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WEATHER HISTORY ON THIS DAY

April 17, 1988 - Heavy snow blanketed northern Arizona. Snowfall totals ranged up to 16 inches at Pinetop, with 10 inches reported at Flagstaff.

April 18, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. A thunderstorm in Pecos County of southwest Texas produced wind gusts to 90 mph at Imperial.

April 19, 1775 - The first engagement of the Revolutionary War took place under clear, crisp weather at Lexington-Concord.

April 20, 1920 - Tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama killed 219 people.

April 21, 1990 - Easterly winds and temperatures near zero produced wind-chill readings as cold as 50 degrees below zero for the spring festival (Piuraagiaqta) outdoor events at Barrow, AK.

April 22, 1980 - A record April heat wave sent the mercury up to the 100 degree mark in Iowa.

April 23, 1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in West Texas and western Oklahoma. Thunderstorms produced tennis-ball sized hail at Lake McKenzie, TX. and at Garden City, TX., and produced wind gusts to 90 mph at Gage, OK. Thunderstorms drenched southeast Minnesota with heavy rain, with 6.6 inches northwest of Browndale.

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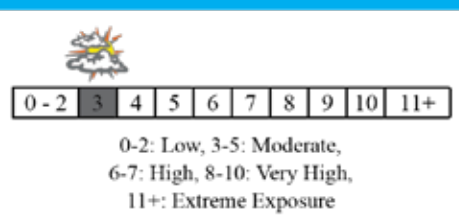
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7-Day Local Forecast

April 17 Wednesday	April 18 Thursday	April 19 Friday	April 20 Saturday	April 21 Sunday	April 22 Monday	April 23 Tuesday	
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	
83 / 72	81 / 69	77 / 67	74 / 62	75 / 64	74 / 62	75 / 64	

Local UV Index



State Cities

City	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
	Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx	
Amarillo	82/39	s		80/36	s		78/37	pc	
Beaumont	85/72	mc		84/70	cl		82/71	cl	
Dallas	87/73	mc		86/71	cl		85/72	cl	
Houston	86/73	mc		85/72	cl		83/71	cl	

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

Weather Trivia

How strong were the peak winds in Hurricane Andrew? **?**

Answer: The highest recorded peak gust was 169 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Wed	8:04-10:04	8:26-10:26	Sun	10:46-12:46	--
Thu	8:47-10:47	9:08-11:08	Mon	11:06-1:06	11:26-1:26
Fri	9:28-11:28	9:48-11:48	Tue	11:46-1:46	12:07-2:07
Sat	10:07-12:07	10:27-12:27			

Weather History

April 17, 1953 - A severe hailstorm accompanied by snow, sleet, glaze and rain pelted parts of Tulsa, Washington and Rogers Counties in northeastern Oklahoma late in the day. Nearly 10,000 insurance claims were filed.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 4/23	6:52 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	2:31 p.m.	3:42 a.m.	New 5/7
Wednesday	6:51 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	4:14 a.m.	
Thursday	6:50 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	4:43 a.m.	
Friday	6:49 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	5:09 a.m.	
Saturday	6:48 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	6:04 p.m.	5:35 a.m.	First 5/15
Sunday	6:47 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	6:58 p.m.	6:01 a.m.	
Monday	6:46 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	7:53 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	
Tuesday					

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
4/17	2:05 p	5:21 a	10:55 p	8:41 p
4/18	2:26 p	6:46 a	None	8:38 p
4/19	12:54 a	7:53 a	2:39 p	8:42 p
4/20	2:13 a	8:46 a	2:43 p	8:46 p
4/21	3:13 a	9:44 a	2:39 p	8:54 p
4/22	4:08 a	11:01 a	2:34 p	9:09 p
4/23	5:01 a	12:18 p	2:28 p	9:30 p

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
4/4	84	48	76/56	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/5	83	55	76/56	0.00"	4/4	16	4/8	27
4/6	79	61	77/57	0.00"	4/5	19	4/9	28
4/7	82	70	77/57	0.00"	4/6	20	4/10	19
4/8	79	74	77/57	0.00"	4/7	26		
4/9	82	73	77/57	0.12"				
4/10	75	63	77/58	1.51"				

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.

Can we all do the falling cat trick?

Q. How do cats pull off “the amazing cat trick” of getting into position to land on their feet after falling or being dropped from any angle?

A. Without having anything to push off or twist against, the cat extends its rear legs and twists the front half of its body toward the ground, says Exploratorium.edu. Its rear half rotates the opposite way, but not as far, thus conserving angular momentum. Then the cat extends its front legs and twists its tucked rear legs toward the floor. “By repeating these motions, the cat may gain sufficient net rotation to land with its paws on the ground.”

Miscellaneous aside: “I have had physicists tell me that cats without tails cannot do the trick,” says University of California-Santa Cruz mathematician Richard Montgomery. “This is false. Manx cats can do it fine. One computes that if the trick were due to the tail, it would have to whip around about 50 times to flip the cat.”

Flexible humans can rotate with no angular momentum as

well, says Harvard physicist Eric Heller. NASA has video of astronauts starting stock still, then rotating outstretched arms to alter body orientation. “I once saw an astronaut scissor his legs so as to wind up 90 degrees rotated.”

Ice skaters, skateboarders, gymnasts, dancers, divers all use the principle, adds Montgomery. Even children can learn it. But probably not rhinoceroses, “though there was a great Far Side comic where scientists are trying to see if rhinos can do the cat trick.”

Are gender roles changing for the better?

Q. How big has the “Big Swing in Gender Roles” been over the last half century?

A. It’s been dramatic, says David G. Myers in “Social Psychology,” as people approving of a married woman earning money in business or industry has gone from 1 in 5 (Americans, 1938) to 2 in 5 (1967) to 4 in 5 (2002). The percentage of 40-year-old married women in the workforce went from 38% (1960) to 75% (1999 - the US, Canada, Britain, Australia). The percentage of female Harvard Business School graduates went from 0% (1965 - had never graduated a woman)

to 30% (2000). The proportion of women US medical and law school graduates went from 6% and 3% (1960) to 43% and 45% (2000).

The percentage of Americans agreeing it’s O.K. for a girl to telephone a boy to ask for a date went from 29% (1950) to 70% (1999). Back in the mid-1960s American wives devoted seven times as many hours to housework as did their husbands, down to twice as many hours by the mid-1990s. “This striking variation of roles across cultures and over time signals that evolution and biology do not fix gender roles: Culture also bends the genders.”

How likely is it that you’ll make it to supercenterarian?

Q. Centenarians you know about, but how about semi-centenarians and supercentenarians?

A. The semis live to age 105, the supers 110. Centenarians number around 200,000, with a mere handful making it to 110 - maybe 60-70 at the moment, reports “NewScientist” magazine.

The number has grown since the mid-60s, when only three had ever been validated. The superest of the superannuated was Jeanne-Louise Calment, who died in 1997 at age 122. Obviously, very few supers reach 115; as of February ‘06, the oldest was Maria Capovilla, 116, of Ecuador, the last recognized survivor of the 1880s. But such numbers are always hard to confirm.

Any secrets to joining this elite club? Actually, there’s not much you can do but try for a happy, healthful life, taking advantage of today’s improved sanitation, nutrition and medicine - likely reason the supers number is growing - and hope you fit the profile, says “NewScientist”: First-borns are more likely to make it, as are those born in December (not June) and those (U.S. stats) growing up in rural areas, with literate, home-owning parents.

Still unresolved: Do genes or the environment count for more?

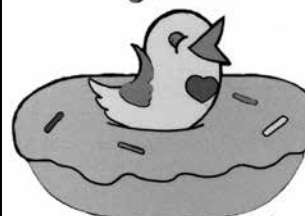
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MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?: When police in South Carolina attempted to pull over a couple in a black Honda sedan with expired tags, the pair led the cops on a high-speed chase. The officers called off the chase due to safety concerns, but then encountered them later in their car which they had spray-painted white to fool the

officers, who finally managed to disable the vehicle, which, they soon discovered, contained a dog, a cat and four chickens.

LET'S GO, LADIES, IT'S TIME FOR ONE LAST FLING: A baboon scheduled to have a vasectomy at a hospital in Sydney, Australia, made a daring escape and fled with his two lady friends who had been

housed with him to keep him calm as he awaited the operation. Wildlife handlers from the Taronga Zoo have been dispatched to hunt them down.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY WAS HAVING FUN: A man, who picked up his car he had left at a repair shop in Clearwater, Fla., for three weeks, discovered that it had two parking tickets and two toll pass violations during that time. He also found a pair of pink, lacy thong panties under the passenger seat.

HEH, HEH, THIS WILL FOOL 'EM ... WHAT, NO!: A woman, who was pulled over during a traffic stop in Wichita Falls, Texas, gave the cops a phony name because she had five warrants out for her arrest. Unfortunately, there was also a warrant for the arrest of the person whose fake name she provided.

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SIR: A man, who was pulled over for running a stop sign in Greenfield, Wisc., stuffed a bag containing 33 grams of cocaine into his mouth to keep the police from finding it, and kept it there for several hours. The officers noticed that he was up to something tried getting him to spit it out, tried the Heimlich maneuver, and finally brought him to the hospital, where the bag suddenly appeared on the hospital room floor.

AT LEAST NOBODY'S CLOTHES WERE DESTROYED: A fast-moving fire destroyed the lodge at a nudist resort in Paw Paw, W.Va. As a result, the facility will be closed indefinitely.

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70 years later, my seventh birthday remains special

By Edward A. Forbes
The Bulletin

Do you remember your favorite birthday celebration? Do you remember what made it special?

I think we all have stored in our memory banks an occasion like this.

We first moved to Manvel after my mother's and father's contentious divorce and her subsequent marriage to Ted Tomlin.

We, initially, lived in a one-bedroom duplex and then moved to what had been the old schoolhouse at some distant time, or so we were told, delivering the five children and two adults from the confines of the one-bedroom duplex where we had been imprisoned.

Tall, whitewashed, and oddly comforting, nestled among fully adult trees, their canopy protecting us and the house from the bright sun. The doors opened to greet us with a slightly musty mix of old wood and paint, a

smidgen of dust and old paper.

Ceilings stretched 12 feet from the floor, closets meekly rose to eight feet, submissive to the towering ceiling. There were three decent-sized bedrooms. The house had large windows that filled it with the sound of rustling leaves and birds going busily about their day. The trees stirred the air gently to provide the essence of coolness to the heat.

The trees were connected by pipes that had been laid in their forks at some bygone time. They had grown and incorporated the connecting pipes as part of their structure. The pipes may have been structural for the trees, but for the kids, they were recreational.

My brother, Butch (Elroy), functioning as our trusted creative director, envisioned them as the tightropes of circus performances. We walked on them between trees with and without balance poles. We swung from

them like Tarzan. Falls would knock the breath out of you, but they never resulted in any broken bones.

My seventh birthday arrived in this setting.

Mother was in the hospital and had been for several days. My birthday is on the last day of July, so we were out of school. I knew we would celebrate, although I didn't know how.

Butch, as was the custom, was in charge. We were lacking both funds and pastry baking knowledge. We did have a charge account at a small local grocery.

Butch procured a pistol (that shot wads of paper) and a half gallon of ice cream. My siblings wrapped the gun. Butch removed the ice cream from its container, covering it with icing.

On the big day, we congregated in the kitchen, and after the birthday hymn was sung, a candle was placed on the converted ice cream container, lit and then blown out with much fanfare.

I opened my present. What seven-year-old boy wouldn't be thrilled with a pistol that shot wads of paper? We ate the ice cream and the icing off the converted ice cream container. We shot paper wads from the pistol and had a really good time.

Did the pistol really shoot wads of paper (or spit wads, even better)? I don't know, that's just how I remember it.

What I can tell you is that it was a spontaneous, joyful birthday celebration. Even now, 70 years later, I smile and laugh with just the memory of it. My sister, Edna, two stepbrothers and especially Butch made it

happen.

(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 Gathering Place's Brain Fair Goals: Shatter myths, destigmatize brain disorders

"At the Gathering Place, we rocked along with our respite socials for almost six years without having to do fundraising," Brenda Maust, founder of the Gathering Place explained. "After all, we did not have an office, a telephone, or an employee."

"It was when we started the Brazoria County Alzheimer's Awareness Project in 2012 that we needed more funding. Food for 100 people at seminars and workshops and advertising to attract attendees to educational events are big expenses, so we had to decide how to raise money."

"Choosing a Brain Fair as a fundraiser made sense since we had become deeply committed to education," she said. "In 2014, there were only two Brain Fairs in the United States – the one at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology and one at a Florida medical school. The idea has caught on, and there are eight or 10 going on around the USA in March, Brain Awareness Month."

This year's Brain Fair will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the

Brazoria County Fairgrounds in Angleton.

"Our first, biggest hurdle was to convince folks we were a BRAIN fair, not an Alzheimer's Fair, and I am not sure we have totally achieved that goal yet. I salute BACODA and the Brazoria County Center for Independent Living – they understood the concept immediately."

We hoped to provide information about most brain diseases and disorders as well as teach people how to have optimum brain health, Maust said. That is still our primary goal, and we finally came up with the perfect slogan - optimizing brain health, at any age, at any stage.

The Brazoria County Parkinson's Support Group came aboard last year, she added.

"Less than 100 years ago, we were putting people in 'insane asylums' who had behavioral issues from brain disorders, and we were performing lobotomies," she continued. "In 1975, the first federal law went into effect declaring the right of special-needs students to receive equal access to public education. That is less than 50 years ago!

"I remember that 17 years

ago, some caregivers were embarrassed to have spouses who had dementia. That may be a holdover from a type of old-fashioned Christianity that considered illness as a punishment for sin.

"When we started the Gathering Place, ignorance about Alzheimer's

was pervasive, even in healthcare. Most ignorance now is a result of a lack of education and access to healthcare, and lower socioeconomic groups are the most affected.

"We now know that by lowering risk factors, Alzheimer's may be prevented, onset may

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containers were sold last year in the United States. That's more than 300 bottles per inhabitant. A few of them will be converted into park benches; none of them will be made into new plastic bottles, and 95% of all plastics

in the U.S. won't be recycled at all. Even the 5% of plastics being recycled are "down-cycling" to inferior products or shipped to poorer countries for "recycling", leaving the demand for virgin plastic undiminished.

duction and overconsumption have transformed the industry, leading to the disposability of fashion. People now buy 60% more clothing than 15 years ago, but each item is kept for only half as long.

People seldom think of water when they think of plastics. But making a plastic water bottle requires six times as much water as the bottle itself contains.

The fast-fashion industry annually produces over 100 billion garments. Overpro-

Approximately 85% of garments end up in landfills or incinerators, with only 1% being recycled. Nearly 70% of clothing is made from crude oil, resulting in the release of dangerous microfibers when washed and continued contribution to long-term pollution in landfills.

How the recycling process works; why it's important

From recyclenow.com

Re-using and recycling items as many times as possible can reduce our need to create new plastic. Suggestions include:

- Conserve non-renewable fossil fuels (oil);
- Reduce the consumption of energy used in the production of new plastic;
- Reduce the amount of solid waste going to landfill;
- Reduce emission of gases, like carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Once sorted and cleaned, plastic can either be shredded into flakes or melt-processed to form pellets before finally being molded into new products.

A wide range of products can be made from recycled plastic, including:

- drinks bottles and food trays
- polyester fabric for clothing
- wheeled bins and food

caddies

- refuse sacks and carrier bags
- composters and wormeries
- reusable crates and pallets
- flower pots, watering cans.

Plant a tree for National Arbor Day

Arbor Day 2024 is all about ensuring our earth and the trees upon it are all happy, healthy, and growing to be as strong as they possibly can be! They can't talk, but no doubt the trees will thank you for keeping the planet clean and green.

Arbor Day will be on Wednesday, April 24.

In 1872, a man by the name of J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska and is now celebrated all over the world.

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Intentions are good, but in reality, we can do a lot better recycling plastics, especially bottles

From cleanlink.com

Most plastic bottles today are made of PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic. Estimates are that about 500 billion PET plastic bottles, most made to contain beverages, are manufactured annually. That's about one million bottles per minute.

Most commercial facilities have recycling bins for plastic bottles. However, people tend to place all types of plastic in these bins. Referred to as "wishful recycling," they hope it can be recycled. But wishful recycling can inhibit the entire recycling process.

Instead, look for the numbers

"1" or "2" on the triangle of PET bottles. These can be recycled.

Most plastic bottles are not tossed in recycling bins. Instead, they are treated as waste.

Only about 30 percent of PET bottles are recycled. Some are incinerated, but most end up in landfills, where decomposing can take up to 400 years. In the interim,

poisonous ingredients may leak into waterways or release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The solution:

- Use refillable plastic bottles.
- For PET bottles, look for the triangle and numbers mentioned earlier.
- Empty the bottle before tossing; the contents can inhibit the recycling process.

cling process.

- Take the PET bottles to redemption centers. They can sterilize them for reuse.
- Spread the word. This encourages people to recycle and manufacturers to make new materials that are more readily recycled, reducing their environmental impact.

Recycle clean, dry, plastic bags and film packaging

Look for this label on film products like these...

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New recycled plastic playground opens at Surfside Jetty Park



County dignitaries, county officials and chamber of commerce representatives attend the playground's ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Surfside Jetty Park's newest addition is made entirely of recycled materials.

A new recycled plastic playground is now officially open, providing opportunities for fun and education to beach goers at Surfside Jetty Park.

Fourteen local petrochemical companies, all members of the Brazoria County Petrochemical Council (BCPC), contributed more than \$200,000 to provide an ADA-accessible playground made from recycled plastic. The nautically-themed toys encourage climbing, sliding and swinging while emphasizing the importance of recycling.

"This playground provides yet another great attraction to Brazoria County and helps remind beachgoers how critical it is to properly dispose of waste," said BCPC Community Outreach Chair Trish Thompson.

"Plastic is vital to keeping our world healthy and safe, and we all need to do our part to ensure that plastic waste is recycled and disposed of correctly."

Signs at the park, and a recycling receptacle shaped like a shark, encourage visitors to place plastic bottles and other recyclable materials in the correct place, rather than letting it get into the environment.

"To have the recycled plastic theme here at the beach, there couldn't be a more relevant message," said Brazoria County Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Frazier. "As valuable as plastic is in our everyday lives, we need the message out there that it has to be disposed of appropriately. I can't think of a more appropriate use of recycled plastic than for children to enjoy, have some physical activity while they are down here on the beach, and then to talk about how to appropriately dispose of plastic so that it stays where it needs to stay."

Judge Matt Sebesta agreed, saying the playground demonstrates what can be achieved when government, industry and communities work together.

"This is a wonderful partnership when all of us can come together as a community and do something really nice like

this for the folks who are visiting the beach," he said. "It's a wonderful contribution from industry, and something we can all be proud of."

The companies that donated

are LyondellBasell, Freeport LNG, Dow, MEGlobal Americas Inc., Chevron Phillips Chemical, Olin, Port Freeport, DSM, BASF, Vopak, Shintech, K-Bin, INEOS and Phillips 66.



The shark wants all of beach goers' recycled products.

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288 tollway raking in money, ripping off motorists

By John Toth
The Bulletin

There was a time when I could get into my car without having to worry about what traffic will be like on Hwy. 288. That was a long time ago.

It was a lot simpler back then to drive to Houston. We seldom had slowdowns. I could drive the boys over to the Astro-dome an hour before the game started and still make it into the bleacher seats in time for the first pitch.

Now, I don't feel comfortable without at least an extra half-hour cushion built into the trip to Houston, and sometimes even that isn't enough. I used to look forward to driving to Houston for a ballgame or other events. Now, I dread the drive. I always hated Houston traffic, but now I also hate traffic on Hwy. 288.

I have had the displeasure of driving Highway 35 from San Antonio to Austin, and most of the time I have found myself in heavy traffic. While I parked on the middle of the highway, I told Sharon, my live-in editor and wife, that there was probably a big accident, or they closed off some lanes for repairs to have miles of backup.

When we got to the end of the slowdown, there was nothing. Cars began to speed up - no construction, no accident. I expect that of Hwy. 35, which has been overloaded with cars for decades.

Unfortunately, Hwy. 288, may follow the same pattern.

Let's build a tollway, they said. That will bring in more money and relieve congestion that happens when way too many people move into an area than the roads can handle.

The construction itself was a nightmare, but once the toll road was in place, it would speed things up, right? I don't mind paying tolls. I take Beltway 8 frequently. I've has an EZ Pass for many years.

If it means solving our congestion problems, I'm willing to chip in a few bucks.

Wait a minute. Did I read the sign correctly just south of Pearland, where the toll road starts? To take it all the way to Hwy. 45 or 59 will cost about \$17 one way?

That's highway robbery.

A Houston Chronicle article about how TxDOT is plotting to take the road back from the private company that built and runs

it stated that, at peak times, the one-way toll for those few miles can go up to \$18.95.

That's crazy, if not extortion. I've never paid that much toll in my more than five decades of driving. No wonder TxDOT is planning to grab that place. It's a goldmine.

I don't contribute to it, though. I can't justify paying that much to avoid congestion. I'd rather stay in the congested lanes and save the \$16 or \$18. I'm definitely not burning up \$16 in gas. It's only costing me time.

Can you imagine using the 288 toll road daily both ways and paying \$32-\$39 a day? Whoever is in charge of setting the toll on this road needs to get in touch with reality.

Some people have no way around using it. They have to get to work on time and can't sit in traffic. I can. I don't like it, but I'll do it rather than pay an exorbitant toll.

I must have been wrong about the toll road relieving traffic, because while I'm driving on a congested free road, the adjacent tollway is almost empty. And when it empties out to the regular Hwy. 288 just south of Pearland, it just makes the congestion on that road even worse.

There is more construction on Hwy. 288, which is great. I hope that these improvements are more successful than the toll road when it comes to relieving congestion and making travel safer.

I have heard our county officials say that the toll road is bringing millions of dollars into the public coffers.

That may be true, but is it the main reason it why was built, or to help accommodate the additional traffic on Hwy. 288 because a lot of people are moving into the area?

It is not doing any good when people can't afford to use it. This is common-sense stuff.

We have not solved our problems with the 288 toll lanes. We've just added to them. But the money is flowing, so that's good. Right?

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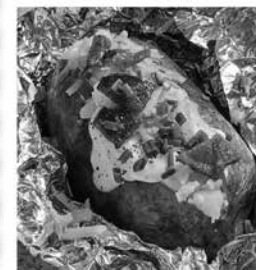
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Comic featuring Superman's debut sells for record-breaking \$6M

A copy of the comic book that introduced Superman to the world became the world's most expensive comic book.

The copy of Action Comics No. 1, the 1938 comic book featuring the first appearance

of Superman, attracted a record-breaking high bid of \$6 million.

The comic book, featuring the iconic Man of Steel on its cover, was inspected by collectible-grading service CGC and

given a grade of "Very Fine+ 8.5," making it the third-highest graded copy of Action Comics No. 1 known to still exist.

CGC said only about 100 copies of the comic are believed to still exist.

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Thursday, April 11: Oven-fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, lima beans, beets, peaches, garlic toast, dessert.

Friday, April 12: Sausage, potatoes & onions, peas, corn, pear, cornbread, dessert.

Monday, April 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots, turnip greens, tossed salad, garlic sticks, dessert.

Tuesday, April 16: Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello salad, biscuits, dessert.

Wednesday, April 17: Smothered meatballs, rice, cheese broccoli, mixed vegetables, pears, garlic toast, dessert.

Ask God to help focus on hopeful future

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I don't think it's possible to avoid hating someone who's deeply hurt you. My ex-husband betrayed me and hurt me far beyond what any human being should have to take, and I admit it: I hate him. Why shouldn't I? -- Mrs. N.G.

A: I understand why you feel angry and hurt, and so does God. But God also knows what this will do to you, and He wants to help you move beyond it to peace and hope and new life. Right now, you probably don't think it's possible, but with God's help, it is.

The first step, I believe, is to start looking to the future instead of the past. Yes, the past is painful, and just as scars from a major surgery take time to heal, so do the inner scars from a major emotional trauma. But if you dwell on them and even take pleasure in them (which, strangely, can happen), then you'll always be caught in an emotional prison of anger and hate. Instead, ask God to help you focus on the future He has for you instead of the past.

Then, turn your anger and your hatred over to God. They aren't doing you any good; in fact, they're like a deadly poison to your soul. The Bible warns of those who die "in bitterness of soul, never having enjoyed anything good" (Job 21:25).

Most of all, let the love of God flood your life. God loves you; He loves you so much that His Son was willing to give His life for your salvation. And unlike human love, His love will never fail. If you've never done so, open your heart and life to Jesus Christ today. His promise is for you: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27).

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Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There's always another tomorrow and it's important that you prepare for it. Being a bit more careful now can offer you so many more options in the long run. Let existing resources help you do the heavy lifting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You shouldn't need to defend yourself or your money-making efforts. You might have a vision and the foresight to know what needs to be done. Let other people blow their timing – you know how to leverage that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't underestimate your contributions. You may think that making friends and helping at community events means you are only filling in time. Your efforts touch hearts, have the courage to reach high and go far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A call for help can give you a chance to apply practical skills. A loved one or partner could give you some sound business or career advice, take notes and use this new knowledge where it can do some good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Find or create a peaceful space where you can reflect and process in silence. This could be a good time to take an interest in a healthier lifestyle. Consider what could use improvement and implement better self-care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get involved with an activity or hobby that can be truly satisfying on a personal level. You may feel a time crunch because of outside pressures but try to make time for things that make your soul happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things don't always improve in a straight line. There can be hiccups, plot twists, and cliffhangers before you see real, sustained upward movement. You have to be persistent with your creation to reap the benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Enjoy relaxing with creative ideas, but being inspired can build something, too. You may believe you are spinning your wheels, but once you gain traction, those wheels can help you travel somewhere worthwhile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love at first sight is usually projection at first sight. And it doesn't have to be love, projection happens in all parts of life. It can get awkward as fantasy projections dissolve. Keep your eyes open for the real-real.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The time may be ripe to re-evaluate your financial situation and focus more on, or tweak, money making activities. You might be wiser than usual about the ways of the world so remain alert for opportunities to expand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your passions could be stirred. Prepare to set the wheels in motion so that you can accomplish something near and dear to your heart. Once you resolve to conquer the heights, the universe can kick in to help you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be your unique, authentic self, and you'll attract your tribe. Instead of conformity, think about the things that you need, you value, and you are comfortable with. Partners and friends should be able to meet you there.

Will we see another solar eclipse in Texas?

The next total solar eclipse will be visible in all 48 contiguous states, including Texas, on Aug. 23, 2044. The 2044 total solar eclipse is set to chart a pretty expansive path, starting in Greenland, passing by Canada and ending as the sun sets in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The totality will stretch from Texas to Maine. Another solar eclipse, which is set to occur a year later in Aug. of 2045, will trace a path of totality across multiple states, including Texas.

On This Day In History

April 17

1947 - Jackie Robinson (Brooklyn Dodgers) performed a bunt for his first major league hit.

1964 - The Ford Motor Company unveiled its new Mustang model.

1969 - In Los Angeles, Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of assassinating U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

1970 - Apollo 13 returned to Earth safely after an on-board accident with an oxygen tank.

April 18

1923 - Yankee Stadium opened in the Bronx, NY. The Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 4-1. John Phillip Sousa's band played the National Anthem.

1938 - Superman made his debut when he appeared in the first issue of Action Comics. (Cover date June 1938)

1989 - Thousands of Chinese students demanding democracy tried to storm Communist Party headquarters in Beijing.

April 19

1764 - The English Parliament banned the American colonies

from printing paper money.

1943 - The Warsaw Ghetto uprising against Nazi rule began. The Jews were able to fight off the Germans for 28 days.

1960 - Baseball uniforms began displaying player's names on their backs.

1987 - In Phoenix, AZ., skydiver Gregory Robertson went into a 200-mph free-fall to save an unconscious colleague 3,500 feet from the ground.

April 20

1861 - Robert E. Lee resigned from U.S. Army.

1912 - Fenway Park opened as the home of the Boston Red Sox.

1916 - Chicago's Wrigley Field held its first Cubs game with the first National League game at the ballpark. The Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 in 11 innings.

1989 - Scientists announced the successful testing of high-definition TV.

April 21

753 BC - Today is the traditional date of the foundation of Rome.

1865 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train left Washington.

1918 - German fighter ace Manfred von Richthofen, "The Red Baron," was shot down and killed during World War I.

1972 - Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

April 22

1914 - Babe Ruth made his pitching debut with the Baltimore Orioles.

1915 - The New York Yankees wore pinstripes and the hat-in-the-ring logo for the first time.

1976 - Barbara Walters became the first female nightly network news anchor.

April 23

1789 - U.S. President George Washington moved into Franklin House, New York. It was the first executive mansion.

1951 - The Associated Press began use of the new service of teletype setting.

1954 - Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit his first major-league home run on this day.





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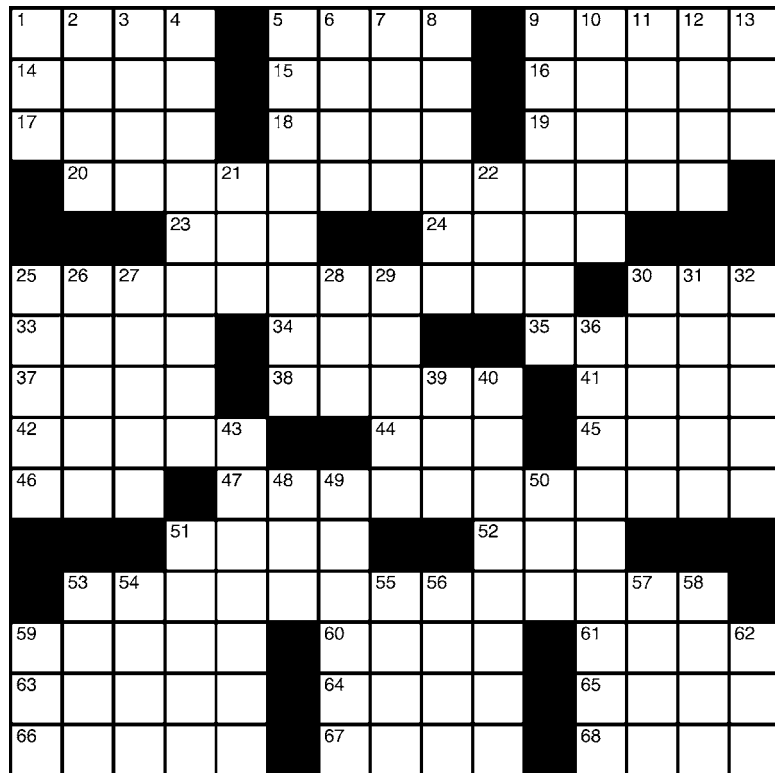


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Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shoot the breeze
 - 5 Ladder rung
 - 9 How-to presentations
 - 14 Lacking color
 - 15 Blue-green hue
 - 16 Poetry muse
 - 17 Dance, music, sculpture, etc.
 - 18 Tabula __: blank slate
 - 19 Rolls of fabric
 - 20 Where Clay went to make a ceramic vase?
 - 23 Calligrapher's tool
 - 24 Selfish shout
 - 25 Where Penny went to deposit money?
 - 30 Verbalize
 - 33 Olympic skater's leap
 - 34 Herbal beverage
 - 35 Stock unit
 - 37 Boy, in Spanish
 - 38 Speed
 - 41 "Sign me up!"
 - 42 Talks up



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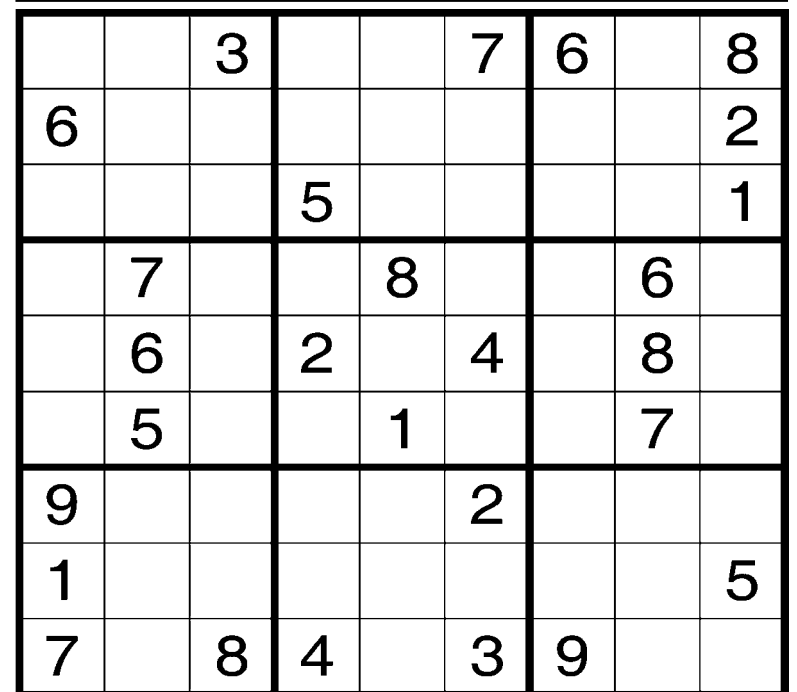
- 44 Golden yrs. fund
- 45 Verse writer
- 46 Mornings, briefly
- 47 Where Viola went to perform with an orchestra?
- 51 Lose color
- 52 Cow's sound
- 53 Where Dean went to meet with professors and students?
- 59 Doctor Who player Whittaker
- 60 Declare
- 61 Say grace, say
- 63 Sci-fi visitor
- 64 Gas holder
- 65 Quiche ingredients
- 66 Stately home
- 67 Laryngitis docs
- 68 Film spool

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tax prep pro
 - 2 Triangular stringed instrument
 - 3 Voice above tenor
 - 4 Aerospace employee who assesses new aircraft
 - 5 Force
 - 6 Run like the dickens
 - 7 "Nothing to it!"
 - 8 Blood component
 - 9 Shows to be untrue
 - 10 Wear away
 - 11 Landlocked African nation west of Niger
 - 12 Springfield Elementary bus driver
 - 13 "Help!" letters
 - 21 Number of millimeters in a centimeter
 - 22 Altoids container
 - 25 Father Christmas
 - 26 Widely accepted truth
 - 27 Five-time Wimbledon singles champion Williams
 - 28 Dead __ Scrolls
 - 29 No-frills
 - 30 American __: U.S. territory in the South Pacific
 - 31 Disney mermaid
 - 32 Streisand title role
 - 36 Rap devotee
 - 39 Tuscany three
 - 40 Designates for a specific purpose, as funds
 - 43 Like triangles with unequal sides
 - 48 "__ to Joy": segment of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony
 - 49 Cancel out
 - 50 Pitcher Seaver who won three Cy Young Awards
 - 51 Swatter's targets
 - 53 Pepsi or Coke
 - 54 Thor's father
 - 55 "Dear __ Hansen": 2017 Best Musical Tony winner
 - 56 Small change
 - 57 Strong desire
 - 58 Poultry herb
 - 59 English muffin topper
 - 62 Monogram of a French fashion house

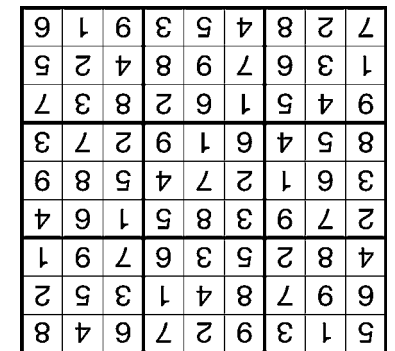
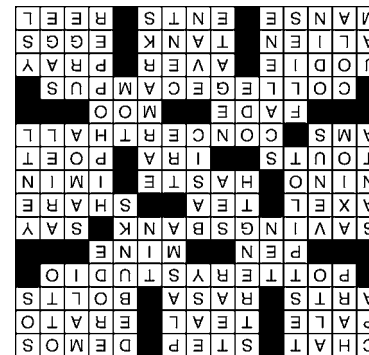
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- 1. filibuster**
A. raid C. confuse
B. outtalk D. muddle
- 2. flubdub**
A. flat boat C. belly flab
B. nonsense D. repetition
- 3. flamboyant**
A. showy C. can float
B. fiery D. can fly
- 4. flabellate**
A. to whip C. opinionated
B. make fat D. fan-shaped
- 5. flambeau**
A. high hair C. lit torch
B. good show D. lit food
- 6. bufflehead**
A. fool C. collectible
B. square face D. small duck
- 7. befuddle**
A. jest C. sully
B. perplex D. surprise
- 8. buffoon**
A. clown C. wrestler
B. crook D. strong wind
- 9. bifoliate**
A. sprout C. 2-leafed
B. shed D. 2-chambered
- 10. buffaloed**
A. chased C. intimidated
B. cheated D. intrigued

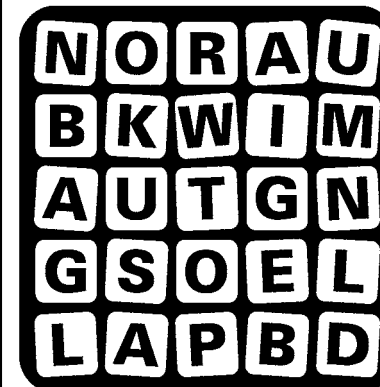
answers: 3010 9c 10c 1b 2b 3a 4d 5c 6d 7b 8a 9c 10c — Greg Wilkinson

- 41 American __: U.S. territory in the South Pacific
- 42 Disney mermaid
- 43 Streisand title role
- 44 Rap devotee
- 45 Tuscany three
- 46 Designates for a specific purpose, as funds
- 47 Like triangles with unequal sides
- 48 "__ to Joy": segment of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony
- 49 Cancel out
- 50 Pitcher Seaver who won three Cy Young Awards
- 51 Swatter's targets
- 52 Pepsi or Coke
- 53 Thor's father
- 54 "Dear __ Hansen": 2017 Best Musical Tony winner
- 55 Small change
- 56 Strong desire
- 57 Poultry herb
- 58 English muffin topper
- 59 Monogram of a French fashion house

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Boggle® BrainBusters!

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.

- BOGGLE® POINT SCALE**
- 3 letters = 1 point
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 - 7 letters = 6 points
 - 8 letters = 10 points
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 - 31-60 = Gamer
 - 21-30 = Rookie
 - 11-20 = Amateur
 - 0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST SIX COUNTRIES STARTING AND ENDING WITH A CONSONANT in the grid of letters.

Working from home in Texas

WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 12 key metrics. The data set ranges from the share of workers working from home to Internet cost and cybersecurity. The study also considered factors like how large and how crowded homes are in each state. Together, these metrics show how feasible working from home is in terms of cost, comfort and safety.

Working from Home in Texas (1=Best, 25=Avg.):

Overall Rank: 15th

- 24th – Share of Population Working from Home
- 19th – Share of Potential Telecommuters
- 29th – Households' Internet Access
- 11th – Average Home Square Footage
- 42nd – Cybersecurity
- 27th – Average Retail Price of Electricity
- 10th – Internet Cost

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CHARLIE BOWMAN

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VENDORS

Friday, April 26
Saturday, April 27

KIDZONE

Friday, April 26
Saturday, April 27

BBQ

Friday, April 26
Saturday, April 27

PARADE

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LIVE MUSIC 4p-12a
FOOD VENDORS**

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4-7:30p • Trade Days
(WC Civic Center)

6-8p • Charlie Bowman
Live Music

6p • BBQ Cook-Off Begins
(WC City Hall)

8p-12a • Southbound 288
Live Music

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11a • Belle of the Brazos
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