the day when the hot sun will evaporate much of the water before it can get to thirsty plants. For more tips, visit <https://takecareoftexas.org/water>

Dates to Remember

July 4 – Independence Day
(office closed 4th & 5th)

July 16, 6:30 PM
Monthly District Meeting

Heat, Drought, and Burn Bans

If you're planning a controlled burn on your property, don't forget to file with Galveston County Health District for a burn permit! While recreational burning can be done without a permit, disposal of brush and debris does need a permit so that the appropriate agencies can be prepared to respond in case the fire gets out of hand. Also, be sure to check with local authorities to determine if fireworks will be permitted this holiday season based on current drought conditions.

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.

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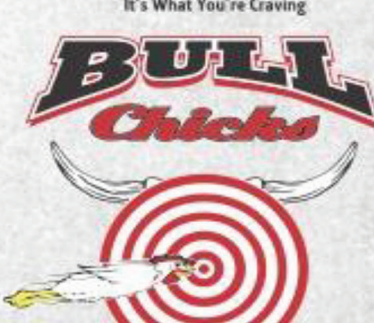
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This Is Bad!

The recent storms have left the pier at the Bacliff boat ramp battered and unsafe. That leads to the question of “Will She Fix It?” and if so, will it be done promptly and properly. EPP has little hope for a job done well and promptly as parks director/destroyer Julie Diaz sets very low or no standards for the care of the taxpayer property she is entrusted with. While some department leaders in the county go above and beyond what their job and their paycheck demand, Julie never fails to under deliver and under perform. A recent example is the ballfield fence at the 18th Street ballfields in San Leon. Where the old chain link fence posts had rusted away at the bottom and caused the fence to lean over, rather than replacing those posts, she had t-posts driven near them and then strapped the old to the new with plastic cable ties. Looks good from a distance (all she clearly cares about), but will fail again and again. She still cannot bring herself to change the parking lot lights that are out at Spillway Park, but then, unlike Carbide Park where her office is, she doesn’t have to see those not working every day. EPP urges its readers to reach out to her personally and ask her to earn her paycheck and do the job she was hired to do.

Julie Diaz
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