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Larson E. Eldercare scoops the cat out of the bag: Is the paintball industry planning to open a factory here or is somebody coloring the facts?

Pfft...!

Our own Iam Pratt, that loquacious limey and former Fleet Enema Street reporter, discovers interesting facts and flatulent twitterings from island hang outs and vacant buildings.

Blundering On The Island

Reporter Stevie Nickski lobs some tough questions at the Candidates. Plus, she reports on the latest council derisions.

My Way

Daily Noise Publisher Dulf Tuffington pops off about things that irritate, annoy and frustrate him, which are 101 things he doesn't love about the island.

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Editor Peeper Trailer trains his bow tie camera and listen-ing device on issues and fixates his folksy wisdom on open records and colorful stories. That's a good thing. What do you think?

Diva Screams

Columnist Fanny Sunshine has her fave picks from the sticks as she c-brates b-days & partays. Catch up on island triv drivel.

Weather

Today's forecast: Partly funny, No showers High: 96 Low: 28 Details: None

Stan Blazynick Progressive Weather Guru It's all about global warming, folks!

Council votes to outline review framework

Galveston: City Mangler hasn't had evaluation in more than 5 years

By STEVIE NICKSKI The Daily Noise

With a citywide election looming in less than a month, the city council outlined a framework for the next bunch to do what none has done in more than five years - evaluate City Mangler Steve LeBlank.

LeBlank, who runs from the day-to-day business of the city, has not had a review since 2004. Like many other important issues, the city has no policy requiring that city employees - manager, city secretary, city attorney, city auditor and municipal court judge - be reviewed and emasculated each year.

In a rare moment of decorum, council members more or less agreed Thursday to kind of create a policy stating that council members would make a plan to do something sometime. This would be a framework for a plan to set goals for council appointees in July, then evaluate those officials later when they feel like it, hav-

ing recovered from the last meeting, and they get around to releasing their sometimes annual financial report. The vote was practically anonymous, with Councillady Dr. Contessa Cobalt casting the dissenting vote. "Setting forth the policy - that the next council will consider evaluating the goals and the budget at a certain time in the year would prevent the next council from not doing it, which has left a lot of rhetoric in the community like 'We didn't evaluate this one and that one.' Mayor Promise agreed that the statement makes no sense.

LeBlank and the others were last evaluated in an informal 2004 review, where LeBlank, staff, and council members who were present, played "Twister", "Spin the bottle" and had coke floats. During that two hour meeting, council members whined, complained and criticized, but eventually complimented the city manager and suggested he apply for a spot on "Dancing With The Stars". At that review, council members, in uncha-

racteristic honesty, expressed concern LeBlank and department heads were sometimes arrogant, pitted council members against each other and that he refused to speak to them until his chia pet was returned. They also pointed out that LeBlank often made rude noises at meetings and pretended not to hear them.

Sitting council members never got around to a formal critique of LeBlank's performance because Hurricane Ike ruined their big chief notebooks.

Council member Taurus "the bull" Woodtick said LeBlank's guidance after the storm was good enough for him, and he don't have to ask (sic) no questions, because LeBlank was named City Manager of the Year by the Angleton Camp Fire Girls.

LeBlank suggested council members adopt a policy to outline a plan for a framework of future councils to set goals, and evaluate he and his staff on whether they dressed appropriately.



City Mangler, Steve LeBlank hasn't had an evaluation since 2004 because there was no set policy and he thought it was silly anyway.

LeBlank observed that present goals are vaguely specific. He mentioned the 412 goals current goal guidelines, like "create new jobs". "What does that mean? Give us a target to shoot at." Mayor Pro Tem Donny Warbler suggested that Battling Beeton would make a great target".

Le Blank is the city's longest living city mangler. When asked to rate his own performance, LeBlank said he needed more clarification, but all in all, it was more or less.

Jobs

More than one but less than six employment opportunities this week.

Now Hiring Waitstaff: Big Fatty's Lo Fat Bar-B-Q. Work for food.

Car Sales/Wiper Blade Technician: Uncle Sappy's A-1 Quality Pre-Owned golf carts. Commission only

Crack Dealer. Exp. preferred. House of Guys. 409 BIG DEAL. Drug test required.

Day Laborers needed: Must show up at least one day in a row; Must be sober; no weapons.

Lung Specialist: Hiring for UTMB Dr. Augustus Phibes organ transplant drive-thru window.

Street Babble

Page C-4 Readers drop in and "pop off" about anything!

Shouting match erupts at council



Fireworks and an angry exchange of words rocked city hall at last week's council meeting, when "testy" Taurus the bull Woodtick became enraged at a comment by councillor Susan Finnickwall.

It seems that Mr. Woodtick took offense at what he considered an interruption while he was finishing a 90 minute question to city attorney Suzie Gulch. Mr. Woodtick had stopped talking in order to review his volume of talking points, when Ms. Finnickwall yawned loudly, then attempted to apologize.

Mr. Woodtick leaped to his feet, shouting and gesturing wildly. Ms. Finnickwall smiled and asked Woodtick if he had enrolled in anger management class, as she subtly slipped a whoopee cushion in his chair.

Woodtick briefly regained his composure, and sat down, only to produce a loud and lengthy raspberry, which woke up the rest of the council members. Woodtick exploded in rage, and threw a half-eaten banana split at Finnickwall, which missed her, but lodged in Donny Warbler's mustache.

Former council member and now candidate "Which Juan" Pinata was nearby in a newly waxed shirt, with his ever present camera, and captured some of the altercation on film. An off duty police officer taking donations

for Pinata's campaign fund quickly subdued rowdy observers who threatened a pie fight.

Mayoral Promise restored order by offering Woodtick two seats on the housing authority and her personal IOU



Off duty police officer with Juan Pinata campaign subdues unruly crowd, averting pie fight

Higher than usual turnout expected for May 8 election

Estimates run as high as 22 percent of registered voters expected to exercise their freedom and vote in this landmark erection on May 8. Some voting irregularity is expected, so the public is advised to eat a diet rich in fiber and are encouraged to refrain from voting more than twice.

Fewer than 38 deceased individuals are expected to cast ballots.

Candidates vow to forcibly retire Ronald McDonald and bring jobs to island

By GRANNY ELDERCARE The Daily Noise

Candidates for mayor, Joe Imyurbudski and Betty Formacommittee announced today that they will support a petition to demand iconic clown Ronald McDonald to be retired as symbolic spokesperson for McDonald's.

Citizens Against Obesity Coercion, a nonprofit activist organization in San Francisco, CA, has begun a national campaign to circulate a petition calling for Ronald McDonald to step down.

"He is an inappropriate role model", said chief organizer Chelsea Bluebonnet. "He targets innocent and unsuspecting children, and like, it's not a good thing, fer sure." "Of course he targets children", observed Donny Warbler, the third mayoral candidate

in the May 8 election. "He wears a bright red wig, big shoes and a rubber nose. He's a clown, for Chrissakes!"

"I have two young children, and I don't want them to suffer the embarrassment of being called fatty", said Imyurbudski. "It's also a health issue. What McDonald's needs is a new vision."

"I believe the question, as I see it, is that there are just, you know, better and healthier choices for kids, than happy meals, super size fries and egg mcmuffins," said Ms. Formacommittee. "I support a plan, a comprehensive plan, to begin a long term study and make reasonable recommendations that are healthy alternatives to a diet high in fat of any kind."

"I think it's a crock," said Warbler. "It's not business friendly, and I don't think we have any business legislating what people want to eat."

We advocate a diet high in fruit, nuts, veggies and fiber," stated Ms. Bluebonnet.

"I think the fruits and the nuts are the ones circulating the petition," laughed Warbler.

Joe Imyurbudski and Betty Formacommittee were campaigning at Whataburger and could not be reached for comment.

"Too many looney regulations and silly restrictions are keeping business on the other side of the bridge," added Warbler. "Have it your way, is what I say".



My Way: 101 thing that annoy, frustrate and irritate me.

By DULF TUFFINGTON Daily Noise publisher



Editor's Note: Every year, Dulf Tuffington writes about the 101 things he loves about Galveston County. Today, he weighs in about some of his pet peeves. In the interest of space, we can

only print a few, there will be a new publication soon, "Curmudgeon News from the Tuffington Post" that will join our many magazines, separately in a group, until we run out of advertisers.

Following is a transcript of a recent speech to the Galveston Chamber of Comedy by Mr. Tuffington:

Good afternoon, you all know me. Dulf Tuffington. Even though I'm a respected intellectual, sought after speaker, brilliant columnist and big time publisher of the County's only award-winning newspaper, I'm just a regular guy. I wear boxers. And I'm always right. And I will probably have a street named after me.

Galveston is my adopted home, so I'm also a concerned citizen, concerned about the looney things that happen here on this nut magnet.

Of course, since I'm a celebrity, people often stop me in the street when I'm jogging, to discuss fat free, low salt recipes and "sound off" about concerns they have regarding issues here on our wonderful island.

Sometimes they disagree with me. That's OK. It's a good thing. So I simply tell them "Shuddup. Why don't you get a wig with some brains in it?" That kind of response generally gets the conversation moving in a positive direction.

Every year, I write about the 101 things I love about the county. However, there are a lot of things that burn me up. And I don't have a problem letting you know where I stand. I know you'll come around to the right way of thinking.

Some say I'm too caustic. To heck with the cost, if it's a good story, I'll write it. You know I believe in tight budgets and hate to spend money. Especially your tax dollars.

Galveston has always been a town of between 45,000 and 60,000 residents, except when it wasn't. Some actually have jobs. If you count Mardi Gras, the biker rally and Schlitterban, it is a bustling burg of over 300,000 sometimes, give or take, more or less, according to the institute of funny numbers, a leading Washington economic irritator.

Of course, there are less of us since Ike, and less jobs. However, few local economies in this great country have been as distinctly dependent on optimists, narcissists and philanthropists, although one was a Baptist - as Galveston.

I am not including the Federal government, who gave us the generosity

of the FEMA Boardwalk and the GHA refuge.

Like many of you, I'm worried about our city's future. I'm afraid that Galveston is on the brink of a great abscess, and it's time to take the bull by the teeth, with innovative, conservative and cheap ideas to keep the island afloat.

That being said, and I just said it, all in all, I can't conceive of another city that could get away with constantly whining for dollars and depending on the kindness of strangers and delusional developers.

This is not to say that I disagree in any way with development. We have to do everything we can to attract businesses and big corporations here and get the island's economy out of the tank.

Since the free spending, screwy bureaucrats in Washington are bankrupting the country, pretty soon there won't be any Federal dollars for us to get our hands on.

One thing we must do, without fail, no matter what it takes, is to keep the University of Texas Medical Bunch here on the island. UTMB is the largest employer in Galveston, and pays inflated salaries to people who mostly live on the mainland. Benefits are excellent, with many who simply show up and wait for a tidy retirement. In fact, the city of Galveston is now considered a suburb of the medical bunch. It's imperative that we lobby, browbeat, lie and cheat to keep them here.

Now, obviously I don't have time to mention every one of the 101 things that irritate, annoy and frustrate me, but I'll give you a few highlights of the lowlights.

You know I'm pro-development, loathe big government, hate taxes - I think the 35 million dollar stadium idea is a crock - and I'm definitely not going to vote for that phony Biff Root, whether he's suspended his campaign for mayor or not. I might have a beer with him some sunny afternoon downtown and look at the chicks, then set him straight, but that's it.

Today, I'd like to talk about our rowdy friends in La Marque and the free for all over Mr. Gage, the city manager. Now we certainly have our own problems with decorum and civility here in our city government, there's no doubt about it, but our neighbors in La Marque are way over the top.

It seems to me that our La Marque counterparts are just being childish. I say to them, "I'll be frank if you'll be earnest".

Mayor Sam, you need to lead.

Everybody take a chill pill, sit down together and have a meaningful dialogue.

As I recall, "recall" is not a good way to govern, even in a little town like La Marque. The good folks there deserve a break from the infighting at city hall.

So before you go beserk and wind up with no city government in November, take it from our own Dr. Contessa Cobalt and "get a grip".

Let these animosities roll off your back like a duck, roll up your sleeves and get to work on the people's business.

Right here in our own backyard, we need to pull ourselves up by our jockstraps and face the island's challenges.

We must become self-sufficient, instead of relying on donations from all over the state and national foundations.

This does not include constant hand outs from the federal government. The fact that Galveston is always recovering from something ensures a continuous flow of funds from generosity that enables and empowers the island to have a comical government and no visible means of support.

We can't continue to import homeless, export taxpaying citizens and do nothing but talk about our colorful history and still stay afloat.

I encourage your feedback, so write me at the Daily Noise and let me know the issues that are troubling you.

Don't talk to me about Biff Root, or anything I have to say about him, because I have my opinion and you do too.

From the Editor

George Douglas Lee



Just like Freddy Krueger or that pesky poltergeist, I'm back! It's been a couple of years since my nonsense graced the pages of the Parrot, but you just gotta believe there's some genuine honor and higher purpose to having been fired. Twice.

There have been so changes since then. For instance, I have a new photo. I had my teeth capped so I'd look good on the radio. Oh yeah, radio.

Many of you know me as the host of Electric Theatre Radio Hour. We were on KGBC until new year's eve, 2010, when the station was taken over in a bloodless coup by CRI, Chinese Radio International. I escaped, obviously, still here to tell the tale. In fact, the Chinese invasion episode is one of the highest rated, closely followed by the faux interviews with candidate and councilman, Donny Warbler.

You can hear the Radio Hour at george-douglaslee.com and at guidrynews.com Beginning with this issue of The Daily Noise, you'll also be able to hear the Radio Hour at galvestonparrot.com

It's a podcast, but still in radio format. This section of the Parrot is based on the Daily Noise segment of the Radio Hour, which is based on my previous columns here.

Glad to be back, so join me on a trip through the sewer in a glass bottom boat...



GEE Whiz

Editor Peeper
Trailer poses questions to candidates

Candidates have been peppered with questions from all kinds of organizations, pacs and concerned citizens. That's a good thing. "It's not easy", mused Donny Warbler, candidate and mayor per diem. "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't". I know you know we all want to know the most we can about our public servants, so the Daily Noise has compiled a list of questions to challenge the candidates and help prepare them for the once they sit down in the big chairs at city hall.

The mayor was gracious enough to share her list of tough questions with the folks at the Daily Noise.

1. Is Galveston Island a:
 - A. Peninsula
 - B. Island
 - C. Landfill
 - D. Halfway House
 2. Moody Mansion is named for:
 - A. Col. Sanders
 - B. Col. Bubbies
 - C. Col. Moody
 - D. Grover Cleveland
 - E. Lynne Cleveland
 3. Who was mayor before Mayor Promise's term?
 - A. Bo Quiroga
 - B. Bo Bo Condini
 - C. Bozo the Clown
 - D. Tillerman Fajita
 - E. None of the above
 4. Is the Oleander a tree, shrub or weed?
 - A. 1812
 - B. 2008
 - C. 1900
 - D. It's a myth
 5. The 1900 Storm occurred in what year?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. It's a trick question
 - D. If there is, get the L out
 6. Is there an "L" in GHA?
 - A. \$30 million
 - B. \$300 million
 - C. An arm, a leg and a dead pig
 - D. Ten times twice the Federal deficit
 7. What is the estimated cost to repair Galveston's infrastructure?
 - A. Ten years
 - B. Thirty years
 - C. Not in your life time
 - D. Not in God's life time
 8. When will there be a bridge from the west end to the mainland; a train to Houston and a bridge to Bolivar?
 - A. Cabez de Vaca
 - B. Bernardo de Galvez
 - C. Juan Pena
 - D. "Wrong Way" Corrigan
 9. Who is the city of Galveston named for?
 - A. Too many to list
 - B. Marquette
 - C. Ending workshop
 - D. Showing up
 - E. Speaking
 10. What was the worst decision council made since 2007?
 - A. Too many to list
 - B. Marquette
 - C. Ending workshop
 - D. Showing up
 - E. Speaking
- These tough questions help clear the air. What do you think?

INSIDE TODAY

Guest Column

■ Former mayor Bubba Karaoke discusses his vision for a "greener" Galveston and political tips through creative use of seaweed residue, seagull guano and discarded fish heads.



Wellness Is Good for You!

■ Medical Maven Dr. Marcus Hemoglobin shares some useful tips for living a long, boring life. Avoid fat, sugar, salt, sun and anything that's feels good, and you'll be a long liver



Angler's Angst

■ Skipper and Captain "Curly" Carp reports that high winds and 30 foot waves scattered anglers reeling in prized crabface rockfish. "Hey, fish or cut bait, ya wimps!" says Carp.



Garden Goodies

■ Master gardener and fruit fan Pete Moss settles the question "is the tomato a fruit or vegetable", and clears up common grubworm myths.



Happy Food

■ Our own Mother Muffin dishes up unusual and delicious recipes every week. Today, M. M. shows you the "whey" to make delicious cheese at home. You'll be amazed at how easy it is, with surprising ingredients.



After Dark

■ Check out our local entertainment scene in true Parrotesque fashion. We've spared no expense to do it cheap.

