

Beaching with teens and other hazards

By Jase Graves

Special to The Bulletin

The last time my family made the five-hour road trip to Galveston Island (a.k.a. The Playground of the South), we didn't get much playtime. Instead, we spent two solid days in the cavernous Moody Gardens Convention Center waiting for the few precious minutes my eldest and most expensive daughter would take the floor to compete with her high school dance team.

This time, my wife had a three-day business conference, and we had plenty of free time to melt our credit cards while getting to know the touristy side of the Texas coastal city

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Storm season extra complicated for paraplegics

By Ernie Williamson

The Bulletin

It's that time again.

Watch for clouds off the West African coast.

Find the Yucatan Peninsula on the map.

The View from My Seat

Listen to those TV weather folks you ignore most of the year.

It's hurricane season.

I never used to worry about hurricanes. Since moving to Houston in 1971 I had survived Allison's flooding, Alicia's winds, and Rita's panicked traffic jams. Like too many of us, I had grown to think I was

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We cheer for the home team, wherever our home may be

By B.A. Belthoff

The Bulletin

Winning isn't everything, but it sure is fun.

No matter where you live, you can always find loyal sports fans supporting their teams. That's how it should be. Moving to Texas meant having to adopt new teams to cheer on.

It's not really a big deal, as we've supported our new home team wherever we've lived: Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Tampa Bay Devil Rays and so on. It's kind of the rule.

Baseball's long history has made it America's game. I'm reading a fascinating book on the history of baseball, which focuses on the

1800s, and how a German immigrant named Chris Von der Ahe helped to transform and save the game.

Many of the elements of the game we watch today came about because of Von der Ahe and the American Association, which was not quite the same entity as

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She 'fixed' my computer with a No. 2 pencil

John Toth

The Bulletin

Twenty-one years ago, a little girl sat down at her father's desk, took a pencil and shoved it into the floppy drive of The Bulletin's main computer.

I have told this story a few times before, but since this is The

Ramblings

Bulletin's 25th anniversary, I just have to tell it again - maybe the last time. Probably not.

It is funny now, but on that day it was something different - more like panic time.

Stephanie was four years old, and she was playing newspaper production. She probably knew that the paper's main computer needed routine maintenance, and she decided to perform it.

Unfortunately, her timing was somewhat off. We were on deadline, just about to transfer articles written for the paper from a floppy disk to the hard drive.

Back in those days, we didn't have the Internet to bounce articles back and forth. Our writers used a

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Dad takes teen daughters to 'Galvy' and lives to write about it

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my three daughters now fondly refer to as "Galvy."

An added bonus of the trip was that my wife's conference was held at the palatial and historic Hotel Galvez, "historic" meaning the worrisome noises made by the plumbing are commonly blamed on ghosts. Because our three daughters don't

provide us with enough drama on their own, we brought along two of their friends and were placed in the hotel's spacious and extra-historic Presidential Suite, which we crammed with air mattresses, rollaway beds and enough towels to soak up the Port of Galveston.

In other words, we promptly transformed our luxurious suite into an

overcrowded youth hostel dormitory.

Our first outing in Galveston took us downtown to the historic Strand district – "historic" meaning the stunning 19th-century buildings now house a seemingly endless assortment of shops selling designer ankle bracelets, lavender-scented candles, fashionable summer footwear and other dad repellent. Luckily, this teen-shopping wonderland also includes the occasional ice-cream parlor, like the fabulous La King's Confectionery, where father figures can drown their resigned indebtedness in a massive vanilla malt.

No trip to a seaside town is complete without a fully equipped slog to the beach, the mention of

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which always mysteriously renders my daughters too weak to carry more than their cell phones and sunglasses.

My two older daughters spent most of their beach time contorting themselves into cute poses for selfies and fashion pics, while my younger daughter amused herself by pelting me with balls of chocolate-brown Galveston sand that always managed to invade the rear waistband of my board shorts. By the end of the day, the so-called rash guard concealing my dad bod had chaffed my lower chest region until it looked (and felt) like it was adorned with two scorched and slightly furry pepperonis.

The highlight of our trip was an afternoon of thrilling attractions on Galveston's historic Pleasure Pier – "historic" meaning we continued the long tradition of dropping a couple of C-notes on a glorified parking lot carnival. Because my youngest daughter has yet to enter

her cognitively-impaired teen years, she prefers that I accompany her on the more leisurely rides that are less likely to require rescue by emergency personnel.

Unfortunately, one of the rides she chose was the Pirate Plunge, a buccaneer take on the good ol' flume ride, with two splashdowns that soak your underwear with enough log water to make you walk funny for the rest of the day.

The older girls avidly sampled every ride on the Pleasure Pier that involved hurling their bodies though violent, high-altitude gyrations until their stomachs were lodged in their sinus cavities.

Overall, we had a historically terrific time on our latest visit to Galveston. We hope to make a return trip. Until next time, Galvy!

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MIKE PINGREE'S

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



CANCEL THE CORNED BEEF; MAKE IT PASTA PRIMVERA:

A woman who was given an Ancestry DNA kit by her mother discovered that her mother's mother had been unfaithful to her husband many years ago. So the man who her mother had thought was her father was, in fact, not. The mother had previously taken great pride in celebrating her Irish heritage. Nope, sorry, Italian.

I NEED THESE FOR, UH, EVIDENCE, YEAH, THAT'S IT, EVIDENCE: A prosecutor in Marshalltown, Iowa, went into the home of a female colleague and stole some of her undergarments.

WAIT HERE, DRIVER, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK: A man robbed a Dunkin' Donuts in Brentwood, N.Y., and used an Uber as his getaway car.

SO, HE IS EXTREMELY RECEPTIVE TO A PLEA BARGAIN: A man got drunk and took a 40-ton Soviet tank on a joyride through the streets of Pajeczno, Poland. He could get two years in jail if he's convicted of driving under the influence, but up to eight years if it's perpetrating "a direct danger of a catastrophe in land, water or air traffic."

HEY, WHAT DOES THIS LITTLE RED LIGHT MEAN?: A man stole a live streaming surveillance camera from his neighbor's garage in Bossier City, La., but he forgot to turn it off. It provided police with footage of him committing the theft and also of him inside his own home afterwards.

YOUR WISH HAS COME TRUE, SIR: A man, who hated his job as a food service worker at a junior high school, intentionally hit two pedestrians with his car in Bothell, Wash., to "get out of going to work." A judge has seen to it that he will not have to go to work for the next 14 years.

PLAN BACKFIRES: A grocery store in Vancouver, British Columbia, tried to shame customers into bringing their own reusable shopping bags by emblazoning the store's plastic bags with embarrassing messages like, "The Colon Care Co-op" and "The Weird Adult Video Emporium." Alas, people found it hilarious, and now everybody wants them.

HMMM, SOMETHING SEEMS OFF HERE: A man was pulled over in Moorpark, Calif., was arrested for DUI, possession of meth, being an unlicensed driver, and having an active warrant for his arrest. He had aroused the attention of police because he'd painted a license plate on his truck. The state name he wrote was "Califas."

WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE? Officials in Ypsilanti, Mich., investigating a man for failing to pay the employees of his private security company, examined his hard drive, and found hidden camera videos of a man, who was renting a room in his home, having intimate relations with a woman. He admitted to secretly recording the pair, saying he watched the recordings "for his own personal enjoyment."

HEY, HE BROUGHT PIZZA; IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO: A man stole a pizza truck, and took it on a joyride through Great Falls, Mont. He stopped and gave four young guys free pizza, then asked one of them to follow him to somewhere so he could ditch the truck. He did so.

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Strange but True

By Bill Sones
and Rich Sones, Ph.D.

WHO NEEDS THOSE BODY PARTS, ANYWAY?

Q. *Rather routinely, the appendix, tonsils, adenoids and wisdom teeth have each been removed from the human body. But which do scientists say are truly expendable?*

A. "Perhaps the best case can be made for the wisdom teeth," says Claudia Wallis in "Scientific American" magazine. According to evolutionary biologist Heather Smith, "Our faces are so flat, compared with other primates, that there's often not room for them." And, given our food preparation, "we really don't need them."

Not true, though, for the other organs. The appendix — the tiny, fingerlike projection off the colon — appears across multiple unrelated species, suggesting that it serves some valuable function, most likely immunological and gastrointestinal. As Smith notes, the organ is closely associated with lymphoid tissue that supports the immune system. Plus, in humans, the appendix serves as a "safe house" to preserve helpful gut bacteria in case the gut microbiome is hit hard by illness.

Regarding the tonsils and adenoids, a recent study assessing the long-term impact of removing them

has shown that among 1.2 million Danish children, "the percent or so who had one or both sets of organs extracted before age nine were found to have a twofold to threefold higher rate of upper respiratory diseases and higher rates of allergies and asthma." Since these tissues are most prominent in children, with adenoids nearly gone by adulthood, "perhaps they play a developmental role, helping to shape the immune system in ways that have lasting consequences."

CRAYON INITIATIVE

Q. *What is the "Crayon Initiative," and how does its work benefit both children and the environment?*

A. The Initiative takes used crayons and remolds them for hospitalized children, thereby keeping paraffin wax (used to make crayons) out of landfills, says Dan Lewis on his "Now I Know" website. When Bryan Ware turned 40, he and his family celebrated at a restaurant that provided his two young boys with crayons and paper placements before supper. Shortly afterward, learning that the restaurant threw the used crayons away, Ware and his family founded the nonprofit Crayon Initiative (Initiative).

First in his California backyard, then in a central location, Ware and volunteers sort crayons from

schools, restaurants and more, melt them down and pour the wax into molds, forming new crayons that are boxed up (minus paper sleeves) and sent back out. Per the Colorado Springs Fox affiliate, the Initiative has collected "more than 30 million crayons" and, in partnership with the Children's Hospital Association, "has donated more than 226,000 new packs of crayons to children around the country."

And from "Oklahoma News 4," the Initiative "has diverted 215,000 pounds of crayons destined for landfills," crayons of paraffin wax, a petroleum derivative that does not break down quickly. It's a win for the environment and a win — and countless smiles — for the children.

TURNING NAMES INTO VERBS

Q. *A person's name turning into a verb happens more often than you might imagine, like "boycott" and "lynch." Do you know the person "verbified" and the meaning of "disneyfy," "Hausmannize," "macadamize" and "MacGyver"?*

A. You undoubtedly recognize the name Walt Disney (1901-1966), but did you know that "to disneyfy" means "to sanitize or romanticize something to make it more palatable for mass consumption," says Anu Garg on his "A.Word.A.Day" website. "Hausmannize" comes from Georges-Eugene Haussman (1809-1891), appointed by Napoleon III to carry out the renovation of Paris, with widened, tree-lined boulevards, parks, sewers, aqueducts and more. In the process, whole neighborhoods were demolished, with 20,000 buildings destroyed. So "to Hausmannize" is "to redevelop or rebuild an area, especially on a massive scale."

"Macadamize," meaning "to construct or pave a road with small broken stones bound with asphalt or tar" is named after John Loudon McAdam (1756-1836), a civil engineer who pioneered this method of road construction. Finally, the secret agent Angus MacGyver, from the television series bearing his last name, was known for "improvising ingenious solutions using whatever was available." Hence, to "MacGyver" is to do just that.

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LOS ANGELES — A California man who once took a pickax to President Donald Trump's Hollywood Walk of Fame star admitted to stealing a Marilyn Monroe statue from a public sculpture in Hollywood last month, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Austin Mikel Clay, 25, of Glendale was sentenced to one year in county jail after entering a plea of no contest to one felony count each of grand theft of property valued at more than \$950 and vandalism causing over \$400 in damage.

Clay is also required to pay \$14,260 in restitution and will serve three years of probation, the district

attorney's office said.

Prosecutors alleged that, on the evening of June 16, Clay climbed the sculpture at Hollywood Boulevard and La Brea Avenue and sawed off the statue that topped the artwork. The property is owned by the city of Los Angeles, according to the complaint. Clay was arrested June 21 at his home.



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Hurricanes amplify feeling helpless for paraplegics

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Hurricane Harvey and becoming a paraplegic seven years ago changed that. Through training and first-hand experiences I have learned to adapt to wheelchair life, but nothing prepared me for Harvey.

You can't fight Mother Nature, especially from a wheelchair.

As Harvey lingered for days, all I could do was sit in my chair and watch the water rise in the streets and check TV to see whether it was raining green and yellow amounts (not too bad) or red and purple amounts (really bad).

The hard work was left for my wife. Kelly waited in lines for storm supplies. Kelly moved the outdoor furniture. Kelly arranged homemade sandbags.

Things weren't supposed to be this way. I felt useless, vulnerable, guilty. These feelings aren't uncommon for a paraplegic, but Harvey certainly heightened them. And I am sure this wasn't what Kelly signed up for.

Things got worse as the water started creeping over our curb and up the driveway toward our one-story home. Evacuation became a possibility.

As an editor at two Houston newspapers, I had seen my share of pictures of elderly people in wheelchairs being rescued from high water. Now I was in danger of becoming one of them.

We needed a plan. Kelly, despite my objections, planned to stay in the house with our pets even if water started coming in.

A neighbor in a two-story house offered refuge if worse came to worse.

But I couldn't even get to that house. I felt trapped. In desperation, I called the Pearland police. They would come get me but only when

water started entering the house. They put me on their list. Another neighbor offered me a boat ride out.

So we had a plan if things got worse. Kelly would stay in the house while I was evacuated.

Those of us in wheelchairs become accustomed to some indignities. But this was new ... and humiliating. Whatever male ego I had left was shattered.

Harvey finally moved on after dropping 50 inches of rain on Pearland and destroying or damaging 150,000 homes in the Houston area.

Luckily we didn't need to evacuate, but it was a close call. As logical as our plan seemed, I still - to

this day - feel as if I would have been abandoning ship, leaving my wife behind.

For this year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting "near normal" hurricane activity with between two and four major hurricanes expected.

However, only two major hurricanes hit in 2018, but both made direct strikes on the U.S., causing billions of dollars in damage and claiming dozens of lives.

You can bet I will be watching the tropics ... and making a better evacuation plan.

(Ernie Williamson welcomes reader input. Please contact Ernie at williamsonernie@gmail.com)

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By Nicole Tiggemann
Tribune News Service (TNS)

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Senior Fun: August offers 'Mamma Mia!', Margaritaville

Mamma Mia! Who knew there is live musical theater in Wharton?

Apparently, Angleton's Silver Hearts Senior Program's director Pat Aschenbeck does, and she has made plans for a group trip on Aug. 11 to The Plaza Theater to enjoy "Mamma Mia."

"Mamma Mia" is based on the Swedish rock group ABBA's music and the story of a young woman trying to find her birth father shortly before her wedding on a Greek island. With three of her mother's former suitors showing up on the island, it makes for an interesting plot.

A limited number of lucky 55+ seniors will be able to journey together via the senior program van for \$23 on a first-come basis.

If seats for the trip aboard the senior program van are filled, or you can't make it that day and can travel to Wharton, consider getting some family members or friends together and go.

There are several showings on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. in August.

Tickets are \$20 at The Plaza, which is located at 120 S. Houston St., across from the historic Wharton County Courthouse. For information, call (979)282-2226 or google

The Plaza's website.

On Aug. 19-20, Angleton's Travelers Club will be heading to the Bossier City/Shreveport, La. area to experience the Margaritaville Resort Casino, where Jimmy Buffet tunes are more likely to be heard than ABBA. There's also an outlet center and a big-box outdoors store for shopping, located next to the casino.

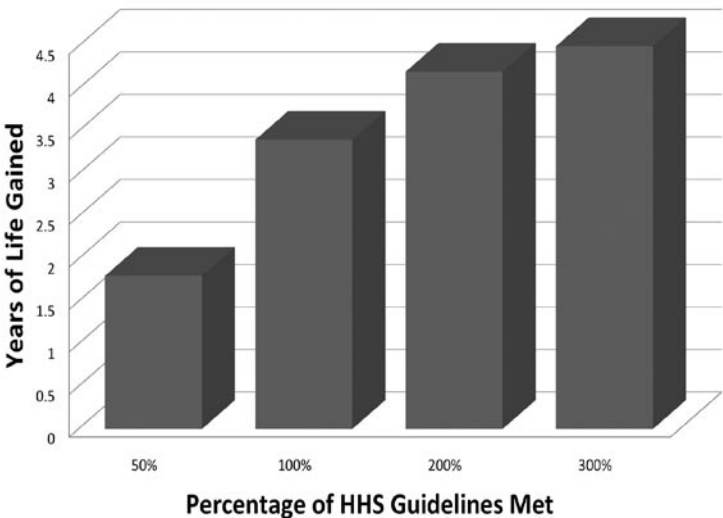
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By Russell Gloor

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Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old, and my wife is 62. We both have good paying careers. Our original plan was to wait until we each turned 70 before drawing our Social Security benefits.

But I was talking to a friend who is a very successful small business owner who told me that he started drawing his SS benefits at age 62. He puts the funds in a mutual fund every month.

He has "run the numbers," and he is convinced that he will come out ahead rather than waiting to draw at age 70. I was shocked to hear this advice since I had never heard any expert advocate this option before. What say you, Sir?

Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning: I, too, have "run the numbers" many times. Although Social Security will say that it makes no difference when you apply, (they say you get the same in total benefits no matter which age you claim) with average longevity today being in the mid-80s, (84 for men; 87 for women) that may not be true.

I have done numerous "break even analyses" and have found that if one claims at their full retirement age instead of at age 62, they will have collected the same

amount of benefits at age 78 in either case.

That means that by living longer than age 78, you will realize more in total cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until your full retirement age to apply.

Similarly, if you wait until age 70 to claim, you will break even (collect the same in total benefits) at age 82, and if you live beyond 82, you'll get more in cumulative benefits by waiting. If you live well beyond those ages, the extra benefits can be very substantial.

I wonder if your friend included in his analysis how the "earnings test" affected his early benefits. If you are still working and you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit" (\$17,640 for 2019) which, if you exceed it, will cause Social Security to withhold benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit.

This applies to both you and your wife. The earnings limit doesn't go away until your reach your full retirement age, so when contemplating whether to collect benefits before your full retirement age you should assess the amount of benefit loss you will incur if your earnings exceed the earnings limit.

Although at your full retirement age (FRA) Social Security gives you time credit for any months you don't receive benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit, it will take you years to recover any withheld benefits because they only slightly increase your benefit at your FRA to compensate for withheld benefits from over-earning (you need to live long enough to recover those lost benefits).



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Are you retired but too young for Medicare? What now?

There are plenty of people who retire before the age of 65, whether this was their choice or had retirement thrust upon them. Regardless of the circumstance, these people need health coverage. And since they are 'retired,' they likely need low or lower cost coverage without sacrificing their quality of care. There are several options for those people, according to Houston based neurologist and founder of the Houston Healthcare Initiative CO-OP, Dr. Steven Goldstein.

Fear of Loss

Employees fear losing their com-

pany subsidized health insurance and when accepting or choosing retirement, that benefit ceases along with the paycheck. According to Dr. Goldstein, it is a situation worth examining and planning for. "There are several alternatives for people who are not old enough for Medicare," Dr. Goldstein said. "For one, they can choose an extension of their former employers' insurance through what is known as COBRA."

COBRA

COBRA stands for "Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. "It's a law that since 1985, provides

for continuing group health insurance coverage for employees and family members after what they call 'job loss'," Dr. Goldstein said. "But, it only applies at companies with more than 20 employees and to state and local government workers. It does not apply to federal workers, churches, or some church related organizations. What's more, this is a short-term fix because there is an 18-month limit on this option. So for someone who is 60, this will get them to 61.5. But there are those other 3.5 years remaining." COBRA is also a costly choice. Those choosing it can expect to pay up to 102% of the premiums including the part your employer used to pay.

Affordable Care Act

Options for the Affordable Care Act or Obama-Care are available on line. While the politics of healthcare mean that future choices may be different or even non-existent, but at the moment the law remains in place. "Here in Texas, everyone is required to have health insurance, but they are not required to purchase it through the government,"

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Dr. Goldstein said. "There is no longer the threat of a fine from the federal government for not having health insurance but going without is never a good idea."

Healthcare Co-Ops

People can and probably should consider one of the health sharing cooperatives. There are several from which to choose, not the least of them the Houston Healthcare Initiative CO-OP. But according to Dr. Goldstein, there is more to the Houston Healthcare Initiative CO-OP than inexpensive health coverage. "Our first priority is to improve our members health first and help pay for 'sick care' second," Dr Goldstein stated. "As people work with us to manage their own

health, the cost goes down. When they do get sick, we can provide lists of places to get the best prices on prescription medicine, tests, imaging and hospitalization. But, and I want to really stress this, our approach to managing the cost of healthcare is to find ways to be sick less often. We help people manage their weight, level of fitness and other choices they can consciously make to be healthier. So, if you want to save money on healthcare, find ways to be sick less often."

(To find ways to be sick less often and save on health coverage, then look to the Houston Healthcare Initiative CO-OP and visit the web site at www.houstonhealthcareinitiative.org.)

Angleton ISD hosts senior citizens breakfast Aug. 2

Angleton ISD will host a "Golden Cat" breakfast for senior citizens in the district to thank them for their support. It will be served at Westside Elementary School at 1001 W. Mulberry on Friday, Aug. 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. For those Angleton senior citizens who don't have a Golden Cat Activity Pass, they can sign up at the breakfast.



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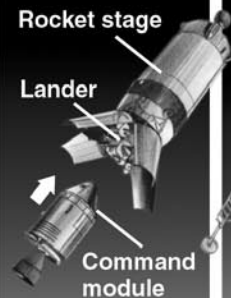
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On the moon 1969

Astronauts first stepped onto the moon in July 1969. What they did:

Command module in position to pull lunar lander from rocket stage



July 19

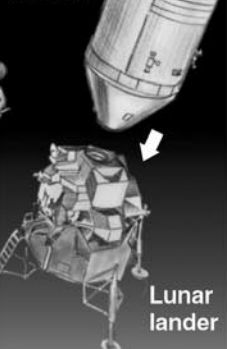
AFTERNOON

12:58 p.m. After a three-day flight from Earth, the Apollo 11 crew prepares to maneuver the command module, *Columbia*, and the lunar lander for orbit around the moon.

5:44 p.m. Crew uses engines to slow spacecraft and begins to orbit about 60 miles (100 km) above moon's surface.



Lander separating from command module



July 20

AFTERNOON

1:46 p.m. Lunar lander, with Aldrin and Armstrong aboard, separates from command module.
4:05 p.m. Descent to moon's surface; lander begins approaching a crater nearly four miles (6 km) from targeted landing point.

4:18 p.m. Armstrong takes over manual controls to avoid the crater as his heart rate jumps to 156; the landing is rough.

Flags taken to the moon
• Three U.S. flags (one left on moon)
• Flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories
• U.N. flag
• Flags of 136 other countries

Astronauts outside lander for 2 hours, 47 minutes



EVENING

10:39 p.m. Armstrong prepares to step onto moon; he triggers a television camera on module so his descent to the surface can be seen on Earth.
10:56 p.m. Stepping onto moon's surface, Armstrong says, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Armstrong uses a bag attached to the end of a pole to collect soil samples near the module base.

11:11 p.m. Aldrin emerges from lander.

11:41 p.m. Astronauts place a nylon U.S. flag onto a pole pressed into the soil.

11:48 p.m. Astronauts congratulated by telephone from President Richard M. Nixon.

Flag left on moon's surface has a steel wire to hold it erect in the windless atmosphere



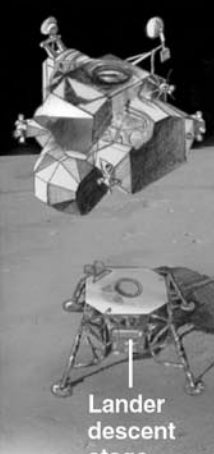
July 21

MORNING

12:54 a.m. Re-enter landing module.
4:25 a.m. Astronauts sleep after finishing work and answering questions about moon's geology.

11:13 a.m. Astronauts wake and prepare for return to command module.

Astronauts leave behind the descent stage of the lander, cameras, tools, portable life-support systems, boots and some instruments



AFTERNOON

1:54 p.m. Descent stage of the lunar module is used as launch pad to lift off for redocking with command module.

5:35 p.m. Docks with command module.

7:42 p.m. Crew jettisons lander and prepares for return to Earth.



Neil Armstrong (above) and **Buzz Aldrin** (first to walk on the moon)

Mike Collins (remains in orbit around moon during the landing)

Source: NASA, Boeing Graphic: Staff, TNS

Slayton behind the scenes of Apollo 11

By Beth Kassab

Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

ORLANDO, Fla. — Outside of space enthusiasts, Deke Slayton isn't the name that comes to mind when Americans think about the first men to walk on the moon.

The names of the Apollo 11 crew — Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins — are far better known as the first humans to land on another world.

But without Slayton, it may not have happened that way.

One of the original seven Mercury astronauts, Donald K. Slayton (known as Deke) became one of the most influential people on the Apollo program: He was the guy who selected the crew for each mission.

"Crew assignments are one of the perennial issues the Apollo geeks speculate about," said Roger Launius, a former NASA historian, in an email. "Deke Slayton made the selections; he did not publicly talk about how he made them."

But he did talk to people inside NASA about the selections as well as some others.

One of those people was Michael Cassutt, who co-authored Slayton's autobiography, "Deke! U.S. Manned Space from Mercury to the Shuttle," as well as other books about the space program and is now a television writer at Hulu.

"You have to go back to 1962," Cassutt said. "The Apollo program just started. Deke didn't think the Mercury astronauts would stick around. He thought they would go back to the military. So he went looking for new astronauts."

Slayton was the only Mercury astronaut who never flew. He was grounded in 1962 because of a heart abnormality and took over future crew selections that same year.

For Apollo, he set about forming highly-trained crews with commanders he trusted, Cassutt said.

Up to the launch of Apollo 8 in 1968, it appeared the crew led by Frank Borman would be the first to walk on the moon. The other crews would take Apollos 9 and 10, and then the attempt at the lunar landing would happen during Apollo 11, when Borman was back on board.

Slayton is said to have told

Borman that if Apollo 8's mission goes well, then he would be the best trained to make the moon landing, Cassutt said.

But Borman had other plans.

He decided to retire after Apollo 8, having already spent considerable time away from home.

Armstrong led the back-up crew. Cassutt says that Slayton had a conversation with Armstrong in Mission Control while Apollo 8 was in orbit.

"Slayton called Armstrong over and said, 'I want you to fly 11. It could be the first landing,'" Cassutt recalled from conversations with Slayton and access to his personal notes.

Armstrong agreed. Aldrin would be the Lunar Module pilot and eventually step onto the moon's surface just after Armstrong. Slayton told Armstrong he could choose between Collins and Jim Lovell as the Command Module pilot.

"Armstrong told Deke, 'I like Collins ... Lovell deserves his own crew,'" Cassutt said. "Armstrong became the first person on the moon ... it was right place, right time. It wasn't necessarily that he was the first choice."

And had something gone wrong on Apollo 10, then Apollo 11 wouldn't have attempted the landing and it could have been the next crew.

Cassutt said there's been speculation that NASA reordered the crews to make it so that a civilian, rather than a military officer, was the first to walk on the moon. But he said that wasn't true — besides Armstrong had served as an aviator in the Navy.

It was a confluence of fate, timing and some luck that led to the three men securing a place in history on July 20, 1969.

And Slayton deserves a spot there, too, Cassutt said.

It's true, he said, that Slayton never spoke publicly about all the details of the process.

"There's no address you can go to, no document beyond what he told me and I used in autobiography," Cassutt said.

Slayton died from brain cancer in 1993, not long before the book was published, and he never had time to review the entire manuscript.

Facts you may have missed about the Apollo 11 mission

By Roger Simmons
Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

As the Apollo 11 moon landing's 50th anniversary nears on July 20, even the most avid space fans might think they know all there is to know about the historic first moon landing. Think again.

Using NASA documents, Orlando Sentinel archives and other sources, we've created this list of 11

little-known facts about the Apollo 11 mission. Keep track of how many you know, and we'll grade you at the end.

Why is there a U.S. flag on the moon?

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin planted the American flag on the moon, but who made that decision?

Would you believe Congress? About a month before the mis-

sion, there was a growing call to place a United Nations flag on the moon, symbolizing the historic moment for the world and humans.

"You might have some nice international implications by using somebody else's flag, but I think you would have some very bad internal reactions and a great reduction in funds for NASA if anything like that happened," Rep. Burt L. Talcott, R-

Calif., warned NASA Administrator Thomas Paine during a meeting of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on June 6, 1969.

Just to make sure that Paine and NASA got the message, days later Congress added an amendment to a NASA budget bill prohibiting any flag except an American one from being placed on the moon.

The amendment's author, Rep. Richard Roudebush, R-Ind., noted that Americans had paid \$23 billion for the space program to that point. "And it doesn't seem far-fetched that the U.S. flag should be placed there on the moon as a symbolic gesture of national pride and unity. U.S. taxpayers paid for the trip."

There were others flags on the moon?

Old Glory had company on the moon. Did you know around 200 flags flew to the moon aboard Apollo 11.

NASA documents note, "It was decided that, in addition to the large (American) flag, 4-by-6-inch flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories, and flags for all member countries of the United Nations and several other nations, would be carried in the lunar module and returned for presentation to governors and heads of state after the flight."

Who designed Apollo 11's mission emblem?

Guess the Apollo 11 crew member who was an amateur graphic designer. Michael Collins, the command module pilot, actually designed the mission emblem, with input from Armstrong and others.

According to NASA, after the

crew decided to name the lunar module Eagle, Collins found a picture of an eagle in a National Geographic book – tracing it on a piece of tissue paper.

"He then sketched in a field of craters beneath the eagle's claws and the Earth behind its wings," a NASA story noted. "The olive branch was suggested by Tom Wilson, a computer expert and the Apollo 11 simulator instructor, as a symbol of the peaceful expedition. ... Collins quickly modified the sketch to have the eagle carrying the olive branch in its beak."

But the design was rejected.

"Bob Gilruth, the director of the then-named Manned Spacecraft Center, saw the eagle landing with its talons extended as too hostile and warlike," NASA said. "So, the olive branch was transferred from the eagle's mouth to his talons, a less menacing position."

"Although happy with the design, Collins maintained that the eagle looked 'uncomfortable' in the new version and that he 'hoped he dropped the olive branch before landing.'"

Running a little late?

With no issues – technical or otherwise – to stop the countdown, Apollo 11 blasted off from Kennedy Space Center at 9:32 a.m. on July 16, 1969.

But did you know that it was actually late? Launch director Rocco Petrone broke the news to the assembled media after the launch.

"We were 724 milliseconds later for the start of this mission that really started eight years ago," he said.



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Safe Solar and Moon Viewing

Beginning at dusk - if it is clear - there will be safe solar and moon viewing in the parking lot using a variety of telescopes.

Art Gallery

View works of art from the exhibit "Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing."

Museum of Natural Science

Explore moon-related exhibits such as Moon Snails and Moon Jellies, and there will be make-and-take moon crafts for kids.

Transmission from ISS

At 8 p.m. in the planetarium auditorium, there will be a transmission from the International Space Station and a short film, provided by Space Center Houston, about the first moon landing.

Making your pool area safer

Keep chemicals out of reach of children

Set up a safety post with ring buoy, shepherd's crook and other safety equipment

Gate into pool area should be at least 4 feet high, with self-closing hinges and self-locking latches; it must open away from pool

Doors to pool area should be self-closing with child-proof latches; another option is a door alarm that can be set to sound if door opens

Pool fence should be at least 5 ft. (1.5 m) high; it must be built so that it is not easily climbed

Floating alarms make a warning sound if motion is detected in pool

Toys left in the pool can attract children, so remove play equipment

Adults should closely supervise the pool area; drowning is a silent killer, since the victim often cannot shout out; keep a phone handy to dial emergency assistance

Consider giving kids personal flotation devices, like water wings

Diving boards are a common source of accidents; many owners have replaced them with safer water slides

There are drain covers that prevent entrapment, reducing the risk of drowning

Pool covers should be automatic and able to support weight of a child; covers must not leave room for children to crawl under and into pool

Unsafe drain design
Flat drains allow tight seal, permitting powerful suction

Safer drain design
Anti-entrapment drain covers prevent seal; no suction created

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North to Alaska IV: Cruising Alaska Inside Passage – Juneau, and learning how to cruise

By Janice R. Edwards

The Bulletin

After leaving the Tracy Ann Fjord, we sailed on to Juneau and got there just about noon. We were blessed with a day of sunshine and cool weather. Juneau was the largest coast Alaskan city we visited, boasting about 190 miles of city and state roads. Juneau is 3,255 square miles and is the largest capital city in America by area. It is also the only state capital which borders a foreign country - transferred from Sitka in 1906.

Before Juneau became Juneau, its name was Dzantik'l Heeni, which roughly translates to "where the flat fish gather." In 1880, Tlingit Chief Kawee guided Richard Harris and Joe Juneau to the mouth of Gold Creek to locate gold in exchange for 100 wool blankets. The natives had

no use for gold, but they did need blankets.

The Alaskan Gold Rush was on, and during the next 60 years, Juneau produced \$150 million of gold – which would be equivalent to \$7 billion today. Today, government has replaced mining as the main industry, followed by tourism.

This being our first cruise, it took Roy and me until about this day to learn how to cruise being a couple "of a certain age" with bad knees. We selected shore excursions with the least amount of exertion. But what we learned is – there is no such thing as low exertion.

That ship held 2,500 people and had cabins and facilities for all of them - they hand you a ship map when you board. Seems no matter where you are on the ship, where you want to go is at the other end

of the ship and on another deck. We were on vacation and getting formally dressed was not in our agenda - we packed and dressed accordingly. Had we changed our minds, we could rent formal wear.

We also learned that papers left in the box by our state room door each morning listed the day's events. There were Vegas type

Memories are made of this

shows, art auctions, jewelry shows, wine tasting parties, a casino, a lounge and movies both inside their theater and under the stars, among other activities.

We saw (ironically) "Aquaman" during a day sail but found it was too cold to watch the movie on deck under the stars. There were many dining options, but we liked the

buffet best – you didn't have to plan your day around your meals. You COULD stay on board and never go on a shore excursion, but we had one planned for each stop. There were so many choices at each port of call it was hard to decide, but we managed. In Juneau, we selected the Whale Watching and Wildlife Quest.

A tour bus loaded up with those of us going on this day trip deposited us at the Allen family docks. The covered catamaran we boarded was equipped with water jets especially designed to navigate Southeast Alaska passages for propulsion, and the wrap-around window allowed for maximum viewing. Though there was a myriad of wildlife that could be spotted on this trip, we only saw sea lions and Humpback Whales.

The highlight of the trip was spotting a Humpback whale that had returned to the area from calving in Hawaii for 20 + years. Usually whales are given an ID number,

but this female had been back so often, they named her "Flame." She brought her new calf back – they named him "Bunson." Whales are identified by their tail flukes – none of them are the same. I got a good shot of Flame and Bunson's backs when they blew, and I even got a good-bye wave from Bunson's tail fluke as we left.

On the way back to the ship, the bus driver showed us a Bald Eagle and its nest and an unusual sculpture of a Humpback Whale streaming water while breaching. It was the only day we needed sunscreen during the trip. We left Juneau at a little after 10 p.m. and sailed all night docking at Skagway early the next morning in drizzling rain.

Next installment – Skagway and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad.

(Jan wants to hear from you. Write her in care of The Bulletin. Email: john.bulletin@gmail.com. Snail mail: The Bulletin, PO Box 2426, Angleton TX, 77516.)

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- The world's total cruise ship capacity is almost 500,000 guests.
- The cruise industry is the fastest

growing sector of the leisure travel market.

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The whale named Bunson waves goodbye. (Photo by Janice R. Edwards)



The Whale Bunson and her calf, Fluke. (Photo by Janice R. Edwards)

We cheer for our adopted baseball team – and the Yankees

(Continued from Page 1)

today's American League. Things like Sunday baseball, grounds rule double, and even enjoying a beer while watching the game, all came about because of Von der Ahe's vision.

If you are interested, the book is titled "The Summer of Beer and Whiskey" by Edward Achor. I recommend it for all baseball fanatics out there.

When the Yankees come to town to play the Astros, we always get tickets to the game. My husband loves baseball and is a die-hard Yankee fan. I sometimes explain it by saying he bleeds Yankee blue. You get the picture.

When the home team – and the other home team – are playing, we trade in our orange and blue and wear our pinstripes to support the Yankees.

I'm just so grateful we never lived in Massachusetts because there is an exception to rooting for other teams, and that's the Boston Red Sox! Alan will root for ANY team as long as they're not the dreaded Red Sox, period.

Alan still recounts the first time he went to Yankee stadium with his dad and brothers. We still display the foul ball he caught in 1988 from the game against the Chicago White Sox.

My daughters and I gave him the ultimate birthday present a few years back. We sent him to Florida to attend Yankee Fantasy Camp. As the name implies, it is just as you may be thinking.

Grown men get together to

play ball and pretend they're on a professional baseball team – with all the perks and pampering, such as massages and ice baths. It's a charity event that lasts a week and culminates with 'the big game', when the regular guys play a game against retired players. The regular guys get their rears kicked as a reminder that they really aren't professional players!

The many action photos of him playing with some of the team's greats and dressed in authentic Yankee gear still hang in our family room. My favorite is the one of our daughters holding a painted sign for the final game that read: We love our Yankee Dad.

I'm pretty sure the real Yankee players thought it was pretty cool, too. The team photographer captured a photo of former infielder Pat Kelly standing behind Alan with

his hands on his shoulders while coaching him on first base. When at bat, I referred to him as a rookie. That was a big hit with one of the Fantasy Coaches, former Yankee second baseman Homer Bush.

The last time we were at a Yankees' game was when they came to H-town for a three-game series back in April. We attended the first game, but the Yankees lost . . . and the next two.

We won't be putting away our pinstripes just yet, because there's still a lot of ball to play. We still remain faithful fans.

There isn't too much that's different between seeing a game here or in New York. Feeling the energy of the stadium when your team is coming from behind and turning things around in the bottom of the ninth inning is hair-raising.

Minute Maid Park is a much more

intimate place than the new stadium in New York. Astro fans are great, and it's fun getting to know everyone seated around you. Maybe it's because we'll talk to anyone – sharing memories of games past or arguing about the umpire's call. With a love of baseball as the binder, there is a comradery that forms between strangers enjoying the game from the stands.

Whoever winds up representing

the American League in the world series this October, one thing is for certain, it's going to be a fun season.

The late Paul Blair, one of the coaches at Fantasy Camp, said it best when he would ask, "How do we spell fun? W I N I!"

(New-ish Texas resident B.A. Belthoff welcomes your comments. You can reach her at babelthoff@gmail.com.)

Five tips to help you keep your cool while hiking on a hot summer day

By Pam LeBlanc

Austin American-Statesman (TNS)

Hiking during the summer can feel like walking across a hot griddle with a blow torch aimed at your face.

That's why park rangers, who encounter lots of park visitors suffering from heat exhaustion and dehydration, want to share some tips to keep hikers safe during the hot summer months.

1. Drink plenty of water. Hydration makes it easier to tolerate heat.

Carry extra water and drink periodically, even if you don't feel thirsty. And if you're bringing your dog, make sure it has water, too. A good rule of thumb is to turn around and head back once you've consumed half of your water supply, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say.

2. Make sure you know how long the trail is before heading out. Hikers sometimes underestimate how long it will take them to hike a trail, especially when they're tackling rugged terrain.

3. Plan hikes for early in the morning or in the evening, when it's cooler and the sun isn't as strong. Take frequent breaks and know your limit. Rest under shade when you can.

4. Wear appropriate clothing – light-colored, lightweight and loose-fitting clothing works best. A hat keeps your face shaded, and a bandana can be dipped in water and worn around the neck to keep you cool.

5. Check the weather before you start your hike so you're prepared for conditions on the trail.

If you start to experience a heat-related emergency, call the park headquarters or 911.



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Retro Bulletin: We were coasting to deadline, and then...

(Continued from Page 1)

floppy disk that fit into a floppy drive. That way they could write articles anywhere and just give us the disk when they were done.

We had a main disk that stored most of the articles. They were also edited on the disk. Then we stuck the floppy into a drive and transferred everything over to the main computer to be laid out. We were still feeling our way around, trying to find the least risky and most efficient method to produce the paper. The floppy disk part had some risks, as we found out.

I heard a sweet little voice coming

from my office. "Daddy, I fixed it."

Those were scary words coming from a four-year-old. Fixed what? I hoped she didn't. Nothing was broken.

There she sat by my computer, proudly exhibiting her work - a Number 2 pencil poking out of its floppy drive. It was time for my heart to stop.

Maybe there was no damage inside the drive. Maybe I got there just in time.

I didn't get there on time, and the drive was gone. It could not read the little plastic disk. The light that signaled that it was working

remained dark. It didn't make any of the noises usually associated with a disk being read. It was as dead as a doornail.

And so was I. None of the text for the next paper could be transferred, and we were on deadline. There was no time to be angry.

I remembered that I saw one of those drives in Lake Jackson a few days earlier. All I had to do was install it and hope that we could go back to paper production rather than tech work. I didn't mind doing tech work, but being close to press run made tech work less enjoyable.

It was a long ride there, and even a longer one back as I thought of all the things that could go wrong. What if I did something wrong and knocked out the whole computer?

Then it was time for action. You have never seen someone be more careful along each step of the way. I knew what I was doing, but made doubly sure there were no mistakes. I plugged everything into the right place, and then it was ready. Time to see if it worked.

Those startup sounds were sweet. I never appreciated them more. The light on the drive started blinking. Time to flip in the disk and see what happens.

The story directory popped up on the screen. Success. Time to celebrate, but there was no time.

That sweet little girl was off the hook. I also didn't have time to punish her, but I did pick up all the pencils in the house - and everything else that could be used to "fix" the computer again.

She has since grown up and has not "fixed" any more computers. She is now publisher-in-training to make sure that The Bulletin continues for many more years. We have come full circle - minus the No. 2 pencil.

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SIDELINE CHATTER

By Dwight Perry

The Seattle Times (TNS)

Target on his - body

Think Derek Dietrich might have a Target endorsement in his future?

The Reds slugger got hit by pitches six times June 20-22 against the Brewers — thrice in one game — to break the MLB record for a single series.

You go, guy

Ex-Warriors forward and broad-

SPORTS STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

caster Tom Tolbert, who once joked about getting a statue at the Warriors' new arena in San Francisco, was given a different honor — a Tom Tolbert urinal (complete with plaque) in the Chase Center's media restroom.

So when Tolbert brags "I'm No. 1" ... no kidding!

No Cam do

Panthers QB Cam Newton, finding his 6-5, 245-pound frame

cramped into a economy-class seat on the 10-hour flight back from Men's Fashion Week in Paris, offered a man \$1,500 to give up his first-class seat — and the man refused.

Just his luck — probably a Falcons fan.

Owe no

Californians carry the country's highest mortgage debt — an average of \$347,000.

"Cry me a river," say the Baltimore Orioles. "We still owe Chris Davis \$100 million!"

Time to bear down

The Leadville Trail Marathon in Colorado Springs, Colo., was briefly interrupted when a bear crossed the course midway through the race.

For some strange reason, competitors ran the second half of the race faster than the first.

Grounds for discussion

In health and fitness news, a study says drinking coffee can help people burn fat.

It certainly shrinks your wallet.

Rivera runs through it

Hall of Fame closer Mariano Rivera hit an inside-the-park home run in his first Yankees Old-Timers' Day appearance.

Hey, don't laugh. Babe Ruth used to pitch, didn't he?

He's off the hook

Angels star Mike Trout says he gets asked every season to participate in the All-Star Home Run Derby, and he just told MLB no again.

In other words: Trout's still not biting.

Based on the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham Avoid pornography's widespread reach

Q: Some of my friends say that pornography is only bad if it leads to a crime, just as alcohol is only bad if it leads to drunkenness. Is this true? - P.O.

A: Pornography is basically described as visual images, writing, or speech that is used for the purpose of arousing lustful sexual desires. The term derives from two Greek words: porne ("prostitute") and graphein ("to write").

Pornographic material comes in many forms that penetrates thoughts and disturbs emotions. The saddest realization is that mankind feeds these evil desires most often through various entertainments. It will manifest itself in many ways. People may try to hide their secret life, but the Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Do not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Romans 13:14).

Pornography is both a symptom

and a cause of the widespread immorality and corruption of modern society. It reaches people of all age levels through a multibillion-dollar industry including books and magazines, television, and movies, available at home and in hotels. In recent years, pornography has grown through the internet and been made easily accessible through mobile devices so that it is available with a tap on a screen.

Respect and self-esteem plunge while guilt escalates. For some users, pornography leads to deviant sexual behavior and sex crimes.

The Bible says, "For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes ... is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts" (Romans 6:12). Flee from lust and pursue righteousness (2 Timothy 2:22), which can be found as one submits to Christ's lordship by saturating our minds with the things of God.

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Apple turnovers



Also called hand pies because they are so portable, apple turnovers are a pastry made by placing apple filling on a piece of dough, folding the dough over, sealing it, then baking.

Source: nationaltoday.com
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Bulletin starts Instagram account with waterpark ticket give-away contest

The Bulletin is officially on Instagram! You can find us @brazoriacountybulletin. We are currently beginning our 26th year, and we just made an Instagram account.

If you don't know what Instagram is, it is a social platform (that is owned by Facebook), and users can share pictures or videos on it.

It is great for photos and hashtags, and you can waste way too much time on there.

Since we just started the page, we wanted to start with a bang! So that is what we did. We held a contest for Schlitterbahn tickets, and it did pretty good for a first-ever contest with only a couple of posts. Thank you to everyone who entered the contest - we appreciate your support.

One lucky winner was chosen - **Danielle Rodriguez** of Angleton. We asked why those entering the contest would want to go to the waterpark, and her comment was:

"As a single mom of two kids (who) have me EVERYWHERE from cheer practice to school events to early nights in bed to catch up on sleep and unfortunately haven't made time as a family. My two kids and I would love this as it is sooo hot outside and would love a day out in the sun before school starts! We love the bulletin! #SupportLocalBusiness"

Congrats, Danielle! We hope you have a great time at Schlitterbahn with your children! We also have contests in the printed issues of The Bulletin, where we give away the most tickets, on our Facebook page, and now, our Instagram contest.

Have you "Liked" our page on Facebook? If not, search "Brazoria County Bulletin," to find us! Also, go follow @brazoriacountybulletin on Instagram for more posts and contests coming your way!

Try This

Gas power

Yeast is used in baking to make bread "rise," and here is what that means.

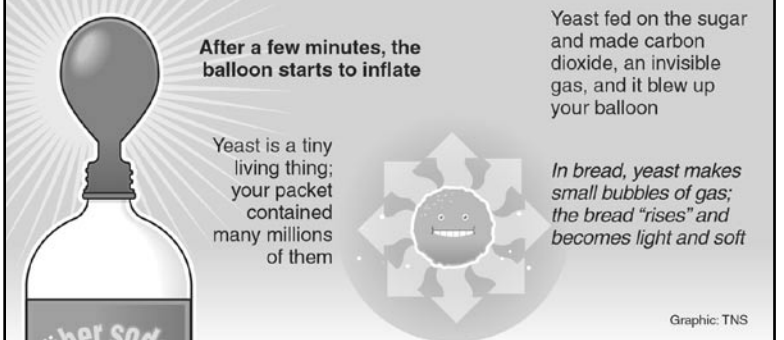
You'll need

- Packet of dry yeast
- 1 cup (250 ml) very warm water
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- Large balloon
- Empty small (16 oz. to 1 liter) water bottle

Source: Exploratorium
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap



What happened?



After a few minutes, the balloon starts to inflate

Yeast is a tiny living thing; your packet contained many millions of them

Yeast fed on the sugar and made carbon dioxide, an invisible gas, and it blew up your balloon

In bread, yeast makes small bubbles of gas; the bread "rises" and becomes light and soft

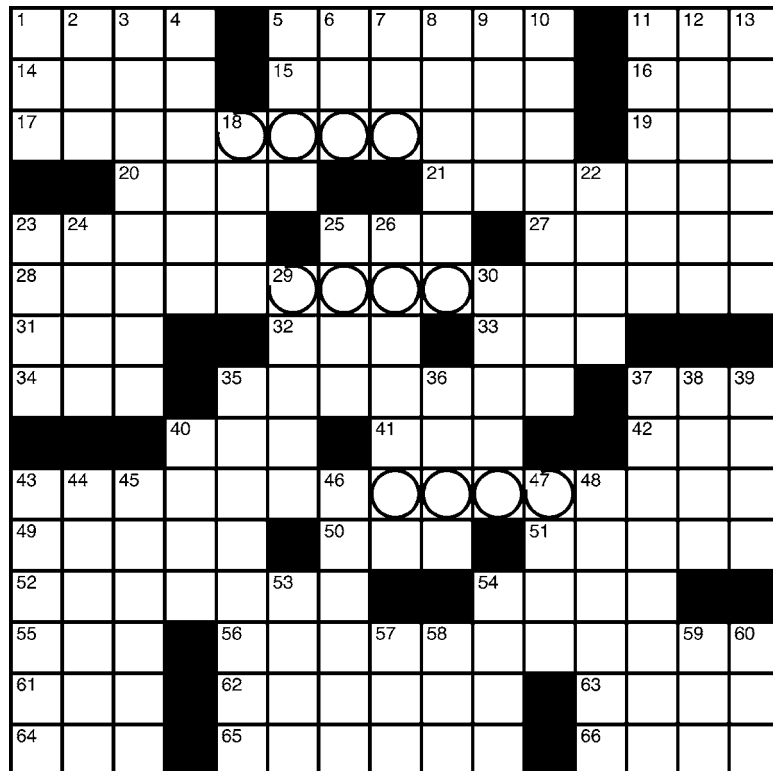
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Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

ACROSS

- 1 Solidifies
5 Extends, as a building
11 Triple __: liqueur
14 Golfer Aoki
15 Unfortunate event
16 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
17 Noir film temptress
19 Writing implement
20 Therapeutic ointment
21 Tenants

- 23 Engineer Nikola
25 "___FI": pre-weekend cry
27 Homer Simpson's wife
28 Football-like sport played with a disc
31 Falsehood
32 ___ Angeles
33 '50s prez
34 Kareem's former name
35 Dangerous current
37 Female pronoun



Solutions on the right side of this page

In memory of Greg Wilkinson

VocabPower!

Blood, sweat and tears have one thing in common — salt. Common salt hasn't always been so common, at times being wage-related (hence, *salary* and "worth one's salt"). Sweating's OK but shed no tears over these "sal's" sprinkled with salt.

1. saline

- A. salty C. reptilian
B. slippery D. slope down

2. salient

- A. on board C. unfair
B. clear D. prominent

3. salacious

- A. roomy C. blameworthy
B. obscene D. suspicious

4. salutary

- A. indicative C. healthful
B. victorious D. hospitable

5. salaam

- A. peaceful C. paused
B. greeting D. nonsense

6. SALT

- A. sports club C. nations group
B. rock band D. arms talks

7. salvific

- A. seasoned C. stimulating
B. soothing D. redemptive

8. saltbox

- A. house C. salt mine
B. shaker D. a safe

9. halite

- A. a crystal C. rock salt
B. a nitrate D. salt mixture

10. salt away

- A. save C. melt
B. season D. wither

answers: 10a 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

— Greg Wilkinson

- 40 Cupid's mo.
41 Year, in Spain
42 Ate
43 Close kin
49 "___ Rae"
50 "___ who?!"
51 Execs, or outfits hanging in their closets
52 Goes on the offensive
54 Gentle
55 Life story, briefly
56 Irony change in destiny ... and, literally, what happens in this puzzle's circles
61 Egg cells
62 Transition slowly
63 ___ out a living
64 Crossed (out)
65 Same-as-above marks
66 Fender damage

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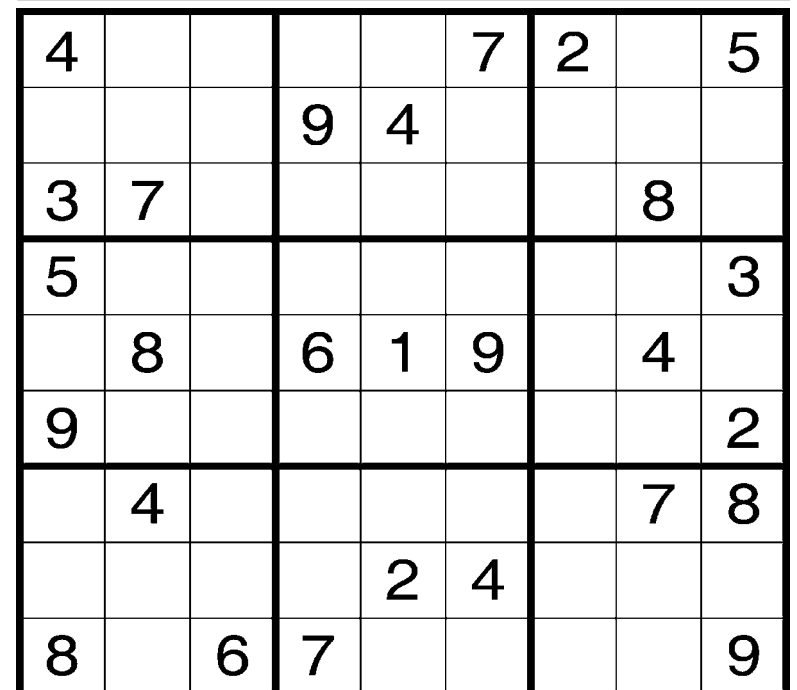
- 1 Animated Internet file suffix
2 Suffix with Siam
3 Meaty dish that would make Mary sad?
4 Mogadishu native
5 Radio band-switching switch
6 Day, in Spain
7 Hrs. that begin when we "spring forward"
8 "Doctor Zhivago" actor Omar
9 "Tall" story
10 Amateur night at a comedy club, e.g.
11 Exquisite
12 Come into view
13 As far as the eye ___
18 Jack of old Westerns
22 Stun with a gun
23 Rock's Jethro ___
24 Nobel Wiesl
25 Sporty sunroof
26 Develop in the womb
29 "I was with my girlfriend all night," say
30 No longer encumbered by
35 Edited
36 "Mockingbird" singer Foxx
37 Asian mushroom with an odd spelling
38 "Freeze!"
39 Breyers competitor
40 Storm relief org.
43 Packed up for shipping
44 Whodunit reason
45 "The Wind in the Willows" croaker
46 Help out
47 Dating from
48 Bungled
53 "The Bridge on the River ___"
54 Daughters' brothers
57 Part of a tennis match
58 Padre's hermano
59 On a scale of one to ___
60 Approx. figure

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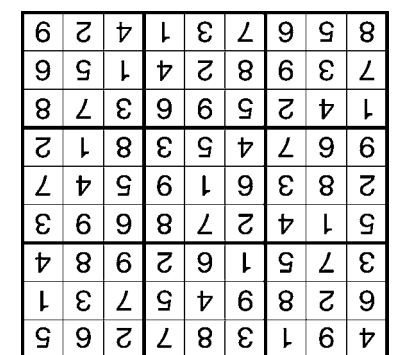
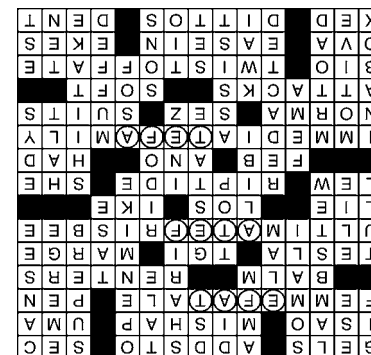
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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephem Group

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

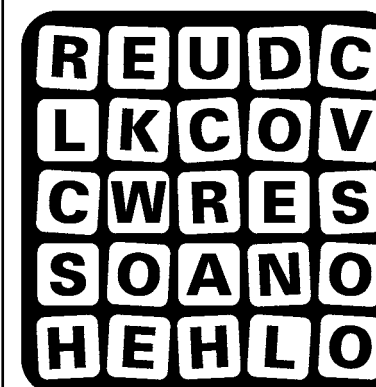


Solutions



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 FOUR-LETTER BIRDS in the grid of letters.

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Bulletin Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your social instincts are energized, and your hormones may be flowing strongly. Because you feel attractive, it is easy to attract others. Restrain your impulses; avoid making crucial changes in the week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Everything may go smoothly when you are with your tribe. It could require more patience to spend time with those of differing viewpoints. Avoid arguments and overreacting to criticism in the week ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have a shorter than usual attention span, but be sure to pay bills and watch overspending on non-essentials. In the week ahead, you may need to discipline yourself to stay focused on responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Starting something new might take more patience than you'd like. As this week unfolds, you might find it difficult to move forward with projects because plans seem to run into roadblocks at every turn. Hold

off on launching new schemes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be patient and persistent, even if frustrations and delays crop up in your work in the week ahead. Get plenty of sleep so you can handle your responsibilities and any crises that erupt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It could be a challenge to concentrate in the upcoming week, especially if there is too much going on. If your creative energies hit a brick wall, hit up your favorite someone for some good ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be possessive of a loved one's affections and feel hurt if someone else earns their admiration. Practice self-validation and remember love can be infinite. Remain balanced this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your feelings won't change if conditions change. You and a loved one are on the same basic wavelength so the two of you can easily handle any challenging or unpredictable situations in the week to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): When you feel good about yourself, it is easy to be friendly toward others. You are shrewd about handling daily business. You could be reminded in the week to come that it is better to save money than spend it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Balance the heavy load. Don't add more tasks to your agenda in the upcoming week, as you will have enough to handle. You can't place blame on anyone else if you refuse to take your obligations seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be sensible and put things in proportion. In the upcoming week, you might find occasions when you are tempted to overreact. Hold off on starting anything of major consequence and put contracts on the back burner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Once work is done, you can have some fun. In the week ahead, you must fulfill all your responsibilities, but in your spare time you can concentrate on making your surroundings more aesthetically appealing.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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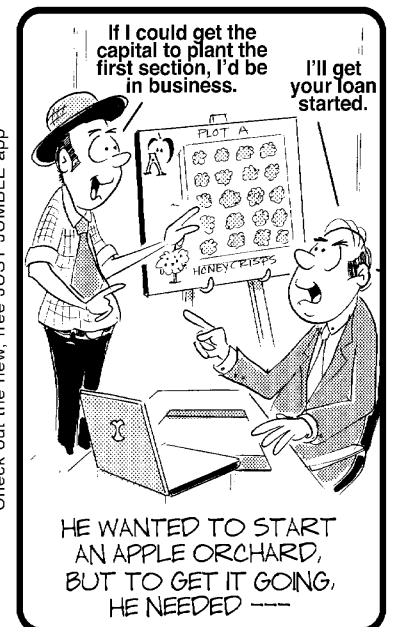
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GEMNAT

Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE WANTED TO START AN APPLE ORCHARD, BUT TO GET IT GOING, HE NEEDED ---

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

Jumbles: WAIVE SPILL AVENUE SPRAWL
Answer: The new quarterback didn't get excited about much. The coach worried that he was too -- PASSIVE

History of the World On This Day

JULY 16

1790 - The District of Columbia, or Washington, D.C., was established as the permanent seat of the United States Government.

1912 - Bradley A. Fiske patented the airplane torpedo.

1926 - The first underwater color photographs appeared in "National Geographic" magazine. The pictures had been taken near the Florida Keys.

JULY 17

1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the British at Rochefort, France.

1821 - Spain ceded Florida to the U.S.

1866 - Authorization was given to build a tunnel beneath the Chicago River. The three-year project cost \$512,709.

JULY 18

0064 - The Great Fire of Rome began.

1743 - "The New York Weekly Journal" published the first half-

page newspaper ad.

1914 - Six planes of the U.S. Army helped to form an aviation division called the Signal Corps.

1927 - Ty Cobb set a major league baseball record by getting his 4,000th career hit. He hit 4,191 before he retired in 1928.

JULY 19

1799 - The Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

1909 - The first unassisted triple play in major-league baseball was made by Cleveland Indians short-stop Neal Ball in a game against Boston.

1946 - Marilyn Monroe acted in her first screen test.

JULY 20

1861 - The Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, VA.

1868 - Legislation that ordered U.S. tax stamps to be placed on all cigarette packs was passed.

1917 - The draft lottery in World

War I went into operation.

JULY 21

1861 - The first major battle of the U.S. Civil War began. It was the Battle of Bull Run at Manassas Junction, VA. The Confederates won the battle.

1930 - The Veterans Administration of the United States was established.

1940 - Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia were annexed by the Soviet Union.

JULY 22

1376 - The legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin leading rats out of town is said to have occurred on this date.

1587 - A second English colony was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina. The colony vanished under mysterious circumstances.

1926 - Babe Ruth caught a baseball at Mitchell Field in New York. The ball had been dropped from an airplane flying at 250 feet.



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