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Floriana Torres-Adkins celebrates her Hispanic heritage through the arts

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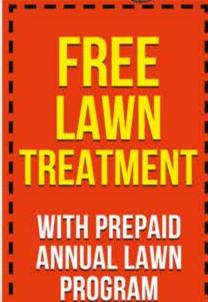
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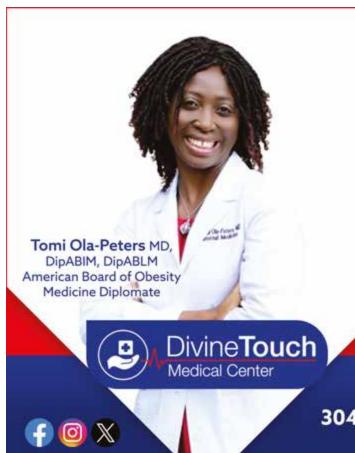
Mansfield Family ...

As summer draws to a close, September marks the beginning of a new chapter for grandparents, parents, students and educators. It is a time of transition. The days of vacation give way to the routine of a fresh school year. This month let's focus on creating a problem-solution system that works for your family.

September brings the familiar activities of previous years, with the halls of educational institutions bustling once more. Kindergarteners experience school for the first time. Students catch school buses, attend football practice, volleyball practice, cross-country practice, participate in after-school activities and intense busyness sets in. Middle school, high school and college students embark on new adventures, while parents support them in a variety of ways as they juggle working in various industries. Many stories are made during this time.

Make plans to structure your days. Create a T-chart labeling one side problems and the other side solutions. Decide what will work. If you have older kids, conduct a family meeting to discuss the plans for clarity. Develop opportunities to celebrate small and large successes. Revisit the plan to make adjustments if things aren't working. Everyone should be responsible for his or her assigned task. Operate like a team to help things go smoothly. I encourage you to figure out how to manage all of these amazing moments. And don't get too busy to call or visit your parents and grandparents. Put them on the schedule.

Enjoy each moment and happy September!



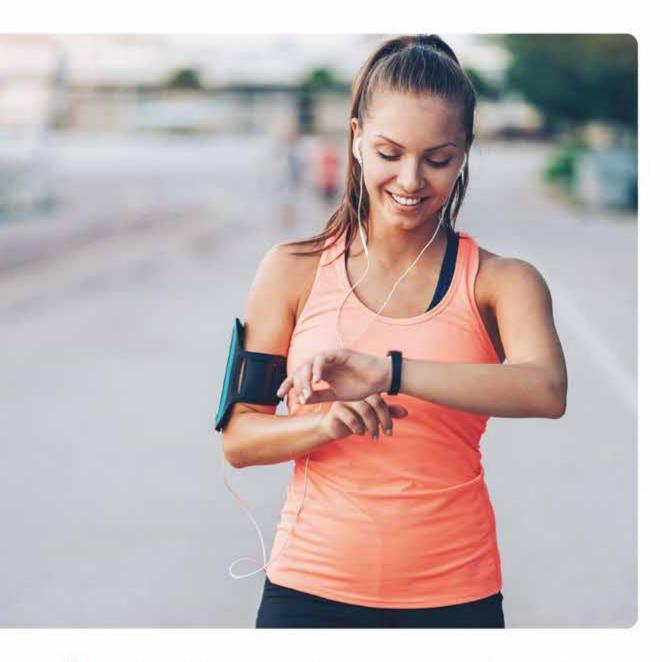
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City Council approved the new contract during the July 10 meeting. as the current contract with Republic Services ends.

Frontier Waste Solutions was founded in 2017, and is a Texas-based solid waste and recycling services company headquartered in Dallas.

Questions? Contact us by email at recycling@mansfieldtexas.gov, or by phone at 817-728-3349. Scan the code to visit the city's website and stay informed about transition updates.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- NO CHANGES to current level of service for trash, bulk waste, or recycling service
- · The transition to the new Frontier recycle carts will begin in mid-September.
- More information will come as the transition dates approach, as well as any potential changes to route pickup day schedules.



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Floriana "Flo" Torres-Adkins grew up in Puerto Rico being fascinated by the arts. She saw The Nutcracker for the first time as a kindergartener, and she was hooked. She had no idea how this would impact her. "I recall how lovely the dancers were, but I wanted to look behind the stage and see what was going on," Flo said. "I peeked from a distance while sitting with my classmates in the audience seats."

As she continued to grow, there always seemed to be a variety of occasions to celebrate a cause. Events happened consistently. Some Major League Baseball players visited Puerto Rico and relaxed during the off-season. "I grew up with Roberto Clemente's son, so we gained access to a lot of activities. I tagged along with him and enjoyed myself immensely. We shook hands with famous athletes everywhere. Many of them came to give back to our community. This period of time was extremely enjoyable," she explained.

Flo married as a young adult and had children. While managing her family, she attended the University of Puerto Rico and majored in sociology and anthropology. "I studied sociology since I intended to practice law, and I guess I studied anthropology because I thought it would be interesting to find something under a rock," she said with laughter.

While attending college, Flo worked at a men's clothing store called Mosa, which provided clothing for the band Menudo, Verónica Castro and variety shows in her home country. She was responsible for receiving the clothing and ensuring the items were cleaned before re-shelving them. She always seemed to be in the entertainment industry in some way. "I learned my sociology degree allowed me to communicate with others more effectively.

"However, my immediate family abruptly moved to the DFW area because my ex-husband worked for American Airlines, and in order for him to keep his job, the entire family had to relocate to Texas," she explained. "I was excited about starting over even though I couldn't speak any English. Nonetheless, I figured it out within three months by obtaining a job at KinderCare. This allowed me to practice English with the children and my colleagues."

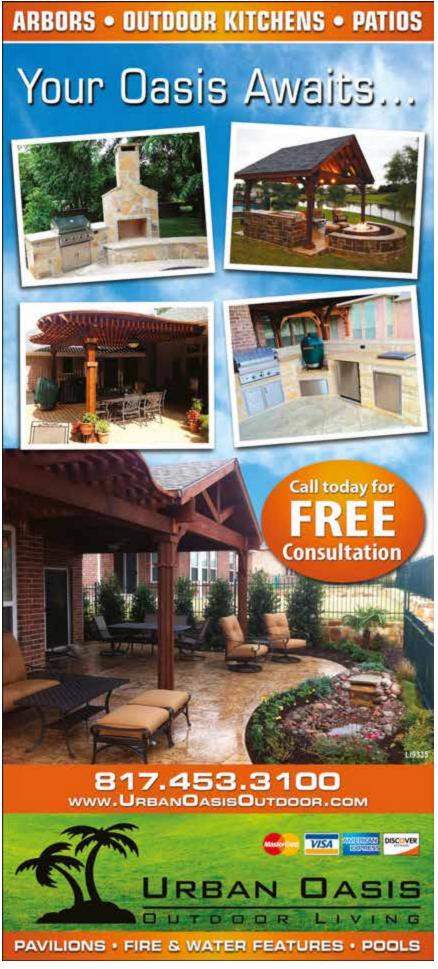
After adjusting to the move, Flo reached out to the regional manager of the clothing store where she had previously worked and was hired. Eventually, she met an individual who worked for Bass Performance Hall, and while that woman described her job, Flo said, "I would love to work there!"



Within a few days, her new friend had arranged an interview for her to work in the box office. Flo recalled arriving there and entering the back door to attend the interview. She answered a few questions and got the job immediately. "I thought this was like a movie theater, since I didn't go in through the front entrance. Then, I was asked, 'Do you know where you'll be working?' I responded, 'Not really.' So, she replied by guiding me around. She added, 'You'll be working at one of the best performing art centers in the world!""

As they strolled through the facility, Flo discovered the stage, the auditorium, the beautiful angels and the architectural structure of the building. She learned the caliber of the position as the construction workers completed some finishing touches on the building. Soon, Flo fully understood the magnitude of the performances held at this location.

The Bass Performance Hall staff catered to an upscale audience and brought distinguished productions and



artists to that venue. However, none of them were Latin, so Flo started asking the director to do a Latin show. She thought the Latin community would enjoy having an artist there.

She kept saying, "We need to do a Latin show."

Eventually, the director replied, "Why don't you find somebody?"

"OK!" she responded.

"I contacted Olga Tañón, one of the biggest Puerto Rican artists, and gave the director the press kit. He reviewed the information, and we moved forward. I passed out flyers with my kids and mom. That was my marketing strategy, and the first Latin show was a sellout. Yes! We sold out, and this event was on the cover of The Fort Worth Star Telegram's weekly entertainment guide called Star Time Magazine, which was a pretty big deal! I remember this like it was yesterday."

The festivities started with Fort Worth ISD students doing Ballet Folklórico as the beginning act. People were dancing in the aisles. "And I learned I was born to do this. I found being in a leadership position of organizing, supervising, tracking development, communicating with stakeholders, staying on budget and completing tasks on time to showcase a production was in my blood. I love seeing the end results," she acknowledged, enthusiastically.

Since then, Flo has encountered a wide range of individuals and occasions in the business. For instance, she worked for AEG Live, one of the largest entertainment companies around the world, and contributed to productions that took place at the American Airlines



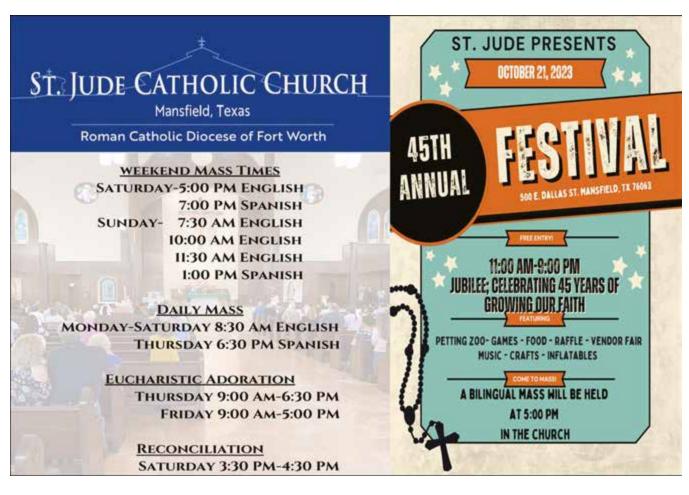
Center, Cowboys Stadium, Meyerson Symphony Center, Nokia Theatre, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Allen Event Center and more. Now, she shares this experience with Mansfield.

Initially, the Mansfield Performing Arts Center was simply going to feature school events, but she was hired to bring even more to the area because of her entertainment background. As she works with educators, Flo brings a different experience while they collaborate. This makes the Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing Arts truly a multipurpose facility, which creates diverse events that reflect the makeup of the city.

"When I lived in Puerto Rico, I took the culture for granted. However, now when my husband, Stephen Adkins, and I go back home every spring break, I continue to discover more. When I return, my creativity is ignited, as I think about new ideas. Every job prepared me for this opportunity," Flo concluded. "The little girl who wanted to look behind the stage still enjoys the richness of fine arts and observes people celebrating from a different viewpoint." **NOW** 















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# **Around Town**



Former Mansfield resident, Kelly Bryant, entertains at Mel's Hardluck

# Diner in Branson, Missouri.

# Zoomed In: By Sandra Walters Dan Bell and Mitch Gammon

Summer weather took its toll on many, including a local woman in her 60s who passed out mowing a yard for her lawn care business, prompting Fire Station 1A crew to respond. The landscaper announced she planned to return the next day to finish the task as she was carried into the ambulance. Instead, fire responders Dan Bell and Mitch Gammon finished cutting the lawn.

Upon completion of the job, Dan and Mitch took the lawn equipment with them to the fire station to keep it safe. Meanwhile, photos of the landscaping duo circulated on social media and locals shared their appreciation of the two. Neither felt their actions were noteworthy, however. "That's what we do," Dan explained. "We serve our community."



Dominic Wills and Jaycee Crutchfield give the newbies a tour around Donna Shepard Leadership Academy.



Common Ground and other volunteers help set up the Backto-School Bash!



Walnut Creek Assisted Living and Memory Care enjoys their re-grand opening ribbon cutting.



lackson Doll wins the Sweet Tooth Basket at the Mansfield Public Library Summer Reading Challenge.



The Trentham family visits the Top of Europe in Switzerland.



Layla Abdullah prepares for her first day of Pre-K 4.





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# Allure Smile Dental

— By Sandra Walters

**Allure Smile Dental** Owner, Dr. Man Le 2880 N. FM 157, Ste. 102 (817) 473-6200 alluresmiledental@yahoo.com

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Dr. Man Le's career began as a software engineer in the late '90s and continued through the early 2000s. While the 1990s saw significant growth and innovation in the technology industry, it was not without its share of difficulties and layoffs. The industry experienced both boom and bust cycles during this period, leading to job cuts in certain areas.

"I considered making a transition to the medical field as I watched my brother enjoy his work as a dentist. Working as an employee for companies seemed unstable, so I started

taking prerequisite classes after hours while I worked for the software company," Dr. Le said.

After he was accepted into dental school in Houston, Texas, he quit his software engineer position and prepared for a new adventure. "I had to travel from Dallas to Houston every weekend. And the second year, we had our first child, so my wife managed while I was away during those days for a few years. However, after some time, I graduated in 2011 and took over my brother's practice, Allure Smile Dental. It all worked out. I've been a dentist and business owner for 12 years. We've been happily married for 21 years, and we now have two amazing children.

I learned that I love interacting with people, so being a dentist was more suitable for me and more rewarding because I can see the results right away. People come to my office looking for answers, and they leave with solutions. Every day is different since I see different individuals daily. I will never get bored of being honest and caring about people," Dr. Le said.

Dr. Le is the passionate owner of Allure Smile Dental who

explains in depth and treats his patients with compassion. He also provides patients with the opportunity to get a second opinion, so they can make an informed decision about their treatments.

Allure Smile Dental offers a variety of dental services including basic services such as preventive dentistry. They emphasize brushing teeth with fluoride toothpaste approved by ADA and scheduling cleanings every six months. Allure offers teeth whitening procedures. According to the FDA, whitening restores natural tooth color and bleaching whitens beyond the natural color. There are many methods available, such as brushing, bleaching strips, bleaching pens, bleaching gel and laser bleaching.

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The advanced services provided include dentures, crowns, bridges and root canal treatments. Full dentures comprise of a full set of upper and lower teeth, but partial dentures replace only a limited number of teeth, not an entire set. A dental crown (cap) is a restoration that is placed on teeth that have lost a lot of their structure. There are various types of crowns, ranging from full porcelain to full metal crowns. Also, a bridge is a dental appliance used to replace one or more missing teeth. They are designed to be cosmetically appealing and to restore proper occlusion. Like crowns, bridges are fully customizable and made of various materials, including porcelain and metals. A root canal treatment is the process of going inside the pulp space and removing the infected, dead tissue.

Allure Smile Dental provides treatments for children as young as 6 months old. This is convenient since everyone in the family can be seen by the same doctor. Contact Allure Smile Dental if you need any of the services above. NOW







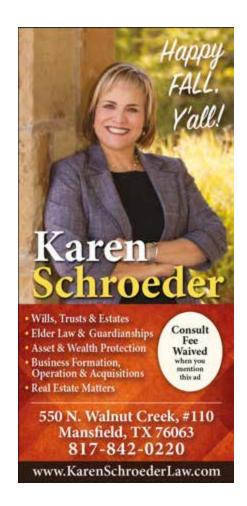
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"I firmly believe food is love, so I enjoy providing nourishment for others! I studied hospitality management in college and took basic cooking classes, but I am certainly not a trained chef. I developed my love of cooking as a child in the kitchen with my mother and throughout my career in hotel food and beverage and school nutrition," Rita Denton said.

She grew up in a small suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, but her mom was born and raised in Houston, Texas. Rita's father hails from Alexandria, Virginia. She added, "I attended college in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where I was introduced to Deep Southern cooking, Having exposure to all of these geographic areas made me appreciate different flavors. When I visit a city or another country, I am passionate about eating the area's specialty foods." Now

# **Grandma Berry's Cowboy Cookies**

2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup shortening
1 stick butter, softened
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar, packed

2 eggs 1 tsp. vanilla

1 12-oz. pkg. NESTLÉ Toll House or Ghirardelli chocolate chips 2 cups Quaker Oatmeal or 1-minute Oats Pecan pieces, to taste (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Coconut, to taste (optional)

**2.** In a bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, salt and baking powder.

- **3.** In another bowl, mix the shortening, butter, white sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla together.
- **4.** Add the dry ingredients to the sugar mixture, a little bit at a time, and continue to mix. Don't overmix.
- **5.** With a large spoon, mix in the chocolate chips and oatmeal. Add a handful of nuts and a handful of coconut, if using.
- **6.** Drop the cookie dough by spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet (about 12 cookies per pan).
- **7.** Bake for 12 minutes. Allow to cool and serve.

### **Super Easy Enchiladas**

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef

1 pkt. taco seasoning mix

1 cup water

3 cups shredded cheddar cheese or Mexican blend cheese (divided use)

19 oz. Red Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce (divided use)

8 fluffy flour tortillas, 8-inch diameter

1. Heat a large skillet over medium-high

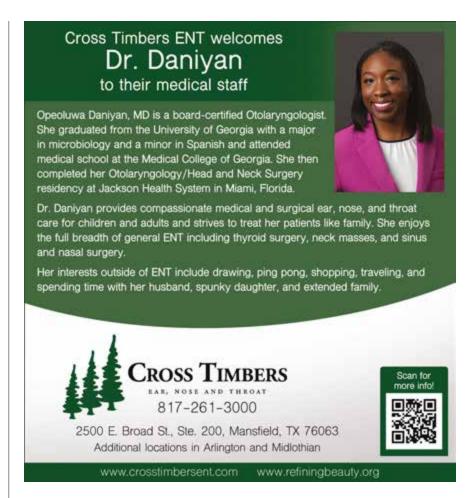
heat. Add the ground beef; cook until done. Drain, if needed.

- 2. Add the taco seasoning; coat the beef well. Add the water; stir and boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer; continue to cook for about 10 minutes.
- **3.** Turn off the heat; add 2 cups of the shredded cheese. Mix well.
- **4.** Heat the oven to 375 F; spray a 13x9inch casserole dish with cooking spray or oil.
- 5. Spread half of the enchilada sauce on the bottom of the dish.
- **6.** Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup to add the meat mixture to a tortilla. Roll the tortilla tightly: lav it in the dish on top of the sauce. Repeat with remaining tortillas and meat mixture.
- **7.** Top the rolled enchiladas with the remainder of the enchilada sauce. Sprinkle the top with the remaining cheese.
- **8.** Cover the casserole dish with foil. Bake for 45-50 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

## **Denton Family Pancakes**

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1.1/4 cups milk
- 3 Tbsp. melted butter
- 1 egg
- I tsp. vanilla extract
- **I.** Mix all the dry ingredients.
- 2. Create a hole in the middle of the dry ingredients; add the milk, melted butter, egg and vanilla. Make sure the butter is liquified.
- 3. Mix well with a large spoon.
- **4.** Use a 1/3 cup measuring cup to drop the batter into a hot oiled skillet or griddle.
- **5.** Flip the pancakes once the edges start to brown and the pancake becomes bubbly.
- **6.** Serve with butter, syrup and fresh berries.













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Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sunday: 12:15-7:00 p.m., Farr Best Theater, 109 North Main Street.

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Mansfield READS! 2023 Kickoff:

Calling all book lovers for a night of food, music, raffles, book sales and prizes. This year's One City, One Book selection is *Daughter of the Morning Star* by Craig Johnson, author of the *Longmire* series. 6:00-7:30 p.m., Taphouse 16 (inside Market Steet), 3145 E. Broad St.

# 9/16

### **Kids Zone After Dark:**

Parents enjoy a Saturday night out, while the kids (6-12 years) have a ball! \$20/person. 5:00-9:00 p.m., Mansfield Activities Center, 106 S. Wisteria St. Call/ text (817) 728-3680 or visit mansfieldparks.com.

Sand Volleyball Tournament:

For ages 14-plus. Bump, set and spike your way into the coed, double-elimination tournament. \$5. 5:00-10:00 p.m., Rose Park, 303 N. Walnut Creek Dr. Call/text (817) 728-3680 or visit mansfieldparks.com.

# 9/17

### Color Their World 2023:

Join the Allies Mentoring Program in celebrating 12 years of rescuing orphans from becoming a statistic. Hear how the nonprofit is changing the lives of orphans and disadvantaged children in 37 countries and counting. Guest speaker Dr. Lucille O'Neal, Shaq's mom, is passionate about helping the less fortunate. Dinner provided. Free, but registration is required. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, 1201 TX-360 S. alliesyouth.org/banquet.aspx.

# 9/27

### Can you Waffle It:

For ages 13-17 years. Join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) in a yummy food challenge. Get a variety of tasty food to find out if it can be made into a waffle. All supplies are provided. Free, but registration is required. 4:00-6:00 p.m., Mansfield Public Library, 104 S. Wisteria St. (817) 728-3690.

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