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NEWS NOTES

EAMD Small Business Seminar Luncheon 8/24

East Aldine District is hosting a Small Business Seminar/Luncheon at their District Office, on Thursday August 24 starting at 12 noon.

All Small Businesses are welcome. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Program: How to write a Lending-Ready Business Plan, with David Liu of U of H SBDC.

Sponsored by East Aldine District, Woodforest Bank, UH SBDC, BakerRipley.

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Aldine ISD leadership changes 2023-24

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney announced over the summer that after an exhaustive search, Dr. Faviola Cantú and Dr. Javier Villarreal are the new Chief Academic Officer and Chief of Schools, respectively.

Goffney cited Villarreal's experience gained in his most recent role as chief of human resources and his previous roles as a school assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and counselor, which will serve him and AISD well as he leads in his new role.

Cantú most recently served as a school assis-



tant superintendent. She has been able to immediately continue the work done to implement and support the curriculum at all levels. Her varied expe-

riences in Aldine and other districts will allow her to oversee the core areas of teaching and learning while ensuring that there is districtwide coherence,

differentiated learning for students and teachers and that we are continuously improving based on data.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES THAT TOOK PLACE OVER

THE SUMMER

Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos will oversee additional programs — CTE, advanced academics, virtual school, and performing and visual arts. Streamlining these cross-functional departments will impact schools more and enhance students' choices and opportunities.

Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed oversees Communications, Family and Community Engagement, and Government Relations and will also support Athletics.

School Assistant Super-

See AISD LEADERSHIP CHANGES, page 2

Castillo confirmed as LSC Chancellor

NORTH HOUSTON (Aug. 11, 2023) – The Lone Star College Board of Trustees has appointed Mario K. Castillo, J.D., as the fifth Chancellor of the Lone Star College System. Castillo follows Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., who retired after being appointed LSC Chancellor in 2014.

"I am grateful for the

opportunity and look forward to helping more students realize their dreams," said Castillo. "I want to thank the Board for its unanimous support and the confidence that unanimity gives us moving forward as one Lone Star College."

Prior to being named Chancellor, Castillo served

as the LSC Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel. Castillo's responsibilities progressed through the years: starting as LSC General Counsel in 2015; promoted to LSC Vice Chancellor and General Counsel in 2016; and then promoted to LSC Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel in 2017. Additionally, Castillo served as Interim President at LSC-Kingwood

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Dr. Mario Castillo, new LSC Chancellor

Abbott signs largest Property Tax Relief bill

Requires ballot approval in November

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has ceremonially signed legislation delivering the largest property tax cut in Texas history—\$18 billion—passed during Special Session #2 of the 88th Legislature in New Caney. The Governor was joined at the historic bill signing by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Dade Phelan, Senator Paul Bettencourt, Representative Morgan Meyer, and other members of the Texas Legislature.

"Today, I am signing a law that will ensure more than \$18 billion in property tax cuts—the largest property tax cut in Texas history," said Governor



Abbott. "If passed by voters this fall, Texas homestead exemptions will rise to \$100,000, senior homeowners will be protected from being priced out of their home, the small business exemption for the

Franchise Tax will double, and Texas small businesses will be protected from excessive appraisal increases. None of these monumental changes

See TAX BILL SIGNED, page 2

Harris County Officials at the White House



Last month, Harris County Officials including Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner Adrian Garcia joined more than 70 other leaders from across Texas at the White House. The meeting focused on spotlighting how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are having a transformational impact on Precinct 2 and across Harris County.

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AISSD Leadership Changes,

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intendents have been realigned to better support campuses.

While these changes officially took effect on July 1, the transitions began immediately.

“We continue to make progress on the transformative work we started when we rolled out our strategic plan, A New Way Forward, in July 2019. We have an abundance of talent within our leadership team and staff across the district. I’m incredibly grateful for the tremendous work you do each day and your commitment to maintaining the level of excellence we encourage our students to strive for every day.”

Goffney stated that organizational restructuring enables the district to become more efficient and responsive to the needs of students and staff members.

CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM CHANGES

Chief of Schools — Dr.

Javier Villarreal

The Chief of Schools drives educational excellence across all AISSD schools. The Chief of Schools leads the district’s academic performance by ensuring schools adhere to the district’s vision and strategic direction for instructional leadership, school culture, and school improvement initiatives. The Chief of Schools will lead efforts to build high-quality schools that provide high-quality learning that engages all students and staff. The Chief of Schools collaborates closely with the Chief Academic Officer and other leaders across the organization to improve instructional quality and school cultures to create a high-performing learning organization that ensures students will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

Chief Academics Officer — Dr. Faviola Cantú

The Chief Academic Officer oversees the academic programs and policies of the district. The CAO works with a team of educators to develop curriculum, manage budgets, and

ensure that students receive an education that meets or exceeds the district and state standards. The CAO develops new initiatives or strategies to improve student performance. It might include creating partnerships with other organizations or businesses in the community, implementing new technology into classrooms, or revamping entire curricula to meet all students’ needs better.

Chief Human Resources Officer — Marcia Herrera

The Chief Human Resources Officer is responsible for developing and executing human resource strategy to support the organization’s overall business plan and strategic direction, specifically in succession planning, talent management, change management, organizational and performance management, training and development, and compensation. The CHRO provides strategic leadership by articulating HR needs and plans to the executive management team, shareholders, and the board of directors.

Tax Relief bill signed,

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could have been accomplished without the hard work of Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Phelan. We all came together to offer Texans the property tax relief they so desperately deserve, and I am proud to sign these new laws today.”

In his 2023 State of the State address, Governor Abbott made cutting property taxes for Texans an emergency item for the 88th Legislature. Under Senate Bill 2 and Senate Bill 3, \$18 billion of Texas’ historic budget surplus will be allocated toward driving down school district property tax rates, increasing homestead exemptions for Texas homeowners, and increasing Franchise Tax exemptions and appraisal caps for small businesses.

“The signing of this Texas-sized tax cut, the biggest property tax cut in history, is a massive victory for all 5.7 million Texas homeowners,” said Lieutenant Governor Patrick. “The combination of compression and the \$100,000 homestead exemption is a powerful one-two punch that will cut school property taxes for the average priced home by \$1,250 to

\$1,450 every year on their homesteaded property.”

“As the saying goes, everything is bigger in Texas—and now that includes property tax relief,” said Speaker Phelan. “At the start of the session, state leaders set out to pass legislation that would provide relief in a way that property owners would actually see and feel. This \$18 billion package—the largest in the country—will do just that. I appreciate the hard work of all House members who helped make this historic achievement possible and am grateful to our Senate counterparts for working with our chamber to get this done.”

“Governor Abbott just signed the greatest tax cut in the history of the world,” said Senator Bettencourt. “It’s a fabulous \$18 billion tax reduction bill, and every Texan will see huge savings on their tax bill. It was a great joy working with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker, House, and Representatives Meyer and Metcalf.”

“I want to thank the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker for their leadership on this issue,” said Representative

Meyer. “It was fantastic to be able to work with the Senate to deliver this historic tax relief to the state of Texas. This absolutely, unequivocally shows that we listen to our constituents.”

Senate Bill 2 (Bettencourt/Meyer) provides property tax relief through tax rate compression, an increase in the homestead exemption, and a pilot project limiting the growth in appraised values. For tax year 2023, this will save the average Texas homestead owner over \$1,200. Texas homestead owners over 65 or with a disability will see over \$1,400 in savings.

Senate Bill 3 (Bettencourt/Geren) law increases the Franchise Tax “no tax due” threshold to \$2.47 million and removes burdensome filing requirements for those who do not owe tax.

The constitutional amendment to provide the largest property tax cut in Texas history will be added to the Texas Constitution if approved by a simple majority of Texas voters on November 7, 2023.

Castillo confirmed as Chancellor,

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for one academic year.

“We were fortunate to have so many qualified candidates interested in the position,” said Michael Stoma, LSC Board of Trustees Chair. “Mr. Castillo is the right person at the right time for the job.”

The LSC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Castillo as the sole finalist during a special meeting held July 21. The

LSC Board must publicly disclose the finalists’ names at least 21 days before selecting a Chancellor per board policy. Castillo officially begins his duties Aug. 11.

Castillo earned a Juris Doctorate from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University in Bloomington and received his Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas in Austin.

Castillo is a first-generation high school (on his mother’s side), college and law school student and a first-generation American.

The search for a new chancellor began in late March 2023, which included a survey for employees to complete that led to the development of a chancellor profile, along with the formation of the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee.

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

FABLES AND FUN / FÁBULAS Y DIVERSIÓN

Every Monday, 11:30 am

Children’s Program / Programa para niños
Stories, songs, rhymes, and more! This storytime is energetic and fun for all.

¡Historias, canciones, rimas y más! Este cuento es energético y divertido para todos.

TOGETHER TIME TALES / LEAMOS TODOS JUNTOS

Every Tuesday, 11:30 am

Children’s Program / Programa para niños
A storytime curated for literacy through books, music, and movement.

Una hora de cuentos preparada para la alfabetización a través de libros, música y movimiento.

KRAFTY CREATIONS / CREAMIONES ARTESANALES

Every Tuesday, 11:30 am

Children’s Program / Programa para niños
Get creative with our noon kids craft program.

Sea creativo con nuestro programa de manualidades para niños del mediodía.

ANIME CLUB (OTAKU OUTPOST)

Every Tuesday, 3 pm

Teen Program / Programa para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes.
Celebrate all things anime and manga.

Celebra todo lo relacionado con el anime y el manga.

The Art Thing / Hagamos Arte
Every Wednesday, 3 pm
Teen Program / Programa para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes.

This program is for teens/young adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

¡Este programa es para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes que buscan hacer obras de arte rápidas e increíbles!

CITIZENSHIP / CIUDADANIA

Every Tuesday, 11 am

Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Prepare for the Citizenship Exam.
Registration required.

Prepárate para el Examen de Ciudadanía.
Se requiere registro.

Conversational ESL / ESL Conversacional

Every Monday and Wednesday, 1 pm

Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Practice your English with this conversational class.
Registration required.

Practica tu inglés con esta clase conversacional.
Se requiere registro.

ESL LEVEL 3 / ESL NIVEL 3

Every Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 am

Adult Program / Programa para adultos

Intermediate ESL classes focusing on improving English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.
Registration required.

Supérate! Ahora también tenemos clases de nivel intermedio.
Se requiere registro.

HM Handmade / HM Hencho A Mano

Wednesday, August 16, 6 pm

Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Are you ready to get crafty? Join us at High Meadows as we create, repair, and personalize items that channel your artistic energy.

¿Afanado a el arte? Únase a nosotros en High Meadows mientras creamos, reparamos y personalizamos artículos que canalizan su energía artística.

Please Note: High Meadows will have a programming break for the last two weeks of August while we gear up for the fall. Regular programs will resume Tuesday, September 5.

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

You’re invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome!
¡Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones. Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

ENGLISH COMPUTER CLASS

*Important- Instruction is in English.
*Google account is required (Though we can help you make one if you don’t have one already)
*Class format: In-person, in the computer lab at the Aldine Library.
Learn computer basics by practicing on our PC’s with Instructor Nyla! We will learn about using web browsers, google apps, Microsoft suite, keeping your information safe online, and MUCH more! Join us for a weekly class on Tuesdays! Join us Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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Importante: * Se determinará sus habilidades y el nivel de su clase con una evaluación de habilidades en la computadora durante su primer día de su asistencia

* requerirá una cuenta de google.com y outlook.com para acceder a las aplicaciones y programas gratuitos de la internet

Formato de la clase: Instruc-

can help you prepare . We will meet

Wednesdays from 10:30am - 12:30 pm. 10-week course. Starts Wednesday, Aug. 16. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/k53c6thb> or on the first day of class.

All these must apply. Are you ready? *Eligible to apply for Naturalization *Age 18 or older *Speak, read, & write Basic English

TEEN THURSDAY

Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out! Thursday, Aug. 17, 3:30 - 5:30pm.

HARRIS COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION

Are you registered to vote? Do you have questions about the process but never had an opportunity to ask?
Well, here is your chance! Thursday, August 17, 1pm - 5pm. A representative from Harris County Elections Administration will be on site at the Aldine Branch Library to get you registered. They will also be able to answer any questions you have as well. Don’t delay, register today! Your vote is your voice!

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Pre-regístrate aquí: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>

ciones son en Español y las aplicaciones (Windows, Office 365, Google apps) son todas en Inglés

APPLICATION BASICS: COVER LETTERS

Learn the anatomy of a cover letter, how it supports your resume and application, and why it’s important to include. Saturday, Aug. 19 at 11am for adults, senior adults, and teens.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people’s lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes, citizenship classes, or computer classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library, call 832-927-5410, or click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qSzMSpi-aLL>.

PASSPORT SERVICES

Do have plans to travel out of the country for the holidays? You need to get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 13 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 9 weeks. You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcpl.net/services/passport-services>.

Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm - Appointments required. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, photos, copies, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools

With Aldine Pride!



District Develops Professional Development to Support Culturally Responsive Practices



Message From the Superintendent, August 9, 2023

Welcome Back, Aldine ISD Families!

I hope you are refreshed and ready to start the 2023-2024 school year! Last week, our staff kicked off the year at our convocation, where I heard why so many have chosen Aldine. These stories, experiences, and many others led to our new hashtag #MyAldine because that is the sentiment I hope you each feel toward our district, your district, and my district.

The first day of school has always been one of my favorite days. Nearly a month ago, I welcomed back our ADSY students. Everyone's excitement is contagious! I will visit Magrill Primary, Carroll ES, Oleson ES, Mead MS, Avalos P-TECH, and Plummer MS tomorrow. Now and throughout the year, I'll be visiting classrooms. It reminds me of why I choose to impact students' lives.

Time has flown by fast! It is my sixth year leading Al-

dine ISD, and I couldn't be prouder of the staff. Thank you to each staff member for making it happen for all our students each and every day.

NEW OPTIONS IN '23-'24

I want like to remind you about our continued commitment to providing choices and opportunities for our students and their families.

We are expanding our college prep options. Last year, we launched Hoffman College Prep, a new college-prep program at Eisenhower High School and Eisenhower Ninth Grade School

We will also offer the International Baccalaureate (IB®) Diploma Program at Davis High School.

We are excited to offer these new options through our Choice School Programs.

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- *A School for Non-traditional Learners
- *Career and Technology Education
- *Schools (CTE)/P-TECH
- *Early College Schools/College Prep Schools
- *STEAM / STEM Schools
- *Dual Language Programs
- *International Baccalaureate Schools — Primary Years Program,
- Middle Years Program & Diploma Program
- *Montessori Schools
- *Fine Arts Schools

Culturally responsive practices increase students' sense of belonging while fostering learning.

In Aldine, classrooms are safe spaces. Students feel they belong. It is one of the reasons AISD has encouraged culturally responsive practices for years. The Teaching and Learning Department has created a professional development plan. The district will support educators in elevating a sense of belonging in the classroom. AISD also revised curriculum documents to ensure access to the curriculum for all students. The professional development plan stresses unifying and fine-tuning educators' skills. All while providing high-leverage practices to support different learners and content.

The district has embedded culturally responsive practices across the system. Educators will find it in instructional planning, professional development, and curriculum.

Professional development will occur throughout the school year. The goals are to build a shared responsibility for strengthening inclusion. Examples of curriculum materials include access and belonging icons. These identify opportunities to embed strategies and culturally responsive practices quickly.

According to Christi Van Wassenhove, AISD Executive Director of Literacy and Humanities, teachers can create classrooms that support each student and develop a sense of respect, safety, and acceptance for all by utilizing culturally responsive practices in everyday instruction. Van Wassenhove and Jamie Barrs, program director of primary language arts, lead the work in culturally responsive practices.

Van Wassenhove and Barrs stated that Aldine's work with cultural awareness supports teachers in illuminating all students' cultural identities to support student ownership, engagement, and connection to content. It does

not isolate nor alienate but offers pathways to understanding, perspective, and student achievement.

What is culture, and why is it relevant to student learning?

Culture includes the social behavior and norms found in societies. It's the knowledge, beliefs, arts, laws, customs, capabilities, and habits of the individuals in each group.

Culture has layers. These layers form connections. They include observable elements. Unspoken rules and social norms. And collective unconscious norms and beliefs.

Culturally responsive practices include student voice and connection. This includes their cultures, identities, interests, experiences, desires, and future selves.

Cultural awareness is relevant to student learning. Why? Because knowing students deeply helps to create a safe environment for students. It fosters a sense of belonging and aids students to feel valued. When students feel valued and have a sense of belonging, they are more likely to take ownership of their learning. They will invest in their classroom and school communities.

What are the characteristics of culturally responsive practices?

Having high expectations for all students

Building social-emotional connections for students to create a safe place for learning

Appreciating different communication styles and language

Using multicultural instructional materials

Promoting a sense of safety and belonging

Cultivating critical thinking and problem-solving for all students

Motivating and engaging students to examine many perspectives

Facilitating complex thinking through research-based methods

An Asset-based Approach to Education

Barrs shared that Dr.

Gholy Muhammad, author of *Cultivating Genius*, defines genius as "the brilliance, intellect, ability, cleverness, and artistry that [has] been flowing in [every person's] minds and spirits across the generations." We focus on awareness strategies to teach our students individually and illuminate their genius through:

Building background knowledge and skills

Providing strategies for students to deepen their understanding through various pathways

Focusing on student strengths as a pathway to connect with new learning

What are some examples of culturally responsive practices?

Awareness: Design activities to support students' learning about themselves and others. This will promote appreciation of many perspectives. Plan activities that enable opportunities to learn about your students.

Learning Partnerships: Embrace peer teaching and peer mentoring. Communities of inquiry allow students to teach each other through exercises (e.g., jigsaw activities).

Information Processing: Help students process new information by activating background knowledge. Students should use cultural scaffolds. These include oral traditions and/or integrating relevant word problems. Examples include contextualizing equations using word problems referencing student interests and cultures. These methods support connection and engagement.

Community of Learners and Learning Environment: Promote student empowerment. Achieve this by adjusting the teacher's role less as an instructor and more as a facilitator. Allow students to have a say in what they learn. Focus lessons on interesting or exciting topics. Encourage students to share thoughts and ideas in an open-minded, supportive environment.

Former Aldine ISD Board Trustee Rick Ogden Passes Away

Former Aldine ISD Board of Trustee Member Rick Ogden recently passed away.

Mr. Ogden served as a Board Member for 26 years.

He was appointed to the Board in August of 1990 to fill the unexpired term of Walter Stovall. He was elected to the Position 4 seat in January 1991. Mr. Ogden was one of the longest-tenured Trustees in the history of Aldine ISD. Before becoming a Trustee, he served on Aldine ISD's Project 2000 Committee. He resigned from the Board in November 2016 when he and his wife, Charlotte, moved out of the district.

In the fall of 2017, the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees honored him for his years of dedicated service as a Trustee by renaming Rayford Road Elementary School in his honor. Ogden Elementary School is located at 21919 Rayford Rd.

"On behalf of our Board of Trustees and our entire district, I want to send our condolences to Mr. Ogden's wife, Charlotte, and the entire Ogden family," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "Although I did not serve with him, I know he was well respected by his fellow Board members he served with during his 26 years as a Trustee. He was also well respected in Aldine and across the state of Texas due to his leadership in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlotte and the family during this difficult time." Current Trustee Dr. Viola M. Garcia served with Mr. Ogden beginning in 1992. She said Mr. Ogden was dedicated and devoted to his role as an Aldine ISD Trustee.

"Rick Ogden dedicated his life to improving education and touched the lives of countless students, educators, and community members," Dr. Garcia said. "With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to a visionary leader and a beloved member of the Aldine ISD family. Rick was a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who knew him. Rick demonstrated a rare blend of wisdom, compassion, and empathy as a school board member. His commitment to fostering an inclusive and nurturing learning environment for students of all backgrounds and abilities was unwavering. Rick understood that education was not just about academics but about cultivating character, resilience, and a sense of belonging in each student."

Former Aldine ISD Superintendent M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson said Mr. Ogden always put students' and teachers' needs at the forefront of his role as a school board Trustee.



Rick Ogden served on the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees for 26 years.

"Rick will always be remembered for his nice smile and sense of humor," Mr. Donaldson said. "Rick was a gentleman at all times and a servant at heart. He did what was best for students to give them the space to learn and ensured our teachers had the resources they needed to teach our students. I want to send my condolences to Charlotte and the Ogden family."

Former Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg said Mr. Ogden was the consummate Trustee, always prepared, and added that he was involved at the local and state levels.

"Rick was an outstanding board member," Dr. Bamberg said. "He was always prepared, present, positive, and encouraging as he performed his board duties. He focused on Aldine students and staff, and families. He was also a tremendous leader in his role in the state and national school board associations."

Current Trustee Rose Avalos said Mr. Ogden's experience as a board member was instrumental in mentoring new board members during his 26 years as a Trustee.

"Rick Ogden's leadership initiated the Aldine ISD's school boards' true involvement at the state and national level," Ms. Avalos said. "His experience was invaluable to so many of us. His commitment and loyalty as an Aldine Trustee enhanced our advocacy efforts for all students."

During his tenure as a Trustee, Mr. Ogden held all four Board offices and chaired numerous committees. During his service as an Aldine ISD Trustee, Mr. Ogden was a valued member of the Team of Eight (Board Members and Superintendent) and was part of the team that was responsible for the district achieving Unitary Status – which allowed Aldine students to be educated in schools closest to their home.

Mr. Ogden was also part of the team recognized in 2008 by H-E-B with their Excellence in Education Award for large school districts, the Broad Prize for Urban Education Award in 2009,

and the H-E-B Excellence in Education Early Childhood Award in 2015. In 1998, Mr. Ogden was a member of the Board named the Outstanding School Board of Texas by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). He was also part of the Board that passed the largest bond referendum in the history of Aldine ISD. That election was in 2015 and was for \$798 million.

A 1992 member of Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards), Mr. Ogden earned the title of Master Trustee. In addition to serving as an Aldine ISD Trustee, Mr. Ogden was a director of TASB (becoming the first Aldine ISD Trustee to do so) and was that group's president from 2002-03. Mr. Ogden chaired several major TASB committees, including the prestigious Texas Cash Management Program/Lone Star Investment Pool. From 1994 to 1995, he was part of the Federal Relations Network Affiliate Member – National School Boards Association. In 1997, Gov. George W. Bush appointed Mr. Ogden to the Tri-Partnership Initiative Peer Assistance Team Training Academy – an initiative to assist school boards in understanding their role and responsibility as a Trustee.

He held all TASB offices and was the manager of the TASB Rick Management Fund Boards and a trainer for The Center For the Reform of School Systems (CRSS).

Mr. Ogden was a native Houstonian, and all four of his children were graduates of Aldine ISD. He and his wife Charlotte owned and operated Ogden Manufacturing & Machine in Aldine. In 1996, Mr. Ogden returned to college and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Houston Baptist University. He later served the University for 13 years as Assistant Vice President for Church and Community Relations, Director of Foundations & Denominational Relations, and retired as Director of Special Projects for the Office of the President.

Mr. Ogden was dedicated to his church, Memorial Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon for over 40 years. In his retirement, he served children as a long-time Sunday School Teacher for fifth- and sixth-graders.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m. at Klein Funeral Home (16131 Champion Forest Dr.). Mr. Ogden's funeral service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. at Memorial Baptist Church (22333 Kuykendahl Rd.). The burial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 1 p.m. at Earthman Resthaven Cemetery (13102 North Fwy).

School Transportation Department Update

Transportation Department spent the summer diligently working to complete routes by the first day of school, August 10.

Families Who Did Not Request Transportation for Their Students

*The Transportation Department plans to take these students to and from school and home.

*The department will take any student at a bus stop to the campus they attend.

*Campuses must fill out a bus pass and provide it to the driver for transportation from school to home.

*Campuses will take down students' names, addresses, temporary route numbers, and the bus stops they want their students to use while they await a permanent assignment.

How to Request Bus Transportation

*Families with students who need transportation but have yet to request bus

transportation formally for their children need to get with their campus so a request can be made.

*The goal is to have all new requests received from Aug. 10-Aug. 13 routed with an effective date of August 14.

All Students Must Wear New Student ID Badges

Students on their respective campuses must visibly wear the new badges starting this school year. These will assist in students being accounted for when they are transported via bus to and from school.

Splitting Grade Levels

Grade levels will be split from riding together to minimize grade level differences. The change could impact some siblings who ride the bus together.



Here Comes The Bus

A school bus tracking app for parents Available in three languages (English, Spanish and French) Here Comes the Bus app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

OPINION PAGE

TEXAS MATTERS

By U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN



Cornyn Highlights Bill to Lower Drug Costs for Texans

The list price for Humira is more than \$80,000 per year per patient. That's higher than the median household income in Texas.

Patients in Texas and across the country are experiencing sticker shock at the pharmacy counter like never before.

There's a bipartisan desire to stop the anti-competitive behaviors... that are costing patients and taxpayers a fortune, and I hope we can make progress this Congress and finally put a stop to some of the gamesmanship.

WASHINGTON - Today on the floor, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) discussed his bipartisan Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act, which passed unanimously out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last Congress and would help lower drug prices by preventing bad actors' anti-competitive use of patents to block generic and biosimilar competition from coming to market. Excerpts of Sen. Cornyn's remarks are below.

"The list price for Humira is more than \$80,000 per year per patient. That's higher than the median household income in Texas."

"Humira is one of the most egregious examples of patent abuse, but it's far from the only one."

Earlier this week Senator Blumenthal, the Senator from Connecticut, and I reintroduced a bill called the Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act to put an end to this anti-competitive practice that keeps drug prices artificially high.

There are two practices in particular that this bill will address. One is called patent thickening, which involves building layers upon layers of patents to prevent competitors from ever hitting the market. That's what AbbVie did with Humira.

The other anticompetitive behavior this bill will address is something called product hopping, which occurs when a company develops a reformulation of a product that's about to lose exclusivity, and then pulls the original product off the market. This is done not because the new formula is more effective, but because it prevents generic competitors.

The Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act puts an end to this practice by expressly prohibiting manufacturers from engaging in product hopping. It also facilitates market entry for generics and biosimilars, which lead to more options and lower prices for patients.

Patients in Texas and across the country are experiencing sticker shock at the pharmacy counter like never before.

There's a bipartisan desire to stop the anti-competitive behaviors that I described here today that are costing patients and taxpayers a fortune, and I hope we can make progress this Congress and finally put a stop to some of the gamesmanship.

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

OPINION

By U.S. Representative SYLVIA GARCIA



The Fight Against Surprise Fees: Share Your Story

Have you ever had to pay a junk fee? Junk fees are hidden, or surprise charges are often added right at the end of transactions - and they cost American consumers tens of billions of dollars each year. Junk fees are frequently found in banking, utility service, cell and cable service, travel, and entertainment transactions- but they can appear just about anywhere.

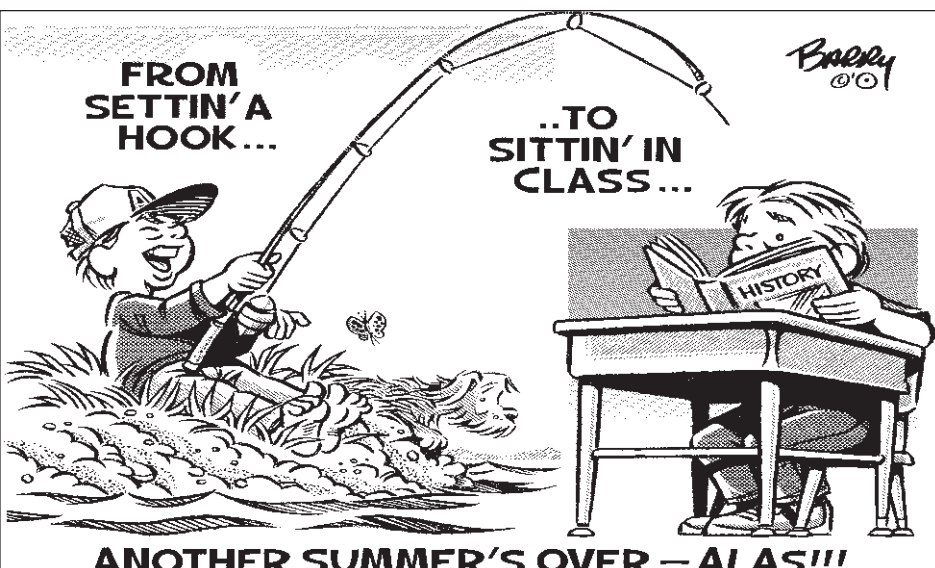
I am working to put an end to these unfair practices. Several of my Congressional colleagues and I are collecting powerful stories reinforcing the need for action, and this is where you come in. I want to hear from you if you've run into surprise fees when buying tickets online, such as "family seating" fees, "early termination" fees, or "surprise resort" fees.

Reply to this -newsletter to share your own personal stories of encountering junk fees.

President Biden himself has expressed his determination to tackle this issue. In his State of the Union address earlier this year, and again just a few days ago, he made his commitment to banning junk fees clear.

Junk fees are nothing more than a tax imposed by greedy corporations, and it's time to fight back. Reply to share how junk fees have personally impacted you.

I will ensure a fair and transparent marketplace for all Americans.



THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Summer Cold

So, I got a cold. If you catch a cold in the winter, everyone is sympathetic. They tell you to drink hot tea and put on another sweater. A cold in the winter just seems like part of the season, and I can turn the thermostat up and wait it out.

A summer cold is totally different.

A summer cold seems like an act of idiocy. A summer cold feels like I'm being difficult on purpose. I feel I must have done something really stupid—because who gets sick in the middle of the summer? And yet, here we are.

My husband, Peter, takes good care of me when I have a cold. He shows up with all sorts of pills and supplements he says I should ingest. And so I do, but I'm not sure they help. They make Peter happy, and that's the point. But when I don't get better after two days, Peter starts to frown at me. He wants me to say that I am at least better than yesterday. But today I am not better than yesterday. Today I am considerably worse than yesterday, and yesterday I was worse than the day before.

Peter does not approve of this trajectory. He feels I am headed in the wrong direction and need to do something to rectify my course. But I don't know what I can do—besides drinking orange juice and trying to sleep a bit more. Colds take time.

And Peter probably has a point about pushing myself. I felt bad yesterday but attended a Zoom meeting with some ladies I'm very fond of. I had almost no voice when I started, and much less when I was done. Peter gave me a disapproving look.

In order to get ready for the meeting, I had to work a little harder to get everything done a little earlier. Then I had dinner and got a stomachache. The stomachache had nothing to do with being sick, so you would think it would have the courtesy to hold off until I wasn't coughing quite so much—or at least until I had a voice, so I could complain about it.

But this one was terrible. So I went to bed early with a stomachache and a cough and a sore throat and the feeling that I must have behaved very badly to get all these things at once.

And, while perhaps I didn't behave badly, I suspect I didn't listen as well as I might have. I suspect, if I'd been paying attention, I would have noticed I was getting more and more tired before I finally got sick. I might have noticed a stomachache forming while I ate a bit more.

The data focused on the two and a half years since the COVID-19 pandemic. "A lot of the stressors of the COVID pandemic exacerbated the issues around domestic violence and mental health," Mikisha Hooper, with the Texas Council on Family Violence, told the Texas Standard. "So that isolation, the financial pressure, and those types of things are exacerbating the increase in the number of homicides that we're seeing," she said.

Maybe "doing well" sometimes means doing less, not trying quite so hard, letting myself simply relax. Maybe paying more attention would be a smart thing to do, since my body is going to insist I rest eventually—either voluntarily, or by force.

"What are you doing out of bed?" Peter wants to know as I write this.

"I'm just writing a little today," I tell him, because I am. I'm going to write just a little. Then I'm going to work very hard at being a little more lazy.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Child Care Centers Closing Across State

An unprecedented number of child care centers are expected to close across the state as pandemic relief funding ends, the Texas Standard reported. A survey conducted by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children of about 1,600 child care programs indicated 44% were likely to close their doors without additional funding. Federal pandemic relief funds ended for most centers in June.

The Texas Legislature declined to pass a \$2.3 billion House proposal for child care providers, with the intent that the money be used to raise the average wage of staff from \$12 per hour to at least \$15 per hour.

Since 2020, Texas child care providers have received more than \$4 billion in COVID-19 funding, according to the Texas Tribune. The money helped cover child care costs for more than 800,000 Texas children.

"This is going to be something that affects every community here in the state of Texas and will have a lasting effect on our economy as the supply of workers in all industries is shortened because of the lack of child care," Cody Summerville, executive director of TAEYC, said.

NO ADDITIONAL IMPEACHMENT ARTICLES FOR PAXTON

The deadline has passed with no additional impeachment charges against suspended Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who already faces 20 articles of impeachment in a trial set in the Senate for Sept. 5, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

House members in late May voted 121-23 to send the articles of impeachment to the Senate, accusing Paxton of bribery and misuse of office. Paxton was indicted in 2015 for securities fraud, with that trial now set for 2024.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who will preside over the impeachment trial, said it will likely last two to three weeks.

NEW LAW CRACKS DOWN ON STREET RACING

Gov. Greg Abbott last week signed two laws cracking down on illegal street racing. House Bills 1442 and 2899 enhance penalties for those involved in such activities and provide law enforcement and prosecutors additional tools to address those crimes.

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ities and provide law enforcement and prosecutors additional tools to address those crimes.

"Street takeover" events have been occurring in Austin, Fort Worth and other cities, where intersections are blocked by vehicles doing donuts in intersections while others film the event.

Abbott ceremonially signed the bill in Fort Worth, where a street takeover led to a pair of fatalities.

"Street racing and street takeovers are not a victimless crime," said Mayor Mattie Parker. "Right here in Fort Worth, we lost a wonderful young couple who had three children. These types of incidents are all too common across the country."

Abbott announced the formation of a task force in February to combat street takeovers. The Texas Department of Public Safety, working with local law enforcement, has made more than 50 arrests and nearly 400 traffic citations related to illegal street racing across the state.

WILDFIRE DANGER CONTINUES TO RISE AS STATE BAKES

Texas A&M Forest Service is warning of increased wildfire danger as high temperatures and dry conditions continue to cover the state.

"Since mid-July, wildfire activity has increased substantially across Texas due to expanding drought conditions," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "Over the past two weeks, state and local firefighters have responded to 280 wildfires that burned almost 10,000 acres."

While the risk of wildfire has increased, the five active wildfires across the state have largely been contained. The number of counties with burn bans in place increased to 168 as of last weekend.

A&M REACHES \$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH JOURNALISM PROFESSOR

Texas A&M University reached a \$1 million settlement with a journalism professor whose botched hiring led to the resignation of the university's president, The Dallas Morning News reported.

University officials released the results of an internal investigation last week that admitted "mistakes were made during the hiring process."

Kathleen McElroy, a former editor for the New York Times and a journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin, accepted a tenure-track position to restart A&M's journalism program. A public signing ceremony was followed with backlash, including from six A&M regents, because of her work to diversify newsrooms. The original offer eventually was reduced to a one-year contract with no protection from being summarily fired. McElroy decided to stay at UT-Austin while making public how the offer had changed.

"I hope the resolution of my matter will reinforce A&M's allegiance to excellence in higher education and its commitment to academic freedom and journalism," McElroy said. She is a Texas A&M graduate.

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN 'FAMILY ANNIHILATION' CASES

Cases of "family annihilation," where one family member kills at least two close family members, occur every five days in the United States, according to a study originally made by the IndyStar and analyzed by the Statesman. That analysis indicated since 2020 such homicides have occurred in Texas 33 times—more than any other state.

Firearms are used most frequently in family annihilations in the state, the study showed. Texas, the second most populous state in the nation, leads the country in firearm-related deaths, with 4,613 reported in the state in 2021, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The data focused on the two and a half years since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A lot of the stressors of the COVID pandemic exacerbated the issues around domestic violence and mental health," Mikisha Hooper, with the Texas Council on Family Violence, told the Texas Standard. "So that isolation, the financial pressure, and those types of things are exacerbating the increase in the number of homicides that we're seeing," she said.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com

Burn Ban in effect for Harris County for next 90 days

Harris County, August 8 – Harris County Commissioner’s Court approved a burn ban in Unincorporated Harris County due to extreme temperatures and continuous dry conditions. Harris County joins 168 Texas counties that have already implemented a burn ban, including our neighbors in Galveston, Waller, Chambers, and Liberty County.

“The burn ban is in place to reduce the potential of a devastating wildfire happening in our community,” said Fire Marshal Laurie L. Christensen. “The excessive heat conditions we have been experiencing and lack of rain have elevated KBDI levels and vegetation fuels. The safety of Harris County is in our proactive actions- let’s heed the ban, reduce risks, and protect our community.”

The burn ban means no outdoor burning is allowed, except in an enclosure that contains all flames and/or sparks; outdoor burning activities authorized by TCEQ; approved ceremonial fires; non-commercial cooking such as backyard cookouts and barbecues are allowed; and welding and other “hot work” performed in accordance with county fire code requirements.

Violation of the ban is a Class “C” misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine. In addition, any person who starts a fire that causes damage to property without the owner’s consent may be charged with Reckless Damage or Destruction, a Class C misdemeanor, or arson, a felony.

Preparation is critical when protecting your property and home from the threat of wildfire damage. Here are a few effective actions and precautions you can take to minimize the risk:

- DO NOT burn on “red Flag” or windy days, and think twice before burning outdoors when KBDI approaches 700 or more.
- LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep the area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.
- Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid the build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
- Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
- In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
- Have fire tools handy such as a ladder long enough to reach your roof, a shovel, a rake, and a bucket or two for water.
- Place connected garden hoses on all sides of your home for emergency use.
- Assure you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) measures drought conditions based on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) scale. KBDI conditions between 600 and 800 have the potential to lead to intense, prolonged wildfires. As of August 8th, Harris County’s average KBDI is 681. Texas counties can implement a burn ban if their KBDI is above 575. 68 percent of Texas counties are currently under a burn ban.

The burn ban will be in effect for 90 days or until TFS determines that Harris County is no longer experiencing a drought.

To contact our office for questions, please email: fmosupport@fmosupport@hctx.net

To submit any fire and life safety complaint or concern, go to: <https://www.hcfmo.net/report-hazard>

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Marcia Herrera, Chief Human Resources Officer, 2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd., at 281.985.6301, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Efrain Uribe, Program Director, Guidance and Counseling, 9999 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038 281.985.6425.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Apartment Fire in Greenspoint Area

Multiple Alarm fire involved 4 Fire Departments: Houston, Aldine, Little York, and Westfield.

Houston Fire Department reports an apartment fire on August 1 at 6:13 pm. Located at 802 Seminar Dr. 77060.

There were no reported injuries. The building sustained \$30,000 in estimated damage. The cause is Under investigation.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find fire coming through the roof of a vacant 2-story building. Strong winds also spread the fire to nearby grass and brush. A defensive attack was made, and additional units were requested to control the grass fire. The crews extinguished the fire and ensured all hotspots were out. This complex had several previous fires and HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. 42 personnel were dispatched to this incident, including firefighters from Stations 64, 34, 67, 74, 84, 63, 58, 30, Rehab 17, the Aldine Fire Department, Little York Fire Department and Westfield Fire Department.

Major Loss of \$610,000 in House Fire on Deams St.

Houston Fire Department reports a house fire July 23 at 11:54 pm, in the 1700 block of Deams Street, Houston 77093..

One firefighter was injured and transported to the hospital. Property saved amounted to \$150,000 in estimated property saved. However, the building suffered damage in the amount of :\$610,000 in estimated damage. The Fire Department reported to this newspaper that this was a large house, with part of it under construction.

The cause is Under investigation. Firefighters arrived on scene to find heavy fire and smoke coming from a 1-story house and made an offensive attack. They switched to a defensive attack due to the conditions of the home. The fire was controlled and allowed crews to go back to an offensive mode to complete extinguishment. A primary search was conducted with no one found. One firefighter was injured and transported to the hospital. The house was vacant and had burned before. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. 40 personnel were dispatched to this incident, including crews from Stations 34, 15, 31, 12, 30, 39, 56, 58 and Rehab 17.

Fatal Shooting during Robbery at 9278 Eastex Freeway


Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 9278 Eastex Freeway (North U.S. Highway 59) service road about 2:20 p.m. on Thursday (July 27).

The identity of the deceased victim, 33, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant C. Lamont and Detective R. Waterwall reported: Officers responded to a robbery call in the parking lot of a business at the above address and found the victim with at least one gunshot wound. Paramedics transported the man to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Witnesses stated a black male suspect in his 30s robbed the victim, at gunpoint, and then stole the victim’s vehicle, a 2007 white Honda Accord with Texas license plates MPT2517.

Anyone with information on the identity or whereabouts of the wanted suspect, or on the wanted vehicle is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.




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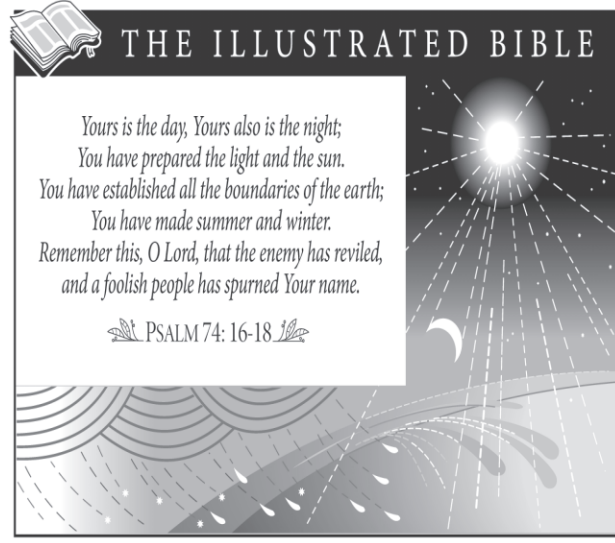
BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book may be summarized as "It really is true, Jesus Christ is God Himself"? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. In Esther 2:17, who was she (Esther) made queen

instead of? Vashti, Ruth, Anna, Sapphira
 4. Who gave Solomon cedar and fir trees according to all his desire? David, Hiram, Chalcol, Mahol
 5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to mourn and a time to ...? Leave, Dance, Love, Profit
 6. In 1 John 4:8 God is ...? Always, Grace, Love, Beloved

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) John, 3) Vashti, 4) Hiram, 5) Dance, 6) Love
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SPORTS PAGE

New Texans Coach Ryans is longtime fixture in Houston area

By Allan Jamail
Northeast News Journalist

HOUSTON, TX. ~ On July 9 at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ, church members DeMeco Ryans (the new Texans pro-football head coach) and his wife Jamila and church members Allan and Linda Jamail got together after their Bible class for some socializing and fellowship.

The Ryans attended Fifth Ward Church of Christ as single's before their marriage.

Northeast News writer Allan Jamail said he was proud of both DeMeco and Jamila for their devotion and loyalty to the church. With all the activities the new coach and



Demeco & Jamila Ryan, with Linda & Allan Jamail at a recent social function.

his wife Jamila have they always make sure on Sunday's to be in church

and have their three children (DeMeco Jr., Micah & Xia) at church and in

Bible school.

DeMeco became the Texans head coach Janu-

ary 31, 2023 (Texans 6th). He has so many football achievements there's too many to put in this article. "Having a professional head coach title is pretty awesome but I know DeMeco well enough to say he values the title of Christian above all else," Jamail said.

Allan Jamail said, "I have good memories of DeMeco presenting a Sunday Worship Service Sermon, he's good with the Bible and talented on getting its message delivered accurately. And I also remember DeMeco getting into the baptistry and doing baptizing."

Allan takes pride in his ability to cook soul food, especially mustard

greens with smoked ham hocks and smoked turkey necks. "The Ryans' ate some of my greens at a church fellowship. Afterwards Jamila wanted my recipe that I wouldn't share, so I made them a pot of them and the following Sunday when DeMeco gave me back my empty pot he said they sure were good. I learned how to cook greens from Lille Mae, a Black lady my mom had take care of me when she was at work," Allan said.

Both the Ryans' and the Jamail's have been members for many years at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ located at 4308 Stonewall Street. To learn more about the church visit: www.fwcoc.org.

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Step Up to a New School Year!

Step up to a new school year! Get ready to do your best. You can do it! Most schools supply the basic items and equipment you need to start, but may expect you to bring some supplies to help out. So, get packed and enjoy this fresh start!

Take an apple to school for a healthy snack!

Apples are red, green or yellow! Color this apple your favorite color!

Study the pictures to fill in the puzzle with names of old and new school supplies and equipment:

I'm so excited to swim into my new school!

Little Mouse is excited about the new school year. He has a message for you. Use the alphabet code to see it:

The Real Reason Mary's Lamb Followed Her to School

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When you are a student, school and homework are your "job." Arrive prepared every day and you will be able to:

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Lunch With a Punch!

Pack favorite foods that will give your lunch "nutritional" punch! Choose healthy dessert too. Go through the maze to put your choice into the bag:

Love That Class!

What's your favorite class in school?

There is so much to learn. I'm going to try something new this year!

Find and circle these subjects:

music	history	reading	foreign languages
band	writing	spelling	mathematics
gym	art	health	science

"How Do You Like Them Apples?"

Ow! Hey, that smarts!

Have you heard about a man named Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)? He lived in England. He was one of the world's greatest mathematicians. One day when he was wandering in a garden thinking, he watched an apple fall from a tree (some stories say that he was hit in the head by a falling apple.) This action made him think about "gravity" or the force with which the earth pulls things toward its center. If you throw a ball into the air, gravity is what causes it to fall back down to you. Gravity gives us weight on the earth. It is the force that keeps the planets in our solar system on their paths.

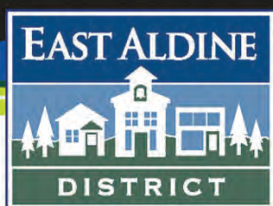
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Lone Star College and Texas Workforce Commission offer training for small businesses



Lone Star College partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission to offer the Skills for Small Business program that provides area employers with free training for their employees.

HOUSTON (Aug. 9, 2023) – Lone Star College's partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) creates various opportunities to assist small businesses with their training needs.

The Skills for Small Business (SSB) program provides local employers with funding to pay their employees to take credit, continuing education, online and non-published courses offered at LSC. These offerings apply to business needs and operations.

"The Skills for Small Business Program allows Lone Star College to help you educate and train your workforce," said Linda Leto Head, LSC Senior Associate Vice Chancellor External and Employer Relations.

The Skills for Small Business will give approved businesses \$1,800 to cover tuition for each new employee and \$900 for each current employee in a 12-month period. Only full-time permanent employees can

participate in the program. The employer and employees can select the training offered at LSC that benefits the business and the worker through an application with TWC. Once approved, they can use funds at LSC to enroll in courses relevant to their business.

"I encourage local small business owners to take a look at the training that is available through this worthwhile program," said Head.

The Lone Star College Skills for Small Business project is financed with \$15,000 (40.81% of the total costs) of federal money. 0% of the total costs of this project are financed by non-governmental sources. For more information on the Skills for Small Business grant and assistance with identifying training at LSC, email Christina.Boutte@LoneStar.edu or call 832.813.6797.

Lone Star College has designated grants (federal, state and workforce) to help

students pay for their college education. Visit LoneStar.edu/fa-grants for more information on those resources.

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. LSC is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2022 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year's Best Workplaces in Texas™. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.



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