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 •ON THIS DAY•

Oct. 22, 1985 - A guest on the top floor of a hotel in Seattle, WA., was seriously injured while talking on the phone when lightning struck. Several persons are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via telephone wiring.

Oct. 24, 2005 - Hurricane Wilma reached the U.S. coast-line near Everglades City in Florida with maximum sustained winds near 120 mph. The hurricane accelerated across south Florida and the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area, exiting the coast later the same day. There were 10 fatalities in Florida, and nearly 6 million people lost power.

Oct. 26, 1987 - Five cities in south central Texas reported record-high temperatures for the date, including Corpus Christi and Del Rio, with readings of 93 degrees. Laredo, TX. was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 98 degrees.

Oct. 27, 1962 - An early season winter storm over New England blanketed northern Maine with 7 to 16 inches of snow and southeastern New England with up to 3 inches of snow. Worcester, MA. received a record 4.7 inches of snow.

Oct. 28, 1936 - The temperature at Layton, N.J., dipped to 9 above zero to establish a state record for the month of October.

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October 22 Wednesday	October 23 Thursday	October 24 Friday	October 25 Saturday	October 26 Sunday	October 28 Monday	October 28 Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
82 / 60	84 / 61	85 / 64	83 / 60	88 / 67	86 / 63	85 / 64

Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

State Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo				
Amarillo	73/47	s	72/45	s	73/48	mc	Odessa	78/53	pc	80/54	s
Beaumont . . .	81/61	s	83/62	pc	86/67	pc	San Antonio .	86/64	pc	87/63	mc
Dallas	79/64	s	81/65	s	84/70	s	Waco	81/58	s	83/59	mc
Houston	83/68	pc	85/69	pc	86/71	mc	Wichita Falls .	78/50	s	80/51	s

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; pc/partly cloudy; r/rain; s/sunny; sh/showers; t/thunderstorms

Weather Trivia

Humidity is measured by what device?

Answer: The device is a hygrometer.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

	Peak Times				Peak Times		
	Day	AM	PM		Day	AM	PM
	Wed	12:32-2:32	12:54-2:54	Sun	3:45-5:45	4:11-6:11	
	Thu	1:17-3:17	1:40-3:40	Mon	4:37-6:37	5:03-7:03	
	Fri	2:04-4:04	2:28-4:28	Tue	5:29-7:29	5:54-7:54	
	Sat	2:54-4:54	3:19-5:19				

Weather History

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Sun & Moon

First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
10/29	Wednesday	7:27 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	8:29 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	11/12
	Thursday	7:28 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	9:26 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	
	Friday	7:29 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	10:22 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:29 a.m.	6:41 p.m.	11:18 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:30 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	12:11 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	
Full 11/5	Monday	7:31 a.m.	6:39 p.m.	1:01 p.m.	11:08 p.m.	11/20
	Tuesday	7:31 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Next Day	

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
10/22	6:14 p	9:49 a	None	None
10/23	7:04 p	10:20 a	None	None
10/24	8:07 p	10:56 a	None	None
10/25	9:28 p	11:36 a	None	None
10/26	10:32 p	12:19 p	None	None
10/27	11:25 p	1:05 p	None	None
10/28	None	2:01 p	None	None

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
10/9	89	70	83/62	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
10/10	90	63	83/62	0.00"	10/9	30	10/13	23
10/11	87	61	83/61	0.00"	10/10	27	10/14	25
10/12	85	59	83/61	0.00"	10/11	24	10/15	25
10/13	85	60	83/61	0.00"	10/12	22		
10/14	88	62	82/60	0.00"	Growing degree days are calculated by subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the day's average temperature.			
10/15	87	62	82/60	0.00"				

Strange but True

By Bill Sones
and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

Q. From a Charlottesville, VA., editor: "Why is the letter 'W' called a double-U instead of a double-V? It sure looks like a double-V. Who mixed up these two letters in the first place?"

A. Norman scribes in the 11th century introduced the "w" to replace the runic symbol "wynn" from Old English, says David Crystal in "The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language." It got the name "double-U" because in Middle English "v" and "u" were interchangeable forms, with scribes writing "uu" for the w/ sound. This old double-identity is still evident in cognate pairs such as flour/flower and suede/Swede (from askoxford.com).

Oddly, the "w" is the only English letter name with more than one syllable, says Wikipedia.org, giving the Web's ubiquitous nine-syllable initialism "www" the irony of being an abbreviation with three times as many syllables as the unabbreviated form World Wide Web.

Q. Don't even think about trying to top this one, but

what's the record for skid marks on a public road?

A. Set in 1960 by a Jaguar driver on England's M1 highway, the marks were 290 meters (950 ft) long, says Jearl Walker in "The Flying Circus of Physics." In court, the speed at wheellock was alleged to be 160 kilometers per hour (100 mph), though later calculations put it at more like 225 kph (140 mph).

Yet these skid marks pale next to those left by Craig Breedlove in October 1964 at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats, who drove his rocket-powered "Spirit of America" through a measured mile at about 540 mph. To slow, he released a parachute, but its cord snapped; his second chute also failed. His brakes did little more than leave 6-mile-long skid marks before burning out.

Still traveling at 500 mph, the vehicle rode up and over an embankment and plummeted nose down at 160 mph into a pool of brine five meters deep.

Firmly strapped into his seat, Breedlove nearly drowned. He had broken the 500-mile-per-hour barrier with an average speed of 526 mph, inadvertently setting the skid-mark record also.

Q. Over the centuries, prisoners condemned to be hanged by the neck have had plenty to worry about. Have the hangmen/executioners had anything to worry about?

A. Old-fashioned "short-drop" executions caused death by strangulation as the rope pressed on the windpipe and arteries to the brain, a 10-second demise, says "New Scientist" magazine. Alas, that was only if the noose was correctly applied.

Witnesses of public hangings often reported victims "dancing" in pain at the end of the rope, struggling violently for many minutes as they asphyxiated to death. In some cases, strugglers were cut down and resuscitated, even after 15 minutes!

When public hangings were outlawed in Britain in 1868, the "long-drop" method took over with a lengthy rope to build up greater speed to assure a more "merciful" breaking of the neck. The length had to be tailored to the victim's weight, as too great a force "could rip the head clean off, a professionally embarrassing outcome for the hangman."

Yet, an analysis as late as 1992 of the remains of 34 prison-

ers found that only in about half of cases was the cause of death at least partially spinal trauma, with a fifth showing the classic "hangman's fracture." The rest died in part from asphyxiation.

But, adds Canadian anthropologist Michael Spence, who studied U.S. victims, the trauma

of the drop would have rapidly rendered all of them unconscious anyway. "What the hangmen were looking for was quick cessation of activity, and they knew enough about their craft to ensure that happened. The thing they feared most was decapitation."



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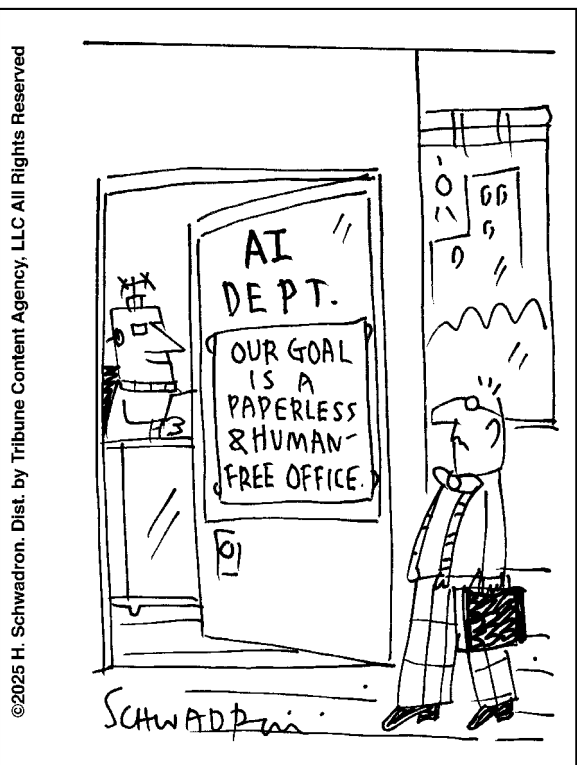
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By Bruce Quast



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Dozens of wild baboons have been coming down from the mountains of South Africa and launching raids on the vineyards of Cape Town's wine country. They eat fermented grapes then pass out drunk.

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE UNDRESSING, DON'T GO AFTER MY GUY:

A man, his girlfriend and another woman in Blackpool, England, had a few drinks and then engaged in a game of strip Monopoly. When all three wound up undressed, the man began to become interested in the lady who was not his girlfriend. She, in turn, expressed an interest in him. This enraged the girlfriend, who physically attacked the other woman.

Police involvement resulted.

BUT FOR FOUR HOURS, HE WAS A MODEL CITIZEN: Only five hours after being released from prison in Hartford, Conn., a man was taken back into custody because he stole a taxi.

IS IT ANY WONDER THAT YOU CAN'T KEEP A MAN?: A 54-year-old woman from Port St. Lucie, Fla., has been trying for months to get her ex-boyfriend to kill her ex-husband. Finally, the ex-boyfriend went to the cops. She was arrested for conspiracy. No murder occurred.

NO, OFFICER, I TOLD YOU HE'S NOT MY GRANDSON: A 24-year-old man had an argument with his 66-year-old girlfriend in her Gainesville, Fla., home, and roughed her up when she tried to leave. She finally got out of there and called the cops. He was charged with false imprisonment.

HONEY, DID YOU CALL THIS NUMBER? ... WELL, DID YOU!?: A young employee at a pizza joint in Valley Station, Ky., took a couple's

credit card payment, and then, 15 minutes later, used the card number to call a phone girly line and run up \$296 in charges. The wife called the cops when she got the bill.

WELL. HEY, I WAS LOST!:

Even though she had an open can of alcohol and crack cocaine in her car, a woman in Niceville, Fla., pulled over to the side of the road and flagged down a police officer to ask for directions. She was arrested, and they showed her the way to jail.

ESCAPING IS A THIRSTY BUSINESS: A prisoner escaped from police custody in Queensland, Australia, and swam across the Brisbane River. They caught him about seven hours later drinking at a hotel bar.

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1. blunderbuss

- A. carriage C. busybody
B. braggart D. firearm

2. sublime

- A. dull C. inferior
B. hinted D. majestic

3. incredulity

- A. wonder C. disbelief
B. praise D. dishonesty

4. tumbril

- A. drum C. bushy weed
B. whistle D. farmer cart

5. jackboot

- A. soldier C. liquor
B. high boot D. stolen goods

6. forlorn

- A. deserted C. indebted
B. ragged D. haunting

7. substratum

- A. debris C. strategy
B. sub-layer D. 2nd highest

8. nondescript

- A. plain C. unprepared
B. puzzling D. vague

9. cutlass

- A. sword C. maiden
B. boat D. ocean stream

10. gaol

- A. jail C. desert bunny
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answers: 1a 2d 3c 4d 5b 6a 7b 8a 9a 10a — Greg Wilkinson

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On Nutrition: When diabetes is diagnosed during pregnancy

By Barbara Intermill

Tribune News Service (TNS)

It's not an easy diagnosis to hear when you're pregnant. With less than 12 weeks to go in her pregnancy, a woman I know shared that a test had revealed she has gestational diabetes - diabetes that is diagnosed during pregnancy.

I tried to comfort this mom with a few facts. Yes, it's scary, but gestational diabetes (GDM) is very controllable.

This condition affects up to 9% of pregnancies in the U.S. each year, according to the American Diabetes Association. And it is largely due to changes in a mom's hormones during the last stages of pregnancy. That's why tests to determine this condition are usually done between weeks

24 and 28 of pregnancy.

Some women are at higher risk, however. Being overweight, having a family history of type 2 diabetes or having given birth to a baby weighing over 9 pounds increases one's chances to develop GDM. Moms over the age of 35 and those of African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native American or Pacific Islander descent also carry a higher risk.

The most important goal for a successful pregnancy with this condition is to keep blood sugars in a normal range. That means blood glucose levels must be checked often while following a careful diet and being as active as the pregnant state allows.

In general, most women

will need to eat smaller, more frequent meals and limit the amount of sugars and starches (carbohydrates) they eat at any one time.

Pregnant moms with this condition also need to load up on nutrient-rich, non-starchy veggies, such as asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, lettuce and leafy greens, green beans, peppers, tomatoes, yellow squash and zucchini.

Protein at each meal is especially important for baby building. That includes foods such as chicken, turkey, eggs, fish, lean beef, pork, cheese, tofu and peanut butter, dried beans and lentils. (Watch the serving size of these last two as they also contain carbs.)

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Alexander Fleming

In September 1928, Sir Alexander Fleming returned to his London laboratory after a vacation and noticed that a mold had contaminated a petri dish of Staphylococcus bacteria. The bacteria colonies around the mold were dying. He identified the mold as *Penicillium notatum* and named the active antibacterial agent "penicillin."

While Fleming published his findings in 1929, he had trouble isolating and purifying enough of the substance to conduct further research. His initial discovery was largely overlooked by the scientific community.

A decade later, at the University of Oxford, a team of scientists led by pathologist Howard Florey and biochemist Ernst Chain became interested in Fleming's findings. The team, which also included Norman Heatley, successfully purified and concentrated penicillin in 1940.

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Junior Achievement of Brazoria County also honored numerous other educators and volunteers during its 25th annual Hall of Fame event recently at the Dow Academic Center, emceed by State Rep. Cody Vasut.

Educator of the Year was awarded to Cheryl Roberts, Principal of Lake Jackson Intermediate, for her 23 years of leadership and her commitment to preparing students for the future.

Volunteer of the Year went to



Educator of the Year Cheryl Roberts, principal of Lake Jackson Intermediate school. (left)



Volunteer of the year Sherry Stratton. (right)

Sherry Stratton, retired Sweeny ISD teacher and Junior Service League member, for her longtime dedication to education and community service.

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Port welcomes two new Super Post-Panamax cranes

Port Freeport marked a historic milestone recently with the delivery of two state-of-the-art Super Post-Panamax Ship-to-Shore Gantry Cranes, their arrival coinciding with the Port's 100th anniversary.

Transported fully erected aboard a heavy-lift vessel, the cranes were carefully offloaded and secured to the docks. Following installation and testing this fall, the new equipment will be placed in service, dramatically expanding the Port's capacity to service some of the world's largest container vessels efficiently.

"These cranes are a major investment in the future of Port Freeport and our community," said Rob Giesecke, Chairman of the Port Freeport Commission. "They will act as a catalyst for future growth, helping us attract new business, create more jobs, and increase operating revenues to keep Port Freeport at zero-tax."

Towering more than 300-feet-high and weighing over 1,600 tons each, the cranes feature the ability to reach across 22 containers wide with a lift above the dock of 178 feet. Outfitted



Two state-of-the-art Super Post-Panamax Gantry Cranes were delivered aboard a heavy-lift vessel, arriving at Port Freeport's Velasco Container Terminal.

with advanced technology, they are designed to handle cargo with greater safety and efficiency, representing one of the most significant equipment upgrades in Port Freeport's history.

"The addition of the new Super Post-Panamax cranes at the expanded container terminal berths, combined with the substantial completion of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project by year's end, is a defining moment for the Port and a great way to start the Port's next century," said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO of Port Freeport.

"As we commemorate our Centennial, this achievement underscores our unwavering commitment to developing world-class infrastructure that will benefit our region for many years to come."

The cranes are expected to be fully operational later this fall. Their delivery during Port Freeport's Centennial year reflects both the strength of its legacy and the promise of continued opportunity. A commemorative video will be released and made available on the Port's website, allowing the community to share in their remarkable journey from delivery to installation.



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The Brazoria County Library System

A Bulletin Monthly Special Feature

Brazoria County Library System updating behind-the-scenes software

All Brazoria County libraries are preparing to transition to a new catalog system.

This software enables our staff to manage and check materials in and out, as well as for patrons to place holds.

This switch will streamline and improve the overall library experience online and in-person.

This change in the catalog system will cause a temporary interruption to holds requests and Interlibrary Loan (ILL) ser-

vices, starting Oct. 20. Holds or ILL requests made prior to Oct. 20 will still be fulfilled.

Patrons will be able to resume placing hold requests when the new system launches in mid-December.

Patrons can prepare for the change by doing the following:

- Making sure you have a physical library card
- Verifying information on your account is correct and up-to-date
- Renewing your library card if it is close to expiration

Beginning Nov. 10, the option to sign-up for a library card online on the library's website will be temporarily suspended.

Patrons will have to register for a card in person at one of the 12 branch libraries in the county.

Due dates for items checked out will be adjusted to account for the migration.

Library of Things items and Interlibrary Loans will still need to be returned on their original due dates.

Starting Nov. 24, all patrons will need their physical library card to check out materials.

From Nov. 24 through Dec. 15, the following will be unavailable to patrons:

- Self-checkout machines will be down.
- Patrons will not be able to check their account online.
- No text or email notifications

will be sent out.

- The MyLibrary! app will stop being updated and should be deleted. A new app will be forthcoming.

- Makerspace equipment that requires payment will be unavailable, but patrons can still use any free Makerspace equipment.

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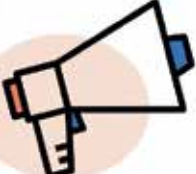
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You can find HelpNow under the Research Room tab on our webpage: mybcls.org.



ATTENTION: BCLS is updating our behind-the-scenes software.

Cardholders will be temporarily unable to place holds or request ILLs starting Monday, October 20th.

Services will resume once the new system is in place.



We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

Digital materials and databases will still be available.
Check out mybcls.org/35 to explore your options.

2025 Brazoria County Fair memories



2025 Fair Queen's Court



From left: Sloan Greak, Angleton H.S., Miss Photogenic; Bayler Dees, Danbury H.S., 2nd runner-up; Presley Buckmaster, Pearland H.S., Queen; Kennedy Unger, Brazoswood H.S., 1st runner up; Mylie Lambert, Angleton Christian School, Miss Congeniality; Arthur Flores, Iowa Colony H.S., James Massey Award.

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Stellantis to invest \$13B into U.S. vehicle production

The Detroit News (TNS)

Stellantis NV plans to pump \$13 billion into its U.S. operations over the next four years in what the transatlantic automaker says is the largest investment in its history.

The investment supports the introduction of five new vehicles, an all-new four-cylinder engine and more than 5,000 jobs at its facilities in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. The infusion appears to include many of the around \$5 billion in investments Stellantis already detailed shortly after President Donald Trump took office in January.

The changes will increase Stellantis' annual vehicle production in the United States by half, according to the automaker.

The Belvidere Assembly Plant in Illinois will make the Jeep Cherokee and Jeep Compass; the automaker previously said it planned to reopen the shuttered plant to

make a midsize truck. Belvidere's investment is more than \$600 million.

That midsize Ram truck will now be built at the Toledo Assembly Complex in Ohio, which will get an infusion of \$400 million. It joins the Jeep Wrangler and Jeep Gladiator, which are already built there.

And at Michigan's Warren Truck Assembly Plant, which underwent significant layoffs last year, the automaker said a new range-extended EV and gas-pow-

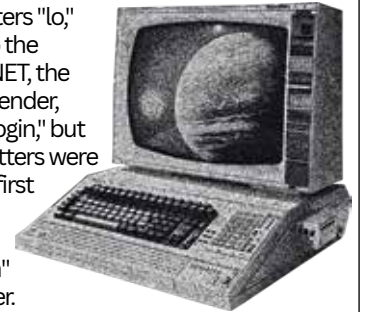
ered large SUV will be introduced beginning in 2028. About \$100 million will be spent on retooling that facility.

The company will also pump \$130 million into the Detroit Assembly Complex-Jefferson, where it will build the next-generation Dodge Durango.

Stellantis also said it planned continued investments at its Kokomo, Indiana, facilities to make an all-new four-cylinder engine starting in 2026.

What was the first Internet message?

The first internet message was the letters "lo," sent on October 29, 1969, from UCLA to the Stanford Research Institute over ARPANET, the precursor to the modern internet. The sender, Charley Kline, was attempting to type "login," but the system crashed after the first two letters were transmitted. This transmission was the first successful host-to-host connection, marking the birth of the ARPANET and, by extension, the internet. The full "login" was successfully sent about an hour later.



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My first Halloween in a new country was a little confusing

Why are all these kids asking strangers for candy?

By John Toth
The Bulletin

It was Oct. 31, 1967. I was 11 years old and landed in a strange new world just 15 days earlier. It was about to get a little stranger.

My mother and I were walking down the street after shopping, and all these kids in costumes ran around us, asking for candy.

"What are they doing?" she asked me. I had no clue. It was only my first week in a brand new school, in a country with a brand new language and customs.

We landed in the USA a couple of weeks earlier, flew here from Vienna, Austria.

I spent a year and a half getting accustomed to my situation there, which was a lot different than Hungary, where I was born.

I knew Hungarian and was fluent in German, but did not speak English. The task of learning it had just begun. This was my second go-around, but it still felt strange - again.

I sat in the classroom all day

long, trying to make sense of my new school. Math was familiar, but all the other stuff was French to me (or any other language I did not know).

I was making out a few words here and there, because I already knew German, and the two languages have many similar words and expressions, but I could not string together sentences. In other words. I had no clue what anyone was talking about.

John's Ramblings

These things take time. Knowing Hungarian was no help at all. No words matched - not even close.

I was just beginning to climb another language barrier, and Halloween got lost somewhere in the translation.

"It's Halloween," said a friend we met on the way, who had lived here for a few years. "They're trick-or-treating. They're having fun."

The friend handed the kids a nickel each after she ran out of candy.

"Johnny will be doing it next

year," she told my mother.

Not really. I never went trick or treating as a kid. I became Americanized very quickly in all other ways, but I never warmed up to trick-or-treating.

I could buy all the candy I wanted in those fancy, bright supermarkets around us. A&P not only seemed like a food amusement park to me, but I could also buy stuff with their green stamps.

I had to file all these nuances away quickly because this was probably the last time we would country-hop. As it turned out, it was.

"Did you get a lot of candy last night," asked one of my classmates the next morning in school. Her name was Susan, and her parents were Hungarian immigrants. She was born here, but spoke Hungarian. She translated for me some when I was hopelessly stuck in the language maze. No one in the class spoke German, even though the school was adjacent to a German neighborhood. I was glad that Susan was there.

I told her how I found out about Halloween, that it looked like a lot of fun. "Maybe I'll try trick or treating next year," I said. "I never go. My brother likes it, but I always stay at home," she said.

A year passed. My language

Happy birthday to Dorothy Roco, 102

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When she returned to Carriage Inn, the Angleton Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors sang Happy Birthday to her.



skills progressed well enough to convince the principal, Sister Mercedes, to let me pass and stay with my class.

I understood the rules of baseball and football, and I rooted for my favorite teams. I played street hockey with the neighborhood kids, listened to Top 40 AM radio and wore bell-bottom pants.

On Halloween 1968, I was having a great time playing board games at Susan's home while our parents talked about the old country. Then Susan's brother came home with his stash, and we stuffed ourselves with candy.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween, dear reader, in any way you choose.

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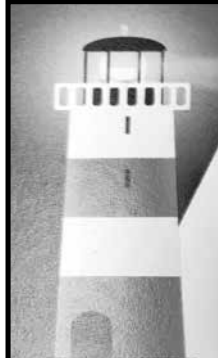
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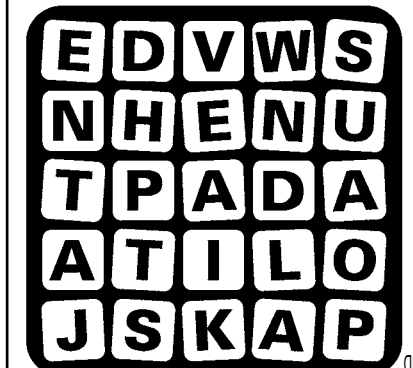
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Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena
Tribune Content Agency

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A couple of good days remain before stars slide into darkness. Do anything significant today or tomorrow, or wait until November, which brings favorable action stars again. Put your heart into understanding, healing, making things right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partnerships could present challenges now. Stellar forces are not pushing things toward easy, flowing outcomes, at least for a while longer. Keep strategies to yourself for now; someone might try to grab credit or block your progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Creatives could find plenty of inspo for satisfying completion of projects. Continue to refine your relationship to money while your finances are in expansive stars. A partner or pet could offer peaceful companionship and soothe your spirit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might continue to be the rock in other people's worlds, the one they come to when reliable help is needed. Give freely - all good returns to you, though sometimes through other sets of hands. Writers and poets could create beauty now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When you invest in yourself, everything in your life uplevels. When you build it strong, it can be there to support you later. Think in years and decades, not days, weeks or months. Dedicate yourself, step-by-step, toward building a foundation for your best life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your smile is pure sunshine now. Financial efforts will yield eventual abundance, continue to apply yourself; tweak goals and objectives as needed. Don't force a conversation, but today and tomorrow have the best odds of the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sudden money moves are not recommended, but anything that was previously planned should be O.K. to do today or tomorrow. A supply train could be on an intersecting path with you, expect abundant blessings and new insights to arrive at the perfect time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If someone wants to see you at your worst, it's hard to stop them. Let them and continue to sit in your truth as long as you are being accountable. A friend might offer a glow-up, beautification advice, or cash. A day trip could be wonderful today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Show up as the heart-felt friend, the mentor, the helper, the advisor. It could be time to make a small but positive change in your home world. Ask yourself what would be most beneficial. Communicate strategically whether they get it or not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you feel like your regular friends are popping out from the evil clown car, it's not them, it's the stars right now. Get more timely support from a partner, pet, or online sources of inspiration. Continue to build your career and seek logical answers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let trolls or haters crack your confidence or planning. If you don't want their life, don't take their advice. Workplace hassles may be continuing, don't add to problems. There's a golden ring waiting for you on life's carousel - keep your eyes open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel could be problematic this week, so keep plans simple and risks low. Financial matters could be improving, but don't invest without research and excellent timing. Greatest satisfactions for today: Creating a thing of beauty and/or seeing friends.

On This Day In History

October 22

1746 - The College of New Jersey was officially chartered. It later became known as Princeton University.

1836 - Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

1907 - The Panic of 1907 began when depositors began withdrawing money from many New York banks.

1939 - The first televised pro football game was telecast from New York. Brooklyn defeated Philadelphia 23-14.

October 23

1915 - Approximately 25,000 women demanded the right to vote with a march in New York City, N.Y.

1929 - In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged, starting the stock-market crash that began the Great Depression.

1956 - Hungarian citizens began an uprising against Soviet occupation. On Nov. 4, 1956 Soviet forces enter Hungary and eventually suppress the uprising.

1993 - Joe Carter (Toronto Blue Jays) became only the second player to end the World Series with a homerun.

October 24

1901 - Daredevil Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel. She was 63 years old.

1929 - In the U.S., investors dumped more than 13 million shares on the stock market. The day is known as "Black Tuesday."

1949 - The cornerstone for the U.N. Headquarters was laid in New York City.

1992 - The Toronto Blue Jays became the first non-U.S. team to win the World Series.

October 25

1917 - The Bolsheviks (Communists) under Vladimir Ilyich Lenin seized power in Russia.

1955 - The microwave oven, for home use, was introduced by The Tappan Company.

1960 - The Accutron watch by the Bulova Watch Company was introduced.

October 26

1774 - The First Continental Congress of the U.S. adjourned in Philadelphia.

1881 - The "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, AZ. The fight was between Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and Doc Holiday and the Ike Clanton Gang.

1958 - Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York City to Paris.

October 27

1927 - The first newsreel featuring sound was released in New York.

1954 - Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were divorced. They had been married on Jan. 14, 1954.

October 28

1636 - Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts. The original name was Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony. It was the first school of higher education in America.

1922 - Benito Mussolini took control of the Italian government and introduced fascism to Italy.

1936 - The Statue of Liberty was rededicated by U.S. President Roosevelt on its 50th anniversary.

1965 - The Gateway Arch along the waterfront in St. Louis, MO., was completed.

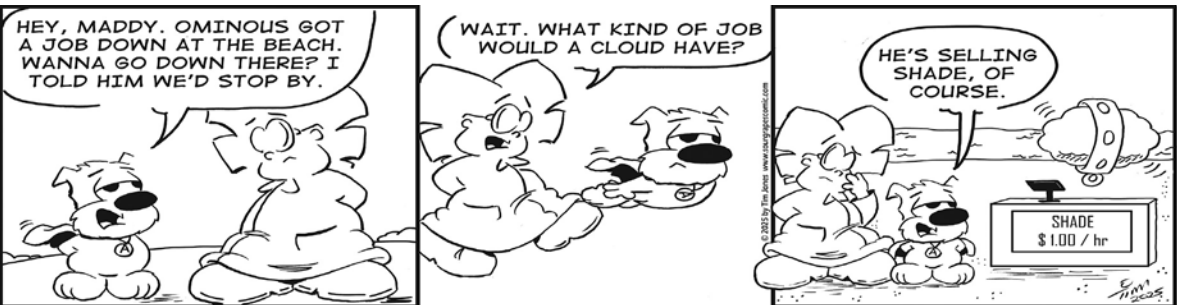
THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



SOUR GRAPES

By Tim Jones



Heaven is not a right, but a privilege

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

God's grace refers to much more than His kindness and mercy, although those traits are certainly evidence of His grace. Grace means "undeserved favor or goodness."

God doesn't owe us anything – yet, in His grace, He still gives us good things. We don't even deserve the next breath we take, but God in His grace grants it. The motive of grace is the infinite, compassionate love of a merciful God, but the work of grace was the death of Christ on the cross.

We don't deserve to go to Heaven, but in His grace, God has provided the way: He sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Remember: By nature, we have no right to expect anything from God – except His judgment.

That's because we are

sinner, and sin is rebellion against God. We don't like to admit this. We like to think we aren't so bad after all, and God ought to overlook our sins. But that's just not true. We can thank God for the marvelous grace He gives to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. God's grace - His goodness and love toward us in spite of our sin - is the wellspring of our salvation.

The grace of God has been tested in the crucible of human experience and has been found to be more than an equal for the problems and sins of humanity.

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Texas ranks in the middle of states affected by shutdown

WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of five key metrics, ranging from each state's share of federal jobs to federal contract dollars per capita to the share of families receiving food stamps.

Impact of the Government Shutdown on Texas (1=Most Affected, 25=Avg.):

Overall Rank: 27th

35th – Share of Federal Jobs

20th – Federal Contract Dollars Per Capita

18th – Real Estate as a Percentage of GSP

48th – Access to National Parks
19th – % of Families Receiving SNAP (Food Stamps)

The top 10 most affected states are: District of Columbia, Hawaii, New Mexico, Alaska, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Unsurprisingly, the District of Columbia is the part of the U.S. most affected by the shutdown, given that it's the seat of our government and the place responsible for the lapse in funding itself.

Hawaii ranks number two in terms of shutdown impact, in large part due to the big portion of federal workers in Hawaii, as around 5.6% of all jobs are federal positions.

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All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Paul Vorheier, Deceased, were issued on September 9, 2025, in Cause No. PR45723 pending in the County Court No. 1 of Brazoria County, Texas, to: Carrie Ann Purkhiser aka Carrie Ann Osborne.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Richard L. Welch**

Attorney at Law

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DATED October 7, 2025

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c/o: **GEORGE H. RAU, JR.**

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DATED the 8 day of October, 2025.

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Stay safe

To stay safe on Halloween, wear reflective clothing or glow sticks to be seen, stick to well-lit areas, and travel in groups with adult supervision. For costumes, choose fire-resistant and well-fitting options, and opt for face paint instead of masks that can obstruct vision.

Drivers should slow down and be alert for children, while pedestrians should stay on sidewalks and cross streets at corners. Before eating candy, an adult should inspect it for any signs of tampering or if it is unwrapped.

If you don't want to trick-or-treat, there are alternatives

Alternatives to trick-or-treating include Trunk or Treat events, Halloween-themed scavenger hunts, pumpkin carving and decorating contests, hosting a spooky movie night, visiting local Halloween attractions like pumpkin patches and haunted houses, participating in community parades, or creating a Halloween party at home with themed games and activities.

Instead of collecting candy, you walk around to hand out treats to neighbors or leave treats for them to find.

Black cats and Halloween

Black cats are strongly associated with Halloween due to their historical link to witchcraft and superstitions, where they were believed to be familiars of witches or even witches in disguise. This has led to negative superstitions in some cultures, but in other traditions, black cats are considered symbols of good luck.

The association continues today in popular culture through decorations and costumes, but myths about intentional harm to black cats around Halloween are often exaggerated, and experts state these cats are in no more danger than usual.



TRICK OR TREAT

BOO BASH!

COSTUME CONTEST CARNIVAL GAMES
CANDY

3PM-6PM SAT 25 OCT 2025

Doris Williams Civic Center
333 Highway 332 East
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Don't forget to wear your costume!

Lake Jackson PARKS & RECREATION TBT Real Estate

Carriage Inn Trunk-or-Treat

OCTOBER 30 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Put on your costumes and join Carriage Inn residents, families, staff, and partners for a trunk-or-treat event to remember! Our community parking lot will be filled with decorated trunks and treats for children and visitors of all ages.

Overflow parking will be available at Hope Fellowship Church across the street from Carriage Inn.

RSVP by October 24

To RSVP or to decorate your trunk, please contact Mary Dossman at 979.285.0300 or email her at mdossman@cardinalbay.org