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WEATHER HISTORY
•ON THIS DAY•

Oct. 1, 1893 - The second great hurricane of the 1893 season hit the Mississippi Delta Region, drowning more than 1,000 people.

Oct. 2, 1959 - A tornado struck the town of Ivy, VA., (located near Charlottesville). Eleven people were killed, including 10 from one family.

Oct. 3, 1964 - Hurricane Hilda struck Louisiana, spawning many tornadoes and claimed 22 lives.

Oct. 4, 1987 - Highs of 100 degrees at San Francisco, and 108 degrees at Los Angeles and Santa Maria, were October records. San Luis Obispo was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 111 degrees.

Oct. 5, 1917 - The temperature at Sentinel, AZ., soared to 116 degrees to establish an October record for the nation.

Oct. 6, 1989 - Temperatures soared into the 90s across southern Texas. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at Houston, and 96 degrees at Austin and Corpus Christi, were records for the date. Beeville was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 101 degrees.

Oct. 7, 1989 - Morning thunderstorms in central Texas drenched San Antonio with 3.10 inches of rain in six hours, causing local flooding in northeastern sections of the city.

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7-Day Local Forecast

 October 1 Wednesday Sunny 88 / 69	 October 2 Thursday Sunny 93 / 73	 October 3 Friday Sunny 94 / 75	 October 4 Saturday Sunny 92 / 72	 October 5 Sunday Sunny 88 / 70	 October 6 Monday Sunny 90 / 69	 October 7 Tuesday Mostly Sunny 93 / 75
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Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

State Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday						
City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx					
Amarillo	87/65	s	89/66	s	94/73	s	Odessa	89/67	s	92/69	s	93/72	s
Beaumont . . .	90/69	s	89/68	s	92/72	s	San Antonio .	92/70	s	97/74	s	96/75	s
Dallas	89/74	s	91/75	s	94/80	s	Waco	88/69	s	90/70	s	91/73	s
Houston	90/74	s	92/75	s	95/80	s	Wichita Falls .	88/69	s	93/73	s	97/79	pc

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

Weather Trivia

Can lightning strike twice in the same place?

Answer: Yes. Lightning may strike repeatedly in a few seconds.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

	Day	AM	PM		Day	AM	PM
	Wed	7:37-9:37	8:03-10:03		Sun	10:56-12:56	--
	Thu	8:29-10:29	8:54-10:54		Mon	11:20-1:20	11:45-1:45
	Fri	9:19-11:19	9:43-11:43		Tue	12:10-2:10	12:37-2:37
	Sat	10:07-12:07	10:31-12:31				

Weather History

Oct. 1, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern United States through the day and evening hours. Severe thunderstorms spawned 11 tornadoes, seven of which were in Georgia. A tornado near Moultrie, Ga. killed two people and injured 12 others.

Sun & Moon

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
Full 10/6	Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	1:19 a.m.	New 10/21	
	Thursday	7:15 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	4:29 p.m.	2:21 a.m.		
	Friday	7:16 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	3:24 a.m.		
	Saturday	7:16 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	4:28 a.m.		
Last 10/13	Sunday	7:17 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	5:33 a.m.	First 10/29	
	Monday	7:17 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	6:43 p.m.	6:39 a.m.		
	Tuesday	7:18 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	7:47 a.m.		

Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
10/1	1:58 a	5:05 p	None	None
10/2	2:24 a	6:11 p	None	None
10/3	2:40 a	7:14 p	None	None
10/4	2:50 a	8:55 a	1:12 p	8:10 p
10/5	2:58 a	8:48 a	2:32 p	9:07 p
10/6	3:08 a	9:01 a	3:44 p	10:18 p
10/7	3:20 a	9:28 a	4:58 p	11:50 p

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip		Farmer's Growing Degree Days		
9/18	89	70	88/69	0.09"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/19	90	69	87/68	0.00"	9/18	30	9/22	31
9/20	89	71	87/68	0.00"	9/19	30	9/23	34
9/21	90	73	87/68	0.43"	9/20	30	9/24	33
9/22	88	73	87/67	0.00"	9/21	32		
9/23	91	76	87/67	0.00"				
9/24	92	74	86/67	0.81"				

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.

Do men or women talk more?

Q. *Why are women such big talkers? Or are they?*

A. You'd certainly think so based on media reports putting them at 20,000 words per day vs. only 7,000 for men, even though not a single study has systematically recorded the natural conversations of large groups of people, say Matthias Mehl and colleagues in "Science" magazine.

A British study estimated the numbers at 8,800 vs. 6,100, though its authors admitted a possible flaw in that participants could manually turn off their recorders whenever they chose to.

Then Mehl introduced electronically activated recorders that track real-world minute-to-minute interactions, turning on every 12.5 minutes for 30-second talk samples.

And here, averaged over six groups of university students - five U.S and one Mexico - the women spoke about 16,200 words per day, the men 15,700, which is not a statistically significant difference. In other words, both average about 16,000 words

per day, though with very large individual differences.

"Thus we conclude on the basis of available empirical evidence that the widespread and highly publicized stereotype about female talkativeness is unfounded."

Guess this word

Q. *You've no doubt encountered this word countless times, having read it, spoken it, written it, heard it. It's a kind of "shaggy, all-purpose" term, though originally signifying "simple-minded, stupid" (c. 1290), from the Latin for "ignorant, not knowing."*

In the 14th century, Chaucer used it to mean "wanton, licentious," then from the 15th to the 18th century, it took on the sense of "coy, reserved, diffident."

In the 16th century, it acquired two still current senses, "fussy" and "precise."

In the 18th century, the word began its career as a compliment with faint praise, meaning "agreeable, pleasant, courteous, considerate." It would be nice if you identified this common adjective.

A. NICE it is, from "Right, Wrong, and Risky: A Dictionary of Today's American English Usage," by Mark Davidson.

Houdini would have appreciated this wire-through-ice trick

Q. *What's the slick trick to passing a solid wire through a solid piece of ice, without applying heat or using legerdemain? This is one even the great Harry Houdini might have appreciated.*

A. You put the ice under pressure, thereby reducing its melting point, then remove the pressure and the ice refreezes, a process called "regelation," says Alain Hache in "The Physics of Hockey."

To do this, take a long ice block supported at both ends and hang on it two weights connected by a thin wire.

Because of pressure melting, the ice under the wire liquefies, allowing the wire to cut into it.

As the wire passes through, the water above it is no longer under pressure and refreezes instantly.

"The result is a wire that seems to magically penetrate the solid ice. Eventually, the wire cuts completely through, and the masses fall away, leaving the ice block intact. Yes, Houdini certainly would have been impressed!"

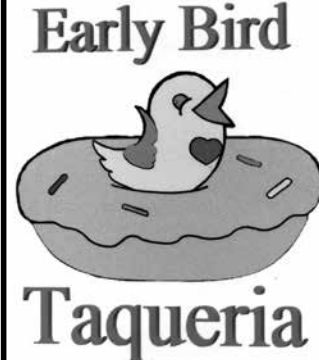
Shakespeare and anagrams

Q. *Are you Shakespearean scholar enough to decode this one: "In one of the bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten."*

A. It'll take some checking, but this is an anagram for the opening of Hamlet's famous soliloquy, "To be or not to be, that is the question, whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," says Richard Wiseman, PhD, in "Quirkology: How We Discover the Big Truths in Small Things."

Given the large number of combinations of letters in the words, and the huge amount of text in plays and books, it is not surprising (by the "law of large numbers") that once in a while amazing ANAGRAMS do emerge.

"What is perhaps more surprising is that some people are prepared to invest significant amounts of their time looking for them."



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MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



WELL, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH ME?: A woman told police in Royal Highlands, Fla., that her live-in boyfriend put rat poison in her Kool-Aid. They rushed her to the hospital and did all kinds of tests on her. Turns out, she was lying. But she did test positive for methamphetamine.

MOM, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU. MOM? DON'T GO; COME BACK, MOM! : A 17-year-old boy was quickly arrested after he stole a pizza delivery guy's car in Chicago. His mother showed up in court the next day, and when the judge asked her if she was posting bail, she said, I've got the money to bail him out, but he's staying here, locked up, and she walked out.

EVIDENCE? YOU BET I'VE GOT EVIDENCE: An Ohio woman discovered her husband had a girlfriend living at a house he owned in Florida, because the other woman posted pictures of their life together on Facebook. When the girlfriend posted photos of them getting

married in costume at Disneyworld, Wife Number One filed for divorce.

SURE, WE'LL BUY SOME DRUGS; LET'S MEET: A Texas woman, trying to arrange a drug deal to sell a half a pound of marijuana, mistakenly texted a member of the Smith County Sheriff's Department instead of the guy she was intending to contact. Apparently, she had incorrectly typed her drug client's number into her cell phone several weeks ago.

WELL, MA'AM, THEY DON'T SEEM PARTICULARLY 'TROUBLED': A mother, taking a day at the beach in Anzio, Italy, with her two sons, ages 14 and 12, became angry at a 26-year-old woman who was sunbathing topless. The mother told police that the woman was rubbing suntan lotion on herself in a way that she claims had "troubled" her two boys.

OH, GREAT, MY RIDE'S HERE ... HEY, WHY THE HANDCUFFS!?: A 57-year-old Florida man called the 911 police emergency number three

times to ask the cops to drive him to the liquor store. They arrested him after Call Number Three.

PLEASE, OFFICER, IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, I SWEAR: Not thinking about how it would look to passers-by, four teenagers staged a phony kidnapping of one of their friends in the parking lot of the Kmart in Whitehall, Pa., with the intent of posting the prank on YouTube. They were very surprised when, suddenly, there were cops everywhere.

HEY BOYS, REMEMBER ME?: A waitress at an Ocala, Fla., restaurant became angry when three guys walked out without paying their bill. She had heard them talking about going to a bar later, so she went there and confronted them.

FIRST, HOW ABOUT A SHOWER?: Three women on vacation at a nudist colony in Karlshamn, Sweden, stripped off their clothes and went for a stroll in the woods in the late afternoon. But when the ladies, ages, 56, 50 and 40, failed to return by early evening, the authorities launched a land and air search. They managed to find their way back on their own six and a half hours later.

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Chess grandmaster Kasparov was a sore loser

Judit Polgár is a Hungarian chess grandmaster, widely regarded as the strongest female chess player of all time. She is the only woman to be ranked in the world top 10, the only woman to achieve a rating of over 2700, and the only woman to compete in the final stage of a World Chess Championship.



Russian chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov once called her a "circus puppet." In 2002, Polgár defeated him. Kasparov left immediately, while Polgár celebrated.

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I got all the bugs out of the house, even though exterminators missed a few dad jokes

By Jerry Zezima

Tribune News Service (TNS)

I live in a wasp neighborhood. At least that's the buzz from a couple of exterminators who came over on separate occasions to rid the house and property of all the pests that creep my wife out.

Sue, who says I'm the biggest pest of all, routinely roams the premises with a flyswatter and calls the extermination company if she sees even one little gnat.

This time she was in the living room when she saw a wasp, which she smashed, and then spotted a couple of bees trying to get in the front window.

"Two bees or not two bees?" I said dramatically. "That is the question."

"You're a pest," Sue

responded.

So she called an exterminator. "Bug spray won't work on your husband," a pest technician named Sean told Sue.

He took me outside - for inspection, not extermination - and showed me a bunch of holes in the ground.

"They aren't ant holes," Sean said. "They're wasp holes."

"I could never do your job because I wouldn't know an ant from a hole in the ground," I admitted.

"Ants and wasps are what people complain about the most," said Sean, who dropped granules that he said would get rid of the insects.

"May I try?" I asked.

"Sure," he agreed.

"I guess I could do your job

after all," I said after going over a small patch of the backyard with a spreader.

But I wasn't allowed to use the sprayer, which released an insecticide from a nozzle that was attached by a hose to a backpack.

"I'll do the perimeter of the house and spray around the first-floor windows," said Sean, who also used a long brush to dust eaves for spiders and other home invaders.

"Has your family bugged you about getting rid of bugs in your house?" I asked.

"Not yet," Sean said. "But they will."

A couple of weeks later, she saw a spider in the bathroom. Then she saw a bee in the kitchen.

"I'm calling the bug guy again," Sue said.

This time it was a certified service professional named Alex.

He repeated what Sean did and added that he would also spray for ticks.

"Do you know what kind of ticks don't bite?" I asked.

"What?" Alex said.

"Nervous ticks," I announced proudly.

Alex laughed and said, "I like dad jokes!"

"Are you a dad?" I asked.

"No," Alex answered. "I live with my mom."

He also worked in a big-box store but quit because he had to be there at 4:15 in the morning.

Now he gets satisfaction in helping customers keep their

home and property free of pests.

"What's the biggest bug you have to deal with?" I inquired.

"Spider crickets," Alex said. "They jump at you instead of away from you."

"My wife says I'm the biggest pest in the house," I said.

"Too many dad jokes?" he asked Sue.

"They never end," she replied.

I proved her right when I thanked Alex and said, "If we see any more bees and wasps, we'll give you a buzz."

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WalletHub study: Texas has 10th-worst budgeters in the U.S.

As the cost of living continues to rise, effective budgeting has become more important than ever. To shed light on where Americans are managing their finances well and where there's room for growth, WalletHub has

released its report on the States With the Best and Worst Budgeters in 2025. In the study, WalletHub evaluated all 50 states across 12 key indicators of budgeting habits, including average credit scores, debt-to-income ratios and foreclosure rates.

Budgeters in Texas (1=Best; 25=Avg.)
 Overall Rank: 41st
 47th – Average Credit Score
 38th – Non-Mortgage Debt as a Percentage of Income
 39th – Foreclosure Rate
 26th – Credit Utilization Percentage
 33rd – Housing Expenses as a Percentage of Median Home Price
 24th – Percentage of Total Non-Housing Expenses to Median Income.
 The states with the top five budgeters are Hawaii, Washington, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Vermont.
 Worse than Texas are South Carolina, Tennessee, Nevada, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi.
 Hawaii boasts the highest percentage of residents who set aside money for emergency/rainy day funds, at over 64%.
 In addition to showing that people are being responsible by planning for unexpected situations, this indicates that Hawaiians are not living paycheck to paycheck and are not spending frivolously.

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Saathoff inducted into Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame

Port Freeport's Executive Director and CEO, Phyllis Saathoff, has been inducted into the 2025 Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame during a ceremony held Sept. 18 at the Dow Academic Center.

The event, hosted by Junior Achievement, honored distin-

guished leaders who exemplify business excellence, visionary leadership and service to the community. Through the annual Business Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement highlights role models whose contributions strengthen Brazoria County while inspiring future genera-

tions.

"On behalf of the Port Commission, we are proud to see Phyllis recognized as a Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame Laureate," said Port Commission Chairman Rob Giesecke. "Her leadership has strengthened Port Freeport's role as a driver of economic growth and opportunity for our region, and this honor reflects her deep commitment to the community we serve."

Since assuming the role of Executive Director and CEO in 2016, Saathoff has guided Port Freeport through transformative growth, including the successful advancement of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, expansion of port infrastructure and strategic partnerships that continue to enhance economic opportunity.

"I am honored to be inducted into the Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame," said Saathoff. "This recognition belongs to the entire Port Freeport team, our Commissioners, and community partners who make our success possible. I am grateful to Junior Achievement for inspiring the next



Phyllis Saathoff, CEO of Port Freeport, was inducted into the 2025 Brazoria County Business Hall of Fame. Pictured with fellow laureates and Texas House Representative Cody Vasut.

generation of leaders and proud to share this moment with our community."

Junior Achievement's programs reach thousands of students annually in Brazoria County, equipping young people

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Science Matters

Canada has oldest rocks on Earth

Canadian and French researchers have confirmed that the oldest known rocks on Earth, dating back to the Hadean era 4.16 billion years ago, lie in northern Quebec.

Hell on Earth: Planet's earliest geologic era

The Hadean Eon – named after Hades, god of the underworld – was the first, oldest geologic era of Earth's history, starting with its formation about 4.6 billion years ago

Millions of years ago

0 – Phanerozoic Eon

500 –

1000 –

1500 – Proterozoic Eon

2000 –

2500 –

3000 – Archean Eon

3500 –

4000 – Hadean Eon

4500 –

Last common ancestor of today's living things existed 4.09 to 4.33 billion years ago

Lead researcher O'Neil with a sample of ancient rock from the Nuvvuagittuq site

Source: Jonathan O'Neil of University of Ottawa; Science magazine

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service © 2025 TNS

Nuvvuagittuq Greenstone Belt

Quebec CANADA

Illustrator's image of Earth's surface in Hadean Eon

Tim Bertelink Illustration

Researchers used geochemistry and chemical isotope evidence to date the Canadian rocks as 4.16 billion years old – from the first 500 million years of Earth's history

Lead researcher O'Neil with a sample of ancient rock from the Nuvvuagittuq site

MORE ABOUT HADEAN EON

The Hadean Eon, lasting from Earth's formation around 4.6 billion years ago to 4 billion years ago, was a chaotic and violent period of intense planetary formation, massive volcanic activity, and frequent asteroid impacts, during which Earth began to cool, forming a molten surface, a developing crust, and eventually the Moon.

Although very little direct rock evidence from this era survives, the examination of ancient zircon crystals provides clues about the conditions of early Earth, including the formation of the Moon from a cataclysmic collision with a Mars-sized object.

The Hadean was marked by frequent and large asteroid collisions that would have generated enormous amounts of heat.

Neal McCoy, Kansas highlight 20th-anniversary Clarion season

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Neal McCoy has released 15 studio albums and has released 34 singles to country radio. In 1993, McCoy broke through with the back-to-back No. 1 singles, "No Doubt About It" and "Wink," from his platinum-certified album, "No Doubt About It." His commercial success continued into the late 1990s with two more platinum albums and a gold album, as well as six more Top 10 hits. A seventh Top 10 hit, "Billy's Got His Beer Goggles On," came in 2005.

McCoy is also the recipient of multiple Humanitarian awards from The Academy of Country Music, The Country Radio Broadcasters and The Masonic Grand Lodge.

Other performances this season

The Clarion at Brazosport College has lined up an all-star group of artists to celebrate its 20th season of concerts. For its 2025-26 performance season, the Clarion will feature 11 shows, including four main performances and seven special events.

The featured concert lineup includes internationally acclaimed artists:

An Evening with Neal McCoy on Nov. 14
Kansas on Dec. 12

An Evening with Bruce Hornsby on Feb. 13
Jo Dee Messina on March 27

The special events lineup includes:

The New York Tenors with the Brazosport Symphony

Orchestra on Nov. 9

Let's Go Science on Nov. 12

Anat Cohen on Nov. 21

Westerlies on Jan. 16

Aubrey Logan with the Brazosport Jazz Orchestra on Jan. 23

Kitka on Feb. 27

Arcis on April 7

Tickets for the 2025-2026 performance season are currently on sale and both individual and season ticket packages are available. The Clarion's season ticket package consists of at least four shows. By choosing four shows or more, discounted prices are available.

Call the Clarion box office at (979) 230-3156 or visit brazosport.edu/clarion for more information or to purchase tickets.

In our house, the newspaper is still a multi-use tool

By Lori Borgman
Tribune News Service (TNS)

I'm stealthy about slipping outside each morning to retrieve newspapers from the driveway. I dread someone driving by, lowering their window and yelling, "Get with the times!"

Oh, darlin', we're with the Times - and the Journal and the Star and the News. Two papers in print and four online.

Back when an apple was still a fruit and nobody ever heard of the internet, every house on both sides of the block got a morning newspaper. Today, we are the only house on the block to get a newspaper in the driveway. We might be the only ones in the whole subdivision.

Paper and print are part of our history. We met in college. He was a graduate teaching assistant in the photo lab, and I was an undergrad. We met

in the darkroom to see what would develop.

We bonded over newsprint, halftones, the deafening roar of offset presses and the smell of darkroom chemicals.

I grew up in a home that received a newspaper in the morning and another in the evening. Mom and Dad had the same thing every day for breakfast: coffee, buttered toast and the morning paper.

They had the same conversation every day, too.

He'd say: "You don't need to read that to me; I just read it."

Then she'd say: "O.K., but did you read this...?"

Then they'd trade sections. After dinner, it was the same thing all over again, but without the buttered toast.

My husband's first job was delivering newspapers door to door on his bicycle. As a girl, I poured through the Women's

section on lazy Sunday afternoons vicariously attending weddings of strangers, learning where they were from, who their parents were, how the groom planned on earning a living, where they would live, and how long the train on the bride's wedding gown was.

A great aunt used to make sailor hats from newspapers, clean windows with them and wrap tomatoes in need of ripening in them. Newsprint was a multi-use tool.

Newspapers took us through the assassination of JFK,

Vietnam, Watergate, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" and the horrors of 9/11.

And now? They're a novelty - like turntable record players and 35 mm manual-focus cameras.

Before any big family gathering, the husband tears out pages with comics, the crosswords, Sudoku and word puzzles. A son-in-law and half-dozen grandkids charge through the front door and make wild grabs for them.

There's often a cluster working to solve for 61 across: solid fossil fuel.

Yes, you can find everything in print online, but there's just something about a newspaper

in your hands. Maybe it's the feel or the crinkle. Maybe it's the satisfaction of wrestling that monster into position. You bat back a page, snap it behind another, give it a shake, fold the whole kit and caboodle, and are ready to read. Newspaper aerobics.

Some may think people who still get a newspaper in print are relics. We prefer to think of ourselves as affectionate historians.

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



Lori Borgman

Win tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival

We again partnered with the Texas Renaissance Festival in Todd Mission and are giving away pairs of Sunday tickets. The festival is from Oct. 11 through Nov. 30. Fill out this coupon and email it to john.bulletin@gmail.com; mail it to The Bulletin, PO Box 2426, Angleton, TX. 77516; or fax it to 1-866-844-5288.

Entries must be received by noon, Oct. 9, 2025. Winners will be contacted by phone or email, and their names will be printed in the Oct. 14. Bulletin. There will be at least 10 winners.

Names will be drawn at random. One entry per person, please. Good luck to all entrants. - John and Sharon Toth

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AI will never replace toilet seats or get stuck behind the dryer

By Jase Graves

Special to The Bulletin

Goldman Sachs predicts that artificial intelligence may displace up to 300 million jobs by 2027.

Of course, I acquired that information from AI, so I have no idea if it's true or if AI is just

trying to bully me into making friends with it so it won't render me as obsolete at work as I am at home.

And although AI is already doing amazing things, like making teachers all over the country wish (even more) that they had an IV drip of margaritas

when they grade essays, there are, unfortunately, plenty of practical tasks that AI still can't perform.

For example, on a recent Saturday, instead of relaxing in my recliner and allowing college football to determine my mood for the next week, I found myself installing a new toilet seat - long before the previous toilet seat had reached its "best if used by" date.

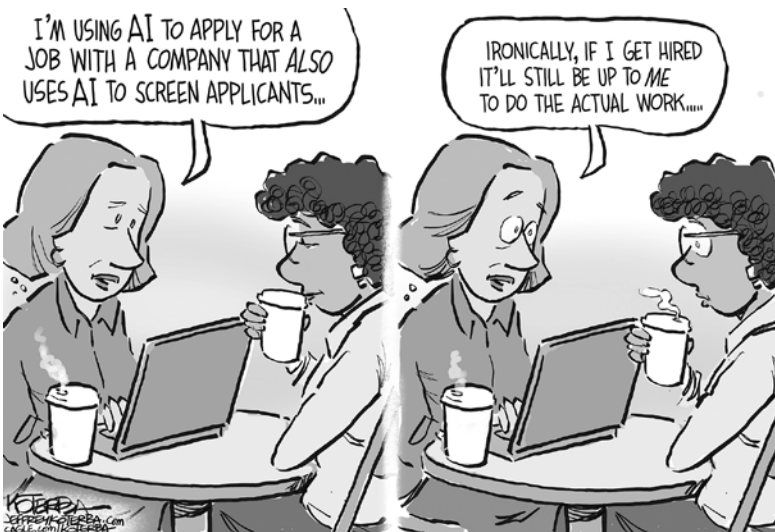
This happens to be the seat for the toilet in my youngest and quietest daughter's bathroom, and I have to replace it about as often as I change the oil in my car.

This time, the seat was practically ripped off its hinges, which might be understandable if it were in the Texas Aggie football team's locker room.

But this is the bathroom of an average-sized teenage girl who only gets violent when she is asked to stop leaving her dirty clothes all over the bathroom floor.

Luckily, replacing a toilet seat is a job that even an unusually incompetent chimpanzee could do, so I managed to handle it with only a few ruptured disks. Thanks a lot, AI!

On that same Saturday, I also cleaned out the washing



machine filter and had the audacity to shift the adjacent dryer about a half inch, which naturally caused the rear dryer vent hose to come loose. Then, I had to perform advanced parkour moves to squeeze between the washer and dryer to reattach the unwieldy hose, which was clearly invented by Vladimir Putin.

I soon found myself lodged between the back of the dryer and the back wall of the laundry room, underneath a set of built-in cabinets.

I'm convinced that this cramped space was designed as a trap for mechanically disinclined dads. While I was incarcerated back there, I decided to clean out the exhaust hose and dragged out enough

lint for a lifetime of bellybutton excavations.

For a few minutes, I considered just staying there permanently to avoid going to work on Monday morning, but I figured I'd miss going out to eat Mexican food too much.

Eventually, I found my way out of the dad trap, sweating like that last gas station hot dog wiener on a roller grill and covered in underwear dust. Thanks a lot, AI!

Although a few jobs may, indeed, go away someday, I'll bet dads and husbands will still be installing toilet seats and loitering behind appliances far into the future, continuing to be unsung household heroes in the rolling eyes of their wives and children--no thanks to AI.

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How the Phoebus Cartel increased lightbulb sales

The Phoebus Cartel was an international consortium of light bulb manufacturers founded in 1924 to control the global incandescent light bulb market, most notably by enforcing a 1,000-hour lifespan for bulbs. Before the cartel, incandescent bulbs typically lasted 1,500 to 2,500 hours.

This strategy, known as planned obsolescence, was designed to decrease sales of longer-lasting bulbs, thereby increasing overall sales and profits for member companies like Osram, Philips, and General Electric.

The cartel's activities included market division, production quotas, and fining members who produced bulbs exceeding the 1,000-hour limit.

The group was intended to last for 30 years, but its power began to weaken in the 1930s due to several factors, including competition from non-member companies, the expiration of key patents, and internal conflicts among members.

Its operations ceased in 1939 with the outbreak of World War II, which made coordination among the international members impossible.

The cartel's activities were eventually challenged, with a U.S. District Court ruling in 1949 finding General Electric guilty of antitrust violations related to its association with Phoebus.



I set out to search for a younger doctor after my middle-aged physician decided to retire

By John Toth
The Bulletin

A while ago, my primary physician told me that he was retiring, and I needed to find another doctor.

I chose him 10 years ago so he could tell me once a year what earthly pleasures I should part with for the sake of my health. Another reason was because he had photos of his young children on his desk, and I was sure that he would not retire before I did.

He didn't tell me any specifics, but it was obvious that his mind was made up. Maybe he was just burned out or got the middle-age crazies.

I can see how doing the same thing day in and day out can grow mundane, even in the medical profession. Doctors go through midlife crises just like many others. I can't remember having to do that. In the weekly publishing business, there is no time to ponder how boring something is. It has to be done on deadline, boring or interesting.

I have gone through many phases of this business (from pre-Internet, fax machines, layout sheets to totally digital production), but I can honestly

say (actually, write) that I've never had a boring day in 31 years. I've had days when I had to put out a lot of fires, but those times are not exactly boring. They're more like panic time.

Even when I worked for other newspapers, it was an adventure each day. I never knew what the day would bring. Some stories wrote themselves, others were a grind to finish, but they were all interesting.

One day, I covered the browned greens of the Freeport Golf Course, the next a triple killing at the Darlington prison unit. Each day, I met different people with stories to tell.

Maybe I should have suggested to my doctor that he chase stories for The Bulletin on his days off to change things up a little. We would have had to set some guidelines, like no hard medical words in a story.

I didn't think of it. We just said goodbye on my last visit after he did the examination that has always been my least favorite. (It was actually not on my favorite list at all.)

My quest then began to find another doctor, someone who was even younger. Since my old primary physician decided

to retire at middle age, I was looking for a doctor who had not reached middle age yet.

I did my research well, even more in-depth than when I research which cruise I want to go on next. So, you know I meant business.

I made an appointment for a physical and hoped for the best. I don't like changing doctors, but sometimes the change is good. Each one brings to the table a different set of knowledge.

My previous doctor was thorough and often insistent, like when he talked me into getting my first colonoscopy, which wound up saving my life (or at least the type of active life I now enjoy).

Story of the Inverted Jenny



The Inverted Jenny is a famous 1918 U.S. airmail stamp error where the Curtiss JN-4 biplane was mistakenly printed upside down.

The error occurred during the two-part printing process, resulting in only one sheet of 100 misprinted stamps reaching the public.

Stamp collector William Robey discovered the inverted sheet at a post office, buying the entire sheet for its face value of \$24. This single sheet of 100 Inverted Jennys became highly prized by collectors, turning a postal error into one of the most famous and valuable stamps in philatelic history.

In 2023, one of the stamps sold at auction for \$2 million.

I wrote him a nice thank-you note afterwards, but he never responded. For the doctor, it was just another day at work. To me, it was life-changing.

The new doctor knocked on the examination door. We were on the same page right away. He was young, talked about how he got married three years ago and has two children.

That's in my favor. With two young children, he won't be retiring for a long time, not even if he gets the middle-age crazies.

Those kids are my insurance policy that he'll stick around for a while.

"I see that you're due for another colonoscopy," he said after he read through my records.

"Yes, I'm aware of it. I hate them, but I hate colon cancer more," I replied.

We had a great discussion about my health and all the do's and don'ts. There are a lot more don'ts now than when I was younger. It took a while.



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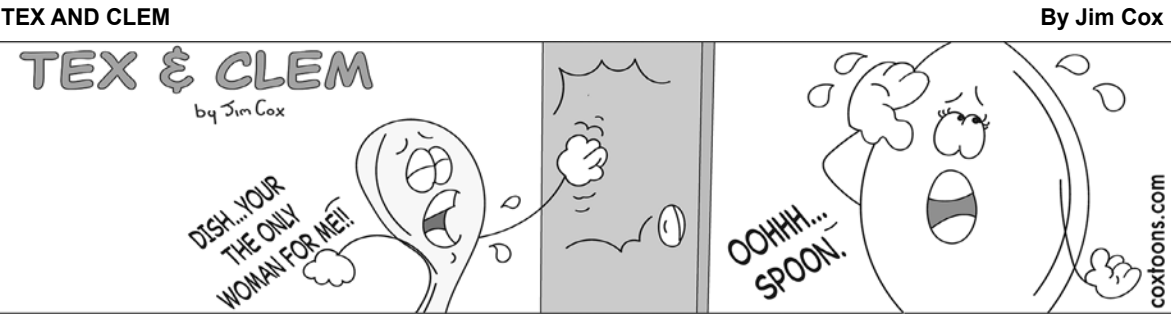
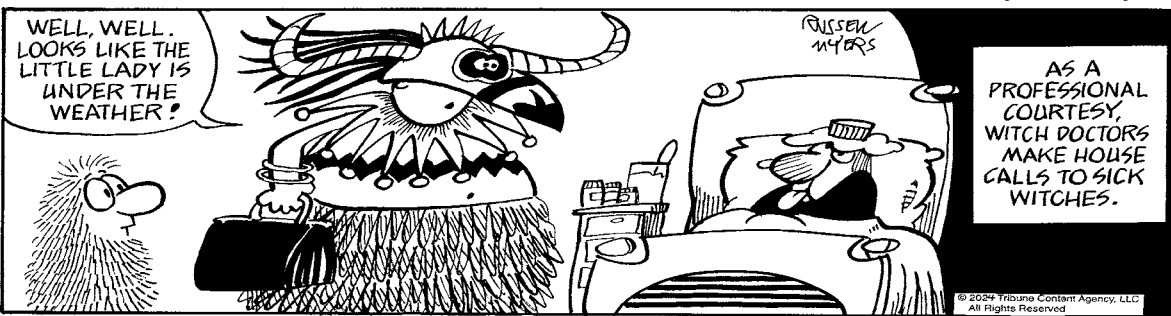
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Humor from the copy desk

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How do journalists greet each other? "Have you heard any 'breaking news' today?"

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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.

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Ans. here:

Answers: The train was late, and their final goodbye on the train platform was going to -- LAST SO LONG

Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When you pay it forward, you're setting up reciprocity; when the circle is working, all prosper. It might be time to release an old limitation. A day apart from the usual distractions could feed your soul, you might also have a satisfying project to work on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If it's a day off, give some time to creativity and play - enjoy a potentially lighter mood along with artistic inspo. Friends might be too busy for fun or not available to help now. Roll up sleeves and lend a hand to someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Back-of-your-mind static could make it harder to get clarity. Do what you can to quiet the noise. A getaway could bring not just pleasure but open the door to a lasting benefit. A career anxiety might ramp up for a few hours, then fade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A path forward could continue to emerge. Money is a topic, thoughts could go either toward helpful insights or emotional reactivity, and a windfall apple could drop. Also, a friend might shed

some clear financial light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can catch more flies with honey than with napalm. A situation involving sharing of resources could be calling for some inner emotional work or clarity. Kick it at home, consider inviting some friends to come by or share a meal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The past doesn't push you forward, the future pulls you. But, unresolved old trauma sabotages your shining future it's warping your perception, discipline, or choices. Do the self-work and set yourself free - you're the only one who can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you usually stage for Monday, today it should be effortless and even offer some clues for future success. Service above self could be especially heartfelt now. If you are dating, you might catch a mentor or adviser instead of a fish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lean in to both your magnetism and your wholesome, loyal nature. Get out and play if you can, but something could stand in the way today. Focus on diplomatic appeals instead of a bulldozer approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): To change or not to change could be the question in a relationship now. If needed, make the changes. If bored, revitalize things if you can. Time at home could be the rest and refreshment you need today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get things done and take off for a day if you can. It could give you a needed reset. A fresh new path for a relationship, new or old, could be coming into view. It's likely leading toward goodness and growth but always stay aware.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A difficult conversation about finances might not land well but could end up setting important good things into motion. Decide if it's worth the risk - it could go either way today. It could be hard to think about something too close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use caution if tempted to make a vulnerable share. Relationships both committed and casual are offered some grace to grow and thrive, but lots will depend on both sets of individual cycles. Break out of the house if you can for a free day.

On This Day In History

October 1

1880 - Thomas Edison began the commercial production of electric lamps at Edison Lamp Works in Menlo Park.

1903 - The first modern World Series took place between the Boston Pilgrims and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

1908 - The Model T automobile was introduced by Henry Ford. The purchase price of the car was \$850.

1933 - Babe Ruth made his final pitching appearance. He pitched all nine innings and hit a home run in the 5th inning.

October 2

1876 - The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas opened. It was the state's first venture into public higher education. The school was formally dedicated 2 days later by Texas Gov. Richard Coke.

1920 - The Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates played the only triple-header in baseball history. The Reds won 2 of the 3 games.

1937 - Warner Bros. released "Love Is on the Air." Ronald Reagan made his acting debut in the motion picture. He was 26 years old.

October 3

1863 - U.S. President Lincoln declared that the last Thursday of November would be recognized as Thanksgiving Day.

1901 - The Victor Talking Machine Company was incorporated. After a merger with Radio Corporation of America the company became RCA-Victor.

1990 - The Berlin Wall was dismantled 11 months after the borders between East and West Germany were dissolved. The unification of Germany ended 45 years of division.

October 4

1887 - The Paris Herald Tribune was published for the first time. It was later known as the International Herald Tribune.

1915 - The Dinosaur National Monument was established. The area covered part of Utah and Colorado.

1957 - "Leave it to Beaver" debuted on CBS-TV.

1976 - Barbara Walters joined Harry Reasoner at the anchor desk of the "ABC Evening News" for the first time.

October 5

1921 - The World Series was broadcast on the radio for the first time. The game was between the New York Giants and the New York Yankees.

1947 - U.S. President Harry S Truman held the first televised presidential address from the White House.

2006 - Walmart rolled out its \$4 generic drug program to the entire state of Florida after a successful test in the Tampa area.

October 6

1880 - The National League kicked the Cincinnati Reds out for selling beer.

1962 - Robert Goulet began the role of Sir Lancelot in "Camelot".

October 7

1868 - Cornell University was inaugurated in Ithaca, N.Y.

1956 - A U.S. House subcommittee began investigations of allegedly rigged TV quiz shows.

1989 - In Budapest, Hungary's Communist Party renounced Marxism in favor of democratic socialism.

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B. overspend D. be elated

2. flyweight

A. mail scale C. light boxer

B. fish lure D. auto part

3. flyblown

A. tainted C. temporary

B. tattered D. traveling

4. fly-by-night

A. secretive C. escapee

B. unreliable D. shooting star

5. fly agaric

A. drug C. mushroom

B. ointment D. sticky gum

6. gadfly

A. pest C. moth

B. flirt D. tool

7. flying colors

A. success C. deco style

B. air show D. double rainbow

8. flying buttress

A. bomber C. engine part

B. formation D. masonry prop

9. flying fox

A. bat C. lead runner

B. thief D. base stealer

10. Flying Dutchman

A. ship C. soccer player

B. monument D. Holland hero

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— Greg Wilkinson

- 39 Overturn
- 40 Pet with separation anxiety, perhaps
- 42 "A Doll's House" playwright Henrik
- 43 Class for some immigrants: Abbr.
- 44 Masterpiece
- 45 Coast Guard rank: Abbr.
- 46 Comfy cozy
- 48 Texter's "No idea"
- 49 Uno y uno
- 52 Complicated discussion topic, and an apt description of the start of 20-, 35-, or 40-Across?
- 56 Fuzzy fruit
- 58 AFB truant
- 59 Bass of 'N Sync
- 60 "As far as ___ tell ..."
- 61 Snatch
- 62 Like draft beer
- 63 NBA two-pointer
- 64 SimCity console, in brief
- 65 Overflows (with)

DOWN

- 1 Actress Hayek Pinault
- 2 Trojan War epic by Homer
- 3 Demerits
- 4 Not odd
- 5 Westernmost country of continental Africa
- 6 California's state flower
- 7 Dell competitor
- 8 "Never gonna happen"
- 9 Of the distant past
- 10 Geography book
- 11 Victors
- 12 Scottish cap
- 13 Small drink
- 21 Tit for ___
- 22 Campus mil. group
- 26 Piano exercise
- 27 Disclose
- 28 Not fem. or neut.
- 29 Some jazz groups
- 30 Pealed
- 32 Really, really want
- 33 "You ___ busted!"
- 34 Edward Cullen's love interest in the "Twilight" series
- 35 "Queen of Neo Soul" Erykah
- 36 Centers of activity
- 38 Mimics
- 41 Round flatbread
- 42 Rorschach pattern
- 45 School URL ending
- 47 Big to-do
- 48 Tahiti and Bora Bora
- 49 AI ___: firm, as pasta
- 50 Philosopher who espoused simple explanations
- 51 Fitness tracker units
- 53 "Rich People Problems" novelist Kevin
- 54 Oxen harness
- 55 Actress Fonda
- 56 Young goat
- 57 Hospital dept.
- TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY, LLC.



SUDOKU

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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Solutions

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Texas adds 17,600 jobs as labor force grows in August

AUSTIN - Texas had 14,347,700 total non-farm jobs after adding 17,600 positions over the month in August.

Over the year, the state added 195,600 jobs for an annual nonfarm growth rate

of 1.4 percent, outpacing the national growth rate by 0.5 percentage points.

Texas' civilian labor force registered at 15,857,300 after adding 8,600 people over the month and reaching a new

record high level for the series. Over the year, Texas' civilian labor force has added 169,500 people.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas registered at 4.1 percent.

"Texas' expanding labor force is a testament to our state's appeal, but it also means we have a responsibility to ensure everyone has access to the education, training, and support services they need to succeed," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "TWC is dedicated to removing barriers to employment and creating pathways to opportunity for all Texans."

The Leisure and Hospitality industry had the largest over-the-month increase in August after adding 10,900 jobs. Private Education and Health Services added 5,200 jobs over the month while Construction added 1,100. In addition, the Construction industry grew by 2.2 percent over the year in Texas and outperformed the industry's growth rate nationally by 1.5 percentage points.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DEAN KENDALL KERSH, Deceased, were issued on August 22, 2025, in Cause No. PR45752, pending in the County Court-At-Law No: 4 and Probate Court, Brazoria County, Texas, to: KENDRA DAWN KERSH AUCOIN.

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

c/o: **George H. Rau, Jr.**

Attorney at Law

2513 N. Velasco

Angleton, TX 77515

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED the 19 day of September, 2025.

STEVENS & RAU, PC

George H. Rau, Jr.

Stephanie T. Clem

Attorneys for the Representative of the Estate.

"The addition of more than 17,000 jobs in August highlights Texas' reputation as the best state for doing business," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "TWC resources such as Skills Development grants, apprenticeships and employer tax credits are empowering businesses to create opportunities locally and compete globally."

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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MARK ANDREW SIVCOSKI
PROBATE NO **PR45784**, COUNTY
COURT, BRAZORIA COUNTY,
TEXAS APPLICATION FOR
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
AND FOR INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATION AND
FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION

Said application will be heard and acted on by the court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration often days from date of publication of this citation, in County Court At Law #2 and Probate Court in the County Courthouse in Angleton, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of the law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Angleton, Texas this the 15th day of September, 2025.

JOYCE HUDMAN, CLERK
COUNTY COURT

BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

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Among metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in Texas, the Amarillo, Midland, and San Angelo MSAs had the lowest unemployment rates. Each of the three MSAs registered a not seasonally adjusted rate of 3.6 percent in August.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Lake Jackson Self Storage located at 212 Abner Jackson Pkwy Lake Jackson TX 77566 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 10/21/2025 at 5:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Laura K Tyner; Charles Speed; Lacy Bryington; Joseph Dubois; Mandi R Lincecum; Tracy Chizer. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Harry Waycasy, Deceased, were issued on September 15, 2025, in Cause No. PR45792 pending in the County Court-at-Law #2 & Probate Court of Brazoria County, Texas to: Pamela J. Waycasy

The address of the Independent Executrix of the Estate is as follows:

Pamela J. Waycasy, Independent

Executrix of the Estate

of Harry Waycasy, Deceased,

c/o: Berlinger Law Firm, PLLC

907 S. Friendswood Drive, Suite 218

Friendswood, Texas 77546

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 the 15th day of September, 2025.

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Columbia Christian Senior Citizens Center Menu

629 E. Bernard, West Columbia, TX, (979) 345-5955

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. Ages 55+ \$5; Others \$6 per meal.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Salisbury steak, corn casserole, carrots, pea salad, biscuits, dessert.

Friday, Oct. 3: Sausage, onions & potatoes, mustard greens, spiced apples, peaches, garlic toast, dessert.

Monday, Oct. 6: Chili with beans, rice, hominy, spiced apples, coleslaw, crackers, dessert.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Happy Birthday! : Baked chicken, dressing/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, carrot & raisin salad, rolls, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Chicken & dumplings, mixed vegetables, fried okra, corn, pears, cornbread, dessert.

God hears our prayers

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Looking around at all the evil that happens today, we may find ourselves wondering if some people must have been born without a conscience!

But the Bible teaches that God has placed within every human being some sense of right and wrong.

We can, however, ignore the voice of our conscience, and over time we can become so hardened by sin that we almost can't hear its voice. In fact, some people lose almost all sense of right and wrong - and when that happens the results are always tragic.

But this should not keep Christians from taking a stand for what is right and not letting evil go unchallenged. But most of all we need to pray.

Many people will celebrate an annual day of prayer, praying especially for our world and its leaders - its politicians, trendsetters, media powers, athletes and others in a position of influence.

Pray that they may use their influence for good and not for evil. Remember: God is sovereign and is still at work, and He alone is our hope for a better world - and He hears our prayers.

We may not think prayer changes things, but things happen in unseen places when we pray.

Prayer isn't the last resort; it should always be our first line of defense. God's people are never powerless when we choose to be people of prayer.

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