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News Briefs

La Feria ISD Literacy Bus Returns This Summer

By Mike Villarreal

La Feria ISD has introduced an innovative initiative to foster literacy among its students and the wider community through the return of the District Literacy Bus this summer. This unique venture involves transforming a traditional school bus into a vibrant "Library on Wheels" designed to promote reading and literacy.

Bus is a testament to its vibrant and inviting nature, perfectly complementing the interior library space where students can immerse themselves in a world of books and engaging activities. This mobile library serves as a testament to the district's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of literacy and learning.

Throughout the summer, the Literacy Bus will make scheduled stops in various neighborhoods,



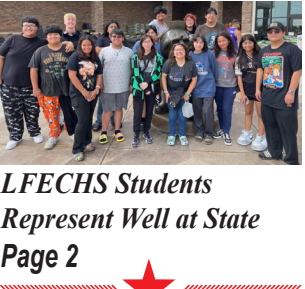
facilitating access to books and educational resources. It has already made impactful visits to locations such as El Centro Foods, Adams Gardens, Hickory Hills, and the Rec Center/Sports Complex, and is set to continue its journey through the community. Upcoming scheduled stops include Fleetwood Trailer Park and Sunflower Apartments on June 10th, followed by visits to the trailers on Parker Rd on June 12th, and Ken-La and Adams Gardens on June 24th. On

June 25th, the Literacy Bus will be stationed at El Centro Foods parking lot and the City Park, extending its reach to offer a wealth of reading materials to eager learners.

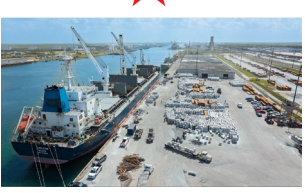
In addition to these engaging community stops, La Feria ISD Family and Community Engagement is organizing an upcoming Literacy Night Bash on June 18th. Held at the Lee Facility situated at 400 S. West Street, this event promises to be an immersive experience

for families and children alike. From 5:30 p.m. onwards, attendees can enjoy complimentary refreshments, access to an assortment of books, and exciting door prizes. The event will also feature interactive elements such as business/church stands, lively music, engaging games, creative arts & crafts activities, bouncers, and even a delightful train ride for children, ensuring an enjoyable and enriching experience for all.

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LA FERIA ISD FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WELCOMES YOU:

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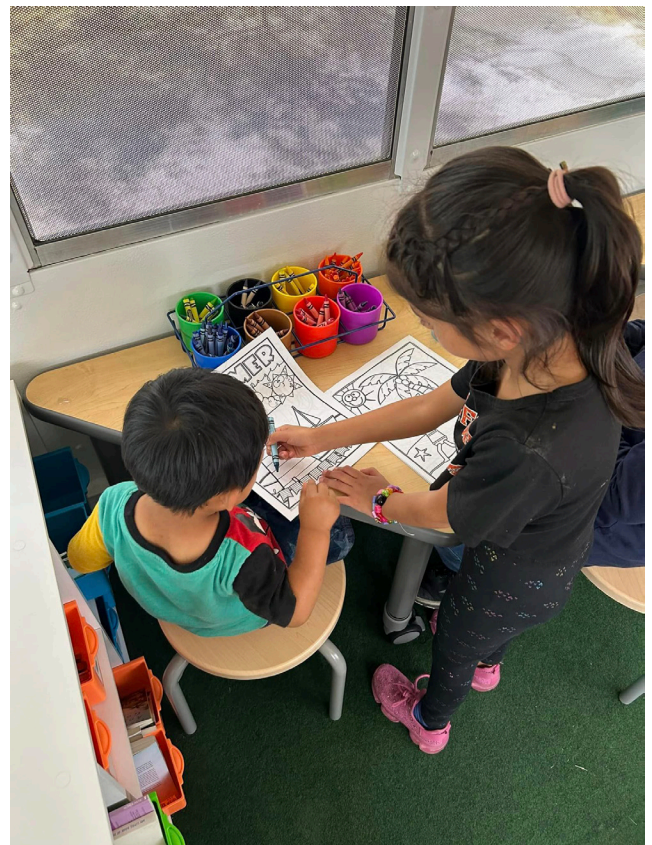
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16 	17	18 LITERACY SUMMER BASH	19	20	21	22
23	24 Ken-La 2:30 p.m. Adams 3:15 p.m.	25 El Centro 2:30 p.m. City Park 3:15 p.m.	26	27	28	29
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LFECHS Students Represent Well at State

By Mike Villarreal

The La Feria Early College High School Band and Choir students, each with their unique talents, recently showcased their exceptional skills at the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest held in Austin on May 25-27, respectively.

Twelve choir students have truly shone, embarking on a journey of dedication and hard work that led them to earn top honors with seven gold medals and five silver medals for their exceptional performances. Their achievements are a testament to their talent, and we are truly impressed by their unwavering commitment.

It's important to note that to even qualify for the state contest, our students had to first achieve a 1st division rating, which signifies a superior performance.

This rating is not easily earned. It requires the students to demonstrate exceptional musicality, technical proficiency, and interpretive skills. This is no small feat, especially considering the fierce competition from schools across Texas in the UIL event.

This year, Faith Chavarria, Ayden Gomez, Zoe Garza, Austin Vaughan, Alicia Salinas, Rigoberto Tovar, and Juan Hernandez were the members of the La Feria Early College High School Choir who achieved a gold medal and superior rating. Students who received a silver medal and excellent rating were Hailo Garcia, Mia Quintero, Andrea Martinez, Jolynn Landaverde, and Enrique Hernandez.

David Cardona, the Head Band Director, and Randall S. Ashley,

the Director of Choral Activities at LFECHS, are both very proud of the students' remarkable accomplishments throughout the year. This is not just an example of the student's talent and dedication, but a testament to their exceptional achievements. Their hard work resulted in them reaping the rewards of their unwavering commitment to the choir.

The UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest, one of the most prestigious music competitions in Texas, attracts over 20,000 students from High Schools across the state annually. Participants converge in the Austin area to present their vocal solos, instrumental solos, or piano solos before esteemed University professors who assess their performance on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 denoting a superior rating. The contest



is a platform for students to showcase their musical talents and compete at the highest level.

Participating in any UIL activity, such as the State Solo & Ensemble Contest, provides leadership and citizenship experiences

through school activities. It helps students develop discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. These skills are not only valuable in the context of the competition but also in preparing students for a more purposeful and successful

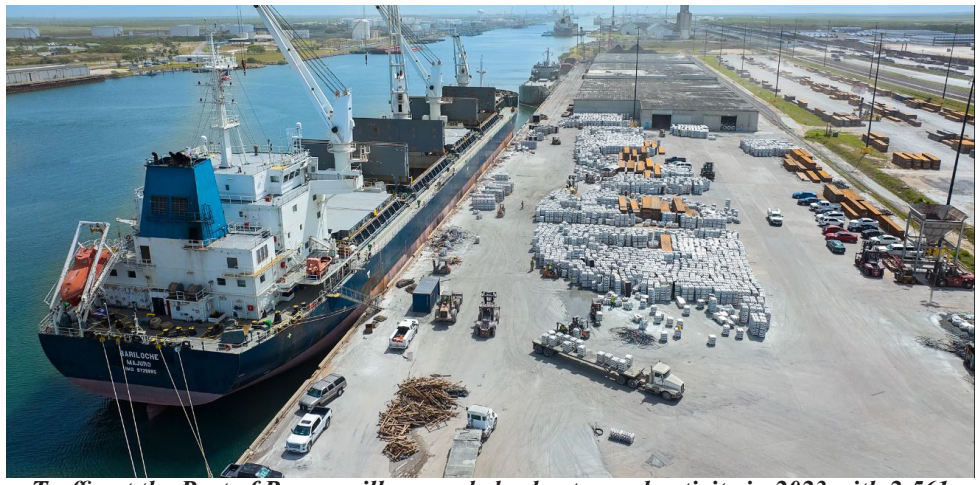
life. Another great aspect of UIL is the teamwork it teaches, as well as the fact that it is an honor and privilege to represent one's school in competition. Photo La Feria ISD Facebook Page

Port of Brownsville Climbs to Top 50 Ranking for Cargo Movement in U.S.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — May 22, 2024 — The Port of Brownsville's record-breaking streak continues as it rose to 50th position in the nation among 150 maritime ports for the movement of waterborne cargo, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2022 Annual Report. Throughout 2022, the port's waterways handled 9.1 million tons of cargo marking an increase from 2021's 8.9 million tons. The new numbers pushed the port from the 55th position to 50th on the list. This upward trend continued throughout 2023 as total cargo tonnage at the port rose

to 17.8 million tons, up 17% from 15.2 million tons in 2022, according to unaudited reports for FY 2023. Waterborne cargo accounted for approximately 12.3 million tons while non-waterborne cargo totaled 5.5 million tons. Leading commodities at the Port of Brownsville include steel, liquid bulk



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products, wind energy components, and a variety of aggregates. Traffic at the port recorded robust vessel activity in 2023 with 2,561 vessel calls, signaling a 46% increase from the previous year's total of 1,754. "Climbing to the 50th position of our nation's top maritime ports is a major accomplishment. These larger cargo volumes mean big business for the region and the State of Texas," said Interim Port Director and CEO William Dietrich. "As we anticipate continued growth, we are committed to enhancing our infrastructure and expanding future opportunities at the port."

Strategically located at the intersection of key shipping lanes linking the United States and Mexico, the port has served as a vital gateway for international trade since it first opened in 1936. Currently underway at the port, the Brazos Island Harbor Channel Improvement project will deepen the 17-mile-long Brownsville ship channel from 42 to 52 feet to accommodate larger vessels with heavier loads and enhance navigational safety. Also, the port's 118-acre industrial business park, currently in its construction phase, is attracting diverse industries strengthening its commitment to bring good-paying jobs to the region.

Furthermore, in progress is Rio Grande LNG's 984-acre facility at the port. The development entails the liquefaction of natural gas for export

to international markets, promising significant economic benefits for the region, state, and nation. The construction of this facility alone is expected to create over 5,000 jobs in the area and is projected to provide an increase in gross domestic product, estimated to reach \$6 billion in Cameron County, \$23 billion in Texas, and up to \$35 billion across the United States, according to the company.

About the Port of Brownsville
The Port of Brownsville is a premier ship recycling and ship building port in the United States and a rising player in the energy sector, with Rio Grande LNG's facility under construction, marking the largest capital investment in the state. As the only deep-water seaport directly on the U.S.-Mexico border, the Port of Brownsville spans 40,000 acres, making it the largest land-owning public port authority in the country. It transships more steel into Mexico than any other U.S. port.

Serving as the major multimodal transportation hub for the Rio Grande Valley and northern Mexico, the Port of Brownsville supports significant investment opportunities and job creation. Port activities contribute over \$2 billion to the regional economy, \$3 billion to the Texas economy, and result in more than 51,000 jobs statewide.

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Jennifer Castillo: Behind the Lens Photography at Castillo



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Jennifer Castillo owns Jennifer Kristin Photography, an entrepreneurial endeavor she initiated 14 years ago. However, it wasn't until five years ago that she opened an actual storefront.

Originating from family gatherings and school yearbooks, her passion for photography blossomed into a profession she is infinitely passionate about. Reflecting on her inspirations and her profound interest

in photography, she remarked, "I think it is important to have those memories because tomorrow isn't promised, and you don't get those moments back."

Recounting a pivotal moment that underscored the depth of her artistry, she shared, "When I first started, it was an amazing moment in which I knew it was what I wanted to do forever. I was still practicing with newborn photography, and I was photographing this little baby boy, and his dad started crying, and it was just that touching moment

when he was looking at his little boy and he was having a moment of 'that's my son and he's here' and when I saw that I knew that this was what I wanted to do."

Jennifer emphasized that her family serves as her primary inspiration; not only fueling her journey but also kickstarting it. She expressed her desire for clients to feel welcome and comfortable during her service, stating, "I was allowed in these intimate and sometimes vulnerable moments, and I had actually formed friendships from this. I have followed them year after year, special occasion after special occasion, and I have been able to see their kids grow up and vice versa."

She cherished the connections forged with families through her work, underscoring that her business isn't merely a means of earning a living but a manifestation of her passion.

Despite moments of doubt about her suitability for her profession, Jennifer revealed that her faith played a pivotal role in her success. "I have had many more interactions with the clients in which I was able to speak about the Lord," she disclosed, adding, "God has always been in the center of everything."

When Jennifer was first starting out, she was

looking for a location close to home in La Feria and near her husband Art Castillo, who owns Anomaly Jui Jitsu she says, "He answered that prayer to a T, and there is no other answer than, it was God's grace." Jennifer then explained how she could spread His word by sharing her journey.

Jennifer Kristin Photography specializes in providing the comforts of home, offering services ranging from maternity and newborn photography to documenting birthdays and milestones. Jennifer gave voice to the fact that she only offers her services to studio orders, but adds, "I may not be a photographer for outdoors, but I can recommend you to someone who can."

In closing, I'd like to share one of Jennifer's favorite bible verses,



"Delight yourself in the lord and He shall give you the series of your heart." Psalms 37:4





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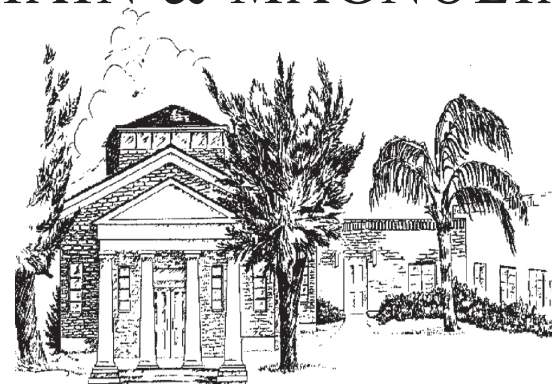
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Sunday will be Father's Day. I am a father although not always a great one. But I had a great father and I carry with me a lifetime of good memories of him. Not everyone is so fortunate. Some never knew their father. Others would have been better off if they had not known their father. The day is a mixed bag for some people. Of the many things that Jesus taught us, one of the most important was how to say, "father." In Aramaic he used the word Abba. If you go to Israel or Palestine today you will hear children calling out to their fathers saying, "Abba, Abba." In the past, I have incorrectly translated Abba as "Daddy." While Abba is a word of intimacy it is not meant to be one of familiarity. Just like, God is not "the old man upstairs." God is more than simply daddy. "My father" or "our father," is a more accurate translation of Abba. God desires intimacy with us, rather than formality. But that does not mean we are to be casual or flippant with God. It is an important distinction. It means God likes us but God is not like us.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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2024-DCL-02153

Barbara Villarreal § IN THE 404TH DISTRICT COURT
 VS § OF
Virginia Adams § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **Virginia Adams**
 Known and Unknown Heirs
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Leticia Beltran § IN THE 445TH DISTRICT COURT
 VS § OF
Carlos Huerta § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **Jorge Roberto Falcon**
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TO: **Carlos Huerta**
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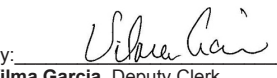
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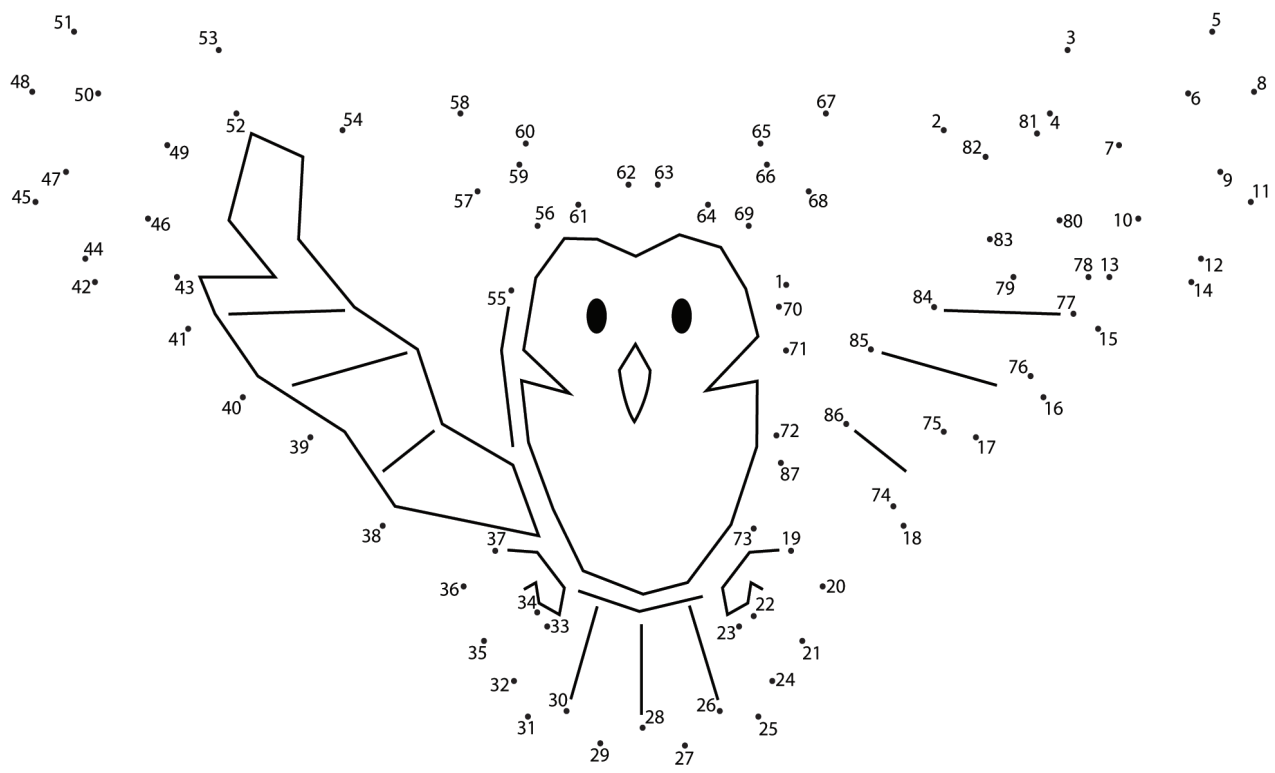
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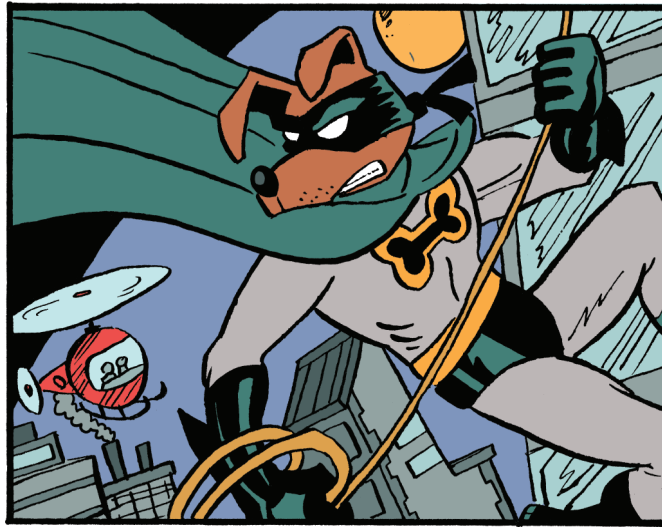
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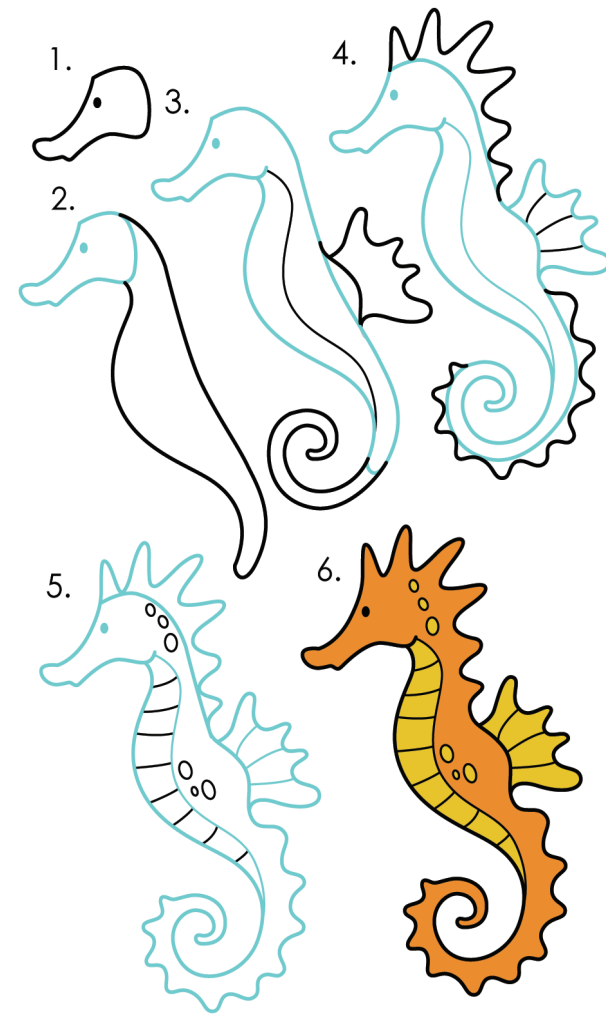
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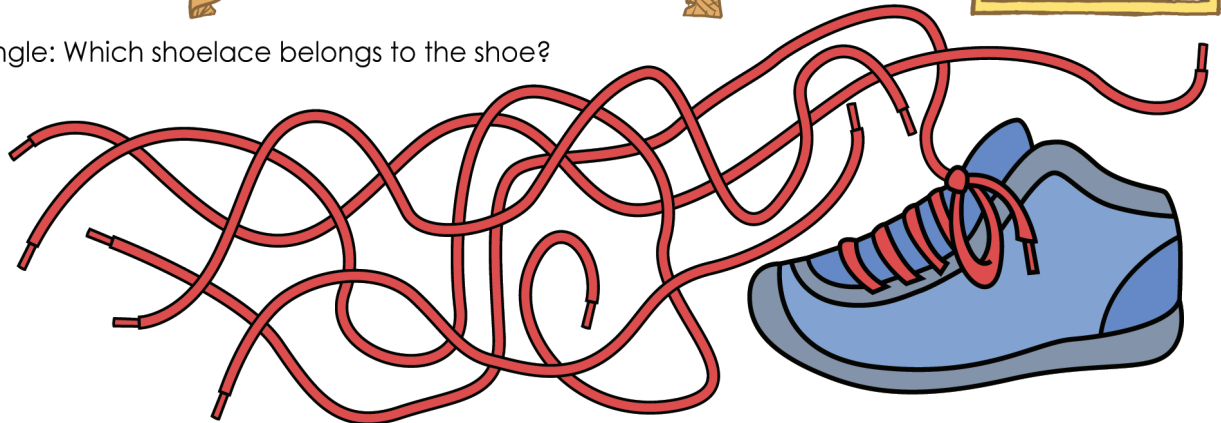
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Tangle: Which shoelace belongs to the shoe?



June is Men's Health Awareness Month

Exercise Key to Living, Maintaining Healthy Lifestyle



HARLINGEN & BROWNSVILLE — As June and Men's Health Awareness Month wind down, local health experts are stressing that there is no better time for men who normally put their own health on the back burner to take stock of their personal fitness.

Physical inactivity, high blood pressure, and smoking are risk factors for heart disease, the number one killer of men in America. Over time, fat and cholesterol can build up in blood vessels. When arteries that supply the heart and brain with blood

become clogged, a heart attack or stroke can occur. These risk factors can be reduced by living a healthy lifestyle.

While there is no cure-all when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle, Dr. Christopher Romero, an internal medicine specialist with Valley Baptist Health System, said exercise can reduce the risk factor for a wide array of serious health complications and diseases ranging from stroke to diabetes.

"If there was a medication available today that could accomplish all of the health benefits that exercise provides nearly everyone would be on it," Romero said. "Regular exercise is one of the single most important factors for

improving overall health and has been shown to increase life expectancy."

Exercise can help keep the body's blood vessels open and reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure. Exercise can also have a positive impact on cholesterol levels, raising levels of good cholesterol while reducing bad cholesterol numbers. Exercise can also lower the amount of fat in the bloodstream, assist in weight loss, and makes the heart and lungs work more efficiently, Romero said.

While it is important to consult a physician

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17. Grazing spot
18. Stressful or unnerving
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21. *First U.S. space station
23. Salty dog's domain
24. Fail to mention
25. Spermatozoa counterpart
28. Ukrainian person, e.g.
30. State of submission
35. Network of nerves

37. Muscle or strength
39. ____ Mara, Africa
40. Shapeless form
41. Cliffside dwelling
43. *Saturn's environs, sing.
44. Poetic feet
46. Darn a sock, e.g.
47. Per person
48. Rendezvouses
50. Mine entrance
52. After-tax amount
53. Litter's littlest
55. French vineyard

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- 60. *Second S in ISS
- 64. Ancient Celtic priest
- 65. Sun kiss
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 - 7. * ____ Jamison, the first African-American woman in space
 - 8. Tetanus symptom
 - 9. Two-fold
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 - 11. Prickle on a wire
 - 12. Sylvester Stallone's nickname
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 - 20. Churchill/Roosevelt/Stalin meeting site
 - 22. Model-builder's purchase
 - 24. Gorge oneself
 - 25. *Planet's path
 - 26. Type of consonant
 - 27. Skeleton, archaic
 - 29. Attention-getting interjection
 - 31. Like pink steak
 - 32. Of the Orient
 - 33. Jousting pole
 - 34. * ____-year
 - 36. Opposite of flows
 - 38. *Solar ____, sun's emission
 - 42. Authoritative proclamation
 - 45. Walked with long steps
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 - 56. One-eighty
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Mother-Daughter Duo Achieves Educational Success Together at TSC

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TSC Alumni Erica Esquivel and Abigail Hernandez, the mother-daughter duo, understood that their time at TSC was a crucial first step on their educational journeys. This journey led them to Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK), where they recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work.

"My mother was adamant about the importance of education," Esquivel remarked. "Coming from a working-class family with no other relatives living nearby, she worked tirelessly to take care of us from sunrise to sunset. She always

emphasized that education was the key to a better life for us."

Esquivel passed on this sentiment to her daughter, who enrolled at TSC shortly after earning her high school diploma. "I chose TSC because it was a school that I knew would ensure my success, as the professors care about each student," shared Hernandez.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic emerged in early 2020, creating an unexpected obstacle in Hernandez's educational path. Her mother offered crucial support and encouragement. "I told her, 'No, you don't quit. We are all learning to live with uncertainty,'" Esquivel said. While she wasn't surprised by her daughter's determination to overcome the challenge, she was taken aback by her daughter's condition – she would continue her studies only if her mother enrolled at TSC alongside her.

With both ladies now enrolled at TSC, they began studying hard to work toward their shared goal of earning their associate's

degrees in social work. As they progressed through semesters together, their plans were altered when representatives from TAMUK visited their class at TSC.

"I decided to continue my educational journey at Texas A&M Kingsville after two professors visited one of my senior social work classes to discuss their program," recalled Hernandez. TAMUK representatives arranged for both women to visit their campus and attend a few social work classes.

While Hernandez prepared to transition to TAMUK full-time, Esquivel was hesitant, primarily due to transportation issues to Kingsville. Fortunately, their visit to TAMUK alleviated her concerns. "They explained the social work program's flexibility, operating on a hybrid class model. It made it easier for me to attend as a commuter student, requiring in-person attendance only once a week."

They made up their minds and decided to enroll with TAMUK upon

completing their degrees at TSC.

"I relocated from San Benito to Kingsville and had to start from scratch," said Hernandez. "As a full-time worker and student, it was difficult to stay motivated as I was often pressed for time, but with family and faculty support, I could overcome these challenges." Esquivel, who chose to stay in San Benito, found ways to navigate her unique challenges. "As a mother, full-time worker, and student, time

management was difficult, but I managed by keeping a planner and relying on the support of my family," she said.

After two more years of hard work and perseverance, both ladies reached the end of their associate degree journey, securing a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to earn their bachelor's degrees simultaneously as mother and daughter. Even with this latest accomplishment, both ladies aren't content to rest on their laurels – they are actively planning to check off the next box on their list of educational goals and earn their master's degrees in social

work from TAMUK.

In addition to gaining experience in their new social work careers, both ladies want to show struggling students that the sky is the limit as long as they're willing to put in the time and effort.

"I tell students, 'Don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help because there are always resources available to you.' I also urge them to establish a good rapport with their professors and administrators," said Hernandez, with Esquivel encouragingly adding, "Never give up. The path is not easy, but it will all be worth it in the end."



TSC alumni Abigail Hernandez (left) and Erica Esquivel, a mother-daughter duo, understood that their time at TSC was a crucial first step on their educational journeys. This journey led them to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where they recently graduated with bachelor's degrees in social work.

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before incorporating any new exercise routine into plans for living a healthier lifestyle, walking, stair-climbing, jogging, and other activities of at least moderate intensity can also help prevent or manage several chronic diseases that become more common with age: type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, and arthritis.

Both body and mind can benefit from exercise. Exercise can help manage stress, make life more enjoyable, boost self-image and help counter anxiety and depression.

"Significant improvements in overall health can be achieved with even the most modest increase in activity," Romero said. "The key is starting with simple, achievable goals that when combined over time can turn into really great results."

The Centers for Disease Control and the American Heart Association recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity, four to five days a week. Both organizations also recommend moderate to high intensity muscle strengthening activity at least two days a week.

In addition to exercise, Romero said it is important for men not to ignore their emergent health issues, chronic conditions and scheduled health screenings, especially now that the recent COVID-19 pandemic does not hinder appointments and scheduling.

"Potential issues can often get worse and lead to worse outcomes, sometimes

even death. We have known for a very long time that for serious injuries, heart attacks, strokes, and other major health emergencies getting treatment as soon as possible makes all the difference," he said. "Often when medical problems can be treated early, they can have much better outcomes than if treatment is delayed. For example, being seen as soon as possible after the onset of a stroke can potentially mean the difference between being able to walk out of the hospital and being permanently disabled."

Examples of such scheduled health screenings include annual tests for colon cancer. As rates of colorectal cancer continue to rise among young adults, the Centers for Disease Control reduced the age individuals should start receiving colon cancer screenings from 50 to 45 years old, Romero said.

"So much care was delayed due to the pandemic it is important that we all get back into the practice of following up with our doctor to help us stay on track and identify health issues early before they become major problems," he said. "Hispanic men are more likely to delay healthcare, despite the fact that we have higher rates of obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and liver problems. It's important that we take care of ourselves, so we can continue to take care of the ones we love."

BREAKOUT BOX

Use these tips to move toward a more active life:

- Choose enjoyable activities. The key to starting and sticking with an exercise program is to pick the right activities.

Then choose a convenient time and place to work out. Try to make exercise a habit. Finding an exercise partner may make it easier to stick to a regular schedule.

- Build up endurance. Start out by exercising slowly and gradually build up intensity and duration

of exercise sessions. Overdoing exercise increases the risk of injury. Do not ignore any pain in joints, ankles, feet, or legs.

- Drink plenty of water. During exercise, drink water every 15 minutes, especially in hot, humid conditions. Be sure to drink before experiencing

feelings of thirst.

- Check with a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise program, especially when starting from a long period of inactivity, or if you have a chronic health problem like heart disease, diabetes, or obesity, or if you are at high risk for developing

these problems.

In addition to exercise, maintaining a healthy diet, one low in fat and calories, is another weapon for fighting cardiovascular disease, stroke and many other conditions. For more information on men's health, visit www.valleybaptist.net.



OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR ANTONIO "TONY" YZAGUIRRE JR. PUBLIC NOTICE



The Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office has mailed all 2023 Consolidated Delinquent Tax Notices on Personal and Real Estate Tax Statements. Taxes were due on January 31, 2024, and taxes became delinquent on February 1, 2024. **If your 2023 real estate taxes have not been paid, you still have time to contact one of our offices before June 30, 2024 to make a tax payment agreement contract to avoid paying additional attorney's fees in accordance with Property Tax Code Sec. 33.02.** You may contact any of the following offices by phone for tax information: Brownsville Main Office (956) 544-0800, San Benito Tax Office (956) 361-8232, Harlingen Tax Office (956) 427-8013. **Attorney fees 15% or 20% depending upon the policy adopted by each taxing jurisdiction**

			Attorney's & Collection Fees	Total Fees
June 2024	Penalty and Interest:	15%	0%	= 15%
July 2024	Penalty and Interest:	18%	15%, or 20%	= 30.50%, 33%, or 38%
August 2024	Penalty and Interest:	19%	15%, or 20%	= 31.50%, 34%, or 39%
September 2024	Penalty and Interest:	20%	15%, or 20%	= 32.50%, 35%, or 40%

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES NOW!

- AVOID ADDITIONAL DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY COLLECTON FEES
- AVOID A TAX LAWSUIT
- AVOID PAYING COURT COSTS
- AVOID A TAX FORECLOSURE OR TAX WARRANT
- ADDITIONAL DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY'S FEES WILL BE ADDED ON JULY 1, 2024

All taxpayers are responsible for their property taxes, even if they do not receive a tax statement in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 31.01(g). Partial payments and all major credit card payments will be accepted at any of our 11 locations. **Drop-off payment boxes** are located by the drive-up windows at our Brownsville Main Office, Southmost Branch Office, Harlingen Branch Office, Port Isabel Branch Office, Los Fresnos Branch Office, and the San Benito Drive-up, conveniently accessible 24/7 (checks and money orders only). To avoid waiting in line, you can pay your taxes online 24/7 by credit card or internet check (iCheck) at: www.cameroncountytexas.gov/tac. Mail-in payments must be postmarked for the month in which payment amount is due (Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 1.08) and may be sent to: Cameron County Tax Office, P.O. Box 952, Brownsville, Texas 78522-0952 **TAX OFFICE (956) 544-0800**

*2023 property taxes can now be paid at Lone Star National Bank Locations in Cameron County. A copy of your 2023 consolidated tax bill must be presented in order to make a payment at Lone Star National Bank.

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