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## IN MEMORIAM: Dolly Parton Dead at 80 How She Built a Legacy of Love and Earned Her Place in Black Culture

By Alexandria Green-Jones  
Source: BlackPressUSA Newswire

Before some of us knew Dolly Parton as the Queen of Country Music, we knew her as the woman behind Whitney Houston’s song. We knew the blonde hair, the rhinestones, and that unmistakable Tennessee voice. But somewhere along the way, Black America came to understand something deeper about Dolly; when she said she loved people, she had the receipts to prove it.

The community is now left to mourn the icon who passed away at the age of 80, on Aug. 25, after dealing with an unknown medical condition. Known for her chart-topping country music hits, Dolly never felt as though she belonged only to one genre, or one kind of person. She showed up with humor, humility and a generosity that did not ask who you voted for before offering a helping hand. She made room for people, and in return, people from every corner of the culture made

room for her.

The Song That Brought Dolly and Whitney Together

For Black audiences, the bridge to Dolly will always run through Whitney Houston. Parton wrote “I Will Always Love You” as she prepared to leave Porter Wagoner’s television show and released it in 1974. The original was tender and restrained, a country goodbye delivered with grace. Then Whitney got hold of it.

Houston’s 1992 rendition for “The Bodyguard” did not merely update the record. She took it to church, then carried it around the world. That opening a cappella moment, the controlled stillness and the key change that made everybody reach for a note they had no business trying to hit turned Parton’s country ballad into a global anthem. The single spent 14 consecutive weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, became the best-selling



Photo Credit: BlackPressUSA Newswire

physical single by a woman and earned two Grammy Awards.

And instead of trying to deny contribution or rush to remind everyone who wrote the song, she celebrated the way Houston’s voice transformed it. In an industry with a long history

of taking from Black artists while denying them proper credit, Dolly understood that acknowledging Whitney’s greatness did not diminish her own. One woman wrote an extraordinary song. Another woman revealed everything else that song could become.

“This is the house that Whitney built.” — Dolly Parton

Parton later shared that she used some of the royalties from Houston’s recording to purchase commercial property in a predominantly Black Nashville neighborhood.

She called it “the house that Whitney built.” There was something beautiful about that acknowledgment. Whitney’s voice had generated wealth, and Dolly wanted part of that wealth rooted among people she

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## Talarico campaign asks court to unseal Paxton’s depositions in energy investing dispute

By Kayla Guo, The Texas Tribune



Photo Credit: Aiden Gonzalez/The Texas Tribune

Democratic U.S. Senate nominee James Talarico’s campaign on Wednesday asked a court to unseal transcripts of a pair of years-old depositions given by his opponent, Attorney General Ken Paxton, as part of a messy securities fraud dispute.

The petition, filed in

Collin County, targets depositions Paxton sat for in 2019 and 2022 as part of a legal clash that ensnared the attorney general, his financial adviser and his former business associates.

North Texas businessman Charles Loper III, who oversees Paxton’s blind trust, in 2016 accused

an energy company called Unity Resources and two of its investors, Byron Cook and Joel Hochberg, of defrauding him. The case centered in part on alleged securities fraud, with Loper accusing Cook and Hochberg of launching a scheme to profit off a Unity investment fund. Cook and Hochberg in turn accused Loper and Paxton of conspiring to sully their names because they were set to serve as key witnesses in a separate criminal securities fraud case against Paxton.

The attorney general previously served as a lawyer and board member for Unity and invested in the company.

In Paxton’s separate criminal securities fraud case, Cook and Hochberg

accused Paxton of misleading them into investing in a McKinney technology company without disclosing he’d be paid a commission for the recruitments. Paxton was indicted in 2015, the year before Loper brought his lawsuit. Prosecutors dropped the charges against Paxton before trial in 2024, under a deal that required him to pay restitution and take legal ethics courses.

The depositions mark exceedingly rare occasions of Paxton being forced to answer questions about his conduct under oath. Through numerous since-resolved legal and ethical scandals, Paxton has avoided giving sworn testimony.

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## BAR-B-QUE EST. 1976 SMOKEY JOHN'S and HOME COOKING

### Smokey John's Bar-B-Que Marks 50 Years of Family, Faith and Flavor with Free Dallas Block Party

Founded on a backyard smoker, the Reaves family celebrates five decades with Customer Appreciation Week and a citywide celebration on Aug. 29

DALLAS, TX (July 22, 2026) — Fifty years ago, “Smokey” John Reaves was smoking turkeys and hams in his backyard as thank-you gifts for his roofing and construction clients, stacking the extras in his mother-in-law’s bathtub because there was nowhere else to put them. That hobby became Smokey John’s Bar-B-Que and Home Cooking, a Dallas institution now led by his sons, Brent and Juan Reaves. On Saturday, Aug.

29, the family will open its parking lot and dining room at 1820 W. Mockingbird Lane for a free block party marking 50 years in business.

The milestone celebration begins with Smokey John’s annual Customer Appreciation Week, Aug. 24–29, and builds to the block party from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 29th. Ten percent of that day’s sales will be

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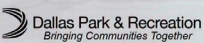
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Will the Democrats Come Together in Time to Win the Midterm Elections?

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

The political trade winds today are more complicated than ever. The germaneness of traditional political parties is changing each day. I believe many Americans will agree.

Over the years, political parties have gone by different names. What seems like a long time ago, the Dixiecrats existed. They were Democrats who formed a faction in the South.

The Dixiecrats, a group of White men, were formed in 1948. Their main goal was to fight against the Civil Rights agenda put forth by then-President Harry S. Truman. They did not want the U.S. Armed Forces to include African Americans.

Throughout history, political parties have used different names to describe themselves. The philosophies of these groups have become more conservative and more liberal. That is my

opinion.

The key to getting different political voices is to get a rallying cry and get people to push a specific platform. Without these components, your ideas fizzle away and blow away on the wind.

One of the more interesting voices is that of Senator Bernie Sanders, an Independent from Vermont. He is a self-described Democratic Socialist. He is now the longest-serving Independent in United States history. As you recall, he favored universal healthcare for all Americans.

Now on the horizon is a group called the Progressive Democrats. The group has almost 100 members in the House and Senate. Representative Greg Casar (TX) chairs the group.

Within the Progressive Democrats is a group called The Squad. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY) leads them. She is rumored to be a candidate for president in 2026. We'll see what happens.

The Progressives want prescription drug prices lowered, want more consumer-friendly economic policies, and want to adjust

corporate campaign contributions. According to reports, these ideas have caught on with the American people. Right now, the cost of living is increasing for everyday working-class citizens.

Opinion polling shows that voters want changes in America. The current system of using unbridled power to control people has run out of steam. Could it be that liberal, moderate, and progressive Democrats might be elected to office? Reports show that Third Way\Global Strategy Group conducted a survey and found the above-mentioned Democratic groups stood out during recent polling.

Luke Bronin, a former mayor of Hartford, Connecticut, defeated John Larson in that state's first Congressional district. Recently, after his victory, Bronin said, "Tonight, voters sent a message that if we are going to fix this mess we're in, we need to build a Democratic Party that's bringing a whole new energy to this fight. It's time to be courageous, bold, and clear about who we're fighting for and what

we're fighting for."

The stage is set for the midterm elections in November. It's clear that non-traditional Democrats will play a major role as candidates. Ballots will feature men and women with different values and visions of what this country will look like in the future.

Newcomers will enter these races. Will they be able to galvanize voters so the Democrats can win? The prevailing question is whether they can mount a united front and win when it counts.

Our America, the one we call home, is experiencing rough times. Economic indicators at all levels show we are wading through uncharted waters. We are a ship at sea with no port in sight.

A window of opportunity is now open for the Democratic Party. The opposing party opened it itself with laws and policies most Americans oppose. Trouble is brewing for them. An old expression is relevant to this upcoming election. Will the Democrats strike while the iron is hot? The answer will come in less than ninety days.

Why The March on Washington, 2026

By: Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher

San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

Chairman of the Board of Directors, NNPA



Dr. John E. Warren

C., for jobs, justice, and the right to vote. That march was pivotal to the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, both of which have produced changes that have touched the lives of each and every one of us. The Publisher of this newspaper was there at the Lincoln Memorial on that hot day in August of 1963 as people came by bus, train, car, horse, and wagon, and on foot.

Now, 63 years later, the

struggle continues. Voting Rights and Civil Rights are under attack. That's not a surprise. What is necessary now is that we must march and support those who are able to march in defense of all our rights now at stake. Those who can't be there to march must support the ones who can. We can do that by ensuring that we are registered to vote as well as willing to march.

This march, as it has been clearly stated by the organizers, is not about one

election. This is about our reaching across generations to ensure that those who suffered and died for our rights did not do so in vain.

Let's make a commitment, right where we stand, that we will be supportive; that we will not make this march a day of remembering a dream, but rather a step toward the final reality that we all deserve under this democracy that we say we live by and love. The struggle does indeed continue..

BREAKING NEWS

The FDA has approved a new drug called *daraxonrasib* for advanced Pancreatic Cancer.

This drug will offer U.S. patients a more effective treatment

against one of the deadliest forms of cancer.

FDA officials gave expedited approval to the first-of-a-kind pill, called *daraxonrasib*, which blocks a mu-

tated protein that fuels tumor growth in more than 90% of pancreatic cancer cases. It's an approach that previously eluded drug-makers for decades. The daily pills will be

sold by Revolution Medicines under the brand name *Rasonque*. A one-month supply may cost approximately \$39,800, the company announced.

# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## The Special Provisions of God for His People

### Revelation 7:1-17



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Chapter 7 serves as a parenthesis between the sixth and seventh seal; that is chapter 7 is an interlude between the sixth and seventh seal. This chapter informs us that there will be many believers who shall go through the Tribulation Period without dying. More judgment will be poured out upon the earth, but before it is implemented, the servants of God are to be sealed as they go through the terrible Great Tribulation Period. In Revelation chapter 6, we saw the horrific conditions resulting from the opening of the first six seals. We noticed that there will be war (vv. 2-4), famine (vv. 5-6), death (vv. 7-8), martyrdom of believers (vv. 9-11), and physical disturbance (vv. 12-17).

Just before the seventh seal is

released, there is a great pause. The seventh seal judgement is suspended for a moment! As stated, Chapter 7 informs us of those believers who are specially protected by God during the Great Tribulation Period. Chapter 7 may be outlined as follows: I. God’s Special Protection of the One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Revelation 7:1-8; II. God’s Saving of a Multinational Group, Revelation 7:9-17.

#### I. God’s Special Protection of the One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Revelation 7:1-8

An important question was raised in Revelation 6:17 in which Revelation 7:1-8 answers. Although many of God’s people will die for their faith (Revelation 6:9-11; 7:13-14), God

will protect a specified number of godly Israelites. The seventh seal (Revelation 8:1-2), which introduces the seven trumpet judgments, will be opened only after God has protected some of His chosen people. In verses 1-3, special instruction is given to the four angels to suspend judgment on the earth until the servants of God were sealed. God will protect His people!

The bible records many instances of how God protected His people. He protected Noah and his family from the flood; He protected the Israelites in Egypt; He also protected Rahab and her family in Jericho. God has always been faithful to His people. Even if believers must face persecution or death, God will never allow the trial to be so

great that they will be unable to bear it (I Corinthians10:13). God’s grace is always sufficient to meet our needs! From Revelation 7:4-8, the Apostle John indicated that there will be one hundred forty-four thousand Israelites saved, twelve thousand from each tribe. These hundred forty-four thousand Israelites will be specially protected by God during the Great Tribulation Period and will have a significant service to perform for God. These Jews will bear a special seal on their foreheads that will protect them from the judgments that God will send to hurt the earth.

#### II. God’s Saving of a Multinational Group Revelation 7:9-17

The Apostle John is given a vision of vast multinational group that no man could number of all tribes and nations of the world. The Apostle John was asked by one of the elders who were these believers! The Apostle John simply replied to the elder, “Sir, thou knowest” (v. 14). According to verse 14, there will be believers who will come out of the tribulation through martyrdom (Revelation 6:9-11). Because of the great price they paid for their faithfulness, the Lord will give special recognition to them. In heaven, these believers will be occupied in serving the Lord. In heaven, things that caused heartache and pain on earth are gone.

*“May God Bless!”*

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described as Whitney’s people, and her people, too. Dolly’s relationship with Black America was not built on pretending she did not see color. She saw us. In a 2020 Billboard interview, she made her position plain: “Of course Black lives matter. Do we think our little white asses are the only ones that matter? No!” It was blunt, funny, and completely on brand. But Dolly also understood that

allyship could not stop with a quote. After learning why the word “Dixie” was offensive and painful to many people, she removed it from the name of her Civil War-themed dinner attraction. She called her previous understanding “innocent ignorance.” More importantly, she fixed it.

That willingness to listen mattered. Dolly did not perform perfection or become defensive when someone pointed out harm.

She showed that loving people means caring enough to learn, change and do better. In a time when public figures often double down just to avoid admitting they were wrong, Dolly simply chose not to be cruel.

Dolly’s love also arrived in the mail. Inspired by her father, who could not read or write, she launched the Imagination Library in 1995. The program began in Sevier County, Tennessee, sending one free, age-

appropriate book each month to enrolled children from birth to age 5. What started in the rural community that raised her grew into an international literacy movement. By the end of 2025, the program had distributed more than 300 million books and was mailing about 3.4 million books each month.

Those books found their way into homes in big cities as well as small towns. In New York City, the Imagination Library

has been promoted through public schools and community organizations in the Bronx. For urban families navigating tight budgets, limited bookstore access or neighborhoods where children’s books are not always easy to find, a brand-new book addressed directly to a child can mean more than one package. It tells that child, “This belongs to you. Your imagination matters.”

That was Dolly’s kind of giving: personal, useful and rooted in dignity. She also

funded scholarships, supported hospitals, invested in medical research and helped families recover from disasters. Her \$1 million donation to Vanderbilt University Medical Center supported research connected to the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. She turned the money she made entertaining people into opportunities to help them live, learn and rebuild.

A preschooler opening

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### ~ THEME: EMMYS (Solution will appear in August 27 edition)

#### ACROSS

- Cut off
- "Be quiet!"
- Yellowjacket
- Brunch offering
- Lawyers' org.
- Capital of Vietnam
- Without illumination
- Harland David Sanders' title, abbr.
- Abhorrence
- \* \_\_\_\_ Theater, Emmys venue
- \*2026 Emmy Awards host
- Fah follower
- Like a certain eagle
- Grill master's acronym
- Aussie's neighbor
- Kick the bucket
- Look angry
- Opposite of riches
- Holiday spirit spreader
- Soprano's song
- Introduction
- Flocculant, for short
- Queen Elizabeth's favorite dog breed
- Dog command
- \* \_\_\_\_ show, like nominated "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"
- Works dough
- Highest volcano in Europe
- "I agree"
- Winter woe
- Publisher's revenue source, pl.
- \*"Euphoria" Lead Actress nominee
- \*Most nominated series for 2026 Emmys (2 words)
- Love, in Paris
- Don't waste
- Ottoman Empire VIP
- Carried a torch
- Biochemistry acr.
- Scrabble pieces
- Editor's "let it stand"
73. " \_\_\_\_ or nothing"
- Kind of peak

#### DOWN

- Fish a.k.a. porgy
- European sea eagle
- Velum, pl.
- "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
- Did the test again
- Quarterback's downfall
- \*Network/streamer with most nominations for 2026 Emmys
- Chinese Checkers predecessor
- Dry riverbed
- Type of cuckoos
- Middle Eastern market
- Type of cotton fiber
- Vast multitudes
- Bird sound
- Matterhorn, e.g.
- Biased
- \*Nominee Jason Bateman's " \_\_\_\_ Rabbit"
- B on Mendeleev's table
- One-twentieth of a ream
- W in VFW.
- Huck Finn's escape
- Embedded design
- Fur shawl
- \*Jean Smart's nominated comedy
- Sitar music
- \*Assigned spot in #19 Across
- Myna, alt. sp.
- Driver's license alternative (2 words)
- Sushi sauce
- Experts
- "Little House on the Prairie" protagonist
- "The rain in \_\_\_\_ falls mainly on the plain"
- Nukes
- What exhaust pipes do
- Opposite of all
- Simon and Gurfunkel, e.g.
- Bluish green
- Robinson Crusoe's turf
- Short for Theodora
- \*Nominated Mark Ruffalo's drama series
- \*Connor Storrie's nominated show, acr.

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donated to Helping Hands Open Hearts and Rock Teen Youth Foundation, continuing a tradition of community giving that the Reaves family traces directly back to its founder.

50th Anniversary Block Party Details

The Aug. 29 celebration will run from 11 am to 4 pm and feature a performance by the Bishop Dunne Band, opening remarks from Brent and Juan Reaves, photo opportunities with local celebrities, vendor giveaways and activations, a DJ, face painting, and a live musical performance. The day’s centerpiece is the unveiling of a newly commissioned portrait honoring the “Pillars of Smokey John’s” — founder John Reaves, his late wife Gloria Reaves, Douglas “Rent” Spraglin and Ruth Hauntz — followed by a sweet tea toast to the restaurant’s next 50 years.

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one of Dolly’s books in the Bronx did not need to know “Jolene.” A parent reading that book at bedtime did not need to be a country music fan. Her generosity crossed racial and economic lines because it met families in real life, at the mailbox, in a hospital room, or after the unthinkable happened.

A Legacy That Felt Like Love

Dolly Parton leaves behind thousands of songs, beloved films, major businesses, and enough rhinestones to keep heaven sparkling for a

while. But her greatest legacy may be the way she made strength feel soft without ever making it weak. She knew exactly who she was, yet she never needed anyone else to become smaller so she could shine. For Black listeners, her bond will always be part of that story. “I Will Always Love You” was never about choosing between the white woman who wrote it and the Black woman who took it somewhere new. Dolly gave the world the words. Whitney gave those words

wings. Together, they created a piece of American music that refuses to stay inside one genre or belong to only one community. That is why this loss feels personal, even to people who never met her. Dolly reminded us that tenderness can be powerful. She showed us that changing your mind can be a sign of character, that celebrating another woman’s brilliance does not steal your light and that love means very little if it never becomes action. Country music will forever call Dolly Parton one of its

queens. But Black culture recognized something in her, too: a woman who respected our greatness, spoke up for our humanity and invested in our children. She did not simply leave this world loved. In the ways that mattered most, Dolly loved us back.

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Quinn Simple Scenes

My return to fashion

By Rix Quinn

All my life, I’ve found it hard to resist a good bargain. So, the pandemic a few years ago briefly curtailed my excellent purchasing decisions. I was always out in the stores, shopping for the latest in exercise equipment, self-help videos, or ideas to impress my supervisors. I really liked clothes. At work, I usually wore nice khakis and a golf shirt that made me look semi-cool. I shopped both in-store and online. Truth is, I wanted to look better than

I actually am. I believe in that old saying, “If you don’t have a good act, you better wear a good costume.” But my shopping stopped when in-office activities got cancelled temporarily. Instead, my company scheduled a series of daily video conferences. So, I had to adjust to just looking great above the waist. I positioned my home office in a small storage space. I put a bookcase behind my chair,

so viewers would think I had actually read those books. But each day at home my physical appearance descended closer to Hades. First, I quit shaving my scraggly beard. I looked like a guy who fell face-first onto lawn clippings. I started to wear sweat-shirts with the sleeves cut off. I bought two pair of gray sweatpants, which I alternated every other week. One day a cousin came for a visit, and he suddenly

appeared at my storage room desk. He said he found me by the smell. But eventually we returned to the office. I’m showering every other day now, and my wife says I look almost normal again. Truthfully, my socks don’t match every day. But that’s a style choice. Today is the best day to start sharing your life story with family and friends. Want more information? “Just click on this link for details: MEMOIR.

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Aug. 21



H - 95°  
L - 79°

Friday, Aug. 28



H 96°  
L -80°

Saturday, Aug. 29



H -97°  
L -80°

Sunday, Aug. 30



H 98°  
L -80°

Monday, Aug. 31



H -98°  
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Tuesday, Sept. 1



H - 99°  
L - 81°

Wednesday, Sept. 2



H -97°  
L -81°

# Dallas ISD News Briefing: Aug. 26



DALLAS — The Dallas ISD Police Department presented a certificate of appreciation to local Sam’s Club team members to thank them for their support following a recent officer-involved incident on store property. While officers worked to secure and investigate the

scene, store staff stepped up by providing food and drinks to sustain response teams. The recognition served as a gesture of gratitude for their support, highlighting the importance of strong community relationships during critical moments.



## Oak Cliff bands prepare for a friendly face-off

A friendly rivalry will step into the spotlight at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, as Sunset and W.H. Adamson high schools face off in the Oak Cliff Classic Battle of

the Bands inside the Sunset gymnasium. Both bands will bring their best sound, energy, and school spirit for a lively showcase of student talent and pride

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Talarico campaign asks court to unseal Paxton’s depositions in energy investing dispute

“The right of Texans to see these depositions matters more than ever,” lawyers for Talarico’s campaign wrote in their court filing. “Existing public reporting suggests that Paxton’s testimony raises substantial ethical questions. Texans have the right to know what Paxton said under oath in these proceedings and see the whole story before they go to the polls in November.”

The lawyers argued that the issue is “of immense public importance given Paxton’s candidacy in a sharply competitive election for U.S. Senate.” That

part of their argument hinged largely on a Wall Street Journal report earlier this year that found, according to the 2019 deposition, that Paxton may have violated attorney-client privilege.

In the deposition, the Journal reported, Paxton acknowledged providing records from Unity — his former client — to his own lawyer, Mitch Little, who represented Loper in his suit against Unity. Little, now a Republican state lawmaker from Lewisville, also represented Paxton when he faced bribery and abuse of office charges in

his 2023 impeachment trial. The Republican-controlled state Senate acquitted Paxton.

In Wednesday’s court filing, Talarico’s campaign lawyers wrote that while the campaign had not seen the deposition transcripts, the reporting on them indicates they “directly implicate Paxton’s fitness for office.” That’s enough, they contended, to satisfy a state law that entitles public access to discovery — the evidence and information exchanged before trial, which includes depositions — if it’s about “matters that have a probable adverse ef-

fect upon” either “the administration of public office, or the operation of government.”

Paxton campaign spokesperson Madison Cercey said Talarico's effort to unseal the depositions was "nothing more than a desperate attempt to hide his own extremism." She did not otherwise address the substance of the Democrat's legal maneuver.

“James Talarico is once again proving how desperate he is to try and hide his radical record from Texans,” Cercey said in a statement. "He’s not only voted to put men in

women’s sports, but he’s also repeatedly voted to raise taxes on hardworking Texans at every turn, including voting in favor of an income tax and raising property taxes."

Those votes refer to Talarico's opposition to legislation making it harder to enact a future income tax — which Texas has never levied — and lowering the amount of property tax revenue local governments can collect without sign-off from voters. Talarico's campaign has pointed to recent property tax-cut legislation he has supported.

A Paxton campaign

spokesperson previously called the Journal’s reporting on Paxton's 2019 deposition “blatant lies” and a violation of a court order. Little told the Journal there was no conflict of interest and said the records Paxton shared were not privileged.

The depositions remained hidden while the Collin County district judge presiding over the case, Republican Cynthia Wheless, put the matter on ice for more than four years. The case was eventually settled in 2023.

*This article first appeared on The Texas Tribune.*

HEALTH

Too Hot for Your Heart?

Texas summers can be dangerous, especially for your heart. When the temperature rises, your heart must work harder to keep your body cool. It pumps more blood into your skin, and you lose water through sweat.

If you become dehydrated, your heart has to work even harder. This can be especially dangerous for people with heart disease, high blood pressure, or diabetes.

According to the [2025 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment](#) (CHNA), heart disease continues to be one of the leading causes of death in Dallas County. That makes it even more important to stay safe during the hottest months of the year.

The American Heart Association (AHA) suggests these tips to **protect your heart in the heat**:

- **Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, as well as a hat and sunglasses.**
- **Drink water often**, even if you are not thirsty.
- **Stay indoors** or in the shade during the hottest part of the day, usually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Take breaks** if you are working or exercising outside.
- **Never leave anyone in a parked, locked car.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also warns that some heart medicines and blood pressure medicines can make it harder for your body to handle the heat. Continue taking your medications exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. If you have any questions or concerns about your medications, contact your care team.

Know the warning signs. Call 911 right away if someone has chest pain, trouble breathing, confusion, faints, or stops sweating while their body temperature keeps rising. Acting fast could save a life. Staying cool isn't just about comfort; it can protect your heart.

Find out more about heart health by visiting [www.parklandhealth.org/hypertension](http://www.parklandhealth.org/hypertension)

Statepoint Crossword Puzzle

Solution: August 20 - FICTIONAL DETECTIVES

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As the new school year kicks off, students, educators, and institutions alike are buzzing with creativity and innovation. From groundbreaking science projects to catchy slogans for school clubs, intellectual property (IP) plays a crucial role in protecting these ideas. Whether you’re a student inventor, an educator developing curriculum, or a school administrator, understanding IP can help safeguard your creations and ensure that credit is given where it’s due. Here’s a rundown of back-to-school IP ideas to consider:

1. Protecting Student Inventions

Many students are brimming with inventive ideas, from engineering marvels to new apps. If your student is working on a project that has the potential to go beyond the classroom, it might be worth considering patent protection. Patents can protect new, useful inventions, giving the inventor exclusive rights to their creation. Encourage students to document their invention process meticulously, as this can be crucial if they decide to file a patent application.

2. Trademarking School Logos and Slogans

Schools often have unique logos, mascots, and slogans that represent their identity. These elements are not just symbols; they are brand assets that can be trademarked to prevent unauthorized use. Whether it’s a school’s name, a motto, or a sports team’s logo, securing a trademark ensures that your school’s brand is protected from misuse and can be a valuable asset for fundraising and merchandising.

3. Copyrighting Educational Materials

Teachers and educators invest significant time and effort

into developing lesson plans, teaching materials, and educational content. These original works are protected under copyright law, giving the creator exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, and display their work. Educators should be aware of their rights when sharing materials online or collaborating with other teachers and schools. Registering copyrights can provide additional protection and benefits, especially for those looking to publish their work.

4. Understanding Fair Use in Education

While copyright law protects original works, it’s also important for students and educators to understand the concept of fair use. Fair use allows limited use of copyrighted material without permission for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, or research. However, determining what constitutes fair use can be tricky. Educators should guide students on how to appropriately use and cite sources in their work, ensuring they respect the rights of original creators.

5. IP in the Digital Age: Protecting Online Content

With the increasing use of digital platforms for learning and content creation, protecting online intellectual property has become more critical than ever. Students and educators who create digital content—be it videos, blogs, or online courses—should be aware of how to protect their work from unauthorized use. This includes understanding terms of service on platforms like YouTube or Instagram and considering whether to use watermarks, licensing agreements, or digital rights management tools.

6. Encouraging Innovation and IP Awareness

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Protecting your trademark is critical. Often business owners do not register trademarks federally at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) because they are unsure of how to do so or because they do not understand the benefits of registering. It is more costly to not register- you may be required to change the name and destroy all goods, pay damages and pay your profits if it is determined that you are infringing on someone else’s trademark.

In All About Trademarks: Everything You Need to Know About Trademarks from a Former USPTO Trademark Examining Attorney, Andrea Hence Evans, Esq. uses her extensive experience and expertise in trademark law to provide you with the tools you need to un-

derstand how to protect your trademark at the USPTO and how to avoid making common mistakes. This book is sure to help anyone looking to register their trademark and to help readers to understand how to navigate a trademark application successfully through the USPTO process.

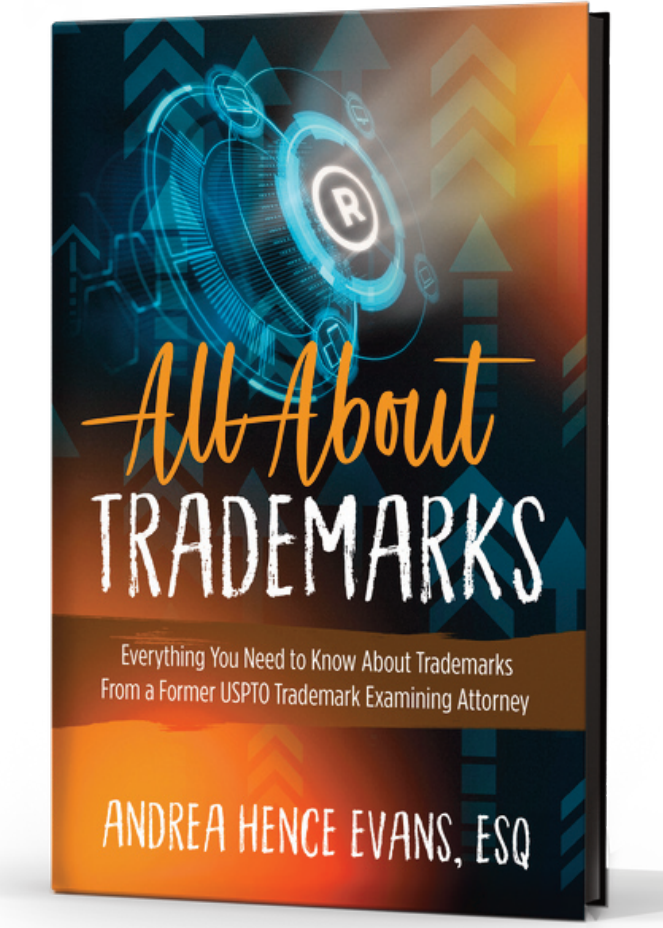
7. Collaborating with the School’s Legal Team

Schools and educational institutions often have legal teams or access to legal resources that can assist with IP issues. Whether it’s filing a trademark for a school logo or addressing potential copyright infringements, working with legal professionals ensures that the school’s intellectual property is well-protected. For student inventions, the school may consider partnering with legal experts to help guide young inventors through the patent process.

Conclusion

As you gear up for the school year, don’t overlook the importance of intellectual property. Whether you’re safeguarding a student’s innovative project, protecting a school’s brand, or ensuring educational materials are properly credited, understanding IP is key to preserving the value and integrity of your creations. By fostering an environment that respects and protects intellectual property, schools can encourage innovation, creativity, and a sense of ownership among students and educators alike.

Here’s to a year full of learning, creating, and protecting what’s yours from all of us at The Law Firm of Andrea Hence Evans, LLC. [www.evansiplaw.com](http://www.evansiplaw.com).



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