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CHANNEL CURRENTS

FRI. SEP. 24 Free COVID Testing in Baytown courthouse

Riceland Health-care is partnering with Judge Lucia Bates to offer Free Covid Testing.

Friday, September 24 from 10am to 2pm at the Baytown Courthouse, 701 W. Baker Road, Baytown, Texas.

Bring ID and proof of insurance (no co-pay and no added fees). Free Testing Without Insurance.

GP Yellowjacket's sting Sterling Raiders 30-8

Houston, TX. Sept. 17, 2021 at Houston ISD Barnett Stadium the Yellowjacket's Coach Spiro Amarantos brought his team up to a 2-2 record with a District 1-1 record.

Against the Raiders GP used 2 quarterbacks, Ivan Reyes and Oswaldo Flores to both run and pass. Most of their offense came from their rushing game using 9 players that gained 306 yards scoring 4 touchdowns. Touchdowns and all purpose yards were made by Jose Barrientos (2) and gained 93 yards, Amarion Kelly (1) and gained 94 yards, Anthony Mata (1) and gained 28 yards. Sophomore running back Jordan Balderas made 88 yards.

Fernando Mendoza kicked 2 extra points and a field goal and made 4 punts averaging 39 yards and Jose Galarza kicked an extra point.

The Yellowjacket's tough defense only gave up 238 yards in 4 quarters.

The Jackets have their Homecoming District game Friday, September 24th at 7pm at the GPISD Stadium with Houston Madison with a 1-2 record.

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. -- Monday, September 20, 2021 Galena Park High School had their homecoming parade and pep rally at Dement Field. The parade route was lined with hundreds of citizens with kids scrambling to get as much of the tossed candy as possible from the parade participants.

The school's JROTC carried the USA & Texas flag to lead the parade, followed by police cars, fire trucks and ambulances led the parade followed by the School Band, Jacketeer Dancers and Cheerleaders. Superintendent Dr. John Moore, School Principal Dr. Kimberly Martin and Trustees waved at onlookers as they drove by. Students decorated several dozen floats and vehicles competing to be one of the winners of the various entry classifications.

Teacher Brandi Couch was the Pep Rally's Emcee and what an outstanding job she did in keeping things well organized and moving in a timely fashion at Dement Field Stadium. The stands had about a thousand attendees listening to



GP High School JROTC carrying the USA & Texas flags.



Paraders: Driving is Superintendent Dr. John Moore with Principal Dr. Kimberly Martin.



Winner best hallway decorating went to Jacketeer Dancers.



Winner of best float theme and decorations was the volleyball team. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3. (All Photos by Allan Jamail)

speeches and band music. They watched the performances of the band, cheerleaders and Jacketeer Dancers.

Head football Coach Spiro Amarantos introduced the varsity team and asked for fans to come to the game to root on the team. Other coaches and teachers of the various school sports and clubs introduced their members.

Ms. Couch introduced the Homecoming Court candidates for school King and Queen that'll be announced at Friday's game at the GPISD Stadium when the football team plays the Houston Madison Marlins at 7pm.

Best Float Theme and Decor: Volleyball, best Spirit: Softball and best overall: FFA. Best Team Theme outfits (the homecoming dress up day was to match with your sport, department, or club): Cheerleaders who came as girl scouts. Best Hallway decorating: Jacketeers. This year's theme is, ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM. The Student Council members worked hard to put the activities for the week together and drew a loud applause.

NS Mustangs gallop past Klein Oaks 58-34

By Allan Jamail

Friday, September 17, 2021 at the GPISD stadium the North Shore Mustangs in their first home game of the season bounced back after last week's loss to Westfield. They easily put away the Klein Collins Panthers 58 - 34.

Mustangs Head Coach Jon Kay's Eastside team continues to rack up costly penalties. This year's team already has in just 4 games 21 penalties giving up 230 yards. Next week they travel to the always tough Beaumont Westbrook Bruins, penalties may make the difference in who gets their first District win. They're both 3-1 in non-district play.

North Shore made 445 offensive yards which includes a 60 yard Special Teams punt return plus a 77 yard kickoff return. Quarterback Wyndell Mitchell completed 15 of 22 passes for 240 yards & 2 TDs. Klein Oaks made 373 offensive yards, the most yards this season against the Mustangs defense.

The Mustang's had eight touchdowns (TD's) from: #32 Xavier Owens (2), #12 Jhalyn Bailey (2), #16 quarterback Aubrey Broussard, #11 Terrence Guillory, #23 Evan Jackson 66 yd. punt return, #6 Christopher Barnes a 77 yd. kick-off for a TD and #85-Andres Montes-Zamora 25 yard field goal.

North Shore will begin its District 21-6A title defense on the road against Beaumont Westbrook Bruins on Friday, Sept. 24th at 7pm at Beaumont Memorial Stadium.



SEE ARROW ON BALL: Mustang #12 Jhalyn Bailey hauls in a 28 yard TD pass, 1 of his 2 TD passes. (A.JAMAIL PHOTO)



Mustang #32 Xavier Owens runs 48 yards and drags a Panther defender across the goal for 1 of his 2 TD's. (Allan Jamail Photo)



Mustang #23 Evan Jackson junior running back scampers 60 yards for a punt return TD. (Jamail photo)



Mustang #16 quarterback Aubrey Broussard trots across the goal for a TD. (Allan Jamail Photo)

Harris County Small Business Relief Fund now open for applications

COVID relief grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000
available until October 4

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis held a new conference last Monday afternoon, September 20 to announce the start of the Harris County Small Business Relief Fund Application period. The application window will remain open until Monday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.

On August 10, Harris County approved the \$30 million relief fund to support small and micro businesses recovering from the effects of the pandemic. The Small Business Relief Fund was created with funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is being administered by LiftFund, a nonprofit organization that supports small business owners with funding and business education.

Harris County urges business owners to apply by visiting the website at www.harriscountybusinessrelief.org to review the applicant checklist to verify eligibility for this program and also to be prepared with the proper documentation needed to apply before the application portal opens.

Eligibility Criteria
--Located within Harris County

--Registered as a business operating in Harris 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 with the Texas Comptroller's office with no outstanding tax obligations or liabilities

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\$49.00 Family Meal!!! \$10.95 Individual

Thursday: Beef Tips & Rice, Skillet Corn, Rolls & Pecan Pie Bars

\$52.00 Family Meal & \$11.95 Individual

Friday: 1 qt of Chicken Salad, 1 qt of Pasta Salad, 6 Croissants, Garden Salad & Mini Muffins

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Sheriff deployed high-water vehicles prior to tropical storm Nicholas

According to HCSO Chief Mike Lee, before Tropical Storm Nicholas Made Landfall, the Harris County Sheriff's Office Flood Rescue Group Staged a fleet of High-Water Rescue Vehicles and Watercraft throughout the Harris County area so that they would be poised to act if called upon during the storm.



WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY F.W.S.D. #51 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at 367 Queenstown Road, Houston, Texas 77015.

Guests may attend the hearing via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3204524804?pwd=VWlBbHBlbkxR3ZVa1VndEVubkZ6dz09> Meeting ID: 320 452 4804, Passcode: 382181 or via teleconference by dialing +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston). Meeting ID: 320 452 4804, Passcode: 382181.

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: Jerry Dominy, Mike Bilnoski, Cary Stephens, Les LeBleu and David Gray

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.25000/\$100 Adopted	\$.23000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.02000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-8.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 157,499	\$ 174,115
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 31,500	\$ 34,823
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 125,999	\$ 139,292
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 314.99	\$ 320.37
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 5.38 1.70%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM at 125 San Jacinto, Highlands, Texas. 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: Leon R. Mullins Bobby Birdsong
Harvey Little Kenneth Boudreaux
John W. Wright

Against the proposal:

Present and not voting:

Absent:

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.

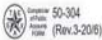
	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.340000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.340000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$102,290	\$108,803
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$102,290	\$108,803
Tax on average residence homestead	\$347.79	\$369.93
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$22.14 6.37%

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the Board of Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of Water and Sewer Maintenance and Improvements.

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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.



Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at 16401 Country Club Drive, Community Room (next to Fitness Room), Crosby, Texas 77532. 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: Margarette Chasteen, DeLonne L. Johnson, Deborah Florus, Earl B Boykin, R. Gary Hasse
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.59890 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.61620 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.01730 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		2.89%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$191,868.00	\$201,399.00
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	\$191,868.00	\$201,399.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,149.10	\$1,241.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$91.92 8.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

If you are located inside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined #1 Area the total tax rate proposed is \$1.40 per \$100 taxable value. If you are located outside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined Area #1 then the tax rate proposed is \$0.61620 per \$100 of taxable value.

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.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

The Property Tax Assistance Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides property tax information and resources for taxpayers, local taxing entities, appraisal districts and appraisal review boards.

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax



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OBITUARIES

CAROLYN SUE MORTON

Carolyn Sue Morton, 68, passed away September 10, 2021 surrounded by her family in Baytown, Texas. Carolyn was born on August 23, 1953 in Monticello, Arkansas to parents John William and Maxine (Cater) Ren-don.

She was a dedicated Christian and enjoyed the fellowship of her church family at Faith Family Church in Baytown.

Carolyn was a loving sister, mother, nana and friend, but it was no secret that her grandchildren were her world. She enjoyed spending time outside sunbathing and especially being at the beach or near water. Carolyn also enjoyed watching Lifetime movies and eating with her family at Iguana Joe's.

She will forever be



remembered as bright as the colors that she loved, which also matched her sparkling spirit and love of life.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her par-ents; her husband, Don Morton; and brothers, Phillip Marter and Bobby Marter. She is lovingly survived by her children, Shannon Thompson and hus-band Isacc, Misty Rodriguez and hus-band A.J., Mandy Johnson and husband David, Brandon Mor-ton and Asha; brothers, Larry Marter and wife Ruth, Jack Marter;

grandchildren, Stephanie Thompson, Nicholas Thompson, Ashley Drews and husband Dalton, Olive Rodriguez, Jaxon Johnson, Kaden Morton, Kallan Mor-ton, Brynlee Morton; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Friends are welcome to join the family on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. for a time of visitation followed by a celebra-tion of Carolyn's life, which will begin at 1:00 P.M. in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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GP Yellowjackets Parade,

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LEFT: Winner of best overall: FFA, students had goat, lamb and horse with their float. (Photos by Allan Jamail)



BELOW: Winner of best team theme outfits (the homecoming dress up day was to match with your sport, department, or club): went to the Cheerleaders who came as girl scouts.

Teen shot fatally in Galena Park

GALENA PARK – Har-ris County Sheriff's Depu-ties are investigating after authorities said a teen was found dead in the front yard of a home in the Ga-lena Park area.

The investigation began after the body was discov-ered around 3 a.m. in the 1600 block of Leggett Drive near 15th Street, accord-ing to the Harris County

Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said the teen – believed to be around 16 or 17 – was found dead in the front yard of a home.

Officials said the teen did not live at the home where he was found. They also said blood splatter was found in the street not far from where the teen's body was found.

According to authori-ties, the blood splatter may be a second scene connect-ed to the shooting and may signify that there is a sec-ond victim.

Officials are still work-ing to learn more details. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Shooting at 11400 East Freeway at Jacinto City

Houston police have released surveillance photos of a vehicle believed to be involved in the fatal shooting of a man at 11400 East Freeway (Interstate Highway 10 East) about 10:45 p.m. on August 20.

The vehicle is believed to be a white, newer model, Toyota Rav4 or Ford Escape, with dark-tinted windows that may belong to the suspect. It is also believed a black or Hispanic female may have been in the passenger seat at the time of the shooting.

The victim is identified as Tyler Wayne Young, 29.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant K. Meek and Detective M. Perez reported:

A Jacinto City police officer was flagged down at a business parking lot in the 11800 block of the East Freeway service road and was told Mr. Young was shot while driving eastbound on the freeway in the city limits of Houston. Witnesses stated a white passenger car pulled alongside Young's vehicle in the 11400 block of the East Freeway main lanes and someone inside the white car began shooting into Young's SUV. Young was struck at least one time.

Two juvenile males - 8 and 6 years of age - were inside Young's vehicle at the time of the shooting and managed to steer the car into a strip center business parking lot. They were not injured. Young was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Anyone with information in this case or on the identity of the suspect and/or passenger in the wanted vehicle is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Fourth Suspect Arrested, Charged in Fatal Shooting at 10155 East Freeway

A fourth - and final - suspect charged and wanted in the fatal shooting of a man at 10155 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) service road that occurred about 6:45 a.m. on August 10 has been arrested.

The suspect, Israel Ventura (H/m, 32), is charged with capital murder in the 174th State District Court. His updated booking photo is attached to this news release.

The three other suspects - John Gallegos (H/m, 27), Erica Pererira (H/f, 30), and Elizabeth Luna (H/f, 30) - are charged with capital murder in the 208th State District Court. Their previously released booking photos are also attached to this news release.



All are accused in the death of Wilfredo Javier Rodriguez Almendarez, 34.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeants K. Daignault and M. Burrow reported:

Motel housekeeping staff at the above address entered a room to clean just after 11 a.m. and saw Mr. Almendarez unresponsive and lying on the floor. The employee immediately left the room, called 9-1-1, and then saw officers investigating an unrelated call at the same address. The employee approached and alerted the officers.

The officers observed a bullet hole in the door and entered the room. Almendarez was found deceased with multiple gunshot wounds.

Further investigation identified Gallegos, Pererira, Luna and Ventura as suspects in this case. On August 17, Gallegos, Pererira and Luna were arrested without incident.

On Wednesday (Sept. 15), HPD homicide detectives received a tip providing Ventura's location and clothing description. Officers with the HPD Eastside Patrol Division's Crime Suppression Team located Ventura, who attempted to flee on a bicycle. Officers took him into custody without further incident.

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon's King High School athlete wins Offensive Lineman of Year

King High School's Van Wells has won the VYPE Media's Houston Offensive Lineman of the Year fan poll. King High School athlete Dylan Spencer has been nominated for VYPE Media's Defensive Lineman of the Year. Voting is unlimited and ends Sunday, September 19 at 7 p.m. Community members may vote online at <https://bit.ly/3kdnVwk>.



King High School football player Van Wells has been selected in the fan poll as VYPE Media's Houston Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Pantherettes host mini dance camp

The King High School Pantherette drill team will host a Mini Dance Camp for ages 4 to 12 on September 25 at the King High School gym. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the dance clinic from 9 a.m. to noon. The parent show off begins at noon. Participants will perform with the Pantherettes at the C.E. King vs. Summer Creek football game on October 1.

The cost of the camp is \$40 and includes pizza and a drink on the day of the camp. Each dancer will receive a t-shirt, mini pom poms as a keepsake on game day and free entrance to the game.

Multilingual department hosts resources night

The Sheldon ISD multilingual department will host a parent meeting over Zoom on Tuesday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will provide information about services offered, resources to support children and opportunities for parents to learn English. For questions about the meeting, call 281-727-3650.

Special Education department to host Tackle Dyslexia Night

Sheldon ISD and the special education department will host a meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 19 at the Panther Zone. The meeting will provide information about dyslexia and activities to do at home with children. The Panther Zone is located at the new King High School Stadium in the building near the end zone under the scoreboard.

Sheldon offers Blue Card program for senior citizen residents

The Blue Card Program is an initiative to honor all of our supporters in the district who are age 65 or older. One of Sheldon ISD's goals is to create and foster an environment where all stakeholders are engaged and actively involved in the work we do for children. The success of our students is a shared responsibility of community members, parents, and educators, and we believe a community's collective power is greater than individual efforts. To sign up to be a Blue Card member, go to www.sheldonisd.com/bluecard/

Members receive free entry to district-sponsored fine arts and sporting events as well as a free luncheon each year with an opportunity to learn more about the district and engage with district leaders.

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “Why doesn’t Pineforest Jewelry have ‘sales’ on jewelry?”

Another very good question and one that I'm happy to answer.

Let's look at an example of why some stores have “sales”. There are several national clothing store chains out there. Look around and you'll find a “70% off” rack in nearly every one of those stores. Did you ever wonder why? There are a couple of reasons to offer customers 70% off. When big chain stores have a “sale” what they're really telling you is, “Our originally over-priced merchandise is not selling fast enough. Not many people were interested in these items at our 700% mark-up so we're willing to only make a 210% mark-up”. Yes, it's true. Those stores do not lose a dime...in fact they're making a lot of money from customers who purchased at the original price and those buying at the “sale” price of 70% off. It's a business and marketing ploy or tactic that works because most people think they're getting a “great deal”. Well, they're not.

My wife Linda and I built Pineforest Jewelry with one goal in mind; To offer quality jewelry, related items, and repair services at a fair profit. After 32 years in our current location and 38,540 customers later, I'm certain we have earned the trust and respect that we've worked so hard to achieve. I love it every time a customer recognizes the quality in the item they're buying and the value in the price they're paying.

“We proudly offer active duty, reserve, and former military personnel and first responders (firefighters, EMT's, and law enforcement) 10% off as a “Thank You” for protecting all of us! And from time to time we will have a special contest, a game, or a “Diamond Jim's Special” event however, I seriously doubt you'll ever see a “sale” at Pineforest Jewelry. Our “everyday” prices are lower than their “sale” prices.

Diamond Jim is a master jeweler, diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. Pineforest Jewelry has been a proud member of the IJO for many years. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

Thank you for reading the “Ask Diamond Jim” column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.



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The Texas Artisans Art Gallery in Chappell Hill, a short drive from Houston on US290, recently received new paintings to add to its collection of artwork by Mei Hoffman.

The landscape painting seen at the top of the photo on the right was purchased by Leslie Conrads, (in photo left), with the artist Mei Hoffman on the right.

Both Chappell Hill and Round Top are busy each weekend this fall with visitors to the galleries and stores.



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Highlands Rotary Washer Tournament,

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have a military honor guard present the colors in memory of those who have given their lives for this country.

The tournament is now in its 14th year, and the money raised by the Rotary Club is used for international projects, including Polio eradication worldwide. The club usually nets about \$8000 for this effort.

Over 25 2-man teams competed for the honors of winning, plus some nominal cash prizes.

Winners this year were
1st Place - Community Team, Keith Gaedchens and Bob McFehring;
2nd Place - Ethan Bowdin and Richard Andrews;

3rd Place - Rockwood Rollers team, Jerry Smith and Patti Farmer;

Rotarian Trophy, to North Shore Rotarian and Past District 5890 Governor John Painter.

There was also a silent auction, and a raffle. In the latter, Linda Richardson won an Ice Chest, Eric Liu won a Wine basket, and Jim Neff won a Liquor basket.

In a live auction, a beautiful with Patriotic images including an American Eagle was auctioned for \$1300. The quilt was sewn by Connie Russell.



Young but talented, Hope Loggins shows how to throw washers.



Third Place team was the Rockwood Rollers, Jerry Smith and Patti Farmer, with Rotarians Jerry Fallin and Diana Weaver.



With a Patriotic Theme, this quilt by Connie Russell was auctioned off for \$1300.

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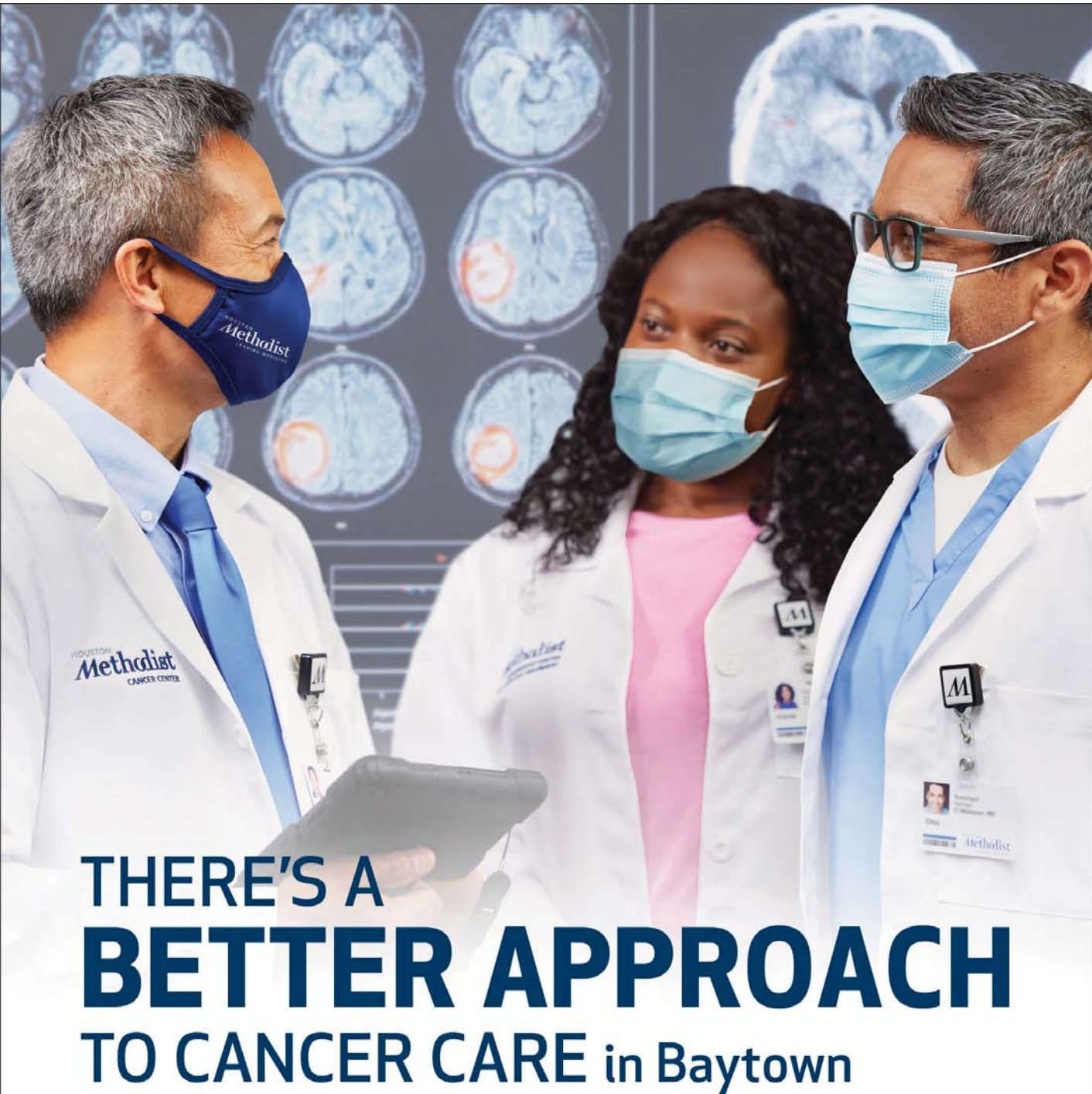
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