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From Castleberry ISD Castleberry ISD Names Rubén Molinar Principal of Castleberry High School



Castleberry ISD is honored to introduce **Rubén Molinar** as the newly appointed principal of Castleberry High School. Molinar joins Castleberry ISD from Mansfield ISD, where he served at Summit and Timberview High School as an Assistant Principal and Academic Associate for the past three years.He embarked on his career in education 25 years ago as a bilingual teacher, instructing first and second grade students in Dallas ISD.

Throughout Molinar's professional journey, he has held a variety of leadership roles in several school districts, while serving a wide range of age levels. He served as Associate/Assistant Principal of Little Elm High School in Little Elm ISD for six years. In Grand Prairie ISD he served as Associate Principal of Grand Prairie High School for one year, and Principal of Truman Middle School for three years.

Molinar is a catalyst for campus transformation. Under the first year of his leadership, Truman Middle School (Grand Prairie ISD) improved from Acceptable to Recognized, which the campus maintained for two consecutive years. While serving as Director of Bilingual programs in Denton ISD, he was appointed by the district's superintendent to serve as principal of Borman Elementary, a low performing Title I campus. Within three years under Molinar's leadership, the campus became a Recognized school. Successfully turning around two campuses showcases his effectiveness in implementing impactful changes and ability to drive positive outcomes in educational settings.

Throughout his various roles, Molinar has developed a diverse set of skills, including managing academic programs, overseeing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), (continued on page 3) From Castleberry ISD Castleberry High School Announces Class of 2023 Salutatorian



Castleberry High School has announced that **Hajar Zghoul** is the salutatorian for the class of 2023. As the school community prepares to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of its graduating seniors, Hajar's achievement serves as a shining example of the dedication and hard work that Castleberry High School students strive for.

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planning master schedules, CCMR, managing SPED and LOTE departments, effectively managing student affairs, Discus at State Meet and demonstrating expertise in all aspects of campus leadership. With a solid foundation of experience, a bilingual/bi- literate background, and a relentless commitment to student and staff growth, Molinar is dedicated to continuously improving the educational landscape in schools and districts.

Molinar is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at Texas Woman's University. He holds a Master of Education in Mentor/Educational Leadership for Bilingual Educators from the same institution. Additionally, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, specializing in Bilingual Elementary Education, from the University of Texas at El Paso.

children. In his spare time, he loves watching his daughter play college soccer, and he enjoys playing softball with his son. He also enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and family, and loves to play golf.

His goals are to develop relationships with the students, faculty, and community, while continuing to improve on academic success. Molinar plans to lead by example and with integrity. He would like to thank the Superintendent and Board for the opportunity to serve Castleberry.

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The White Settlement Independent School District (WSISD) is accepting proposals for Professional/Consulting Services for Special Education. The Request for Proposal document RFP #2223-005 can be obtained on the WSISD website, www.wsisd.com and go to: Business Services/Purchasing/Bid Information/Current Offline Bid Opportunities. Please contact Nancy Escobar at nancy.escobar@wsisd.net for inquiries. The deadline for inquiries and questions is June 1, 2023 by 2:00 pm. Proposals are due by June 8, 2023 by 2:00 pm. Proposals must be sent to: White Settlement ISD, Attn: Nancy Escobar, 8224 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108. Faxed or e-mailed proposals are not accepted. White Settlement ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

From the Sport's Desk with John Loven CHS Athlete Anna handling Medina Places 7th in

The state track meet takes place every May at The University of Texas' Mike Myers Track Facility in Austin. Only nine competitors in each event qualify for the state meet - the top nine in the state in each division.

Senior Lady Lion Anna Medina finished 7th in the UIL 4A division. She competed in the senior laden field on Thursday, May 11. After the first two rounds of throws she stood in fourth place. However, after all six rounds were completed, her best throw of 125'0" placed her in seventh - just one place shy of scoring a point in the state meet. She was just nudged out by 4" for Molinar and his wife have two grown that sixth place spot. Congratulations to Anna and her coaches for a great year!

> Complete results of the 4A Girls Discus are as follows:

Girls 4A State Discus Throw Results

1. Carlie Weiser (Sr.) Giddings - 155'10" 2. Valerie Hunt (Soph.) Monahans - 132'09" 3. Leslie Pena (Sr.) Ingleside - 131'09" 4. Taryn Gullick (Sr.) Canyon - 129'06" 5. Amori Pierson (Sr.) Huffman Hargrave - 126'11" Peggy Carr (Jr.) FW Young Women's Leader. - 125'04" 7. Anna Medina (Sr.) River Oaks Castleberry - 125'00" 8. Emma Berry (Sr.) Celina - 119'08" 9. Zoe Aldrich (Sr.) Fredericksburg - 108'06"

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achievements at Castleberry High School are nothing short of remarkable.

The daughter of Shadia Smady and Hussein Zghoul, Hajar has been a dedicated member of the Castleberry Lion community for over a decade. Her involvement in school activities has been extensive and varied, including leadership roles in the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee, the National Technical Honor Society, and the National Honor Society, as well as being an active donor to Carter BloodCare.

Not only has Hajar excelled in extracurricular activities, but she has also demonstrated impressive academic prowess. Hajar has successfully completed a range of challenging courses, including Advanced Placement, University of Texas OnRamps, and Tarrant County College Dual Credit courses. Her academic achievements have earned her over 30 credits and an outstanding overall GPA of 5.336.

In the fall, Hajar is deciding between Vanderbilt University or TCU to major in Neuroscience.

Graduation for Castleberry High School and REACH High School class of 2023 is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26 inside Mac-Gorman Auditorium on the campus of Southwestern Theological Seminary.

From the City of River Oaks City Seeking **Committee** And **Board Members**

The City of River Oaks is currently seeking applicants that are interested in serving on a City Board.

If interested please fill out the enclosed application, sign it and either mail or return it in person to the City of River Oaks % City Manager at 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114 or email the completed application to the City Manager at mgregory@riveroakstx.com.

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StatePoint Media Factors to Consider When Determining How Much Home You Can Afford



Figuring out how much home you can afford is one of the most important questions you'll need to answer before you begin house hunting. But as home prices and interest rates have increased in the past few years, you may be wondering how your buying power has changed.

To get a rough estimate of what you can afford, most lenders suggest you spend no more than 28% of your monthly income, before taxes are taken out, on your mortgage payment, which includes principal, interest, taxes and insurance. In addition to having a firm grip on your income and expenses, it's important to understand the role the following factors play in how much home you can afford:

Your Credit

Lenders look closely at your credit score when determining whether you qualify for a loan. Generally, the higher your credit score the more options will be available to you, including better loan terms and a lower interest rate. Because of the large role credit plays in the homebuying process, make sure you understand how your credit score is compiled, how to get a copy of your credit report and how to build strong credit.

Current Mortgage Rates

It's important to watch mortgage rates carefully, because when rates are lower you may be able to afford a larger mortgage. Although 26 million mortgage-ready potential homebuyers had the capacity to afford a \$400,000 mortgage at a 3 percent interest rate, the total falls by 3 to 4 million with each percentage point gain, according to Freddie Mac research. In short, a small increase in rates can make a home that was once affordable, unaffordable.

Bear in mind that similar borrowers may receive notably different rates based on the lender, so you may want to shop around to increase your buying power. In fact, you can potentially save \$600-\$1,200 annually by applying for mortgages from multiple lenders, according to Freddie Mac.

Your Down Payment

Typically, homebuyers need to make a down payment of at least 3 percent, and generally between 5 percent and 20 percent, of their home's purchase price to qualify for a mortgage. That means as home prices go

up, so do down payment requirements. Talk to your lender about all the down payment options available and explore assistance programs.

Each year, many state, county and city governments provide financial assistance for people in their communities who are well-qualified and ready for homeownership. Requirements vary, but if you are eligible you could receive down payment assistance ranging from a few thousand dollars to larger amounts, depending on your needs, your qualifications and where the home is located. Additionally, many programs specifically benefit veterans, Native communities and workers employed in education, health care, law enforcement and firefighting. Your lender or housing counselor should be able to point you in the right direction of these programs.

Fees and Other Closing Costs

Don't forget that when you get a mortgage, you'll need to pay closing costs, which likely include an appraisal fee, credit report fee, tax services fee and more. These costs will generally run between 2 percent and 5 percent of your purchase price.

To crunch the numbers, start by using Freddie Mac's Homebuying Budget Calculator, then learn more about the homebuying process with Freddie Mac's CreditSmart. Visit creditsmart.freddiemac.com to get started.

If you think you're ready for homeownership, you'll want to work closely with your lender to determine what you can comfortably afford. It's their job to cover all bases so that your final number is within your means and aligns with your financial goals.

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White Settlement ISD will be hosting a public meeting for all private non-profit schools 1) Located within the WSISD boundaries; or 2) That have students enrolled who reside within WSISD boundaries regardless of the location of the private school (Title I Services Only). The meeting will provide information about possible proportionate share federal funding services available to private nonprofit schools for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Private schools will have the opportunity to declare their interest to participate in receiving proportionate share federal funding services. Available services include special education (IDEA B), instructional assistance for students (Title I), professional development for teachers (Title II), assistance for English language learners (Title III), and assistance for a well-rounded education, safety and secure schools (Title IV). Public meeting information: May 24, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 8224 White Settlement Rd. White Settlement, TX 76108 All interested private schools may contact Ronda Wright at rwright@wsisd.net for more information prior to the meeting.

Suburban Newspapers, Inc. **Texas History Minute** Journalist, Teacher and Political Activist - Jovita Idar by Dr. Ken Bridges

Sometimes one person in a community can have an impact that continues to be felt for years afterward. Jovita Idar, a woman armed only with a pen and passion for helping those in need, would have an impact felt across Texas in her lifetime. She would run several newspapers, found a school, and volunteer as a nurse in time of disaster.

Jovita Idar was born in Laredo in September 1885, one of eight children. Her parents were active members of the community, and the importance



of helping others became an important part of her upbringing. They emphasized helping those in need and speaking out against injustice and discrimination. Unlike many Hispanics in Laredo at the time, she and her siblings had access to education, and her parents emphasized all the children going to school.

By the time she turned 18 in 1903, she had earned a teaching certificate and began teaching at the segregated Hispanic schools in the Laredo area. She and her fellow teachers struggled with inadequate supplies such as paper and pencils and how there were never enough desks or chairs for them.

Her father, Nicasio Idar, began a Spanish-language newspaper in Laredo, La Cronica (The Chronicle), shortly after the eruption of the Mexican Revolution in 1910. She joined her father and two of her brothers in writing articles and editing the small paper. She became an outspoken proponent of the poor immigrant families living along the border. She called for equal rights for Hispanics and better educational opportunities. The paper also highlighted poetry and literature emerging in the Spanish-language community and the economic concerns of Hispanics across Texas and the Southwest. She also wrote a number of editorials calling for giving women the right to vote.

In part because of the efforts of the Idar Family, Hispanics in Laredo organized to improve their community. In 1911, the League of Mexican Women was formed and named Idar its first president and worked to provide free education for all the Hispanic children of Laredo, whose families were mostly from Mexico. The League also called for civil rights, labor rights, and an end to the lynchings of Mexican immigrants. They also collected food and clothing for the victims of the war. Idar would later be active in the "Primer Congreso Mexicanista" (First Mexican Congress), which worked with Hispanic groups in many communities to promote civil rights.

As the Mexican Revolution wore on and the bloodshed increased, more refugees streamed across the border from Mexico into Texas. Eventually, more than one million people would die

in the decade-long civil war.

In 1913, a fierce battle erupted in Nuevo Laredo, just across the border. Many civilians were killed and injured, with many more fleeing for safety in the United States. Idar and others went into Mexico to help with the wounded. Though she had no formal medical training, she volunteered as a nurse through the Mexican White Cross, an organization founded in Laredo to help the wounded and the refugees. She would continue to work with the organization periodically throughout the fighting.

In 1914, she began writing for El Progresso (The Progress). When President Woodrow Wilson ordered troops to the border and discussed possible intervention in the war, Idar wrote a scathing editorial in the Spanish-language journal opposing the move. When Texas Rangers got word of the editorial, they attempted to shut down the paper. Idar stood in the doorway to prevent their entry. Texas Rangers returned several days later when she was not present and destroyed the printing press, ending the run of El Progresso.

She returned to *La Cronica*. After her father died later in 1914, she continued to serve as editor in a time when few women could even get jobs working for newspapers. In 1916, Idar, started a new paper, Evolution. Her brother Edouardo, who had also worked with their father on La Cronica, helped with writing and editing. Idar continued her strident calls for women's rights and civil rights for Hispanics. In the meantime, she married Batrolo Juarez in 1917. The paper would run for four years until it shut down in 1920.

Shortly afterward, Idar and her husband moved to San Antonio. She served as a translator at the local hospital and founded a free kindergarten for Hispanic children, continuing her passion for education.

In 1940, she began editing *El Heraldo Cristiano* (The Christian Herald), a Spanish-language newspaper run by the Methodist Church in South Texas.

Idar's health declined in the 1940s after she contracted tuberculosis. She died at her home in San Antonio in June 1946 at age 60. Since her death, her work has been studied extensively by scholars and has been a part of the National Women's History Museum.

In 2023, she will be included in the U.S. Mint's American Women quarter series, on the reverse side of George Washington. She will join such figures as astronaut Sally Ride, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and fellow Texan and African-American aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman.



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Friday, May 19:

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<u>PM</u> - Showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 64. N wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. Chance of precipitation 60%.



Saturday, May 20:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny; high near 79. North wind around 15mph, with gusts as high as 20mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly cloudy; low around 62. N/NE wind 5-10mph.



Sunday, May 21:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly cloudy; high near 81. E/NE wind 5-10mph. <u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy; low around 64.

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