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Today's Outlook

High: 92

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Partly cloudy



Sharing a laugh



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.

Nan Dickson/Special to the Telegram

TEMPLE

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

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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 images.

“As the first African-American woman to serve on this City Council (not the 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 viewers.”

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

The councilwoman told the Telegram how Temple had never had such an incident 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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BELTON ISD

Two elementary students receive national math recognition

BY BELLA CASEY
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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



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required to undergo a “rigorous” process, which included multiple math assessments as well as family interviews.

Each selected student and his or her family may receive up to \$100,000 in support for 10 years, including academic advising, math tutoring, technology and enrichment opportunities, according to the release. The program, established in 2021, aims to nurture long-term

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TEMPLE ISD

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

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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 evening.

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



Dusek, said. “To be able to see his name in a place that meant so much to him, there aren’t enough words.”

Friends and family gathered at Lamar Middle School to remember Dusek, but for Longstreet she had the chance to feel 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 together,

and this is what he is still doing, bringing us all here.”

Dusek, who died in 2024 after a long battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and dementia, was a 1969 Temple High School graduate and National 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 said.

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

BY BELLA CASEY
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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 vom-

it 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-re-

lated 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

by law.

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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