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# Local legislators leave Austin to stop Voter Restriction bill

Democrats Armando W., Senfronia T., and Carol A. among opponents in D.C.

**State Representative** Walle Travels to D.C. to Stop Voter **Suppression Efforts** 

HOUSTON - State Representative Armando Walle (D-Houston) released the following statement today regarding his joining over 57 Texas House Democratic Caucus members to break quorum to stop legislation restricting voting rights in Texas:

 $Unfortunately,\,we\ are$ here again in Washington D.C. today because of the choices of Texas  $Republican\ leaders\ to$ 

Hundreds turned out last Saturday evening for the Inaugural Concert of the new Town Center Amphitheater and stage. Performing were the Diaz Music School Caliente Band, playing "LATIN JAZZ." Featured performers, as well as the students, were noted Jazz Trumpeter Ray Vega, and Trombonist Andre Hayward Dance and Music students



State Representative Armando Walle, fourth from left, and other Texas legislators meets with U.S. Senator Alex Padilla in his office in D.C., to discuss federal Voter's Rights legislation, and the bills in the Texas Legislature that the Democrats say

legislation, or more accurately, voter suppression legislation, over the numerous issues that remain unfinished, like fixing and protecting our Texas grid or COVID relief for our constituents or our public health safety net that is a crisis away from collapse

While I am here, we are visiting and pleading with Congressional leaders to pass voting rights legislation to protect our citizens' right to vote and participate in our democracy. I will never understand why we are trying to make it more difficult to vote in Texas, a state already considered the hardest to vote in the country.[i]

I know some of you may have heard how the retired teachers' 13th check is on the line or how we need to reinstate the budget for the legislative branch. These are important priorities, but the House and Senate, including myself, already okayed the legislative budget multiple times in April and May. The Governor made a unilateral decision to veto the budget of the legislative branch and Continued. See WALLE ON

VOTER BILL, Page 4

**QUOTE** by Senfronia Thompson on resistance to Voter Suppression bill: 'If they want to arrest me, bring it on





ABOVE, Ray Vega and Andre Hayward perform Latin Jazz with the Caliente Band, which is also seen with conductor Far left, Ray Vega enters stage.

# to Harris County

**Harris County** receiving \$1.1 billion in infrastructure and mitigation projects

AUSTIN - Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush has announced plans to sub-award \$750 million in light of a denial by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a direct allocation of mitigation funding for Harris County. The  $General\ Land\ Office\ (GLO)$ will be drafting an action plan that will include a set aside of Community Development Block Grant Miti-

gation (CDBG-MIT) funding for \$750 million and direct at least \$500 million in additional funds to be distributed through the Regional Mitigation Program. Additional details will be released as the action plan amendment is finalized in accordance with HUD rules and federal re-

quirements. "Money from the federal government is, as always, tied up with endless mounds of red tape and bureaucracy," said Com-missioner George P. Bush. "During Hurricane Harvey, Texans in Harris County undoubtedly suffered some of the costliest damage in the state After considerable back and

forth with the Biden Ad $ministration \hbox{'s Department}$ of Housing and Urban Development, the General Land Office will allocate \$750 million in funding for mitigation efforts in Har- $\ensuremath{\operatorname{ris}}$  County and continue to work around the federal government's ever-changing bureaucratic demands.

This brings the total infrastructure and mitigation investments in Harris County to more than \$1.1 billion. HUD gave a direct allocation of \$61,884,000 to the City of Houston in the CDBG-MIT. If approved by HUD, the

Continued. See \$1.1b to Harris County, page 4

# State GLO sends \$1.1b Sheriff hosts public Bike Ride in park

 $HARRIS\;COUNTY-In$ honor of Park and Recreation Month, the Sheriff's office celebrates the beauty and value of our local parks and green spaces. They enhance our quality of life and contribute to the well-being of our communities. Our Parks Unit patrols nearly 100 parks across our county. These deputies ensure the parks are safe and welcoming for visitors.

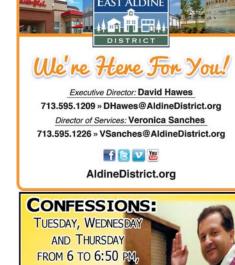
For many, parks were essential mental and physical outlets throughout the pandemic. Our parks are

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The public is invited to join with Sheriff's deputies on Saturday, July 24 starting at 7:30 am registration, 8:30 bike ride. The ride will take place in Deussen Park near Lake Houston.

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#### OPINION PAGE



By Grace Chimene, President **League of Women Voters of Texas** 

## Statement on Failed Quorum in Special Session

The League of Women Voters of Texas president, Grace Chimene, issued the following statement in response to the failed legislative process that drove some legislators to leave Texas today.

"As a non-partisan organization whose mission is empowering voters and defending democracy, the League is deeply disappointed that only extreme measures like the legislative exodus we saw today can prevent Texans from losing their voting

"During the regular legislative session, the League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) partnered with local, state, and national organizations to provide input to legislators who were considering various election bills. Yet, when SB 7 emerged as the final, comprehensive election bill, it was clear that voting rights were under attack. Under the guise of making elections more secure, SB 7 threatened the very core of our right to cast a ballot.

"When Governor Abbott called a special session to again consider elections, two comprehensive bills emerged: SB 1 in the Senate and HB 3 in the House. Yet again, these bills are intended to make voting more complicated and create more potential pitfalls that would deny the freedom to

"Many legislators are not listening. Although over 400 individuals registered to testify on each of these bills, most were not called to testify until after midnight! Where is the meaningful public input? How can constituents trust that their rights are being protected when they are being shut out of the legislative process? If our representatives are truly to represent our interests, they need to listen to us and provide meaningful opportunities to hear us.

"SB 1 and HB 3 would prevent many of us from making our voices heard. Given the challenges to voting in several states including Texas, the League of Women Voters of Texas believes that the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act are necessary to preserve an election system that is free, fair, and accessible to all."

The League of Women Voters is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations. Formed in 1919, the Texas League represents more than 13,500 grassroots advocates and 34 local Leagues across the state. The League never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League also seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to people 16 years and older.

League of Women Voters of Texas: lwvtexas.org



#### Misplaced values in our columns, says reader

I could not believe reading the Star and not one word about the crisis at our border. What is wrong with you? Kamala takes time to discuss voting rights and refuses to go to the hot spots on our border? She is a disgrace and certainly not qualified to be president. I am livid.

— Pat Vice, Crosby



BECAUSE WE HAVE TO PREVENT THE ELECTION FRAUD THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN 2020 FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN."

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

# Texas Legislature returns for a Special Session

The Texas Legislature convened in special session last Thursday and GOP legislators introduced a fresh set of voting bills after Democrats blocked an earlier attempt during the regular session by walking out in May, preventing a

HB3 and SB 1 don't include some of the more con-troversial measures that were in the previous bill, such as restricting voting on Sundays. KUT.org re ported the new bills include new ID requirements for people voting by mail and banning local election officials from sending voteby-mail applications that have not been requested by the applicant.

The measures, still largely opposed by Democrats and voting rights groups, also ban drivethrough voting and ex-tended hours during early voting. Those backing the new bills say those extended hours encourage voter fraud, though there is no evident of widespread fraud during the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers are pushing for a full House floor vote this week.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the topics to be considered during the spe cial session the day before it opened. Besides the voting bills, they include:

- Bail reform to "protect the public from accused criminals who may be re-
- leased on bail."

   Border security with increased funding to support law-enforcement agencies and counties.
- Social media censor ship legislation to protect social-media users from being silenced by social media companies based on their viewpoints.
- Restoring funding to the Legislature and legislative agencies that was vetoed by Abbott after the walkout.
- Family violence prevention legislation to provide funding for education to middle school and high school students about dat



lence and child abuses Parents would have the right to opt their children out of such programs.
• Youth sports mea-

- sures to revive legislation passed by the Senate that bans transgender students from participating in UIL athletic competitions "designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at
- · Abortion-inducing drugs legislation that would prohibit providing such drugs by mail or delivery service. • Thirteenth Check leg-
- islation to allow a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of
- · Bills targeting "critical race theory" and restricting how current events and the country's history of racism is taught in Texas public schools
- Appropriation bills targeting property-tax re-lief, protecting children in the state's foster-care sys tem and safeguarding the state from potential cybersecurity threats

#### **PUC ORDERED TO IMPROVE** ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

Abbott also last week directed the Public Utility Commission to make major changes "to ensure the reliability of the Texas power grid," the Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported.

Abbott asked the PUC,

which oversees the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, to improve mainte-nance on power plants and speed development of some transmission projects

The objective of these directives is to ensure that all Texans have access to reliable, safe, and affordable power," Abbott wrote in a letter released last Tuesday.

In response, PUC chair-man Peter Lake in a letter Abbott expressed "wholehearted agreement with its contents." Besides the widespread blackout during the mid-February storm, a heat wave in June prompted ERCOT, which maintains the state's electric grid, to urge Texans to conserve electricity as usage approached peak capacity.

#### \$4.1 BILLION MORE IN **SCHOOL STIMULUS FUNDS**

Texas will receive another \$4.1 billion in federal stimulus funding for its public schools, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that it had approved the state's plans for spending \$12.4 billion that was allocated to the state. According to the Express-News, the top priority for the Texas Education Agency is bolstering the mental and emotional health needs of Texas students by expanding tutoring and

other methods.
TEA estimates Texas students lost 5.7 months of earning during the pan-

demic school year.
"The approval of these plans enables states to reeive vital, additional American Řescue Plan funds to quickly and safe-ly reopen schools for fulltime, in-person learning; meet students' academic, social, emotional, and men tal health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a news release.

#### **NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN STATE RISES**

At 12,426, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas increased 18% in the past week when compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of new deaths in the past week dropped slightly to 151. Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the state were on the rise, with 1,927 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated crossed the 12 million mark this week, DSHS reported. The rate of vaccinations in the state has slowed significantly in recent weeks, despite troubling reports of the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19.



#### Lost in the Move

I'm not sure when a house becomes a home, but I don't think we're quite

My husband, Peter, and I have moved into the new place. All our stuff is here. but that doesn't mean we know where anything is.

"Have you seen the

"Which strainer?" "You know, the fine one."

We have about two dozen conversations like this every day. We got rid of a lot of stuff and now it's hard to remember what we kept. Then I unpacked by myself, so Peter had to go on a scav-enger hunt when he got here. Finally, we had the "last-minute essentials" we brought with us, and we're still unpacking those. It's a jumble. Peter was convinced (unreasonably, I assured him) that every T-shirt he wned had mysteriously been lost in the move.

"I found them!" I heard him yell from the bedroom.

'Mystery solved!" I am realizing how much I do on autopilot. I reach for a soap dispenser that isn't there. "Do I even have a soap

dispenser?" I wonder.

I look in a likely box and notice something I'd forgot ten about and I put that away and, when I do, I no-tice something else in a drawer where it shouldn't be and I move it. Suddenly, I find I am standing in the middle of the kitchen with no idea what I'm doing

there.
"The soap dispenser!" I remind myself. I end up using the bar of soap in the bathtub.

Then there are all the things we need contractors to do. Nobody is excited about renovating an old condominium when there is so much new construction going on, so my day is spent wheedling contractors to come over. We need electri-cal fixtures installed, we need the flooring repaired where a bump has developed, and we'd like to replace the old yellow bathtub. Since I am better at whee dling than Peter, I make these calls. I have particular success if the contractor is married and I can wheedle his wife. I did that this morning and got the electrician, George, to come out in less than an hour.

It was a busy morning. In addition to George, a selfdescribed "handyman" named Steve visited. Steve the handyman turned out to be quite handy and will be helping us out. George the electrician, however, turned out not to be an actual electrician, which was disappointing—especially after I had had such a friendly chat with his wife. Not to mention his card said "electrical contractor" across the top.

"Nope," George said. "I

can't do that." Oh well. Meanwhile our little bal

of the whole place) is closed off for painting and mainte-

"How much maintenance can a balcony take?" I asked Peter. Apparently quite a lot, as they have scaffolding running up the building and yellow ribbon running across the balcony like the

scene of a crime.
"Don't worry," Peter says.

"It will all get done."
And, of course, he is right. We will get rid of the bump in the floor (which seems to be growing) and we will get to enjoy our balcony and we will have our electrical fixtures installed by someone who is actually an electrician. But for now, I am looking forlornly out at the forbidden balcony and won-dering when this will feel like home.

We showed George the bathtub, and he said he could replace it. I think my next call will be to a plumber to see if he'd like to install

some lighting fixtures. Till next time,

Carrie

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#### COMMUNITY PAGE

# East Aldine librarian practices the art of paper folding

By Anne Marie Kilday Courtesy EAMD

This Aldine librarian does more than the usual with pages.

There are times when librarians do sit and watch

For Jane Holt, branch manager of the High Meadows Public Library in East Aldine, however, her hands are rarely empty. She is always busy folding pages - from books, maps. musical scores, or other papers - to create wall hangings, delicate flower arrangements and beautiful lamps.

"It's a great thing to do while you watch TV. It keeps you from eating chips and other junk," Holt

For more than 15 years. Holt has become a skilled practitioner of the art of origami, the Japanese paper folding technique. Her office at the library and her home are decorated with the bright, colorful creations, Including illuminated designs crafted from old spools, tools, an antique microphone, even a firehose nozzle.

One of Holt's special creations is a large origami wall-hanging featuring neatly folded, brightly colored pages from several Dr. Seuss books. The crumpled Cat in The Hat is being saved for a future grandchild.

Using light kits from hardware stores, and LED lights, Holt's origami lamps are a blend of Western and Eastern art forms. Holt taught herself origami while working in her parents' office and art



ine Holt, branch manager of the High Meadows Public Library in East Aldine with one of her Origami



Holt's Illuminated designs crafted from old spools, tools, an antique microphone, even a firehose nozzle.

"I don't paint, but it was something I could do artistically," she said.

She has even presented origami demonstrations at meetings of the Texas Li-

She found the art of paper folding was a popular activity for all ages at a previous job at an Amarillo library.

"It seems to be really popular with teenagers,' she said. "I know they really like to come to the library to use the computers, but I think they like the creativity," she said.

Senior citizens also enjoy learning the craft. Although it seems complicated at first, "paper has memory, so you can always go back to the fold," and start a project again.

"It's something you can come to the library and be a part of, and then leave with something that you are really proud of," Holt

Holt hasn't been able to teach her art at the High Meadows Library due to the pandemic. The library is operating at 75 percent of capacity for the same reason

But she will resume teaching once the library is fully open, when the staff will also offer many activities and classes every afternoon, from Monday

through Thursday.
The library, at 4500 Aldine Mail Route Rd., is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

by Anne Marie Kil-



### Congress must support fight against voter suppression

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Statement on Need for Congress to Support Fight Against Voter Suppression of House Democrats of Texas General Assembly By Eliminating the Senate Filibuster and Passing H.R. 1 and H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Committee on the Judiciary. Homeland Security, and the Budget, and Chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, released the following statement today regarding and in support of the House Democrats of the Texas General Assembly who are fighting the insidious voter suppression bill, and have now arrived in Washington, DC to press their case for immediate federal action to protect the right to vote, including eliminating the filibuster to block consideration of remedial

"Voter suppression is at a crisis level in America. Laws suppressing the right to vote are being passed in Red States and others across the

"I applaud the House Democrats of the Texas General Assembly for being on the front lines, fighting in opposition to Texas SB7 on the House floor. They have arrived in Washington, DC and I join with them in calling upon the U.S. Senate to eliminate the filibuster and to bring to the floor for debate and vote — so Congress can pass H.R. 1 and H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights

"Voting is our most precious right, guaranteed by the 15th Amendment to the Constitution. We must all do our part to preserve this most important heritage because it was earned with the sacrifices and the lives of our ancestors.'

Congresswoman Jackson Lee is a Democrat from Texas's 18th Congressional District. She is a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security and a member of the Budget Committee

# HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

 $\textbf{\textit{By Jennifer N}}.$ 

#### SHARK WEEK

Celebrate Shark Week with High Meadows Library. We will be sharing a variety of online activities including story times and crafts for all

#### ART CAMP KITS

We have partnered with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston to provide summer art kits for kids ages 6-12. The kits include projects that can be completed at home. Registration is required to receive a kit. Contact the library today to request your kit while supplies

#### **SUMMER READING**

The Summer Reading Program is underway, and there's still time to regis-ter! We have free books, craft kits, and giveaways for those that reach various levels of reading during the summer. Summer Reading is open to everyone and is FREE. For more information on registration or reading incentives, contact us and we are hap-

#### HOUSTON FOOD BANK MEAL BOXES

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first served basis while

### VIRTUAL CITIZENSHIP

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# **COMMUNITY** WATCH

#### **Fatal Wrong-Way Crash on** 4400 Eastex Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 4400 Eastex Freeway (North U.S. Highway 59) about 3 a.m. Sunday (July 18).

The identities of the male victim, 2, and the female suspect, 31, are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant P. Pham and Officer J. Rangel reported:

The suspect was driving a white Kia Optima southbound in the northbound lanes of the above address when she struck a gray Hyundai  ${\rm G80}$ head-on. The Kia's driver was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The five occupants of the Hyundai were transported to an area hospital. A male passenger, 2, was pronounced deceased. One of the victim's two brothers, 9, was in critical condition. The other brother, 4, was in stable condition. All three brothers were passengers in the backseat. The victim's father, 35, a front seat passenger, was in stable condition. The victim's mother, 30, the driver, was hospitalized in unknown condi-

The investigation is continuing.









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#### PAGE COMMUNITY

# GLO sends \$1.1b to Harris County,

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\$750,000,000, plus \$117,213,862.96 in MIT awards for Harris County projects, plus the \$61,884,000 direct allocation of CDBG-MIT to the City of Houston, plus \$209,221,800 in infrastructure funds from CDBG-DR, equals \$1,138,319,662.96 in total investment in projects within Harris County.

In May, Commissioner Bush directed the GLO to request approval from HUD for Harris County to receive a direct allocation of \$750 million for mitigation efforts. In a written response (see below), HUD denied the GLO's request. HUD also reaffirmed their position that mitigation funding is administered fundamentally different from traditional disaster recovery funding.

HUD's spokesperson Mike Burns previously stated that, while HUD approved the state's distribution plan, Texas was responsible for creating the allocation formula and has "full responsibility and jurisdiction over who gets the money that was allocated to the state for flood mitigation." However, in their written response, HUD stated, "Unlike

CDBG-DR allocations, which are allocated based on a long-established damage-based formula," CDBG-MIT funds were made available by Public Law 115-123, which regulates the dispersal of these funds. HUD is solely responsible for the contents of the Federal Register notice and can make changes to it in accordance with

public laws passed by

HUD also noted the

Congress.

state may propose a "Substantial Amendment to make a subaward to Harris County with a portion of the State's CDBG-MIT funds and to provide the county with access to those funds through a sub-recipient agreement," noting the GLO must do so in adherence "with the requirements of the Federal Register notices governing CDBG-MIT funds." The GLO is already drafting an action plan to subaward \$750 million for Harris County while adding at least \$500 million to the Regional Mitigation Program, which will include at least \$418 million for the regional council of governments that includes Harris

# Sheriff's Bike Ride,

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often our first experiences in nature, and our introduction to walking, running, bicycling, and being active outdoors. They are at the center of many memories and a place to come together with friends and family.

Parks also connect us to our neighbors and those who patrol and protect our neighborhoods. We invite you to join our deputies for a community bicycle ride at Alexander Deussen Park in northeast Harris County on Saturday, July

Community Bike Ride Saturday, July 24 Alexander Deussen

12303 Sonnier St. Houston, Texas 77044 Registration: 7:30-8:30

Ride Start: 8:30 a.m. Our goal is for you to have fun while getting to know our deputies and learning about bike safety. This family-friendly event gives us another avenue to interact with our community beyond calls for service and traffic stops. We want to bring people together and push our neighborhoods forward through positive relationships and open communication. Join Us

All ages welcome --Safety helmets strong-

- ly recommended Bottle water provided
- -- Chance to win prizes and giveaways
- Learn bike safety tips --Receive a basic bike in

spection

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The bike ride will start at 8:30 a.m. near the pavilion and water gazebo at the park. Be sure to arrive early to sign in. There will be two bike routes - a nearly 5-mile route within the park and a 7-mile route that extends to neighboring Eisenhower Park. For those that don't have a bike, there are 40 bikes available for rent at a Bstation at Alexander Deussen Park. Guest riders can pay with a credit card at the kiosk on-site or on the mobile app. Learn more

The ride will end back at the pavilion where our Park Unit deputies will announce giveaways, talk to you about what's on your mind, and offer basic bike inspections that include tire pressure checks, tightening loose bolts, and inspecting brakes, pedals, chains and more. You can also meet with team members from our Community Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, Patrol District 2, Motor Assistance Program. Community Engagement Division, and various other units.

We welcome cyclists of all ages, skill levels, and riding all types of bicycles to join us. If you have any questions about the community bike ride, please reach out to our Parks Unit at 346-286-1943.

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# Armando Walle on Voter bill,

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 $threaten\ the\ livelihood\ of$ over 2000 employees, most of whom do not even work for elected officials, as a threat to get elected officials to come back to work on this cynical and vindictive election legislation. We also had ample time to move on and pass Rep. Rogers 13th check bill, HB 3507. during the regular session, yet the bill did ot make it for a vote on House floor.

 $The \ reality \ is \ the \ 13th$ check and the legislative branch's budget are on the Special Session call because Republican leaders chose to tie those unrelated issues together with the voter suppression legislation and other partisan red meat issues House Democrats were forced to use this

 $procedural\ maneuver\ as\ a$ last ditch effort to stall the voter suppression bills and the rest of the bills that Republicans, who control every branch of Texas state government, could not pass during the regular session.

Rep. Armando Walle is serving his seventh term in the Texas House of Representatives and is as a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, serving as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII, VIII. Walle also serves as a member of the House Committees on House Administration and Natural Resources He represents House District 140, which includes northern portions of unincorporated Harris County and the City of



#### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Amber Waves









by Mike Marland

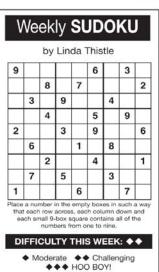


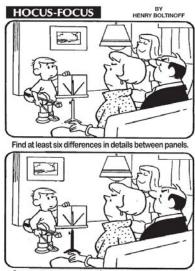












10. Prince Edward Island, Canada (2011); 4. Fifty meters long, 25 meters wide and at least 2 meters deep 5. Desert bighorn sheep; 6. Blue, 7, Jan. 1, 1863; 8. Wymphs; 9. BMW; I. Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sophia; 2. "Time Warp"; 3. South Sudan Trivia Test Answerst

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Answers

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- 54 Gender 55 Mideast gulf
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Trivia

1. TELEVISION: What were the first names of the "Golden Girls" characters on the 1980s sitcom? 2. MOVIES: What was the name of the dance song in the movie "The Rocky Horror Picture

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3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the newest internationally recognized nation in the world?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How big is an

Olympic swimming pool?
5. U.S. STATES: What is the state animal of Nevada?

6. ASTRONOMY: What color is the sunset on Mars? 7. HISTORY: When was the Emancipation

Proclamation issued? 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of cicadas called?

9. AD SLOGANS: Which auto is advertised as "the ultimate driving machine"?

10. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the

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1) Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2) Where is "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" found? Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians,

3. Who asked God, "Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable?"? Moses, Jeremiah, Abraham,





Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

ACTS 17: 30-31 🙉

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4. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from

4. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? 2, 7, 13, Dozens
5. Where is the story of the burning bush found? Genesis, Exodus, Luke, John
6. What is the longest Psalm in the Bible (KJV)? 1st,

23rd, 119th, 130th

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Galatians 6:7; 3) Jeremiah 15:18; 4) 2; 5) Exodus; 6) 119th Exodus; 6) 119th Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



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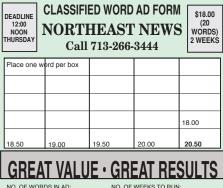


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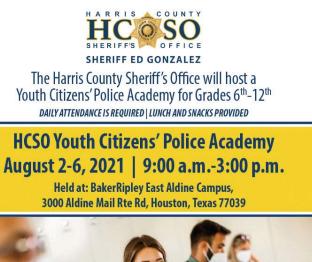
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