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WEATHER HISTORY  
• ON THIS DAY •

**Sept. 3, 1961** - Denver, CO., received 4.2 inches of snow, their earliest snow of record.

**Sept. 4, 1970** - The greatest natural disaster of record for Arizona occurred. Unprecedented rains caused rivers in central Arizona to rise five to 10 feet per hour, sweeping cars and buildings as far as 30 to 40 miles downstream. Flooding claimed the lives of 23 people.

**Sept. 5, 1950** - Hurricane Easy produced the greatest 24 hour rainfall in U.S. weather records. The hurricane deluged Yankeetown, on the upper west coast of Florida, with 38.7 inches of rain.

**Sept. 6, 1881** - Forest fires in Michigan and Ontario resulted in 'Yellow Day' in the north-eastern U.S. Twenty villages in Michigan burned, and a total of 500 people were killed. Candles were needed at the noon hour.

**Sept. 7, 1970** - A lightning bolt struck a group of football players at Gibbs High School in Saint Petersburg FL, killing two people and injuring 22 others.

**Sept. 8, 1900** - The greatest weather disaster in U.S. records occurred when a hurricane struck Galveston, TX. A tide 15 feet high washed over the island , demolishing or carrying away buildings, drowning more than 6000 persons and destroying 3,600 houses.

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## 7-Day Local Forecast

 <b>September 3</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Sunny 91 / 75	 <b>September 4</b> <b>Thursday</b> Cloudy 87 / 70	 <b>September 5</b> <b>Friday</b> Cloudy 89 / 74	 <b>September 6</b> <b>Saturday</b> Cloudy 90 / 73	 <b>September 7</b> <b>Sunday</b> Few Showers 88 / 74	 <b>September 8</b> <b>Monday</b> Few Showers 83 / 66	 <b>September 9</b> <b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 85 / 70
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### Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

### State Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday						
City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx					
Amarillo . . . .	84/63	pc	83/62	cl	84/63	cl	Odessa . . . . .	87/74	pc	88/73	cl	87/75	cl
Beaumont . . .	92/75	s	87/69	mc	88/71	cl	San Antonio .	95/77	pc	91/72	mc	90/73	cl
Dallas . . . . .	93/80	pc	92/78	mc	93/80	cl	Waco . . . . .	92/74	pc	91/72	mc	88/71	cl
Houston . . . .	93/77	s	90/73	cl	91/76	cl	Wichita Falls .	89/73	pc	87/70	cl	91/76	cl

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

### Weather Trivia

How high can hailstone accumulation be?

**Answer:** Drifts have reached depths of up to six feet.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

	Day	AM	PM		Day	AM	PM
	Wed	8:56-10:56	9:23-11:23		Sun	11:56-1:56	12:20-2:20
	Thu	9:50-11:50	10:16-12:16		Mon	12:44-2:44	1:08-3:08
	Fri	10:41-12:41	--		Tue	1:33-3:33	1:58-3:58
	Sat	11:06-1:06	11:31-1:31				

### Weather History

**Sept. 3, 1970** - During the early evening hours, in the midst of a severe hailstorm at Coffeyville, Kansas, a stone 17.5 inches in circumference and nearly two pounds in weight was recovered. It was the largest hailstone to be measured for United States weather records.

### Sun & Moon

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
<b>Full 9/7</b>	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	2:33 a.m.		<b>New 9/21</b>
	Thursday	7:01 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	5:57 p.m.	3:35 a.m.		
	Friday	7:01 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	4:40 a.m.		
	Saturday	7:02 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	5:44 a.m.		
<b>Last 9/14</b>	Sunday	7:02 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	7:42 p.m.	6:49 a.m.		<b>First 9/29</b>
	Monday	7:03 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	8:14 p.m.	7:54 a.m.		
	Tuesday	7:03 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	8:48 p.m.	9:00 a.m.		

### Surfside Beach Tides

Day	High	Low	High	Low
9/3	3:20 a	6:49 p	None	None
9/4	3:49 a	7:38 p	None	None
9/5	4:10 a	8:22 p	None	None
9/6	4:24 a	10:30 a	1:47 p	9:06 p
9/7	4:35 a	10:16 a	3:04 p	9:57 p
9/8	4:45 a	10:28 a	4:21 p	11:01 p
9/9	4:57 a	10:56 a	5:39 p	None

### Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip		Farmer's Growing Degree Days
8/21	93	73	92/73	0.02"	Date	Degree Days
8/22	89	73	92/73	0.64"	8/21	33
8/23	89	74	92/73	0.00"	8/22	31
8/24	93	73	92/73	0.00"	8/23	32
8/25	93	72	92/73	0.00"	8/24	33
8/26	92	75	92/73	0.00"		
8/27	90	76	92/73	0.00"		

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







## MIKE PINGREE'S THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



### THANK YOU, COME AGAIN:

A man who has a black belt in karate was shopping in a small market in Colorado Springs when an obnoxious man swore at him and demanded he move aside so he could examine the shampoos on the shelf RIGHT NOW! In order to avoid a fight, the karate guy moved. But then the other guy pulled a knife. So he grabbed the guy's wrist and hit him in the face with the heel of his hand. To get him to drop the knife, he twisted his wrist until it popped. When the guy attacked again, he broke his nose, then walked quietly out of the store.

### O.K., WE'LL TAKE YOU TO JAIL UNTIL THEY CAN BEAM YOU UP:

After being thrown out of a strip joint in Madison, Wisc., for throwing up in the VIP area, a man shoved his SUV into reverse and rammed it into the building before driving off. The cops found him in a nearby parking lot. He denied being the driver of his vehicle, and claimed he had been brought there by Martians.

### STAIRS! YOU MEAN THERE

**ARE STAIRS!?:** A man, who was sentenced to two years in prison for selling crack cocaine to an undercover cop in Austin, Tx., ran from the courtroom to escape his fate. The cops found him a few minutes later, waiting for an elevator.

**A COINCIDENCE, YOUR HONOR, I ASSURE YOU:** After being dumped by his girlfriend, a 14-year-old boy went to her home in south London and burned it to the ground. He was convicted and sent to prison after police discovered that he had Googled "how to burn down someone's house" the day before he did it.

**YES, I BELIEVE IT IS MY PHONE, OFFICER; WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?:** Police in Farmington, Conn., had a pretty easy time catching the three burglars who broke into a home there. One of them had left his cell phone at the scene of the crime.

**THANK GOD WE'RE FREE ... O.K., WHAT NOW!:** A dozen monkeys figured out how to escape from the primate research center

in Inuyama, Japan - using tree branches to launch themselves over the electrified fence. However, once free, they didn't seem to know what to do next. Most of them just hung around outside the fence and were easily recaptured.

**IS SHE PRETTIER THAN ME?!!! WHAM!:** A jealous wife in a small village in Russia got very mad at her much-younger, common-law husband when he began to show too much interest in the woman who lived next door, so she attacked him with a frying pan. The resulting scuffle brought police involvement. The wife is 98 years old, and the husband is 78.

**IT'S O.K., I THINK WE'RE IN THE CLEAR ... OH MY GOD!:** Two men, with 95 pounds of

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cocaine in their car, led police on a high-speed chase through Fife, Wash., and, when they inadvertently drove down a one-way street, they got out and made a run for it across a junior high school field. Unfortunately for them, this is where the local police conduct their dog-training exercises. They were immediately confronted by 15

officers and their dogs.

**HEY, THAT LOOKS FAMILIAR:** A few days after his pickup truck was stolen, an Oklahoma man was heading home from work in a car when he saw the thief drive his truck right past him. He followed the truck and gave police updates on his cell phone until they moved in for the arrest.

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## Foods with more protein than eggs

With about 6 grams of protein apiece, eggs are an excellent source of this vital nutrient. But lots of other foods offer as much or more. For example, **CHICKPEAS** (also known as garbanzo beans) provide nearly 8 grams of protein per 1/2 cup. People have enjoyed them since the days of ancient Egypt. They're best known these days as the base for hummus. Toss a handful on a salad, or cook them into a hearty soup.

**COTTAGE CHEESE:** This nutritious source of protein, with nearly 12 grams in a half cup, plays well with others. That's because it doesn't have a strong flavor on its own. Make a healthy snack by pairing cottage cheese with most any kind of fruit. Or use it as a protein-boosting secret ingredient in pancakes. Go with low-fat cottage cheese to keep it healthy.



**CHEDDAR CHEESE:** This zingy cheese is loaded with protein -- about 7 grams per ounce, as well as other nutrients like calcium, zinc, phosphorus, and vitamins A and B-12. But keep your portions small or choose a lower-fat version. The fats found in dairy foods aren't the heart-healthy type. Cheese can be high in salt, too.

**SHRIMP:** You only need about 4 ounces of these shellfish to get more than 17 grams of protein. They're also low in calories and fat. But step away from the breaded, deep-fried variety. Instead, toss grilled shrimp into pasta with marinara sauce for a fast, protein-rich meal.



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## We make the 'no-elevator challenge' on cruises to counter-balance all the food on the ship

By John Toth  
The Bulletin

Each time Sharon and I go cruising, we take the "no-elevator challenge."

We pledge not to take the elevator to any deck, no matter how far we have to climb. That's one reason we like to book a cabin somewhere in the middle of the ship, not too far from the top or the bottom.

When we first started cruising, Sharon wanted to stay in a sea-view cabin, which has a porthole, but no balcony. The porthole is actually pretty large. On the Carnival Breeze, I could fit in it and waste time away by watching the waves below us. These cabins on the Breeze were on Deck 1. We weren't at water level, but we were pretty close to it.

Making it up to the pool deck (from the very bottom to the very top) was challenging. After we decided to book balcony cabins, we left it up to the cruise ship to pick one in the category we wanted. This was cheaper than selecting a cabin ourselves.

We never had bad luck with this method. On the Carnival Vista, we were assigned a corner cabin on the Lido Deck, which is the hub of activity, featuring pools, hot tubs, water-slides and casual dining options, like the Lido Marketplace buffet.

We walked out of our cabin, and everything was right there.

The only problem was that the Lido Deck was on Deck 10, a long way from Deck 3, where the Main Dining Room was. Going down wasn't a problem; climbing back up after dinner was a challenge.

We did the best we could to live up to our promise, but I have to admit that we did cheat on several occasions on that cruise.

On our last cruise on Carnival Dream, we fared better. Through a travel agent, we selected a room on Deck 6, which was only a few flights of stairs above the dining room and the same distance below the Lido Deck.

I'm happy to report that we only broke the promise twice, and the reasons were actually valid. Both times, I just wanted to ride in a glass elevator and

video as it ascended high above the main lobby on Deck 3.

I'm still a sucker for stuff like that. I remain amazed as to how they can build a big metal ship that sails through oceans, and inside it are all these elevators that span 14 or more decks. My favorite part is riding up in the glass elevator as it reaches the Lido Deck. It goes from the organized world of a hotel lobby to beach mayhem.

A couple of days of the no-elevator challenge, climbing up and down the stairs got easier. We huffed and puffed less climbing up. Going down was not really a problem. It felt almost like cheating.

The stairs challenge also helped counteract all the food consumption that goes along with cruising. It's a good way to shake off some of those extra calories (a lot of calories).

When we pulled into Nassau, the first place I wanted to see was the Queen's Staircase. It was carved out of solid limestone by 600 slaves between 1793 and 1794.

When we arrived, we looked up the 66 steps to the top and said: "Hold my Coke Zero."

Nothing to it. Nassau was the last stop. By that time, we had been climbing up and down ship stairs for six days.

Between the challenge, getting on the treadmill in the ship's gym and walking a lot during our self-guided excursions, we

felt like we were in great shape by the end of the cruise. The problem then was to keep up this level of physical activity after we came home.

We're still working on solving this problem.

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Join Brazosport Art League for Art Shop Artists in Action on Friday, Sept. 12, from 6:30-8:30

p.m. as we celebrate the talents & skills of five of our member artists featured in our Art Shop and introduce them to the public.

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This event is and free and open to the public with a wide variety of art in all sizes for sale by the participating artists.

Participating artists will be announced on website Sept. 9.

For more information, contact Sandy Stutz, Art Shop Manager, (832) 549-1730 or visit our website <https://bcfas.org/artists-in-action/>

### Friday, Sept. 19

Opening Reception - Wild Serenity: Visions in Nature's Embrace 6:30-8 p.m. / Brazosport Art League Main Gallery inside The Center for the Arts & Sciences 400 College Blvd., Clute, TX., 7753. Exhibition featuring the artwork of BAL member artists Kayoko Takahashi, Kati Hammond and Nanako Tsukihashi. The show runs Sept. 16 - Oct. 19. Opening reception Friday, Sept. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gallery.

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*Seniors are disproportionately targeted by fraudsters due to a combination of factors, including accumulated wealth, trusting nature, and potential cognitive vulnerabilities, according to the FBI and the National Council on Aging (NCOA). These scams can have devastating financial and emotional consequences.*

- **Government impersonation scams:** Scammers pose as representatives from agencies like the IRS, Social Security Administration, or Medicare, demanding immediate payment for supposed taxes or penalties, often under threat of arrest or legal action.
- **Tech support scams:** Fraudsters claim to be from well-known technology companies and offer to "fix" non-existent computer problems, often gaining remote access to devices and stealing personal information, according to the FBI.
- **Grandparent scams:** Scammers impersonate a grandchild or other loved one in distress, claiming to need money urgently for emergencies like bail, medical bills, or travel expenses.
- **Sweepstakes/lottery scams:** Victims are told they've won a large sum of money or a prize but need to pay "fees" or "taxes" upfront to claim their winnings.
- **Romance scams:** Scammers develop fake online relationships with seniors to gain their trust and then request money for supposed emergencies or travel expenses.
- **Home repair scams:** Fraudulent contractors demand upfront payments for repairs that are never completed or poorly done.
- **Investment scams:** Scammers promote fake investment opportunities promising high returns with little to no risk, often using cryptocurrency or other complex financial products.
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## Organized senior activities around Brazoria County

By Sharon Toth  
The Bulletin

September is here.

Who remembers who sang this song, "Try to Remember"? It was first featured in The Fantasticks on stage on Broadway in 1960, sung by Jerry Orbach, and then it became a radio hit between 1965 and 1968, recorded by various artists.

Answer: There were three versions, starting in 1965: One was by Ed Ames; another by Roger Williams; and then The Brothers Four, an Australian group, peaked at No. 11 on the Hot U.S. 100 at No. 11 in 1968. So, if you guessed any of those three, you're right!

In 1975, Gladys Knight and the Pips introduced her international version of "The Way We Were" with "Try to Remember's" words, and in 1976, it was played during a scene of David Bowie's "The Man Who Fell to Earth". More recently, it was in the 1995 movie, "Fantasticks", and then in 2016 in "Captain America, Civil War".

It's a mellow, reflective song that marks the end of summer and the transition to fall.

Fall officially begins on Sept. 22 at 3:19 p.m. CDT with the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere as the celestial equator moves from north to south.

Also, Grandparents' Day is Sunday, Sept. 7, celebrated to show the bond between this generation and their grandchildren. Please see more about

Grandparents' Day in this issue.

Below, The Bulletin reminds seniors what they need to remember this Sept. when it comes to good times:

### LAKE JACKSON

The Civic Center Fun-Timers have scheduled a **Mini-Trip to Round Rock**, known for its antique shows and unique shopping and dining, on Thursday, Sept. 11, leaving the Doris Williams Civic Center early in the morning. The cost is \$20 for transportation, and food and purchases are not included. Space is limited, so please call (979-415-2600) or stop by the civic center (333 Hwy. 332 East) to check on registering.

The Lunch Bunch will be heading to Friendswood on Wednesday, Sept. 16, to enjoy a meal and company at **Locals Kitchen & Market**. It is a casual eatery serving American comfort food and has an open scratch kitchen with smoked or flash-fried chicken wings, smash burgers and Italian pasta. The cost is \$15 per person. See phone and address in above paragraph to register.

If in a more mellow mood, how about Yoga to stretch and relax?

It's available five Tuesdays this month at 8 a.m., on all four Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. AND on Thursdays at 8 a.m.

**Exercise classes** are held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, which is also **Games Day**, with play beginning at 2 p.m.

**Open-play bingo** is on Thurs-

days at 1 p.m. on Feb. 4, 11, and 18. Please bring two small prizes in the \$1 to \$5 price range.

**Community Bingo** will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. **Crafts & More** will be on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. **Card making** is on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

All activities are at the civic center unless noted.

### CLUTE

**Picnic with Pals** will be the theme for Clute's Golden Oldies' September gathering on Tuesday, Sept. 16, and it will be an inside picnic with air conditioning and no ants!

Register for this fun time by or before Thursday, Sept. 11, to enjoy a **picnic lunch** of sandwiches, macaroni salad and chips, along with a speaker and games. Join the group from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 100 Parkview Dr. in Clute.

The speaker from August will return to talk about protecting assets for seniors and their heirs.

There also will be a separate

series about **dementia and Alzheimer's disease** starting on Wednesday, Sept. 17, Sept. 24 and on Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

To register for the picnic or/ and the Alzheimer's program, call (979) 265-8392 or email mparrish@clutetexas.org.

### ANGLETON

**Lunch and Learn** will be on Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Angleton Recreation Center, 1601 N. Valderas, and IPH Home Health will present the program, and a **Nacho Bar** will be available for free for those 55-plus attending.

Angleton's Lunch Bunch will be dining at **The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill** in Friendswood on Friday, Sept. 19. Transportation is free, and seniors pay for their own meals. Space is limited, so please register.

Seniors will be shopping at **Old Town Spring** on Wednesday, Sept. 24, if they're registered for this trip. There's more

than 100 family owned stores to explore, and there's dining spots, too. The trip will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation is free, and lunch and shopping expenses depend on each traveler's choices. Please register at the recreation center or online.

The monthly **Potluck Lunch** for Angleton's Silver Hearts, ages 55 and up, will be on Friday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m.

There's a **lot of exercise and senior activity programs** available at ARC, including chair volleyball, bean bag baseball, yoga flow, water aerobics, stretch & strength, zumba, circuit training, Cardio-X, core and balance and more. Check at the recreation center for the schedule or call (979) 849-4364, ext. 4110.

Look for the next Senior Focus in The Bulletin on Tuesday, Oct. 7, where we'll explore all the fun and frights that come with this popular month as we enjoy the seasonal treats.

### FUN FACTS ABOUT SENIORS

- There are 8,000 baby boomers in the United States turning 65 every day.
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# Dancers visit West Columbia Museum

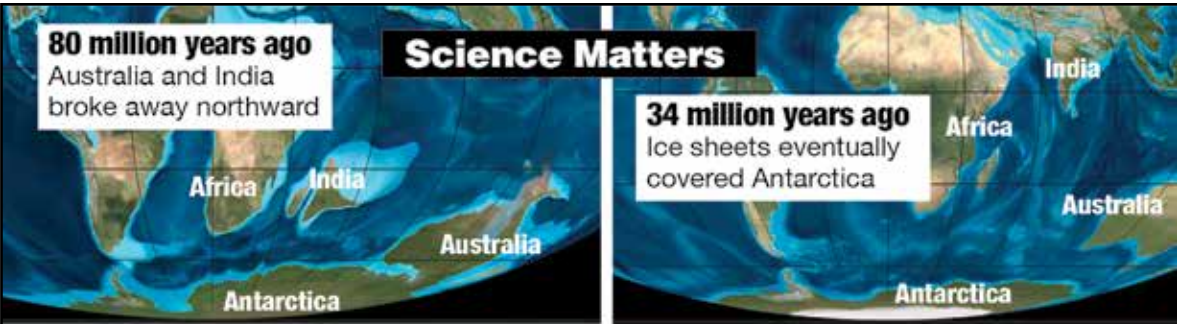


Recently, a musical dance group, The Tom Bass Line Dancers of Houston, visited the West Columbia Museum. The visitors also gave a demonstration of their dance moves, led by Lola Faye Walker. They enticed the staff of the museum to take part. They also visited the Rosenwald School. Groups interested in a program can contact Lola Walker at (713) 240-1886 to come to your school, church or assisted-living homes.

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## Antarctica’s hidden, ancient rivers

Ancient rivers apparently flowed across Antarctica, their remains have been discovered – and their ice flows today could help predictions of future loss from the Antarctic ice sheet.



### During the breakup

This map shows rivers that flowed across East Antarctica into the widening channel created as moving plates of Earth’s crust pushed Australia and India away

## Ancient landscape today

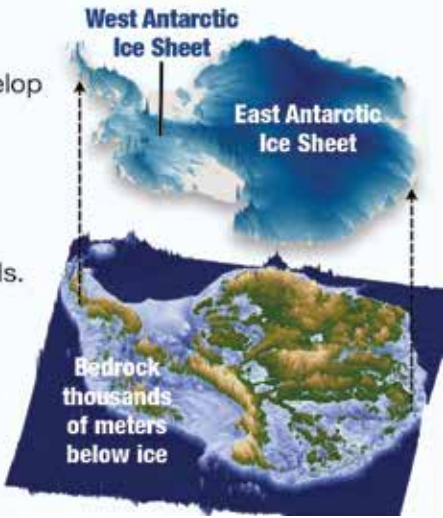
Researchers have used ground-penetrating radar to develop a map of the land lying below Antarctica’s ice sheets

New study found previously unknown **flat-topped structures** separated by deep channels along the coast of East Antarctica

**Fast-flowing glaciers** are steered through those channels. The ice above them is moving much more slowly

**Antarctica’s ice loss is increasing, but the flat structures act as barriers to ice flow**

Source: Guy Paxman of Durham University; Nature Geoscience journal  
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### Antartica Fun Facts

- Antarctica is the coldest, driest, and windiest continent, acting as a global desert with 70% of the world’s fresh water locked in its vast ice sheet. It’s a land of extreme temperatures, home to unique phenomena like the Dry Valleys, which mimic conditions on Mars. Governed by the Antarctic Treaty System, it has no permanent human residents, only temporary scientific staff, and is dedicated to peace and science.
- Antarctica holds the record for the lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth, -89.2°C (-128.6°F).
- Beneath the ice lies Lake Vostok, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world.
- The continent also boasts major mountain ranges, including the Gamburtsev Mountains, hidden beneath the ice.



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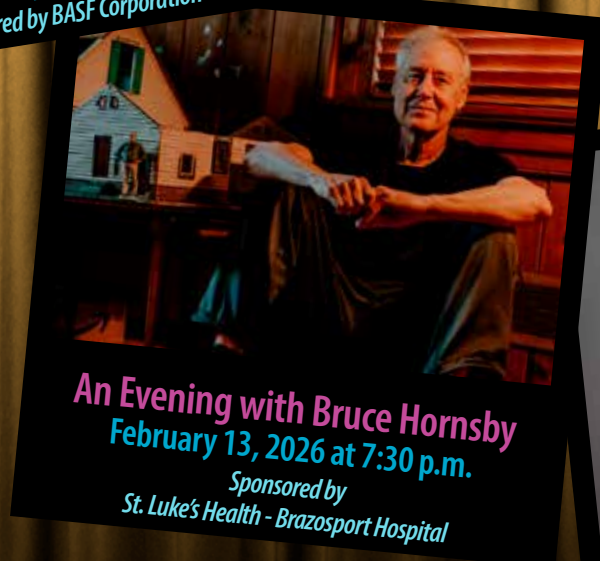
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## Choosing a new, young doctor takes practice and patience

By Lori Borgman  
Tribune News Service (TNS)

Our primary care doctor announced he is joining a concierge practice and invited us to follow him.

We were excited, thinking this meant luxurious fluffy white robes in the exam room and 500-thread-count cotton sheets on the table instead of that crinkly deli wrap paper.

Visions of coffee bars danced in our heads. The concierge practice could keep our specialty coffee orders on file, along with our cholesterol counts and lists of prescription meds.

I ventured there would probably be a masseuse and spa, too. "Where there's a spa, there's a shower," I said.

"YES!" the husband shouted.

"Free little soaps, shampoos and conditioners!"

We wondered if a concierge practice also included valet parking. If there was valet parking, there probably would be fitness-focused excursions - maybe even free membership to a pickleball court.

We were living the dream - until the dream crashed.

After further reading, several voicemail messages and a slick mailing with a QR code for a video, we learned a concierge practice is where a doctor limits the patient load, guarantees a call back within 24 hours and focuses on preventive care, not just treating illnesses.

In exchange for an annual fee. Annual means you pay it every year.

Several thousand dollars. Per warm body.

There's a shortage of primary care doctors, and it is projected to worsen. More and more people are paying annual fees to see a doctor. Luxury concierge practices (the ones that do have fluffy towels and coffee bars) charge as much as \$50,000.

Our doctor was charging nowhere near that. But still.

If the husband lives as long as his dad did - until almost 98 - his concierge fees alone could equal the price of a nice new car. Adjusted for inflation, it could even be two new cars and a boat.

We love our doctor. His changing practices rips my heart out. (I'll need a cardiologist for that.) We were some of his first patients when he began practicing. He gave us his home phone number in case we needed to reach him in an emergency.

We understand why he's switching to a different practice. We'll miss him.

Our main concern in choosing a new health professional is age. That's right, we discriminate and are up front about it. We want doctors who will outlive us.

We both made appointments with a new fella. Mine was yesterday. I couldn't tell his age from the picture online and was eager to see how old he looked.

He swung open the door, said, "Hello" and extended his hand. I instinctively cried, "You're young! You're about the age of our son. He's 43."

He smiled and said, "I'm 41." I think we're gonna like him.

(Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her new book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's" is now available. Email her at [lori@loriborgman.com](mailto:lori@loriborgman.com).)



Lori Borgman

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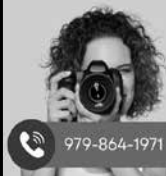
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## Texas is 2025's 8th most-fun state in America

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### Fun in Texas

(1=Most Fun; 25=Avg.):

Overall Rank: 8th

1st – Restaurants per Capita

1st – Movie Theaters per

Capita

18th – Golf Courses & Country Clubs per Capita

1st – Amusement Parks per Capita

12th – Performing-Arts Theaters per Capita

1st – Fitness Centers per Capita

The top 10 most-fun states are California, Florida, Nevada, Illinois, New York, Colorado, Washington, Texas, Minnesota and Oregon.

The bottom 10 are Kansas, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Alabama, Vermont, Arkansas, Delaware, Rhode Island, Mississippi and West Virginia.

California has a large number of restaurants, amusement parks, movie theaters and fitness centers per capita. It also boasts the second-most attractions per capita overall.

The Golden State has a very high number of performing-arts establishments and music festivals per capita, along with the ninth-best access to bars. And although California is one of the most expensive states for beer, it's the least expensive for wine.

When it comes to the outdoors, California has the most scenic byways per capita and the sixth-longest ones in the country.

It also has the best-beach access in the country and the fourth-best weather (at least, when it's not too hot to go out).

## Texas, the one and only

- Texas, the second largest U.S. state, is known for its vastness, leading to the phrase "everything is bigger in Texas," and its rich history as an independent republic before joining the U.S. by treaty.
- Dr Pepper, the oldest major soft drink in America, was invented in Waco in 1885.
- The first frozen margarita machine was invented in Texas in 1971.
- The state's official dish is chili con carne, a cowboy trail stew of dried beef and chilies.
- Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport is larger than the island of Manhattan.
- The state is home to a large number of high-tech companies, earning it the nickname "Silicon Hills" in the Greater Austin area.
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## Researchers discover immune system's 'fountain of youth'

By Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The immune system is meant to protect the body from infection and disease, but with age, it can become less capable of doing so. However, Mayo Clinic researchers have found that some older people maintain "immune youth" — a new term coined by Mayo researchers to explain a young immune system in someone over age 60.

"We are studying why some individuals have a 'fountain of youth' in their immune systems. We want to learn from them,"

says Cornelia Weyand, M.D., Ph.D., a Mayo Clinic rheumatologist and clinician-scientist. She is a lead author on a perspective paper published in "Nature Aging".

Dr. Weyand's research team discovered this cellular fountain of youth in more than 100 older patients who came to Mayo Clinic to receive treatment for an autoimmune disease that affects the arteries, including the aorta, called giant cell arteritis. Dr. Weyand and colleagues found in the diseased tissue of these patients specialized immune

cells, called stem-like T cells. These immune cells behave like young stem cells that usually regenerate and aid healing and growth; but in this case, they were spreading the disease. This team of researchers also discovered autoimmune stem cells in humans previously.

"We observed that these patients have very young immune systems despite being in their 60s and 70s. But the price they pay for that is autoimmunity," she says.

Autoimmunity is when the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissues and organs.

In addition, the researchers saw that the immune checkpoint inhibitors that regulate the immune system were not working properly.

### Benefits of immune system aging

"Contrary to what one may think, there are benefits to having an immune system that ages in tandem with the body," says Jörg Goronzy, M.D., Ph.D., a Mayo Clinic researcher on aging, who is a co-lead author of the paper. "We need to consider the price to pay for immune youthfulness. That price can be autoimmune disease."

Immune aging is a sophisticated adaptation mechanism that the immune system can use to prevent autoimmune disease, say the researchers.

They are in the process of developing new diagnostic tests that will help find patients and healthy individuals who carry high numbers of immune stem cells and may be predisposed to autoimmune disease later in life. The research is part of a larger effort at Mayo Clinic called the Precure initiative, focused on developing tools that empower clinicians to predict and intercept biological processes before they evolve into disease or progress into complex, hard-to-treat conditions.

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**Thursday, Sept. 4:** Smothered meatballs, rice, cheese broccoli, peas, coleslaw, biscuits, dessert.

**Friday, Sept. 5:** Sausage & onions, corn casserole, turnip greens, carrots, watermelon, cornbread, dessert.

**Monday, Sept. 8:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, peas, peaches, garlic sticks, dessert.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9:** Happy Birthday! Baked chicken, dressing & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot & raisin salad, rolls, birthday cake.

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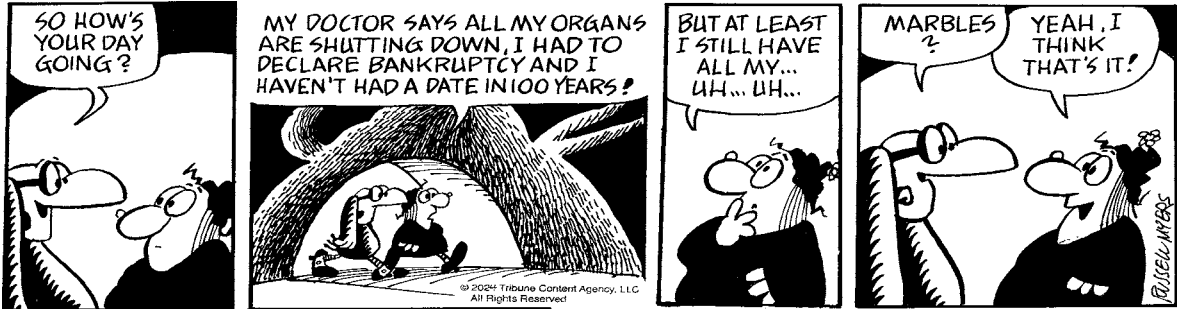


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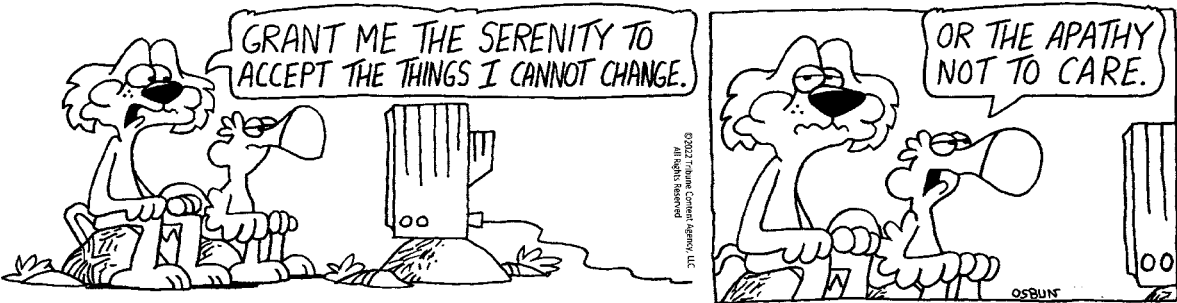
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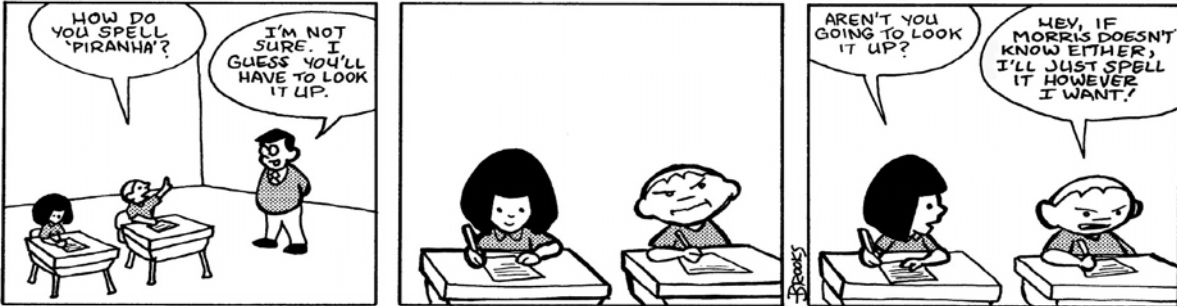
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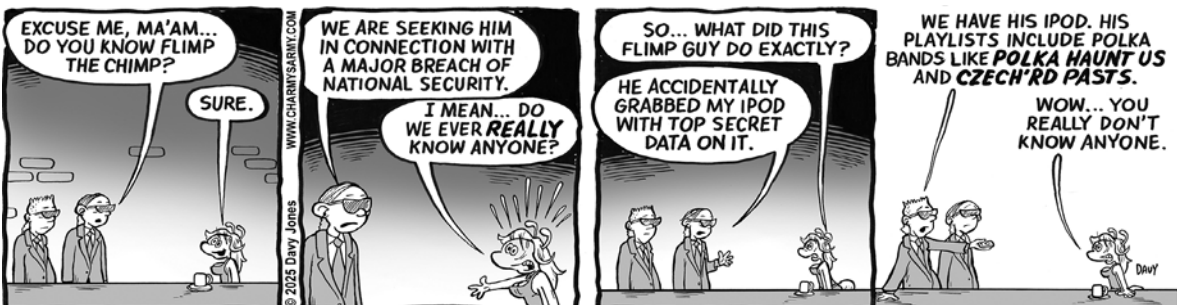
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# Weekly Bulletin Horoscope

By Magi Helena

Tribune Content Agency

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Last week's darker stars are still with us. Move with care and postpone important decisions temporarily. Some old business may be hanging around in your mind; try to clarify and release it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Impulse actions could tempt you but could go very wrong now. Connecting with old friends could warm your heart. Bring energy into helping others but avoid a difference of opinion of how things should get done.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Anxieties could disturb your harmony. With the poor Universal vibe now, wait temporarily to fix whatever is broken. Rely on calm and clarifying wisdom in relationships and don't stir the pot.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Be the calm amid chaos. Avoid serious topics today and tomorrow, darker stars generally don't support helpful outcomes. Don't doubt your skill set; it's still there. Remind yourself of previous wins. Take the opportunity for a creative outlet or getaway.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Keeping opinions to yourself might be

a wiser course now. It's a great day for relaxing and recharging your batteries, enjoy cocooning if you can. Discussions about any money concerns could become a problem - wait temporarily to address issues.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If relationship issues arise, it could be difficult to have confidence in any agreements or decisions made now; better to wait a few days for new resolutions. Avoid taking on any potentially difficult or overwhelming projects until mid-week.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If a dispute arises, don't engage today - think it through and apply an appropriate fix in a few days. If single, these are the wrong stars for meeting anyone new. Ongoing relationships could bring mixed messages. Don't attach much importance now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If inner peace just isn't showing up today, be patient. Creatives may feel drawn toward a project but also lack enough confidence to innovate. It could be hard to resolve any relationship matters that come up for at least another day.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Find some fun with your crew but keep the action on the tamer side, there's higher risk for both arguments and mishaps today. Use extra caution even in getting routine chores done. Your heart could be in your home now.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talent and charisma are your personal QR codes. A getaway may not happen, or it may turn out other than you'd like. Sticking closer to home might be better. If in doubt, don't initiate any difficult conversations for a few days.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Please stay off the topic of money temporarily. Wild-card stars across money houses could make big trouble instead of resolving problems. You may need to get out for a while just to get clear. It's a great day to help someone out instead or do something to help your mindset.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel vulnerable or volatile. Make a plan for yourself to relieve stress and improve your mood. Watch for communication misfires. It would be better to postpone whatever it is you may be itching to say at this time. Instead, be patient, create and dream.



## On This Day In History

### September 3

1833 - The first successful penny newspaper in the U.S., "The New York Sun," was launched by Benjamin H. Day.

1967 - The TV game show, "What's My Line?", broadcast its final episode. The show aired over 17 years on CBS.

1981 - David Brinkley left NBC News after 38 years to join with ABC.

### September 4

1833 - Barney Flaherty answered an ad in "The New York Sun" and became the first newsboy/paperboy at the age of 10.

1953 - The New York Yankees became the first baseball team to win five consecutive American League championships.

### September 5

1836 - Sam Houston was elected as the first president of the Republic of Texas.

1882 - The first U.S. Labor Day parade was held in New York City.

1983 - "Sports Illustrated" became the first national weekly magazine to use four-color process illustrations on every page.

### September 6

1943 - The youngest player to appear in an American League baseball game was pitcher Carl Scheib of the Phila-

delphia Athletics. Scheib was 16 years, eight months and five days old.

1975 - Martina Navratilova requested political asylum while in New York for the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament.

### September 7

1915 - Johnny Gruelle received a patent for his Raggedy Ann doll. (U.S. Patent D47789)

1930 - The cartoon, "Blondie", made its first appearance in comic strips.

1971 - "The Beverly Hillbillies" was seen for the final time on CBS-TV.

### September 8

1892 - An early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance" appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

1973 - Hank Aaron hit his 709th home run.

1974 - U.S. President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former U.S. President Nixon.

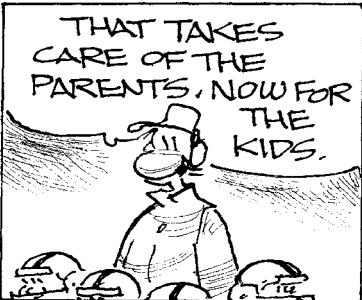
### September 9

1836 - Abraham Lincoln received his license to practice law.

1965 - Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched the eighth perfect game in major league baseball history.

1986 - Ted Turner presented the first of his colorized films on WTBS in Atlanta, GA.

## THE MIDDLETONS



By Tim Jones

## SOUR GRAPES







Plus-sized Southwest Airlines passengers face costly changes

The Dallas Morning News (TNS)

Southwest Airlines is changing its longstanding policy for plus-sized passengers beginning next year.

Starting Jan. 27, the same day Southwest will begin offering assigned seating on flights, customers who “encroach upon the neighboring seat(s)” should purchase the number of seats they need prior to traveling if they want to secure the seat next to them, the airline said on its website.

However, the airline, which is

headquartered at Dallas Love Field, may not offer those customers a refund, as it has done in the past.

It is the latest sweeping change that has eliminated multiple popular longstanding policies as the carrier looks to generate revenue. Other changes include charging for checked baggage, introducing new fare types and offering assigned seating and premium seating, similar to other major carriers.

When the new policy takes effect, Southwest passengers

who show up at the airport and need an extra seat will be required to purchase one at the rate for that day. If one isn’t available, they will be re-booked on another flight.

Plus-sized passengers who purchase fares that do not allow them to select assigned seating should contact Southwest “as soon as possible” after booking so the airline can assist them.

Southwest said it will not assign seats to other members of a passenger’s party if the fare does not include that.

How many Americans are moving abroad?

MIAMI — Au revoir, America. The number of Americans moving abroad has risen sharply in recent months, likely due to a number of factors, new data reveals.

An estimated 1,285 U.S. citizens expatriated in the first quarter of 2025, marking a 102% increase compared with the last quarter of 2024, according to a report from CS Global Partners, which analyzed statistics from the U.S. Federal Register.

Should this pattern continue, 2025 is poised to see a record-high number of Americans relocating overseas, surpassing the previous peak in 2020 - during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For those moving abroad, Europe emerged as the top choice, with Greece, in particular, appearing to be the favorite destination, according to the report.

—Miami Herald

LEGAL NOTICE

50-280 (Rev. 4-22/6)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The \_\_\_\_\_ Columbia-Brazoria Independent School District \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 PM on September 16, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ CBISD Administration Building \_\_\_\_\_ 520 South 16th Street, West Columbia, TX 77486 \_\_\_\_\_. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.6969 \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
 School Debt Service Tax  
 Approved by Local Voters \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.2561 \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or \_\_\_\_\_ 2.33 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)  
 Debt service \_\_\_\_\_ 1.05 \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)  
 Total expenditures \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or \_\_\_\_\_ 1.76 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____ 3,750,426,391 _____	\$ _____ 3,915,384,705 _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____ 250,698,262 _____	\$ _____ 64,823,928 _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____ 2,590,871,445 _____	\$ _____ 2,496,439,141 _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____ 100,323,194 _____	\$ _____ 55,251,997 _____

\* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* “New property” is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
 \*\*\* “Taxable value” is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 101,450,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 0.6669	\$ 0.2889 *	\$ 0.9558	\$ 8,575	\$ 5,046
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.6201	\$ 0.2561 *	\$ 0.8762	\$ 7,757	\$ 5,699
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.6969	\$ 0.2561 *	\$ 0.9530	\$ 8,404	\$ 6,480

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 288,866	\$ 285,092
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 118,423	\$ 93,424
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.9558	\$ 0.9530
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,132	\$ 890
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (242)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is **\$0.9230**. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of **\$0.9230**, unless the district adopts a tax rate in accordance with Texas Tax Code, §26.042(e), (f) and (g).

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 9,206,530
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,233,433

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.



# Texas pulling ahead as national economic growth slows

*The Dallas Morning News (TNS)*  
Job growth, strong consumer spending, housing affordability and surging business investment are making the South the fastest-growing regional economy in the U.S., according to a new report from Visa.  
Economic growth slowed in all

four U.S. regions in the first quarter of 2025 as tariff implementation and uncertainty weighed on businesses and consumers.  
Still, the South led the nation in economic expansion and job creation, according to data from the credit card giant.  
Service sector hiring across

the region has outpaced expectations, and robust consumer spending in Texas and Florida - two of the country's top domestic migration destinations - is fueling much of the momentum, the report said.  
Michael Brown, Visa's principal U.S. economist, said Texas in particular is an anchor for the regional growth story. He pointed to about 270,000 tech workers the state has added since the pandemic.  
Visa's economists now forecast the South's gross domestic product to grow by 1.6% and 1.2% year over year in the third and fourth quarters of 2025.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration of the Estate of Joseph Wray aka Joseph Corbin Wray, Deceased, were issued on August 7, 2025, in Cause No. PR45048, pending in the County Court at Law No. 4, Brazoria County, Texas, to: Debra Anne Furrh a/k/a Debra Wray Furrh.  
All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: **Moerer & King, LLP**  
**Carl H. Moerer, Jr.**  
**701 South 11 th Street**  
**Richmond, Texas 77469**  
**DATED the 26th day of August 2025.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jerry Smith were issued on July 11, 2025, in Docket No. PR45543, pending in the County Court at Law Number Four of Brazoria County, Texas, to Theresa Guerin.  
All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:  
c/o Theresa Guerin  
1300 Buchta Road  
Angleton, Texas 77515  
Dated July 11, 2025,  
Theresa Guerin  
Executor of the Estate of Jerry Smith

### LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CAUSE NO. 118876-CV  
149th District Court  
Lloyd Knowles  
vs.

Jarad Donely, et al  
TO: Certain named Defendants and unknown heirs, assignees, transferees, and/or persons claiming any interest in the Property which is the subject of this suit, being the entirety of the Adjoining 2.00 and 4.00 Tracts and Parcels of Land In the S.M Williams Lewague. Abstract 139, Brazoria County, Texas whether by, through, or under any of the named parties Defendant, or otherwise, including, the Estate of Ike Rhodes, Deceased, and a class of Unknown Defendants, comprised of unknown heirs, assignees's, transferees, and/or persons claiming any interest in the Property the subject of this suit, whether by, through, or under any of the named parties Defendant, or otherwise authorized. These parties defendant are referred to collectively herein as the "Unlocated and Unknown Parties Defendant.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this Citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this Citation was issued, a Default Judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs First Amended Original Petition for Perfection of Title by Adverse Possession at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this Citation, which is a legal holiday; therefore, the same being Tuesday the 2nd day of September, 2025, before the Honorable 149th District Court, Brazoria County Courthouse, Angleton, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed in said court on the 23rd day of September, 2022 in the

above entitled cause.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, Clear title to land to-wit: PARCEL ONE: Being that certain 4.00 tract or parcel of land in the S. M. Williams League, Abstract 139, Brazoria County, Texas, being the same property described by metes and bounds in that certain Warranty Deed from Minnie Bell Williams to Julius Knowles dated October 13, 1995, recorded under clerk's file number 95-034926 of the Official Public Records of Brazoria County, Texas and also being described in a deed from Julius Knowles and Myra Knowles to the Trust dated November 3, 2007, recorded under Document Number 2007063826 of the Official Public Records of Brazoria County, Texas. It is also the same property identified as Tract 32 (PT) listed under Property ID #162648 by the Brazoria County Appraisal District. PARCEL TWO: Being that certain 2.00 acre tract of land in the S. M. Williams League, Abstract 139, Brazoria County, Texas, being the same property described in a deed from Julius Knowles and Myra Knowles to the Trust dated November 3, 2007, recorded under Document Number 2007063824 of the Official Public Records of Brazoria County, Texas, being the same property identified as Tract 32E, listed under Property ID Number 162649 by the Brazoria County Appraisal District, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Amended Petition on file in this suit.

If filing Pro Se, said answer may be filed by mailing same to: Brazoria County District Clerk's Office, 237 E. Locust, Suite 206, Angleton, Texas, 77515-4678 or by bringing said answer in person to the aforementioned address.

The name and address of the Attorney for Plaintiff is Wes Griggs, 301 South 17th Street, PO Box 517, West Columbia, TX 77486, 979-345-5188.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter Judgment. Any such Judgment will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Angleton, Texas, on the 15th day of July, 2025.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CASSANDRA TIGNER, DISTRICT CLERK  
Brazoria County, Texas  
By: Clarissa Longoria Deputy

## Seek medical help for depression and turn to God

*From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham*

There are many forms of depression. From a medical point of view, doctors urge people to seek professional help - particularly when depression reoccurs.

But it is also possible to receive help from God to deliver people from unknown fears. He helps His people and strengthens them spiritually and emotionally. It's so important to learn to trust God in every circumstance and to keep our eyes on Him.

The great Prophet Elijah got so discouraged that he even asked God to take away his life

(see 1 Kings 19). There were probably many things that contributed to Elijah's depression - physical weariness, hunger, and sense of defeat. He felt he had not been successful, fearing the future; perhaps fearing that his enemies would kill him.

But the heart of the matter was that Elijah was concentrating on his circumstances rather than on God. God's answer was to meet his physical needs by giving him rest and food, but more than that, God gave him a new vision of the glory and power and love of God. Elijah went on to do many great things in the Name of the Lord.

God loves His people, and He wants us to know that He is with us in every situation. Christ can take away our fears. *"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine"* (Isaiah 43:1, NKJV). This can be our experience as we walk with Christ each day.

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# What is Grandparents Day about?

Grandparents Day is a holiday celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 7, to honor grandparents and their contributions to families and communities. It's a day for showing appreciation and love for grandparents and for grandchildren to learn from their wisdom and experience. In the United States, it's celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, which usually falls in September.

- Grandparents Day is a special occasion to acknowledge and celebrate the important role grandparents play in families. It's an opportunity for grandchildren to show their love and appreciation for their grandparents and to learn from their life experiences.
- The day is often marked by visits, phone calls, or video calls with grandparents, as well as sharing meals, gifts, or engaging in activities together.
- In the US, National Grandparents Day was officially proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter in 1978, with the holiday being celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. The holiday was championed by Marian McQuade, who believed in the importance of intergenerational relationships.
- While the US celebrates Grandparents Day on the first Sunday after Labor Day, other countries observe it on different dates. Some nations even have separate days for celebrating grandmothers and grandfathers.
- **More ways to celebrate:** Look through old photos and reminisce about the past. Create a personalized card or craft to show your love. Ask them about their childhood, their parents, or their life experiences. Help with yard work, cleaning, or other household tasks. Run errands for them, like grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions. Assist with technology issues or set up new devices. Most of all, show how much you love your grandparents.



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## Marian McQuade founded Grandparents Day

Marian McQuade spent countless years of her life pushing for rights of the elderly and created the national holiday celebrated in the United States and other countries which is named Grandparents Day.

McQuade's created the holiday to help "alleviate loneliness" that many elderly people feel. She believed that grandparents are your ties back to your roots and traditions, all while being full of memories and experience.

McQuade left behind a legacy that is continued today by her family in hope that all grandparents and non-grandparents of age are appreciated.

She was born on Jan. 18, 1917, in Caperton, W. Va., and died at 91 on Sept. 26, 2008.

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