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Sharing a laugh



Nan Dickson/Special to the Telegram

Ande Scott, right, shares a laugh as she and another volunteer work the ticket booth Saturday during the Tanglefoot Music & BBQ Festival in downtown Temple.

TEMPLE

City Council member Zoe Grant reacts to racist 'Zoom bomb' at meeting in August

BY IAN CAMACHO

Six weeks after a "Zoom bomb," Temple City Council member Dr. Zoe Grant issued a response.

Someone under the alias "Chelsea Adams" posed as a Temple resident during public comment of a regular meeting on August 7.

When "Adams" unleashed offensive images on Council members' computer screens amidst a tirade of racial slurs

and inflammatory remarks, meeting attendees could hear the audio. Projectors viewed by the public did not display the Branch president.

"As the first African-American womthe first ever — there were several African-American councilmen before me), I felt the weight of those words," Grant wrote in a press release issued Tuesday. "These acts were intentional, and their impact was hurtful to many listeners and

Grant, a Council member since May 2023, also serves as the NAACP Temple

The councilwoman told the Telegram how Temple had never had such an inan to serve on this City Council (not cident in the five years using Zoom for virtual attendance and public comment. Zoom is a software platform that allows audio and visual communication for meetings over the internet.

Grant said she put out the statement

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NATION

'American tragedy'

Suspect in Charlie Kirk killing faces murder charge

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Prosecutors brought a murder charge Tuesday against the man accused of assassinating Charlie Kirk and outlined evidence, including a text message confession to his partner and a note left beforehand saying he had the opportunity to kill one of the nation's leading conservative voices "and I'm going to take it."

DNA on the trigger of the rifle that killed Kirk also matched that of Tyler Robinson, Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray said while outlining the evidence and announcing charges that could result in the death penalty if Robinson is convicted.

The prosecutor said Robinson, 22, wrote in one text that he spent more than a week planning the attack on Kirk, a prominent force in politics credited with energizing the Republican youth movement and helping Donald Trump win back the White House in 2024.

"The murder of Charlie Kirk is an American tragedy," Gray said.

Kirk was gunned down Sept. 10 while speaking with students at Utah Valley University. Prosecutors allege Robwith a bolt-action rifle from people. the roof of a nearby building on the campus in Orem, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Robinson appeared briefly Tuesday before a judge by video from jail. He nodded slightly at times but mostly stared straight ahead as the judge read the charges against him and appointed an attorney

since his arrest. Authorities have not revealed a clear motive in the shooting, but Gray said that Robinson wrote in a text about Kirk to his partner: "I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can't be negotiated out."

to represent him. Robinson's

family has declined to com-

ment to The Associated Press

Robinson also left a note for his partner hidden under a keyboard that said, "I had the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk and I'm going to take it," according to Gray.

The prosecutor declined to answer whether Robinson targeted Kirk for his anti-transgender views. Kirk was shot while taking a question that touched on mass shootings, inson shot Kirk in the neck gun violence and transgender

BELTON ISD

Two elementary students receive national math recognition

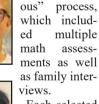
BY BELLA CASEY

BELTON — Two local students bested math whizzes across the nation to win national recognition and support for their talents.

Lakewood Elementary third grader Aayana Jain and Sparta Elementary fourth grader Rosalynn "Rosie" Canto received recognition as National Math Stars, Belton Independent School District administrators announced Monday night at a regular board meeting.

The two students were among more than 100 students nationwide selected as National Math Stars this year, according to a district press release. Students were





math assessments as well as family inter-Each selected student and his or her family may receive up

required to un-

dergo a "rigor-

to \$100,000 in support for 10 years, including academic advising, math tutoring, technology and enrichment opportunities, according to the release. The

aims to nurture long-term Please see STUDENTS, 5A

program, established in 2021.

TEMPLE ISD

TISD renames Lamar Middle School field after former student, pro football player Brad Dusek

BY CAROLINE REED TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

The Lamar Middle School Competition field will now be known as Lamar Middle School Brad Dusek Field in honor and memory of the former Temple High School star who went on to play linebacker for the Washington Redskins.

"We are so pleased to be able to name the competition field here at Lamar Middle School in honor and memory of Brad Dusek," Bobby Ott, superintendent for Temple Independent School District, said. "He was very proud to be a Lamar Bearcat and built the foundation of his athletic career at this campus."

Temple ISD held the renaming ceremony between the A and B eighth grade football games against Lake Belton on Tuesday

"We are so proud of our dad, and we love this community because he loves this community," Kimmie Longstreet, daughter of



er, and this is what he is still doing, bringing us all here." Dusek, who died in 2024 after

so much to him, there aren't a long battle with amyotrophic Friends and family gathered lateral sclerosis (ALS) and deat Lamar Middle School to rementia, was a 1969 Temple member Dusek, but for Long-High School graduate and Nastreet she had the chance to feel tional Football League linebacker.

Dusek's name will be remembered in Temple, but specifically at the place where his love of football began.

"It all started here, his football

career started here," Longstreet

The new Brad

to the former

Temple High

School star.

Caroline Reed

Telegram

Dusek football field

at Lamar Middle

School is a tribute

He continued his football career at Texas A&M University. Dusek was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1973 before being traded to the Washington Redskins. There Dusek was part of a Super Bowl championship team in 1982.

Dusek was inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of

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BELTON ISD

BISD board OKs parent rights resolution, waivers to boost class sizes

enough words.'

closer to her father.

"You can feel him today,"

Longstreet said. "His smile, I

mean, everything about him.

He would say the best thing he

could do is draw people togeth-

TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

Parental rights are getting a boost, and so are some elementary school class sizes.

The Belton Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a Senate Bill 12 resolution at the Monday night regular meeting, establishing a set of requirements for school administrators and staff regarding parental rights.

SB 12, which went into effect Sept. 1, generated statewide confusion among educators and school nurses about the opt-in policies it established for student health and counseling services as well as school club participation.

Notably, a Beaumont mother said her son was sent home from school covered in vomit because his school did not treat him because he didn't have signed consent forms for school health services.

Texas Education Agency provided updated guidance Sept. 8, clarifying that basic services such as providing Band-Aids to students without waivers is not prohibited by SB 12.

Belton ISD school board members outlined health-related and other various parental rights in the resolution for staff and administrators.

"It's (the resolution) a commitment to you and to our community that we do value our parents," Chief of Communications Christine Parks told board members. Board members established

a resolution that outlined district parents' rights, though the resolution is not required

Approved requirements include: parental rights, including the right to direct the moral and religious training of a parent's child, make decisions concerning the child's education, and consent to medical, psychiatric and psychological treatment of the parent's child will not be infringed unless required by law or to provide life-saving care to the child;

and banning the assignment of diversity, equity and inclusion training to any person.

Parents may visit the Parents as Partners section of the Belton ISD website, listed under the "families" tab, to access resources such as the SB 12 resolution, library collections, grievance processes and TEA guidance.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever."

— Psalm 37:18



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