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NEWS NOTES

East Aldine plans full schedule of Events this fall

By Monica Campos

Tejano Concert at East Aldine Amphitheatre Sept. 14

East Aldine District invites you to a Free Tejano Concert with Ram Herrera, Prietos de nuevo leon, Los Bye, the Hometown Boys, music from DJ Lumbre, and Ballet Folklorico.

Saturday, Sept. 14 from 7pm to 10pm at the Amphitheatre, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive off Aldine Mail Route.

Mei Hoffman opens new Studio Sept. 14 Saturday

Mei Hoffman will open her new Art Studio and Gallery, Saturday Sept. 14 from 12 noon to 6pm at the Silos at Sawyer Yards, Studio #113, 1502 Sawyer Street. PUBLIC INVITED. ART ON DISPLAY. Details BELOW.

Aldine Community Health Fair Sept. 28

2nd Annual Community Health Fair, featuring Blue Bear. Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9am to 1pm at BakerRipley, 3000 Aldine Mail Route.

Free Family Event, Screenings & Vaccinations. Diabetes, HIV, STD, Dental, Hearing, Flu, PHV, Child Immunizations, Pneumonia, Covid. Mammogram Registration. Also Face Painting, Funnel Cakes, and More.

Greetings, there's a lot going on in the East Aldine District, and we invite you to be part of our fun-filled events!

September brings a lot of resources and programs for the community. Like the East Aldine Disaster Preparedness Resource Fair at BakerRipley, Mental Health Writing Workshops in English and Spanish, and the Community Health Fair.

Get ready for a night of music and dancing on September 14th at our FREE Tejano Concert featuring Ram Herrera and the Hometown Boys. Additionally, we are accepting toy donations for our Toy Drive in partnership with GS Customs and Bayou City Car Club. Visit aldinedistrict.org/Tejano for more details.

See our calendar of events and flyers, including our upcoming events for the remainder of the year. Stay

connected and follow us on social media and the NORTHEAST NEWS for the latest updates.

Save the date for our Literacy Carnival, Saturday, October 12th, visit aldinedistrict.org/Literacy to register and our Dia de los Muertos Fall Festival, Saturday, October 26th.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Should you have any questions, please reach out.

Hola, hay mucho que hacer en el distrito de East Aldine, ¡y te invitamos a ser parte de nuestros eventos llenos de diversión!

Septiembre trae muchos recursos y programas para la comunidad. Como la Feria de Recursos de Preparación para Desastres de East Aldine en BakerRipley, talleres de escritura sobre salud mental en inglés y español, y la Feria de Salud Comunitaria. Prepárate para una noche

de música y baile el 14 de septiembre en nuestro Concierto Tejano GRATIS con Ram Herrera y los Hometown Boys. Además, estamos aceptando donaciones de juguetes para nuestra colecta de juguetes en asociación con GS Customs y Bayou City Car Club. Visite aldinedistrict.org/Tejano para más información.

Aquí está nuestro calendario de eventos y folletos, incluyendo nuestros próximos eventos para el resto del año. Manténgase conectado y siguenos en las redes sociales para las últimas actualizaciones.

Guarde la fecha para nuestro Carnaval de Alfabetización, el sábado 12 de octubre, visite aldinedistrict.org/Literacy para registrarse y nuestro Festival del Día de los Muertos, el sábado 26 de octubre.

¡Esperamos verte pronto! Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con nosotros.

NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT HOLDS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

HOUSTON- For the recent Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, the North Houston District came together to honor first responders and community members devoted to ensuring our region's safety and security. Nearly 200 attendees were presented with a North Houston District Challenge Coin and had the opportunity to view the premiere of a special video.

"One of my favorite things to do at work is honor those who go above and beyond and put their lives on the line every day," said Tracy Harrison, North Houston District VP of Public Safety.

"The gratitude we feel for your unwavering dedication knows no bounds. Your courage and commitment are truly appreciated."

Harrison continued, "For Law Enforcement



From left are Tracy Harrison, North Houston District VP of Public Safety, Apartment Developer Steve Moore, the Selfless Community Leader award recipient, and Greg Simpson, North Houston District President. MORE on Page 2.

Appreciation Week, the North Houston District held a Public Safety Awards ceremony where 28 special people were honored. Our staff and partners' teamwork resulted in a beautiful and memorable ceremony. I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to HFD Chief Pena, HCSO Major Nanny, and HPD Chief Satterwhite, as well as all the elected officials who supported our event."

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 2: Texans host Bears on SNF Football: No. 1 Georgia, No. 4 'Bama face early road tests

The Texans will be in the national spotlight when they host the Chicago Bears on NBC's Sunday Night Football.

NRG Stadium should be rocking as DeMeco Ryan's team makes its home debut against an up and coming Bears team that features the No. 1 overall draft pick in quarterback Caleb Williams.

Williams, 8-1-. 215 pounds, appears to be the real deal and folks in the Windy City are excited about the Bears for the first time in a number of years. The Bears front office surrounded Williams with a lot of offensive talent in the offseason, signing former Eagles running back De'Andre Swift, former chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen and drafting Washington Huskie star wide receiver Rome Odunze. The Bears also return big-play wide receiver D.J. Moore. The key to the Bears reaching the playoffs will be how well the offensive line does of protecting Williams, the 2022

Heisman Trophy winner out of USC.

The Texans dynamic defensive end duo of Will Anderson Jr. and Danielle Hunter should give the Bears offensive line a good test on Sunday night. The Texans have a load of talent on offense themselves in QB C.J. Stroud, running back Joe Mixon, and the wideout trio of Nico Collins, Stefon Diggs and Tank Dell. This should be a good one for the hometown fans to watch on Sunday night.

Other key games in Week 2 will feature the Bills paying a visit to the Dolphins in an early-

season AFC East showdown on Thursday Night Football on Amazon Prime. The Cowboys open their home schedule when the Saints pay a visit Sunday at noon, while Week 2 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Eagles hosting the Falcons.

In college action, there's a big game in the Big 12 as No. 21-ranked Arizona visits No. 18-ranked Kansas State. No. 1-ranked Georgia and No. 4-ranked Alabama each face tough road tests as the Bulldogs head to Kentucky to take on a

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EVENTO GRATIS VEN A CELEBRAR
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 9:00AM
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Únase a nosotros para una celebración del Día de la Constitución y ciudadanía. El desfile comienza a las 9:30 AM en MacArthur High School y terminará Lone Star College - East Aldine Center con diversión, historias de ciudadanos, registro de votantes y mucho más hasta la 1:30 PM.

Estacionamiento: Lone Star College - East Aldine Campus

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NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT HOLDS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS



NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS LUNCHEON. From left are Tracy Harrison, North Houston District VP of Public Safety, Sergeant Shana Clark, the Breaking Barriers award recipient, and Greg Simpson, North Houston District President.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Police search for "Person of Interest" in shooting at 9700 Homestead Road

Houston police are asking for the public's help in locating a person of interest wanted in the fatal shooting of a man at 9700 Homestead Road about 1:10 a.m. on June 9.

The individual, Treveon J. Walls, 26, is wanted for questioning in the incident. He is not charged at this time. A prior photo of Walls is attached to this new release.



TREVEON J. WALLS

The victim is identified as Alberto Posada, 25.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives W. Huff and J. Nguyen reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at Harris Health Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital. They learned that Mr. Posada's vehicle had been chased by another vehicle and shots were fired at the victim's vehicle as it arrived at the hospital. The suspect vehicle fled the scene.

Posada suffered at least one gunshot wound. He was transported to another area hospital, where doctors pronounced him deceased on June 11.

Investigators determined the incident began as a verbal altercation at

a gas station at 9700 Homestead Road and escalated into a road rage incident.

Further investigation identified Walls as a person of interest. Detectives would like to speak with him about any information he has on the incident.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Treveon Walls is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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Tip of the month: Check your voter registration status

November 5 is Election Day and now is the time to know your voter registration status. You can check it by clicking [here](#).

Additionally, here are some important dates:

- Oct. 7: Last day to register to vote for Nov. 5 election
- Oct. 25: Mail ballot application deadline
- Oct. 21 - Nov. 1: Early voting

For more information about voting in Harris County, visit HarrisVotes.com

ADRIAN GARCIA
COMMISSIONER

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS

✓ Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center 6402 Market St Houston, TX 77020	✓ Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center 16600 Pine Forest Ln Houston, TX 77084
✓ Acres Homes Multi-Service Center 6719 W Montgomery Rd Houston, TX 77091	✓ Felix Baldrée Building 13828 Corpus Christi St Houston, TX 77015
✓ Sunnyside Health and Multiservice Center 4410 Reed Rd. Houston, TX 77051	✓ BakerRipley East Aldine 3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd Houston, TX 77039

8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Saturday

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FEMA opens Disaster Recovery Center at BakerRipley

EAST ALDINE — FEMA is opening a Disaster Recovery Center in Harris County Aug. 22 to provide one-on-one help to Texans affected by Hurricane Beryl.

Center location: BakerRipley East Aldine Campus 3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd. (Building C, Rooms 115 and 116) Houston, TX 77039

Disaster Recovery Centers operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Any DRC can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26-June 5 storms and flooding. To find a center location near you, go to fema.gov/drc.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Residents in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jasper, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties can visit any open center to meet with representatives of FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. No appointment is needed.

To shorten wait times at Disaster Recovery Centers, Texans are encouraged to apply to FEMA online, by phone or using the FEMA App before going to a center for follow-up help. To apply, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov.
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 be-

tween 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

—Visit any Disaster Recovery Center.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: fema.gov/disaster/4798. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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High Meadows Branch Library

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 9 - Sep 16

9 Sep	1 PM CONVERSATIONAL ESL 4:15 PM CAPOERIA PERFORMANCE	JOURNALING ESL: IF YOU WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR WRITING SKILLS.	JUST COLOR: ENJOY A RELAXING AFTERNOON WITH COLORING AND COFFEE
10 Sep	1 PM JUST COLOR 2:30 PM FUTURE U 3 PM POKEMON CLUB 4 PM CITIZENSHIP	CRAFT & CHILL: AN ADULT PROGRAM WHERE YOU CREATE ART/CRAFTS	GAME CHANGERS: ADULT SOCIAL GATHERING WITH GAMES
11 Sep	12 PM COMPUTER BASICS 1 PM JOURNALING ESL 6 PM CRAFT & CHILL	CITIZENSHIP CLASS: AN ON GOING CLASS TO LEARN THE STEPS ON BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN.	
12 Sep	11 AM CITIZENSHIP	POKEMON CLUB: Gotta catch 'em all! Do it with us as we play games, do crafts, and more!	FUTURE U: College Career service that helps navigate your college journey, ensuring you have the support you need every step of the way.
16 Sep	1 PM CONVERSATIONAL ESL 5 PM CLASES DE COMPUTACION 6 PM A NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB	CAPOERIA PERFORMANCE: Brazilian Cultural Institute Embark on a journey to Brazil and experience the vibrant culture through dance, music, and acrobatics, with a focus on Capoeira.	

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Movement Monday
Come out and move! Join us weekly for Movement Monday! This program focuses on improving physical health and also enhances early literacy skills in a fun and interactive way.
So, be prepared for Dancing, Stretching, reading and lots of laughter. Program is in English and Spanish. Encouraged to bring water. Best for kids for toddler/ preschool. No Registration is required.
Monday, Sept. 9, 11-11:30am.
Paint with Me
Paint with Me is a space for you to explore creativity and embrace the beauty of making mistakes. You'll work together with other teens to create large-scale pieces based on classic works of art! Our finished pieces will be displayed in the teen area. Each session begins with a brief introduction to the painting techniques and styles used in the classic work so that you can have a foundation to experiment with. Paint with Me is all about artistic expression, not technical perfection. Embrace your creativity, learn from your mistakes, work together, and find joy in the artistic process.
Monday, Sept. 9, 3-4:30pm.

Bilingual Storytime
You're invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome!
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 11am - 11:45am.
Self-Care Sessions
Join us weekly and make yourself a priority. Take some time to focus on yourself. It's not selfish. It's time just for you. This program is for adults only (ages 18 and up).
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 11am - 12pm. September Sessions:
Sept. 4 - Gratitude Journals
Sept. 11 - Puzzles & Podcasts
Sept. 18 - Art & Music
Sept. 25 - Guided Meditation
Tween Spark: Embroidery & Cross Stitch
Embroidery and Cross Stitch are more than your grandmother's hobby. Learn with Ms. Gage about the basics of these thread-based art forms, and you'll be making pixelated Pokemon sprites (or whatever your heart desires) on scraps of fabric in no time! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders.
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 4:30 - 5:30pm.
Teen Thursdays
Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out!
Thursday, Sept. 12, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.
Pathway to Citizenship
Join us for a free, 12-week class to help you prepare for your naturalization interview and civics test. An English placement assessment must be passed for class admittance. Students must commit to attend all classes. This class will not grant citizenship or pay for any application fees. Registration is required as space is limited.
Thursday, Sept. 12, 6-8pm.
Passport Services
Do have plans to travel out of the country? You need to get your passport in order! Current routine processing is estimated at 6-8 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 2-3 weeks. You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcpl.net/services/passport-services/>
Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm - Appointments required. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on most Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, check/money order, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

Michelle Pichon
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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Avalos HS Students Embark on Unforgettable European Adventure



A group of 19 students from Avalos High School, led by history teacher Michelle Palmer and accompanied by dedicated chaperones, embarked on an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most iconic cities — London, Paris, and Rome. The summer trip, organized through EFTours, was a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Europe's rich history and culture.

The group consisted of students from various graduating classes, reflecting the inclusive nature of the trip. Among the travelers were Karissa Díaz and Juan Solís from the Class of 2023, Aarón Cebrero, Isabel Colmenares, Miguel Cuevas, Stephanie Foster, Gerardo Guardado, Jocelyn Mendoza, Aarón Pinto, Nicolás Prado, Stephany Salvador, and Reginacaeli Ugo from the Class of 2024, Jonathan Alemán, Jocelyn Bedolla, Courtlin Hernández, and Benjamin Joseph from the Class of 2025, Nicole Aguilera and Isaac Méndez from the Class of 2026, and Abraham Guardado from the Class of 2028, who joined his older brother, Gerardo, on this adventure.

Staff chaperones, such as Cassandra Neace, played a crucial role in ensuring the trip ran smoothly, providing guidance and support throughout. Their dedication was matched by the parents and family members who also seized the opportunity to experience Europe's history alongside their children. Parents Verónica Granados, Jaime Rodríguez, Cristal and Iván Colmenares, and Carolina and Natalie Rodríguez added to the sense of community that

defined the trip. This European adventure was a continuation of Avalos High School's commitment to experiential learning. Michelle Palmer, who sponsored the trip, is passionate about bringing history to life for her students. "I wanted to revive that tradition of trips abroad in high school but with a broader focus on the rich history of Europe. This trip was all about seeing ancient buildings, hearing the stories from locals, and experiencing different cultures firsthand," Palmer explained.

During their travels, the students had the unique opportunity to explore iconic landmarks that most had only read about in textbooks. They marveled at the ancient grandeur of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum in Rome. They stood in awe beneath the breathtaking ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. Their journey continued in Paris, where they admired the elegance of the Eiffel Tower, wandered through the opulent halls of the Palace of Versailles, and immersed themselves in the artistic treasures of the Louvre. The trip culminated in London, where the students stood before a 2,000-year-old Roman

wall, connecting with the deep historical roots of the city.

The trip was the latest in a series of travel opportunities offered by Avalos High School, following the success of previous excursions to destinations like Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. The school has established a system where domestic trips, led by Sheree Stubblefield, occur in odd-numbered years, and international trips, led by Palmer, take place in even-numbered years. This initiative ensures that students have the chance to explore both their own country and the wider world.

As the students returned home, they brought with them memories of ancient ruins, towering cathedrals, and the vibrant cultures of three of Europe's most storied cities.

This European adventure was not just a trip abroad but an education that extended far beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impression on every participant. It was a testament to Avalos High School's commitment to experiential learning and the transformative power of travel.

Children With Health Coverage Are Ready for Whatever the School Year Brings



Children with health coverage are better prepared to learn and less likely to miss school because they're sick. Through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), kids can get immunizations, regular checkups, eye exams, dental visits, mental health services, prescriptions, and other care they may need to fully participate in classroom and after-school activities. Children and teens up to age 19 can get free or low-cost health coverage through these programs.

Medicaid, a joint federal and state program, and CHIP, a state-administered program, provide health insurance for children in families with low and moderate incomes. Many uninsured children may be eligible for coverage, but their parents don't know it. And parents and other adults may qualify for Medicaid as well. More adults are eligible now than ever before. In most states, children may be eligible for either Medicaid or CHIP if their family income is up to \$50,000* (for a family of 4 in 2018). Family income can be higher in many states, and children can still qualify. These programs may be called different names in different states, like "All Kids" or "Family Care." Visit InsureKidsNow.gov to find Medicaid and CHIP eligibility information for your state. To find Texas's annual Federal Poverty Level (FPL) figure, visit ASPE Poverty Guidelines. To see the specific FPL guidelines for your state, click here or contact your state's Medicaid or CHIP program for information. Note: The income level figure will change from year to year based on the annual release of FPL guidelines.

Protection from Unexpected Illness or Accidents

Health insurance is not just a safety net — it's a stepping stone for children to thrive at school and in life. Children with health insurance are more likely to complete high school and graduate college than their peers who don't have access to care.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one out of three children aged 5 to 17 missed one or more school days due to illness or injury. Health insurance gives children the care they need to participate fully in school-based activities.

Families can apply for Medicaid and CHIP coverage any time of the year, but the start of a new school year season is the perfect time to enroll! As children start the school year, they may need to submit current health forms or adhere to immunization requirements.

Learn More

To learn more about Medicaid and CHIP, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (543-7669) or visit InsureKidsNow.gov. If your child is already enrolled in one of these programs, don't forget to renew coverage every year to ensure they are covered and can access health care when it is needed. Remember, you're not alone in this journey. There's a support system in place to guide you through the process.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided this public service announcement information.

Blanson CTE Hospitality Students Shine at Thorne Stadium Opening Game Event



Blanson CTE High School hospitality students pose with Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney (center) at an event at the first football game of the 2024-2025 school year at W.W. Thorne Stadium. (Picture provided by Ashley Ingraham)

At the opening game of the 2024-2025 school year on August 29, Blanson CTE High School's hospitality students showcased their exceptional service during a special football watch event with the district's Executive Leadership Team at W.W. Thorne Stadium.

The students' professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence were evident as they served at the Hospitality Suite (the third floor of the stadium's press box), leaving a lasting impression on Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and all invited guests. Their attention to detail, warm interactions, and seamless coordination ensured everyone felt welcomed and

valued throughout the event.

"Dr. Goffney was so impressed with their performance that she made them aware that she would include them in future events," said Ashley Ingraham, Blanson CTEHS hospitality and tourism teacher. "This recognition speaks volumes about the skill, efficiency, and passion these students bring."

What the Hospitality Program Looks Like in Action

Students in the Blanson CTE High School hospitality program exude poise, professionalism, enthusiasm, and a commitment to excellence in service, which sets them apart. They provide attention to detail, friendly interac-

tions, and seamless service coordination. Blanson CTEHS hospitality students can earn Level 1 Certification in Hospitality Management from Houston Community College.

*Blanson CTEHS is a Choice School offering Aldine ISD students 17 CTE (career and technology education) pathways.

Ingraham added that being selected for this honor is a testament to the students' hard work and dedication. They set a high standard for their peers and demonstrated what can be achieved when approaching every opportunity with excellence.

Caldwell Companies provided refreshments at the event.

Aldine ISD Names New Chief Communications Officer

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney officially announced that Sheila Adams is the new Chief Communications Officer for Aldine ISD during the Board of Trustees meeting on August 20.

Adams will lead, direct, and execute major district communication programs, strategies, events, and activities.

"Sheila has a proven communication and marketing track record," said Goffney. "Her team leadership skills and expertise will be great assets as we continue to transform Aldine for the future and drive the Aldine brand."

With an impressive 25 years of experience, Adams has honed her marketing and media relations skills. Her career has seen her in key roles at the Lufkin Convention and Visitors Bureau, Memorial Health System, The Coalition (a nonprofit), and St. Cyprian's Episcopal School.

Before joining Aldine ISD, Adams was the chief communications officer at Lufkin ISD. Adams oversaw all internal and external communications, including media, served on the "Core 5" team as an advisor to the superintendent, worked with all



Sheila Adams is the new Chief Communications Officer

stakeholders to promote the district, and managed the communications and public relations team of specialists and a group of campus communicators.

Adams holds a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Stephen F. Austin State University and has been recognized by the Texas School Public Relations Association for her work. She is known for her strong communications, marketing, and media relations skills. She will oversee Aldine ISD's communications efforts to ensure effective engagement with students, fami-

lies, staff, and the broader community.

Adams, a native of East Texas, is deeply rooted in her community. She actively serves on the boards of the Lufkin Education Foundation, United Way, and Harold's House (a nonprofit), demonstrating her commitment to community service and understanding local needs. Her involvement with the professional organization TSPRA and her role as a zone coordinator for the East Texas School Public Relations Association demonstrates her commitment to professional growth.



OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By Dylan Baddour
Houston Landing

Hurricane BERYL was a warning shot for Houston

When Hurricane Beryl entered the Gulf of Mexico, the city of Houston had little reason to believe it was about to take its first direct hit from a tropical cyclone in decades.

Initial forecasts predicted the storm would make landfall in northern Mexico, hundreds of miles away. Instead it veered sharply north and hit an unfortunate bullseye. Its center passed just west of Houston, dragging the hurricane's violent eastern edge directly over the city's core.

The category 1 storm flooded hundreds of homes and knocked out power for millions of people in the muggy former swamplands of the nation's energy capital, throwing the city into days of chaos and highlighting the vulnerability of the fourth-largest U.S. city.

For Matt Lanza, a meteorologist and managing editor of Space City Weather, it raised a disturbing prospect: What if this mild hurricane had been stronger?

"It's really uncomfortable to think about," Lanza said. "That is a scenario that is extremely plausible; it's not far-fetched."

If a category 3 or 4 storm followed the same path as Beryl, Lanza said, it could drastically change the face of Houston. This week's experience suggests the city is ill-prepared to handle such a disaster.

"It could be like New Orleans after [Hurricane] Katrina, where much of the city is uninhabitable for a period of weeks to months," Lanza said. "So what is our plan for that? I don't know that we necessarily have one."

The last category 4 storm to hit Houston was Hurricane Carla in 1961, when less than a million people lived in the city and air conditioning was still novel. The last category 3 was Hurricane Alicia in 1983. Hurricane Ike, a category 2, landed east of Houston in 2008, striking the city with its weaker western flank.

Most damage in recent memory has come from tropical storms bringing much more rain than wind, like Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. Hurricane Harvey hit the middle Texas coast as a category 4 in August 2017 and reached Houston as a stagnant tropical storm with modest wind—but with the heaviest rainfall ever recorded in the United States, inundating the city with over 50 inches of precipitation.

When Beryl hit on Monday, it was wind, rather than rain, that wrecked the city's electrical infrastructure, apparently catching the local power company, CenterPoint Energy, off guard. Four days later, CenterPoint was still working to restore power to hundreds of thousands of customers.

"A cat 1 hurricane shouldn't knock out your power system," said Kerry Emanuel, a veteran hurricane researcher and professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "I think you've got a problem with the power company, frankly." Hurricanes are expected to intensify, he said, as greenhouse gas emissions warm the atmosphere and ocean, supercharging evaporation and heat transfer in a warmer atmosphere that already holds more moisture.

"A demonstrable greenhouse gas effect is the proportion of hurricanes that turn out cat 3 or 4," Emanuel said.

When Hurricane Beryl formed in the Atlantic in early July, hundreds of miles from the Texas coast, it reached category 4 status—the earliest category 4 storm on record. Record warm temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean this year have led to predictions of a highly active hurricane season.

Beryl was the second time this summer that storms caused widespread, prolonged power outages in Houston, after a rare inland windstorm in May blasted through the city, blowing out skyscraper windows. The last decade also saw severe, widespread flooding in Houston in 2015, 2016, and 2017, plus a crippling ice storm in 2021 and severe drought in 2023 that ravaged underground plumbing.

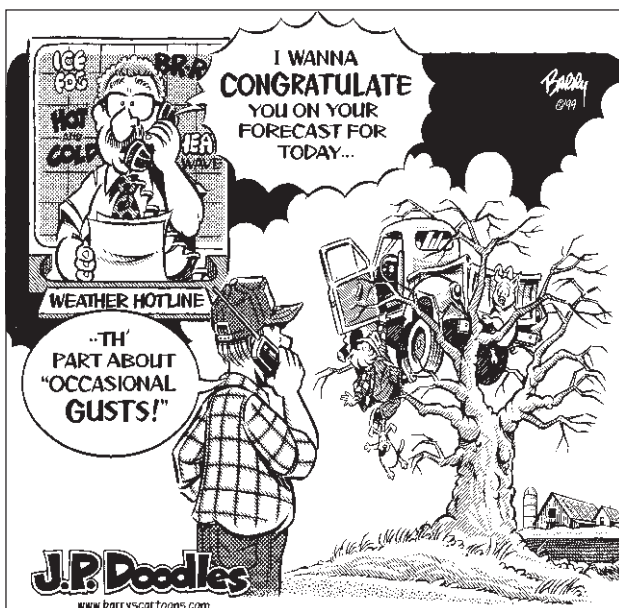
This year's hurricane season has only just begun. Atlantic storms typically grow more powerful through the summer, peaking in September.

"Houstonians are understandably exhausted from dealing with such events regularly, but it's crucial that we remain prepared for more," said state Senator Carol Alvarado, a Democrat who represents much of east Houston. "We must focus on increasing state aid for both preventative measures and reactive relief efforts."

These storms harm economic prosperity and social mobility, said Robert Bullard, a professor of urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University in Houston and a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Less affluent communities typically bear the brunt of storm damage costs, Bullard said, because their infrastructure is lacking compared to wealthier neighborhoods. In the 20th century, he said, racial segregation forced Black families to live in low-lying areas that repeatedly flood.

In America, most middle-income family wealth is embedded in home ownership, Bullard said. When stormwaters swamp a house, the financial damage can last for generations. "This repeated disaster impacts on the communities over decades, it creates a theft of wealth accumulation," said Bullard, who lost



his car to Hurricane Alicia in Houston in 1983. "It's stealing their inheritance, and it means that the amount of equity funding for the next generation is diminished."

Houston is taking steps to harden its defenses.

Offshore, federal authorities are advancing plans to build an enormous, \$57 billion system of barriers and gates, which has been called the largest civil engineering project in U.S. history and is expected to take 20 years to construct.

That project is designed to prevent a worst-case scenario—a major hurricane shooting straight into Galveston Bay, sending a storm surge up the Houston Ship Channel and into the massive waterside complexes of refineries and petrochemical plants that constitute the heart of the U.S. energy sector.

In the city, authorities have recently spent hundreds of millions of dollars widening bayous, the natural waterways that flow across Houston, which nonetheless overflowed during Beryl. Authorities also bought out thousands of homes in the flood plains. But many thousands more remain.

Jim Blackburn, co-director of Rice University's Severe Storm Prediction, Education, & Evacuation from Disasters Center, said the city should fundamentally change its development pattern to mitigate recurring storm damage. "We ought to be very slow to rebuild in the same areas that flood over," Blackburn said. "That's not a popular position, but I think it's a very important one."

Blackburn, a veteran environmental lawyer, was surprised at the amount of damage done to Houston's power system by Beryl's 90 mile-per-hour winds and by the length of the ongoing effort to restore electricity. "I cannot imagine what 150 mile-per-hour winds might have done to this community; that's what I'm horrified of. What's a cat 4 or cat 5 going to do to us?" Blackburn said. "They will be coming."

But fundamentally reformatting Houston is easier said than done. It means backtracking, to some extent, on decades of booming development driven by the hubris of the energy age.

Greater Houston started out as a smattering of settlements between swamps and bayous on the edge of a prairie. Until the mid-20th Century, there was "more appreciation for the vulnerability of the city" and "greater recognition of the city's ecological and environmental infrastructure," said Jonathan Levy, a professor of U.S. history at the University of Chicago who grew up in Houston's flood-prone Meyerland neighborhood.

But that changed after World War II, when a period of rapid expansion brought an "an increasing ignorance of these realities," said Levy, who has written about Houston's environmental struggle. The oil and gas industry was revolutionizing the world, headquartered largely in Houston, where it powered the massive expansion of concrete freeways, whole landscapes of suburban sprawl, and an enormous, low-density city premised on private automobiles. At the same time, the growing global oil industry was increasing the greenhouse gas emissions that intensify tropical storms.

"When it comes to the politics of climate change, if you don't have a plan for Houston, you don't really have a plan," Levy said. "It's hard to imagine an energy transition occurring without the energy industry in Houston participating."

As for the city, the transformation would entail making space for the water, pulling back from the edges of the bayous to create a giant network of wide greenways through the metro area.

"Limiting building, condemning property and compensating homeowners to bring the logic of that ecological infrastructure back to life," Levy said. "If you can't do that, I don't really see there being any answer."



STATE NEEDS THOUSANDS OF NEW HOMES

A 26-page report from the Texas Comptroller concludes that the state needs 306,000 additional homes, a shortage that has sent housing costs soaring, The Texas Tribune reported. Homebuilding hasn't kept up with the booming economy as millions of new residents have moved here over the past decade, leaving more than half of the state's homeowners and renters struggling to find and keep affordable housing.

"Is it a crisis today? I wouldn't call it a crisis," Comptroller Glenn Hegar told The Tribune. "But if we don't find some more solutions, we're going to be in a crisis."

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan have each indicated that addressing the state's housing affordability issues will be on lawmakers' agenda when they return in January for the next legislative session.

One suggestion drawing attention is reducing minimum lot size requirements. A bill to do so passed the Texas Senate last year but died in the Texas House.

Median home prices in Texas rose nearly 40% from 2019 to 2023, the comptroller's report indicated. Nearly 2 out of 5 Texas households are paying more than 30% of their income on housing. Texas is one of the toughest states for extremely low-income renters, with a shortage of nearly 700,000 units, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

RECORD TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ANNOUNCED

The state plans to spend a record \$148 billion for transportation infrastructure over the next decade, the Texas Department of Transportation and Abbott announced. That includes more than \$104 billion in a 10-year transportation plan to improve safety, address congestion and connectivity, and maintain roadways. It also includes more than \$43 billion for development and routine maintenance — a \$5.6 billion increase from the previous year.

"With a booming population and economy, TxDOT is meeting the moment with a record investment in our state roadway system to ensure Texas remains the preferred destination for families and businesses," said Texas Transportation Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg Jr.

Many of the projects in the 2025 Unified Transportation Program are roadways noted on the state's most congested roadways list. TxDOT is overseeing a record number of active projects this year.

REGULATORS APPROVE \$5.4 BILLION IN GAS PLANT LOANS

The Public Utilities Commission has picked 17 companies to move forward with natural gas power plants financed with low-cost state loans, The Dallas Morning News reported. PUC commissioners approved \$5.4 billion in proposals for plants capable of generating enough electricity to power 2.4 million homes.

The current \$5 billion fund is expected to double to \$10 billion as state leaders seek to address the power blackouts of the 2021 winter storm that killed more than 200 Texans.

PUC Executive Director Connie Corona said regulators favored power plant construction proposals that can be completed quickly, are spread throughout the state, and reduce strain on Texas' electricity transmission network, The News reported.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Scary Movies



I have never been able to watch scary movies.

My mother will remind you (if she gets the chance) that I can't even watch embarrassing television programs, which is, frankly, embarrassing. I would watch that terrible moment when Lucy was about to get caught doing something embarrassing by her employer, Mr. Mooney, on "The Lucy Show" reruns, and I would have to leave the room in a hurry—making excuses about how I suddenly needed to help set the table. The truth was, I just couldn't stand to watch Lucy get caught.

Scary movies, of course, are much worse. If getting caught by Mr. Mooney was bad, imagine getting caught by a maniacal murderer or flocks of birds or a shark. As a result, I've never seen the scary movies everyone else has seen. I've seen photos from the movies, and I know the general plotlines, but when it comes to sitting down and watching the shark attack someone, I haven't been able to do it. Until recently.

Recently, I've seen a few scary movies, and it's not because I've become any braver. It's because my husband, Peter, has started signing out DVDs from the library with what is called "optional commentary." The movie plays but, while all the scary stuff is happening, the director—and sometimes an actor who was in the movie, or an historian or a film editor—jabbers away on top of the dialogue and the music, explaining how all the effects in the movie were made.

You might think this would be very annoying—particularly if I hadn't seen the movie without all the jabbering beforehand. Instead, I find it enormously comforting.

I watch the movie, miss some of the dialogue (but not too much), and the scary music is covered up by cheerful folks talking about how they made it so scary. I love hearing how all those terrifying birds were enticed into flying after the children in "The Birds" (they put snacks in the children's hair!) I am delighted to hear the mechanical shark in "Jaws" was named Bruce, purportedly after Steven Spielberg's lawyer, and he broke down all the time and caused so much trouble that Spielberg feared that his career might be over. I even enjoyed hearing how the shower scene in "Psycho" was made and how the film, made in black and white, used chocolate syrup for the blood that circled down the drain after the murder—a murder that is never actually even seen, but seems so real with that terribly scary music playing.

I've been able to sit through all of this, almost like a normal person, just because I am reassured every minute that Janet Leigh was safe, no children were pecked by birds, and that terrible shark was, in fact, a very troublesome mechanical device named for a lawyer.

The whole experience makes me feel like I'm about six, and I wonder why I require so much reassurance. But I suspect I've always felt a little too responsible for the fate of others, even if (especially if) there is nothing I can do to change the outcome.

It's good for me to see, in every case, it's just ordinary people doing an extraordinarily good job of tapping into these primal fears of things that fly down from the sky and swim up from the depths and come after us when we least expect. It helps me to understand that I do the same thing in my own life, artfully fabricating fears of unlikely things, and doing an excellent job of scaring myself.

Till next time,
Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 2: Texans host Bears on SNF Football: No. 1 Georgia, No. 4 'Bama face early road tests

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dangerous Wildcats team, while the Crimson Tide heads to the Midwest to take on Wisconsin. Both teams will have bye weeks after their respective games this weekend to rest up for their showdown in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 28 in prime time on ABC.

In high school action, Aldine ISD's five varsity teams will play their final non-district games of the season as District 14-6A play begins the weekend of Sept. 26-27.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review the record after one week of picks. We got off to a solid start to the season with an 8-4 record (66 percent).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

West Fort at Eisenhower - Odell James' Eagles got their season off to a solid start with a 27-17 victory over Westbrook in Week 1. This week, Ike hosts West Fork on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. West Fork lost its opener, 43-31 to Rudder. My pick, Eisenhower 33, West Fork 21

Aldine at Northbrook - Cirillo Ojeda's Mustangs hit the road to face Northbrook on Friday evening at 7 p.m. Aldine dropped its opener to Kempner, 19-3, while Northbrook opened with a 22-12 win over Chavez. My pick, Aldine 16, Northbrook 13

Cy-Lakes at Davis - Kelvin Chatman's Falcons dropped a tough 30-23 decision to Willis in Week 1 and host Cy-Lakes at 7 p.m. on Friday at Thorne Stadium. Look for the Falcons offense to get going this week as Davis plays its final rehearsal contest before District 14-6A play begins. My pick, Davis 34, Cy-Lakes 14

MacArthur at Westbrook -



KEENEY'S KORNER By MIKE KEENEY

Blake Ware's Generals lost a 17-16 heartbreaker to Cy-Ridge in his first game as the MacArthur head coach and this week they play at Westbrook, which fell to Eisenhower 27-17 in Week 1. The Generals would like nothing more than a win to carry some momentum into District 14-6A play. My pick, MacArthur 23, Westbrook 21

Beaumont United at Nimitz - Cornelius Harmon's Cougars opened the 2024 season with a 28-14 win over Morton Ranch and on Saturday, they will host Beaumont United at 6 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. Beaumont United opened the season with a 26-21 win over Bellaire. Look for Nimitz QB Albert Brown to be the difference maker in this one as the Cougars set their sights on District 14-6A play. My pick, Nimitz 31, Beaumont United 27

NCAA

Arizona at Kansas State - Arizona and Kansas State meet in a battle of the Wildcats as 'Zona plays its first Big 12 game it travels to Manhattan to face a stout Kansas State team that's tough at home. The KSU defense will be in for a big early-season test against an Arizona team that put up 61 points in their season-opening win over New Mexico. QB Noah Fifta passed for 422 yards and 4 TDs, and his go-to target was talented wide receiver Tatairoa McMillan, who grabbed 10 passes for 304 yards and four TDs. Not a bad start to the season. 'Zona also has a capable running back Jacory Croskey-Merriitt (106 yards, 1 TD). KSU opened with a 41-6

spanking of Tennessee-Martin and will rely on second-year QB Avery Johnson (153 passing yards, 2 TDs) and running back DJ Giddens (124 yards). Kansas State is tough to beat at home, which Arizona will learn come Saturday. Welcome to the Big 12, Arizona! My pick, Kansas State 31, Arizona 28

Georgia at Kentucky - Kirby Smart's No. 1-ranked Bulldogs opened the season in fine fashion with a 34-3 throttling of No. 14-ranked Clemson in Atlanta. QB Carson Beck passed for 278 yards and two TDs, while running back Nate Frazier chipped in with 83 yards and a TD. Kentucky won a weather-delayed meeting with Southern Miss, 31-0 as QB Brock Vandagriff passed for 169 yards and 3 TDs. Look for the Georgia defense to make it a long day for Vandagriff and the Wildcats as the Bulldogs take care of business and then get a week off before their early-season showdown with 'Bama.

Alabama at Wisconsin - Speaking of Alabama, the No. 4-ranked Crimson Tide opened the Kalen DeBoer era in grand fashion with a 63-0 route of Western Kentucky. QB Jalen Milroe accounted for five touchdowns, three passing and two rushing, while sensational freshman wide receiver Ryan Williams had his coming out party with two receptions for 139, both catches went for long-distance TDs. Wisconsin was not very impressive in its 28-14 home win over Western Michigan and the Badgers will need to step up their game if they hope to pull off the upset. Wisconsin will need a big game from QB Tyler Van Dyke (198

passing yards) and running back Chez Mellusi (74 yards, 1 TD) come Saturday. Look for the Badgers to play better against a top five ranked team, but look for Milroe and the 'Bama defense to be the difference makers on Saturday in Madison. My pick, Alabama 33, Wisconsin 16

NFL

Buffalo at Miami - A key early-season meeting between two teams predicted to battle for the AFC East title is set for Thursday Night Football when the Bills head to South Beach to take on the Dolphins. A year ago, Josh Allen and Co. beat the Dolphins twice to win the division and Miami head coach Mike McDaniels knows if his team is to supplant Buffalo atop the division, they will need to beat the Bills, especially at home. Allen lost his top two wide receivers when Diggs was traded to the Texans and Gabe Davis signed with Jacksonville. Look for Allen to rely on second-year tight end Dalton Kincaid in the passing game and count on running back James Cook to make plays on the ground. The Dolphins will air it out with QB Tua Tagovailoa, and wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Jalen Waddle. Look for the Dolphins to send the Bills a message that the AFC East runs through South Beach this year. My pick, Miami 31, Buffalo 23

New Orleans at Dallas - The Cowboys will be coming off a tough road game at Cleveland to open the season and want to give their fans, and owner Jerry Jones, something to smile about when they host the Saints on Sunday. Look for QB Dak Prescott and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb and tight end Jake Ferguson to attack the Saints secondary. Dallas has a suspect running game, so the offense will run through Prescott until either Ezekiel Elliott, Rico Dowdle or newly-signed Dalvin Cooks takes over at running back. The Saints will rely on QB Derek Carr (3,878 yards, 25 TDs), running back Alvin Kamara (694 rushing yards, 5 TDs/75 receptions, 464 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver Chris Olave (87 receptions, 1,123 yards, 3 TDs). Look for Dallas linebacker Micah

Parsons to harass Carr all afternoon as the Cowboys win their home opener. My pick, Dallas 33, New Orleans 17

Chicago at Houston - This should be a fun game to watch as two of the up-and-coming teams in the NFL meet on Sunday Night Football in Houston. Stroud will be out to prove he's the better QB than the rookie Williams and guys like Mixon, Diggs, Collins, Dell and tight end Dalton Schultz will be happy to help out their second-year gunslinger. Look for Williams to make some plays, he too has a load of weapons of which to rely on, but look for the Houston pass rush, especially Anderson and Hunter, to keep Williams in the pocket and shut down his running lanes. Cornerback Derek Stingley Jr. will shut down his side, which means rookie corner Kamari Lassister could see a lot of action come his way Sunday night. The crowd could also play a big factor as Texans fans are stoked for what lies ahead this season. They won't leave disappointed. My pick, Houston 34, Chicago 20

Atlanta at Philadelphia - The new look Falcons head to the City of Brotherly Love to face an Eagles team that will be out to make up for last year's late season collapse. Optimism is high in Hotlanta with the signing of former Vikings QB Kirk Cousins (2,331 yards, 18 TDs in just eight games), who should be a huge upgrade at the most important position in the sport. Cousins has some talent with which to work in second-year running back Bijan Robinson (976 rushing yards, 4 TDs/58 receptions, 487 yards, 4 TDs), wide receiver Drake London (69 receptions, 905 yards, 2 TDs) and tight end Kyle Pitts. London and Pitts should flourish with Cousins under center. The Eagles have a lot of offensive weapons as well with QB Jalen Hurts, running back Saquon Barkley, wide receivers A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith and tight end Dallas Godert. Look for the Eagles to roll in their home opener. My pick, Philadelphia 36, Atlanta 21



SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 2

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

THURSDAY NIGHT Aldine 14, North Forest 7 Strake Jesuit 32, Aldine Davis 15

FRIDAY NIGHT Aldine Eisenhower 30, Clear Brook 7 Barbers Hill 21, Manvel 13 Baytown Lee 31, Goose Creek Memorial 14 Baytown Sterling 40, Galena Park 10 C. E. King 28, Dickinson 14 Huffman Hargrave 34, Furr 6 Iowa Colony 24, Crosby 0 Kingwood Park 30, Dayton 10 North Shore 28, Fort Worth Crowley 13

SATURDAY NIGHT Aldine MacArthur 14, Channelview 13 Aldine Nimitz 54, Cypress Ridge 20

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 12 C. E. King at Spring DeKaney, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Spring West Fork at Aldine Eisenhower, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston Madison at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston

Friday, September 13 Aldine at Northbrook, 7 p.m., Tully Stadium in Houston Aldine MacArthur at West Brook, 7 p.m., Beaumont ISD Memorial Stadium in Beaumont Barbers Hill at Deer Park, 7 p.m., Abshier Stadium in Deer Park Baytown Sterling at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown Clear Creek at Channelview, 7 p.m., Ray Madry Stadium in Channelview Cypress Lakes at Aldine Davis, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston Fort Bend Marshall at Crosby, 7 p.m., Cougar Stadium in Crosby Goose Creek Memorial at Clear Brook, 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City Splendora at Huffman Hargrave, 7:30 p.m., Falcon Stadium in Huffman Spring Westfield at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

Comic strip 'Amber Waves' by Dave T. Phipps. Panels show a teacher talking to students about picking famous leaders to write about.

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The Spats

Comic strip 'The Spats' by Jeff Pickering. Panels show a man talking to a woman about a cat and a fire.

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HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels showing a boy with a gift, with a 'Find at least six differences' challenge.

September 9, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

King Crossword puzzle grid and list of clues for Across and Down.

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Answers for King Crossword and Trivia Test. King Crossword solution time: 23 mins. Trivia Test answers: 1. Genovia, 2. Mount Kilimanjaro, 3. The Inca civilization, 4. Baltimore, Maryland, 5. Portland, Oregon, 6. March 14 (3.14), 7. The 1979 Iranian Revolution, 8. Mercury, 9. 96.5%, 10. Rick Astley.

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judges (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which scripture contains, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1
3. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David's table? Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth

4. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress
 5. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul's sister, Naomi, Peter's mother-in-law, Deborah
 6. In 1 Samuel 4, which priest had a son named Ichabod? Agabus, Phinehas, Azariah, Malachi
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Psalm 23:4, 3) Mephibosheth, 4) Palm, 5) Peter's mother-in-law, 6) Phinehas
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Our Constitution

The leader of the talks in Philadelphia...



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...was General George Washington.



Kids: color stuff in!



Our Constitution

After the Declaration of Independence was signed, in 1776, the states in America were "united" by a weak central government. Each state had its own strong government which created problems among the states.

In 1787 almost all of the 13 states sent their wisest men to Philadelphia for a meeting. They were to work out the problems with trade, taxes and other matters.

In Independence Hall they studied, argued, talked, voted and wrote. They were laying the groundwork for a strong central government. Some wanted no part of this. Wasn't this like the British rule they had just broken away from?

The central government was to be headed by a leader (President) chosen and elected by the people. There was to be a court of law (Supreme Court) and a body to make laws (Senate and House of Representatives).

All of these ideas formed the Constitution of the United States. It has worked well for over 200 years!

It is still used by courts to uphold laws and the rights of people. You can see the Constitution in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

So this is how it was formed!



Wow! You can read the Constitution on your computer.



I read that there are 4,543 words in the Constitution.



The first three words of the U.S. Constitution tell who is behind the making of our government. Fill in the puzzle below and these first three words will be spelled out under the arrow.

- General _____ - who became our first President
- _____ men (from many fields of work) were sent to Philadelphia
- some people were afraid that a strong _____ government would take power away from the states
- the men who helped to write the Constitution were thought of as the Founding _____
- number of branches the new government would have
- Hall where the meetings took place to write the Constitution
- number of states in 1787
- checks and balances keep each branch from becoming too _____
- Constitution was signed on the 17th of this month
- the special meetings in 1787; the _____ Convention
- the only _____ state that never took part in the meetings

powerful
Constitutional
Rhode Island
Wiseest
thirteen
central Independence
Fathers Washington

I was one of the **Founding Fathers**. I was also an inventor. I invented *bifocals* - glasses that let people focus at two different distances. Now, where did I leave mine?



Constitution State

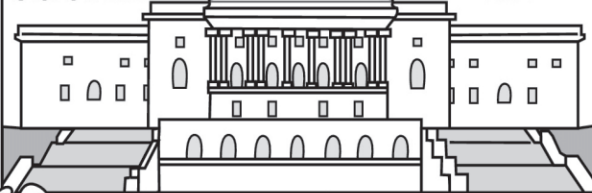
Which state is known as the "Constitution State?" It has its nickname printed on its license plates. To find out, color in the puzzle using the color key.

Then find 11 letters and unscramble them to spell the name of the "Constitution State." A dot (•) is in the upper-left corner of each letter. Use only the letters that are all one color.

Congress Takes a Vote

Did you know that there are 2 senators from each state, for a total of 100 senators in the U.S. Senate?

The Senate is taking a vote today on a new law. Count the number of "Y" votes for "Yes".



If there are more "Yes" votes than "No" votes, the law has passed in the Senate.

The Constitution Quiz

Put on your thinking cap and sharpen your pencil! Ask Mom or Dad to help! T = True, F = False.

- The Constitution is the weakest law of the United States. T (F)
- It tells us the way our government works. T F
- Our country's written constitution is the world's longest and newest. T F
- Some people wanted basic rights to protect individuals added to the Constitution. So, 10 statements called the "**Bill of Rights**" were added. T F
- Additions, called "Amendments," protect freedom of religion, speech, voting rights, etc. T F

I love quizzes! Don't you?



- We have 3 branches of government, formed to balance each other in power. T F
- The first is the Legislative Branch that:
 - makes the laws by writing bills and voting on them. T F
 - includes our Senate and House of Representatives. T F
- The second is the Executive Branch that:
 - upholds the laws to make them work. T F
 - lets the President serve a 7- year term. T F
- The third is the Judicial Branch that:
 - has our Supreme Court, the highest in the country, which needs to have 27 judges. T F
 - decides if laws are fair and being used in the right way. T F

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The Constitution Quiz

- T F The Constitution is the *strongest* law of the United States.
- It tells us the way our government works. T F
- T F Our country's written constitution is the world's *shortest* and *oldest*.
- Ten statements called the "*Bill of Rights*" were added. T F
- Amendments protect freedom of religion, speech, voting rights, etc. T F

Our Constitution

The first three words of the Constitution of the United States of America tell who is behind the making of our government.

1 W A S H I N G T O N

2 W I S E S T

3 C E N T R A L

4 F A T H E R S

5 T H R E E

6 I N D E P E N D E N C E

7 T H I R T E E N

8 P O W E R F U L

9 S E P T E M B E R

10 C O N S T I T U T I O N A L

11 R H O D E I S L A N D

Benjamin Franklin

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

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6. T F

7. The first is the Legislative Branch that:

a. T F

b. T F

8. The second is the Executive Branch that:

a. T F

b. T F lets the President serve a **4-year** term.

9. The third is the Judicial Branch that:

a. T F does not give an exact number of judges needed

b. T F

Constitution State

Which state is known as the "Constitution State"?

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