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Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

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Special graduation page inside this issue and on page 16

## **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

## **Memorial Day**

MONDAY, MAY 26

HONORING
THOSE
WHO HAVE
SERVED
AND
SACRIFICED

SEE PAGE 7 FOR AREA EVENTS, CEREMONIES

John Toth writes this week on page 6 about his educational experiences through three countries, languages.

Dementia expert to headline Alvin caregivers' conference. See page 5.

Edward Forbes on Page 10 recalls good times, hardships growing up.

Time running out on Brazoria County Library System's book fine amnesty program. Story on page 8.

Read on page 11 about how ACC STRIVE graduates go from classroom to the workforce.



## **WEATHER HISTORY** •ON THIS DAY•

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**MAY 21, 1896** - The mercury soared to 124 degrees at Salton, CA., to establish a U.S. record for May.

MAY 22, 1989 - Seven cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including El Paso, TX., with a reading of 100 degrees. Presidio, TX., was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 111 degrees.

MAY 23, 1989 - A high of 106 degrees was recorded at Midland, TX., marking a record six straight days of 100-degree heat.

MAY 24, 1990 - A woman in central Kansas was "sucked out" of a truck by a tornado and said that at one time she was "airborne, trying to run, but my feet wouldn't touch the ground". She also saw a live deer "flying through the air".

MAY 25. 1987 - A man on a boat on Lake Bistineau in northwest Louisiana was struck and killed by lightning, while the other three persons in the boat were unharmed. The man reportedly stood up in the boat and asked to be struck by lightning.

MAY 26, 1988 - There was "frost on the roses" in the Upper Ohio Valley and the Central Appalachian Mountain Region. Thirteen cities reported recordlow temperatures for the date, including Youngstown, OH., with a reading of 30 degrees.



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## 7-Day Local Forecast



Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy

93 / 66

**Thursday** Mostly Cloudy

92 / 64

May 23

Friday

Sunny 91/65

**City** 

Amarillo . . . . 83/50

May 24 Saturday

Sunny

90 / 62

Wednesday Thursday

Beaumont . . . 92/64 pc 91/62 pc 89/63

Dallas . . . . . 89/57 s 87/54 s 82/51

Houston . . . . 97/69 pc 96/67 pc 94/68

Hi/Lo Wx Hi/Lo Wx Hi/Lo Wx

81/47

Sunday Sunny

88 / 63

**State Cities** 

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

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

 $\mathbf{PM}$ 

10:22-12:22

<u>City</u>

Odessa .....

Waco . . . . . . 92/57

May 25

Monday Partly Cloudy

90 / 62

94/60

Wichita Falls . 86/52 s 84/49

San Antonio . 99/68 pc 98/66 pc

Wednesday Thursday

s 92/57

s 91/55

**Tuesday** Sunny

Friday

96/67

91/64

Hi/Lo Wx Hi/Lo Wx Hi/Lo Wx

**Peak Times** 

### Local UV Index



0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

## **Weather Trivia**

What is the coldest recorded temperature a U.S. city has reached?

degrees below zero. Alaska once hit 75 Answer: McGrath,

Fri Sat

**Peak Times** Day  $\mathbf{AM}$ Wed 7:27-9:27 Thu 8:14-10:14 9:03-11:03

9:55-11:55

7:50-9:50 8:38-10:38 9:28-11:28 Tue

Day  $\mathbf{AM}$ 10:51-12:51 Sun Mon 11:20-1:20 12:23-2:23

11:51-1:51 12:56-2:56

 $\mathbf{PM}$ 

## **Weather History**

occurred in the Ohio Valley. Tornadoes struck the cities of Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Ohio and Marietta, Ohio causing a million dollars in damage.

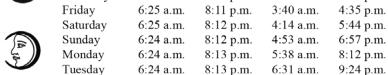
May 21, 1860 - A swarm of tornadoes

## Day New Wednesday 5/26 First

6/2

Thursday 6:26 a.m. Tuesday 6:24 a.m.

#### Sun & Moon Sunset Moonrise Moonset **Sunrise** 2:36 a.m. 6:26 a.m. 8:10 p.m. 2:25 p.m. 8:11 p.m. 3:07 a.m. 3:29 p.m.





Full 6/11



Last 6/18

### **Surfside Beach Tides**

<u>Day</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
5/21	11:38 a	4:09 a	11:41 p	6:39 p
5/22	11:53 a	5:45 a	None	6:38 p
5/23	1:35 a	7:54 a	12:05 p	7:01 p
5/24	2:52 a	9:42 a	12:12 p	7:35 p
5/25	3:59 a	8:14 p	None	None
5/26	5:03 a	8:58 p	None	None
5/27	6:02 a	9:48 p	None	None

## Local Almanac Last Week

<u>Date</u>	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days					
5/8	NA	NA	82/65	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days		
5/9	NA	NA	82/66	0.00"	5/8	0	5/12	0		
5/10	NA	NA	83/66	0.00"	5/9	0	5/13	32		
5/11	NA	NA	83/66	0.00"	5/10	0	5/14	31		
5/12	NA	NA	83/66	0.00"	5/11	0				
5/13	89	74	83/67	0.00"	Growing	g degree days are calcu	ilated by su	htracting the base		
5/14	89	73	83/67	0.00"		ture (50 degrees) from	_			

## Strange but True

By Bill Sones and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

## Can you outsmart the lotto numbers game?

**Q.** What mistake do United Kingdom national lottery players routinely make, some 10,000 of them each week? Or, maybe, it's not a mistake. They could still win, couldn't they?

A. All things are possible, picking 6 numbers out of 49. But consider: If they (and their descendants) purchased a ticket every week and kept at it until the year 136,467 A.D., they'd have about a 50% chance of winning on this 1-in-14-million proposition. (Never mind how much they'd have spent on tickets by then.) Now on this lightning-strike day of winning far in the future, there's another downside.

The jackpot would have to be divided equally with the rest of the 10,000 winners, because that's the typical number of players selecting the 1 2 3 4 5 6 combo, says "New Scientist" magazine. Is this a sort of tongue-in-cheek selection, since most people feel that any set with an obvious pattern is an unlikely winner (actually, all patterns are equally likely to

win). Or just maybe they don't care.

Playing is fun; the investment is small; the money goes to social purposes, and in the off-off-off chance they do win, several million bucks divided by 10,000 still leaves plenty for a nice night out on the town.

## I can't hear you. Stand closer to the window.

**Q.** Confidential conversations behind closed doors are one thing. But what about behind closed windows?

A. Maybe you've heard about LIDAR for "Light Detection and Ranging," just like radar except that it uses pulses of light instead of radio waves, says Geoff Andersen in "The Telescope: Its History, Technology and Future." Sound, of course, is transmitted by vibrations in the air, which can cause vibrations in surrounding objects.

For example, if people are talking inside a room, the windows will vibrate ever so slightly. If a laser is aimed at the windows, the reflective signal can be gathered by a telescope and analyzed to reveal sounds and conversations going on "behind closed windows."

So effective is this technique

that in places where classified discussions take place, the rooms must be well-isolated from the outside world. "Where this is not possible, as with the Oval Office of the White House, there are usually double panes of glass to dampen the signal and active shaker systems applied to the outer pane to further confuse any potential eavesdroppers."

#### Sixth sense and gymnastics

**Q.** In looking for that mysterious "sixth" sense in humans, where might be a good place to swing into action?

**A.** Try bar gymnastics, says Vincent Mallette in "The Science of the Summer Games." Consider a female athlete on the uneven bars, doing swings, handstands, pirouettes.

By going from a fully extended giant swing to a fully tucked somersault, she can increase her spin rate 20 times - more than a diver or figure skater - becoming almost a human rotational "bomb."

Like fancy diving and tumbling, bar gymnastics relies on a sixth sense that humans share (weakly) with animals, the proprioceptive or kinesthetic sense of knowing where we are in space - our orientation. It is vital that a gymnast or diver know when she has completed a rotation and is ready for the next maneuver; for a trapeze aerialist, it can be a matter of life and death.

No one organ or sense completely accounts for this but rather a combination of balance-monitoring by the three semicircular canals of the middle ear - the "roll, pitch and yaw" of pilots - plus a refined internal clock.

The eyes and muscles also play a role. So delicately attuned is all this that world-class gymnasts taken into outer space would be much more susceptible to zero-g sickness than an average person.

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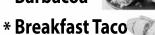
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VALID I.D.: After a 22-year-old man had sex with a female he had met on the Internet, he discovered, to his dismay, that she was only 13 and that he was facing jail time. She had advertised herself as a 19-year-old divorcee. Another man is doing five years in prison for the same thing with the same lady. The latest guy's father said, "I guess we sit back and count how many after this."

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN KISSING HIM A LOT: A 17-yearold woman was arrested for DWI because she had a blood-alcohol level almost twice the legal limit. She told the cop who pulled her over, "I didn't drink. I was kissing a boy who was drunk."

**DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO BRING** THE VAN?!: Two armed men in

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, robbed a security vehicle containing \$1.3 million, but they had to leave half the money inside. Their getaway car, a compact, was too small to hold it all.

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME. COPPER! SCREECH!: An intox-

icated woman stopped her car at a red light in Wichita, Kan., at 1 in the morning and fell asleep with the engine running. Another driver called the cops who came and put spikes in front of her rear tires then woke her up. She hit the gas to flee and shredded her tires.

#### I DON'T WANT THE JOB NOW; I'LL JUST TAKE THE MONEY:

One of three gunmen who robbed a Philadelphia doughnut shop had previously filled out a job application to work there. Police now have his name and address.

HONEY. I SWEAR WE WERE **JUST FRIENDS ... EXTREMELY CLOSE FRIENDS:** A few days before she was to be married, a woman in Rome, Italy, went on Facebook, where she saw pictures of her fiancée being too friendly with another woman. She angrily confronted him, and, after a spirited discussion, called off the wedding.

AND THE IRS DOESN'T LIKE **DISCREPANCIES:** Oklahoma college kids declared to the IRS that they had made \$2,000 from their

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party hosting business. Then, they said on their MySpace page that they had made \$320,000.

THIS IS TO SHOW YOU HOW STRENUOUSLY WE OBJECT ...

POW! Two airline pilots, who got a taxi at a Fort Lauderdale club, beat up the cabbie when he dropped them off because they thought the \$9 bill was too high.

THIS GLASS IS SURPRISINGLY **STURDY:** A man tried to break into a gas station in Mims, Fla., by smashing the glass door with a fire extinguisher. The door remained intact. So he tried the same thing on a side window. This window didn't break either. So he left. Police are now studying the surveillance video of him.

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## **Dementia expert headlines Alvin Caregiver Conference**

One of the Houston region's best-known scientists and an outstanding communicator, Dr. Paul Schulz, will headline the June 6 annual St. John

the Baptist

Conference

Schulz,

Caregiver

in Alvin.

now in

his fourth

decade of

medicine, is



Dr. Paul Schulz a Professor

of Neurology at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. At the Mischer Neuroscience Institute, Schulz sees patients who have cognitive, behavioral, or mood disorders.

His group is investigating risk

factors for dementia to understand why it develops.

At the annual Alvin Caregiver Conference, Dr. Schulz's topic is "Reducing Your Risk for Developing Dementia."

He will speak at 1 pm. Schulz was the featured speaker at an Alzheimer's webinar hosted by Memorial Hermann Health System in 2021.

When asked if there was any treatment for Alzheimer's besides pharmaceuticals. Schulz replied, "Yes. Lowering risk factors may slow progression of the disease!"

Dr. Delores Saddler, a Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association, will talk about "Building Foundations of Caregiving" at 11 a.m.

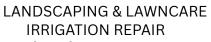
A complimentary lunch is provided, and adult day care is available at no charge. A mini-Health Fair and memory screenings will be offered at lunchtime.

The conference is the eleventh Gathering Place Alvin event in the past 12 years.

In recent years, Schulz has attracted more than 200 people to hear him speak so make reservations early to assure vour place.

Call the Brazoria County Gathering Place Interfaith Ministries at (979) 308-4525 Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by May 23 to register. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is located at 110 E. South Street in Alvin.

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John's Ramblings

## I took the roundabout way to graduating high school, college through 3 countries, languages

By John Toth

The Bulletin

When I was running around in the school yard in the third or fourth grade, I fully expected to graduate from high school in Budapest, Hungary, and then either go to college or learn a trade.

Things turned out a little differently, but I have to say for the better. I was about to finish fourth grade in Budapest when my mother took me on a twoweek spring break to Vienna, Austria, which turned into an escape from a Soviet bloc country to the West. That changed everything.

I finished fourth grade in Austria and then went into fifth grade for a while, but we received political asylum in the United States, so I landed in New York City, where I started this new school and language business all over again.

This was not the straight line

to high school graduation that I had in mind. But the changes in country and languages gave me an education outside of the classroom that I would not have gotten by staying in Budapest.

I probably never would have learned English. The mandatory language classes in Budapest started at fifth grade, and the choices were,

Russian, Russian or Russian.

Since Russia occupied Hungary at the time, they decided that all students should learn to speak Russian. There were kids my age who, like myself, really did not want to learn Russian.

Several of us talked about it in the fourth grade and dreaded it, especially after we saw the Russian alphabet. That was not on my bucket list, but there was also no way around it. If we would have been given a choice of studying German, Russian or English, I doubt that any of

my friends would have chosen Russian.

I could be wrong. One of my friend's dad was pretty high up in the Communist Party. He may have had to choose it. But that's

He was a very good student and a decent soccer player. We got along great, and one

> day he invited me to go play at his apart-

ment, which was like a palace compared to our room where my parents and I lived. I never asked him to come play in my room.

After we left, I missed playing with him, but I made new friends and learned new languages. I also learned a lot about childrens' behavior when they saw a new kid in the class. The same kids who totally ignored me when I showed up, were my best friends when I left. I think they were shy and awkward at first, not dismissive.

By my eighth-grade graduation, I was fluent in German and English and ready to have a great summer and start high school just a subway ride away.

I went to high school in the

Bronx, where I was in a program that was supposed to prepare me for a college engineering major. That is, until I changed my mind in the third year of college, and I decided to aim for a degree in communications.

That was another twist I did not anticipate, but it happened. I joined the college paper and was spending more time there than in engineering classes. I changed my major late in the game, but a very imaginative college counselor made it possible on paper by turning all the calculus and engineering classes I took into electives. I was now on my way to a career in writing. It was my primary choice from the start; I just didn't realize it.

My mother attended my highschool graduation, along with a Hungarian friend who lived on our floor. The ceremony was the usual. I waited a long time before they got to the T's. Then it was over, and I went to my summer job in New Hampshire.

I never attended my college graduation because I found a reporting job in Bay City, Texas. I was working as a reporter while my fellow students were

graduating. I thought that was a fair exchange, since entry level journalism jobs back in those days were few and far in-between. I went back a few years later to pick up my degree.

Whichever way you got to this point, graduates, congratulations. Whatever you do from now on, grab opportunities that come your way and make the best of them.

Work hard but also have a good time. It has worked for me ever since I crossed the border into Austria in 1966. The sky's the limit.



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## **Navy Master Chief to speak at Alvin event**

Alvin American Legion Post 129 will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26. at 206 South Durant Street in Alvin.

The guest speaker this year is retired Navy Master Chief Clenon Mitchell. He served on active duty for 25 years.

Born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Houston, Master Chief Petty Officer

Clenon Mitchell enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) in October 1983 in preparation for his completion of Basic Training in October 1984 at

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He was selected as the only Chief Petty Officer of the entire

> **Full Time Support** Fleet to attend the **United States Army** Sergeants Major Academy in 2001.

His personal awards include, the Meritorious Medal, **Navy Commendation** Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement

Medal (three awards) and various service and campaign awards.

Master Chief Mitchell retired from active duty in 2009 after 25 years of dedicated service.

## **West Columbia Memorial Day events honor fallen heroes**

Memorial Day 2025 in West Columbia will begin on Thursday, May 22, with the American Legion, Mattson-Ringgold Post 503, installing American flags on veterans' grave sites in the Old Columbia Historical Cemetery. the Cedar Lawn Cemetery, the Damon Catholic Cemetery and the Damon Mound Cemetery.

Volunteers and post members will install approximately 500 flags and retrieve them the following week.

The St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 5 will host a complimentary breakfast at the Masonic Hall, located at 313 West Jackson Street in West Columbia. The

breakfast hours are from 8-10 a.m. All veterans, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend. Worshipful Master Raymond Beall said that he really enjoys seeing the veterans come out to enjoy a delicious breakfast and catch up on the latest news from their veteran buddies.

The American Legion, Mattson-Ringgold Post 503, will conduct its annual Memorial Day ceremony at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2025 at The American Legion Hall, located at 219 Veterans Park Drive in West Columbia. All veterans, citizens and especially children are invited and encouraged to attend. The Memorial Day speaker will be the American Legion 9th District Commander Bradley Stavinoha. Pavers honoring veterans will be presented and will be installed in the Veterans Memorial Park.

Please take a few minutes from your busy day to come to this ceremony to help us remember and honor those fallen service men and women who have given their all to ensure our freedom and way of

For questions or additional information, call Sandy Weems at (979) 313-8611.

## **Houston National Cemetery to hold Memorial Day Ceremony**

Houston National Cemetery will host a Memorial Day ceremony to commemorate and honor those Service Members who have died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

It will be held on May 26, at 9 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The cemetery is located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive. Houston, TX 77038.

The Department of Veterans Affairs invites the public to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony at Houston National Cemetery.

The 419-acre cemetery was dedicated on Dec. 7, 1965, and is in the northern part of Hous-

## ton. Since inception, the Cemetery has conducted more than 118,000 interments of Veterans and eligible dependents.

All guests are urged to arrive early due to limited onsite parking. Seating is limited - we suggest you bring lawn chairs or blankets. Bottled water will be provided.

VA offers a new way to pay tribute to Veterans on the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM)

website. The site, originally launched in 2019, contains a memorial page for each Veteran and service member interred in a VA national cemetery.

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## **Memorial Day**

Memorial Dav is a U.S. federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday of May to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

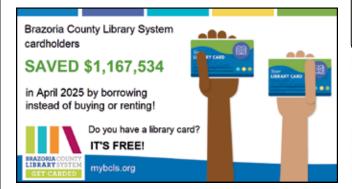
It's a day of solemn reflection and remembrance, marked by various ceremonies and observances, including decorating graves, parades and the National Moment of Remembrance.

It serves as a time to acknowledge the sacrifices made by those who have died in the military.









# The Brazoria County Library System A Bulletin Monthly Special Feature

May is Mystery Month, and Kanopy is your destination for thrilling films that will keep you guessing until the very end.

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## Time running out on fine amnesty

To welcome everyone back and remove barriers to library access, the Brazoria County Library System has launched an Overdue Fine Amnesty Program from May 1 to May 31.

During the month of May, all overdue fines will be waived — no questions asked. Patrons can return late items and have their accounts cleared without penalty, even if items are months (or years) overdue. The amnesty ONLY applies to late fines. Patrons will still be responsible for charges regarding damage to items, replacement cost for lost items, cleaning or processing fees, and collection agency charges.

"This is our way of saying: we miss you, and we want you back," said Library Director Lisa Loranc. "Whether it's been a while since you've visited or you've been holding onto a book you thought was too late to return — now's the perfect time to come in."

Key Details:

Amnesty runs from May 1 to May 31, 2025;

Applies to all overdue materials, regardless of how long they've been late:

Lost or damaged item fees and cleaning fees still apply, but staff will work with patrons on options;

Collection agency charges cannot be waived.

The library hopes this initiative will encourage former users to reconnect, explore new services, and rediscover the welcoming space the library provides.

For more details, visit the library's website: mybcls.org or contact your local branch library.



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Diplomas are sometimes called "sheepskins": because original diplomas were written on thin sheepskin parchment



Graduation traditions, like wearing cap and gowns and tossing caps, have fascinating origins. Graduation gowns started in the 12th century as a way to keep scholars warm in poorly heated medieval universities. The tradition of throwing caps into the air dates back to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1912 when graduates no longer needed their midshipman hats.

The color of graduation robes and tassels can signify the graduate's field of study, with specific colors designated for different degrees.



The official music that graduates march down to is referred to as 'Land of Hope and Glory' or alternatively as 'Pomp and Circumstance' that was composed back in 1901 by Sir Edward Elgar.

The tradition of moving the tassel from one side of the cap to the other signifies the transition from student to graduate. In some cultures, the side of the cap on which the tassel rests indicate the level of education achieved.

"Degree" and "graduate" both come from the Latin word "gradus," meaning "step,": referring to the progression of learning.









## Trends in college, HS graduations

• Nearly four-in-10 Americans ages 25 and older have a bachelor's degree, a share that has grown over the last decade.

A total of 37.9% of adults in this age group hold a bachelor's degree, including 14.3% who also obtained a graduate or professional degree, according to data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

That share is up 7.5 percentage points from 30.4%.

An additional 10.5% have an associate degree. About four-in-10 Americans ages 25 and older have a high school diploma with no further education (25.3%) or have completed some college but don't have a degree (14.9%).

• Women are now more likely than men to graduate from college, according to the Current Population Survey. A total of 39% of women ages 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or more education, compared with 37% of men in the same age range. The gap in college completion is even wider among adults ages 25 to 34: 46% of women in this age group have at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 36% of men.







## Recalling the hardships, good times growing up with my brothers in our dysfunctional family

By Edward A. Forbes
The Bulletin

It's funny how the mind works in times of hardship.

My dysfunctional family once consisted of eight children (mixed - yours, mine, and ours), but of the five boys that grew up in Luling, we were brothers, not step or half, just brothers. The recent loss of brother Donnis reduced our number to two.

I now find that number two, Doyce, is in the hospital in grave condition. The memories rush back as he struggles in the ICU, and as I write this now, his struggle is no more.

When the two step brothers arrived to reside with us in the little one-bedroom duplex in Manvel, Texas, Doyce came first. He had to have been almost three years old as his birthday was in September (the 11th, unfortunately).

I remember that initially he seemed timid and recall vividly at mealtime that he would secretly take some of his food, which would eventually wind up under his pillow. I really

don't want to think about what childhood trauma initiated that behavior.

When we moved to the heights in Alvin, Texas, Donnis, I, and older brother Elroy handled the chores, milking two cows, feeding pigs, chickens and geese daily. At times, we had a couple of calves, yearlings, that Donnis and I attempted to ride with little or no success.

I, for some reason, drove the tractor when we disced and plowed the one to two acres we farmed. During the drought-stricken days of the 1950s Donnis and Doyce rode the disc, sitting atop the crossties that were strapped to the disc, for added weight to break up that hard, baked ground.

Donnis and I were always the closest in all our activities as only nine months separated our ages. The one thing I always remember was Doyce's obsession with saving money in the Luling days. In our financial circumstances, this meant saving mostly pennies.

Whenever, for some obscure reason, Donnis and I would have some change, we would challenge Doyce to do something to gain possession of that money. We would mix every liquid condiment we could find together and dare him to drink it to earn our loot.

He would choke it down and then surreptitiously (he thought) add it to his stash, a Bull

Durham sack secreted behind a small piece of baseboard that he had worked loose in our bedroom. Mean? In retrospect, yes, but then we were all brothers, and you had to fend for yourself.

Doyce was a freshman when I was a senior, and it was a customary practice for seniors to haze the incoming freshman. It was O.K. for Donnis and me to torture him, but I absolutely wouldn't allow anyone else to do it, period, so no hazing was allowed.

So "Shorty", as our Dad nick-

named him, was safe. (He later grew taller than the rest of us).

When Doyce was in college, brothers Donnis, Elroy, I, and brother-in-law Charles Bownds went to Luling and liberated him from that home.

Mother said sarcastically, "Eddie, I suppose you can do a better job than me?" I replied, "In a heartbeat."

It always amazed me that Doyce had more money in his savings account while in college than I did working full time.

I also remember a small family gathering at Doyce and Janie's home before they parted. We had our first interaction with the best part of their union, Evan and McKenna.

He was always - and I still believe - is proud of the children. I know Elroy had more contact with Doyce's family, partly due to proximity and partly, well, that was just Elroy.

I still have a box of wooden blocks, one alpha letter each, he coated with ink to print out

Evan, McKenna, Chanie, Wes, or Connie, all the children, the little ones. He would make cards for or print personalized gift-wrap paper.

As the years passed and our contact diminished, I could

always rely on two phone calls from Doyce - every Mother's Day and my birthday. I would call him on his birthday, and sometimes he would call on Christmas and New Year's. I will greatly miss those calls beginning this year.

Goodbye, my brother, I'm sorry I could never love golf and play a round or two with you.

Dovce

The path you walked is empty;

The hearts you touched are broken.

Time will take sad memories And make them things of smiles.

The path you walked is barren.

There are no more miles to go.

Heaven should have smooth fairways,

And the greens will all read true:

I know that's where you'll go When that final round is done. We'll be in the gallery To watch your victory stroll. Doyce 9/11/1949 – 4/26/2025 (Email Edward Forbes at eforbes1946@gmail.com or send comments to The Bulletin, P.O. Box 2426, Angleton, TX. 77516.)







The highest temperature ever recorded in the United States was 134°F (56.7°C), measured at Death Valley, California, on July 10, 1913. While this record is recognized by the World Meteorological Organization, the validity of the reading has been disputed by some experts.



## ACC STRIVE graduates go from classroom to workforce

The Alvin Community College Skilled Training Rewarding Independence and Vocational Education (STRIVE) recently held their Commencement ceremony on May 13.

This the 10th year for the STRIVE Program, which provides Vocational Training for adults with intellectual

disabilities with an end goal of transitioning students into the workforce. Fifteen of the graduates received their certificates during the ceremony.

Commencement speaker Rev. Suzanne Smith talked about how STRIVE students are active in the community, such as providing much-needed assistance with the Grace Episcopal Church Mobile Food Pantry program since it began.



ACC STRIVE grad Taylor Frampton gets help with her tassel with classmate Kirstin Stanley before the STRIVE Commencement ceremony on May 13.





# Healthy Living Cutting board tips

Both wood and plastic cutting boards can harbor germs if they are not cleaned and sanitized well.

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Use hot soapy water

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Put board into dishwasher for a full cycle or pour boiling water on it

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Air-dry board; avoid recontaminating it with a dirty dish towel

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Use separate boards for cutting cooked, ready-to-eat foods and uncooked foods, which are more likely to carry bacteria Source: Mayo Clinic, TNS Photo Service

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The program matches students with internships and job opportunities that are aligned with their capabilities and interests.

They are encouraged to find

employment before graduation in order to get the most out of their experience.

STRIVE students are active on campus and off campus. They work in the community garden, restock the Blessing Boxes, assist the ACC athletics teams as well as local organizations, such as the Grace Episcopal Church in Alvin, Alvin Volunteer Fire Department and more.

To learn more about the STRIVE program, visit www. alvincollege.edu/cewd/strive. html.



## Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Never wave a red flag at a bull unless you want to be attacked. You may avoid conflict with others by gauging when it's best to stay quiet and focus your attention elsewhere. You might reach an important milestone if you play your cards right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A lover might choose green when you prefer blue or surprise you with a change of plans. A small difference of opinion or temporary shift of attention won't harm a solid relationship. Consider learning something new or starting a passion project.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Those little things left undone could catch up with you today, so knuckle down and take care of lingering priorities. Any agitation or frustration over shared items or a breakdown in your communication could be settled quickly and amicably.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Outside influences may put you in a defensive position, but standing up to others could cause division. Take a moment to breathe and think things through. Don't sacrifice your boundaries, but if you can let go of resentments you might feel freer within a group.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Be cautious of allowing minor disagreements early in the day to take a toll on your tranquility. Rushing around may only set you back. Thoroughness and tactfulness could make relationships flow more smoothly.

A sincere apology may resolve dilemmas.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The urge to get physical work done may take hold, allowing you to finish your checklist early in the day. You might encounter others who have different principles and values. Be considerate and kind to everyone while finding common ground.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wisdom grows with time. Consider listening to those more experienced; they may have lessons worth learning. Do your best to steer clear of confrontations and be careful of people's feelings to avoid mix-ups with friends or loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Capitalize on friendships and network vigorously to ensure your social and business success. Avoid making a spur-of-the-moment expenditure that you may regret later. Seek sound advice before investing or making important decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are never any losers in love when both parties live up to their duties and take turns in a respectful way. Instead of competing with others and clashing over trivial things, try cooperation and teamwork to work towards a goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may briefly collide with someone over a difference of opinion regarding money or values. Take accountability, admit to any errors and back down from harsh arguments. Unexpected offers could prompt you to read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for ways to make every penny count. A shopping trip might not be a win unless you uncover once-in-a-lifetime deals. Participating in sports or

other competitive activities could scratch that itch for excitement lurking beneath the surface.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Small annoyances like lopsided pictures on the wall or dust under the bed might disturb your sense of harmony. Explore new ways to get neat and organized while putting personal possessions in order. When it comes to love, practice makes perfect.

#### **BROOM HILDA**

By Russel Myers







**ANIMAL CRACKERS** 

By Fred Wagner





MR. MORRIS

By Rick Brooks







**CHARMY'S ARMY** 

By Davey Jones









**TEX AND CLEM** 

By Jim Cox









#### Breathe easy, leave the peel

Studies have found that eating apples can be good for your lungs.

- Apples are rich in antioxidants, especially in quercetin and flavonids; the skin contains more antioxidants than the flesh.
- Eating two apples a week can improve overall lung health and reduce the risk of asthma.

Source: Nutritional Journal

Healthy Living



**SOUR GRAPES** 



## On This Day In History

#### **MAY 21**

1602 - Martha's Vineyard was first sighted by Captain Bartholomew Gosnold.

1904 - Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) was founded.

1980 - The movie, "The Empire Strikes Back", was released.

1998 - Microsoft and Sega announced that they are collaborating on a home-video game system.

#### **MAY 22**

1849 - Abraham Lincoln received a patent for the floating dry dock.

1900 - The Associated Press was incorporated as a non-profit news cooperative in New York.

1955 - A scheduled dance to be headlined by Fats Domino was canceled by police in Bridgeport, Connecticut because "rock and roll dances might be featured."

1992 - Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time. He had been host for nearly 30 years. Jay Leno took over the job three days later.

#### **MAY 23**

1876 - Boston's Joe Borden pitched the very first no-hitter in the history of the National

League.

1962 - Joe Pepitone of the New York Yankees set a major league baseball record by hitting two home runs in one inning.

1985 - Thomas Patrick Cavanagh was sentenced to life in prison for trying to sell Stealth bomber secrets to the Soviet Union.

1995 - The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished.

#### **MAY 24**

1764 - Bostonian lawyer James Otis denounced "taxation without representation" and called for the colonies to unite in demonstrating their opposition to Britain's new tax measures.

1830 - The first passenger railroad service in the U.S. began service.

1935 - The Cincinnati Reds played the Philadelphia Phillies in the first major league baseball game at night. The switch for the floodlights was thrown by U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt.

#### **MAY 25**

585 BC - The first known prediction of a solar eclipse was made in Greece.

1844 - The gasoline engine was patented by Stuart Perry.

1927 - The "Movietone News" was shown for the first time at the Sam Harris Theatre in New York City.

By Tim Jones

1997 - Poland adopted a constitution that removed all traces of communism.

#### **MAY 26**

1647 - A new law banned Catholic priests from the colony of Massachusetts. The penalty was banishment or death for a second offense.

1959 - The word "Frisbee" became a registered trademark of Wham-O.

1975 - American stuntman Evel Knievel suffered severe spinal injuries in Britain when he crashed while attempting to jump 13 buses in his car.

#### **MAY 27**

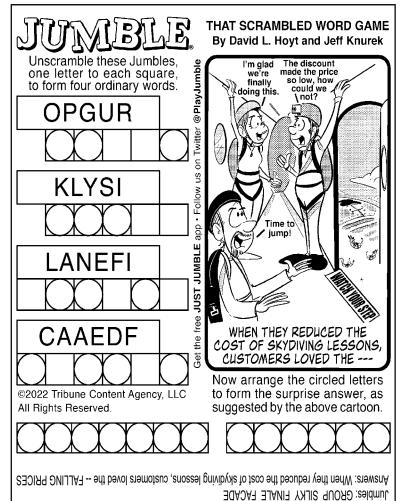
1668 - Three colonists were expelled from Massachusetts for being Baptists.

1937 - In California, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened to pedestrian traffic. The bridge connected San Francisco and Marin County.

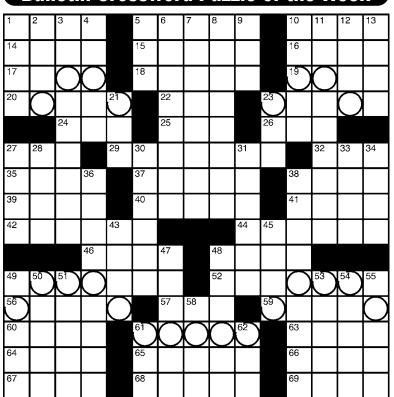
1977 - George H. Willig was fined for scaling the World Trade Center in New York on May 26. He was fined \$1.10.

2017 - Pandora - The World of Avatar opened at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.





## **Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week**



Solutions on the right side of this page

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Doughy
- 5 Ramsey of "The Last of Us"
- 10 Actor Epps
- 14 On a bye week
- 15 Squad suiting up for opening day, presumably
- 16 Bahama \_
- 17 Hoodwink
- 18 Shampoo target
- 19 Analogous

- 20 Fad toy with unruly hair
- 22 Actress Mendes
- 23 Impertinence
- 24 Old-Fashioned choice
- 25 Hill, in Hebrew
- 26 Hem and
- 27 Org. with flag bearers?
- 29 Third No. 1 hit for Bruno Mars
- 32 "The Gilded Age" airer
- 35 "Sorry, but ...
- 37 Olympic sprinter Szewinska

In memory of Greg Wilkinson

C. same sound

C. emphasis

Which is correct, "If I were you..." or "If I was you... Those of you who had English teachers who included grammar in their instruction recognize the subjunctive mood "were you" as being correct. If I were you, I'd be grateful for good English teachers.

#### 1. subjunctive

- A. actual
- C. hypothetical D. subordinate B. lesser
- 2. metaphor
- A. meaning
- C. comparison B. example D. form change

## 3. adjective

- A. agent
  - C. connector D. exclamation

## B. modifier

- 4. hyperbole

- A. exception C. allegory B. contraction D. exaggeration

#### 5. predicate

- A. verb part
- B. descriptor
- C. preceding D. dependent

## 6. homonym

- A. rhyme
- B. same root D. same meaning

#### 7. antonym

- A. opposite
- B. contrast D. reversed

#### 8. infinitive

C. w/o punct. A. run-on D. "to" + verb B. "est" form

#### 9. gerund

A. root C. verb + "ing"

#### B. participle D. base form

#### 10. onomatopoeia

- C. sound=word A. poem
- B. word goof D. vowel repeat
- answers: 301 36 p8 vL 39 vc pt q£ 37 31 - Greg Wilkinson

- 38 "I'm convinced!"
- 39 Gas station station
- 40 Family nickname
- 41 Lip balm additive
- 42 Dramatic segment of 44-Across
- 44 David Muir's field
- 46 Cassini of fashion
- 48 Dom Pérignon maker, informally
- 49 Lack of waste
- 52 Not just irks
- 56 Amplify, as on social media
- 57 Bolted
- 59 Court for King James, briefly
- 60 Diving position
- 61 Passover cracker
- 63 "Angeleyes" band
- 64 Saint Laurent
- 65 Express in words
- 66 Dollop 67 Message status
- 68 Many holiday events
- 69 Some evergreen shrubs

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Aerate, as flour
- 2 Impetus to clean the fridge
- 3 Torchiere, for one
- 4 Sesame Street worrywart
- 5 Humanities degs.
- 6 "You get the idea"
- 7 Unlike bread on Passover, and like four of the five sets of circled letters in this puzzle
- 8 Film mistakenly announced as Best Picture at the 2016 Oscars
- 9 Psych (up)
- 10 Nebraska city
- 11 Pay restitution
- 12 Paris pal
- 13 Relative standing
- 21 Journey segment
- 23 "Weekend Update" comic Michael
- 27 Part shaded by a backward cap
- 28 State of change
- 30 Rodeo cry
- 31 Burial city of the Wright brothers
- 33 Squander
- 34 Poems to things
- 36 One with a supporting role in the kitchen?
- 38 Eartha Kitt song with the lyric "Been an angel all year"
- 43 Fruit in the liqueur Bargnolino
- 45 Cast or oil, sometimes
- 47 Use a hula hoop
- 48 Tony winner Idina
- 49 Best Play and Best Game, for two
- 50 Leek kin
- 51 Like cognac barrels
- 53 Triangular part of a house
- 54 Recommended spot to catch a sneeze
- 55 Marble hunks
- \_girl!"
- 61 Kate Middleton, to Prince George
- 62 Suturing ctrs.
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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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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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## Three Texas cities among best summer travel destinations

With nearly 82% of Americans planning summer trips in 2025, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2025's Best Summer Travel Destinations.

etery in West Columbia. There

are upwards of 50 soldiers

buried there.

To help travelers plan the perfect summer getaway, WalletHub compared 100 metro areas across 41 key indicators of budget- and fun-friendliness. The data set ranges from the cost of the cheapest flight to the number of attractions to the average price of a two-person meal.

## Top 20 Summer Travel Destinations

- 1. Orlando, FL
- 2. Atlanta, GA
- 3. Washington, DC

- 4. Honolulu, HI
- 5. Austin. TX
- 6. Cincinnati, OH
- 7. Salt Lake City, UT
- 8. Philadelphia, PA
- 9. Miami, FL
- 10. Dallas, TX
- 11. Knoxville, TN
- 12. Tampa, FL
- 13. Richmond, VA
- 14. Chicago, IL
- 15. Oklahoma, OK
- 16. Tulsa, OK
- 17. New York, NY
- 18. San Antonio, TX
- 19. St. Louis, MO
- 20. Raleigh, NC

Florida and Texas are home to the most top summer destinations in the U.S., each with

## **Columbia Christian Senior Citizens Center Menu**

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Meals served at 11:30 a.m. Menu subject to change. Meals-on-wheels available - call before 9:30 a.m. Low salt/low sugar meals available - call before 8 a.m. Take-out orders also available, call by 10:30 a.m. for pick-up at 11 a.m. Transportation to the center available - call by 8:30 a.m.

**Thursday, May 22:** BBQ chicken, squash casserole, beets, cheese cauliflower, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert.

**Friday, May 23:** Salisbury steak, hominy, mixed greens, peaches, sliced bread, dessert.

**Monday, May 26:** Memorial Day, Closed. "Never Forget, Ever Honor."

**Tuesday, May 27:** Beef stroganoff, corn, cooked cabbage, peaches, sliced bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, May 28:** Southern-fried chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrot & raisin salad, biscuits, dessert.

at least two metro areas in the top 15. Oppositely, California has among the largest numbers of the most unpopular summer destinations, with at least two metro areas.

The Los Angeles metro area is the most attractive destination on the West Coast and the Washington, D.C. metro area is the most attractive destination on the East Coast.

## PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HARRIET WALKER HERNS, Deceased, were issued on May 9, 2025, in Docket Number PR41665, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Brazoria County, Texas, to Marcus Frederic Herns, Independent Executor.

The address of record for the Estate of HARRIET WALKER HERNS, Deceased is c/o Matthew B. Edquist, Attorney at Law, 120 West Myrtle Street, Angleton, Texas 77515.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated on this14th day of May, 2025.

Matthew B. Edquist, Attorney for the Estate of HARRIET WALKER HERNS



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## Jesus' return will establish world harmony

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I'm a Christian, but I don't share the same beliefs as many of my Christian friends who say Jesus is returning to Earth someday as a king. I doubt that, first because the world has moved away from royal thrones – even George Washington understood that kingship was outdated. Another reason is because the world did not accept Jesus the first time, so there's no chance for the world to change that dramatically and accept him the second time. History shows that no kingdom or dynasty lasts very long. – C.K.

**A:** When Jesus comes back, He is coming, not as a Nazarene carpenter, riding on a donkey. He is coming in divine majesty and power and glory. He is coming as the Prince of Peace, the King of kings, and bringing with Him thousands of His angel-warriors with Him; the mightiest army the universe has ever known. And though the Antichrist will declare war on Him, the victory will be His.

Emerging triumphant from the smoke of that last terrible, awful war will be the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus comes back, the world will know safety and security. George Washington's favorite verse of Scripture was Micah 4:4; he quoted it constantly: "Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken" (NIV).

During Christ's reign, political confusion will be turned to order and harmony, social injustices will be abolished, and moral corruption will be replaced by integrity. For the first time in history, the whole world will know what it's like to live in a society governed by God's principles. Man's dream for global harmony will be realized! Believe it! For the Almighty has spoken.

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## **2025 HS graduations in Brazoria County**

Alvin High School: Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.,

Freedom Field, Iowa Colony

**Angleton High School:** Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., Wildcat Stadium

**Brazosport High School:** Saturday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Hopper Field

**Brazoswood High School:** Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., Hopper Field

**Brazos Success Academy:** Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m., B'wood Auditorium

**Columbia-Brazoria High School:** Thursday, May 22, 8 p.m. Griggs Field

**Danbury High School:** Saturday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Humber Stadium

**Glenda Dawson High School:** Friday, May 23, Noon, NRG Stadium. Houston

**lowa Colony High School:** Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., Freedom Field

**Manvel High School:** Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., Freedom Field, Iowa Colony

**Pearland High School:** Friday, May 23, 9 a.m. NRG Stadium. Houston

**Rise Academy:** Wednesday, May 21, 9 a.m., Alvin HS Performing Arts Center

**Shadow Creek High School:** Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. Freedom Field, Iowa Colony

**Sweeny High School:** Friday, May 23, 8 p.m., Bulldog Stadium

**Turner College & Career High School:** Friday, May 23, 3 p.m. NRG Stadium

(Alvin ISD high schools graduations will be held at Freedom Field at the Alvin ISD Heritage Complex, located at 10855 lowa Colony Boulevard, lowa Colony.)

(Pearland ISD high schools graduations will be held at NRG Stadium, and parking will cost \$25 + tax per vehicle for one-time entrance. Only card / electronic payment is accepted at parking gates, and entrance will be through Gate Number 9 at Kirby Dr. and Westridge. ADA parking is available in the Blue Lots.)





"I've found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks. Fall forward. Every failed experiment is one step closer to success. You've got to take risks. You will fail at some point in your life. Accept it. You will lose. You will embarrass yourself. You will suck at something. There is no doubt about it. Never be discouraged. Never look back. Give everything you've got. And when you fall throughout life, fall forward."

-Denzel Washington, University of Pennsylvania, 2024



