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WELCOME

Cool to see you in this issue.

I'd like to welcome you all to the first issue of DAHAB, Arab American Affairs magazine. This magazine will serve as an extension of my interests assisting the Arabs in our community, with articles written by some of the great community members I've come to know.

I was originally born and raised in Egypt. and I am currently known throughout the San Antonio area for my role in DreamVoice as the Program Manager and the President of the Lilly Agency with a passion of positively, culturally and economically impact the city and neighboring counties through ongoing efforts to increase exchange of ideas and resources.

This Magazine is presented by the Lilly Agency which is the most popular resource among the Arab American community for networking of businesses, non-profit organizations, community resources, entertainment events, places to go and people to meet.

Anyway, we hope you enjoy this one.

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Editor-In-Chief

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Gigi's Sweets



Hello! My name is Marina and I am the proud owner of Sweets by Gigi's. My home made desserts business was inspired by my love of baking and my mother's many delicious desserts. I started this endeavor in 2018, shortly after moving to San Antonio from Cleveland Ohio. I welcomed this new experience as I always wanted to share my sweets, inspired by my mom's baking back at home in Sweden and her many visits to Ohio, with my community. This also served as a wonderful way to meet and get to know my new community. It provided me with a way to interact with new people. What started as a hobby has taught me so much. I started this journey making cakes and other desserts, not knowing how to decorate or price them. Fast forward a few years and I have now mastered a few self-taught decorating techniques and more. I now also have some experience working with chocolate to produce new sweets such as the ever so popular breakable hearts and chocolate covered strawberries. I'm highly invested in producing delicious products and creations, as well as a great customer experience so everyone feels welcomed and cared for. My most popular products include cupcakes, chocolate-covered strawberries, and breakable chocolate hearts. I encourage you to give my sweets a try.



 Gigi's Sweets,

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Traditions of Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. In the U.S., Ramadan begins around April 13, 2021 and ends around May 12, 2021 with Eid al-Fitr, or the Festival of Breaking Fast. Here are 5 ways Ramadan is celebrated:

- 1- Light lanterns
- 2- Share Iftar (Dinner) with neighbors
- 3- Wrap gifts
- 4- Cook at home
- 5- spend time with family & friends

The traditions of Ramadan includes not eating or drinking anything from sunrise to sunset, abstaining from gossiping, cursing, complaining, and arguing, breaking fast with dates, reflecting, and performing charitable acts in the pursuit of God's forgiveness. Ramadan is a time when people joined forces in pursuit of hope, tolerance, and peace.

As our neighbors & friends fast, and offer prayers to God, may you find they peace.



ANGIE GALAL, MA

INTERVIEW BY MARINA FAYEZ

Angie Galal is a third-year PhD. student from Cairo, Egypt. She is interested in critical health communication, precisely examining the health disparities among the Arab immigrant populations residing in the United States. Her dissertation aims to explore Arabs' perception of implicit biases in clinician-patient communication. Other topics she has explored include barriers to healthcare such as language, culture, and ability to effectively navigate the healthcare system.

"I was born and raised in Kuwait where I attended and graduated high school. I received my undergraduate degree from the American University in Cairo, Egypt." Angie Added.



Her MA thesis explored the communicative interface of non-profit organizations and the state in Egypt in the context of FGM/C. In particular, it examined the effectiveness (or lack thereof) of community based organizations vis-à-vis the prevention of FGM/C amidst the repeated changes in policy and how this relationship had been improving or hindering the process of bringing about behavioral and social change at the grassroots level. Her other work analyzed the trade-off negotiated by Iraqi female refugees in Texas as they attempt to integrate, or not, in the host culture.

I enjoy working in diverse communities and inclusive environments." - Angie Galal



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF SAN ANTONIO

BOOK CLUB

April

A Book Club for those who want to keep learning and discussing the world around them. **Read along OR join at the end of the month for an in-depth discussion of the book. All are welcome to join!**

April 28
4:00 p.m.

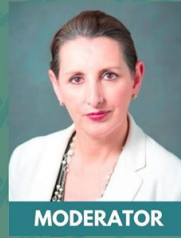
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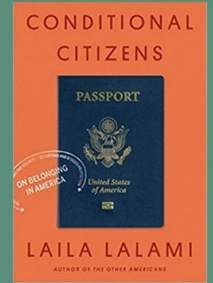
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**IN HONOR OF
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Book of the Month:
Conditional Citizens
by Laila Lalami



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THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, BOOK CLUB

The council is hosting a book club discussing the experience of Arab Americans & the book Conditional Citizens by Laila Lalami

RAMADAN FESTIVAN

the Lilly Agency is hosting a dinner buffet with live music at Cedar Mediterranean Grill

WHAT'S HAPPENING

APRIL 2021

April is here and that means we are celebrating Arab American Heritage Month (AAHM) While not recognized by the federal government, AAHM is celebrated in many U.S. schools, cities, and states. Of course, around here we acknowledge the contributions of our diverse communities 24/7/365, but we like to take special note of heritage months to learn more and uplift the stories of people's rich heritage.

Additionally, Ramadan started April 12 through May 12.



RAMADAN IFTAR FESTIVAL

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starting April 16
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7:30 PM to 10:30 PM
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The dates are:
April 16
April 24
May 1
May 8

\$35.00

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EXCLUSIVE

THE DENARTIST

Hanam answers the questions you have all been dying to ask.

WRITTEN BY HANAM TAUQEER

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As a henna artist and medical student, yes I come across to so many questions why I do henna art. Well, My name is hanam tauqeer and I am a dental surgeon by profession and a henna artist by passion. Henna tattoos, the temporary tattoos doesn't only just give stains to the body but it gives a big peace to the heart. It doesn't only give charm to the beauty but is a big symbol of tranquility. For me, when I go through a lot in my life, then henna is my "go through thing"

, it's a big anti anxiety product for a daily life. I use red, brown, and black henna. Henna is usually done for individuals, parties, wedding, pregnant belly blessing, cancer patients and birthdays. It usually stains on the body for more than a week depending on skin type. With henna I do henna candles too. Where I make a customised henna candles for people. It's a great fun and a big cultural diversity symbol. Once in a lifetime, you must try henna.



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