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Hungary

Austria

János

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United States

Are you hungry?

Johann

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Tot in German means Dead

Is it Toth or Tooth?



What's in a name? A whole lot when you go from country to country as a child, and it means different things in each place. Read on page 15 about János' experiences.

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WEATHER HISTORY ON THIS DAY

April 24, 1990 - Thunderstorms produced softball-sized hail at Wheeler, TX., wind gusts to 85 mph southwest of Arnett, OK., and 13.45 inches of rain near Caldwell, TX.

April 25, 1875 - New York City received three inches of snow, the latest measurable snow of record for that location.

April 26, 2003 - Twenty inches of snow falls in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. Alpine Meadows ski resort just north of Lake Tahoe reports more than 100 inches and Kirkwood south of Tahoe reports 112 inches.

April 27, 2011 - An estimated 305 tornados between the 27th and 28th sets a record for the largest outbreak ever recorded, including two EF-5s, four EF-4s and 21 EF-3s. Arkansas through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, southern Tennessee, Virginia to Pennsylvania and New York were all affected. An estimated 300 died, including 210 in Alabama alone. This brought the April total past 600, the most in any month in recorded U.S. weather history.

April 28, 1987 - Twenty cities in the western and central U.S. reported record-high temperatures for the date. Highs of 95 degrees at Houston, TX., 95 degrees at Lake Charles, LA., and 94 degrees at Port Arthur TX., were April records.

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7-Day Local Forecast

April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
83 / 71	82 / 69	85 / 74	86 / 73	83 / 72	84 / 71	86 / 75

Local UV Index

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

State Cities

City	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
	Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx	
Amarillo	77/60	pc		78/59	mc		80/64	s	
Beaumont	84/70	mc		81/66	cl		85/72	cl	
Dallas	82/69	mc		80/66	cl		81/69	sh	
Houston	84/71	mc		83/69	cl		88/76	cl	

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

Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?

Answer: It is the fear of thunder.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Wed	12:29-2:29	12:51-2:51	Sun	3:54-5:54	4:24-6:24
Thu	1:15-3:15	1:39-3:39	Mon	4:53-6:53	5:22-7:22
Fri	2:04-4:04	2:31-4:31	Tue	5:51-7:51	6:19-8:19
Sat	2:58-4:58	3:26-5:26			

Weather History

April 24, 1899 - Two women and one boy lived to tell the story of being picked up by a tornado and carried more than one-fourth of a mile before being gently set down again. The boy and one of the ladies said they had the pleasure of flying alongside a horse.

Sun & Moon

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
5/1	Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	8:51 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	5/15
	Thursday	6:44 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	9:51 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	
	Friday	6:44 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	10:53 p.m.	8:13 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:43 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	11:54 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	
New	Sunday	6:42 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	Prev Day	9:55 a.m.	Full
5/7	Monday	6:41 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	12:51 a.m.	10:56 a.m.	5/23
	Tuesday	6:40 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	1:43 a.m.	12:02 p.m.	

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
4/24	5:48 a	9:58 p	None	None
4/25	6:33 a	10:33 p	None	None
4/26	7:24 a	11:13 p	None	None
4/27	8:31 a	11:58 p	None	None
4/28	9:44 a	None	None	None
4/29	10:43 a	12:48 a	None	None
4/30	11:34 a	1:46 a	None	None

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
4/11	81	56	77/58	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/12	79	50	78/58	0.00"	4/11	19	4/15	24
4/13	78	53	78/59	0.00"	4/12	15	4/16	27
4/14	80	64	78/59	0.00"	4/13	16	4/17	27
4/15	78	70	78/59	0.00"	4/14	22		
4/16	79	74	78/59	0.00"				
4/17	81	73	78/60	0.00"				

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.

We're in a better mood, now that it has warmed up

Q. Why is spring/summer such a grand time for romance - April love, June brides, moonlight and roses?

A. The seasonal increase in love and marriage, in some cultures, probably arises from the better weather, blossoming, animals breeding, sense of renewal, says University at Buffalo behavioral neuroscientist Mark B. Kristal. After the winter, the sunshine is invigorating, as is the lighter clothing, more vitamin D, exercise, etc., making people feel healthier and, therefore, sexier.

With warmer months and better moods comes enhanced socializing, bringing on even better moods. Now we want to engage with the world and enjoy its rewards, says Swinburne University of Technology, Australia, clinical psychologist Greg Murray. This High Positive Affect has been characterized as the "two beer effect" - after you consume two beers, the barmaid/tender starts to look like a potential life partner.

Social psychologists say that

all it takes is a sunny day to bring out more smiles, greater willingness to play the Good Samaritan, bigger tips for servers and a score of other nicenesses. So why not a greater readiness to give one's heart away during the seasons of lengthening days and lavish light? Let there be love!

Is that a fire, or is something just bugging me?

Q. Upon arrival at a reported church fire, what did the startled fire department discover instead of flames and smoke?

A. The dark plume visible over the steeple was in fact a thick swarm of insects, maybe mosquitos or midges, that had gathered above the nearby trees, says Jearl Walker in "The Flying Circus of Physics." Many insects gather in flying "leks," or large aggregates of males awaiting a passing mate, says Montana State University entomologist Robert Peterson. They often gather above high points in the terrain, such as trees, hills, houses, even people in flat areas, and can number in the thousands. The vertical, well-defined bug plumes may be mistaken for smoke and even suggest a small tree fire, adds

Walker.

Why we're the same, but different

Q. What are a few weird things to be discovered about the human body during a first (or 100th, for that matter) human cadaver dissection in "gross anatomy" class?

A. The "gross" here refers to size - "visible without the aid of a microscope," says A. T. Still University of Health Sciences anatomist James Rhodes, Ph.D.

The grossest thing encountered in a lab is probably the smell of phenol and formaldehyde used for embalming, which makes dissection easier and can give students several months before decomposition sets in. Queasiness is common, particularly when dissecting the hands and face, though it helps to keep one's mind on the noble act of the body donor in service of education.

Most striking revelation is probably the variability from body to body, such as wide difference in vascular supply to parts like the heart, something surgeons must be acutely aware of in the living, says Marquette University's Robert Iorio. Nerve supplies also vary, a challenge to neurologists trying to assess nerve damage. Occasionally "extra" muscles are found at autopsy, especially in the thorax, or "extra" bones, possibly in the skull; or one of the two kidneys may never have developed.

Countless intestinal arrangements are also possible, and as Guy Murchie pointed out in "The Seven Mysteries of Life," ordinary adult stomachs can look round, oblong, bean-shaped, etc. - some holding 15 times as much food as others! So, for us humans, dead or alive, variability is normalcy.

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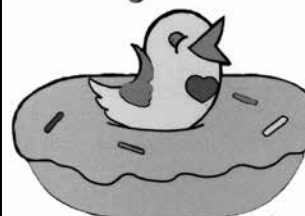
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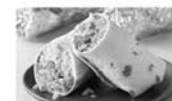
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MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



I FELT I DESERVED A REWARD: A man celebrated four months of sobriety by getting drunk on vodka and Moscato wine and stealing a motorcycle from a dealership in Mesa, Ariz.

BUT NOT THAT KIND OF INVOLVEMENT, LADIES: Two women got into a fistfight during their daughters' dance recital at a middle school in Ann Arbor, Mich. Police said the disagreement stemmed from the fact that their children didn't get along. The recital

was a celebration of National Parent Involvement Day.

AN EXCELLENT EXPLANATION, SIR: Police searched a man they pulled over in Wyandotte, Mich., and found heroin and fentanyl in his pants pocket. He said, "These are not my pants. I borrowed them from my cousin."

SO, TECHNICALLY, I SHOULD ARREST YOU, OFFICER: Despite the fact that he was heavily intoxicated and had a bag of cocaine in his T-shirt pocket, a man flashed his

headlights to flag down a Marion County Sheriff's squad car on a highway in Summerfield, Fla., to ask for directions to an auto parts store. He initially refused to take a field sobriety test, stating: "You didn't pull me over. I pulled you over."

AT LEAST SHE CAN'T FIRE HERSELF: A Manhattan socialite, who is in the process of divorcing her fabulously wealthy husband, went through 10 lawyers in a battle that has lasted more than two years. The marriage lasted only 14 months. "Today I'm representing myself," she told the court.

TOTALLY UNDERSTANDABLE, SIR, BUT YOU HAVE TO COME WITH US: A man, who got drunk and fired his gun in the air eight times at 6 o'clock in the morning on the streets of downtown Nashville, Tenn., told arresting officers that he just divorced his wife and was celebrating his new-found freedom.

IT'S JUST SO EMBARRASSING, OFFICER: A 29-year-old man, who is wanted for several driving offenses, criminal damage and threatening behavior in Avon and Somerset, England, asked the police to amend their description of him and not mention his receding hairline.

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Freeport was created in 1912 by the Freeport Sulphur Group as a European-American settlement. The town was home to the world's largest sulfur mines and the Houston and Brazosport Valley Railway.

The population was 300. However, by 1929, that population had grown to 3,500, and to 4,100 by 1939, influencing a steady increase of economic expansion in Freeport.

In 1957, the towns of Velasco and Freeport merged to become the City of Freeport.

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Hospital visit made interesting with trying to find my car

By Edward A. Forbes

The Bulletin

I undertook a visit to my brother, Donnis, at St. Lukes Hospital in the Houston medical center, a journey that many of my friends and people of a certain age are familiar with, but as is usual, my journey was not normal.

I loaded up my trusty Ford Flex for the pilgrimage to the medical center and decided to use the 288-toll road on my journey. It was a lovely Saturday morning, and the traffic was still heavy as was the construction.

I traveled at a slightly sub-par Nascar speed, bouncing over joints and bumper strips that meandered through the lanes in the construction areas in a semblance of road racing tracks. No figure eights though, just a drunken stagger throughout the journey. I elected to allow GPS to guide me to the 6624 Fannin parking garage.

I arrived at my destination and found I needed to circle the block to be on the proper side to enter the parking areas. In my panic, after passing public parking and before arriving at the valet parking, I entered a narrow entrance with construction sawhorses and a warning "7-foot clearance."

I put my credit card in the machine, the arm lifted, but no ticket emerged. I proceeded up the ramp, and the first level was "reserved for Door-Dash and food deliveries only;" the second level was "reserved parking for Westin Hotel Valet only," and the third level was "free valet parking."

An elderly attendant sat at a podium; I lowered my window. "Do I need to leave my keys with you?" I asked. "No" he replied. "Just park in that spot." "It's a handicapped spot, and I'm not handicapped" I replied. "It will be just fine and keep your keys" he assured me.

I did as he said and left, not feeling particularly reassured, to find the elevators. I took the elevator to the sky walk and then began a hike to find the elevators to St. Luke's hospital's 14th floor. They used to have colored

stripes on the floor (or maybe the walls) to direct you, but now it's overhead signs, and purple was the color that directed me around various turns to the yellow elevators.

I nervously asked a nurse, "will this get me to the patient's rooms?" She assured me that all was well. I arrived at my floor, exited, and at the nurse's station was given directions (a range of room numbers with arrows were displayed on walls as well). I finally arrived at my brother's room.

We visited for a couple of hours and various doctors (cardiologist, cardiac physiologist, urologists), nurses, and finally a technician drifted through. This technician performed an echocardiogram on him. I stayed until the exam was completed and then left around 3 p.m. to hopefully get a jump on the after-work traffic.

I reversed my trek to the sky walk and an elevator to the parking garage. I got off the elevator, and nothing looked the same. I didn't remember all the red paint (signs, arrows, and directions).

I decided, "Oh well, that's just me" and started walking around the 3rd level looking for my car and then the 4th level, the 5th level, and back to 3rd level, 2nd level, and back to 3rd level.

No car, no landmark I recognized. There were some areas blocked off for construction, but they didn't lead to anything helpful. I went back to the elevators and down to the cash pay level. I asked the gentleman how to find my car, and he referred me to another gentleman with an information sign on his desk. He unfortunately didn't understand me and essentially sent me back to the parking level I had begun my now-slightly irritating search.

I decided to go to the street level and walk down Fannin to see if I recognized the entrance I used. I found it! One entrance before the valet parking that I was supposed to use. There was no pedestrian entrance, so I walked up the ramps keeping a wary eye open, watching for cars, which would suddenly

appear. I walked up to the 3rd level, and hallelujah, there was my car. It was still in the handicapped reserved parking space, no nasty notes, and no attendant or podium in evidence. I loaded myself in the car and started to exit the parking spot. There was a car behind me, just sitting there, with a person of the female persuasion, doing what - I have no idea. I backed up as far as I could, pulled forward, cut the wheels and backed up again.

She finally pulled up about three feet, and I negotiated a path around her and her vehicle, wishing her a good day and a happy life in the process. I made it down to the exit, and the machine there had directions - "scan your parking ticket."

I didn't have one and didn't get one when I came in. "For

lost tickets, insert the credit card you used to enter lot." I did, and the arm lifted, but no receipt emerged from the machine. All this fun stuff led to my entry into the Houston 4:30 p.m. traffic, and there was a lot of it.

I arrived back in Angleton a little over an hour later, still early enough to purchase a Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Lenten fish dinner. I then went home and collapsed into my recliner; dinner could wait until I lowered my heart and exasperation levels.

The positive side of all this is - on my subsequent visits - I didn't make the same errors, and apart from using the 288-toll road (which is extremely expensive), the return visits went smoothly.

I don't get horribly upset when I make errors like this. That was a thing of my youth; now it's just "things could have been worse."

My brother went home after a week in the hospital and is doing

as well as can be expected. He's tough and a trooper.

As proof that these things are self-inflicted, I must tell you about my new 65-inch 4K capable TV. I purchased it on sale at a competitive price, and my son hooked it up for me. That evening, as I was watching a program, I noticed that in the protagonist's apartment there was a painting exactly like the one in my living room. This can't be! My brother painted that for me as a birthday present! I then realized that my living room wall (and painting) were reflected on the screen. None of these types of things embarrass me anymore. This is either a sign of maturity or senility, and I'm not sure of which.

(Edward Forbes wants to hear from you. Email him at eforbes1946@gmail.com or send comments by snail mail to The Bulletin, P.O. Box 2426, Angleton TX. 77516.)

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The entry fee is \$45 per category entry (categories being brisket, ribs, chicken, and beef fajitas). There is an additional category of beans you can enter

for \$35.

Teams may register, set up and start cooking Friday, April 26, beginning at 9 a.m.

The public is also invited to join in the fun and good food for a good cause.

Contest judging begins on Saturday, April 27, starting with beef fajitas at 11 a.m., followed by beans at 12 p.m., ribs at

1 p.m., chicken at 2 p.m. and brisket at 3 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, with BBQ brisket, potato salad and beans for \$15 each, until sold

out; to-go plates will be offered.

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Thursday, April 25: Sausage & onions, corn casserole, beets, cooked cabbage, pea salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Friday, April 26: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, red beans, carrots, pears, corn-bread, dessert.

Monday, April 29: Salisbury steak, peas, spiced apples, slaw, sliced bread, dessert.

Tuesday, April 30: Chicken-fried steak, gravy, baked beans, turnip greens, pears, biscuits, dessert.

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Brazoria County residents with a library card can access reliable automotive help online 24/7 through ChiltonLibrary, a resource available on the library website.

Trusted by automotive enthusiasts for more than 100

years, ChiltonLibrary supports “do-it-yourselfers” of all skill levels. No other resource contains more years, makes, and models.

“During National Car Care Month this April, we’re highlighting ChiltonLibrary, an online resource that helps patrons save money on car repairs by offering expert, step-by-step guidance on how to conduct repairs themselves, or by having greater knowledge about their vehicle when taking it to a professional for service,” said Tom West, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Brazoria County Library System. “Cardholders can tap into this resource through their home computers, phones, iPads, or tablets around the clock, in addition to being able to access the information from our 12 branch libraries.”

ChiltonLibrary from Gale, part of Cengage Group, provides access to repair, maintenance, and service information for popular cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs.

This continually updated resource provides step-by-step repair procedures as well as troubleshooting guides

and diagnostic trouble codes, photos, illustrations, diagrams, short videos, and animations to simplify even the most complicated tasks.

ChiltonLibrary’s interface and intuitive navigation make finding mechanical repair information easy. In addition, library users can:

- Access body and “collision” information with comprehensive specifications and instructions
- Look up recalls and service bulletins
- Research a vehicle identification number (VIN) in real time through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for original equipment and unrepaired safety recalls when buying a

car or for one’s own vehicle

- Find estimated labor times to help users confidently estimate repair costs
- Translate text into many languages
- Deploy accessibility features such as text display options and having text read out loud.

ChiltonLibrary supplies a comprehensive solution for the “do-it-yourselfer” that is easy to use with highly sought-after factory service manual data – it is the perfect solution for all vehicle needs.

Brazoria County residents can access ChiltonLibrary from library computers or remotely by visiting the library’s website: mybcls.org.

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Randy Willis, a graduate of Angleton High School, is an American novelist, biographer, rancher, and music publisher.

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Alliance luncheon speaker touts Texas economy

By Sharon Toth
The Bulletin Newspaper

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says the state is only as successful as its businesses.

If so, the crowd got good news recently at the spring quarterly meeting of The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County.

Adriana Cruz, executive director of Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office, said a swarm of small- and medium-sized companies have been relocating to the Lone Star State, as well as Fortune 500 corporations.

Three years ago, Texas surpassed New York and California for number of Fortune 500 companies, and that should hold. Texas currently serves as home to 55 corporate headquarters.

That growth also drew new residents, more for the last 18 years than any other state - 4.8 million since 2010.

The combination of varying sizes of businesses makes the state stronger, Cruz asserted.

"Economic development in Texas is (like) team sports ... because we are so diverse."

It's also No. 1 in jobs created by minority owned businesses, and the state has been the top U.S. exporter 23 years in a row. The labor force in Texas numbers 15.2 million, the second largest in the nation and growing. Texas was No. 1 in the nation for jobs added in 2023 - more than 326,000.

The industries being targeted to come to Texas include: Information Technology; Advanced Manufacturing; Petroleum Refining & Chemical Products; Biotechnology & Life Sciences; Corporate Services; Aerospace, Aviation & Defense; Energy; and Creative.

Texas has the eighth largest economy in the world, based on Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"I like to say it's not bragging if it's true," Cruz added.

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- 11a-6p • Trade Days (WC Civic Center)
- 11a-6p • KidZone (FREE)
- 11a • Belle of the Brazos Coronation (American Legion Pavilion)
- 11a-1:30p • Rotary Shrimp Boil, Fish Fry and Auction
- 2-5p • Local Entertainment
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Nathan Murphy with kayakers before they set out on one of our monthly kayak trips.

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Nathan Murphy attended Nature Day, hosted by Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson on April 6.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. – noon: Discover Archery. Native Americans had to become very skilled at archery to be able to survive. They learned at an early age to rely on their bows and arrows for food and protection. The staff at Camp Mohawk County Park will show you how modern day bows and arrows are used to have a great time. Topics covered will be safety, equipment, shooting skills and shooting practice. After the class, try out your skill on our archery range. Bows and arrows will be provided. For more information or to register, contact the park interpreter at nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov or (979) 864-1152.

Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Spring Paddling Event. Come join the Brazoria Paddlers Club as it holds a paddling event on one of the waterways in Brazoria County. Bring your own boat or borrow one of ours. Great for families and first-time paddlers. Location: Chocolate Bayou Public Boat Ramp. For information or reservations, call (979) 864-1152 or email nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. – noon: Discover Archery. See May 11 for details. For more information or to register, contact the park interpreter at nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov or (979) 864-1152.

Monday - Thursday, June 17, 9 a.m. - noon: Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park. Outdoor nature-related programming with the Brazoria County Master Naturalists. Ages 7-12. \$30 per camper; limited space available. Pre-registration required. For information or reservations, call (979) 864-1152 or email nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov

Saturday, June 29, 2024, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Summer Paddling Event. See May 25 for details. For information or reservations, call (979) 864-1152 or email nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov

Saturday, July 13, 2024 10 a.m. – noon: Discover Archery. See May 11 for details. For more information or to register, contact the park interpreter at nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov or call (979) 864-1152.

Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There might be a number of things that need to come into alignment for you, which can make waiting for the ultimate unfolding difficult. Your time is likely coming, and the right person could be available and nearby.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Anticipation is a great life skill. Ask yourself what you'll likely want and need in 5 year and in 10 years. Start thinking about working toward long-term goals, not just getting current tasks handled or bills paid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If life is dealing you some surprises, wait to see if they lead toward something better before you panic. Nothing is ever taken that we need for our highest good. Sometimes the universe answers prayers with something better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A group agreement can take the pressure off for both of you. Allow the situation to grow organically; don't try to force things. Enjoy time with special people or furry friends while you wait for the moment for more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Earth School is a place for growth and learning. Your task is to discover who you are, to discover and refine your talent, and to evolve into the highest-level version of yourself. You only stop when you stop growing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If the pressures of life get in the way of a relationship, find the time to remind the person what they mean to you. Share your own situation, and maybe you can help each other trouble-shoot what each of you are facing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What makes a person confident and productive isn't about perfection, but more how well they're able to handle it when things go wrong. Accept that detailed plans can go sideways, and if they do, there's always tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Staying connected with friends is important. It's easy to let things drift and put off checking in until an indefinite tomorrow. Remember what you've shared over the years and find something to do together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have been neglecting some parts of your life. Reach out to friends so they know you haven't abandoned them. Even if things are going well, you need to stay in a loving exchange with your support network.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Step up to the challenge if you need to take over the leadership of something to be sure of the right outcome. Be sure to stay in your lane unless specifically asked for your input; sometimes they just need to find out on their own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You and a partner or colleague may have different ideas about the relationship. Are there different expectations, or are you working on separate timelines? Have the conversation to understand what your future could hold.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A good way to stay stuck would be to think some mysterious rescuer could suddenly appear to fix your life. It's always up to us to rescue ourselves, and that starts with understanding the problem and creating step-by-step plans.

More solar eclipse fun facts

- An estimated 31.6 million people live in the path of totality for 2024's solar eclipse, compared to 12 million during the last solar eclipse that crossed the U.S. in 2017, per NASA.
- While there can be between two and five solar eclipses every year, total eclipses only happen about once every 18 months or so.
- A particular spot on Earth witnesses a total solar eclipse only once in 400 years.
- Did you see it? It was quite an event.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE GILBERT MILLS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLARENCE GILBERT MILLS, Deceased, were issued on April 18, 2024, in Cause No. PR44092, pending in County Court at Law #1 of Brazoria County, Texas, to CATHY EISEMAN. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

CATHY EISEMAN, Independent Executrix Estate of CLARENCE GILBERT MILLS, Deceased C/O Patton D. Ritter, Attorney
BTR Law
221 N. Velasco
Angleton, TX 77515

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

Dated this 18th day of April, 2024.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE JOSEY

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of MICHELLE JOSEY, Deceased, were issued on April 11, 2024, in Cause No. PR44349, County Court at Law #2, Brazoria County to:

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On This Day In History

April 24

1961 - Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers struck out 18 batters, becoming the first major-league pitcher to do so on two different occasions.

1967 - The newest Greek regime banned miniskirts.

1989 - Thousands of students began striking in Beijing.

April 25

1925 - General Paul von Hindenburg took office as president of Germany.

1954 - The prototype manufacture of the first solar battery was announced by the Bell Laboratories in New York City.

1990 - Sandinista rule ended in Nicaragua.

April 26

1929 - First non-stop flight from England to India was

completed.

1941 - An organ was played at a baseball stadium for the first time in Chicago, IL.

1964 - The Boston Celtics won their sixth consecutive NBA title. They won two more before the streak came to an end.

1983 - Dow Jones Industrial Average broke 1,200 for first time.

April 27

1938 - A colored baseball was used for the first time in any baseball game. The ball was yellow and was used between Columbia and Fordham Universities in New York City.

1953 - The U.S. offered \$50,000 and political asylum to any Communist pilot that delivered a MIG jet.

1978 - Pro-Soviet Marxists

seized control of Afghanistan.

1983 - Nolan Ryan (Houston Astros) broke a 55-year-old major league baseball record when he struck out his 3,509th batter of his career.

April 28

1957 - Mike Wallace was seen on TV for the first time. He was the host of "Mike Wallace Interviews."

1967 - Muhammad Ali refused induction into the U.S. Army and was stripped of his boxing title. He cited religious grounds for his refusal.

2008 - India set a world record when it sent 10 satellites into orbit from a single launch.

April 29

1961 - ABC's "Wide World of Sports" premiered.

1988 - The Baltimore Orioles set a new major league baseball record by losing their first 21 games of the season.

1990 - The destruction of the Berlin Wall began.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the West Columbia Chamber of Commerce, located at 512 E. Brazos, West Columbia, Texas, is applying for the petition to gather the signatures for a local option election for the "legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only", TABC Section 501.035 (5), in the City of West Columbia, Texas, located in Brazoria County, Texas.

This petition filed by:
LaBonne Casey,
President / CEO
West Columbia Chamber of Commerce

CAUSE NO. 127012-CV; GATEWAY MORTGAGE GROUP VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GARY SIMONTON, DECEASED

This legal proceeding involves a civil lawsuit for reformation of property records, declaratory judgment, and contractual/equitable subrogation against the unknown Heirs of Gary Simonton, Deceased, claiming any estate, right, title, lien, or interest in the real property commonly known 6930 Oak Bend Dr., Alvin, Brazoria County, Texas 77511.

April 30

1952 - Mr. Potato Head became the first toy to be advertised on network television.

1973 - U.S. President Nixon announced resignation of Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and

other top aides.

1975 - Communist North Vietnamese troops entered the Independence Palace of South Vietnam in Saigon. Eleven Marines lifted off of the U.S. Embassy were the last soldiers to evacuate.

Mixing religions goes against the Bible

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The designation "people of faith" has become widely accepted in describing various belief systems, many denominations, and even different religions. It seems there is great compromise when religious people come together around faith, regardless of the object of faith. While many may believe this is a more relevant type of religion, is the idea of faith-based religion Biblical? – P.F.

A: Idolatrous beliefs have eroded the foundations of truth. Whether ancient or modern, all have posed alternatives to the Biblical way of approaching God. Many people have just enough natural religion to make them immune to the real thing.

Some Christian leaders are willing to give up some of the teachings of the Bible in order to harmonize Christianity with other religions. There are millions of professing Christians who have never possessed Christ.

Hundreds of philosophies and scores of religions have been invented to circumvent the Word of God, but following Jesus Christ and obeying His Word is what distinguishes Christianity from all religions of the world. Not only does Christianity carry the truth of redemption, by the death of our Savior for our sins on the cross, but it carries that fact that Christ rose again. True Christianity is God coming to man in a personal relationship. Those who followed Jesus didn't conform their faith to match the world. They had the truth, and they refused to water it down. They had a faith that would not compromise.

If faith isn't rooted in the Bible, it will wither like a plant pulled out of the soil. Only a strong faith — a faith based on God's Word — will bring salvation found only in Christ.

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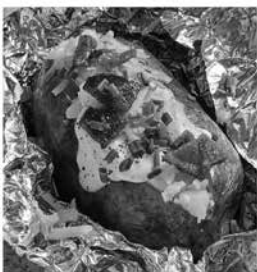
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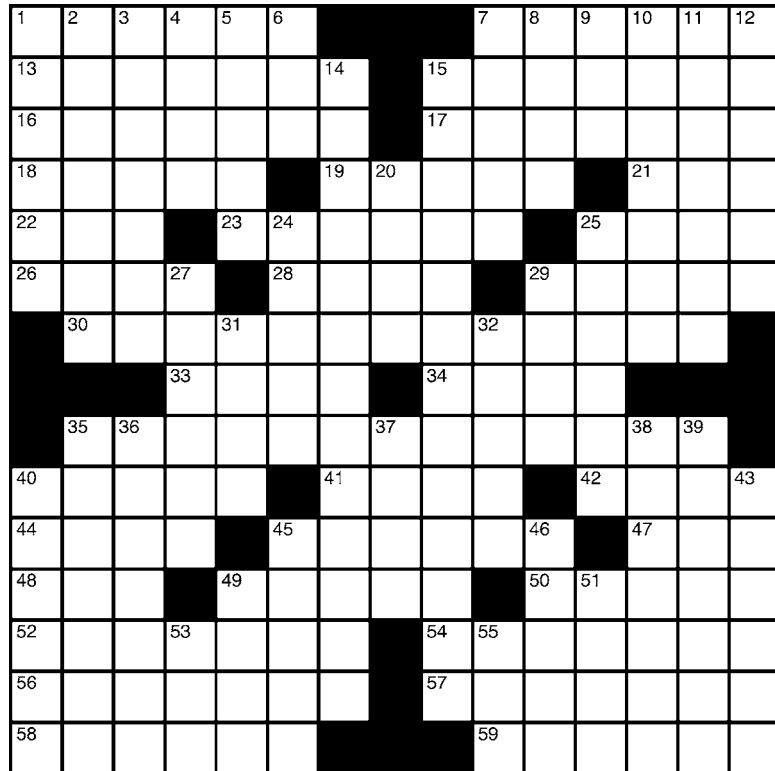
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- 1 Acknowledged mistakes
7 Leads
13 Secure, in a way
15 One cog in the Big Red Machine
16 Bach work
17 Birthplace of Kamala Harris
18 Ron Rifkin spy series
19 Shortsighted one
21 Number of Olympic medals

- won by Katie Ledecy
22 Map marker
23 Many chords
25 Saltimbocca flavor
26 Spanish 101 word
28 Troubles
29 Chase with a slide rule
30 Age of enlightenment?
33 Brody of "The O.C."
34 Like one due for an inheritance?



Solutions on the right side of this page

- 35 Oscar nominee who voiced Michelle Obama on "The Simpsons"
40 It may be pulled by an athlete
41 Polo who played Rebecca on "Sports Night"
42 Emulate Kelly Slater
44 ___ buco
45 Beer mugs
47 Drag queen Bianca Del ___
48 Present mo.
49 All thumbs
50 Freezes, say
52 Unavailable, in a way
54 Like Romeo and Juliet
56 "All You Need" intimates brand
57 Carriage return creation
58 Nats division
59 Theologian for whom a Connecticut university is named

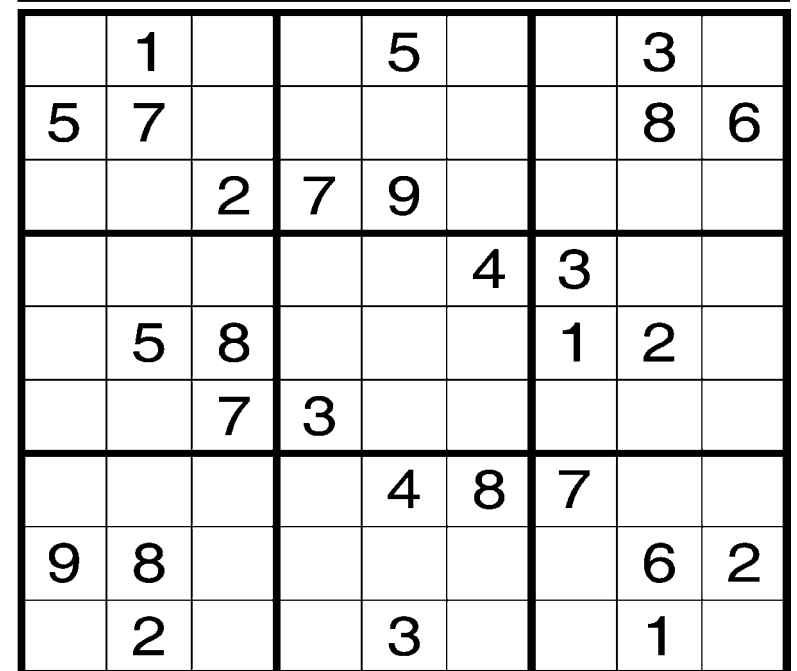
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- 1 "___ at Dannemora": Arquette miniseries
2 Pragmatic sort
3 Met
4 Resort near Deer Valley
5 Done for
6 Back on board
7 Casino game
8 Sharp increase
9 Samuel Gompers' org.
10 "... maybe not even that"
11 Went back (on)
12 World's largest natural harbor
14 Jaleel White's show
15 Roadside assistant?
20 Lupita Nyong'o's alma mater
24 Saudi capital
25 Stirs up
27 Not quite lento
29 Presses into service
31 Arabian port
32 Frankincense or myrrh
35 Football club founded in 1886
36 Love all?
37 Honk
38 Unrest
39 Chicago daily
40 Happen
43 "Woman in the Mists" subject
45 Comics dog in a Viking helmet
46 Olympia from Maine
49 Time to beware
51 Bing returns
53 Messenger ___
55 Catlike Pokemon

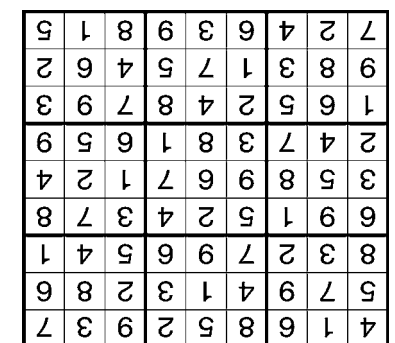
SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

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.



Solutions



In memory of Greg Wilkinson

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1. quorum

- A. dispute C. minimum #
B. meeting D. settlement

2. quotidian

- A. prudish C. quote source
B. scholarly D. commonplace

3. qualm

- A. respite C. extra tax
B. nausea D. serenity

4. quasi

- A. somewhat C. soggy
B. nervous D. mixed

5. quadratic equation

- A. $1/4x^4 = 0$ C. $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
B. $4a^4 \times 4$ D. $xyz + xy + x$

6. quidnunc

- A. goofball C. Latin coin
B. busybody D. card game

7. quaff

- A. guzzle C. back down
B. befuddle D. hesitate

8. quadrennial

- A. recurring C. quarterly
B. 4-angled D. every 4 years

9. qui vive

- A. alert C. what follows
B. pop quiz D. carefulness

10. qwerty

- A. unnerving C. keyboard layout
B. quite odd D. computer lang.

answers: 10c 1c 2d 3b 4b 5c 6b 7a 8d 9a 10c

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What country is this; what's my new name?

By John Toth

The Bulletin

One of the pitfalls of country hopping as a refugee in the 1960s was that my name changed each time we landed in a new country where they spoke a different language.

This wasn't such a big deal compared to problems like how were we going to survive in a new country or where would we finally wind up, but it was a problem that I had to deal with on an elementary school level.

My mother didn't have any problems. Her first name was Gizella, and that sounds good in any language. My first name was the problem.

After escaping from communist Hungary in 1966, my mother and I wound up in the closest country to us, Austria. That wasn't such a bad place to be. We pulled into the train station in Vienna and started our new lives.

That involved me going to a school where I had no idea what the kids were saying. The official language of Austria is German. I didn't know a word of German.

Before I could settle into my new, uncomfortable classroom surroundings, we had to visit the school principal and decide on what I should be called.

My Hungarian first name was János, which sounded awkward in German, so my mother and I decided that we should change it to the German equivalent. But there were two of them - Hanz and Johann. I liked Hanz better. It sounded more friendly. So, I became Hanz.

My last name remained Toth, which presented a problem. Tot in German means dead - not a good coincidence in an elementary school classroom. In Hungary, Toth is one of the most common surnames around. In Austria, elementary school children didn't know that. They had a feast.

That's where I started learning how to control my temper and just ignore all that chatter about being already dead. My mother and I decided that there wasn't a lot we could do about it. We



John Toth studying for a spelling test in 1967.

couldn't change our last names each time we changed countries.

So, I got stuck with the dead-guy title until I learned enough of the language to change my classmates' behavior. Only once did I change it with a fight. I wound up using the help of a folding metal chair to win it - not pretty, but effective.

That stopped the teasing, probably because the other kids thought that this guy was not only dead, but he was also crazy.

I actually had a good time in Austria and ended up making a lot of friends who didn't care that I was "dead". Just when I got all settled in, my mother announced that we would immigrate to the United States, which granted us political asylum.

The first thing I asked was, where is the U.S.? The second thing was, do they speak German there?

My mother only knew that it was far away. Then she told me that they speak English.

Great, just great; here we go again, I thought. But at least I'd get rid of the dead jokes.

After we arrived in the U.S., it didn't take long for me to realize that we jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

It was time for another name change for me. János and Hanz were not good choices, so the nice people at the agency that sponsored us, the International Rescue Committee, decided that the best first name for me would be John.

It made sense, since János and Hanz translate to John in English. Problem solved.

My mother again kept her first name, Gizella.

Then I started school here, again not knowing a word of English, or understanding what kids around me were saying. I got used to it by then, and I became good at it.

It didn't take long for the kids around me to realize that my last name, Toth, could easily be converted to tooth. That was hilarious to a bunch of kids, but I didn't find it all that funny. I did not resort to chair-throwing this time. I learned my lesson well in Vienna.

Hungary also is very close to sounding like "hungry". I had to deal with that now. No, I didn't come here because I was hungry. I stopped by Greece and had some Turkey. I could have done a whole stand-up act around this subject alone. At least Toth doesn't translate to "dead" in English. That's a big plus.

Kids will be kids, and soon enough, I was able to chit-chat in English and made some good friends again, as my mother and I embarked on our journey to become Americanized. It has been a great journey,

Thank you to a very nice volunteer at St. Luke's Health Brazosport Hospital with whom I recently engaged in a brief conversation, and the topic of names and country hopping came up. "You should do a column on this," he said.

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