

## Gas stations that price gouged during Hurricane Harvey to reimburse customers

Eleven gas stations in the Fort Worth area will have to reimburse customers for price gouging during Hurricane Harvey, Attorney General Ken Paxton announced today. Sun Macro Corporation, Mr. Group Inc., Star Impex Inc., Happy Hill Grocery and Lucky Mart will reimburse eligible customers who paid \$3.99 per gallon or more for regular unleaded grade gasoline between Aug. 31, 2017 and Sept. 6, 2017.

Scroll through the slideshow above for the gas station locations that will reimburse eligible customers.

As Hurricane Harvey approached the Texas coast, Gov. Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster. That made price gouging on necessities, including gasoline, illegal. But, the attorney general's office said they received thousands of complaints about inflated prices at gasoline pumps.

Some gas stations charged up to \$4.99 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline during the hurricane, according to the settlement. This settlement comes after another in July, in which 48 businesses paid \$166,592 in restitution to refund consumers. Most of the gas stations involved with that settlement are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Consumers will be refunded the difference between the price they paid and the average price for the same grade of fuel charged by the company on Aug. 30, 2017.

Customers will receive an automatic refund to their debit or credit card they used to purchase the fuel if they submit an eligible claim. The companies will also pay the state a restitution amount of \$27,004 to be used for customers who paid cash. Customers who did not pay with a card will be reimbursed by the State of Texas by check.

In order to make a claim, a customer must either attach the receipt to the claim form or fill it out in full. The form must include: the name of the gas station, the address, the date of purchase, the price paid per gallon of fuel, the number of gallons purchased, the total sale amount, and the make and model of the vehicle for which the fuel was purchased.

The claim form can be mailed to Hurricane Harvey Price-Gouging Claims Administrator, c/o Dahl Administra-



tion, PO Box 3614, Minneapolis, MN 55403-0614. Or, it can be emailed to harveyclaim@dahladministration.com.

## Houston again takes crown for No.1 party spot in the U.S.

Somehow, someway, Houston managed to beat every other major U.S. city when it comes to the number of planned Evite events in 2018.

And, according to an annual Evite ranking, that isn't a fluke. Houston has been tops for Evite parties for the last three years.

In 2018, Houston recorded more than 70,000 Evite events with more than 2.5 million invited guests—a 22 percent increase from the 57,000 last year.

Now, that doesn't necessarily mean Houston is one big walking hangover during the day. The parties could include anything from baby showers to your 13-year-old daughter's Game of Thrones-themed birthday.

Based on Evite data for the last three years, Saturday will be most popular night of the year for hosting parties with over 3 million projected guests in the country. Holiday themes will abound, but unicorns, fiestas and florals have been popular themes this year, Evite said in a news release.

Dallas and Austin (of course) also made the list with 40,000 and 55,800 events, respectively. Chicago followed Houston at No. 2 with 62,700 events.

Los Angeles landed at No. 5 and New York at No. 7. View the slideshow above to see where all the cities landed.



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Traders work on the floor of the NYSE in New York



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French President Emmanuel Macron shakes hands with visitors of the Christmas market in Strasbourg



French President Emmanuel Macron visits the Christmas market in Strasbourg



FILE PHOTO: Larry Nassar, a former team USA Gymnastics doctor who pleaded guilty in November 2017 to sexual assault charges, stands in court during his sentencing hearing in the Eaton County Court in Charlotte



FILE PHOTO: Staff members work at the booth of Royal Dutch Shell at Gastech, the world's biggest expo for the gas industry, in Chiba



Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland and Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan at a news conference at the State Department in Washington

The Alief International Academy opened this fall at the Elsie Ninth Grade Center as a school within a school. The proposed plans for development of The Alief International Academy were presented at an Alief ISD Board Meeting in October where plans were approved to partner with the International Studies School Network (ISSN) through the Asia Society to develop the Alief International Academy with a targeted opening in the fall of 2018 for incoming 9th graders.

The enrollment goal of 75 – 100 students was set for 9th graders entering in the fall who were interested in getting a global education. The leadership of the Alief International Academy has visited all six middle schools in Alief and met with 8th graders in their US History class to recruit students interested in attending the academy. Currently, as of today, there are 60 students who have applied for the International Academy who have been accepted to the academy.



The International Academy continues to recruit new students every day. We look for students who are interested in learning about what the Asia Society has termed GLOBAL COMPETENCE which is the capacity and disposition to understand and act on issues of global significance. Students will do this by learning to:

- \*investigate the world beyond their immediate surroundings
  - \*recognize different perspectives
  - \*communicate ideas to diverse audiences
  - \*translate their ideas into action that makes a difference in the world
- This is a college prep program with

## Alief International Academy – A School Within A School In Alief ISD

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a chance for students to earn college hours through both Dual Credit classes and eventually AP classes in 11th & 12th grade. Language options for a student's four-year language requirement will include Mandarin or Spanish. In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in AVID. We are looking for students of various academic backgrounds who want to make a difference in the world. More information here: <https://www.powtoon.com/m/cDIHocrPg8h/1/m>

Students must be a resident in Alief ISD to attend. The application is online with links on the Alief ISD webpage, The Elsie Ninth Grade Center webpage and the Elsie H.S. webpage.



Alief International Academy 2018 signing day.

### MISSION STATEMENT

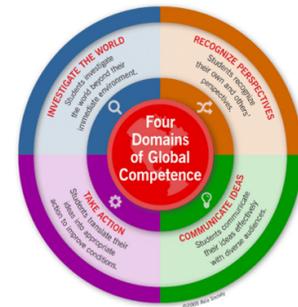
The Alief International Academy will develop multilingual, globally compe-

tent college and career ready students who are empowered to think critically while engaging in global issues so they can thrive in a competitive global society.

- o Think critically
- o Engage globally
- o Thrive competitively



IT IS OUR GOAL TO DEVELOP GLOBAL COMPETENCE IN ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.



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- o Deeper Learning
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### FIVE REASONS WHY GLOBAL COMPETENCE MATTERS

Global competence is the toolkit a productive, involved citizenry uses to meet the problems and opportunities of the world.

In the curriculum, global competence challenges students to investigate the world, consider a variety of perspectives, communicate ideas, and take meaningful action. A globally focused curriculum engages students in their own learning and motivates them to strive for knowledge and understanding. And a curious, inspired student strives to learn more in school and beyond.

A new generation of students requires different skills from the generations that came before.

The world is changing fast. Boundaries—literal as well as figurative—are shifting and even disappearing altogether. The culture that once lived halfway around the world now lives just down the block. The ability to thrive in this new and rapidly changing environment is grounded in a globally focused curriculum.



Alief International Academy team. More than ever before, individual actions reach around the globe.

Environmental concerns, econom-

ic shifts, global poverty, population growth, human rights, and political conflict can seem intractable and overwhelming, yet they absolutely require thoughtful action. In a globally focused curriculum, students learn that the world needs them to act, and that they can make a difference.

Global competence integrates knowledge of the world and the skill of application with the disposition to think and behave productively.

Global competence is not restricted to knowing about other cultures and other perspectives. In addition to knowledge of the world, a globally competent citizen exhibits habits like critical thinking, rational optimism, innovation, empathy, and awareness of the influences of culture on individual behavior and world events.



160 Alief ISD International students visit HCC campus.

Success in career and life will depend on global competence, because career and life will play out on the global stage.

Already, government, business, and cultural institutions are called to solve the world's problems cooperatively. Engaging in these challenges requires high-order knowledge and thinking skill, as well as shared language and cultural understanding. In a globally focused curriculum, students prepare to approach problems from multiple perspectives and to thrive in a global future. Details here: <https://www.aliefisd.net/Page/10937>. (Courtesy AISD)

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One-third of the 6,000 migrants residing in Tijuana are being treated for health issues, the city's health department says; Griff Jenkins details the report. Migrants who came with the caravan are suffering from respiratory infections, tuberculosis, chickenpox and other serious health issues, Tijuana's Health Department warned on Thursday morning. The spokesman told Fox News that out of 6,000 migrants currently residing in the city, over a third of them (2,267) are being treated for health-related issues. There are three confirmed cases of tuberculosis, four cases of HIV/AIDS and four separate cases of chickenpox, the spokesman said. At least 101 migrants have lice and multiple instances of skin infections, the department's data shows. There's also a threat of Hepatitis outbreak due to unsanitary conditions, the spokesman said. The thousands of migrants are being sheltered at the Benito Juarez Sports Complex near the San Ysidro U.S.-Mexico Port of Entry, despite the place being capable of providing for 1,000 people.



The location also has only 35 portable bathrooms. A sign reading "No Spitting" was put up, as coughing and spitting by migrants are rampant in the shelter. Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum said Tuesday that the city has enough money to assist the migrants only for a few more days, with the city saying it's spending around \$30,000 a day. "We won't compromise the resources of the residents of Tijuana," Gastelum said during a press conference. "We won't raise taxes tomorrow to pay for today's problem." Amid the problems and dire living conditions, some migrants are reportedly self-deporting. Approximately 80 self-deported Tuesday while another

**One-Third Of Migrants In Caravan Are Being Treated For Health Issues Including "Multiple Cases Of Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Chickenpox, Lice And Skin Infections." -- Tijuana Health Official**

**Migrants In Caravan Plagued With Serious Health Issues**

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98 were deported by Mexican immigration officials for their involvement in Sunday's demonstrations that turned violent. Others have chosen to accept offers of temporary work and asylum from Mexico, yet most still remain committed to entering the U.S. (Courtesy Fox News)

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**Some migrant caravan members self-deporting as frustration grows in Tijuana**



TIJUANA – At a little after 4 a.m. last Wednesday morning, a large white truck pulled up to the Benito Juarez Sports Complex in Tijuana as 57 new migrants climb out to join the more than 6,000 being sheltered here near the San Ysidro U.S.-Mexico Port of Entry. That's in addition to the more 2,000 in nearby Mexicali who are expected to make their way toward Tijuana this week, according to local officials. At present, officials say the total number of migrants in Tijuana alone break down this way: 6,062 total, comprising of 3,877 men, 1,127 women and 1,058 children. These migrants are tired, restless and growing frustrated by the reality that it's proving much more difficult to get

across the border than they had anticipated. And the journey, which began for most of them in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, is also taking a physical toll. Local health officials said that more than half of them are suffering from respiratory conditions – and walking between the jam-packed tents, a cacophony of coughing can be heard day and night.



But yet more are arriving every day, and Tijuana's local government is bearing the cost of it all. "We need help. This is very costly," said Delegate Genaro Lopez Moreno. "This is costing us \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars a day to keep these people here and all those funds have to come from some place – and it is municipal funds." Now, the fear among Tijuana residents is that a protracted situation could ultimately lead to higher taxes to pay for it all. Delegate Moreno also lays much of the blame on the caravan organizers who he believes sold the migrants a lot of false hope. "The leaders that were promising them the great American Dream aren't coming through," Moreno said, adding, "they know they're going to be better off going back home." And some have left. Approximately 80 self-deported Tuesday while another 98 were deported by Mexican immigration officials for their involvement in Sunday's demonstrations that turned violent.



Others have chosen to accept offers of temporary work and asylum from Mexico. But most are committed to the original goal as the prospects for asylum in the U.S. grows dimmer. Some migrants, like Luis Conde from Guatemala, vow to cross the border regardless – legally, or not. "It doesn't matter," Conde said. "I got no choice. I got to work for a living." (Courtesy <https://www.foxnews.com>)

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