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Ten lucky Bulletin readers have won free Sunday tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival. Find out on page 5 who they are.

John is rambling this week on page 11 about how he is easing into flying his new drone for the first time.

Find out on page 9 who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Cargo vessel
Chiquita Horizon
makes her inaugural
call to Port Freeport.
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How green is Houston compared to other cities in the USA? The answer is on Page 10.

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Purcell writes about
why time is running
out to rescue Bill
Belichick from
himself.

Bulletin staff photo



WEATHER HISTORY •ON THIS DAY•

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Oct. 15, 1989 - Hurricane Jerry made landfall at Galveston, TX., at 6:30 p.m. (CDT). Winds at the Galveston Airport reached 75 mph, with gusts to 100 mph. Tides along the island were six to eight feet, and rainfall totals ranged up to slightly more than six inches north of Beaumont. Three persons were killed when their vehicle was blown off the Galveston seawall into the pounding surf.

Oct. 16, 1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the foothills of Colorado. Up to three inches was reported around Denver.

Oct. 17, 1984 - A snowstorm struck northern Utah, producing a record 18 inches in 24 hours at Salt Lake City and 40 inches at the nearby Alta Ski Resort. The storm was responsible for a 50-vehicle pile-up along Interstate 15 near Farmington, UT.

Oct, 19, 1984 - Thunderstorms deluged the town of Odem, TX., (located 15 miles northwest of Corpus Christi) with 25 inches of rain in just three and a half hours. Most businesses in Odem were flooded, as were 1,000 homes in nearby Sinton.

Oct. 21, 1988 - Joan, the last hurricane of the season, neared the coast of Nicaragua, packing 125 mph winds. Joan claimed more than 200 lives as she moved over Central America.



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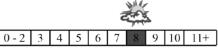


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7-Day Local Forecast



Local UV Index



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

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Beaumont	90/72	S	85/66	cl	89/72	S	San Antonio .	93/73	S	91/70	mc	88/69	cl
Dallas	93/74	S	89/69	mc	93/75	S	Waco	92/71	S	91/69	cl	92/72	pc
Houston	90/76	pc	88/73	cl	92/79	S	Wichita Falls.	90/75	S	93/77	S	95/81	s
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Weather Trivia

What is the average diameter of the eye of a hurricane?



10/29

Answer: 14 miles.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

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	Wed	7:57-9:57	8:21-10:21	Sun	10:49-12:49	
	Thu	8:44-10:44	9:06-11:06	Mon	11:09-1:09	11:29-1:29
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	Sat	10:09-12:09	10:29-12:29			

Weather History

Oct. 15, 1954 - Hurricane Hazel struck the Carolina coastline. The hurricane demolished every pier along a 170 mile stretch from Myrtle Beach, S.C. to Cedar Island, N.C. and obliterated entire lines of beach homes. Hurricane Hazel also destroyed 1,500 homes as it moved inland.

Sun & Moon <u>Day</u> **Sunrise** Sunset Moonrise New Wednesday 7:23 a.m. 6:51 p.m. 1:56 a.m. 10/21 6:50 p.m. Thursday 7:23 a.m. 2:57 a.m. Friday 7:24 a.m. 6:49 p.m. 3:55 a.m. 7:25 a.m. 6:48 p.m. Saturday 4:51 a.m. Sunday 7:25 a.m. 6:47 p.m. 5:45 a.m.

7:26 a.m.

7:27 a.m.

Monday

Tuesday



Full 11/5

Last



6:42 p.m.

Moonset

3:51 p.m.

4:23 p.m.

4:52 p.m.

5:19 p.m.

5:46 p.m.

6:13 p.m.

6:39 a.m.

7:34 a.m.

Surfside	Beach	Tides
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<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
10/15	1:42 a	5:46 p	None	None
10/16	2:10 a	8:34 a	11:22 a	7:08 p
10/17	2:27 a	8:38 a	1:15 p	8:12 p
10/18	2:36 a	8:47 a	2:32 p	9:07 p
10/19	2:39 a	8:56 a	3:34 p	10:10 p
10/20	2:38 a	9:08 a	4:33 p	11:28 p
10/21	2:34 a	9:25 a	5:26 p	None

Local Almanac Last Week

6:46 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

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10/4	86	70	84/64	0.01"	10/3	28	10/7	31
10/5	87	70	84/63	0.01"	10/4	28	10/8	31
10/6	88	69	84/63	0.00"	10/5	29		
10/7	91	70	84/63	0.08"	Growing	degree days are calcu	lated by su	htracting the base
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Strange but True

By Bill Sones and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

Q. Ticklish question #1: Why is it virtually impossible to tickle yourself? And #2: Is tickling ever a torture?

A. For you to become "ticklee," there needs to be a "tickler," a "safe" person and not a stranger, say Tom Stafford and Matt Webb in "Mind Hacks: Tips & Tools for Using Your Brain." The problem with your self-tickling is that your brain makes an "efference copy" of any motor command, like a carbon copy, so you know it's your movement.

That's a "no-go" for tickling. So, here's the trick: You set up a robotic system where the robot responds and tickles you in one of your ticklish zones. But you'll need to build in a TIME DELAY that fools your brain into thinking the tickle was externally generated! "This just might do it," say the authors.

Yet, while the pleasure of tickling is well known, the act can generate pain as well, with the ticklee simultaneously laughing hysterically and writhing in agony. "Indeed, in Roman times continuous tickling of the feet was used as a method of

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torture."

Q. What's the trick to cutting out background noise while on your cell phone in a loud and crowded place? No, sticking a finger in your other ear won't do it.

A. Surprisingly, the way to hear better is to cover the mouthpiece. Though you'll hear just as much noise around you, you'll be able to hear the caller better, say Sandra Aamodt, PhD, and Sam Wang, PhD, in "Welcome to Your Brain."

The human brain, it turns out, is a marvel at picking out the voice you want to hear from a host of others - the "cocktail party effect." But the phone (cell or not) makes this harder by feeding sounds from the room you're in through the circuitry and mixing them with the signal coming from the other phone.

So now you've got the voice plus distorted room noise coming into one ear, plus the room noise coming into the other. This is worse than hearing at a cocktail party, because both the caller's transmitted voice and the room noise are tinny and mixed together. Covering the mouthpiece can stop the

mixing muddle and recreate the live cocktail party situation. "Try it. It works!"

Q. "What in the thunder was that?" she marvels, not remembering ever hearing thunder in a snowstorm before.

A. Thundersnow, though rare, can happen with sufficient instability and electrical buildup in the storm, bringing on flashes of lightning, says Randy Cerveny in "Freaks of the Storm." Often this will portend as much as 10 inches of the white stuff, report University of Missouri atmospheric scientists, who analyzed 30 years of data from the U.S. Midwest. Wind and hail are often part of the mix.

Another weather oddity is St. Elmo's fire, a small static electricity discharge that can occur with storms, Cerveny adds. A nineteenth-century British surgeon once commented that during a snow shower his horse's ears became luminous, and the brim of his hat appeared on fire. Minute sparks darted toward the horse's ears, and "the margin of my hat looked beautiful, and I was sorry to be so soon deprived of it."

More recently, Arizona meteorologists observed an odd electrical discharge during a rare snowstorm in Tucson. From atop an 80-foot tower, they could see short flashes of light originating at or near the ground all across the city.

"These were less flickering

and intense than normal bolts. There was neither thunder nor radio static. One of the meteorologists speculated that the unusually large wet snowflakes were able to pull electric charges down from the clouds in the fashion raindrops usually do."







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YA': Two teenage girls robbed a man at an ATM machine in Paris when one of them distracted him in certain questionable ways while the other one swiped his money.

HERE WE ARE AT THE STATE CAPI... HEY. WHO'S THAT GUY!?: A man, visiting Madison, Wis., with his family, set the self-timer on his camera and hustled over to join his wife and two children posing for a photo in front of the Wisconsin State Capital. Behind them, at that exact moment, a passing thief stole the

wife's purse, which she had left on the ground. He made it into the picture, which they showed to police officers on patrol. They recognized the guy.

YOU KNOW, I REALLY DON'T THINK THE COAST IS CLEAR: Two thieves tried to steal goods from a Portland, Ore., store, holding a charity event sponsored by the local cops, despite a heavy police presence, which included 60 uniformed officers in and around the building and dozens of police cars and mounted patrol units in the parking lot. They were arrested before they left the

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HEY, BABE, HOW YOU DOIN' ... CRASH!: After a fourcar crash in Everett, Wash., the drivers and passengers got out and gathered by the side of the road as the police sorted things out. Among the group were some very winsome young ladies, dressed in breezy summer attire. Other guys driving by turned their heads to check them out, causing at least two more accidents within a minute.

WARD TO FIGHTING CRIME WITH YOU, ACE: Police in Orem, Utah, arrested a man they suspected of selling marijuana. He admitted dealing drugs, but said he did it to raise money to

IS THERE NO HONOR **AMONG THIEVES?: While** police in Santa Cruz, Calif., were arresting a teenager for selling a stolen violin, someone stole his bicycle, which he had parked around the corner.

go to the police academy.







memorably opens Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities; also within the opening pages of that 1859 classic are a host of memorable words such as these ten, blunderbuss itself appearing over and over. 1. blunderbuss A. carriage B. braggart 2. sublime A. dull B. hinted

RIGHT, WE LOOK FOR-

B. whistle D. farmer cart 5. jackboot

3. incredulity

A. wonder B. praise

4. tumbril

A. drum

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

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C. inferior

D. majestic

C. disbelief

D. dishonesty

C. bushy weed

6. forlorn

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times

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

7. substratum

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

8. nondescript

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

9. cutlass

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

10. gaol A. jail

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Bulletin announces Renaissance Festival ticket winners

Bulletin readers have again inundated us with entry forms, this time to win free tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival.

Thank you to all the readers who entered the drawing. We have randomly selected 10 winners, who have been mailed two tickets each to the annual event in Todd Mission. The tickets are good for any Sunday through Nov. 30.

The winners are:

Michelle Dunnavant of Sweeny, who gets her paper at the Dollar General in Sweeny;

Lynn Wilkinson of Brazoria, D&D Donuts;

Tyler Dunkle of Clute, The Center for Arts and Sciences;

Dee Sanders of Rosharon, Kroger's in Alvin:

Barbara Allen of Lake Jackson, who reads us online:

Jeff June of Richwood, Chop Stix in Angleton;

Fidel Soto of Freeport, Shipley's in Freeport;

Brooke Hayward of Lake Jackson, Brazos Mall.

Terry Cook of Lake Jackson, Stewart's Grocery in Brazoria;

Maria E. Antezana of Angleton,

Chop Stix.

We have partnered with a couple of more venues and plan to give away free tickets to more events before year's end.

Pick up an issue each week to make sure you don't miss out on all the fun.

--John Toth

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I may be the best accidental gardener in the neighborhood

By Lori Borgman

Tribune News Service (TNS)
I am an accidental gardener.

If anything I plant grows to maturity, and by some fluke of nature becomes edible, it is sheer accident.

If we had to survive on what



Lori Borgman

I grow, we would both be very, very thin. Spaghetti thin. We are not spaghetti thin; we are more like rigatoni.

Several years

ago, I dreamed of growing potatoes. I threw some potatoes in a shoebox, threw the shoebox in a cabinet in the garage, and the spuds sprouted wildly. I chopped up those taters, buried them in the ground and forgot about them.

That year we feasted on baked, mashed, sliced and diced potatoes from late summer through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and into spring. It was a starch marathon.

Last year, I was more deliberate about the potatoes, reading and researching, spacing and hilling, tending their every carbo-

hydrate need. They grew to the size of marbles. Not even the chipmunks wanted them.

This spring I ventured into mini-pumpkin territory. Once again, I read and researched, dug and planted according to every single spec. Mission accomplished, I then threw a few leftover seeds into a perennial bed that thrives on neglect. I figured if the seeds somehow sprouted, 40-pound rabbits would bound out of hiding, devour them, belch to wake the dead and lumber back into hiding.

I tended the carefully planted pumpkin seeds in the vegetable bed with great devotion and high hopes. I watched and watered and weeded day after day. Days turned into weeks. Nothing.

The seeds in the perennial bed were long forgotten. I may have hit them with the hose a time or two, but if I did, it was purely accidental.

Back in the well-tended bed, on what seemed like day No. 479, a single bloom appeared.

That same day, I happened to walk by the dried and cracked perennial bed and was shocked.

A pumpkin vine measuring 30 feet was rolling carefree through black-eyed Susans, twisting around phlox, and cutting straight through a patch of veronica. What's more, a secondary vine split off, branched north and was heading for the neighbors.

Back in the carefully tended garden bed, the single bloom had collapsed, no doubt exhausted by the suffocation of excessive attention.

As for the vine thriving due to lack of attention, I peeked beneath the enormous leaves and counted 40 blooms.

We may be harvesting crate loads of miniature pumpkins by the time you read this. We may be selling them on a folding table in the driveway.

Once again, the accidental gardener has achieved victory. It may have been by chance, but it is still one more in the win column. I'll take 'em however I can grow 'em.

(Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her new book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's" is now available. Email her at lori@loriborgman.com.)





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Time running out to rescue Bill Belichick from himself

By Tom Purcell

Special to The Bulletin

In our hopelessly polarized world, surely we can agree on this: Bill Belichick needs an intervention.

If you haven't yet heard, Bill, 73, is engaged to 24-year-old former cheerleader, beauty queen and philosophy major, Jordon Hudson.

They met four years ago on a plane when Bill began chatting with her.

She was reading a book called, "Deductive Logic" and quickly deducing he had lots of money - she chatted back.

They exchanged contact info and kept in touch, which laid the groundwork for their May-December romance - or, to be precise, their May 1-Dec. 31 romance.

At the time, Bill was still dating his longtime 60-year-old airlfriend.

When she and Bill split (privately in 2022, publicly in 2023), he wrongly concluded his next romance should be with a woman born the same year he started worrying about prostate health.

They were first seen together

a few years ago walking around New Orleans - the city where jazz was born just a few months before Bill was.

Some may accuse Jordon of having daddy issues, but that's not so - if she has any issues, they are great-granddaddy issues.

Bill is now the head football coach at North Carolina.

She shows up at his games in outfits so flashy - white kneehigh boots, snake-print miniskirts, midriff-baring tops - "The Real Wives of Possum Hollow" wouldn't wear them.

I know we live in a time when we're supposed to live and let live - we're supposed to encourage people to "just do you."

But we've got to get Bill out of this situation for our own well-being.

Look, women have always been smarter than men. They've been running circles around us since Adam thought the apple was his idea.

My own mother ran everything in a manner so cleverly that my father never realized he never once made his own decision.

Bill's romance is a continuous, painful reminder that we men

aren't nearly as smart, agile or competent as our male hubris wants us to believe we are.

He may have won six Super Bowls, but she's outfoxing the hapless fool at every turn - with more cunning than his defensive schemes ever had.

It's not only that Jordon is so much younger. She's clearly an A-personality type: driven, controlling and relentless.

I bet she orders his food in restaurants: "Hey, Flo, light on the salt, heavy on the rough-

Look, all of us - left, right, liberal, conservative - finally have a national challenge we can agree on.

But we must act fast.

Rumors are circulating that the lovebirds are starting - God help us! - to smooth on the sidelines.

Just as importantly, we must free Bill from this entanglement before he blows out a knee on "Dancing with the Stars."

(Find Tom Purcell's syndicated column, humor books and funny videos of his dog, Thurber, at TomPurcell.com. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell. com.)























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Brazosport College President Dr. Vincent Solis, right, presents a gift to Denise DeLaune, Vice President of Operations, Dow U.S. Gulf Coast Site Director, Dow Texas Operations, after Dow was recognized as the 2025 Friend of the College during the Brazosport College Foundation's 2025 Scholarship Soirée.

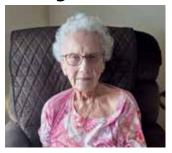


The Brazosport College student volunteers are recognized during the Brazosport College Foundation's Scholarship Soirée. BC representatives pictured include Shardae Randon, Lakeisha Brown, Anjeleca Hernandez, Kayla Eulenfeld, Bailey Bradley and Noah Ashburn.

Happy 102nd birthday to Dorothy Roco

Dorothy Roco, a resident of Carriage Inn of Lake Jackson, turned 102 on Oct. 2. She celebrated with her son and daughter-in-law by going out to a restaurant for lunch. When she returned to Carriage Inn, the Angleton Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors sang Happy Birthday to her. Autumn Heckethorn with the chamber presented her some sunflowers.

Mrs. Roco had pictures on her wall of places she's visited when flying with her daughter, who was a Delta Airlines flight attendant. Mrs. Roco, born in 1923, grew up on farmland north of Brazoria County in the Almeda area and moved to Lake Jackson to be near family.



Chiquita Horizon makes inaugural call in Freeport

Port Freeport welcomed the new build M/V Chiquita Horizon recently at the Velasco Container Terminal. The vessel, carrying refrigerated containers, made its first U.S. port of call in Freeport.

"Welcoming the Chiquita Horizon during our Centennial year is an honor and highlights Port Freeport's role as a leading gateway for fresh fruit imports and international trade," said Port Commission Chairman Rob Giesecke.

The vessel's call showcases the long-standing relationship between Chiquita Fresh N.A. and Port
Freeport, which dates back to 1993. Chiquita's business helps solidify Port Freeport's position as a hub for fresh fruit in the U.S. Gulf.



M/V ChiquitaHorizon docked at Velasco Container Terminal at Port Freeport.

Recent channel improvements and terminal upgrades have enhanced the port's ability to handle larger vessels and expanding cargo volumes, positioning it for sustained growth. These advancements and the strong industry partnerships will continue to make Port Freeport a vital economic engine for Brazoria County and the region.

Local dignitaries inducted into Business Hall of Fame

The 25th annual Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame was held recently at the Dow Academic Center, with more than 250 guests in attendance.

Proceeds from the event support Junior Achievement programs in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness for K–12 students across Brazoria County.

The four newest members of the Business Hall of Fame are:

Derrick Dees: Partner at The Clarus Group and co-owner of Rocking 6 Construction. With a career spanning major firms and over a decade at Raymond James, Dees is known for transparent, fiduciary-based financial planning.



From left, Phyllis Saathoff, Charles Stagg, Scott Leopold and Derrick Dees.

transparent, fiduciary-based financial planning. Active in numerous civic organizations, he has helped revitalize Angleton, supported youth sports, and volunteered extensively with area organizations.

Scott Leopold: Lifelong rancher and founder of Scott's BBQ & Catering, a community staple for 35 years, once recognized as "Best BBQ South of I-35" by the University of Texas. Beyond business, Leopold served 16 years on the Brazoria County Fair Board, was active in 4-H leadership, and is well-known and still active in preserving Texas history and community traditions.

Phyllis Saathoff: Executive Director/CEO of Port Freeport, where she has led dramatic growth, eliminating the port tax rate while advancing the Freeport Harbor Channel Project. A UH-Clear Lake Distinguished Alumna and statewide leader in port management, Saathoff is also deeply involved in area organizations and faith-based service.

Charles M. Stagg: Owner of Charles M. Stagg CPA, with a career in accounting spanning five decades. A veteran of the Army National Guard, Stagg has dedicated his life to professional excellence and community leadership through the Alvin Lions Club, local chambers, education foundations, and youth programs, all while mentoring future generations.



Study puts Houston next to last on green cities list in the USA

To determine which cities promote a "green" lifestyle, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 28 key indicators of environmental friendliness and sustainability.

The data set ranges from greenhouse-gas emissions per capita to green job opportunities to number of smart-energy policies and initiatives.

Least-Green Cities in America

- 91. Newark, N.J.
- 92. Memphis, TN.
- 93. Chandler, AZ.
- 94. Gilbert, AZ.
- 95. Baton Rouge, LA.
- 96. Louisville, KY.
- 97. Mesa, AZ.
- 98. Hialeah, FL.
- 99. Houston, TX.

100. Glendale, AZ.

How do other Texas

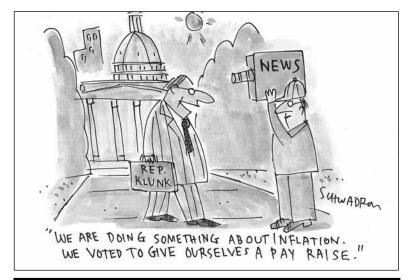
How do other Texas cities rank?

Austin came in at 24 out of 100; Lubbock, 42; El Paso, 45; San Antonio, 51; Laredo, 55; Garland, 62; Irving, 64; Forth Worth, 69; Plano, 77; Corpus Christi, 79; Arlington, 89; and Dallas, 86.

San Jose, CA., is the greenest city in America, in part because it has the fifth-highest number of solar panel installations per capita. Over 47% of the city's electricity comes from renewable sources, the fifth-highest percentage in the country.

Washington D.C. is the second-greenest city in the U.S., in part because residents often grow their food or buy it locally. D.C. leads the U.S. in the number of Community Supported Agriculture groups (CSAs) and community garden sites per capita. It also has the 12th-most farmers' markets per capita.

Other top green cities in descending order are: Oakland, CA.; Irvin, CA.; San Francisco, CA.; Honolulu, HI.; San Diego, CA.; Minneapolis, MN.; Portland, OR.; Seattle, WA.; and Freemont, CA.







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My new drone with HD camera awaits its first flight while I read up on how not to crash it

By John Toth

The Bulletin

It was a great deal, and I couldn't resist. I bought a drone.

I have never operated one, and still have not. I charged it up and put it back in its case until I could thoroughly read the instruction manual before I sent it for a spin. I wanted to make sure that it came back.

I found out why it was less expensive

than some of the other drones I had looked at. It only has a high definition camera, not 4K - because HD is so "last year" already.

The main difference between HD and 4K is the resolution, with 4K (3840 x 2160 pixels), offering four times the number of pixels as HD (1920 x 1080 pixels). This higher pixel count in 4K provides significantly sharper, more detailed, and clearer images, especially

noticeable on larger screens or when viewing from a closer distance.

I am still watching HD television sets, but plan to upgrade to 4K when they break. I have a 4K monitor that is a huge step up from HD, but when it comes to televisions, it's not that important.

I hardly watch anything but

sports and YouTube, maybe a movie every

now and then. I can see them clearly in HD. There is no rush. It makes no sense to throw away a perfectly good, functioning HD television set.

I grew up watching a color television console that nobody worried about being stolen. Those cathode-ray tube sets weighed a ton.

I thought back then that those TVs had a great color picture, even though when I got close up to it, I could see the lines across the screen. There were 480 of them. Now there are thousands, and they are so tiny that they blend together to produce a much better picture.

Today's generation is really picky about how realistic their television picture is. My generation went from black and white sets to color, and many of us don't really care all that much. I don't, anyway.

I doubt you can even buy an HD television anymore. It's all 4K, with 8K sets becoming more prevalent. Technology never stops, which is great, but there comes a time when I would like to just pause a little before we jump to the next level.

That's one reason I didn't mind that my drone only has an HD camera. That's just fine with me, considering that I paid about half price for it.

Sharon, The Bulletin's science and technology editor, and I started a YouTube channel a while back, called Wandering with John and Sharon. (I know, the name is kind of lame.) The channel is an offshoot of The Bulletin.

We document our travels (mostly cruising) and have a

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great time doing it. I don't have any false hopes that the channel will soon become monetized, but we're trying to increase our presence, so if you visit, please become a subscriber. It's free.

I have been wanting a drone for the channel so we can add aerial shots to the videos we post. I post everything in HD, so the drone's camera is good enough for what we need.

I have to be honest, though. I am a little paranoid about setting it loose in the wild blue yonder.

I am in the process of just about memorizing the entire instruction manual before I turn it on.

I shall overcome, though, and soon we'll be droning all around - wherever.

I'll keep you posted on my progress, dear reader.

Meanwhile, if you have any good advice on drone piloting, send a quick note to john.bulletin@gmail.com.

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Tuesday, Oct. 14

8:00 AM Scramble Heifer (Show); Senior Citizen's Day 9:00 AM Commercial Exhibits, Vendors open: Commercial Heifer, Pen of 3 (Show)

10:00 AM Concessions open 3:00 PM Commercial Heifer,

Singles (Show) 7:00 PM Hometown Heroes Day

Wednesday, Oct. 15

8:00 AM Breeding Beef (Show) 9:00 AM Special Children's Day 10:00 AM Concessions open 2:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open

Thursday, Oct. 16

10:00 AM Brazos Bill's Champion (Show); Concessions open

12:00 PM Our Pick Market Sale - ENTRY DEADLINE -NON-PLACING LIVESTOCK MARKET ENTRIES

2:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open

4:00 PM Livestock Auction: Buyer's Registration

5:00 PM Livestock Auction: Registered Buyers Dinner

6:00 PM Livestock Auction: Come support the Kids (Auditorium)

6:30 PM Mutton Bustin 7:00 PM Pro Rodeo

Friday, Oct. 17

8:30 AM Open Beef: Pee Wee (Showmanship)

9:30 AM Open Beef (Show) 10:00 AM Concessions open 2:00 PM Commercial Exhibits, Vendors open

5:00 PM Student Art Auction: Buvers Reception

6:00 PM Student Art Auction (Auditorium)

6:30 PM Mutton Bustin 7:00 PM Pro Rodeo

10:30 PM Main Stage Concert: Profugos de Nuevo Leon

Saturday, Oct. 18

8:30 AM Livestock Judging 10:00 AM Commercial Exhibits. Vendors Concessions open

11:00 AM Commercial Heifer & Ag Mechanics Auction: **Buyers Registration**

12:00 PM Commercial Heifer & Ag Mechanics Auction: **Buyers Lunch**

12:30 PM Kitchen Pride Bake Show Arrival

1:00 PM Commercial Heifer & Ag Mechanics Auction (Auditorium)

1:30 PM Kitchen Pride Bake (Show)

2:00 PM Chicken Scramble

2:30 PM Kitchen Pride Bake Show: Judging & Awards

5:00 PM Rice Plus Cook-Off Awards

6:30 PM Mutton Bustin 7:00 PM Pro Rodeo

9:30 PM Main Stage Concert: Josh Ward & Ole 60

CAESAR SALAD IS FROM MEXICO: Most accounts credit Italian-born restaurateur and hotel owner Caesar Cardini in Tijuana. Mexico for its creation. He mixed it for the first time table-side during the busy Fourth of July weekend in 1924, when he ran low on supplies. Using romaine, croutons, Parmesan, garlic, lemon, coddled eggs, olive oil and Worcestershire, he created a showy dish that Hollywood tourists spread worldwide. He was born Feb. 24, 1896, in Baveno, Italy, and died Nov. 3, 1956, in Los Angeles.



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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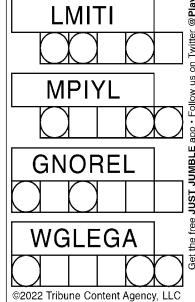
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

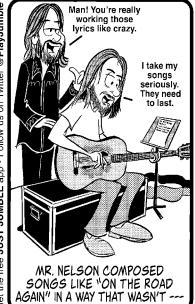
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words.

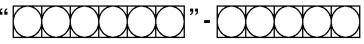


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Man! You're really lyrics like crazy.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Answers: Mr. Welson composed songs like "On the Road Again" in a way that wasn't -- "WILLIE"-MILLY Jumbles: LIMIT IMPLY LONGER WAGGLE

Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency
ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Wrapping up some weekend chores could be more satisfying than you expect, enlist a partner for an extra set of hands. Don't let the past weigh you down or make you fearful or judgmental. Free yourself, lots of techniques to try online.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An escape could soothe your soul - get out there even if no one wants to join you. A pushy partner might need to be reminded of boundaries. A change in ambitions or objectives could bring in strong financial energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let money worries lurk in the back of your mind - let them go. Overall, your financial situation is on an upswing; some of the new improvements may already be in sight. Learning some new fiscal management hacks could be interesting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might be the North Star to someone, or the compass could point to a direction for you to follow that could lead to happy expansion. Avoid a heavy hand when it comes to money. Actively work to improve your domestic world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid picking up and taking on someone's anxious energy if you're hanging out with friends. Sports, working out, or another physical outlet can give vigorous energies a place to go. Someone at home could push something too far.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Distract yourself from work anxieties for the day, your fears are likely bigger than any actual issue. Friends could offer support, insights and encouragement. If a confrontation is becoming destructive, table it until you have a calmer mindset.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get active today, vibrant energies will need an outlet - plan a day trip with friends or a visit to somewhere sentimental or unique. The load could be feeling heavier than usual for a little while longer. Don't make any investment moves today.

SCORPIÓ (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep it appropriate, your wilder ideas could blow a few minds. A financial concern might not become a reality, fiscal savvy plus good guidance could make the difference. Be sure you're building a strong foundation for your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Be a friend in deed, get active in support of someone you care about. Relationships could be mystifying; whether you're committed or dating, don't overthink today. Find ways to make your domestic space more nurturing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19): The answers are never outside you, but it could seem that way right now. Grab some inspo, then sit with it to integrate fully. If something undone is bothering you, getting it completed is the solution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18): Confidence. Strategy.
Creativity. You should have
the full package today. Trust
that an issue will find its resolution by the time it's needed.
Reroute a partner from an
extreme expression to a gentler
approach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sharing with someone you care about could deepen intimacy. Exchanging broader ideas with anyone might be blocked; misunderstandings could be the least of it. It could be a great day to cocoon at home.

On This Day In History

October 15

1860 - Grace Bedell, 11 years old, wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln. The letter stated that Lincoln would look better if he would grow a beard.

1951 - "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS-TV.

1964 - It was announced that Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev had been removed from power. He was replaced with Alexei N. Kosygin.

1984 - The Freedom of Information Act was passed.

October 16

1793 - During the French Revolution, Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded after being convicted of treason.

1829 - In Boston, MA., the first modern hotel in America opened. The Tremont Hotel had 170 rooms that rented for \$2 a day and included four meals.

1923 - Walt Disney contracted with M.J. Winkler to distribute the Alice Comedies. This event is recognized as the start of the Disney Company.

1962 - U.S. President Kennedy was informed that there were missile bases in Cuba, beginning the Cuban missile crisis.

October 17

1931 - Al Capone was convicted on income tax evasion and was sentenced to 11 years in prison. He was released in 1939.

1933 - "News-Week" appeared for the first time at newsstands. The name was later changed to "Newsweek."

1962 - The Beatles first appeared on Great Britain's Grenada TV Network.

1978 - U.S. President Carter signed a bill that restored full U.S. citizenship rights to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

October 18

1867 - The U.S. took formal possession of Alaska from Russia. The land was purchased of a total of \$7 million dollars (2 cents per acre).

1892 - The first long-distance telephone line between Chicago, IL.,, and New York City, N.Y., was opened.

1968 - Two black athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, were suspended by the U.S. Olympic Committee for giving a "black power" salute during a ceremony in Mexico City.

October 19

1933 - Basketball was introduced to the 1936 Olympic Games by the Berlin Organization Committee.

1969 - U.S. Vice President Spiro Agnew referred to anti-Vietnam War protesters as "an effete corps of impudent snobs."

1998 - Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson got his boxing license back after he had lost it for biting Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight.

October 20

1740 - Maria Theresa became the ruler of Austria, Hungary and Bohemia with the death of her father, Holy Roman Emperor, Charles VI.

1957 - Walter Cronkite began hosting "The 20th Century." The show aired until January 4, 1970.

October 21

1925 - The photoelectric cell was first demonstrated at the Electric Show in New York City, N.Y.

1908 - A Saturday Evening Post advertisement offered a chance to buy a two-sided record from Columbia.

1976 - At the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Canada, Keith Moon played his final tour date with The Who.





Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

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ACROSS

- 1 "The Phantom of the Opera" prop
- 5 Made, as a free throw or golf putt
- 9 Parroting
- 14 Wrinkly citrus fruit
- 15 Slender wind instrument
- 16 Polite refusal
- 17 Inspirational collage for designers
- 19 Mental picture
- 20 *"I can't make sense of it"
- 22 Crab or lobster catcher

- 25 Told tales
- 26 Feel poorly
- 27 Puts into law
- 29 Losing candidate
- 33 *World Series of Poker game
- 36 Brewpub pour
- 37 Scissors sound
- 38 Spanish day
- 39 "Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar" actress Kristen
- 40 Bowler's target

- 41 *Natural-horror film franchise featuring superintelligent sharks
- 45 African capital on the Mediterranean Sea

- 51 U-turn from NNW
- 52 *Catchphrase of the Three Stooges
- 57 Euripides tragedy

- 63 Actress Swenson
- 64 Bowler's place
- 65 Sidles up to
- 67 Disco classic spelled out with arm motions and by the ends of

DOWN

- 1 Bluey and Bingo's parent
- 2 Many moons

- 5 Vague promise from a procrastinator
- 6 Tail off, as a storm
- bridal sneakers

- 12 Close by, quaintly
- 13 Goose vodka
- 18 Runs away fast
- smoothie
- 22 Pampering place for furry friends

- 47 Tab key function
- 48 __-cone: icy treat
- 49 " well that ends well"

- 58 Many a charitable organization
- 62 Common font

- 66 Like pink hair
- the answers to the starred clues

- 3 -mo replay
- 4 "The Mermaid Chair" novelist Sue Monk

- 7 U.S./Canada military acronym
- 8 Canvas shoe brand that makes
- 9 Belief that all beings have a spirit
- 10 Large citrus fruit
- 11 " it first!": "Dibs!"

- 21 Leafy vegetable in a green
- 23 Close soccer score

- 24 Exhausting 28 Baseball hat
- 29 Not much (of)
- 30 Salary hikes
- 31 Sci-fi beings
- 32 Invalidate
- 34 Celebratory poems
- 35 Place for a piercing
- 39 Married
- 41 "Wasn't me!" and "I didn't do it!"
- 42 Greek god of love
- 43 Perch for a frog in an ornamental

- 44 Al or Bobby of auto racing
- 46 "Pinkie promise!"
- 49 Great pain
- 50 Fencing thrust
- 52 Muscat's land
- 53 "Take this"
- 54 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 55 Oklahoma city west of Tulsa
- 56 "__ guacamole!" 59 Closest peeps
- 60 Company abbr.
- 61 Lipton drink

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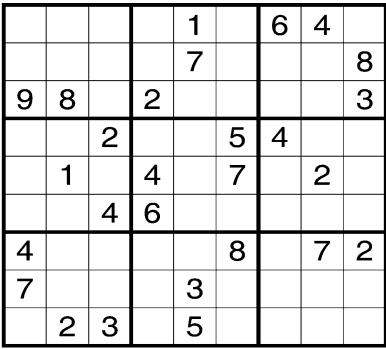
The word "restaurant" literally means "food that restores." The term originated around 1765 with a Parisian soup vendor named Boulanger, who sold rich broths advertised as a cure for physical exhaustion. His shop was one of the few places where a diner could order from a





menu of prepared dishes.

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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COMFORTABLY DUMB







"Stocks rose on news that 'down' is a state of mind that can be treated with pharmaceuticals."

Sin brought evil into God's perfect world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Evil has been present in the world from the moment sin invaded God's perfect world. Wars have raged around the world from the beginning of time.

But part of the angst that is present today can be the result of a 24-hour news cycle, something that hit in the last part of the 20th century with the coming of cable news and the internet. People are forever hearing about bad news.

But the Bible says that in the final days before Jesus returns to this earth, there will be "terrible times." Jesus Himself declared that we "will hear of wars and rumors of wars" (Matthew 24:6, NKJV).

More than any other time in history, more Christians are martyred for their faith. Our world is filled with hatred, anger, conflict, turmoil and insecurity. Jesus said the basic

problem is in our hearts, and the reason is because we are alienated from our Creator.

Instead of giving God His rightful place at the center of our lives, we have substituted the gods of this world that claim to satisfy mankind's longings.

But only Christ can change our hearts.

Does this mean that we can never make any progress against the massive problems that assail society? No, of course not; God wants us to fight evil wherever it is found.

But our greatest need is for repentance and spiritual renewal and to keep Christ at the center of our thoughts and actions. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.... Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:1-2, 10, NKJV).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gerald Joseph Porter, Deceased, were issued on the 26th day of September 2025 in Brazoria County, Texas, under Cause No. PR45776 pending in the County Court at Law No. 4 of Brazoria County, Texas, to Shirley Porter.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney of the Estate addressed as follows:

> Independent Executor Shirley Porter, Estate of Gerald Joseph Porter, Deceased, c/o Bradley W. Hoover P.C. 937 E. Mulberry Street Angleton, Texas 77515

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

Dated this 7th day of October, 2025. Respectfully Submitted. BRADLEY W. HOOVER P.C. By: /s/ Bradley W. Hoover State Bar No. 09965700 937 E. Mulberry Street Angleton, Texas 77515 Main (979) 583-9663 Direct (979) 583-9664 Facsimile (888) 651-5317 bhoover@bradleywhoover.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. PR45843

On the 1st day of October, 2025 Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Lavita Mccorkel Lentini a/k/a Rena Lentini. Deceased, were issued to Jennifer Suzanne Brito and Daniel Frederick Lentini, Co-Independent Executors by the Brazoria County Court at Law No.3, Texas, in cause number PR45843 pending upon the docket of said Court. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present them within the time prescribed by law at the address shown below. The name where claims may be sent is Nicholas A. Dupre, whose address is 2170 Buckthorne Place. Suite 160, The Woodlands, Texas 77380, Telephone: 832-482-4622, Fax: 832-442-9238, /s/Nicholas A. Dupre, TX Bar Number 24059701.

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MANDATORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

General Notice to Creditors

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edna A. Avitts, Deceased, were issued on the 27th day of August, 2025, in Docket No. PR43840, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Brazoria County, Texas, to:

Arleen A. Smith PO Box 2084 Alvin, TX 77512

Independent Administrator with Will Annexed

Said Letters were made available to the Independent Administrator on or about September 12, 2025.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THIS ESTATE WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING ADMIN-**ISTERED ARE REQUIRED TO** PRESENT THEM WITHIN THE TIME AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW. ALL PER-**SONS HAVING CLAIMS SHOULD** ADDRESS THEM IN CARE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ADDRESS STATED ABOVE.

DATED the 25th day of September. 2025.

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Tips on how to prepare your garden for autumn

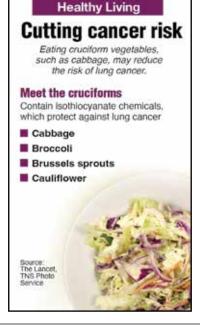
It may not feel like it along the Texas Gulf Coast, but Autumn is here, and your garden needs some attention.

Or is it fall? What's the difference? There isn't any.

"Fall" is predominantly used in American English and "autumn" is preferred in British English.

Either way, here are some tips on how to prepare your garden for autumn or fall.

- Dig up and remove annuals and spent vegetable plants to make space for new growth and prevent disease.
- Pull weeds by the roots to stop them from competing with your plants for nutrients and to prevent them from going to seed.
- Remove fallen leaves, branches, and other plant matter, as this can harbor disease and pests.
- · Dig in a fresh layer of compost or manure to replenish nutrients and improve the soil's structure for the next season.
- · Install cool-season vegetables and fall crops, and plant spring-blooming bulbs like tulips and daffodils.
- Spread a 4- to 5-inch layer of mulch over beds to insulate roots, retain moisture and suppress weeds.
 - Continue to water plants,



especially perennials, once a week if it's dry.

· After use, brush off soil and oil your metal tools to prevent rust and corrosion, ensuring they're in good condition for the spring.

• Clean gutters, sheds and greenhouses to allow sunlight to reach plants and ensure structures are ready for winter.

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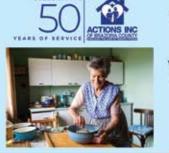


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Fall Prevention Tips

Assess your home: Look around your home for potential hazards. Consider enlisting the help of a family member or neighbor who may be more likely to notice things you don't. Install grab bars in your bathrooms, get rid of slippery throw rugs (or add a rubber backing) and keep passageways inside and outside your home well-lit and free from clutter and debris.

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