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Avalos P-Tech student scholarships



Rose Avalos with a \$1000 scholarship check

NEWS NOTES

East Aldine District expands funding of scholarships

45 Aldine Seniors receive \$15,000; 125 Avalos HS Seniors receive \$1000; Total over \$800,000

Aldine ISD statement on School Security

In the wake of the mass school shooting in Uvalde, Texas last week, the Aldine ISD District has issued the following statement about their security protocols:

The safety and security of Aldine ISD's students and staff will always be the district's top priority. To that end, the district is fortunate to have its own full-time Police Department that includes officers who are assigned to all high schools and middle schools, and patrol the other campuses and district facilities. Aldine PD officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Because of this, Aldine ISD does not implement the school marshal program. The only authorized firearms on our campuses are carried by fully-licensed police officers.

All 82 campuses have metal detectors that are used everyday during the school year. All high schools and middle schools have police officers assigned to their campuses.

District widens its investment in local graduates

The East Aldine Management District has expanded its already generous funding of college-level scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the area.

Two ceremonies in May showcased the District's most recent investments in the future of East Aldine's next generation of leaders and strivers.

The District, funded by a 1-cent sales tax, dispensed, pledged or shared in the funding of \$800,000 in scholarships this year to support higher education opportunities for the students.

"Our financial support of continuing education for young people is an important way to contribute to the future of the entire community. Absolutely," said Richard Cantú, District executive director.

He was one of several community leaders who spoke at the first ceremony, which was for all Aldine ISD graduates.



East Aldine Executive Director Richard Cantu addresses Graduates

There, District funds — in combination with other donations to the Aldine Education Fund — provided 45 annual \$15,000 endowed scholarships to students at Aldine ISD's MacArthur High School. MacArthur and Rose Avalos P-Tech High School are the two Aldine ISD high schools located within the district's 20 square miles.

At the ceremony at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, the soon-to-be graduates were feted with

balloons, mariachi music and words of encouragement from school district leaders and public officials.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney congratulated the scholarship winners and urged them to continue to strive.

"This is truly my favorite time of the year, a time when I get to see you, our soon-to-be-graduates, smiling and excited to be on the cusp of the next phase of your lives,"

Goffney said. "I look forward to hearing about you when you become community leaders, movers and shakers, making a difference in our community. I am proud of you. I am inspired by you," Goffney said.

Many of the scholarship recipients were neatly but casually dressed in jeans and senior class T-shirts as their proud family members applauded their accomplishments.

As a mariachi band

played, the students took out cards and waved them at the leaders of the foundation and district. Each sign was emblazoned with the words: "Gracias!" and "Thank You."

A week later, the 125 students who are expected to be the first graduates of Avalos P-Tech in 2023 gathered at the center to learn they would each receive \$1,000 scholarships next year, through a new program sponsored by the East Aldine Management District.

The District has funded a \$200,000 endowment, along with an additional \$100,000 pledge, to sustain the scholarships for students at Avalos.

Cantú also serves on the board of the Aldine Education Foundation, which announced that 238 Aldine ISD graduating seniors each would receive an additional \$1,000 to pursue their college degrees or technical certificates.

The foundation will also provide annual \$1,000 college scholarships to all graduates of Avalos.

— By Anne Marie Kilday

Pct. 2 Seniors visit Lucky Land



Harris County Pct 2 Seniors from Pep Mueller and North East community centers visit Lucky Land on Airline in Houston, Texas on June 2nd. They brought along a copy of their favorite community newspaper—the Northeast News. L-R Socorro, Rose, Estrella, Maria, Ofelia, Guadalupe, Kenneth, Laura, Maria, Elsa and Ken. (Photo by Marina Flores Sugg)

Abbott orders School Safety Study instead of Special Session

AUSTIN — In lieu of calling a special session of the legislature to deal with new regulations to curb mass shootings, as requested by several state legislators, Governor Greg Abbott today sent a joint letter to Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan requesting the Texas legislative leaders convene special legislative committees following last week's tragic shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde. The special legislative committees should be charged with examining and developing legislative

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Governor Greg Abbott, center, in Uvalde after the mass murder of 21 persons, announcing action that Texas will take to address the problem of mass shootings. Others at the press conference, L to R, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Senator Ted Cruz, and House Speaker Dade Phelan. Abbott charged the leadership of the Senate and House with studying solutions that could be enacted by the State to curb future massacres.

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“Safer Together” Summer Fair June 18

The East Aldine community is invited to a SAFER TOGETHER Summer Fair, June 18 from 10am to 2pm at the East Aldine District Amphitheater, 2800 Aldine Mail Route.

The event will include COVID-19 Vaccine shots, Zumba, Gift Cards, Face Painting, Moonwalk, and Giveaways including a chance to Win a TV.

Sponsors include Bonding Against Adversity, VAX HOU, Hope Clinic, East Aldine District, and Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia.

COMMUNITY WATCH

House Fire on Hardwicke has \$150,000 damage

Houston Fire Department reports a fire in The Greater Greenspoint area at the 200 block of Hardwicke, on May 20 at 5:00 pm resulted in \$150,000 damage.

Injuries included two deceased dogs, but no persons injured. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Firefighters arrived on scene within seven minutes to find smoke and fire coming from a 1-story house. They made an attack on the fire and ventilated the roof. The utilities were secured, and a primary search was conducted.

Crews found a cat and removed two dogs, unfortunately, the dogs were unsuccessfully resuscitated.

The fire was controlled within about 15 minutes and CenterPoint was contacted to secure the power. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Crews from Stations 64, 74, 84, 31, 15, 67 and 30 responded to this incident.

Suspect Arrested in fatal shooting on W. Gulf Bank

Houston police have arrested a suspect charged in the fatal shooting of a man at 1415 West Gulf Bank Road about 3:35 p.m. on April 5, 2021.

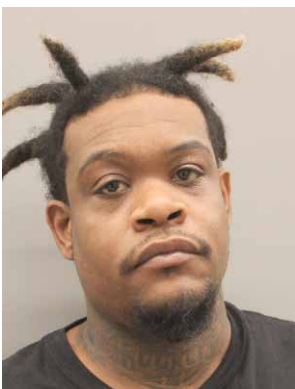
The suspect, John Johnson, 31, is charged with murder in the 177th State District Court. A booking photo of Johnson is attached to this news release.

He is accused in the shooting of Chaz Bass, 33.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives C. Lamont and L. Lange reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment complex at the above address. Upon arrival, officers and Houston Fire Department paramedics found Mr. Bass deceased in the parking lot. A preliminary investigation determined Bass was returning to his vehicle after throwing away a box in a dumpster when he was shot multiple times.

Further investigation identified Johnson as the suspect in this case. On Wednesday (May 18), members of HPD’s North Division - Hot Spot Unit and Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force arrested Johnson.




John Johnson

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Toss it into the can. It’s a neat idea.



Gov. Abbott calls for School Safety Study,

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recommendations on school safety, mental health, social media, police training, firearm safety, and more.

“As Texans mourn the tragedy that occurred at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde last week, we as a State must reassess the twin issues of school safety and mass violence,” reads the letter. “As leaders, we must come together at this time to provide solutions to protect all Texans. Accordingly, I hereby request that each of you convene a special legislative committee. I look forward to working with you both on this important mission to make Texas safer, and I stand ready to provide any and all support.”

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick: Forms Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans

AUSTIN - Today, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement announcing the Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans. Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, will serve as Chair. Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, will serve as Co-Vice Chairs. Upon forming the committee, Lt. Gov. Patrick issued the following statement:

“In response to Gov. Abbott’s request today, as President of the Texas Senate, I am naming the following members to the Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans:

Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, Chair
Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Paul Bettencourt,



Gubernatorial Candidate Beto O'Rourke interrupted the Press Conference, pointing to Abbott and saying “This is on You” referring to lack of action on meaningful gun regulations by the state after previous mass shootings in Texas.

R-Houston
Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury
Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels
Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen
Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Tyler
Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock
Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas
Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo

“Chairman Nichols is an engineer by profession, Sen. Creighton is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Higher Education and Sen. Kolkhorst is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. These three leaders have the experience and knowledge to lead this important committee. The committee members also represent a cross section of school districts and communities of all sizes across the state.

“Gov. Abbott has asked us to study 5 important areas:

- School Safety
- Mental Health
- Social Media
- Police Training
- Firearm Safety

“I have asked Chair Nichols to hold his hearing on June 23 or a date shortly thereafter.

I want to give the families and the community of Uvalde time to complete all funeral services before beginning hearings so those who wish to testify may take part. I have asked Chair Nichols to coordinate with the House of Representatives Chair to hold their hearings on the same date, if possible, to accommodate both invited and public witnesses.

“Before creation of this committee, last week, I sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, Mike Morath, to request an extension through the end of the next legislative session for applying for school safety grants, which were set to expire on May 31. There is still nearly \$14 million in the fund that schools could still request.

“We will also be working with Attorney General Paxton’s office to ensure payments from the Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund, once approved, are expedited.

“All of us working together is the answer. Now is not the time for politics. It is all about doing all we can so that we never see another tragedy like this happen again in Texas.”

Another arrest made in fake paper license plate scheme

HOUSTON – More charges have been filed in the fraudulent paper license plate scheme involving fake car dealerships who issued more than 700,000 illegitimate paper tags, announced U.S. Attorney Jennifer Lowery.

Law enforcement arrested Daniel Rocky Christine-Tani, 33, Sugar Land, today. He is expected to make his initial appearance at 10 a.m. tomorrow before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sam Sheldon.

A federal grand jury in Houston returned the 22-count superseding indictment May 11 charging Christine-Tani aka Daniel Rocky Christine-Tahi, Ruben Gonzalez, Rocky Keys and Daniel Christine with conspiracy and various counts of wire fraud. The indictment also adds more charges against known fugitive Emmanuel Padilla Reyes aka Christian Hernandez Bonilla or Noel Rivera, 32, last known of Houston. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the FBI at 713-693-5000.

Co-conspirators Leidy Areli Hernandez Lopez, 40, Houston, and Octavian Ocasio, 50, New York, were previously charged and arrested in the same scheme.

The indictment alleges all four participated in a scheme involving the use of fictitious car dealerships to issue and sell hundreds of thousands of Texas temporary buyer tags without selling cars. They also allegedly used email accounts and text messaging to communicate and deliver the fraudulent tags to purchasers throughout the United States. The four received and shared proceeds from the fraudulent sale of Texas buyer tags, according to the charges.

In Texas, used car dealerships must have an independent GDN license to buy, sell or exchange used vehicles. To obtain a license applicants must apply. Once an applicant obtains a GDN license, they can buy, sell or exchange used cars and create temporary buyer tags for the transaction through the

Texas Department of Motor Vehicle’s online eTag portal. The portal is web-based and password protected, and only licensed GDN holders can access it. However, the GDN holder can create other users on their account to allow access to the portal to create and issue buyer tags.

The co-conspirators allegedly provided false information such as fake identities, drivers licenses, lease agreements and business signs in the online application portal to obtain GDN licenses for fictitious car dealerships. The indictment further alleges they advertised the sale of Texas buyer tags via Facebook and Instagram.

According to the charges, the illegal tags pose a danger to the public and law enforcement because purchasers use them to avoid obtaining registration, safety inspections and liability insurance. They can also allegedly be used to hide identities from law enforcement.

If convicted, each faces up to 20 years in prison and a possible \$250,000 maximum fine.

The FBI conducted the investigation with assistance from Travis County Precinct 3 Constables Office, Houston Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, sheriff’s offices in Harris and Ft. Bend Counties, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, New York State Police and New York City Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Belinda Beek and Adam Goldman are prosecuting the case



HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB:
You’re invited to our June book club on June 27th at 6pm. We will be reading L.A. Weather by Maria Amparo Escandón. We have copies available for checkout if you’d like to join.

SEED LIBRARY:
Every week we will be debuting new seeds for you to stop by and pick up free of charge. Customers are limited to one packet of seed per person.

MAKE & PLAY MONDAYS:
Teens are welcome to a weekly program with a different challenge, craft, games or other fun activities each week! Every Monday at 3pm.

MAKING WAVES CRAFT CLUB:
If you’re looking for fun projects for the kids – than the Library is the place for you! Join us every Wednesday at 3pm for a fun ocean themed craft.

MYSTERY CLUB:
Calling all adults. Help us solve the case with our monthly mystery club. The next meet-up will be Wednesday, June 8th at 1pm.

BOOKS ALIVE STORYTIME:
Come to our special storytime Tuesday, June 7th at 10:30am. Books Alive’s 45-minute musical rendition of Princess Penelope’s Parrot is a story of a spoiled Princess who cannot get her new parrot to talk, even after threatening it and calling it nasty names. But when Prince Percival comes courting, the parrot gets revenge on the greedy princess in a hilarious and fitting conclusion.

UNDER THE SEA STORYTIME:
Our storytime has been revamped for the summer. Join us every Thursday at 11:15am for Under the Sea Storytime!

MANGA CLUB:
School is out but Manga Club is still in session! Stop by every Thursday at 3pm for Manga Club!

SEA A MOVIE + SEASIDE CRAFTS:
Need a Saturday outing that’s indoors? The High Meadows Library will have a fun movie for children and a craft for adults! Happening Saturday, June 11th at 12pm.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY:
We need YOU to become a friend of the library. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to help us form a group to be the voice of the community! If you have what it takes, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Want to make a difference or give back to your community? The High Meadows Library needs volunteers to help us with our Summer Reading Program and to teach classes. If you are interested in helping with Summer Reading Program or with our Literacy classes, stop by the library and ask for Jennifer.

GRADCAFÉ:
Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop offering free services to help you decide on a career, explore education and training options, apply to college, and find the financial aid you need. Whether you want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide you through every step. You’re never too young or old to get started. Services are available in English or Spanish.

For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Alumni Success Story: 2016 Alumnus, Iván Delgado, Achieves Dream With NASA

Iván’s Journey to NASA — Showing He Has the Right Stuff

A career at NASA was a dream that started at Carver High School for alumnus Iván Delgado. Before entering his senior year at the magnet school for technology, engineering, and the arts, Iván had completed the space agency’s free Summer High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) Program (Students have to complete all the assigned work with the top students being selected.). Iván said he knew that he wanted to be a part of NASA’s future as soon as he stepped onto the JSC.

Upon finishing the high school program, he searched NASA’s One Stop Shopping Initiative (OSSI) website. Iván was looking for college scholarships when he stumbled upon an opportunity. Iván applied and got accepted into a year-long internship at Johnson Space Center (JSC).

Among the college juniors, seniors, and Ph.D. participants, Iván was the only high school student in the yearlong program. That meant he would be traveling Monday through Friday between attending school at Carver and headed to the Johnson Space Center (JSC) to work as an intern.

Iván worked in the Computer Safety Working Group, where he created a data retrieval application written in the Python programming language. The program uses a specific coding language that Iván had no prior experience with. Still, he was up for the challenge. He taught himself the new coding language to efficiently operate the



program, which compiles data that NASA’s Office of Safety and Mission Assurance officials use to identify safety concerns for upcoming flights, missions, software transitions, and final safety reviews.

Iván got to experience some “cool things like boarding the International Space Station (ISS)” using virtual reality — it is what astronauts use to prepare for missions and spacewalks. Yet, it was the daily interactions that inspired and motivated him. He knew that NASA was where he was meant to be.

Iván received news he would continue to work at Johnson after being accepted as a full-time Avionics and Software intern in the International Space Station division.

As the first-gen student was about to leave for college, NASA honored Iván for his efforts at the space agency. The award recognized his diligence and quick thinking in dealing with a circumstance that could have represented a significant threat onsite at Johnson Space Center. Dr. Stephen Mackwell presented Iván with the award. Mackwell was USRA’s Director of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas, from 2002 until 2016. From 2016 until 2019, Mackwell was the Corporate Director, Science Programs at USRA Headquarters in Columbia, MD. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Earth Science at Rice University.

Paying It Forward by Looking to Help Aldine ISD Students

Iván hasn’t lost touch with the Aldine community. He and friend Noe Hernández, a math teacher at

Aldine High School, are discussing setting up after-school programs to guide students. They will focus on professional development such as navigating career fairs in college, getting the right experience to land interviews, and gaining insight into technical careers.

“I want to let them know that anything is possible,” says Iván. “I hear that the current superintendent uses the phrase ‘multiply hope,’ That is a great way of expressing what I want to do for students with a dream to go to college and pursue a STEM field.”

What’s Next?

Since graduating from college, Iván has been learning Russian. He says he has an elementary proficiency but is constantly working on it. He also received the NASA Software, Robotics, and Simulation Division Mountainside Award for outstanding work leading to the completion and demonstration of the Gateway Data Services Initial Production Rollout. The critical software will fly on Gateway, a new space station that will orbit the moon and put humans back on the moon for the first time since the 1970s. Now, Ivan has more responsibility. He reviews and assesses system designs from developmental stages through real-time operations. He ensures spacecraft such as those from SpaceX, are safe and don’t pose a threat to the astronauts on board the International Space Station (ISS).

Iván still looks forward to exploring the final frontier.

Aldine ISD CNS Will Serve Up Good Nutrition for Local Children This Summer

Bringing healthy summer meals to Aldine ISD children ensures that kids have a healthy vacation and will return to school in August ready to learn.

This summer, Aldine ISD Child Nutrition Services (CNS) Department will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years of age with healthy, no-cost summer meals.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

“Aldine children need good nutrition year-round to learn, grow, and succeed in life,” said Susan D’Amico, Aldine ISD’s executive director of child nutrition services. “With nearly 2 million food insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during summer vacation.”

Individuals interested in learning more about the program and finding out more details and participating campuses and meal service times should visit <https://aldinecafe.org>.

Aldine ISD is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use the following tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state of Texas:

Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator

Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map

Texas FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304

Organizations partner with TDA to serve meals in areas where more than 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. An organization with a TDA contract must sponsor all meal sites. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, faith-based groups, nonprofit summer camps, government agencies, and

other tax-exempt organizations.

Summer meal sites help children succeed by providing the nourishment they need to return to school in the fall, ready to thrive.

Below is a list of Summer Feeding sites and dates and times when meals will be available.



SUMMER FEEDING SITES 2022

SCHOOL SITES	DATES	DAYS OF THE WEEK	SERVING TIMES
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</u> <u>JUNE</u>			
DeSantiago Primary	June 3-30, 2022	Monday – Thursday (June 3rd is the only Friday)	Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
Garcia-Leza Primary	June 3-30, 2023	Monday – Thursday (June 3rd is the only Friday)	Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
Keeble Primary	June 3-30, 2024	Monday – Thursday (June 3rd is the only Friday)	Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
Jones Primary	June 3-30, 2025	Monday – Thursday (June 3rd is the only Friday)	Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
Stovall Primary	June 3-30, 2026	Monday – Thursday (June 3rd is the only Friday)	Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 10:30-11:45 am
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</u> <u>JULY</u>			
Griggs Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Hinojosa Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Vardeman Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Kujawa Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Jones Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Magrill Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Reece Academy	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
Stovall Primary	July 25-28, 2022	Monday – Thursday	Breakfast: 8-8:30 am Lunch: 10:45-12:00 pm
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bussey Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am

Johnson Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am

Hill Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am

Carter Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
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Kujawa Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am


Stehlik Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am

Worsham Elementary
June 6-30, 2022
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast: 7:30-8 am Lunch: 11-11:30 am

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OPINION

By U.S. Senator
JOHN CORNYN



Cornyn Discusses Ukraine Visit and Support for Aid

‘The Ukrainians’ spirit and will to defend their country remains unbroken and undaunted, and Putin’s plans have failed, and failed miserably. We saw this firsthand when we had a chance to visit Kyiv this weekend.’

‘This funding, this support, this military and humanitarian support, is not strictly an act of altruism on our part. We are doing this also because allowing Ukraine to defend itself is in our best interest.’

‘The cost of the United States doing nothing, of simply turning over this democracy, and our security, and our economy to Putin, well, that’s greater than any cost that could come by a supplemental appropriation.’

WASHINGTON – On the floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) discussed last week’s congressional delegation trip to Ukraine, Sweden, and Finland, and how the U.S. benefits from helping Ukraine. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn’s remarks are below.

“We visited not only President Zelensky in the presidential palace but also visited two of what we hope will be the next members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, namely, Sweden and Finland.”

“The Ukrainians’ spirit and will to defend their country remains unbroken and undaunted, and Putin’s plans have failed, and failed miserably. We saw this firsthand when we had a chance to visit Kyiv this weekend.”

“He and his advisors warned us about the possibility of global food shortages caused by Russian blockade[s] of Ukrainian ports. This will lead to widespread famine not just in Europe, but throughout Africa, and spread the pain far afield from Europe.”

“This week, as we know, the Senate will consider a supplemental funding bill to provide Ukraine with even more security and humanitarian assistance. I know there are some who disagree with more funding for Ukraine. To them, I would say this funding, this support, this military and humanitarian support, is not strictly an act of altruism on our part. We are doing this also because allowing Ukraine to defend itself is in our best interest.”

“We can’t kid ourselves by thinking Putin would simply end with his brutal conquest of Ukraine.”

“Of course, in this situation, the cost of the United States doing nothing, of simply turning over this democracy, and our security, and our economy to Putin, well, that’s greater than any cost that could come by a supplemental appropriation.”

“I’m grateful to Leader McConnell for putting together this past weekend’s trip. I found it enormously educational.”

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.



Cowboy 260 air conditioner

“Now Mamie,” said Windy Wilson, “the reason I expurgated myself over here to your place was to see how you was a-doin’ in this year heat.”

Mamie Dilworth refilled his iced tea glass, smiled at the old cowboy and camp cook. “Well, that’s awfully nice of you, Windy. I’m fine. Tired of this heat, just the same as everyone else around here.”

“I hear ya, and thanks for the tea. It helps a guy cool down, refrigerationally speeakin’ a-course.”

“You’re welcome. What are you and Ramses up to these hot days?”

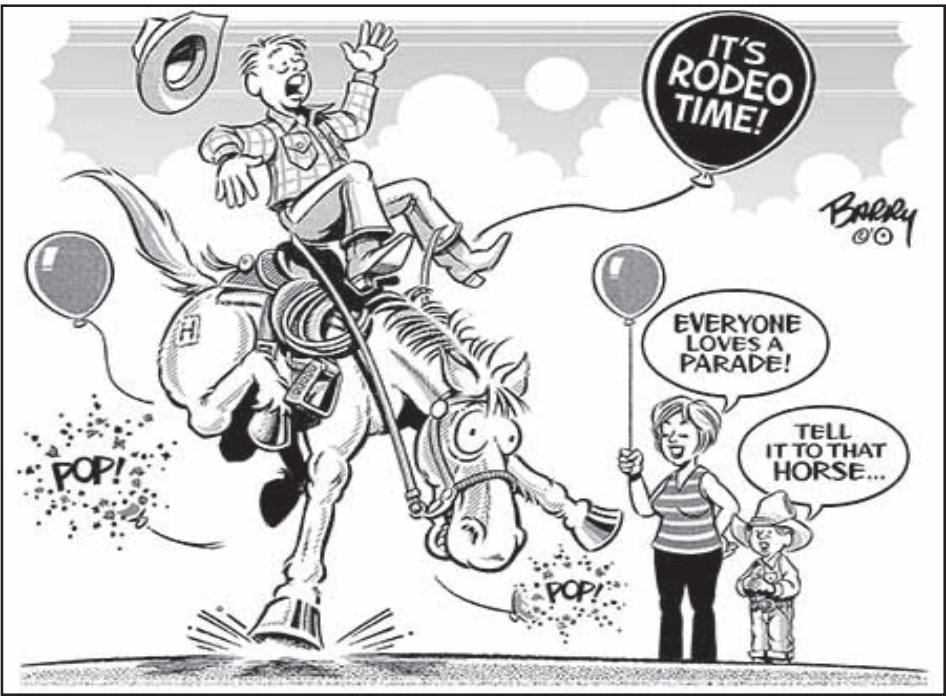
Ramses was Windy’s dog, so named because of his tendency to leave pyramids in the backyard. Windy claims he’s an Egyptian shepherd, but hasn’t been able to provide any registration papers yet.

“Pickup truck therapy, you know. Works put-near ever time it’s tried. Long’s a guy don’t run outa gas, he’s okay. Cool right down on a hot ol’ day like this one.”

“I didn’t know your pickup had air conditioning, Windy.”

“Mostly it’s a cowboy 260 air conditioner,” Windy explained. “You get your shirt and your dog wet, roll down two windows and go sixty miles an hour.”

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Gunman Walked into School Building Unopposed

The gunman who killed 21 people inside a Uvalde elementary school walked into the unlocked building unopposed, the Department of Public Safety said in a revised statement, as reported by the [Austin American-Statesman](#) and other media sources.

After the gunman crashed his grandmother’s truck in a ditch, he walked into the building while firing a semiautomatic weapon purchased just days after his 18th birthday. The shooter was inside a classroom for about an hour. Nineteen children and two teachers were killed before a tactical team got inside the building and killed him.

The massacre is the second-deadliest school shooting in modern U.S. history.

FIVE TEXAS REFINERIES EXCEED BENZENE LIMIT

Five Texas refineries and one in Louisiana operated by a San Antonio company last year exceeded federal pollution limits for benzene emissions, which is listed as a carcinogenic chemical by the Environmental Protection Agency. Long-term exposure to benzene has caused blood disorders, according to a story in the [San Antonio Express-News](#).

“In Texas, Marathon Petroleum’s Galveston Bay refinery, TotalEnergies’ Port Arthur refinery, Chevron’s Pasadena refinery, Flint Hills Resources’ Corpus Christi East refinery and LyondellBasell’s Houston refinery reported average benzene emissions in 2021 that were above the federal threshold of 9 micrograms per cubic meter,” the Express-News reported.

More than 6 million people in the United States live within 3 miles of an oil refinery, according to the EPA.

BOATERS URGED TO ‘CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY’

As summer approaches



and Texans head to the state’s lakes and rivers, the [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) urges boaters and paddlers to do their part to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species that are threatening Texas lakes.

“The best way to prevent the spread of many destructive aquatic invasive species is to clean, drain and dry your boats and equipment – every time,” Brian Van Zee, TPWD inland fisheries regional director, said.

Zebra mussels and giant salvinia continue to spread to new waterbodies in the state. Other highly invasive species that can be spread by boaters include water hyacinth, crested floating heart and quagga mussels.

“Boaters need to remove all plants, mud and debris from boats, trailers, vehicles and gear and drain the water from the boat, all equipment and on-board receptacles before leaving the lake. In addition, boats should be dried completely before visiting another lake, preferably for at least a week,” the news release said.

TEXAS HOME TO MOST FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES

Texas now leads the nation as home to the most Fortune 500 companies, surpassing New York and California in the [2022 Fortune 500 list](#).

Texas is home to 53 top companies, with New York home to 51 and California with 50. In addition,

Houston and Dallas are in the top five cities in the nation for Fortune 500 companies with 21 and 11 respectively.

Fortune 500 companies represent two-thirds of the nation’s GDP with revenues of \$16.1 trillion. They employ 29.7 million people worldwide.

“Thanks to our unmatched business environment, with no corporate or personal income taxes, a highly skilled and diverse workforce, easy access to global markets, and reasonable regulatory climate, Texas has more businesses relocating and expanding here in our state than ever before,” Gov. Greg Abbott said.

NEARLY \$5 MILLION IN TRAIL GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The [Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission](#) last week awarded \$4.8 million in grants to fund 17 recreational trail-related projects across the state.

One million dollars of the amount allocated came directly from state Sporting Good Sales Tax funds dedicated to the Recreational Trails Program through a measure passed in the last legislative session.

The rest of the funding comes from a portion of the federal gas tax generated by gasoline purchases for off-road vehicles. Under the National Recreational Trails Fund, 30% of total grants it awards goes for motorized trails, with an equal amount going for non-motorized trails, while the rest is discretionary.

For a complete list of trail grants awarded, got to tpwd.gov and click the link under TPWD news.

WILDFIRE RISK ABATES SLIGHTLY

Recent rainfall has reduced the potential for widespread wildfires for much, but not all, of the state, according to the [Texas A&M Forest Service](#). However, hot and windy conditions are expected to return this week, bringing with them the increased risk of more wildfires, particularly in the Rolling Plains, Hill Country and South Texas areas of the state.

As of Friday, there was one active wildfire, in Taylor County. The Mesquite Heat Fire consumed nearly 11,000 acres and was 82% contained. There are currently 132 counties with [burn bans](#).

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Verne Knows”

Verne knows me too well.

For the first time in our lives, my husband, Peter, and I live in a building with a front desk. It’s nice to have someone there when packages are delivered, or contractors show up, and this person is usually Verne.

Verne is a natural for the job. He knows everything going on in town. He knows when music is playing in the park and where the food trucks are parked and what time deliveries are made. But what interests Verne most is what goes on inside the building. Verne knows what we are all up, to and he is never short on advice.

“I wouldn’t go there,” Verne told me when I was contemplating a Mexican restaurant. “It’s cute on the outside, but the food is ordinary.” He suggested a different restaurant.

“Oh! I like your hair,” a complete stranger said to me in the lobby one day.

“She’s overdue to get it colored,” Verne said. “Her roots are showing.”

“Verne!” the stranger said. “That’s a terrible thing to say!”

“Oh, no,” I told the stranger. “It’s all part of the full suite of services Verne provides.” (I colored my hair that week.)

One day I had to go to Home Depot twice for the same thing. “Two trips to Home Depot in one day is not a good day!” I told Verne. (Although to be fair, the folks at Home Depot were terrific.)

“Are you sure this is a problem?” Verne asked., “Or is this just your OCD talking?”

Verne had me.

“It’s my OCD talking and it’s a problem!” I said as I got on the elevator with another resident.

“Verne knows me too well,” I complained to the pink-haired young woman in the elevator.

“Verne knows us all too well!” she said.

“I know everything!” Verne agreed, as the elevator doors shut.

But there is something very comforting about having Verne at the desk in the late afternoons.

“Where are you going tonight?” Verne will ask. He’ll suggest things I should look for in the neighborhood, and I’ll come back and report to him. It’s nice, knowing there is someone at the door to greet me, someone who is interested in where I’ve been and where I’m going.

Then, one day, we got some awful news. Verne was retiring.

“I’m turning 70!” Verne said. “I can’t keep working five days a week.”

“But what will we do without you, Verne?” I asked.

“Oh! You won’t be without me,” Verne said. “I’m just going to work the weekend shift instead. John is retiring.”

John is also very nice, but he is nearly blind and requires a cane to get around. It was probably a good time for John to retire. So, there was a big retirement party for John, and Verne took over the weekends.

One Sunday afternoon, John came back to visit. Now, instead of a cane, he needed a walker to get around. But he had a big smile on his face. He had come to visit Verne.

“Pull up a chair!” Verne said. “Would you like a cup of coffee?”

“I would!” John said.

“Would you like dessert to go with that?” I asked Verne.

“What kind of dessert?” he asked me.

“None of your business. Do you want some or not?”

“Of course!” Verne said.

I had some leftover pumpkin cake, and I brought down two pieces.

“Thank you for the cake,” Verne said later on, after John had left. “That was very nice.”

“Oh, it was nothing,” I told Verne. “What would we do without you?”

Till next time,

Carrie

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El cielo es el límite para 3 estudiantes de Davis High School

El cielo es el límite para tres estudiantes de Davis High School. Literalmente. Los tres estudiantes son los primeros en la historia de la escuela que están obteniendo su Certificación de Piloto Privado como parte de la clase de Introducción a la Aviación de Davis.

El programa se lanzó al comienzo del año escolar 2019-20, y esta es la primera vez que los estudiantes de Davis inscritos en la clase han estado trabajando para ganar sus alas.

Los tres estudiantes pioneros que trabajan para obtener su Certificación de Piloto Privado son Sontee Pouncy, Max Franco y Sergio Áviles-Aguirre. Están bajo la dirección del instructor C.S. «Chuck» Norris.

Franco y Áviles-Aguirre ya han navegado en solitario (volaron por su cuenta), mientras que Pouncy debería unirse a ellos este verano. Los tres deberían obtener sus licencias a finales del verano.

Franco tiene tres horas de vuelo en solitario y casi 60 horas de vuelo con un instructor. Áviles-Aguirre tiene media hora de vuelo en solitario, con 50 horas de vuelo con un instructor. Pouncy tiene más de 40 horas de vuelo con un instructor.

Los tres dijeron que han disfrutado mucho de la clase y la emoción de volar.

Cuando se le preguntó qué se sentía al estar solo por primera vez, Franco dijo que era emocionante.

«Fue muy genial», dijo Franco. «Admito que estaba un poco nervioso, pero fue divertido volar por mi cuenta una vez que llegué allí».

Áviles-Aguirre dijo que apreciaba que Davis High ponga la clase a disposición de él y de otros.

«Esta es una buena oportunidad», dijo. «En el futuro, me gustaría ser instructor de vuelo y enseñar a otros a volar. Es una pasión mía».

Franco y Pouncy esperan convertirse en pilotos comerciales algún día.

«Esta es una clase emocionante, y puede ser un poco angustiosa», dijo Pouncy. «Esta es una oportunidad única en la vida, y estoy agradecido de que tengamos al Sr. Norris como nuestro instructor. Ha sido genial».

Norris dijo que los estudiantes asistieron a la escuela terrestre durante el año escolar en el aula para prepararse para su Examen de Conocimiento de Aviadores de la FAA (Administración Federal de Aviación). Los estudiantes aprendieron las reglas del cielo, un poco de aerodinámica, sistemas de aeronaves y procedimientos operativos.

El programa de Davis ejecuta el Programa de Escuela de Vuelo 61 de la FAA, que requiere que los estudiantes tengan 40 horas en un avión monomotor. Veinte de esas horas deben ser vuelo de doble instrucción, acompañados por un Instructor de Vuelo Certificado, mientras que las horas restantes hacen que los estudiantes vuelen solos para practicar y perfeccionar sus habilidades.

Los estudiantes han estado volando desde el aeropuerto de Hooks y continuarán su entrenamiento este verano.

Norris ha sido un entusiasta de la aviación la mayor parte de su vida (su padre es piloto privado y la primera vez que Norris a bordo de un avión fue antes de que tuviera siquiera un año de edad).

«Me encanta compartir

mis conocimientos, experiencias y pasión por la aviación con mis estudiantes y verlos emocionarse por estar a punto de volar un avión solos».

Norris está agradecido de que Davis High haya puesto el programa a disposición de sus estudiantes.

«Esta es realmente una oportunidad increíble para los estudiantes de Davis», dijo Norris. «Cuando considera que obtener una Certificación de Piloto Privado por su cuenta generalmente costará más de \$ 15,000, es difícil para muchas personas imaginar que una escuela secundaria está pagando la factura de esta capacitación. No hay costo para nuestros estudiantes, y todo está provisto. Tenemos simuladores de vuelo certificados de última generación en nuestro aula y una escuela de vuelo asociada galar donada con una flota de aviones monomotor y sus instalaciones de mantenimiento. Los estudiantes que hacen el corte van a un aeropuerto cercano (Hooks) y vuelan aviones reales; eso es increíble».

Norris dijo que Davis es una de las dos escuelas secundarias en Texas que ofrece este tipo de programa.

Y sus alumnos se toman en serio la clase, según Áviles-Aguirre.

«No hay lugar para errores allá arriba», dijo. «Esta clase definitivamente te enseña a ser responsable».

En efecto.



Los estudiantes de Davis HS inscritos en la clase de Introducción a la Aviación del con el instructor C.S. Chuck Norris. En la foto están (de izquierda a derecha): Sontee Pouncy, Janeth «Kitty» Mendoza, Max Franco y Sergio Áviles-Aguirre. Pouncy, Franco y Áviles-Aguirre están trabajando en su Certificación de Piloto Privado

Junio es el mes del orgullo LGBTQ+: Crear entornos seguros e inclusivos

El distrito reconoce el mes de junio de 2022 como el Mes del orgullo LGBTQ+. El propósito del mes conmemorativo es reconocer el impacto de las personas LGBTQ+ en la historia a nivel local, nacional e internacional.

«Este mes y todos los días, celebramos a nuestro personal, estudiantes y familias LGBTQ+ que comprenden y contribuyen a la familia Aldine ISD», dijo la Superintendente Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney. «En Aldine, estamos comprometidos a crear entornos de aprendizaje y trabajo afirmativos y seguros. Queremos espacios donde todos sepan que son valorados y apoyados. Estamos comprometidos a garantizar que nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias LGBTQ+ puedan aparecer todos los días como su auténtico yo. Todo significa todo en Aldine. Queremos que cada estudiante prospere en nuestras escuelas. Juntos, ayudemos a crear espacios seguros, inclusivos y acogedores para todos. Los aliento a que se tomen el tiempo este mes para reconocer las

luchas pasadas y presentes, las victorias y el trabajo que aún no se ha hecho, el trabajo que estamos comprometidos a hacer. Creo firmemente que somos más fuertes y #BetterTogether. ¡Feliz Mes del Orgullo!»

El Mes del Orgullo trabaja para lograr la igualdad de justicia y oportunidades para los estadounidenses LGBTQ+ y reconocer su impacto en la sociedad. Aunque el Mes del Orgullo se ha celebrado durante más de 50 años, el presidente Bill Clinton declaró oficialmente junio como el Mes del orgullo gay y lésbico en 2000. El presidente Barack Obama amplió la observancia en 2011 al Mes del orgullo Lésbico, Gay, Bisexual y Transgénero.

Datos curiosos

*Aproximadamente el 5-10% de la población general es LGBTQ+.

*En junio de 2011, California se convirtió en el primer estado en aprobar un proyecto de ley que requiere que las escuelas públicas enseñen los logros históricos de las personas LGBTQ+.

*Cada color en la bandera LGBTQ+ tiene un significado: Rojo – Vida, Naranja – Curación, Amarillo – Luz solar, Verde – Naturaleza, Azul – Armonía y Violeta – Espíritu.

Verdades difíciles

(Resultados de la Encuesta Nacional del Proyecto Trevor sobre el Informe de Salud Mental de los Jóvenes LGBTQ 2019)

*El 71% de los jóvenes LGBTQ en el estudio informaron discriminación debido a su orientación sexual o identidad de género.

*El 76% de los jóvenes LGBTQ sintieron que el clima político reciente afectó su salud mental o sentido de sí mismo.

*El 87% de los jóvenes LGBTQ dijeron que era importante para ellos llegar a una organización de intervención en crisis que se centre en los jóvenes LGBTQ; El 98% dijo que un sitio de redes sociales de espacio seguro para jóvenes LGBTQ sería valioso para ellos.



Historia de éxito de exalumnos: Latonia Moore, toca todas las notas correctas en el mundo de la ópera

En los últimos años, la soprano Latonia Moore ha protagonizado lujosas producciones en los escenarios más destacados del mundo de la ópera en capitales artísticas como Nueva York, Londres, Zúrich, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Dubai y Tokio.

La estrella de la ópera se ha ganado el éxito mundial. Para la interpretación de Moore de Aida, el New York Times la ha descrito como «ricamente talentosa». El New York Times dijo: «su voz era radiante, lujosa y considerable en su mejor momento, con notas superiores brillantes que abrieron paso a través del coro y la orquesta durante las escenas de la multitud». Y el crítico Lawrence Budmen escribió que posee «una voz varios tamaños más grande que muchas sopranos que cantan el papel (en La bohème). El cremoso registro medio de Moore y su exquisito rango alto llamaron la atención desde su primera entrada».

Moore también ha cantado el papel principal en Tosca y se ha ganado elogios por sus actuaciones en producciones como Dead Man Walking. Durante la temporada 2019-2020, cantó Serena en un nuevo programa de Gershwin's



Porgy and Bess, que se transmitió como parte de la serie Live in HD del Met. Por su actuación, Moore ganó el Premio Grammy a la mejor grabación de ópera. El New York Times señaló que «paró el espectáculo ... desde estiramientos celestiales altos casi sin vibrato hasta frases bajas escalofriantes y a pecho, todo lo cual cantó con mucho agarre».

Otros aspectos destacados de la ópera incluyen apariciones como Cio-Cio-San en Madame Butterfly en el Metropolitan Opera, Liù en Turandot en el Royal Opera Covent Garden, el papel principal en Tosca y Elisabeth en Don Carlo con Opera Australia, el papel principal en Tosca con la Ópera Nacional de Washington, Cio-Cio-San en Madame Butterfly y Mimi en La bohème con Semperoper Dresden, Cio-Cio-San en Madame Butterfly en la

Ópera Estatal de Hamburgo, Micaëla en Carmen, Liù en Turnadot, Elvira en Ernani, y Lucrecia en I due Foscari en Bilbao, Desdémona en Otello en la Ópera Nacional de Bergen, Serena en Porgy y Bess en la English National Opera y de la De Nationale Opera Amsterdam, y una aparición en la gala del 50 aniversario de la Metropolitan Opera.

Los aspectos más destacados de la orquesta incluyen el papel de Lady Macbeth en una grabación de Verdi. Macbeth con Edward Gardner para Chandos, la Sinfonía n.º 2 de Mahler con la Filarmónica de Viena y Gilbert Kaplan para Deutsche Grammophon, Vivetta en L'Arlesiana y Fidelia en Edgar con la Orquesta de la Ópera de Nueva York en el Carnegie Hall, y Bess en Porgy como Bess con la Orquesta Filarmónica de Berlín dirigida por Sir Simon Rattle.

Los honores y premios incluyen el Premio María Callas de la Ópera de Dallas, una beca de la Fundación Richard Tucker, el primer premio en el Concurso de Marsella y el primer premio en el Concurso Internacional dell'Opera en Dresde.



Moore le da crédito a Aldine ISD por la gran educación musical que recibió

Cantar en los grandes teatros de ópera de todo el mundo no es donde una niña de Trinity Gardens pensó que estaría. No había estado expuesta a la música clásica hasta que su familia se mudó a Aldine. Asistió a Oleson Elementary y Orange Grove Elementary. Moore se unió a los coros de Hambrick Middle School y MacArthur HS. Mientras estaba en la escuela secundaria, hizo el Coro de todo el estado.

«Era pobre, pero amaba la música», dijo Moore. «A través de mi familia, estuve expuesto a la música gospel. Incluso me uní al coro de la Iglesia Bautista New Sunrise, donde mi abuelo era pastor. Pero fue en Aldine ISD donde me expuse a una amplia variedad de música. Nunca había escuchado música clásica hasta entonces. La primera ópera a la que

asistí fue un estudiante de secundaria».

Mientras estuvo en MacArthur HS, exploró los géneros musicales clásicos y de jazz; Moore también trabajó con el entonces director de la banda de jazz José Antonio Díaz.

Moore se describe como una nerd de la música. También describe el programa de música en Aldine ISD como «educación artística superior», y agregó que era la mejor educación musical que pudo recibir. Años más tarde, descubrió que algunas escuelas no enseñaban teoría musical.

La profesora de música de Moore en MacArthur le enseñó teoría y lectura a primera vista tan bien que fue tutora de sus compañeros estudiantes. También se le permitió enseñar y asesorar a los estudiantes en teoría y lectura a primera vista. Cuando

llegó a la universidad, estaba muy por delante de otros que no tenían su educación musical y experiencia.

«Estoy siempre en deuda con Aldine. Fui seleccionado para formar parte del prestigioso GRAMMY Camp®, cuyo punto culminante es actuar frente a algunos de los nombres más importantes de la música durante los premios GRAMMY anuales®. El viaje habría costado 3.000 dólares. Era dinero que no tenía. El distrito escolar pagó para que yo pudiera participar en la experiencia que cambió mi vida. Recuerdo sentarme junto a otro estudiante que había hecho el coro del GRAMMY y decirle que algún día ganaría un GRAMMY. Me miró como, 'Seguro que lo eres'. Le dije que lo decía en serio. Estoy orgulloso de decir que 25 años después, gané un Grammy».

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CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Esther in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 - 2. From the first chapter of James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea? Righteous, Doubting, Jealous, Sleeping
 - 3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum?
- Andrew, John, James, Matthew

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How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119:9-12

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- 4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple
- 5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards
- 6. From what church was Silas? Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Doubting; 3) Matthew; 4) Purple; 5) Prostitutes; 6) Antioch
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Lone Star College to host Welcome Back events June 8

HOUSTON (June 1, 2022) – Lone Star College wants to help people interested in education get back on track after the pandemic.

“COVID-19 disrupted so many lives and we want to help people interested in education get back on track,” said Gerald F. Napoles, Ph.D., LSC Vice Chancellor Student Success. “This event will provide everyone the opportunity to receive support in course selections, financial resources as well as professional counseling.”

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that even in the best of economic times, workers who have higher levels of education typically earn more and have lower rates of unemployment compared with workers who have less education. The same holds true for the economy created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Welcome Back to Lone Star College events takes place Wednesday, June 8, from 3 – 6 p.m. at all eight LSC campuses and includes a virtual event for LSC-Online, the college’s eighth official campus.

“This will be a wonderful opportunity for former students to familiarize themselves with all the student



Lone Star College is hosting Welcome Back events to help those students who were impacted by the pandemic to continue their education.

support services available to them,” said Napoles. “There will be Lone Star College staff on hand to help answer questions and offer career counseling.”

Qualified students may also be eligible to get up to \$1,000 for summer classes with no strings attached for two summer classes and additional resources including laptops, iPads, and software through the LSC TechConnect program while they are enrolled at LSC.

Visit [LoneStar.edu/WelcomeBack](https://lonestar.edu/WelcomeBack) to learn more about all the great reasons to come back and earn that degree or certification at LSC.

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality,

low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2021 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes ‘America’s Best Employers By State’ list. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](https://lonestar.edu).

Lone Star College students awarded Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships



The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded three Lone Star College students its prestigious Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Pictured (left to right) are Lacy Butler, LSC-Kingwood; Angelica Bernal Penaloza, LSC-Kingwood; and Madison Terry, LSC-Tomball.

Houston (May 18, 2022) – The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (JKCF) awarded Lacy Butler, LSC-Kingwood; Angelica Bernal Penaloza, LSC-Kingwood; and Madison Terry, LSC-Tomball the prestigious Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The national scholarship is intended to cover a significant share of a student’s educational expenses to complete their bachelor’s degrees.

“Receiving a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship can be life changing,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “This highly competitive national scholarship will truly make a difference for these students as they continue their education.”

Finalists will receive up to \$55,000 per year for up to three years to cover a substantial share of educational expenses including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees.

“The finalists selected are enrolled in the Lone Star Honors College which meets the needs of high-achieving students who are looking to improve their college transcripts and transferability with challenging coursework,” said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC Associate Vice Chancellor Honors and International Education.

JKCF Executive Director. “We know our community colleges are full of high-achieving students and we’re committed to playing our part to ensure those students succeed.”

LSC had 19 semifinalists named this year. That recognition can lead to increased offers of transfer admission and scholarships. The 19 students represent 58% of all the semifinalists in Texas.

“Congratulations to a cohort of students who have persisted in the midst of such unprecedented disruptions in our lives. We welcome you into our community and look forward to learning alongside you,” said Basili.

This year, more than 1,200 students from 332 community colleges applied to receive the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The JKCF evaluated each submission based on students’ academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence and leadership.

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Finalists will also receive all-inclusive educational advising from JKCF staff to guide them through the processes of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing them for their careers. To date, 29 LSC students have been awarded the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship since 2012.

“Today, almost half of all college students begin their academic career at a community college,” said Seppy Basili,

Lone Star College professor named Fulbright scholar

HOUSTON – Dr. John J. Theis, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Lone Star College-Kingwood Center for Civic Engagement, has been named a Fulbright scholar. The Fulbright Scholar Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government designed to increase mutual understanding between the people from other countries.



Dr. John J. Theis, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Lone Star College-Kingwood Center for Civic Engagement, has been named a Fulbright scholar. Theis is pictured leading a deliberate dialogue which encourages students to exchange and weigh ideas and opinions about a particular issue in which they share an interest.

“Growing up in Korea I was familiar with the Fulbright Scholar Program, but I never thought that community college professors would be considered,” said Theis. “I had always wanted to return to Korea and thought this would be a good opportunity.”

Fulbright scholars are participants in the Fulbright Scholar Program which enables college and university faculty members with a Ph.D. to teach and/or conduct research. The program was founded by United States Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946.

“We are very proud of this noteworthy accomplishment,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “The Fulbright Scholar Program is considered the largest and most prestigious educational exchange program providing instructors the opportunity to continue their education and professional development through research and study in a foreign country.”

Fulbright scholars receive round-trip transportation to the host country as well as funding to pay for room, board and incidental costs, based on the cost of living in the host country. Accident and sickness health benefits are also included.

lege student political involvement and civic engagement.”

The process to apply is extensive. Theis spent six weeks completing the application, writing a series of essays and locating a host institution in Korea. In addition to the application, there is a project statement required and essays on cultural competence, teaching philosophy, the country selection, the applicant’s career trajectory and research interests.

“South Korean culture is very popular with our students and younger Americans,” said Theis. “I have at least one student in every class that is learning Korean and watches Korean dramas or listens to K-Pop like the boy band BTS. My hope is that I can develop contacts to create a ‘Study Abroad’ course to South Korea and our students can broaden their knowledge of the world.”

“I will be able to renew my ties to South Korea where I spent the first 18 years of my life,” said Theis. “I look forward to observing the Korean system of higher education first hand while teaching at Dankook and Hanshin Universities. I will also be able to do some comparative research into col-

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