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## A penny for your thoughts? Maybe not for long.

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**Columnist Lori Borgman on page 7 gives her thoughts, pro & con, on discontinuing the penny.**

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**WEATHER HISTORY ON THIS DAY**

**April 2, 1987** - Eleven cities in Florida reported record-low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee with a reading of 31 degrees. The low of 48 degrees at Key West smashed their previous record for the date by 13 degrees.

**April 3, 1987** - A storm in the southeastern U.S. produced a trace of snow at Mobile, AL., one inch at Jackson, MS., and two inches at Meridian, MS., the latest snow of record for those three locations.

**April 4, 1983** - Colorado was in the midst of a three-day winter storm. Buckhorn Mountain, located west of Fort Collins, received 64 inches of snow.

**April 5, 1990** - Thunderstorms spawned a dozen tornadoes in Texas, including one at Fort Worth, which caused \$1 million in damage.

**April 6, 1983** - The temperature at Denver, CO., dipped to a record-cold seven degrees above zero.

**April 7, 1935** - Amarillo, TX., reported dust obscuring visibility for 20 hours. Blowing dust was reported 27 of 30 days in the month.

**April 8, 1919** - A tornado swarm in northern Texas resulted in the deaths of 64 persons.

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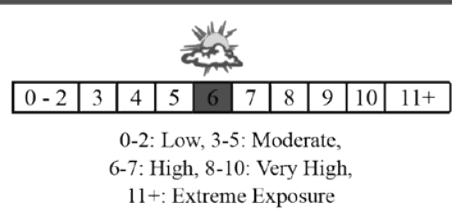
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**7-Day Local Forecast**

April 2 <b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 85 / 69	April 3 <b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 84 / 67	April 4 <b>Friday</b> Sunny 83 / 68	April 5 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 85 / 67	April 6 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 81 / 66	April 7 <b>Monday</b> Sunny 82 / 65	April 8 <b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 84 / 69

**Local UV Index**



**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	78/61	pc	80/62	mc	85/69	s	Odessa	88/68	pc	89/67	pc	93/74	s
Beaumont	84/70	mc	85/69	s	86/72	s	San Antonio	91/66	pc	89/63	s	90/66	pc
Dallas	88/67	t	86/64	mc	88/68	s	Waco	89/67	mc	91/68	s	92/71	pc
Houston	87/71	mc	88/70	s	87/72	s	Wichita Falls	87/66	pc	92/70	mc	93/73	s

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

**Weather Trivia**

Based on average wind speed, which location in the U.S. is the windiest?

**Answer:** Mt. Washington, N.H., with an average wind speed of 35.3 mph.

**Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week**

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Wed	4:00-6:00	4:31-6:31	Sun	7:55-9:55	8:20-10:20
Thu	5:02-7:02	5:33-7:33	Mon	8:43-10:43	9:06-11:06
Fri	6:03-8:03	6:33-8:33	Tue	9:28-11:28	9:49-11:49
Sat	7:01-9:01	7:29-9:29			

**Weather History**

**April 2, 1989** - Strong and gusty winds prevailed from California to Colorado and Wyoming. Winds gusted to 50 mph at Lancaster, Calif. and reached 85 mph at Berthoud Pass, Colo. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in the Colorado Rockies.

**Sun & Moon**

First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
4/4	Wednesday	7:09 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	10:07 a.m.	Next Day	4/20
	Thursday	7:08 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	11:04 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	
	Friday	7:07 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	12:07 p.m.	2:01 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:06 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	1:11 p.m.	2:55 a.m.	
Full	Sunday	7:05 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	2:13 p.m.	3:40 a.m.	New
4/12	Monday	7:04 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	3:14 p.m.	4:18 a.m.	4/27
	Tuesday	7:03 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	4:11 p.m.	4:51 a.m.	

**Surfside Beach Tides**

Day	High	Low	High	Low
4/2	9:26 a	12:14 a	None	None
4/3	10:52 a	1:10 a	None	None
4/4	12:13 p	2:16 a	None	None
4/5	1:25 p	3:35 a	None	None
4/6	2:11 p	4:56 a	None	None
4/7	2:41 p	6:25 a	11:45 p	8:52 p
4/8	2:59 p	7:41 a	None	8:57 p

**Local Almanac Last Week**

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
3/20	NA	NA	73/53	0.00"	3/20	0	3/24	0
3/21	NA	NA	73/53	0.00"	3/21	0	3/25	18
3/22	NA	NA	73/53	0.00"	3/22	0	3/26	25
3/23	NA	NA	74/53	0.00"	3/23	0		
3/24	NA	NA	74/53	0.00"				
3/25	69	66	74/54	0.00"				
3/26	80	69	74/54	0.00"				

Growing degree days are calculated by subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the day's average temperature.

## Strange but True

By Bill Sones  
and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

### The accidental invention of the microwave oven

**Q.** What was the very first microwaved food?

**A.** Did you guess a candy bar? It was 1945, and scientist Percy Lebaron Spencer was visiting a magnetron-testing laboratory. When he leaned over an operating magnetron (generator of microwaves), the candy in his shirt pocket melted. Immediately recognizing what had happened, he soon had popcorn popping in the lab and even cooked an egg until it exploded, says physicist Louis Bloomfield in "How Everything Works: Making Physics Out of the Ordinary."

You can think of an operating microwave as akin to a crowded party where everyone is suddenly told to face the front of the room. People brush against each other as they turn and the sliding friction creates thermal energy. Now, if everyone were told to turn back and forth repeatedly, things would get hotter and hotter. That's basically the way with foods' polar water molecules in a microwave,

which twist back and forth billions of times per second in the fluctuating electric field, bumping and bumping.

### When it comes to rating lovers, who gets the short stick?

**Q.** Among all lovers, who generally are rated as above average in appearance, intelligence, warmth and sense of humor, as well as being open-minded, outgoing and confident, i.e., total "winners"? Conversely, who gets tagged as below average in the same categories, not to mention closed-minded, unstable and disagreeable?

**A.** The latter are likely our past lovers compared with our current flames, as revealed in surveys by social psychologist Glenn Geher and researcher Faby Gagne, says "New Scientist." But these findings must represent distorted perceptions, Geher notes, because "it can't be the case that the 300 people we studied all happened to now be with ideal mating prospects, while all their 300 prior partners were duds."

Yet, this self-delusion probably serves a critical purpose: People who dump hardest on

their past lovers tend to be the ones happiest with their current partners, says Geher. Adds Gagne, eulogizing their qualities heightens at "crunch time," such as when deciding whether to have kids.

To anthropologist Helen Fisher, dopamine and other brain chemicals seal the deal as positives associated with adoration kick in, even as that part of the brain associated with fear and anger quiets. Those who maintain amour's illusions about their spouses report being more happily married, says Fisher. "In this case, self-deception is one of nature's gifts."

### What could this be?

**Q.** First it was made of silk, then nylon, then Gore-Tex, 3 million miles of it bought annually in the U.S. alone but not nearly enough, with about a third of us lying about using it. Some unorthodox applications include as shoelaces, cheese-cake cutters, kite or ukelele strings, picture hangers, fishing lines. One guy even used it to cut through a wire fence, another to saw through steel bars, a third to braid a rope for scaling a wall. You've probably got some in your bathroom, don't you?

**A.** Your dentist certainly hopes so. Dental floss, introduced in 1882, is underused for its recommended purpose but "overused" in novel ways, including the ones above from prison archives of attempted inmate escapes. BTW, when floss gets flushed down the toilet (as it often does), it can gum up municipal sewer systems, report "American Heritage" and "University of California Berkeley Wellness Letter."

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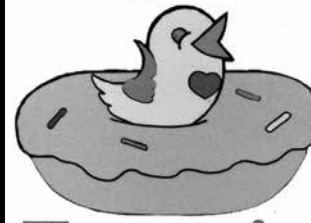
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**LOOK, I'LL GET TO IT WHEN I GET TO IT:** A young man whose job it was to bring his company's money into the bank in New Port Richey, Fla., was assigned to make 13 deposits totaling \$18,000. When officials discovered that the cash had not made it into the firm's account, they called the cops, who found the money in his closet. He said he didn't steal the cash, but just hadn't made it to the bank yet. He was given the money between Aug. 19 and Sept. 2.

**HEY, BOB, IS THAT YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER?:** Police investigating a vandalism incident on the Sky Bridge in Davenport, Iowa, found that the perpetrators had repeatedly looked directly into the surveillance cameras. The photos have been published in the newspaper, and the cops are confident that the lads will soon be in custody.

**HONEY, ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO JUST**

**SIT DOWN AND TALK?** Police arrested a 57-year-old man in Uniontown, Pa., after someone reported seeing him at three o'clock in the morning, clad only in his underwear, clinging to the hood of his 28-year-old girlfriend's car, screaming at her as she was attempting to drive away.

**MAYBE IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER A DIFFERENT CAREER:** A Virginia man pulled a gun on two guys because they were blocking his car. The two guys turned out to be federal marshals. The man was an anger management counselor. He was arrested.

**AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A DESIGNATED DRIVER?:** In East Austin, Texas, a man allowed his 14-year-old niece to drive his car as he was heavily intoxicated. Unfortunately, as police discovered when they pulled them over, she was drunk, too.

**SO, BABE, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW PLACE?:**

An 18-year-old man, short on funds but wishing to have a romantic evening with his girlfriend, broke into a home in Turangi, New Zealand, and set up candles in one of the bedrooms. He then brought the lady there, had sex with her. Before they left, he stole two bottles of wine.

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## Colon cancer is no longer just a threat to older people

Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

Colorectal cancer is no longer a disease of older people. People in their 50s, 40s and younger are increasingly being diagnosed with cancers of the colon and rectum.

Incidence rates increased by about 2% per year in people younger than 50 during the past decade, according to the American Cancer Society. In 2019, 20% of colorectal cancers were in people ages 54 years or younger, up from 11% in 1995.

Rectal cancer is more common than colon cancer in younger people. Of the estimated 46,050 new cases of rectal cancer in 2023, 37% will be in people younger than 50 versus 24% in people 65 or

older.

Because of these trends, experts now recommend screening for colorectal cancer at age 45. But Derek Ebner, M.D., a Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center gastroenterologist, says adults of all ages should be aware of the symptoms of colon and rectal cancer and report them to a healthcare professional.

"When we detect cancer early, and it's still confined to the colon or the rectum, that five-year survival is wonderful - it's 90% or better. Detecting cancer later, when it's had an opportunity to move beyond the colon or the rectum, the five-year survival is much lower - typically 15% or less," says Dr. Ebner.

Everyone is at average or high risk of colorectal cancer.

"The truth is everyone's at risk for colorectal cancer," says Dr. Ebner. "But we typically divide people into two groups, those who are average risk and those who are high risk."

People at average risk of colorectal cancer might not experience symptoms associated with the disease and don't have any known factors that make them high risk.

Medical conditions that increase the risk of colorectal cancer include a personal history of colorectal cancer or polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, diabetes and obesity.

Family history associated with a higher risk of colorectal cancer involves a first-degree family

member - a parent or sibling - with a colorectal cancer diagnosis or precancerous polyps.

If you have a family history, you must start screening sooner and perhaps more often than people at average risk.

Dr. Ebner says healthcare professionals don't yet know the reason for the increased rate of colorectal cancer among younger people, but suspect

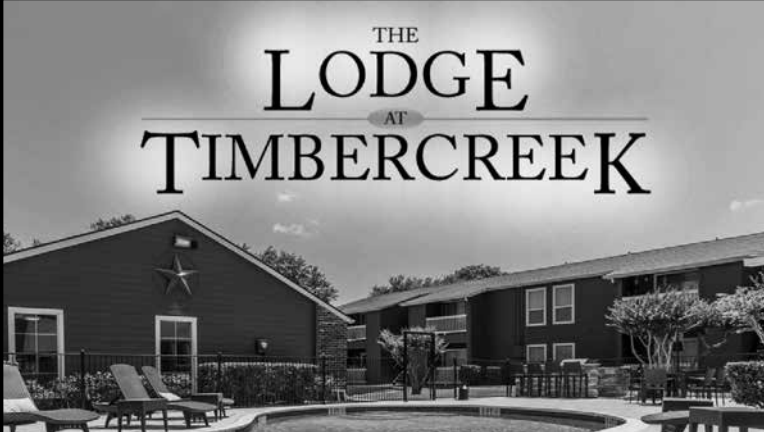
environmental factors are involved. "Over the last 50 years, we've had major changes in diet - ultraprocessed food, higher quantities of red meats," he says. "These changes have perhaps led to changes in gut bacteria. Our gut microbiome might not be as protective as it once was. We also question the role of less exercise and increasing obesity rates."

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In 1834, Martin Varner sold the property to Columbus R. Patton of Kentucky. That same year, the Patton family moved to Brazoria County from Kentucky with a large enslaved labor force.

Patton successfully managed the plantation until November, 1854. He died of typhoid fever in 1856.

In 1901, former Texas Gov. James Stephen Hogg purchased the land, convinced that large amounts of oil lay beneath the surface. Large quantities of oil were never found during his lifetime. When Gov. Hogg died in 1906, his will recommended his children not sell the mineral rights for at least 15 years. Within that period, the Hogg heirs struck oil, making them all very wealthy.

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# Why dropping the penny may make some cents

By Lori Borgman  
Tribune News Service (TNS)

I can't call heads or tails on whether we should stop minting the penny. There are two sides to every coin, right?

Zinc and copper used to make a penny are worth almost four times the value of the coin. Bottom line: The penny is not cost-efficient. I empathize. Some days I'm not terribly cost-efficient, either.

It's hard to imagine life without pennies. Stale mints and wadded-up receipts in the bottom of my purse all alone with no pennies? Ketchup packets, napkins and insurance cards

crammed in the glove box, but no pennies?

What about the children? What about all the piggy banks and penny banks? Then again, most of those children probably already have Venmo accounts.

Penny gumball machines faded into the past long ago. They were simple fun - dropping in a penny, turning the knob and hearing a gumball rattle down the chute.

A long time ago, a shiny penny was a decent bribe for a kid. I suppose now it would take something along the lines of a 10 or 20.

Not to carbon-date myself,

but I put pennies in my penny loafers as a girl. You can't size up to a nickel in a penny loafer, you'd have to size down. The term "dime loafers" has no ring to it whatsoever.

Ask Canada (if they're still speaking to us) what happens to prices when pennies are discontinued. Most prices were rounded up when our neighbors to the north discontinued pennies more than a decade ago. Without pennies, the cost of everything must end in a five or a zero. So much for "every penny counts."

Would a "penny for your thoughts" retain any value? Would it remain a question of endearment or become an insult?

What happens to all the penny pinchers? Do they become plain old misers?

If the penny goes, will all the penny riddles that grandkids lob our way disappear as well?

What is a penny's favorite ice cream? Mint.

In the final analysis, we tilt pro-penny as evidenced by the vintage 5-gallon glass jar in the entryway that has accumulated pennies for years. Nearly every child that has passed through has loved dropping pennies in, hearing the clink and seeing where they fall.

Estimates on how many pennies are in circulation in the U.S. range from 100 billion to 200 billion or more. The humble penny will not disappear anytime soon. Maybe it is time for change.

Now, for the really bad news: It costs nearly 14 cents to make a nickel.

(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](mailto:lori@loriborgman.com).)

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## How we cruise on a budget and still have a good time

By John Toth  
*The Bulletin*

It's been almost a year since we boarded a cruise ship, and I am hearing my name being called by the western Caribbean winds.

They are saying, "come back, John, and bring cash or credit."

Cash it is. I don't take credit cards off the ship to ports. It may be totally safe, but I don't feel comfortable doing it.

The main reason we love cruising is not the port stops, but everything else. We like that a big resort hotel floats from one country to another.

I enjoy the all-inclusive part of cruising. I pay for almost everything up front and don't have to worry about it during the cruise. Meals and entertainment are included, although you can also dine at restaurants that cost extra. We haven't done that yet.

I may not be a cruise ship's dream passenger. I eat what's included in the fare (which in my opinion is very good, and the service is fantastic). I don't buy the alcoholic drink package, because we don't drink. I don't buy the soda package, because I can do without soda for a while. It's probably better for my health that I don't drink those diet cokes.

I don't go crazy buying photo packages. I may buy a photo if I like it. On the Carnival Jubilee, we also bought the frame commemorating the ship's inaugural year last year. But in most cases, I just buy the photo, if that.

I don't go to the casino, unless I have to pass through it to go somewhere else, because we don't gamble.

On early cruises, I did try to win some of the cruise fare back by feeding slot machines \$20, but it didn't work out. The money was gone in about three minutes.

I do pay for a balcony cabin



John and Sharon Toth at Carnival Jubilee sail-away party, April 2024.

but wait until a good deal comes up on a ship off-season, or choose a time when popular events or celebrations distract from cruises. Cabins are usually cheaper during those times.

I also tip in addition to the pre-paid tips the cruise lines charge, if the service is really good. It has been most of the time.

Now, you're probably saying, "John, you're a cheapskate cruiser. What do you do - just sit around all day and night?"

Actually, I may be a cheapskate by nature, but I would better define myself as being a smart consumer.

I spend money, but not on the things I've mentioned, and the up-charges just don't appeal to me.

Many people like to dine at restaurants that cost extra, and that's fine if it makes their cruise that much better. The main dining room and a half dozen or more other places that offer food included in the fare are good enough for me.

Our big problem when cruising is that we want to do too much - stay up until midnight to see the balloon drop on Royal Caribbean ships and go to shows, after-parties and other festivities organized by the ship's entertainment staff.

If you have watched some of my cruise videos on the

"Wandering with John and Sharon" YouTube channel, you might have detected that I looked somewhat tired in some of the morning segments. That's because I was. Then I got used to enjoying the fun extending into the night. We're not getting any younger, either, so we have to regenerate some of that spent energy.

I have a great time cruising, but I also enjoy reporting in these columns my experiences and maybe helping some of our readers out on which cruises to choose and what to pay for on-board.

Cruising is very popular among our age group. Each time I write one of these columns, it generates a lot of interest. But cruising is not just for "old folks."

Ships cater to families, and almost all of them have elaborate water parks on their top deck. That's wasted on me, but kids love them. I'm more of a putt-putt type, and they have that also.

It's almost time to start the countdown as Sharon and I prepare for another fact-finding cruise to see how warm it is in the Caribbean in April.

Stay tuned and read all about it in future Bulletins. Thank you in advance.



# Baseball movie 'Eephus' is in it for the love of the game

By Adam Graham

The Detroit News (TNS)

In "Eephus," a group of middle-aged men gather to play one last game on their hometown baseball field before it's paved to make way for a new school.

And that's it. There's nothing fancy about this comic sports drama, nothing over-the-top. It's an authentic, unfussy tribute

to the romance of baseball, its traditions, its pacing and those who swear by its rituals, and it's as lived-in as a well-worn catcher's mitt.

In Douglas, Massachusetts, Soldier's Field is on its way out, and the Riverdogs are facing team

Adler's Paint for one last time before the field, like so much of baseball, becomes history.

There's nothing on the line, no league championship, no trophy. There's one dedicated fan, Franny (Cliff Blake), who keeps track of balls and strikes on an old-school score card. Other than that, it's just a group of guys playing for nothing more than the love of the game.

The characters, a group of actors you likely don't recognize (Keith William Richards, Frederick Wiseman and former Boston

Red Sox pitcher Bill "Space-man" Lee among them), have lives at home, but we don't learn much about them. Nor are any of them well-defined enough to stand out. They're just there to lace up their cleats and hang out, and maybe drink a beer and shoot off some fireworks after the ninth inning.

They're not great athletes, but they're the kind of guys who grew up playing baseball and still enjoy the camaraderie of team sports. Their uniforms sort of match, but not always. Some of the guys have beer guts; some of them are in pretty good shape. None of them are good runners. But they're the type of guys who are still willing to dive head first into second while stealing a base.

Co-writer and director Carson Lund, working from a script he wrote along with Nate Fisher and Michael Basta, goes out of his way to avoid sports movie cliches. There's no lights-out home run (a la "The Natural") or sexed-up side story (a la "Bull Durham") or hot-shot wildman

pitcher (a la "Major League"). Instead, he's steadfastly dedicated to the rhythms and poetry of baseball, the casual conversations between teammates and the quiet beauty of an umpire cleaning off home plate in between batters.

Lund fills in the gaps between innings with quotes from baseball legends including Rickey Henderson, Babe Ruth and Yogi Berra. The ghosts of the game loom large over "Eephus," which is named for a high-arched pitch known for catching batters off guard.

Like kids staying out too late past dark, the game goes on a bit long. That's one of the things about playing baseball in the summertime - you can only play as long as you can still see the ball. But Lund is like his group of players, he just doesn't want to let go. Everyone who's ever played the game understands the feeling.

Grade: B

No MPA rating (language)

Running time: 1:38

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## In the Movies

## Permanent rainbow

An afternoon rainbow does not last long, but you can see the colors of this home-made rainbow any time.

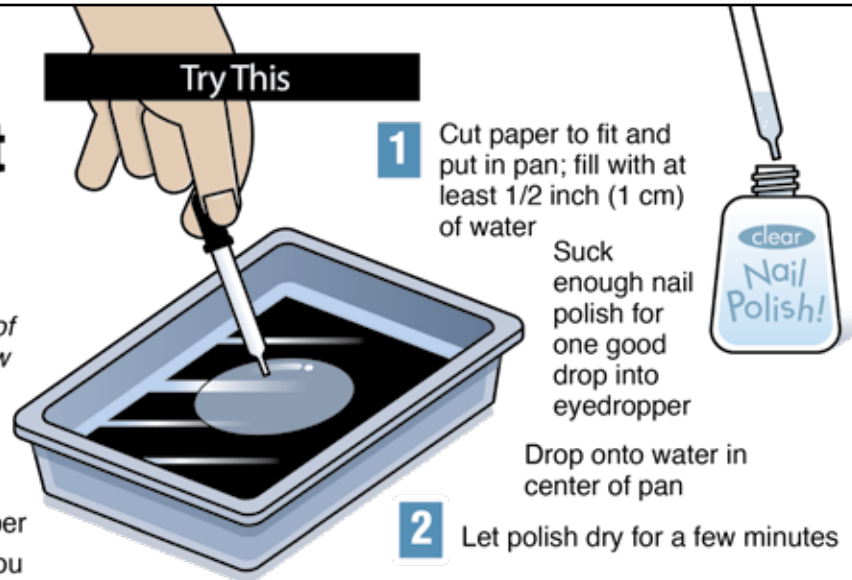
### You'll need

- Black construction paper
- Or slick black paper if you can find some
- Eyedropper
- Experiment will ruin it, so use an old one or a disposable plastic one
- Cake or baking pan
- Clear fingernail polish
- Newspapers
- Adult helper

Source: Simon Quellen  
Field Science Toys

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas,  
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### Try This



- 1 Cut paper to fit and put in pan; fill with at least 1/2 inch (1 cm) of water

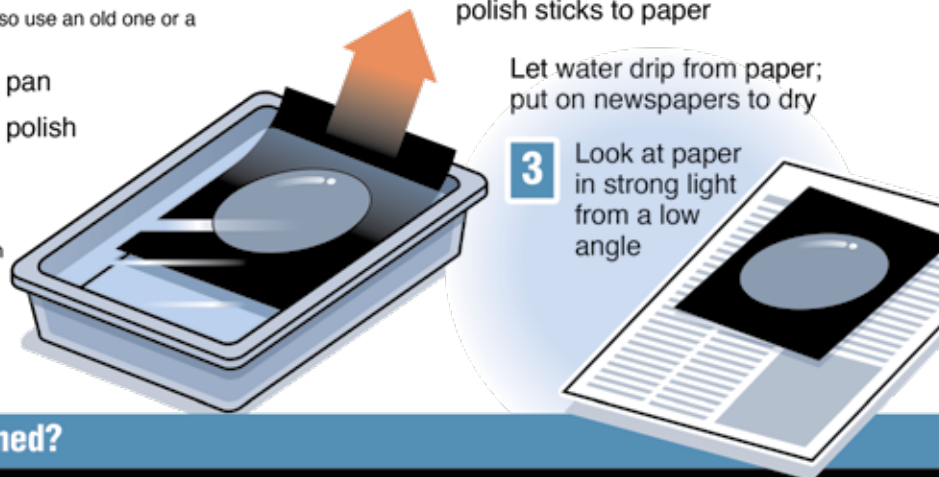
Suck enough nail polish for one good drop into eyedropper

Drop onto water in center of pan

- 2 Let polish dry for a few minutes

Gently slide paper out of water; touch it to edge of circle of polish so polish sticks to paper

Let water drip from paper; put on newspapers to dry



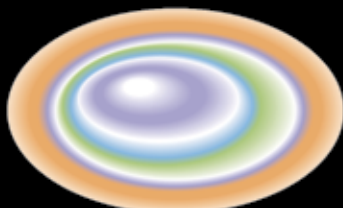
- 3 Look at paper in strong light from a low angle

### What happened?

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## Carriage Inn Sweetheart Dance draws residents, neighbors

It was a celebration of love at Carriage Inn senior living community as Valentine's week brought festive activities, programs, and gatherings for residents and guests, including the community's annual Sweethearts Dance. For the last three years, the dance has become a much-anticipated event that draws members of the local community in addition to Carriage Inn residents and staff.

Those who attended the Sweethearts Dance enjoyed an evening of music, laughter, and dancing, with fun photo opportunities for friends and relatives, and hors d'oeuvres presented by the community's dining services team.

Entertainment was provided by Lowell and Deb Buesing, whose version of "Elvira," originally by The Oak Ridge Boys, drew everyone onto the dance floor.

Resident, Mary Lou Leon commented on the evening. "All I can say is that it was a terrific time!"

Fellow residents expressed their delight and appreciation to Carriage Inn staff for the event. "It was so nice to see our friends enjoying the music, whether they were dancing or sitting," said resident, Johnnie Redden, who attended the dance with his wife of 74 years, Wanda Redden.

"Many of our team members and residents were dressed up for the occasion and enjoying themselves on the dance floor," said Executive Director, Shellie Miller. "The gathering was a wonderful celebration of love, friendship, and the camaraderie at Carriage Inn."



From left: Carriage Inn team members Mary Dossman, Mary Sembera, Shellie Miller and Kennedy Thompson.



From left: Carriage Inn residents, Nancy Stahl, Kathy Emmert, Janet Jackson, Laveta Christian, Ramona Goodman, Phyllis Shomette and Joy Boehnke.

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## Organized senior activities around Brazoria County

By Sharon Toth

The Bulletin

April will offer bluebonnets, beach, bingo and bonnets for seniors in Brazoria County.

Easter will fall on Sunday, April 20, this year. Christians observe Easter as a celebration of Christ's resurrection, and through the years, there have been other associations, such as the idea of wearing Easter bonnets.

The song, "Easter Parade", won the Academy Award for best original song in 1942. It was popularized in the movie "Holiday Inn" that year. It was sung by Bingo Crosby and supposedly co-star Marjorie Reynold, but Martha Mears was the actual songbird on the set.

"In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade." Irving Berlin's lyrics continue, "I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over, I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter parade."

Clute's Golden Oldies program is taking inspiration from the song for its April gathering.

### CLUTE

The **Easter Eggstravaganza** on Tuesday, April 15, at the B.R. Hester Event Center at 100 Parkview Dr., will feature a bonnet contest.

Those coming to the monthly luncheon are invited to wear their

favorite hat and participate in a parade, and there will be prizes for the best.

A chicken spaghetti meal will be served, and reservations need to be made by Thursday, April 10, for this free event. Call (979) 265-8392 to register or email mparish@clutetexas.gov.

### ANGLETON

Some Angleton seniors will be traveling to the coastal town of **Rockport, Texas**, for an overnight trip on April 9-10. They will be eating lunch on April 9 at **Mac's Pit BBQ**, then take a tour of the **Fulton Mansion State Historic House**, shop on Main Street and enjoy dinner at the well-known **Charlotte Plummer's** seafood restaurant. On the second day, they will have breakfast at the motel, visit the **Maritime Museum** and have lunch at **Los Comales Mexican Restaurant**. The cost will be \$67 to \$121 for the motel room, and meals are extra. Register online or on-site at the Angleton Recreation Center (ARC) at 1601 N. Valderas.

**Lunch and Learn** will be Thursday, April 17, and Vicki Chelette, program director, will demonstrate how to make homemade vanilla extract, and there will be Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets for lunch at this free activity.

Friday, April 25, will be a big day at ARC. Seniors from Freeport and Pearland will be joining

the Silver Hearts to play **bean bag baseball**, chair volleyball and share a potluck lunch. "We couldn't be more excited to host this event, so please sign up at the front desk or online and come ready to play and eat," Chellele posted recently. Angleton seniors had visited the Pearland Knapp Senior Center recently and enjoyed meeting new friends.

There's also many ways to stay physically fit at ARC with **yoga flow, zumba, TRX, Tai Chair, Tabata, core and balance and more classes offered**. For more information, contact Chelette at vchelette@angleton.tx.us. or call (979) 849-4364, ext. 4110.

On Friday, April 25, to celebrate **Arbor Day**, Trees for Houston will offer 750 **free trees to local residents** to plant and beautify yards, starting at 8 a.m. at ARC. Keep Angleton Beautiful has also prepared **300 butterfly seed balls to give away**.

Keep Angleton Beautiful will host a **spring cleanup** event on Saturday, April 26, from 8 to 11 a.m. at ARC, where certain items will be accepted for recycling. These include tires, electronics, latex paint cans, large debris and

solid waste and paper shredding. **Free trees** will also be given away while available. For additional information, or to volunteer to help, contact Jason O'Mara at jomara@angleton.tx.us or call (979) 849-4364, ext. 5104.

A **20th Anniversary party** celebrating the Angleton Recreation Center and its community services will be Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with fun things to do, vendors, food trucks and surprises. All ages are invited, and it's free.

### LAKE JACKSON

The Civic Center Fun Timers' program for ages 55+ will be offering two **trips to the Hill Country** for spring to enable more seniors to participate in a one-day search for bluebonnets. The first will leave Friday, April 4, and the second on Thursday, April 10. The groups will leave at 7:30 a.m., and it will be \$20 per person for transportation. Call (979) 415-2600 to check if spots are available and register.

Local events are held at the Doris Williams Civic Center at 333 Hw. 332 East, unless noted.

The **"42" domino tournament** will be Monday, April 14, 5-8 p.m.

**Bingo night** will be Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. It is free, but seniors are encouraged to bring a

snack to share.

Enjoy **country line dancing** or want to learn how to do it? Tere Sandlin will lead this activity on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. from April 21 through May 19 at the civic center. Reserve your spot for this free event by calling (979) 415-2600.

The Lunch Bunch will be heading to **Crystal Beach, Texas**, on Tuesday, April 22, to enjoy lunch at the **Stingaree Restaurant & Marina**. The Stingaree is said not to be just a restaurant but a destination with its Gulf view and seafood. To register, stop by the civic center or call (979) 415-2600.

**Games Day** is every Wednesday at 2 p.m. **Exercise and yoga classes** are also available on certain days - check with the center for dates.

*The Bulletin family wishes all our readers a blessed Easter. The next Senior Focus will be in the May 3 issue.*

*If you have events or pictures to submit for our monthly Senior Focus, please send them to sharon.bulletin@gmail.com.*

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# Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

**By Magi Helena**

*Tribune Content Agency*

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You may feel pressured to handle most tasks with structure and adhere to an agenda. However, when given the freedom to choose, you could allow creative thoughts free rein. If you're rushing too much, you might risk alienating a friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Think of ways to approach challenging situations with a philosophical mindset as the week unwinds. Wisdom might come from a book, a professional, or even from a neighbor nearby. Focus your attention on the positives in every situation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Those already swamped might need help, not more on their plate. Think twice before volunteering to take on extra responsibilities or duties. You may want to hold off launching new initiatives until everyone is in a calmer state of mind.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You might feel overlooked by your partner, but remember, you can't always be the center of attention. Stay grounded in your purpose. There could be legitimate reasons for their distraction. Avoid acting on your impulses this week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone might not be as warm and friendly as you hope. If you expect little from them, you might not be disappointed. Consider finding a middle ground in the week ahead. Balance your ambitions and passions with a measure of

practicality.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the week ahead, simple acts of kindness might work their magic. Organization and discipline could be necessary to keep paperwork neat. When dealing with people some sensitivity and politeness may be needed to avoid minor conflicts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In the upcoming week, you may need to keep your nose to the proverbial grindstone. Be responsible and organized about your work but consider holding off on initiating anything of importance. Your current projects may be placed under scrutiny.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your intense passions or interests might face obstacles in the coming days. Extra hours at work or tasks that must be addressed at home could disrupt your romantic life. This may be your chance to focus on being more efficient.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may take exceptional care of your possessions and plan ahead for routine maintenance, getting more value from everything you buy. If you can keep pace with extra responsibilities during the week ahead, you may breathe a sigh of relief.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may enjoy sightseeing or visiting friends. Keep in mind that fun activities could be spoiled if there is too much competition for attention. Keep your long-term goals in focus and strive to be equitable to all during the week ahead.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your routines might seem overwhelming, but they may not be as daunting as they appear. Don't hesitate to exercise more boundaries and intention with spending

if you have financial goals to hit. A dollar saved may be a dollar earned.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): It may be wise to maintain a low profile in the upcoming week. Take

pride in your powers of organization and your willingness to honor your obligations no matter what happens. Consider finding new ways to complete your tasks on time.

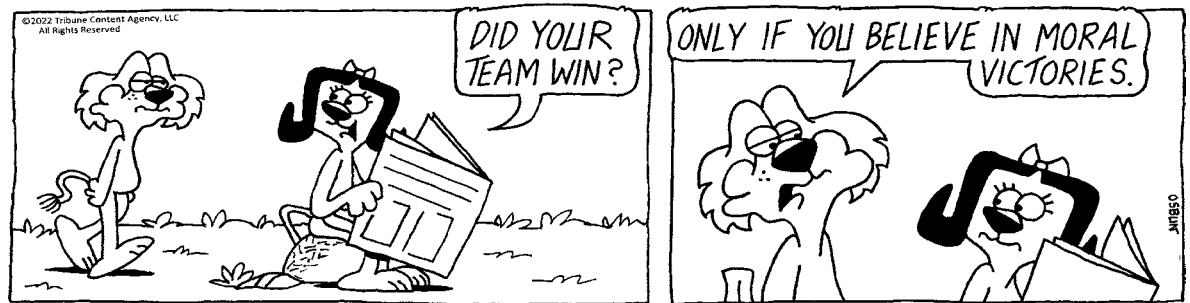
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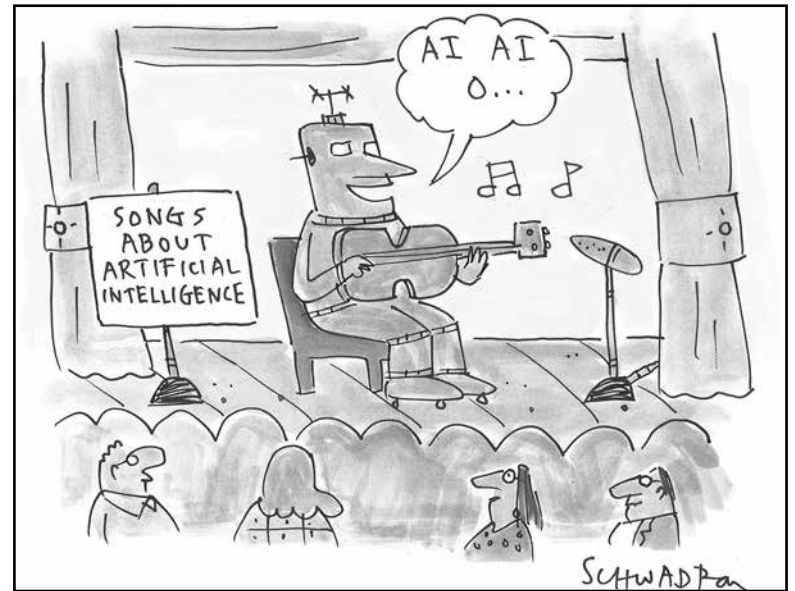
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**Thursday, April 3:** Italian chicken, buttered noodles, cheese cauliflower, turnip greens, jello salad, garlic toast, dessert.

**Friday, April 4:** Meatballs & gravy, rice, peas, carrots, tossed salad, garlic sticks, dessert.

**Monday, April 7:** Beef stroganoff, peas, hominy, pears, sliced bread, dessert.

**Tuesday, April 8:** Chicken pot pie, spiced apples, vegetable medley, jello, cornbread, dessert.

**Wednesday, April 9:** Meatballs & gravy, rice, navy beans, broccoli, peas salad, biscuits, dessert.

**On This Day In History**

**April 2**

1513 - Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida. The next day he went ashore.

1872 - G.B. Brayton received a patent for the gas-powered streetcar.

1877 - The first Egg Roll was held on the grounds of the White House in Washington, D.C.

1902 - The first motion picture theatre opened in Los Angeles with the name Electric Theatre.

1935 - Sir Watson-Watt was granted a patent for RADAR.

**April 3**

1776 - George Washington received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Harvard College.

1882 - The American outlaw Jesse James was shot in the back and killed by Robert Ford for a \$5,000 reward. There was later controversy over whether it was actually Jesse James that had been killed.

1936 - Richard Bruno Hauptmann was executed for the kidnapping and death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh.

1953 - "TV Guide" was published for the first time.

**April 4**

1841 - U.S. President William Henry Harrison, at the age of 68, became the first president to die in office. He had been sworn in

only a month before he died of pneumonia.

1967 - Johnny Carson quit "The Tonight Show." He returned three weeks later after getting a raise of \$30,000 a week.

1968 - Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the age of 39.

1974 - Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's major league baseball home-run record with 714.

**April 5**

1621 - The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, MA., on a return trip to England.

1792 - U.S. President George Washington cast the first presidential veto. The measure was for apportioning representatives among the states.

1984 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Los Angeles Lakers) became the all-time NBA regular season scoring leader when he broke Wilt Chamberlain's record of 31,419 career points.

1985 - John McEnroe said "any man can beat any woman at any sport, especially tennis."

**April 6**

1965 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized the use of ground troops in combat operations in Vietnam.

1985 - William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from

the hospital.

1987 - The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,400 for the first time.

1998 - The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the first time.

**April 7**

1930 - The first steel columns were set for the Empire State Building.

1963 - At the age of 23, Jack Nicklaus became the youngest golfer to win the Green Jacket at the Masters Tournament.

1970 - John Wayne won his first and only Oscar for his role in "True Grit." He had been in over 200 films.

**April 8**

1513 - Explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain. The native Indians claimed it to be theirs.

1913 - The Seventeenth Amendment was ratified, requiring direct election of senators.

1962 - Bay of Pigs invaders got 30 years of imprisonment in Cuba.

1975 - Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians became the first black manager of a major league baseball team.

1986 - Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel, CA.

2001 - Microsoft Corp. released Internet Explorer 6.0.

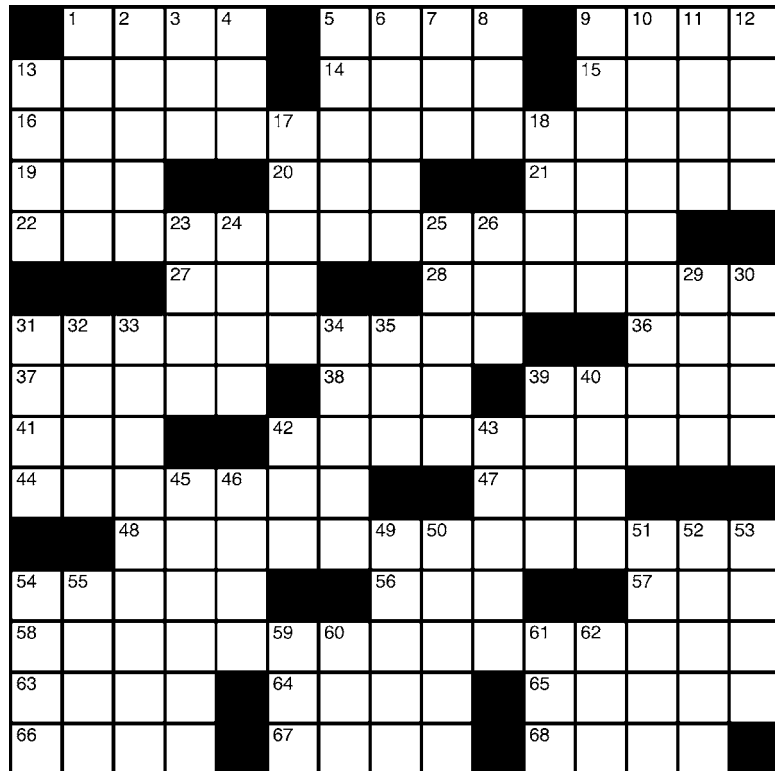
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## Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week



Solutions on the right side of this page

### ACROSS

- 1 Covertly includes on an email  
 5 "You're a winner!" email, often  
 9 "In that case ..."  
 13 Chills-inducing  
 14 Tom yum soup cuisine  
 15 Spanish hundred  
 16 Intimate meeting with an important person  
 19 Tax-collecting agcy.  
 20 Pool float filler  
 21 Stock up on  
 22 Rum brand with a pirate logo  
 27 Big-eyed bird  
 28 Pride newborn  
 31 Stager of live shows  
 36 Like some off-price merchandise: Abbr.  
 37 Hoarder's heaps  
 38 Roomy family car, for short  
 39 Last Greek letter  
 41 Gulf st.

In memory of Greg Wilkinson

# VocabPower!

To quote 20th-century philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein: "The limits of my language are the limits of my mind. All I know is what I have words for." Could not that mean if you have an unlimited vocabulary, you will be far less limited in your thinking?

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|--|--|---|--|
| <b>1. feral</b><br>A. of law<br>B. hairy           | <b>C. untamed</b><br>D. reasonable       | <b>6. stentorian</b><br>A. booming<br>B. dictated | <b>C. handwritten</b><br>D. militaristic     |
| <b>2. panegyric</b><br>A. frantic<br>B. whirling   | <b>C. false cure</b><br>D. high praise   | <b>7. levity</b><br>A. vastness<br>B. frivolity   | <b>C. allowance</b><br>D. alignment          |
| <b>3. agog</b><br>A. eager<br>B. stunned           | <b>C. monstrous</b><br>D. backwards      | <b>8. divest</b><br>A. plunge<br>B. adorn         | <b>C. spend</b><br>D. dispossess             |
| <b>4. deracinate</b><br>A. uproot<br>B. obliterate | <b>C. fumigate</b><br>D. commit genocide | <b>9. opprobrious</b><br>A. abusive<br>B. reeking | <b>C. appropriate</b><br>D. burdensome       |
| <b>5. perfidious</b><br>A. sullen<br>B. picky      | <b>C. treacherous</b><br>D. nonsensical  | <b>10. vertiginous</b><br>A. pure<br>B. dizzy     | <b>C. perpendicular</b><br>D. dependent upon |

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

- 42 Didn't mind one's own business  
 44 Hotel pricing information  
 47 Former U.K. record label  
 48 Significant parts of family budgets  
 54 Birch who had a recurring role on "The Walking Dead"  
 56 Rock's \_\_\_ Speedwagon  
 57 Prefix in some genre names  
 58 United Nations body  
 63 Makes really mad  
 64 Javier's "Being the Ricardos" role  
 65 Pricey watch brand  
 66 Racing legend A.J.  
 67 Garden of Genesis  
 68 Prayer ender

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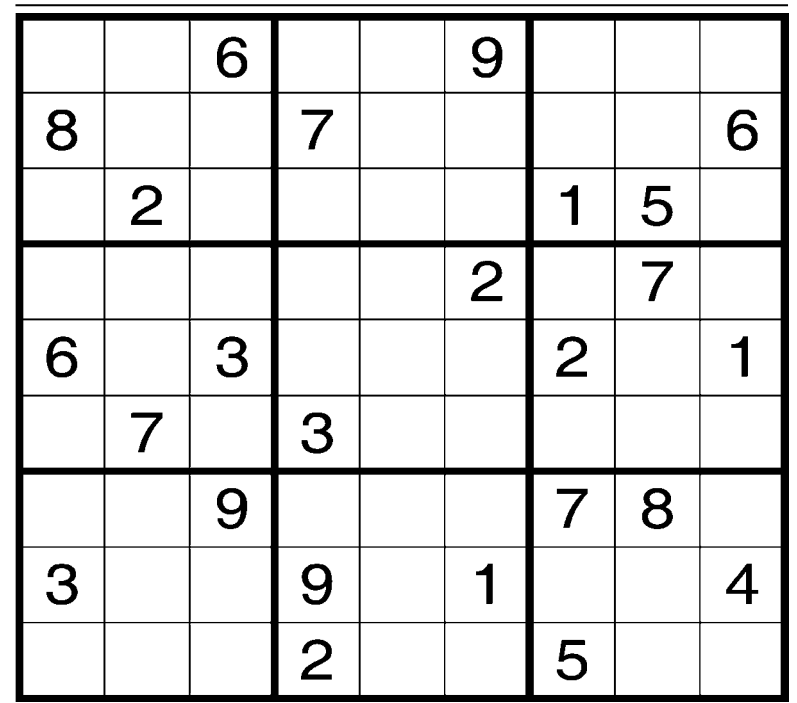
- 1 Quotable catcher Yogi  
 2 Like raw celery  
 3 Western \_\_\_: history class, briefly  
 4 Salty expanse  
 5 Oktoberfest mug  
 6 Bracelet ornament  
 7 Non-pro sports org.  
 8 Prefix with Atlantic  
 9 "Top Gun" moniker  
 10 Venture capitalist, e.g.  
 11 Min. parts  
 12 Dollar bills  
 13 Large-scale tale  
 17 Coin toss choice  
 18 Othello's false friend  
 23 Ripped  
 24 Fills with wonder  
 25 Tapenade fruit  
 26 \_\_\_ de Janeiro  
 29 Compulsion  
 30 "Country Nation" singer Paisley  
 31 Apple tablet  
 32 Actress Kunis  
 33 Bills included with some board games  
 34 Ed who plays Santa in "Elf"  
 35 Dirt road furrow  
 39 "All \_\_\_": John Legend #1 song  
 40 Lo \_\_\_: noodle dish  
 42 Judge featured in a season of "American Crime Story"  
 43 Some towed cars, for short  
 45 Hardest to find  
 46 Open just a crack  
 49 Totally remove  
 50 Marks, as a ballot  
 51 Black fur  
 52 Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"  
 53 River that made Achilles (mostly) invincible  
 54 "Bring on the weekend!" letters  
 55 Courageous one  
 59 Fruit drink suffix  
 60 Was on top  
 61 Important time  
 62 Cry during an argument between siblings

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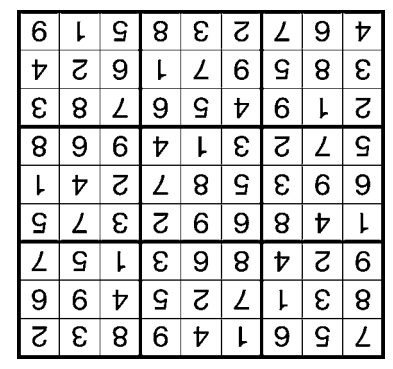
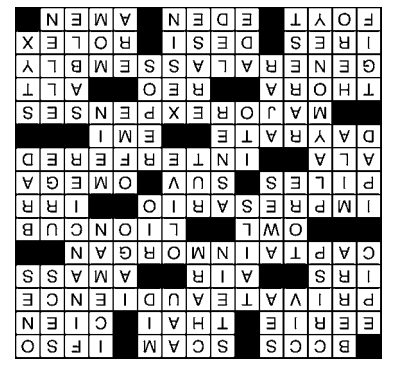
# SUDOKU

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



# Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

**BOGGLE POINT SCALE**  
 3 letters = 1 point  
 4 letters = 2 points  
 5 letters = 3 points  
 6 letters = 4 points  
 7 letters = 6 points  
 8 letters = 10 points  
 9+ letters = 15 points

**YOUR BOGGLE RATING**  
 151+ = Champ  
 101-150 = Expert  
 61-100 = Pro  
 31-60 = Gamer  
 21-30 = Rookie  
 11-20 = Amateur  
 0-10 = Try again

**Boggle BrainBusters Bonus**  
 We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?  
 Find AT LEAST EIGHT BODIES OF WATER in the grid of letters.

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# New battery may eliminate EV owners' range anxiety

By Ashley Miznazi  
Miami Herald (TNS)

They call it range anxiety, the fear that an electric vehicle could run out of juice with three cranky kids aboard.

Such scenarios are one of the big hesitations for many people pondering the purchase of an EV.

Research going on at Florida International University could go

a long way toward curing that concern. The work is focused on a new type of battery, made of lithium-sulfur, that could potentially triple an EV's range and also be cheaper, lighter and better for the environment.

But lithium-sulfur batteries have long had fatal flaws: they don't recharge well and lose their juice after a year or two of use. Now, Professor Bilal El-Za-

hab, who runs FIU's state-of-the-art battery lab, and a team of researchers have developed a promising breakthrough in battery composition detailed in a recent science journal paper.

"We've been working on this solution for at least 10 years," El-Zahab said "This battery will definitely last for more time than a typical battery."

While still likely years from commercial development, he estimated that FIU's change in battery chemistry could take an EV range from 300 miles to about 1000. That would certainly all but eliminate range anxiety on long trips and potentially transform the multibillion-dollar EV battery industry. For many everyday commuters, for instance, such improved performance could be the difference in charging every other week or every several weeks, instead of weekly, El-Zahab said.

Today, EV cars are expected to run at least 200,000 miles and a typical EV vehicle might need a replacement battery to make it to the car's grave. The lithium-sulfur battery would eliminate the need for a replacement battery, which creates less waste in the environment.

Lithium-sulfur also offers another option - a much smaller battery which would enhance the safety of the car and cost, El-Zahab said.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Kevin D. Ward, Deceased, were issued on March 21, 2025, in Cause No. PR43753, pending in the County Court-At-Law No: 4 AND PROBATE COURT, Brazoria County, Texas, to: Sharon Ward.

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: **Wes Griggs**  
**Attorney at Law**  
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## NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF

JOANN TRUITT DURHAM

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOANN TRUITT DURHAM, Deceased, were issued on March 26, 2025, in Cause No. PR45310, pending in County Court at Law #3 of Brazoria County, Texas, to KATHY HAMMACK. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

KATHY HAMMACK, Independent Executrix  
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## Without faith, there is no fulfillment

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** *The rebellion of the '60s seems innocent compared to the degradation we see in the culture today. I guess we became accustomed to immorality in all of its various phases, and society has become desensitized. Why can't people see that we are destroying ourselves, our children and their future? Why are people abandoning religion and a standard of right living?* – D.S.

**A:** The world has been corrupt since the fall of man. Society, as a whole, abides by the rules of men: Paying our taxes on time, obeying the rules of the road and so on. If we don't obey them, man imposes penalties, and consequences follow that can seriously alter our lives. Yet, people mock when it is suggested that we obey the rules of the One who created everything. We have loosened our grip on the standards God has set before us.

Millions are deceived by various belief systems; where deception exists, disillusionment follows. Disillusionment and deception are the two primary alternatives to true faith in God, and they are the handiwork of the great deceiver. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light and has many options in his bag of tricks. The first is leading susceptible people to ignore religion altogether. When we feel alienated, isolated, unloved, lonely, and adrift in a cold, dark universe, we sense we need God. But the deceiver tells us, "There is no God."

The 19th-century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said, "God is dead." "Do not seek God or Jesus Christ," the deceiver whispers, "but seek escape." This is why promiscuous sex runs rampant, why alcohol and drug abuse are commonplace. Without faith in God, people are alone and will do anything to fill the void in their lives. Short of Christ, nothing works. God "commands all people everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30, NKJV).

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## Here is what you need to raise your own chickens

With egg prices and supply being still unpredictable, some of our readers may be thinking about raising chickens and collecting their eggs.

While there is nothing better tasting with breakfast than a fresh egg, raising chickens may not be for everyone.

Here are some requirements.

- Provide a secure, weather-proof, and well-ventilated coop with enough space for your chickens (minimum 2-3 square feet per chicken).

- A secure outdoor run allows chickens to forage and exercise, protecting them from predators.

- Implement a cleaning plan to maintain a clean and healthy environment for your chickens.

- Check for any zoning or animal ordinances before starting.

- Ensure the coop is weather-proof and has good ventilation to prevent moisture buildup and disease.

- Provide nesting boxes for egg-laying hens (one box for every three hens).

- Provide roosting bars for chickens to sleep on at night.

- Provide high-quality chick starter feed for baby chicks.

- Once chickens are mature, switch to layer feed for optimal

egg production.

- Provide fresh, clean water at all times.

- Clean the coop run periodically to maintain a healthy environment.

- Seek veterinary care if you notice any health problems.

Raising chickens can be a rewarding experience, so enjoy the process of learning and growing your flock.



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