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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### North Channel Chamber Golf Tournament Oct. 13

The North Channel Area Chamber will hold its Dr. Gerald Cobb Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 13, at the Tour 18 course in Atascocita. There will be an 8:00am shotgun start.

Individual players are \$150, and a team of 4 is \$600. Sponsorships are available, starting at \$100 to Diamond level at \$3,500. There is also a Raffle and a Ball Drop for prizes.

For more info, call 713-450-3600 or margie@ncchamber.com. Platinum sponsor is Bestway Oilfield. See details on page 5.

### THUR. SEP. 30 Last Day to get \$100 with your COVID shot

Thursday, September 30th is the last day Harris County is offering a \$100 cash card to residents receiving their first vaccine dose. If you've been procrastinating...don't put it off any longer and lose out on a \$100 cash card.

Testing is free at HCPH sites. Appointments are not required, but are recommended because the number of people getting tested has been increasing, click here to find a site near you or call 832-927-7575.

## 3 violent deaths on Uvalde alarm Community

By Gilbert Hoffman

**NORTH CHANNEL** – Residents of this community are highly alarmed at the number of robberies and shooting fatalities that have occurred within the last month, on a stretch of Uvalde that is only a few blocks long.

The death of a woman on Tuesday whose auto was carjacked by a robbery suspect, is only the latest in this string of bizarre and dangerous crimes. She was dragged to her death as the robber attempted to drive her car to escape.

A week ago, another woman, now identified as Martha Medina, was run over by a purse snatching robber at the McDonald's only a few blocks from the current crime scene.

And a month before, again a few blocks along Uvalde from the other fatalities, a security guard argued with a Walgreen's customer, and ended up shooting him to death.



A woman customer last week was leaving this McDonald's on Uvalde with her food, when an assailant snatched her purse, knocking her to the ground, and in his getaway he drove over her body, killing her.

In the carjacking incident on Tuesday, a woman is dead after being run over during a carjacking in east Houston, police said Tuesday.

The incident happened in the 500 block of Uvalde, in the parking lot of a church. Last Thursday, another woman was run over and killed after her purse was stolen near the McDonald's in the same area.

Police said the suspect stole a cell phone from an auto parts store and was

chased by employees. Investigators said the man ran across the street to a church where he jumped into the woman's vehicle.

Officers said the suspect tried to push the woman out of her vehicle, but she had her seatbelt on. The suspect took off as the woman was trying to get out, hitting six or seven vehicles before ending up near the corner of Uvalde Road and Louisville Street.

"She was trying to exit the vehicle, but couldn't because of her seatbelt,"

said Belinda Null with HPD.

After the vehicle crashed into a pole, police said the suspect ran but they were able to locate him with the help of witnesses.

The man, who is believed to be in his 50s, was arrested by police. Charges are pending.

Surveillance video from a business nearby shows the suspect crashing into a pole before getting out of the vehicle and fleeing the scene.

In the earlier incident, a woman is dead after authorities say she was run over after being robbed at an east Harris County restaurant.

The victim, 71, was identified as Martha Medina. She lived not far from the McDonald's restaurant on Uvalde where she was killed.

"We are mad about this person why would do something so horrible wheres their heart do they

even have a heart," Liliana Medina, the victim's daughter said.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office responded to the incident at a McDonald's restaurant at 430 Uvalde around 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, according to a tweet by Harris County

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Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

The woman was run over by the suspect, authorities say as the suspect fled the scene.

"They grabbed her purse she fell toward the front of the car that was going out, and in a haste, in a hurry to get away, they ran over her," Adrian Medina, the victim's son, said.

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## Queens & Kings honored at Homecomings



### SHELDON C. E. KING HIGH HOMECOMING COURT

Congratulations to King High School's Homecoming King Jerson Lopez and our Homecoming Queen Sophia Flores. The 2021-22 King and queen are pictured with last year's Homecoming Queen Lily Martinez, Superintendent of Schools Dr. King Davis and King High School Principal Dr. Raff Saeed. Homecoming festivities took place during a pregame ceremony on the field. Congratulations to the King High School Panthers for defeating the Huntsville Hornets 49-6 making their record for the season so far 4-0.



### 2021 GALENA PARK HIGH HOMECOMING:

L – R: Principal Dr. Kimberly Martin, Homecoming King A'marion Kelly & Queen Alexa Hernandez & Assoc. Principal Mr. Lemond Mitchell (PHOTO BY LINDA JAMAIL)

## NS Mustang's Trot past Beaumont Bruins 44-7

By Allan Jamail

Beaumont, TX. - Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 – North Shore's Eastside boy's football team traveled to Beaumont Memorial Stadium home of the Bruins and trounced their first district opponent the West Brook team 44-7.

Head Coach Jon Kay's Mustang's offense has been sluggish except for their last two games, racking up 102 points together. They made 6 touchdowns (TD's) and a field goal. They made 25 first downs to the Bruins 13, while compiling 545 yards.

TD's were made by Mustang's David Amador-2, Wyndell Mitchell-2, Christopher Barnes-1 and Darrell Jean-1. Andres Montes-Zamora kicked a 35 yd. field goal and the extra points.

The leading rushers, Darrel Jean 4-87,1TD, Xavier Owens 12-63, Rashaad Johnson 4-29, Damon Ford 4-26, Wyndell

Mitchell 8-20, 2 TDs. Leading receivers, David Amador 6-120, 2 TDs, Joseph Richard 6-51, Jhalyn Bailey 3-47, Christopher Barnes 2-29, 1 TD.

Quarterback Wyndell Mitchell continues to improve his passing, completing 73 percent for 265 yds and 3 TD's while running for 2 TD's. Last week he passed for 240 yds and 2 TD's. David Amador had six catches for 120 yards and 2 TD's.

Mustangs defense continues to be tough and gives up little yards per game, they held the Bruins to under 200 yds. (198). Jarvon Coles made a pass interception.

The downside for the Mustangs is their penalties; they had 10 penalties for a loss of 95 yds. This year in 5 games they've made 31 penalties and given up 325 yds.

Their next game is the homecoming district game against Humble at the GPISD Stadium, Friday, October 1st at 7pm.

## GP YELLOWJACKETS WIN HOMECOMING THRILLER – GP 42 MARLINS 41

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. September 24, 2021, GPISD Stadium: Head Coach Spiro Amarantos together with a talented group of assistant coaches led the Yellowjackets (Jackets) football team to their second consecutive district win, besting the Houston Madison Marlins 42-41.

Galena Park (GP) is continuing to show noticeable gains in both offense and defense. The player's are showing they have the discipline to be coached into another winning season to reach the playoffs again. A team must have discipline to be successful, Coach Amarantos and his assistants bring that to the team. What players will learn from these coaches will provide them what they need later in life to be productive and responsible in their lives.

The game kept the home fans and visitors standing rooting their team on as the score was tied several times in the 12 touchdown game. As the final minutes ticked off the Jackets led the Marlins by 7 points, 42-35. The Marlins took the final kickoff and drove downfield for a 6 point TD. Madison's Coach Shawn Narcisse made the decision to not kick an extra point to tie the game to go into overtime but instead tried a 2 point-conversion; the Jackets defense sealed the victory with several tacklers stopping the run ending the game 42-41.

Homecoming Teams Captains taking center field for the coin toss were seniors Leo Garcia,

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Leo Garcia, (260 lbs) #73 Yellowjacket defensive lineman standout in the game sacks Marlins quarterback #1 Damon Jones Jr. (156 lbs) for a loss of yards. He led the defense with 13 tackles and made several critical stops, but none as important at his tackle to stop the Marlins 2 point-conversion attempt at the end of the game with seconds left which gave GP their 1 point victory (42-41). (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)



# GP YELLOWJACKETS WIN HOMECOMING THRILLER – GP 42 MARLINS 41

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Bryan Chavarria, Raymond Quintanilla, Joe Ayala and A'marion Kelly. GP's offense racked up 579 All Purpose yards, which 189 yds. came from kickoff and punt returns. Rushing yards, Jose Barrientos-153 yds. & 2 TD's & a 2 point conversion run, Jordan Balderas-117, A'maron Kelly-78 & 3 TD's, Ivan Reyes-23 & 1 TD, John Gutierrez-16 & Anthony Mata-3. Fernando Mendoza kicked the extra points.

The Jackets defense once again played a crucial

role for the winning game. Seventy-two tackles were made by, Leo Garcia-13, Luis Rojas-10, Andrew Sims-9, Ray Quintanilla-6, Joe Ayala-6, Diego Quintanilla-5, Sebastian Bernal-5, Timothy Marshall-4, Kennon Thomas-3, Carlos DeLeon-3, Vincent Lopez-3, A'marion Kelly-2, Ja'Shawn Baines-2 and Luis Rojas-1.

Jackets have a week off and will next play Saturday, October 9th at 6pm at Houston Delmar Stadium against Houston Northside Panthers.



GALENA PARK 2021 JACKETEERS DANCE TEAM.

L-R: Top Row: Katia Santiago, Brianna Garcia, Sophia Gonzalez, Lyzette Garza, Eli Gonzalez, Hilary Lazo, Ayani Salinas. Second Row: Jimena Sias, Samantha Romero, Karla Salinas, Alisa Salinas, Teresa Diaz, Andrea Coreas, Arianna DeLeon, Assistant Director-Alyza Vasquez, Director-Vanessa Boyce. Third Row: Genesis Heineman, Elani Renteria, Alehia Oviedo, Emily Cruz, Celeste Pena, Giselle Meza, Valeria Sias. Bottom Row: Marian Camacho, Rebecca Gonzalez, Isabela Salinas, Jackie Hernandez, Miryam Monroy, Karissma Sierra. (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)



YELLOWJACKETS STUDENT TRAINERS:  
Back row: Jessie Rodriguez, Camila Flores, Maria Zamudio, Caleb Kirchner, Gabriella Montemayor, Ashley Garza  
Front row: Galilea Flores, Marissa Ramos, Betzy Duran, Natalie Mejia (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)



Jose Barrientos #20 Galena Park running back scores a 20 yd. TD. He led the team with 153 rushing yds. & 2 TD's. (PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL)



GALENA PARK 2021 YELLOWJACKET CHEERLEADERS.

Front Row: Camila Esquivel, Idalis Hurtado, Marianna Miranda, Alize Pequeno, Ashlyn Hadnott, Deyanira Ramirez, Symara Garcia, Victoria Guerrero, Macey Montgomery  
Back Row: Coach Stephanie Gonzalez, Angelica Hernandez, Andrea Gonzalez, Mariela Benavides, Nadiya Timmons, Anahi Arredondo, Melanie Rivera, Natalia Garza, Mia Vazquez, Teresa Medina, Coach Lisa Robinette+ (PHOTO BY LINDA JAMAIL)

WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #36 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at 903 Hollywood Street, Houston, TX 77015. 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:

Ronald S. Holder, Gerardo Parra, Maria E. Koukoulakis, Eddie Cantu

AGAINST the proposal:

None

PRESENT and not voting:

None

ABSENT:

Felix "Sonny" Eddy, Jr.

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ .29800/\$100	\$ .28590/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ .01210/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-4.06%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 77,925	\$ 84,053
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 15,585	\$ 16,811
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 62,340	\$ 67,242
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 185.77	\$ 192.24
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 6.47
and percentage of increase (+/-)		3.48%

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 W.C.I.D. #84 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at 15900 Bear Bayou Drive, Channelview, TX, a location open to the public, and via teleconference at 1-346-248-7799. Meeting ID: 936 8707 3864. Passcode: 530881. 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:

Tomas Fernandez, Hugo Arriaga, Allen Hall, and Bud Mills

AGAINST the proposal:

None

PRESENT and not voting:

None

ABSENT:

Curtis Seale

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ .58000/\$100	\$ .50000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ .08000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-13.79%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 178,038	\$ 192,004
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 178,038	\$ 192,004
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,032.62	\$ 960.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ -72.60
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-7.03%

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Ask The Expert

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Confusion Must End

Imagine living in a community for over 20 years and enjoying retirement. You stop in at the local McDonald's to grab breakfast and then plan to head to pick up your daughter and spend the day running errands. Your husband of 42 years has gone to Mexico for a few days, and you are going to spend time with your adult children as well as grandchildren over the next few days. You have plans to maybe decorate for the fall season and perhaps call on friends you worked with over the years. After working at the Kroger main bakery for years, and then with KBR before spending time at a job with Summit Steel, you have many friends. You have attended a local church for many years, and you are enjoying the life of a retiree.

Imagine, you are an adult daughter, and you are looking forward to spending the day with your precious mother. Through the years, she has modeled love, kindness, compassion and grace to you and your siblings. Today is going to be a day of running errands and just enjoying the day. You start preparing the house to leave but your mom has not arrived yet. You call her phone and there is no answer. You laugh to yourself and think she must have seen a friend while waiting to get the breakfast order. You give it a few more moments. You try to call her again and suddenly a young woman answers your mother's phone.

Confused as to if you dialed the wrong number, she tells you that no you have dialed the right number but to please hurry to the restaurant. There has been a terrible accident. As you speed to get there, you wonder if maybe your mom slipped on a wet floor, or perhaps someone backed into her parked car. As you approach the familiar location, your heart sinks. You wonder why there are so many police vehicles and why there is crime scene tape everywhere. You park the car and as you run inside to find the woman with your mother's phone, you notice so many sad faces. You see tears and you hear people talking. Suddenly the rug has been pulled out from under you.

Over the next 24 hours, you call your siblings. You wonder how to break the news to your mother's four grandchildren. You and your siblings must decide for your father to return from Mexico without sharing all the details. You watch in total disbelief as you hear Sheriff Ed Gonzales on the news discussing your mother's death.

Mrs. Martha Medina was lost her life when someone snatched her purse and then ran over her in the simple blink of an eye. As the news spread throughout the community, tears were shed by many. Her children, Adrian, Lourdes, and Lilliana intentionally remained in the North Shore area after high school and college. They intentionally wanted to be close to their aging parents. They wanted to be sure their children grew up knowing how much their grandparents loved them. And now, life has taken a cruel turn.

In speaking with Adrian, I asked if there was anything he could say to the killer, other than to turn himself in, what would he say. He said those words have not come to him yet but that now more than ever, it is time to end the confusion in our neighborhood. It is time for neighbors to meet one another. It is time for us to look out for one another. It is time to make a difference. We must work together to provide structure, discipline and boundaries for our children and youth. We need to hold each other accountable for what happens in our community.

Please continue to lift the Medina family in your prayers as well as to prayer for swift justice for the man who committed the crimes.



MARTHA MEDINA

Deaths on Uvalde,

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In this surveillance photo, the robber walks away from a car that he has just crashed into a tire shop on Uvalde. The car he was driving dragged and ran over its owner, and killed her.

"Really stealing a purse from an elderly person? Get a job," said Sheriff Gonzalez.

The woman was taken to a nearby hospital where she died, HCSO said. She was identified as 71-year-old Martha Medina.

A McDonald's employee who asked not to be identified said she stayed by the victims side during her final moments.

"I told her I'm going to pray for you and she said

I'm grateful for that, I don't want to die," said the fast food employee.

Authorities say the suspect fled the scene in a dark-colored Chevrolet Impala with black rims. Authorities have briefly described the suspect as a Black male.

HCSO is urging the public to come forward with any information on the suspect or suspects. Call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "Please tell us more about the Opal?"

As the traditional birthstone of October, opal offers a myriad of colors all residing within one beautiful stone. Because opal has the colors of other gems, the Romans thought it was the most precious and powerful of all. The Bedouins believed that opals contained lightning and fell from the sky during thunderstorms. When Australia's mines began to produce opals commercially in the 1890s, it quickly became the world's primary source for this October birthstone.

Opal is the product of seasonal rains that drenched dry ground in regions such as Australia's semi-desert "outback." The showers soaked deep into ancient underground rock, carrying dissolved silica (a compound of silicon and oxygen) downward. During dry periods, much of the water evaporated, leaving solid deposits of silica in the cracks and between the layers of underground sedimentary rock. The silica deposits formed opal.

How Opal Forms

Opal is known for its unique display of flashing rainbow colors called play-of-color. There are two broad classes of opal: precious and common. Precious opal displays play-of-color, common opal does not. Play-of-color occurs in precious opal because it's made up of sub-microscopic spheres stacked in a grid-like pattern—like layers of Ping-Pong balls in a box. As the lightwaves travel between the spheres, the waves diffract, or bend. As they bend, they break up into the colors of the rainbow, called spectral colors. Play-of-color is the result.

Although experts divide gem opals into many different categories, five of the main types are:

- White or light opal: Translucent to semitranslucent, with play-of-color against a white or light gray background color, called bodycolor.
- Black opal: Translucent to opaque, with play-of-color against a black or other dark background.
- Fire opal: Transparent to translucent, with brown, yellow, orange, or red bodycolor. This material—which often doesn't show play-of-color—is also known as "Mexican opal."
- Boulder opal: Translucent to opaque, with play-of-color against a light to dark background. Fragments of the surrounding rock, called matrix, become part of the finished gem.
- Crystal or water opal: Transparent to semitransparent, with a clear background. This type shows exceptional play-of-color.

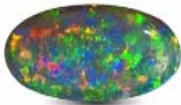
Writers have compared opals to volcanoes, galaxies, and fireworks. Admirers gave extraordinary opals poetic names like Pandora, Light of the World, and Empress. In ancient Rome, this gem symbolized love and hope. The Romans gave it a name—opalus—that was synonymous with "precious stone."

Opal is considered an October birthstone. Some people think it's unlucky for anyone born in another month to wear an opal. But that particular superstition comes from a novel written in the 1800s (Anne of Geierstein by Sir Walter Scott), and not from any ancient belief or experience. In fact, throughout most of history, opal has been regarded as the luckiest and most magical of all gems because it can show all colors. Once, it was thought to have the power to preserve the life and color of blond hair.

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](http://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](mailto:jmills@pineforestjewelry.com).



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# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## Nine students will advance in All State Choir auditions.

Over the weekend, 21 members of the C. E. King High School choir program competed in the Texas Music Educators Association Region 33 district honor choir auditions. These young choral scholars began their musical preparations at the Stephen F. Austin State University All State Honor choir camp, where they worked with internationally renowned choral directors and voice professors.

These students advanced to the next round of auditions and will be singing in our region honor choirs, making them one step closer to becoming members of the TMEA All State Honor Choir: Danna Gonzalez (not pictured), Yvonne Orozco, Sara Saeed, Krysta Lambeth, Terry Lastrappe, Karmello Dumas, Briseida Quezada, Zach Stevens and Aleyda Martinez.



## Sheldon kicks off Adopt a School program

The Sheldon ISD Partners in Education Adopt a School program offers community businesses an opportunity to adopt one or more schools to commit time and resources dedicated to improving and enriching academics and school culture. At the September 21 school board meeting, trustees recognized Inspire Church for their adoption of Garrett Elementary School. Inspire Church is the district's first Adopt a School partner. This means the organization will work directly with supporting Garrett Elementary School by providing resources like school supplies and more.



Sheldon ISD superintendent Dr. King Davis and School Board President Eileen Palmer recognized Maribel Villanueva with Inspire Church for adopting Garrett Elementary School. Principal Tacarra Williams presented a plaque for the Adopt a School program for Inspire Church.

To learn more about the Sheldon ISD Adopt a School program, please contact [communications@sheldonisd.com](mailto:communications@sheldonisd.com).

## Sheldon ISD receives \$1.7MM to support learning acceleration

Sheldon ISD is the recipient of the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Grant in the amount of \$1,771,059. The purpose of TCLAS funding is to support learning loss due to COVID-19. As a result of these funds, Sheldon will implement a plan of action designed to accelerate student learning. The funds will support Professional Development, Texas College Bridge, instructional software and programs, certification and education support for paraprofessionals, and progress monitoring and intervention support.

# Galena Park ISD volunteer honored by Texas Board of Education

Mr. Terence Narcisse, Galena Park ISD volunteer, was recently nominated and selected as the District 4 2021 Heroes for Children honoree by the State Board of Education!

The Heroes for Children program recognized 15 honorees for their volunteerism in the public schools of their communities. In honor of his volunteer work and dedication to Galena Park ISD, Narcisse received a plaque recognizing his service to the district, and has his name engraved on a permanent display at the Texas Education Agency in Austin, Texas.

He has been a very active community volunteer



TREY NARCISSE

for the past 13 years through his service with the East Harris County Empowerment Council, which he founded in 2008. His fundraising efforts have benefited thousands of school children in

Galena Park ISD and East Harris County school districts with food, clothing and school supplies. To date, his organization has awarded more than \$8,000 in scholarships. During the pandemic, goods valued at \$1.5 million were distributed to low-income families.

Galena Park ISD would like to thank Mr. Narcisse for his years of dedication to GPISD and congratulate him on winning this prestigious award!

## STEM programs receive funding to continue post secondary experiences

Sheldon ISD continues to participate in the Lone Star STEM grant for the 2021-2022 school year receiving an additional \$15,000 from TEA. The program supports implementing programs of study that helps students gain the skills, postsecondary credentials, and experience necessary to embark on well-paying careers in STEM fields.



Last year, Sheldon ISD received the Lone Star STEM Cycle 3 Year 1 Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to support the expansion of College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSMs) at C. E. King High School. The focus of the grant is to expand STEM pathways in computer science and engineering. The partnership includes the Texas Education Agency, Jobs for the Future (JFF), and the University of Texas Center for STEM Education.

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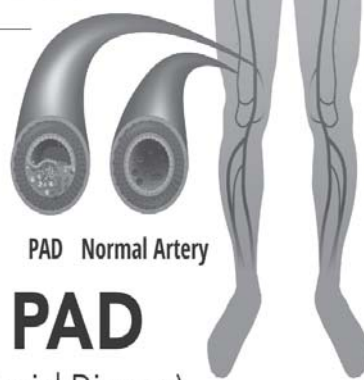
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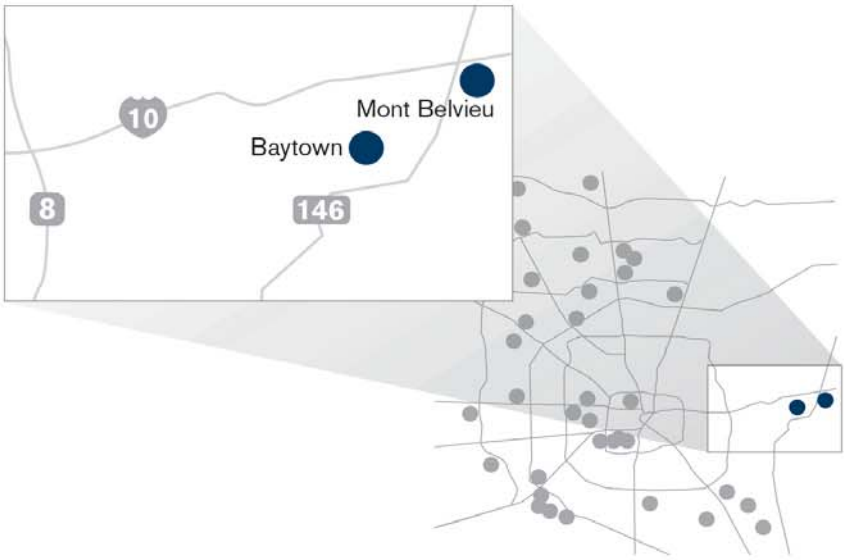
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