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Oct. 8, 1901 - A deluge at Galveston, TX., produced nearly 12 inches of rain in about a six-hour period. The rains came precisely 13 months after the day of the famous Galveston hurricane disaster.

Oct. 9, 1988 - Mount Washington, N.H., reported five inches of snow. Los Angeles, CA., reported a record high of 102 degrees.

Oct. 10, 1979 - A storm blanketed Worcester, MA., with 7.5 inches of snow, a record snowfall total for so early in the season for that location.

Oct. 11, 1989 - Record highs included 90 degrees at Grand Island NE and 97 degrees at Waco, TX.

Oct. 12, 1962 - The "Columbus Day Big Blow" occurred in the Pacific Northwest. Winds reached hurricane force, with gusts above 100 mph. The storm claimed 48 lives, and it caused \$210 million in damage.

Oct. 13, 1986 - Four tornadoes struck southeastern Virginia late in the night, causing \$3 million in damage.

Oct. 14, 1984 - Dense fog contributed to a 118-vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee WI. It was the seventh day of an eight-day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident, the visibility was reportedly close to zero.

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7-Day Local Forecast

October 8 Wednesday	October 9 Thursday	October 10 Friday	October 11 Saturday	October 12 Sunday	October 13 Monday	October 14 Tuesday
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
88 / 74	92 / 77	90 / 78	87 / 72	90 / 77	92 / 76	90 / 77

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	City	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Amarillo	77/66 pc	76/64 sh	75/65 pc	Odessa	85/69 pc	83/66 cl	81/67 cl
Beaumont	90/75 s	89/73 mc	90/75 pc	San Antonio	93/72 s	90/68 mc	91/70 pc
Dallas	90/77 s	89/75 cl	88/76 cl	Waco	90/76 s	86/71 cl	81/68 mc
Houston	91/77 sh	93/78 pc	91/79 pc	Wichita Falls	86/70 pc	84/67 cl	82/68 ra

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

Weather Trivia

What causes wind shear?

?

Answer: A sudden change in wind speed or direction.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Wed	1:04-3:04	1:31-3:31	Sun	5:08-7:08	5:39-7:39
Thu	2:00-4:00	2:30-4:30	Mon	6:09-8:09	6:38-8:38
Fri	3:01-5:01	3:33-5:33	Tue	7:06-9:06	7:32-9:32
Sat	4:05-6:05	4:37-6:37			

Weather History

Oct. 8, 1982 - An unusually early snowstorm hit the northern Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The storm produced up to 54 inches of snow and winds as high as 70 mph. Rapid City, 20 miles away, received just a trace of snow.

Sun & Moon

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
10/13	Wednesday	7:19 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	7:59 p.m.	8:57 a.m.	10/29
	Thursday	7:19 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	10:10 a.m.	
	Friday	7:20 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	9:39 p.m.	11:23 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:20 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	12:33 p.m.	
New	Sunday	7:21 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	1:36 p.m.	Full
10/21	Monday	7:21 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	Prev Day	2:29 p.m.	11/5
	Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	12:51 a.m.	3:13 p.m.	

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
10/8	3:30 a	10:06 a	6:09 p	None
10/9	3:31 a	1:25 a	7:25 p	10:53 a
10/10	9:04 p	11:45 a	None	None
10/11	10:34 p	12:40 p	None	None
10/12	11:49 p	1:44 p	None	None
10/13	None	3:02 p	None	None
10/14	12:56 a	4:23 p	None	None

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
9/25	90	72	86/66	0.01"
9/26	89	66	86/66	0.00"
9/27	89	65	86/66	0.00"
9/28	88	64	85/65	0.00"
9/29	90	63	85/65	0.00"
9/30	92	66	85/65	0.00"
10/1	91	67	85/64	0.00"

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/25	31	9/29	27
9/26	28	9/30	29
9/27	27	10/1	29
9/28	26		

Growing degree days are calculated by subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the day's average temperature.

Strange but True

By Bill Sones
and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

Q. Are doctors at the stage yet where they can measure you with a medical instrument to tell how happy you are?

A. Electromyography can detect electrical signals of certain facial muscles, such as those that furrow the frowning brows or that pull the mouth into a smile, says Harvard's Daniel Gilbert in "Stumbling on Happiness."

Physiography allows quantification of electrodermal, respiratory and cardiac activity that change with strong emotions. Electroencephalography, positron emission tomography (PET scans), and MRI measure electrical activity and blood flow in different brain regions, such as the left or right prefrontal cortex, signaling positive or negative emotions.

"Even a clock can be a useful device, because startled people tend to blink more slowly when feeling happy, compared to when fearful or anxious."

So "measure you" is right. Alas, all these measurings don't mean a thing individually since there is one and only one observer stationed at the critical point of view: YOU have to report how you're

feeling right now. At this stage of psychological science, the "view from the inside" is the only true view there is.

Q. For an odd sports fact, do the world's teams tend to field an odd or even number of players? But please don't ask why.

A. Generally the best-known team sports field an odd number of players such as 11 for cricket, 11 for field hockey, 13 for rugby league and 15 for rugby union, say Rob Eastaway and John Haigh in "How to Take a Penalty: The Hidden Mathematics of Sport."

Odd, too, are the three major American sports of basketball with 5, baseball, 9, football, 11. Many of the world's smaller sports also fit, as 15 for hurling and Gaelic football (down from 21 in the early days), 11 for bandy and speedball, 7 for netball, water polo, kabaddi and handball.

Of course, exceptions do occur: There have to be an even number of oars in a boat, or it would tend to go around in circles (though the presence of a cox ensures the number becomes odd again); polo uses 4 on a team, volleyball and ice hockey, 6.

The first team sport to choose

the popular 11 seems to have been cricket, in 1835. Many of the earliest association football clubs were cricket offshoots, and so, 11 on a team.

Soon afterward, the number crossed the Atlantic, with Yale introducing 11-on-a-side football. Thus, American football's 11 probably had its roots in cricket. "How many Americans would guess that?"

Q. Would you rather have 1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6 x 7 x 8 x 9 dollars, or 9 x 8 x 7 x 6 x 5 x 4 x 3 x 2 x 1 dollars?

A. The question may seem ridiculous, since both products are obviously the same. Yet, when psychologists showed the first series to test subjects, they guessed an average of 500; for the reverse, 4,200.

Both woefully underestimate the real answer of 362,880, say Tom Stafford and Matt Webb in "Mind

How a frustrated chef invented potato chips



George Crum (born George Speck) allegedly invented the potato chip in 1853 while working as a chef at Moon's Lake House in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Legend states that a customer repeatedly complained about his fried potatoes being too thick, so Crum, in a moment of frustration, sliced the potatoes paper-thin, fried them to a crisp, and heavily salted them.

The customer loved the new creation, and the "Saratoga Chips" quickly became a popular item at the lodge.

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Hacks: Tips & Tools for Using Your Brain."

Why the difference? Psychologists say we tend to "anchor" on the first number of a series. So, when the first number is a small 1, the guesses are smaller; the initial 9 prompts larger estimates.

The "anchoring gambit" also explains why donation solicitors will suggest you give \$50, \$20, \$10, or \$5, rather than \$5, \$10,

\$20, or \$50.

And, it probably underlies the common practice of pricing things at \$9.99, for example; although this price is only 1 cent below \$10.00, it feels closer to \$9 because that's the anchor triggered by the price tag.

Irrelevant anchoring is just one of numbers' many slipperinesses and "helps explain why people so often try to con us with them."

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TRUST NO ONE: While they were serving on a jury together in a New York burglary case, a woman stole her fellow juror's credit card, and, during a break in the trial, went on a spending spree in stores near the courthouse.

TELL ME, OFFICER, HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?: A man robbed a bank in Roettingen, Germany, and he would have gotten away with it had he not sent messages to two newspapers, taunting the police for putting out an incorrect description of him. He sent the messages by email, not realizing that email addresses can be traced. When police showed up to arrest him, they said, "He was completely shocked."

WHERE HAVE I BEEN? O.K., FIRST PROMISE YOU WON'T GET MAD: Police launched an intensive search for a 39-year-old Fletcher, Okla., woman after her fiancé reported that she was

missing. They found her a month later in a hotel room in Corpus Christi with some other dude. The wedding is off.

HOLD ON, WAIT, WE'RE JUST VISITING: A man and a woman came to see a friend in a Bakersfield, Calif., jail, where the guards discovered that she had outstanding felony warrants against her and some methamphetamine in her possession, and he had some stolen checks in his pocket. They were both arrested.

SO, YOU SEE, IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING, OFFICER ... CAN I GO NOW?: A 43-year-old woman, making a deposit at the drive-through window of a Wethersfield, Conn., bank, inadvertently included a bag of cocaine in the envelope. She explained to the cops who arrested her that she had been partying over the weekend and didn't realize that she had left some of the leftover coke in the banking envelope.

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A man on rollerblades snatched a camera from a photographer on a Miami street and sped off. Several people took off after him and then commandeered a passing van, which caught up with the thief on the front lawn of the home of an Iraq war veteran. He pulled his 9 mm Smith and Wesson. The thief gave up.

OH, RIGHT, OFFICER, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO GET DOWN TO THE REGISTRY: A 61-year-old man driving drunk in Bethany, N.Y., drove 11 miles to his home after the right rear tire fell off of his van. Police came to his home to arrest him and discovered that his driver's license expired 33 years ago.

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Is there a Dr Pepper in the house?

Dr Pepper was invented in 1885 by pharmacist Charles Alderton at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store in Waco, Texas. Inspired by the mingling fruit syrup scents at the soda fountain, Alderton began experimenting with various flavors to create a soft drink that captured that aroma.

The creation and naming

- **The inventor:** Charles Alderton, a Brooklyn-born pharmacist, moved to Waco, Texas, in the 1880s to work at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store.
- **The experiment:** In his spare time, Alderton mixed different combinations of fruit extracts and sweeteners to create new sodas for customers at the store's popular soda fountain.
- **The recipe:** After many experiments, he found a blend of 23 flavors that became immensely popular. The exact flavors remain a closely guarded trade secret to this day.
- **The first name:** The new beverage was so beloved by locals that they would order it by asking Alderton to "shoot them a Waco," named after the city where it was invented.

The name "Dr Pepper": The store's owner, Wade B. Morrison, is credited with naming the drink. The exact origin of the name is debated, but one popular theory is that he named it after Dr. Charles T. Pepper, a Virginia physician whose daughter Morrison once courted.



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He warned that the Challenger may blow up



Roger Boisjoly was a booster rocket engineer at NASA contractor Morton Thiokol in Utah. He warned that the rubber O-rings on the Space Shuttle Challenger's solid rocket boosters could fail in cold temperatures, which would lead to a catastrophe resulting in the loss of human life.

Despite his warnings, which he detailed in memos and presentations to his employer, Morton Thiokol, and to NASA managers, the Challenger was launched in freezing weather, leading to the O-ring failure and the shuttle's explosion on Jan. 28, 1986.

He told NPR's Daniel Zwerdling in an unrecorded and confidential interview, "I fought like Hell to stop that launch. I'm so torn up inside I can hardly talk about it, even now."



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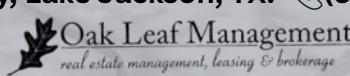
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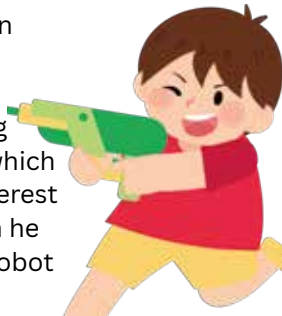
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Is Tylenol safe for seniors?

Generally, Tylenol (acetaminophen) is considered safe for most older adults when used correctly for short-term pain relief. However, seniors have a higher risk of serious side effects due to age-related changes in metabolism and the prevalence of other health conditions. Therefore, caution and medical consultation are crucial.



- Speak with a healthcare provider before starting Tylenol to ensure it is appropriate for your specific health conditions and medications.
- Many healthcare providers recommend that seniors stay under a maximum daily dose of 3,000 mg. For those with liver impairment or alcohol use, the maximum dose may be even lower, such as 2,000 mg per day.
- Watch for signs of acetaminophen overuse, such as nausea, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, or yellowing of the skin or eyes. Report these immediately to a doctor.
- Keep a log of how much acetaminophen you have taken and when, which can help prevent accidental double-dosing.
- Drinking alcohol while taking Tylenol significantly increases the risk of liver damage.
- Tylenol is intended for short-term use. For chronic pain, discuss long-term pain management strategies with a healthcare provider.

Should my spouse be getting half of my Social Security amount?

By Russell Gloor
National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, the
non-profit arm of the Association
of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I was referred to you to ask a question about Social Security benefits. I receive about \$1,700 a month from Social Security, while my husband receives only approximately \$750 monthly. Is he entitled to file for half of my Social Security as a monthly benefit without touching my amount?
Signed: Curious Wife

Dear Curious Wife: For information, spousal benefits are one of the most misunderstood areas of Social Security. A spouse does not always get half of their partner's Social Security benefit – how much the spouse gets is determined by their age when the spouse benefit is claimed, and it is always based upon both partner's full retirement age (FRA) benefit, regardless of when they actually claimed Social Security. The partner with the lower SS benefit can only get half of the other spouse's FRA

amount if that partner takes the spouse benefit at (or after) their personal SS full retirement age (FRA). And each spouse's FRA may be different depending on the year they were born (FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on the person's year of birth).

Here are two basic rules for a lower-earning marital partner to get spouse benefits:

- The lower-earning spouse's FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of the higher earning spouse's FRA entitlement. FRA amounts are used, even if SS benefits were claimed earlier than, or later than, full retirement age, and FRA amounts are frequently different than the monthly amounts actually being received.

- If one spouse's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA amount, the difference between those two amounts can be added to the lower-earning spouse's SS retirement amount, to become their spousal benefit. That may, or may not, equal half of the higher-earning spouse's FRA

amount.

So, if you claimed your Social Security exactly at your own full retirement age, and your husband also claimed his Social Security exactly at his own full retirement age, then - based on the numbers you provided - your husband is likely entitled to about \$850 per month, instead of his current \$750. And that would not affect your own SS benefit in any way.

Your FRA entitlement would need to be more than twice your husband's FRA entitlement for him to receive a spousal boost from you. But if either of you claimed Social Security before (or after) your respective full retirement ages, your husband would not get 50% of your benefit.

Russell Gloor is a National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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Organized senior activities around Brazoria County

By Sharon Toth
The Bulletin

The **Brazoria County Fair** opens this week on Friday, Oct. 10, and the always-popular **Senior Day** for ages 55-plus from around the county, will be Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Some come individually, or as couples, while others come in a group from area senior programs or health care facilities.

Senior Day kicks off in the auditorium with registration, coffee and doughnuts at 8 a.m.

From 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be exhibits, vendor booths and lunch. Seniors are welcome to explore the fairgrounds, and it's all free, including parking. There's usually a little bingo and music, and dancing is welcomed, so maybe do a two-step or Do-si-do.

There's a hat contest, so decorate a hat of your choice and enjoy wearing your personalized piece of millinery or maybe re-use one from Kentucky Derby parties. Check out the Country Store, and you might find something homemade that is tasty or cute and to your liking.

Sponsors for this year's Senior Day are Froberg's Funeral Home, Dow, Olin and Sheriff Bo Stallman and his department.

Look in this week's Bulletin for lots more information about what's cooking at the Fair, in more ways than one.

Below is what area senior programs have planned for this wonderful fall month of pumpkins and spice and Halloween fright, which will be Friday, Oct. 31.

ALVIN

One of the October highlights for Alvin Senior Citizen Center guests includes a trip to the **International Quilt Festival** on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

Space is limited on the Alvin van, but this may be something other readers from around the county may want to go see on their own.

The festival runs Oct. 9-12, and hundreds of booths sell quilting supplies, and beautiful quilts are displayed in this worldwide competition.

Admission rates vary, but general daily adult admission is shown

online at Quilts. Inc. to be \$19 for adults for a single day and \$16 for seniors, students and military. Children 10 and under are free. .

Back in Alvin, a trip to **Enchanted Gardens** for some nursery and landscape decoration shopping will be followed by a stop at Pier 36 restaurant on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The group will leave for Richmond at 8 a.m. and return in the afternoon. (Space on the center's van is limited for storing purchases.)

Potluck bingo combines bingo games and a potluck lunch. Guests should bring side dishes to go with the Philly cheese steaks that the center will provide on Thursday, Oct. 23, and the cost is \$4 per person. The event takes place on the west end of the senior center. Registration for events serving food must take place at least 2 or more days in advance. See registration contact information below.

A group will head over to **Rudy's Country Store & BBQ** in League City on Tuesday, Oct. 28, leaving at 10:30 a.m.

Halloween will center around a **"Spook-Tacular Potluck"** Friday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. on the west end of the center. Bring a dish and wear your favorite costume while competing for prizes. Please register 2 or more days in advance.

Please register for all events, since space is limited for some outings, which are designed for ages 50-plus.

The center is located at 309 W. Sealy, and the phone number is (281) 388-4298 to register for events or for more information about these events or other activities.

CLUTE

Clute's theme for its Oct. 21 get-together is "Golden Ghouls".

Seniors 60-plus should register by or before Oct. 16 for a spaghetti lunch, and participants are encouraged to wear a costume for a contest.

There will be a guest speaker and a creepy craft, and it's all free.

It's 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the B.R. Hester Event Center at 100 Parkview Dr. Call (979) 265-8392 to register or email mparrish@clutetexas.gov.

ANGLETON

The Angleton Recreation Center will raise the spooky vibe with a **"Not-so-scary haunted house"** on Oct. 25 that will offer a family friendly haunted house atmosphere for all ages and will be \$5 per person.

The first hour from 5 to 6 p.m. will be a sensory hour, and then the concept from 6 to 8 p.m. will be non-sensory. It is promoted as being fun, silly and offering candy and surprises. The public is invited to drop off "gently used" Halloween decorations to the front reception desk at the center, located at 1601 N. Valderas St., that can be used in the set-up.

There will be a **potluck lunch** for ages 55-plus on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. at the center. Participants are invited to bring a main or side dish or dessert - maybe think orange or pumpkin and cinnamon for this month. Register at the center or online.

Let's do the **Timewarp** again and go backwards in the month now. It happens to be the 50th anniversary of The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Lunch and Learn will be Thursday, Oct. 23 at the center, and the topic will be Medicare, and the free lunch will be pizza.

Instead of an October Lunch Bunch, some of Angleton's Silver Hearts group will make a **Breakfast Brunch trip to Kelley's Country Cookin'** in Alvin on Friday, Oct. 17, at 8 a.m. The fee is \$6, and registered seniors will pay for meal.

Kroger pharmacy staff will be at the center on Thursday, Oct. 9, to provide **vaccinations** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. against the scary things we can't see. Please complete an information sheet that will be available and bring your photo ID. The fee is stated as "Insurance related." The rec center is located at 1601 N. Valderas St., and the phone number is (979) 849-4364, option 5, to register or for more information.

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The **Civic Center Fun Timers Lunch Bunch**, for ages 55 plus, will be driving to Houston to **Goode Company Seafood** on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 16.

The restaurant promotes serving fresh grilled or lightly battered and fried seafood. Trip cost is \$15 per person, and the lunch cost depends on what is ordered. Registration is under way, so call (979) 415-2600 or stop by the Doris Williams Civic Center at 333 Highway 332 to get a seat..

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m., John Garr, a senior **health-care advocate and insurance professional** will help navigate **Medicare and retirement planning**. There also will be **Halloween Bunco and a Potluck Dinner**, so guests are asked to bring a dish to share and are invited to dress in black and/or orange. There is no cost to attend, and there will be prizes and surprises.

Call (979) 415-2600 for more information, or go by the center, to register.

Waco will be the destination for the October Mini-Trip, Oct. 22-24.

The van will leave early that Wednesday morning, and the group will eat lunch on the way at the **Magnolia Silos** before arriving in **Waco** and checking into a motel. That night, they'll have dinner at the **Backyard Bar and Stage and Grill**.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, they'll visit **Homestead Heritage Craft Village** in Waco, eat lunch there, go to the farmer's market, ride the silo trolley and have dinner at **Jesse's Mexican restaurant**.

They'll have breakfast on Friday before returning to Lake Jackson.

The cost will be \$220 per person for double occupancy at the hotel and for transportation. Meals and other spending will be extra.

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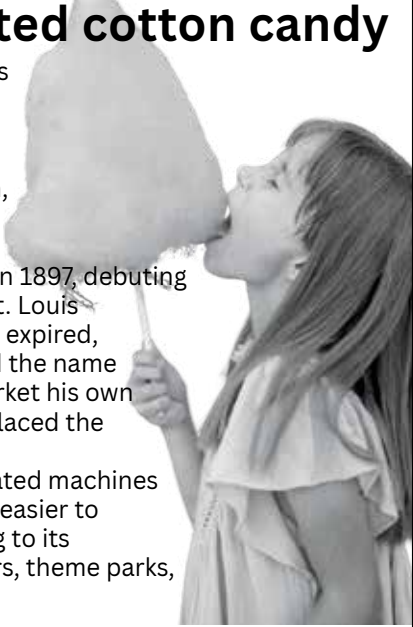
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Dentists invented cotton candy

Cotton candy's origin dates back to a labor-intensive, high-society dessert of spun sugar that emerged in the 15th century, but the modern, machine-made version was invented by dentists William Morrison and John Wharton in 1897, debuting as "Fairy Floss" at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. After the patent expired, dentist Josef Lascaux coined the name "cotton candy" in 1921 to market his own version, which ultimately replaced the older name.

Later inventions of automated machines in the 1970s made the candy easier to produce and package, leading to its widespread availability at fairs, theme parks, and stores worldwide.



God wants us to be more like Christ

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

It is God's will for His followers to become more like Christ. He came to show us the way, but it can only happen as we submit every area of our lives to His authority.

The key word is "submit." It is an unpopular word, particularly in today's self-indulgent culture. The idea of handing control over to someone else - even God - goes against the grain of our natures. This is usually the first spiritual battle a new believer encounters - surrendering self-will for God's will.

Many people argue that it is difficult to discern the will of God, but the problem isn't discernment; it is unwillingness to submit. If people will read His Word and listen for His instruction with an obedient heart, He will lead. If we reject His authority revealed in Scrip-

ture, we will never become more like Him. Satan will be the winner and we will be the losers. We will never experience the joy of knowing God's plan for us.

Do others see something of Christ in our life? Do they see a "family resemblance" to the Lord by the way we live? If the answer is no, we must not let another day go by without committing our life to Him. We must be honest about whatever it is that keeps us from that commitment - and then repent of it and commit to live under His authority.

Those who are ignorant of God's Word will always be ignorant of God's will. Further, we must pray as the psalmist: *"I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart"* (Psalm 40:8, NKJV).

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Ford posts big EV sales increase ahead of federal tax credit's end

The Detroit News (TNS)

Sales of Ford Motor Co.'s electric vehicles surged in the third quarter, contributing to an 8.2% increase in U.S. sales for the July-September period.

The up-to-\$7,500 federal tax credit for plug-in vehicles expired on Tuesday, resulting in a burst of EV buying activity before consumers lost their chance. Ford EV sales rose 85% in September and 30% for the quarter. Overall, the automaker added 545,522 in sales for the quarter and 166,003 last month, a 12% increase.

Ford and competitor General Motors Co., however, have employed a scheme to offer taxpayer-supported discounts on in-stock EVs beyond the deadline. Ford says it's seeking to make affordable lease payments available through the end of the year.

The companies rolled out programs to their dealers ahead of the tax credit's expiration that had their financing arms purchase EVs in dealers' inventory

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JESSICA MARES, Deceased, were issued on October 1, 2025, in Cause No. PR45789, pending in County Court at Law #3 of Brazoria County, Texas, to ATANACIO MARES. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

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C/O Patton D. Ritter, Attorney
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Dated this 1st day of October, 2025.

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c/o: **GEORGE H. RAU, JR.**
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by making down payments on them. That allows the incentive to be offered on EV leases of existing stock into the fourth quarter. Those vehicles aren't reflected in third-quarter sales, spokesperson Said Deep confirmed.

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Return to sender, address unknown, no such number, no such zone

By John Toth
The Bulletin

An invoice I sent out in June just came back to me marked as "undeliverable."

Maybe it was, but why did it take such a long time for me to get it back? It was addressed to the same business with whom we have previously dealt with a number of times, and my invoices were always deliverable before. What was the difference this time?

I looked up our client's email

address, screen shot the invoice and sent it off to him, this time for free. (The cost of a first-class stamp is now 73 cents. A first-class stamp cost 29 cents in 1994, when we started publishing The Bulletin.)

This is not the first time this has happened. We get about three or four invoices back in the mail each year marked as undeliverable, even though the clients have been receiving our correspondences routinely for many years.

Every time this happens, I email them the same invoice and explain that the hard copy (that they still like to get) came back.

Mistakes happen. Heck, just open up any newspaper, and you'll find plenty of mistakes (except in this one - not). People put together the newspaper, and people handle mail. They're going to make mistakes.

The post office has set out to fix this problem.

According to Parcel, an industry newsletter that I happened to come across, "The USPS is revising its delivery performance targets for 2025, reducing its on-time goals

for both first-class, two-day mail (from 93% to 87%) and three-to-five-day mail (from 90% to 80%)."

So, they just lowered the delivery expectation goals - problem fixed.

They didn't say how long an "undeliverable" piece of mail should take to be returned to sender, but I asked Google's AI this question, and this is what it found.

"For standard mail, it could take a few days to a couple of weeks, while special handling services have specific hold periods (e.g., 15 days for Certified Mail) before the item is returned to the sender."

Last year, I wrote a column about a winner of the Moody Gardens Festival of Lights who never received his tickets. The letter we sent him with the tickets inside was returned to us two years later.

I felt so bad, even though it was not our fault, that we mailed the winner another set of tickets for last year's events. He didn't have to enter the give-away contest again. The second time was the charm; the tickets arrived safe and sound.

I'm not trolling the post office. It has some of the same problems newspapers have - technology being one of the biggest.

I am sending fewer letters and more emails. It's free and gets to its destination instantly. If an email is undeliverable, it comes back to me in a few seconds.

I can even send a receipt to someone's cellphone. I'm almost guaranteed that they'll see the text message in a matter of seconds. We're programmed in this respect like Pavlo's dogs - when the bell goes off, we jump.

Along the same lines, printing presses cannot keep up with today's lightning-fast social media information flow. Neither can TV or radio, but newspapers

have always co-existed with those.

The big difference between the post office and newspapers is that the post office today is stuck delivering the mail the same way it always has. It's just mail that needs to be delivered - the same old, although import-

ant, concept.

Printed publications like magazines and newspapers can carve out a niche for themselves that can still make the products stand out. And when the post office screws up one of our correspondences, we can write a column about it.

John's Ramblings



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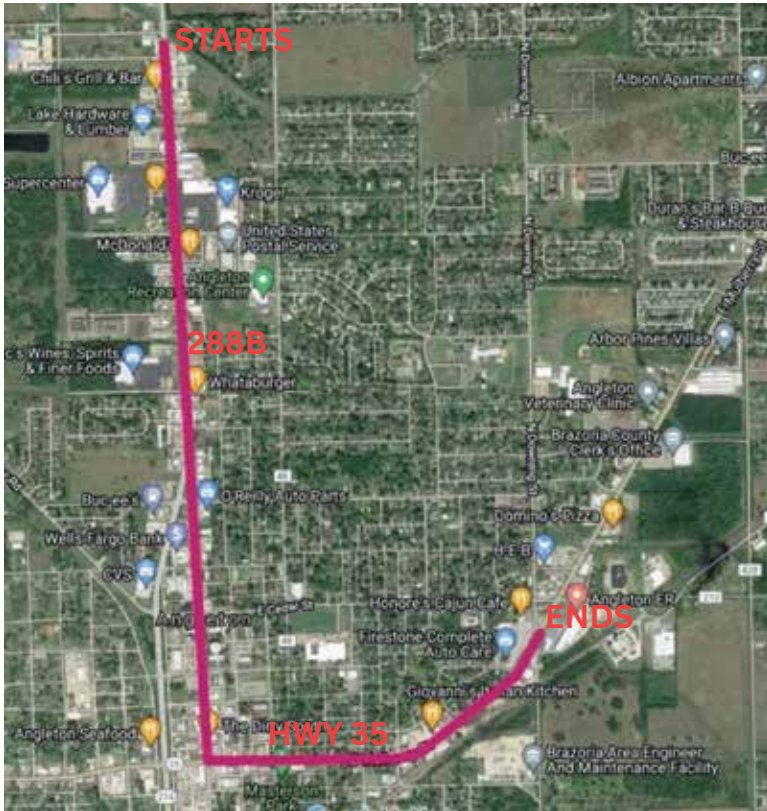
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Brazoria County Fair Parade

The Brazoria County Fair Parade is a traditional small-town parade that attracts thousands of spectators from all over the county to Angleton. It will be Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. You can get a good spot, no matter when you arrive, but get there early if you want to park right on the parade route in one of the parking slots. There will be plenty of parking available a few blocks from the parade route.

Bring your lawn chairs and cameras. The better viewing spots are around the county courthouse.

The parade starts at the Kroger Shopping Center on Hwy. 288B, makes its way south through downtown past the courthouse and county annex to Hwy 35, where it turns east and ends near the Firestone shopping center. It lasts about an hour. Photos of the parade will be posted on The Bulletin's Facebook page for those of you who cannot make it. Beware of road closures for the parade Saturday morning.



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Fair Mom contest



MacKenzie Moon, 2024 Fair Mom

The 2025 Brazoria County Fair Mom will be chosen 8 p.m. in the auditorium on Friday, Oct. 10, at a ceremony honoring all the candidates nominated for this award. BCFA Mom of the Year is not a "beauty pageant" nor a "talent contest", but an event to recognize and honor outstanding mothers for their contributions to their communities, children and families.

WELCOME TO THE 2025 BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR

BBQ Cook-off at the county fair

This event is sanctioned by the Championship Barbecue Alliance. Registration ends on Oct. 9, or when the maximum number of teams is reached. Cooking is on Oct. 9-10 at the cook-off area. The awards ceremony will be held on Oct. 11 at 6:15 p.m.



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The show is a presentation of Brazoria County youth ages 3 - 19. The youth performing will be those who have been selected by judges at tryouts on Sept. 22.

The Youth Talent show will be divided into five divisions. The Preschool divisions will be divided into categories. Three winners from each category in each division will win trophies: first, second, and third place.



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Senior Citizens' Day



Senior Citizens' Day takes place from 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the fairgrounds auditorium. Everyone 55 years and over is welcome. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, courtesy of Olin, Dow, Frogberg Funeral Home, Sheriff Bo Stallman and the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department.

There will be several fun activities during the day, including Bingo, singing, music and dancing, but the best part of it is that this free event allows seniors to get out and socialize. Be sure to also pick up your goody bag. Plan on having a great time at the fair and make sure you visit the various exhibits and animal barns. Grab a friend and enjoy your day!

Special Children's Day



This day is designed to honor the Special Children of Brazoria County. The day will include a special rodeo, Children's Barnyard, entertainment, food and fun. This event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Nominations must be submitted to the fair office by Sept. 12. Hometown heroes will be honored Oct. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.



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Junior Livestock Auction

Buyer's Registration	October 16, 2025 4:00 PM
Buyer's Dinner	5:00 PM
Auction	6:00 PM

Market Sale

Market Sale is BACK, check website for more information

Art Auction

Buyer's Reception & Art Preview	October 17, 2025 5:00 PM
Auction	6:00 PM

Commercial Heifer & Ag Mech Auction

Buyer's Registration	October 18, 2025 11:00 AM
Buyer's Lunch	12:00 PM
Auction	1:00 PM

All two auctions will take place in the
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Payment is due at the conclusion of each sale. Requests for invoicing must be approved through the fair office prior to the sale. A 3% fee will be assessed to all credit card transactions. A \$25 Buyer's registration fee will be assessed for all new buyer's or buyer's who did not purchase in the previous year's auctions, excluding current sponsors. Add-on contributors with \$500 or more in Add-ons for 2024 can also register without the registration fee.



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BRAZORIA COUNTY 2025 Fair Queen Candidates

Coronation: Saturday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., auditorium



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Professional rodeo is back for three nights at the fair this year: Thursday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m.



2024 Champion Ranch Rodeo Team: Josh Yelderman, Craig Miller, Mitch McGaughey, Shane Phillips. This year's ranch rodeo will take place at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, in the rodeo arena.

Other arena events include:
Mutton Bustin every night the professional rodeo takes place;
County team roping at noon, Saturday, Oct. 11;
Youth Rodeo Series Shootout at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12.
For a complete list of rodeo arena events, please see our events schedule in this section

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Brazoria County Fair Events Schedule

Friday, Oct. 10

7:00 AM BBQ Cookoff: Arrival & Setup
10:00 AM Concessions open
1:00 PM BBQ Cookoff: CBA Head Cooks Meeting
2:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open
6:30 PM Little Mister & Miss Contest

7:00 PM Ranch Rodeo
8:00 PM Fair Mom Contest

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:00 AM Bucket Calf (Show), Market Rabbit (Show)
8:30 AM Kids Cook: Junior & Senior Division
9:00 AM Market Turkey (Show)
10:00 AM Parade Downtown Angleton
12:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open; County Team Roping; Tricycle Races
2:30 PM Market Swine (Show)
6:15 PM BBQ Cookoff: Award Ceremony; Kids Cook First, followed by Adults
7:00 PM Fair Queen Coronation
9:00 PM Main Stage Concert: Reputation & Braxton Keith

Sunday, Oct. 12

9:00 AM Twirling Contest
10:00 AM Breeding Rabbit (Show); Commercial Heifer (Show); Market Broiler (Show)
12:00 PM Ag Mechanics Project: Judging
1:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open
2:00 PM Adult Fine Arts: Awards Ceremony, Arts & Crafts at Hall of Exhibits; Home Canning Awards at Entertainment Hall; Needlework Awards: Photographic Art Exhibit Awards
3:00 PM Youth Rodeo Series: Shootout
4:00 PM Student Art Awards; Youth Talent Show
5:00 PM Market Steer (Show)
7:00 PM Pet Parade

Monday, Oct. 13

8:30 AM Scarecrow Arrival
9:00 AM Market Goat (Show)
10:00 AM Concessions open
2:00 PM Commercial Exhibits: Vendors open
3:00 PM Market Lamb (Show)

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: Buyers 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

Ticket Prices

FREE ADMISSION ON SUNDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY

Fridays & Saturdays: Adults - \$15

Fridays & Saturdays: Family

Pass - \$30

Monday & Wednesday: Adult - \$10

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Carnival

Carnival Wristbands: Regular Price \$28

Special Nights:

Monday, Food Pantry Night, Bring 3 cans of food to Gate 2 to receive your discount coupon.

Tuesday, \$2 Tuesday. All rides will only cost \$2 (2 tickets). Wristbands can be purchased at regular price.

Wednesday, Buddy Night, Stop by local NAPA Auto Parts or TJ's Lube Stop and ask for a Buddy Night coupon. Both riders need to be present at time one (1) wristband is purchased at regular price and one (1) coupon presented for one (1) wristband.

Carnival hours

Monday - Friday: Carnival opens at 5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Carnival opens at 12 p.m.



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Mutton Bustin



Tricycle Races



The tricycle races are designed to give Brazoria County children an opportunity to compete and participate in an event at the fair. The event will be held at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the auditorium. Entry time is noon-1 p.m. before the races start. Entry fee is \$5 per child. Tricycles will be provided by the fair. The contest is divided into the following age categories: 1 year olds, 2 year olds, 3 year olds, 4 year olds, 5 & 6 year olds .

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Mutton bustin is a rodeo event for young children where they attempt to ride a sheep from a chute for as long as possible, mimicking bull riding but on a much smaller and safer scale.

Riders grab the sheep's wool and try to hold on, with the goal of either staying on for a set time or the longest duration, after which they are scored by judges.

The event is a fun, family-friendly activity designed to give children a taste of rodeo excitement, with participation typically limited to children within certain age and weight ranges.

Mutton Bustin at the fair will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Oct. 18 in the Rodeo Arena. Then stay and enjoy the professional rodeo.

Chicken Scramble

A Chicken Scramble at a fair is an event where children try to catch chickens within a designated area, and then release them. It's designed as a fun, interactive livestock department event for younger children.

Participants, by age groups, are given the opportunity to catch a chicken, and in some cases, they can then have their photo taken with the chicken they caught.

Chicken scramble at the fair has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Livestock Show Arena. There is no entry fee. Sign up before the event.





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Pet Parade



The Pet Parade is an amateur show designed to give any Brazoria County child 18 years old and younger the opportunity to display and show their pets. The contest will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the auditorium. Registration is \$10 per pet. Sign up from 6-6:30 p.m.

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