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## Let's try this again

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**WEATHER HISTORY ON THIS DAY**

**Sept. 18, 1988** - Early in the morning a tornado hit Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX., injuring three persons and causing \$28 million dollars in damage. A second tornado on the northwest side of San Antonio caused \$6 million dollars in damage, and a third tornado in Bexar County killed one person and injured another.

**Sept. 19, 1926** - The great "Miami Hurricane" produced winds reaching 138 mph which drove ocean waters into the Biscayne Bay drowning 135 persons.

**Sept. 20, 1967** - Hurricane Beulah deluged Brownsville, TX., with 12.19 inches of rain in 24 hours, to establish a record for that location. Hurricane Beulah made landfall near the mouth of the Rio Grande River, where a wind gust to 135 mph was reported by a ship in port.

**Sept. 21, 1989** - Hurricane Hugo slammed into the South Carolina coast about 11 p.m., making landfall near Sullivan's Island. It was directly responsible for 13 deaths and indirectly responsible for 22 others. A total of 420 persons were injured in the hurricane.

**Sept. 22, 1983** - Forty-one cities reported record-cold temperatures during the morning. Houston, TX., hit 50 degrees, and Williston, N.D., plunged to 19 degrees.

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**7-Day Local Forecast**

<b>September 18</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 19</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 20</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>September 21</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 22</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 23</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>September 24</b> <b>Tuesday</b>
Mostly Sunny 87 / 77	Sunny 88 / 76	Mostly Cloudy 89 / 79	Partly Cloudy 88 / 78	Mostly Sunny 89 / 79	Mostly Sunny 87 / 76	Mostly Sunny 88 / 78

**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**

City	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		City	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx		Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Amarillo	91/68	s	89/65	cl	88/66	sh	Odessa	91/72	s	89/69	pc	90/72	pc
Beaumont	89/77	s	88/76	pc	89/78	pc	San Antonio	95/75	pc	96/74	mc	95/76	cl
Dallas	96/81	s	97/80	mc	95/81	mc	Waco	94/75	s	97/77	mc	98/79	mc
Houston	91/79	s	96/83	s	95/84	mc	Wichita Falls	96/78	s	99/80	cl	100/82	mc

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

**Weather Trivia**

How much has the Earth's temperature risen since 1860? ?

**Answer:** Temperatures have risen between 0.5 and 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week**

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Wed	12:25-2:25	12:51-2:51	Sun	4:01-6:01	4:30-6:30
Thu	1:16-3:16	1:42-3:42	Mon	4:59-6:59	5:29-7:29
Fri	2:09-4:09	2:36-4:36	Tue	5:59-7:59	6:28-8:28
Sat	3:04-5:04	3:32-5:32			

**Weather History**

**Sept. 18, 1926** - The great "Miami Hurricane" produced winds reaching 138 mph that drove ocean waters into the Biscayne Bay, drowning 135 people. The eye of the hurricane passed over Miami, at which time the barometric pressure reached 27.61 inches.

**Sun & Moon**

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
9/24	Wednesday	7:08 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	7:38 a.m.	10/10
	Thursday	7:08 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:47 a.m.	
	Friday	7:09 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	9:57 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:09 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	11:08 a.m.	
New	Sunday	7:10 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	10:38 p.m.	12:18 p.m.	Full
10/2	Monday	7:10 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	11:31 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	10/17
	Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	Prev Day	2:27 p.m.	

**Surfside Beach Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
9/18	4:21 a	9:57 a	4:13 p	11:03 p
9/19	4:35 a	10:31 a	5:34 p	None
9/20	4:47 a	12:24 a	6:54 p	11:13 a
9/21	4:51 a	2:01 a	8:35 p	11:59 a
9/22	10:21 p	12:50 p	None	None
9/23	11:47 p	1:49 p	None	None
9/24	None	3:02 p	None	None

**Local Almanac Last Week**

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
9/5	84	76	90/72	0.06"	9/5	30	9/9	28
9/6	84	73	90/71	0.01"	9/6	29	9/10	29
9/7	85	70	90/71	0.00"	9/7	28	9/11	29
9/8	85	68	90/71	0.00"	9/8	27		
9/9	86	69	90/71	0.00"				
9/10	83	74	89/71	0.01"				
9/11	84	74	89/70	0.01"				

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.

### When there is a way, there is fire

**Q.** *Out in the frozen wilderness, you lose your backpack in a fall. You still have a knife but your matches are gone. It's getting really cold, and you need a fire. There's wood around but no sparking material. What to do?*

**A.** If you read Jules Verne's "The Desert of Ice," you know of Captain Hatteras and a few loyal men abandoned near the Arctic, facing the above circumstances, says Jearl Walker in "The Flying Circus of Physics." Their ingenious doctor fashioned a convex lens out of a clear section of ice (no air bubbles), using a hatchet to shape it and smoothing it with his knife and warmth from his fingers. Then he focused the bright sunlight onto the kindling, and within seconds it ignited. Such an idea may have originated with British scientist William Scoresby, Arctic pioneer, whose ice lens ignited wood, tobacco in a sailor's pipe, etc.

Or why not use an eyeglass lens, if available, as was done with Piggy's glasses in William Golding's "Lord of the Flies."

This can work, says Walker, but NOT if the wearer is near-sighted, as was Piggy; these lenses won't focus the rays. "The story is flawed. You'd need the glasses of someone far-sighted for this to work."

### Our bodies and mathematics

**Q.** *Can't be just coincidental, can it, that we have 10 fingers for counting and enumerating and a base-10 number system to go along with them?*

**A.** Perceptive observation, says Keith Devlin in "The Math Instinct." When counting, we certainly run out of fingers at 10, then have to "carry" a 1 (maybe by moving a pebble with our foot). Also, the word "digit" derives from the Latin "digitus" (finger, toe). Even more compelling, neuroscientists note that performing arithmetic activates the brain's left parietal lobe, which is also the region that controls our versatile, coordinated fingers. And there's this from clinicians: People with "Gerstmann's syndrome" are unable to tell which finger is being touched, or to tell right from left. Revealingly, they also have difficulty coping with numbers!

So it all "adds up": Our present-day mental number sense seems an abstraction from our early physical finger manipulations. "Mental arithmetic may be, in essence, 'off-line' finger manipulation."

### Worst punctuation mark in the English language

**Q.** *If there's an overworked, amateurish punctuation mark in English, there's general agreement as to what it might be. It's not a , ; ? or . Hey, good guess!*

**A.** The exclamation point should be used the way responsible motorists use their horn: Only as a last resort, says Mark Davidson in "Right, Wrong, and Risky: A Dictionary of Today's American English Usage."

"New Fowler's Modern English Usage" concurs: Excessive use of these marks signals an unpracticed writer, or one who wants to add a spurious dash of sensation to something unsensational. Exclamation points "irritate the eyes," said physician-essayist Lewis Thomas. They're pretentious, self-indulgent, almost always pointless. Craft the words instead to stand on their own, a genuine astonishment, not to jump up and down self-consciously. Writers tempted to use them should be compelled by law if necessary into a 7-day waiting period, Thomas joked.

"If your desire to use an exclamation point becomes uncontrollable," Davidson suggests, "write an essay about the !Kung people of southwestern Africa. !Kung is spelled with an exclamation point that represents clicking sounds that serve as a series of consonants in the !Kung language." ("The American Heritage Dictionary")

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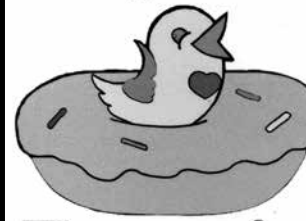
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**BUT SIR, IT'S NOT "BUY-TWO-GET-ONE FREE-DAY," ...**

**OH, OK:** A man paid for two hash browns at the drive-thru window of a McDonald's in Los Angeles, then pulled out a replica Glock pistol and demanded a third. The employee gave up the third hash brown because he was in fear of his life.

**THIS DIDN'T GO AS I HAD**

**PLANNED:** A naked man forced a driver out of a car in a parking lot in Des Moines, Iowa., at 3:30 in the morning, carjacked the vehicle, slamming it into reverse and backing away at a high speed, briefly dragging the driver, who was in the way of the still-open door. He then sped off with tires squealing, and he later crashed into a tree.



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**OH, NANA, HOW COULD YOU?:** A woman, who was siphoning gas into her "Nana's Sweet Treats" bakery van from a U-Haul vehicle in Roseburg, Ore., at 5:30 in the morning, lit a cigarette, causing that U-Haul and one other to explode in flames. Nana is charged with first-degree criminal mischief and reckless burning.

#### SOMETIMES DREAMS

**ACTUALLY DO COME TRUE:** A 55-year-old woman and 60-year-old man, who were caught having intimate relations on a causeway in Dunedin, Fla., showed "zero remorse" when taken into custody. In fact, the lady told officers it "was always a dream of mine" to engage in such a public tryst on the causeway.

**YOU CAN'T BOTH BE THE VICTIM, SIR:** A man and a woman got into a brawl at a home in Georgetown County, S.C., because he didn't season the chicken he was cooking. She called him a "dumb dog," so he shoved her into a table and began punching her. A man came out of the kitchen and fired a warning shot from a 9 mm handgun into the ceiling to break up the fight. It ended with them spraying each other with Raid bug spray. Each wanted to press charges against the other, but the cops arrested both of them.

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## What is Grave's disease; how are symptoms treated?

From Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)  
Graves' disease is a condition of the immune system that leads to an overactive thyroid.

It is caused by antibodies attacking the thyroid by mistake. The thyroid and the hormones it produces are the gas pedal for the body. When someone produces too many thyroid hormones, the body goes into overdrive. Your pulse increases, you overheat, you lose sleep - these symptoms make people feel so unwell that they seek medical attention.

This is what leads to additional testing and the diagnosis of Graves' disease. In overdrive, muscle strength is lost, and the heart beats faster, adding extra wear and tear. The goal is to treat this overactive phase when

treating Graves' disease.

The main complication of Graves' disease is thyroid eye disease. Inflammation and bulging of the eyes occur in a third of people diagnosed with Graves' disease. Managing thyroid eye disease requires an endocrinologist to address the thyroid and ophthalmologists who deal with eye changes.

All these specialists operate together in a Thyroid Eye Disease Clinic at Mayo Clinic. The morning is dedicated to the patient moving between the different specialties and performing a set of specific tests. At noon, the specialists meet to discuss patient impressions, review the test results and create a care plan. The patient is seen again in the early afternoon, and the care plan is discussed.

This includes suggestions on medication or surgery and clinical trials suited for that patient, dwelling in detail on the

route the patient is interested in and contrasting it with the other choices.

Research and innovation surrounding Graves' disease is another area of focus for the future. The ability to create molecules that hit a specific target has increased tremendously over the last few years.

This is particularly effective when we know the mechanism of a disease and what the target should be. With thyroid eye disease, the main complication of Graves' disease, we know the receptor we aim to block. There have been a number of clinical trials that we (Mayo) are a part of that aim to block that receptor, improve the eye disease and, for some of these drugs, also treat the Graves' disease at the same time.

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## Brazoria-Galveston County Farm Bureau to host annual gathering

It's time once again in Brazoria and Galveston Counties to map the future of agriculture for the coming year.

Brazoria-Galveston County Farm Bureau (CFB) will host its county convention at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26.

"Our county convention is an opportunity for members to connect, address the challenges facing agriculture and set the course for our county Farm Bureau for the upcoming year," Charles LeCompte, Brazoria-Galveston CFB president

said.

Brazoria-Galveston CFB will consider policy resolutions to guide the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) in 2025 and elect leaders to represent Brazoria and Galveston County farmers, ranchers and business owners.

This year's guest speaker will be Conner Neumann, Texas Farm Bureau District 11 Field Representative. He will speak

about Texas Farm Bureau benefits and programs available to members. There will also be a short business meeting following the speaker.

Voting delegates will also be selected to represent Brazoria and Galveston Counties at the TFB annual meeting in December in Round Rock.

The Brazoria-Galveston

CFB county convention will be held at El Patio Tex-Mex Grill, located at 100 W. Magnolia St. in Angleton. A fajita buffet will be served. Seating is limited to 100 people, so an RSVP is required.

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At the meeting of the Lamar Fontaine Chapter of the U.D.C., the guest speaker was Tina Crawford, park ranger, at the Stephen F. Austin Statue in Angleton.

Her program was cooking and coffee in the 1860s in Texas.

After the meeting, the group had a tasting of family recipes, from cornbread to eggplant casserole.

The next meeting will be at the SFA Statue on Nov. 7, at 10 a.m.



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## I took the working out and shopping without-a-phone challenge

By John Toth

The Bulletin

We got into the van, and I started driving to the gym. It's something that I wish we would do more often. But on this day, we planned to go no matter what, and we set a time at which we would leave.

Halfway there, I noticed that I didn't have my cell phone. I grabbed the earpods, but I left the cellphone on the charging station.

I wanted to turn back to get it, but Sharon, my workout partner and physical fitness editor, urged that we just continue with our trip, remarking that I spend too much time on my cell phone, anyway.

I do, but it's not all for fun. I do legitimate work on it, like checking and answering emails. In the gym, though, I also use it for passing time watching YouTube videos while I walk on the treadmill.

It's really boring to walk on the treadmill, unless there is something to look at - like a video screen. In the Angleton Recreation Center, the TV sets are installed near the tall ceiling, and often the glare makes them hard to see.

I have found the best treadmills on cruise ships, where each one has a monitor that shows different paths from all over the world that you can watch as you walk. And when that gets old, I can always look out the window and watch the ocean, although that gets old quicker.

I really wanted to turn back and get my phone, but Sharon was right. I could do without it. I could listen to music in the gym and look out the window when I'm on the treadmill.

That's what I did. I usually walk a couple of miles, or about 40 minutes. I could do this.

I set the treadmill to the elevation and speed that I like.

I looked at the monitors above some, but the glare on the screen on my left made it too hard

to see anything. The set on my right was showing news. I didn't really want to see that.

It was a nice, sunny day outside. There was the stop sign, just like where it has been all the time. There were the trash and recycle cans by the garage door at the house across the street.

A bicyclist passed by. That was interesting. He wasn't peddling. Maybe he had one of those e-bikes.

It didn't take long to get really bored. What time was it, anyway? The treadmill showed that I had only walked three-quarters of a mile. That must have been off. I felt like I walked much longer than that. I should have turned back and gotten my phone.

This was turning out to be a lot more tedious than I thought.

I looked at the stop sign again and the trash and recycling cans. There they were still, just like the last time I looked. The screen to my left still was covered with glare. The screen on my right still had news.

I made it to a mile and a half



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when Sharon mercifully stopped by to say she was finished and was ready to go when I was. Thank you. I was really ready. Exercising is boring, and it's even more boring without a cellphone. I just do it to keep this body from falling apart, not because I like it.

I kept reaching for my earpods, only to realize that I had nothing to connect them to.

Sharon then wanted to go to Academy to look for sandals on sale. That presented another problem.

When she shops, the phone is my lifeline. Men don't shop;

they buy. Women shop, and it takes a long time. So, I make it tolerable by playing videos on my phone or listening to something interesting.

"Let's just go from here," she said.

That's what we did. But before we entered the store, I asked: "Could I see your phone?"

Problem solved. Why didn't I think of this earlier, like in the gym?

She found a really nice looking pair of sandals for a really good price. It took a long time. I was watching YouTube shorts.

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## Willie's Sunday Funday stepping in place of the Great Texas Mosquito Festival, canceled after Hurricane Beryl

In response to the cancellation of the Great Texas Mosquito Festival, due to Hurricane Beryl, the City of Clute is excited to announce Willie's Sunday Funday!

This an event designed to bring the community together for a day of fun, community, and celebration as we come together to support one another and enjoy the spirit of Clute.

Willie's Sunday Funday will take place 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, at Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive.

This free event promises a day filled with entertainment and activities for all ages. High-lights include:

**Live Music Performances:**

- Kin Faux at 2 p.m.;**
- Braxton Keith at 4 p.m.;**
- Josh Ward at 6 p.m.**

Family-friendly activities include a petting zoo, mini-golf, bounce houses and games.

Attendees are encouraged to donate cleaning supplies or single-serve food items to replenish the Brazoria County Dream Center.

"We are excited to take part in Willie's Sunday Funday, hosted by the City of Clute," said Terri Willis, CEO of the BCDC.

"After the tremendous efforts our community has made in the wake of Hurricane Beryl, this event provides a much-needed chance for relaxation and enjoyment. "Our staff and volunteers are eager to join the festivities. In the week following the hurricane, we provided food, ice, and water to over 4,000 people, many of whom are now new families in our pantry program. The generous

food donations will enable us to support over 600 families weekly through the Dream Pantry and provide meals for 800 children in our KidFuel Program (formerly known as the Backpack Buddies program). We look forward to a day of fun."

Clute officials in charge of the Mosquito Festival have said damage done by Hurricane Beryl only postponed the festival, which attracts worldwide attention annually. Willie's Sunday Funday is a way to bring the community together and celebrate.

"We are deeply saddened that Hurricane Beryl forced us to cancel The Great Texas Mosquito Festival, but we are committed to providing an

alternate event that is just as enjoyable for our community," said Michelle Parrish, Special Events & Marketing Coordinator for the City of Clute. "Willie's Sunday Funday is a testament to our community's resilience and spirit, and we look forward to seeing everyone there."

**Admission is free** for all attendees. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please note that no coolers, outside food, or beverages, are allowed.

Parking will be available at Brazoswood High School for a fee to support Project Graduation.

*For more details about the event, please visit [www.mosquitofestival.com](http://www.mosquitofestival.com) or contact [mparrish@clutetexas.gov](mailto:mparrish@clutetexas.gov).*

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# Entertainment



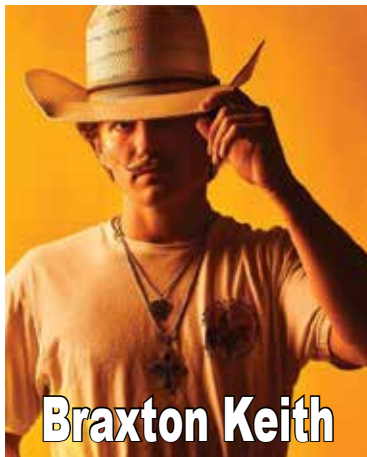
Josh Ward

Who is Josh Ward? "All grit and no quit." Josh is a Texas-born-and-bred country singer who fuses classic country themes with a rock-and-roll back beat. He is country music blood to the bone. He will take the stage at 6 p.m.

Braxton Keith calls San Antonio home, but the 20-something songwriter hasn't spent much time there in recent years.

He leaves town nearly every weekend, driving his band - and his own tour bus toward the next show. "That bus is actually the only vehicle I own," he says. "I drive it everywhere I go." Braxton doesn't just play country music. He lives it.

He writes songs that blend modern sounds with the best elements of old-school country. It's a balance of the contemporary and the classic, glued together by a proud Texas native who's learned to create



Braxton Keith

autobiographical music about universal experiences. He will take the stage at 4 p.m.



Kin Faux

Based out of San Antonio, Texas, Kin Faux is a nationally touring, high-energy Texas/Red Dirt Country band whose more obvious influences, along the lines of Charlie Daniels, Alabama and Restless Heart, show strongly through virtuosic fiddle and strong vocal harmonies. The eclectic influences come through via poignant, blistering guitar work and a thundering, solid rhythm section. They will take the stage at 2 p.m.



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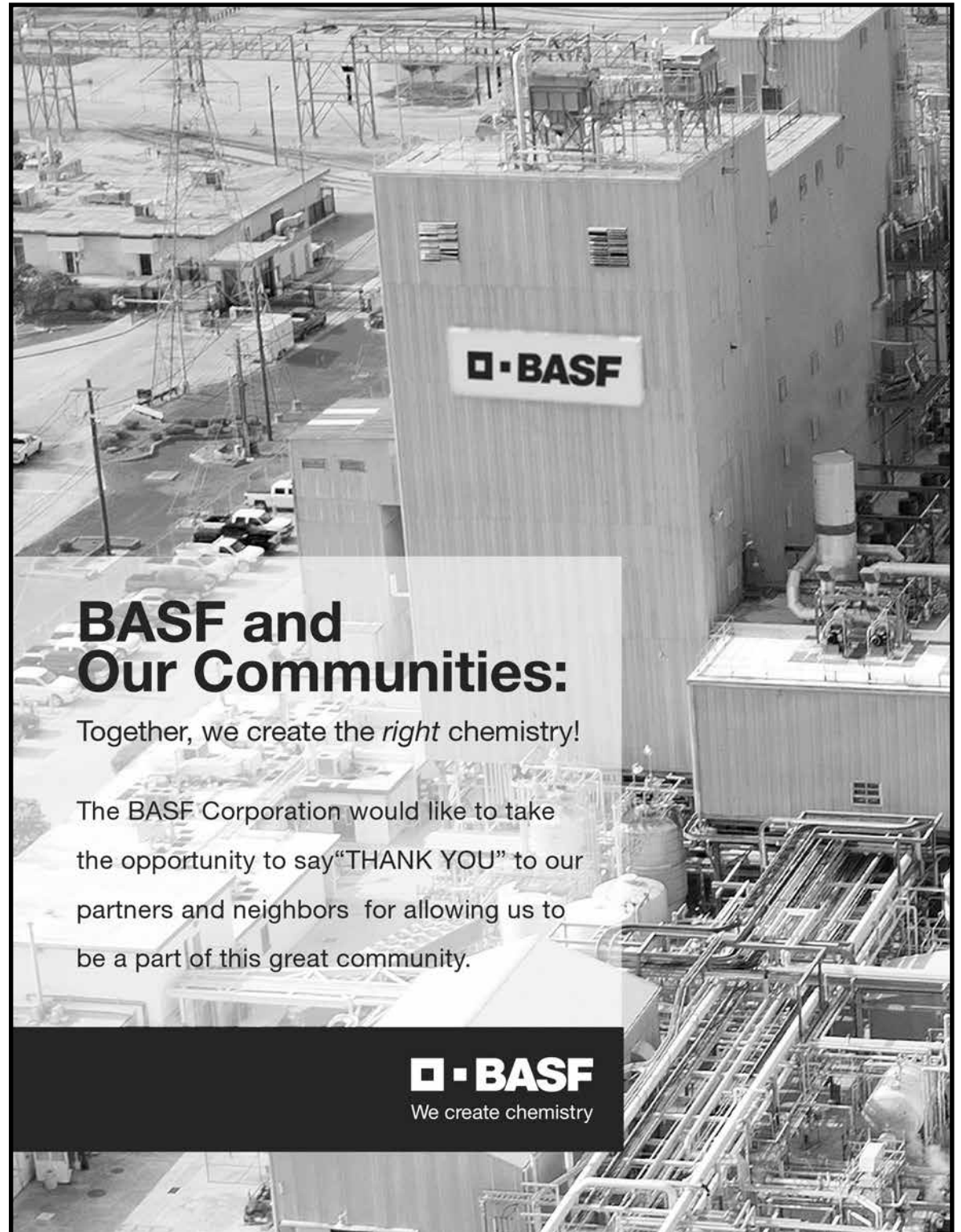
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## BC celebrates opening of new Pathways Center



Cutting the ribbon to officially open the Pathways Center at Brazosport College were, from left, BC Assistant Vice President of Student Success Lauren McCormick, BC Mascot Fred the Gator, BC Senior Vice President of Student Success & Advancement Tracee Watts, Director of Student Achievement and Success, The Pathways Center Susan Lancaster and Brazosport College President Dr. Vincent Solis.

Brazosport College recently held an official opening of its new Pathways Center with an open house that featured, games, food and a ribbon cutting.

The event was one of the highlights of the first week of the 2024-25 Fall semester and included discussions and tours for students and BC employees seeking to learn the many benefits and advantages of using the Pathways Center.

The Pathways Center at Brazosport College promotes student success by offering structured coaching relationships that connect students to campus resources. It supports students in achieving their educational, career and financial wellness goals.

Among the services available to students through the Pathways Center are:

Career Services - Helps students achieve successful

careers through strategic guidance, resources and programs that strengthen academic and career goals. It offers major and career exploration, job search training, resume and interview assistance and connects students with employers.

Transfer Services - Facilitates successful transfer experiences by offering holistic advising, workshops and personalized coaching. It equips students with the knowledge and skills needed for a smooth transition, covering housing, financial aid, admission applications and more.

Financial Wellness - Offers to enhance money management skills and decision-making. It connects students with campus and community resources, providing tools for budgeting, credit management and goal tracking.

Academic Advising & Coaching - Offers integrated support to assist students with academic and personal goals, course selection and overcoming obstacles. It provides individual coaching, strategies for success and connects students to campus resources.

The Pathways Center at Brazosport College is located in Room E-130 of the Bonnen Center Building. For more information about the Pathways Center at Brazosport College, visit [brazosport.edu/pathways](http://brazosport.edu/pathways).



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# Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't allow yourself to become tied down prematurely. Making promises on the spur of the moment or impulsive changes that involve your assets could backfire later this week. Relationships may appear complicated by different opinions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Stick to your sensible plan in the week ahead because impulsive changes may impact your budget and could lead to heartache. The strategies you've created to deal with your circumstances might have to be reconsidered and adapted.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): It may be a good idea to manage expectations in the coming week. A smart policy that could keep loved ones on your side may be to under-promise and over-deliver. Take your time to find something that feels just right for you.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Staying in contact with your friends might give you the emotional security and stability to try something daring. Consider listening to your heart to learn the best way to avoid risks. Nothing may be as easy as it seems in the early part of the week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): In the coming week, you might find yourself tempted to accept an invitation to join a group or organization. New friendships could

spark an interest in a hobby or activity that becomes a captivating and passionate pursuit for a short time.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There may be too many options to choose from. Knowledge can become more valuable when applied, brush up on current events and continue learning. Social gatherings may sidetrack you from following through on something important.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's easy to step on toes especially when we aren't looking. You might be lighthearted or feel like the life of the party, ready to let loose or shake things up. Think about possible ways to be more mindful of others' feelings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Not everyone follows the rules; getting everyone to cooperate could be like herding cats. Consider using tact and psychology to bring rebels in line. Vision and imagination might lead to great ideas with long-term benefits.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might feel like you've taken a ride on an emotional roller coaster, your day may have emotional highs and lows. Remember, what goes up must come down. Don't dwell too deeply on one feeling as it could be temporary.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a knack for certain topics, and your awareness shines even brighter when you incorporate originality, inven-

tiveness, and creativity into your daily routine. Exploring strategies to secure your future could be beneficial.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your high expectations or someone's lack of standards may be at

fault. If other people seem unpredictable, maybe you're expecting too much. Your priorities could change just when you thought you had everything under control.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Steer clear of being overly sensi-

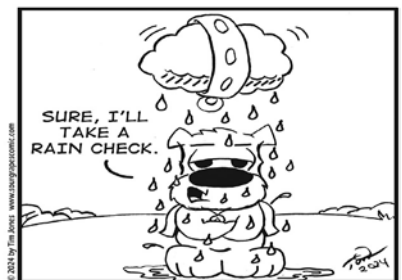
tive or short-tempered with loved ones. Unwanted confrontations may arise, so try to see matters from the other party's perspective. Social instincts might drive you to engage with people who share your ideals.

MR. MORRIS



By Rick Brooks

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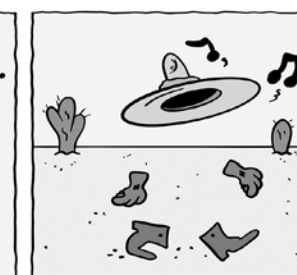
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By Jim Cox

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**Thursday, Sept. 19:** Oven-fried chicken, rice pilaf, black-eyed pea, okra & tomatoes, watermelon, biscuits, dessert.

**Friday, Sept. 20:** Hamburgers, pickles/onions, corn on the cob, beans & weenies, potato salad, bun, dessert.

**Monday, Sept. 23:** BBQ chopped beef, chili beans, corn, watermelon, buns, dessert.

**Tuesday, Sept. 24:** Beef stroganoff, cheese broccoli, mixed vegetables, pears, sliced bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, Sept. 25:** Southern-fried chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrot & raisin salad, biscuits, dessert.

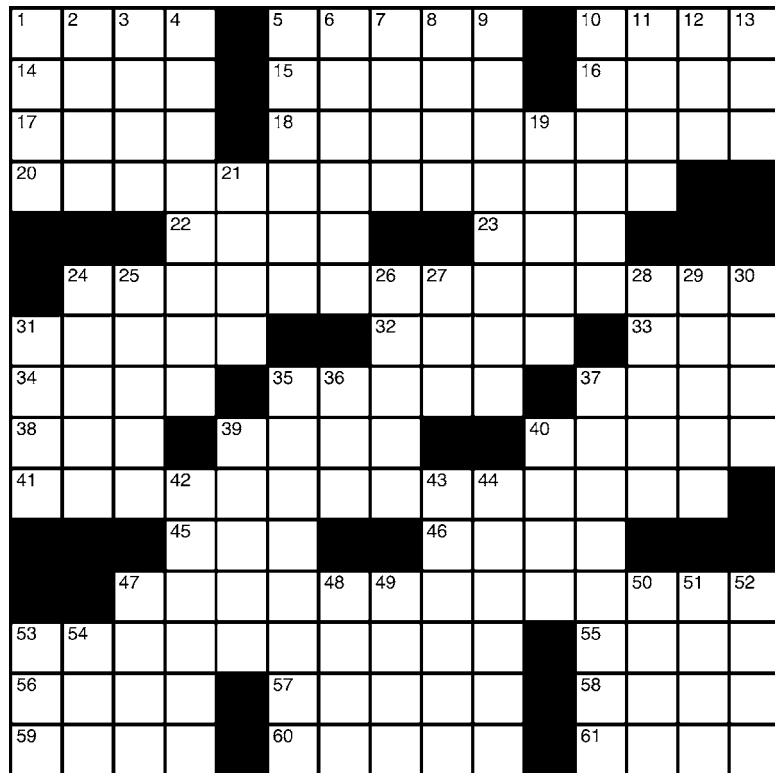
# Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

## ACROSS

- 1 Use a swizzle stick
- 5 Soothes to sleep
- 10 Poker pot starter
- 14 Skin opening
- 15 Starting lineup
- 16 Read, as a QR code
- 17 Wide-eyed with anticipation
- 18 Hollywood headliners
- 20 Wild "adios"?
- 22 "Cornflake Girl" singer

## Amos

- 23 Dodge pickup truck
- 24 Wild "goodbye"?
- 31 All-important
- 32 + or - particles
- 33 "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel" cable network
- 34 Targets of Terro bait traps
- 35 Popovich who is the winningest coach in NBA history
- 37 Track competition



Solutions on the right side of this page

- 38 Emulate Eileen Gu and Lindsey Vonn
- 39 \_\_\_ and rave
- 40 Hunts, with "on"
- 41 Wild "auf wiedersehen"?
- 45 "Big Blue" on the Big Board
- 46 Fill a position
- 47 Wild "au reservoir"?
- 53 Sign of stress?
- 55 French Quarter city, informally
- 56 Skinny tropical tree
- 57 Take place next
- 58 Bryce Canyon state
- 59 "Good point"
- 60 Cook in the oven
- 61 Pad thai protein option

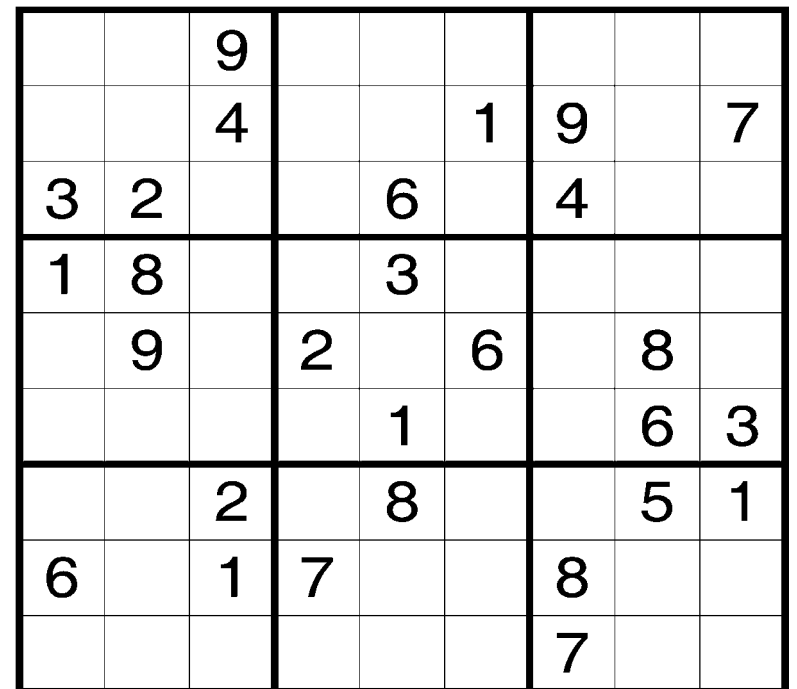
## DOWN

- 1 Canned meat used in Hawaiian cuisine
- 2 "Julius Caesar" costume
- 3 Multivitamin ingredient
- 4 Meets on the river?
- 5 Actress Hedy in the National Inventors Hall of Fame
- 6 Paradise
- 7 Jeans maker Strauss
- 8 Villain's hideout
- 9 Using questionable campaign tactics
- 10 Inhaler user's malady
- 11 Campus sports gp.
- 12 Road goo
- 13 USN rank
- 19 Unexpected hiccups
- 21 Yuletide song
- 24 Clickable connections
- 25 High point of a home tour?
- 26 Deliberately deceive
- 27 Ship captain's journal
- 28 Org. exited in Brexit
- 29 Minds
- 30 Turns rancid
- 31 Seemingly limitless
- 35 Utility gauge
- 36 Many ICU professionals
- 37 Snack food mascot with a monocle
- 39 Apply by massaging, as barbecue spices
- 40 Politically motivated spending
- 42 Fugitive's plea
- 43 Repeated song part
- 44 Unwelcome windshield item
- 47 Rights advocacy gp.
- 48 "Let's ... never do that"
- 49 The Madrigal family home in "Encanto," e.g.
- 50 Dog in Oz
- 51 Norwegian saint
- 52 Pearl Harbor site
- 53 Well-put
- 54 Catmobile, e.g.

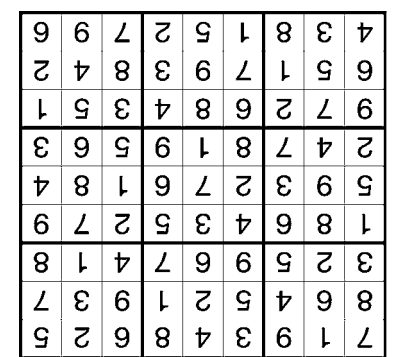
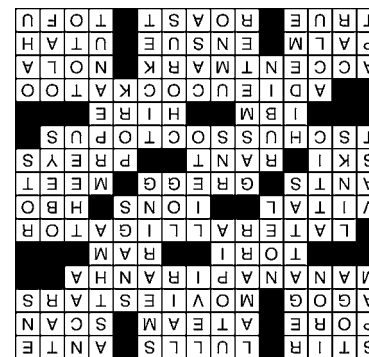
# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).



## Solutions



# VocabPower

In memory of Greg Wilkinson

"Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight; Wish I may, wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight" were wistful words that came to mind while driving through a desert beholding a star-studded heaven. Wishing you well on these "star words."

### 1. Star of David

- A. hexagram C. Jewish symbol
- B. Magen David D. all 3 above

### 2. starboard

- A. right side C. pop chart
- B. left side D. top brass

### 3. starling

- A. actress C. exemplary
- B. bird D. morning star

### 4. starwort

- A. plant C. star grouping
- B. seashell D. disfigurement

### 5. stark

- A. upright C. surprising
- B. bare D. streaked

### 6. starveling

- A. groveling C. revealing
- B. beautiful D. inadequate

### 7. star facet

- A. brightness C. great face
- B. 5-sided D. gem surface

### 8. starlets (-yæts)

- A. monk C. sparkles
- B. dancer D. a disorder

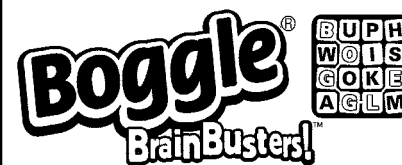
### 9. Star Chamber

- A. Milky Way C. English Court
- B. Brit. govt. D. Hollywood

### 10. root for "star"

- A. astro C. lumi
- B. cosmo D. stri

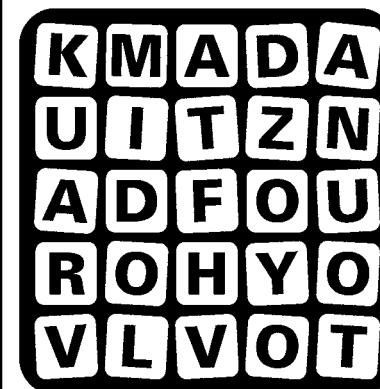
answers: 10a 9c 8a 9c 7d 7d 8a 9c 6b 6d 5b 5c 4b 2a 3b 3c 1d — Greg Wilkinson



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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7 letters = 6 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



### Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

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

Find AT LEAST NINE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS in the grid of letters.

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# On This Day In History

## September 18

1769 - It was reported, by the Boston Gazette, that the first piano had been built in North America. The instrument was named the spinet and was made by John Harris.

1837 - Tiffany & Co. was founded in New York City.

1927 - Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System made its debut with its network broadcast over 16 radio stations. The name was later changed to CBS.

1955 - The "Ed Sullivan

Show" began on CBS-TV. The show had been "The Toast of the Town" since 1948.

## September 19

1796 - U.S. President Washington's farewell address was published.

1959 - Nikita Khrushchev was not allowed to visit Disneyland due to security reasons. Khrushchev reacted angrily.

1970 - "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" premiered on CBS-TV.

2014 - The Apple iPhone 6 went on sale.

## September 20

1962 - James Meredith, a black student, was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. Meredith was later admitted.

1967 - The ocean liner Queen Elizabeth 2 (QE2) was launched. It went out of service on November 27, 2008.

1984 - "The Cosby Show" premiered on NBC-TV.

1991 - U.N. weapons inspectors left for Iraq in a renewed search for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. None were found.

## September 21

1893 - Frank Duryea took what is believed to be the first gasoline-powered automobile for a test drive. The "horseless carriage" was designed by Frank and Charles Duryea.

1897 - The New York Sun ran the "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial. It was in response to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

1981 - The U.S. Senate confirmed Sandra Day O'Connor to be the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

1982 - National Football League (NFL) players began a 57-day strike. It was their first regular-season walkout.

## September 22

1862 - U.S. President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. It stated that all slaves held within rebel states would be free as of January 1, 1863.

1903 - Italo Marchiony was granted a patent for the ice

cream cone.

1964 - "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." debuted on NBC-TV.

2023 - Apple's iPhone 15 and iPhone 15 Plus were released.

## September 23

1779 - John Paul Jones, commander of the American warship Bon Homme, was quoted as saying, "I have not yet begun to fight!"

1845 - The Knickerbocker Base Ball Club of New York was formed by Alexander Joy Cartwright. It was the first baseball team in America.

1952 - Richard Nixon gave his "Checkers Speech". At the time he was a candidate for U.S. vice-president.

## September 24

1869 - Thousands of businessmen were financially ruined after a panic on Wall Street. The panic was caused by an attempt to corner the gold market by Jay Gould and James Fisk.

1957 - The Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field.

1968 - "60 Minutes" premiered on CBS-TV.

1977 - "The Love Boat" debuted on ABC-TV. The theme song was sung by Jack Jones and was written by Paul Williams and Charles Fox.

## Skyscrapers



A confluence of factors led to the literal rise of these structures. For one, with increased urban commerce, as well as an increase in population density in urban areas, there was a need for them. Originally they were used for commercial purposes, but they are now often used as residential dwellings as well.

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## Hell is no joking matter

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** It is staggering to hear jokes that people tell about Hell and how many people say they won't mind going there. Some even say they have no desire to go to Heaven because it will be boring. Aren't they in some way admitting their belief in both places while joking and saying none of it really matters? – H.H.

**A:** Singer/songwriter John Lennon is famous for his ballad "Imagine," which invites people to visualize an existence where there is no Heaven, no Hell, no religion, and everybody is "living for today." But saying there is no Hell doesn't make it so. This is precisely what the Bible is talking about when it describes people who "became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21 KJV).

French biologist and philosopher Jean Rostand said, "I should have no use for a paradise in which I should be deprived of the right to prefer Hell." This, indeed, is a breathtaking admission, but the truth is that people's confession of preferring Hell is simply a cover-up for their unwillingness to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and humble themselves before Him.

It was reported once that the rock star Jewel was traveling through Mexico and observed that everyone seemed to be looking "for someone to save them." Her evaluation was true. She later wrote lyrics to what would become a major hit, "Who Will Save Your Soul?", in which she reveals people's worry about who will save their souls.

The only One who can save the human soul is the One who died on the cross and shed His blood to cover our sin and bring us to eternal salvation in His Name, the Lord Jesus Christ. No one cares for us as God does, and no one but God loves us with an everlasting love.

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# Stay healthy by reading food labels, reducing sugar

By Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

Added sugar in foods not only adds extra calories, it also can have direct toxic effects, such as tooth decay and even a risk for heart disease. Minimizing the amount of added sugar in your diet is important.

However, you may not even realize how much added sugar you consume. That's because some unsuspecting foods you may think are healthy contain added sugar.

In this Mayo Clinic Minute, Dr. Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic physician specializing in nutrition and the editor of "The Mayo Clinic Diet," explains what to look out for when trying to avoid added sugar.

"Anytime food is processed, there are certain things that are added. And it's often sugar or salt," says Dr. Hensrud.

When trying to identify how much added sugar is in packaged food, look at the nutrition food label. You might be surprised by what you find.

"Many things you wouldn't even suspect - some sauces,



some dips, some spreads - there's added sugars in almost every category of food products out there," says Dr. Hensrud.

Foods that can be surprising sources of added sugar:

- Salad dressing
- Condiments
- Canned soup
- Granola bars
- Protein bars

"It's been shown that, in many

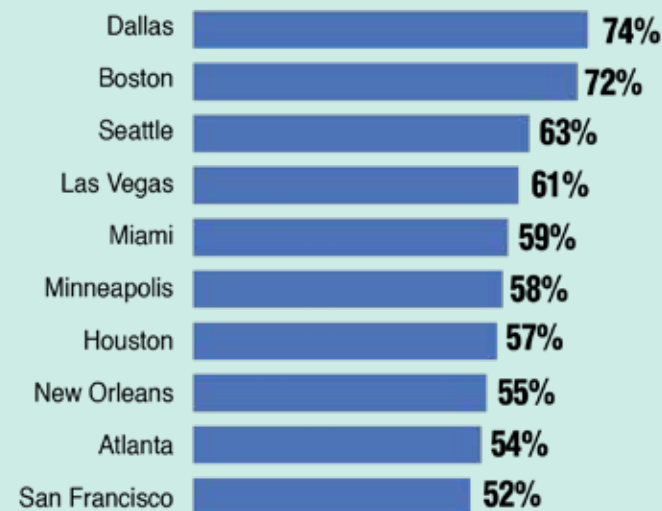
people, the amount of calories they get from added sugars is quite significant," says Dr. Hensrud.

Dr. Hensrud suggests paying close attention to food labels and trying to consume foods that contain natural sugars, like fruits, which are low in calories and contain vitamins and minerals.

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## Top 10 safest cities

Ranking large cities, both those you have visited and those you have never visited, from what you know and have read, how do rank the following cities to be safe to live?



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Healthy Living

## Snack smarts

Don't be fooled by snacks that may appear healthy. Some have little nutritional value.

**Snack bars** High in fat and sugar; best bars contain complex carbohydrates, such as oats

**Rice cakes** Low in calories but lack vitamins, minerals

**Popcorn** Unless air-popped, high in unhealthy hydrogenated oils

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