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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Sterling White offers Free Dinner and Preplanning Seminar

Sterling-White Funeral Home will hold a Free Dinner and Educational Seminar at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 14 at Teapot Depot in Highlands.

The Seminar will provide valuable information about final arrangement planning, financial considerations, and more.

You will learn about funerals, cemetery and cremation planning, and gain the peace of mind by understanding all your options. Seating is limited, please call now.

See details on Page 3, or call 281-426-3555 for information and reservations.

Highlands Rotary Washer Tournament Sept. 11

The Highlands Rotary Club will hold their Annual Washer Board Charity Tournament on Saturday, September 11 from 1pm to 5pm at Charlie's Ice House on N. Main Street. Two-person teams are welcome, \$50 entry fee, with three cash prizes for winners. Call 281-426-3558 for information to enter the tournament.

San Jac opens Generation Park Campus on Sept. 15

Please join San Jacinto College as we celebrate the completion of the Generation Park Campus -- a gorgeous 55,000 square-foot facility housed on a wooded, 57-acre lot in North Houston. This site is the first phase in the College's development of a new campus in this area and was constructed to meet the needs of students wishing to begin their college journey closer to home before transferring to a four-year university.

Grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony for San Jacinto College's newest campus -- Generation Park. 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 at Generation Park Campus, 13455 Lockwood Road, Houston, Texas 77044

Program includes San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Generation Park Executive Director Dr. Destry Dokes

McCord President Ryan McCord

After a yearlong delay because of COVID-19, San Jacinto College will celebrate the completion of the College's fifth campus.

Community members concerned about new "Permitless Carry" law

Commissioner Garcia moderates discussion with law enforcement

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia led a discussion last Wednesday, September 1 on the concerns surrounding the new law. The panel consisted of law enforcement officials and domestic violence advocates, among others.

Law enforcement officials want people to make sure they understand the law before doing anything that could put themselves or others in danger.

'Make sure that you understand the law and make sure you get trained to use that weapon,' Harris County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Toquica said.

With permit-less carry officially going into effect September 1, the state's record shows loosening weapon restrictions only make living in Texas more



Participating in the on-line discussion were (L-R) Houston Police Department Executive Assistant Chief Larry Satterwhite, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia (a former Harris County Sheriff), and Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Edison Toquica. The public was invited to call in with their views also.

dangerous

The event was held September 1 which marks the official beginning of legal permit-less public carry of weapons in Texas. Permit-

less carry allows anyone, including untrained individuals, to purchase a gun and walk the streets without having any experience using a weapon at any

time previously in their lives.

The discussion centered around both data (see below), as well as powerful anecdotal stories of how

permit-less carry will make Harris County residents less safe. In addition, Garcia listed a partial list of pre-empted actions that cities and counties might previously consider enacting that are now expressly prohibited by state law.

'It's bad enough that the state is using the notion of 'safety' in passing dangerous laws that have proven to make life for Texans more dangerous. They also stop us from taking local measures to address violence,' Commissioner Garcia said in his remarks.

The list of prohibited county government measures Commissioner mentioned includes (but is not limited to) the following:

--HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT Mandate safe storage of weapons in vehicles

--HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT Ban weapons in public spaces including parks, community centers, libraries, and government facilities (such as the Tax

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NS Mustangs Defense Tramples Tigers 34-7

By Allan Jamail

September 3, 2021: Spring, TX. -- The North Shore Mustangs traveled to the Klein ISD Memorial Stadium to take on the Klein Collins Tigers. Early in the game it was obvious the Mustang's defense would once again destroy another 6A offensive unit. Before the half the East Side Boys led 24 - 7 at game's end the route was 34 - 7.

Coach Jon Kay's bruising defense shutout the Tigers 3 of the 4 quarters allowing only a single touchdown (TD). His defense smothered the Tigers offense causing 3 fumbles; one ran back by defensive standout Kent Battle. They relentlessly chased their quarterback from sideline to sideline forcing



Mustang's #8 junior David Amador scores the game's first touchdown (TD) under a minute into the game on this 57 yard scramble. He played 3 positions in the game, quarterback, running back and wide receiver. (Allan Jamail Photo)

him to throw away the ball to avoid more sacks. It was a full-court defensive press on the football field led by so many linemen, linebackers and defensive backs for me to name them all.

The Mustang's offensive game produced 358 yards,



Mustang's #10 Kent Battle, senior defense line backer scooped up a Tiger fumble and runs 37 yards for a TD. Brand new calendar for families for 2021-22 school year. (Allan Jamail Photo)

well under their last year's normal 500 yard average, using 3 different quarterbacks. Their running game got 244 yards with 3 of the 5 TD's, their passing attack made

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HARRIS COUNTY \$30 Million Relief funding for Small Businesses recovering from Pandemic

Harris County has created a new \$30 Million Small Business Relief Fund to support micro and small businesses recovering from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application window will open Monday, September 20 at 9:30AM and close Monday, October 4 at 5:30PM Central Standard Time. The application process is not first-come, first-served; all completed applications will be reviewed for eligibility and prioritized based on small business impact parameters. Below you will find more details about this program, including eligibility, funding methodology and timeframe.

Eligibility Criteria

- Located within Harris County

- Registered business operating in Harris County. Check this map see if your business address is located in the county
- Must have 30 or fewer employees (including part time, contractors and full-time employees and owners)
- In operation before April 2020
- Experienced negative impact on operations due to the pandemic
- Annual revenue of less than \$500,000 dollars in 2019 and 2020
- Be in good standing Texas Comptroller's office with no outstanding tax obligations or liabilities

Tax-exempt businesses, gambling businesses, residential builders, speculative real estate investors, government entities and sexually-oriented businesses are not eligible. You can view the list of prohibited NAICS codes here.

Grant Awards & Limitations

The Harris County Small Business Relief Fund will provide grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible micro and small businesses. Funds must be used for

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GP Yellowjackets sting Caney Creek Panthers 34-14

By Allan Jamail

Conroe, Texas -- Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 The Galena Park Yellowjackets under Head Coach Spiro Amarantos visited the Conroe ISD Panthers at Moorehead Stadium. It was a game reminiscent of last year's Jacket lopsided victories, with a 34 - 14 win. The two District 5A teams played in preparation for their upcoming conference games.

The Jackets offensive scorers were, #4-A'Marion Kelly (2TD's), #20 Jose Barrientos (2TD's) and #5-Jonathan Renteria (1- 23 yard pass TD), #81-Fernando Mendoza kick the extra points. Total offense yards 423, passing yards 91 and rushing yards 332.

Defense standouts with 4 or more tackles, #2-Kennon Thomas (7 tackles), #21-Joe Ayala (7 tackles), #24-Jashawn Baines (4 tackles), #43-Ray Quintanilla (6 tackles), #57-Timothy Marshall (4 tackles) and #90-Isaac Covarrubias (7 tackles). Pass interceptions were made by, #2-Kennon Thomas (1) and #9-Carlos DeLeon (1). Sacks were made by, #33-

Sebastian Bernal (1) and #73-Leo Garcia (1).

Thursday, Sept. 9th at 7 PM the Jackets will have the battle for the district's title next when they play at their home stadium against the last years 11-5A District Champions, Fort Bend Marshal Buffaloes. Buffaloes Coach James Williams says he thinks this year's team is ready for another state title match. Last year the Crosby Cougars derailed them in the state semi-final game knocking them out of the state title game. The Buffaloes have several district titles in their records and play regularly in state title games. The Jackets last year (2020) ended a decade old drought by getting in the playoffs.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0498 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0515 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 21, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT 911 Hollywood St., Houston, TX 77015.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: William B. Anders
Larry Helgesen
Bryan Clements

David W. Proctor
Frank Staley

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$145,124	\$158,775	increase of 13,651, or 9.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$72.56	\$79.39	increase of 6.83, or 9.41%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,739,980	\$1,751,386	increase of 11,406, or 0.66%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0461 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0478 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.0535 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 20, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT 1210 Dell Dale Ave., Channelview, TX 77530.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 may petition the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Jim Owens
Michael Burr
Brenda Biggers

Benjamin Ballew
Alma Cedillo

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$123,287	\$136,879	increase of 13,592, or 11.02%
Tax on average homestead	\$61.64	\$68.44	increase of 6.80, or 11.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$3,029,448	\$3,398,623	increase of 369,175, or 12.19%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN
AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 96417

APPLICATION. BDM Metal Coaters, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 96417, which would authorize continued operation of the Metal Coil Abrasive Blasting and Surface Coating located at 13855 Industrial Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility’s general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.752889&lng=-95.179732&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants:

carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 10, 2021. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Pleasantville Neighborhood Library, 1520 Gellhorn Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility’s compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ’s jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director’s decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing.

The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant’s compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission’s decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant’s name and permit number; (3) the statement “[I/we] request a

contested case hearing;” (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission’s jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency’s public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from BDM Metal Coaters, LLC, P.O. Box 24745, Houston, Texas 77229-4745 or by calling Mrs. Crystal Santos, Admin & Projects Supervisor, at (713) 400-2308.

Notice Issuance Date: August 13, 2021



North Shore Rotary prepares students for First Day of School

North Shore Rotarians and the Channelview Rotary Interact club handed out over 1000 backpacks last Saturday, August 21 at the high school. The backpacks were filled with school supplies for the students that would start classes the next week. Seen at right are Rotarian Bill Palko, and Club President Shawn Silman. In the background are other Rotarians serving the drive-thru line.



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KELSEY-SEYBOLD ANNOUNCES 27th CLINIC LOCATION

The new North Channel Area Clinic will expand access to coordinated, evidence-based care

HOUSTON (March 9, 2021) – Kelsey-Seybold Clinic announced plans today to build a 7,500-square-foot clinic in The Shops at Stone Park in the North Channel area. The new North Channel Clinic represents another significant investment in Kelsey-Seybold’s plan to bring comprehensive care closer to area residents and their families.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel will be located at the northeast corner of Beltway 8 and Wallisville Road, at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston TX 77049. This new location is expected to open for patient care in the summer 2021.

“We have many patients who live in and around the North Channel area who have

to drive to our clinics in Baytown, Humble, and Pasadena. We believe our patients, and other residents in the area, would benefit from having a convenient Kelsey-Seybold Clinic near their home, school, and place of employment,” said Victor Simms, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Chair, Clinic Planning Committee, and Chief of Internal Medicine,

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic. “We are all looking forward to greeting new and current patients at our new location in North Channel a few months from now.”

The new North Channel clinic will continue Kelsey-Seybold’s expansion of coordinated, evidence-based care in the ship channel area, in an area that is currently

underserved with limited options for primary care. Patients will have access to an on-site laboratory, X-ray, and up to four primary care providers, with an extensive referral network for Kelsey-Seybold specialists in Summer Creek and Pasadena.

“Kelsey-Seybold’s growth into the North Channel area demonstrates our commit-

ment to patients living in and around the area,” said John Lyle, Vice President, Operations, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

The new Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel location was designed by architects at Powers Brown Architecture. United Constructors has been named the general contractor.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Rev. 3-2016)

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 213-A will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM at the offices of Coats Rose P.C. located at 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77046 and also by call-in at 1 (877) 746-4263, participant code: 2750357#. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: James Coursey, Meredith Schaffer, W. Fritz Maxwell, Enrique Guajardo
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jacob Saour

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	* Last Year \$1.45000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$1.45000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$231,474.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$231,474.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$3,356.37
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$3,356.37 0.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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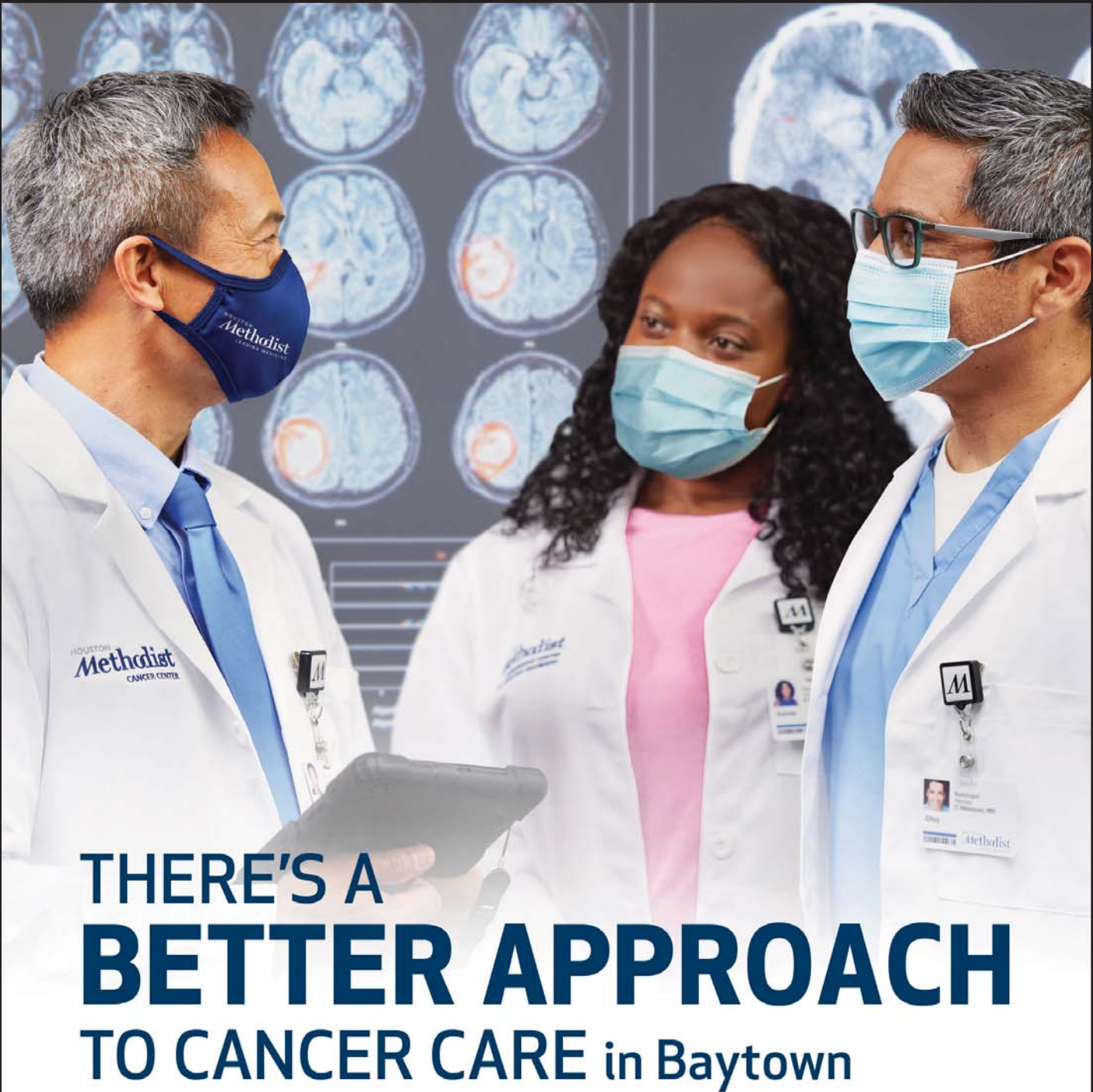
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As you are driving down Wallisville Road and the cars and trucks are lined up for what seems like miles, are you in such a hurry that you are edging closer to the bumper in front of you? Or are you the one who graciously waves someone to merge into the line? What about when you are at the store. Are you the one who puts the basket back into the stall or do you just leave it where it is?

When you call the pharmacy to see if your medicine is ready and you are met with several minutes of waiting, are you grumbling to yourself or are you using the time to make a grocery list or perhaps a list of things you need to get done later in the day? Each of us has the same number of hours each week but are we using them to plant seeds towards a better life or are we wasting them on things we have no control over? Life has become more and more complicated each day and if we choose to plant seeds of encouragement as well as positivity, that is exactly what we will be surrounded with. If we choose to grumble and complain, life will not be too happy. We will face days where we dread going to work or even seeing other people. We begin to slip away into a dark area. And with the pandemic and the chaos it has brought, it does not take much to turn a smile into a frown. Before you know it, you grumble about coming into the office and performing activities that you have been doing for years.

Before you know it, instead of being thankful for your health and your job, you find yourself resenting those who have been receiving government assistance. You join in the conversations with others about how "it must be nice to make more money staying at home than working". Please do not join in and water those seeds. Instead count your blessings that you do not need assistance. Stress is present in everyone's life, but I assure you that those who are unemployed or underemployed are dealing with more stress than those who are fortunate to be employed.

Parents who are not able to find employment have a hard time not "losing their cool" with their partners or their children. Then the stress rolls over into children's lives. Before you know it, the children are acting out at school or not finding the ability to focus. When the grades go home, emotions get out of control. Again, it is a rough time for many but if we plant seeds of kindness and courtesy, life can be a little easier.

Galena Park ISD Education Foundation Winners of the "Beyond the Book" Award



Galena Park ISD Education Foundation Name Winners of the Beyond the Book Award

The Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) Education Foundation seeks to acknowledge employees who go above and beyond their core duties to teach our students and support the delivery of education through the Beyond the Book Award. We believe those involved in the educational process should strive to support GPISD's standard of 'Excellence in All, for All, by All' in service to District stakeholders including students, fellow employees and community members.

GPISD principals are given applications to nominate a district administrator, a support staff member and an elementary or secondary teacher. Once the applications have been submitted, the nominations are given to the Education Foundation Awards committee for the final selection.

The 2021 Beyond the Book Elementary Teacher winner is Emma Carrero, Sam Houston Elementary School third grade bilingual teacher. Ms. Carrero contributes to the success of her campus by not only being an amazing educator but also taking care of the emotional well-being of her students and fellow teachers. She was also voted as Sam Houston Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

The 2021 Beyond the Book Support Staff winner is Norma Guevara, MacArthur Elementary School head custodian. Ms. Guevara just wrapped up her first year as head custodian at MacArthur and has gone above and beyond to make sure the campus has stayed clean and sanitary.

The 2021 Beyond the Book District Administration winner is Dr. Mechelle Epps, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. Dr. Epps has assisted in navigating GPISD through the COVID-19 pandemic. From developing a COVID-19 travel form to the COVID-19 Hotline for faculty and students, Dr. Epps has spent countless hours answering questions and providing our school community with updates throughout the school year.

Galena Park I.S.D. would like to congratulate the 2020-2021 Beyond the Book winners, who each received an engraved crystal book from the Foundation.

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Diamond Jim: "Are sapphires mined in the United States?"

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Sapphire production in Montana was, at least initially, a byproduct of the gold rushes of the 1860s. Early prospectors searching for gold in the gravel of the Missouri River repeatedly discarded the annoying blue pebbles that continually clogged their sluices without much thought to what they may be.

The discovery that these stones had value is attributed to Ed "Sapphire" Collins who forwarded samples of these pebbles to Tiffany & Co. in 1895. When Tiffany purchased the lot for \$3,750 (approximately \$110,300 as of 2018) and declared that the stones were "sapphires of unusual quality," a small-scale sapphire rush began.

A year later, a part-time prospector and sheep farmer, John Ettien, discovered the source of the sapphires – an igneous dike about five miles in length.

Gold prospectors quickly learned that turning their operations to sapphire mining was proving more lucrative than gold. Stakes claimed along the 5-mile vein of the Yogo dike exchanged hands many times until 1899 when a trio of British businessmen purchased what had been coined the New Mine Sapphire Syndicate for \$100,000 (approximately \$2.9 million as of 2018).

Montana Sapphire Mining in 2020

The Missouri River, Rock Creek, and Dry Cottonwood Creek deposits are associated with high yields of high-clarity fancy sapphires, with colors ranging from light pinks, purples, oranges, yellows, and greens, to pale blues. These sapphires are extremely unique in that they are free of cavities and inclusions and feature high uniform clarity and even coloring.

Untreated Yogo sapphires are famous for their excellent blue color and exceptional clarity; and many believe their natural qualities surpass heat-treated stones from all over the world. However, their primary drawback is their small size. Cut gems from Yogo Gulch are very rarely more than one carat in size.

As we moved into 2020, the Rock Creek region of Montana continued to show the richest deposits of natural sapphires. Two areas of the region, known as Eureka Gulch and Sapphire Gulch, are being mined with practices that show an incredible amount of respect and responsibility to protecting the land and environment. Sapphire rough from here usually measures in from 2mm to 1 inch in size with a variety of unique and rare colors.

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