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#### **Back-2-School** First Day of **Classes:**

**DISTRICT**: AUG 22 MON ALDINE AUG 17 WED

GALENA PARK AUG 11 THU CHANNELVIEW AUG 15 MON SHELDON AUG 17 WED

HUFFMAN AUG 10 WED CROSBY AUG 11 THU GOOSE CREEK AUG 10 WED

BARBERS HILL AUG 17 WED DAYTON

#### AUG. 13, SAT. Back 2 School At Mt. Rose Church

Mt. Rose Church will host a Back2School Giveaway, Food Giveaway, and Blood Drive on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 9am - 12pm at 13000 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., Crosby, Texas 77532. The event will take place on the church's parking lot and is open to the entire community to receive. There will be FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES, FOOD DISTRIBU-TION, PRAYER STATIONS. and a variety of items. Blood Drive Donors will receive: Free T-Shirt, Voucher for a Free Pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream Voucher for Free Medium Hot or Iced Coffee AND a Free Donut from Dunkin' Donuts! For more information, please contact 281-328-1314 or visit www.mtrosecogic.org.

#### **AUG. 18, THU. Eagleton Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser**

You are invited to Constable Sherman Eagleton's Pork Chop Dinner & Auction Fundraiser, at the Baytown Fairgrounds, 7900 N. Main St. Thursday, Aug. 18 from 4pm to 8pm, with Live Entertainment. \$10 Donation.

#### Galena Park ISD continues Free Meals

Galena Park ISD has announced it will continue its free breakfast and lunch programs for all students at qualifying schools.GPISD will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person: Galena Park Independent School District Attention: Brian Aubin Director **Student Nutrition** Services Houston, TX. 77015 832-386-1211 baubin@galenaparkisd.com

## Harris County plans \$1.2 bond issue for November ballot

HOUSTON - Harris fellow Democrats, Com-County leaders took the first step to put a \$1.2 billion bond referendum on the November 8 ballot. The proposal would devote \$100 million to public safety facilities and technology, \$900 million to roads, drainage, and transportation projects, and \$200 million to parks.

Commissioners voted 3-2 along party lines to authorize multiple county departments to develop a capital improvement bond proposal. Judge Lina Hidalgo set conditions for casting her vote with her missioners Adrian Garcia and Rodney Ellis.

"The guidelines should include a 'worst-first' approach to match funds to the greatest need, with at least \$220 million to be spent in each precinct and \$100 million to be set aside for public safety," Hidalgo said.

The "worst-first" requirement addresses a concern that Commissioner Ellis raised, citing past bond initiatives where poorer neighborhoods like those in his Precinct 1 were shortchanged.

"There ought to be some money set aside, in my judgment, for those areas that have been historically neglected," Ellis said. "And one would just have to feign a lack of intelligence, or just have a total inability to see, to say that this county has been equitable in how it has spent transportation money over the last 30 years."

The language defining which specific projects the bond would fund remains uncertain.

"I do think we should have a list by the time the item goes to the voters,"

Judge Hidalgo said. "We do know that the bond would build or repair roughly 300 miles of county roads, create or improve close to 80 parks, that it would reduce flooding potential for about 13,000 residents through drainage improvements, (and) that it would improve road safety for over 20 miles of high-injury intersections. So, that's just what we got from the Budget Office."

By state law, counties must call for bond elections no sooner than 90 days before the designated election day and no later than

78 days before it. Since that window falls between Harris County Commissioners Court meetings, commissioners will need to convene a special meeting between August 12 and August 22 to take the formal vote to schedule the bond referendum.

Daniel Ramos, executive director of the Office of Management and Budget, said that if passed, the bond would cost the owner of a \$300,000 home an extra \$32 per year in taxes

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## Superintendents hold "Safe Schools" meeting

#### Meeting held by State Rep. Ana Hernandez

HOUSTON - On August 3, 2022, Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Board Room was the site of a Safe Schools Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Ana Hernandez. Texas State Representative Hernandez invited local superintendents to serve on a panel to discuss school safety and security with community members.

Representative Hernandez began the meeting by introducing the guest panelist of surrounding area Superintendents including Dr. John Moore, Galena Park ISD; Dr. Tory Hill, Channelview ISD; and Dr. Randall O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD. She also expressed the importance of starting now to begin preparations for student' safety.

"The time to think about and pre-



SCHOOL SAFETY Meeting participants included Superintendents Dr. Tory Hill (Channelview ISD), Dr. Randy O'Brien (Goose Creek CISD), and Dr. John Moore (Galena Park ISD) with State Representative Ana Hernandez of District TX143.

pare for student safety is now," said Representative Hernandez.

Dr. Moore, GPISD Superintendent of Schools, expressed that GPISD is doing everything we can to protect our children with further input from GPISD's Chief of Police and Executive Director for Security and Technology, Chief Bryan Clements. Chief Clements shared Galena Park ISD utilizes Bark for Schools, which is a web-based product that provides oversight and additional support based on the online activity of students. He also explained to the audience the many ways we are keeping our children safe by addressing all aspects of safety with active shooter trainings, plans for integrated responses, STOP THE BLEED training

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## New Texas Law protects Dogs tied outdoors

By Allan Jamail

August 10, 2022 – Dogs in Texas will now be able to be protected from cruel treatment if citizens and law enforcement will work together complying and enforcing the new law regarding how dogs kept outside must be tied-up. The new law also eliminates the "24-hour rule" which previously prevented law enforcement from enforcing violations or helping animals who were being treated inhumanely until after 24 hours had passed.

Early in the Legislation Session a similar bill passed but Governor Abbott shocked animal rights groups in Texas and across

the nation and killed it by veto saying that law wasn't needed to protect animals. Jamey Cantrell, president of the Texas Animal Control Association, said that public outcry from Texans over Abbott's vetoing the bill prompted Abbot to sign off on it the second time it came to him.

Shelby Bobosky, Executive director of the Texas Humane Legislation Network has heard from law enforcement officers, sheltering professionals and animal advocates - all saying Texas' old law was vague, flawed and needed fixing. "We need to have some basic standards to protect dogs that permanently live outside," Bobfreeze killed 21 Texans and thousands of dogs and or outdoor animals unnecessarily.

Senate Bill 5 took effect January 18, 2022, it forbids dog owners or those in custody of a dog to leave a dog outside unattended unless they have adequate shelter from inclement weather as, wind, rain, severe cold or hot weather, access to fresh food and water, and are not leashed (tethered) by a chain, weighted chain or object, or other unsuitable restraints. It also specifies that the length of an out-

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Astrit Flores, Galena Park Police Department's Communication Officer and sister Ariana Flores with Captain their 4 year old German Shepherd. Captain is modeling a properly fitted dog harness with a hand held leash as required by Senate Bill 5. Read article for more dog leashing requirements. Photo by

## Gun BuyBack takes 845 guns off Street

HOUSTON- Due to an overwhelming response from the public, the One Safe Houston Gun Buyback collected 845 firearms and distributed nearly \$100,000 in gift cards on Saturday, July 30. As a result of the unprecedented response, the event, which began at 8 a.m. and was scheduled to end at noon, did not conclude until almost 7 p.m., when the last person col-



Officers from HPD and HCSO check guns turned in.

lected a handful of gift cards.Earlier in the day, dozens of vehicles were turned away due to demand and long lines. However, more than 150 people were given priority vouchers for a place in line at the next gun buyback. Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Houston Police Department will announce a date soon for a second event.

"We used best practices to plan and hold today's event. I did not know what to expect, and the turnout was overwhelming," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The turnout demonstrates there are too many guns on our streets, and people want to get them out of their possession. The gun buyback is not the only solution, but we can and will make our

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### CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

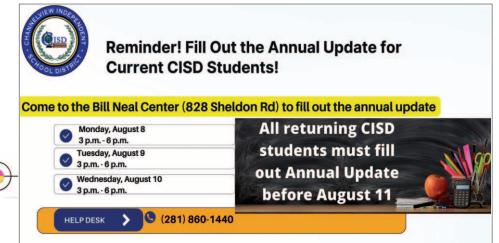
### Back-toSchool Bash Event was Held Last Saturday





Channelview ISD celebrated the back-to-school event where Free games, free backpacks, free books, free snacks & so much more resources were provided to Channelview IDS community.

### **Channelview ISD Reminders**







## **GALENA PARK ISD NEWS**

### A Message From The Superintendent

Dear Galena Park ISD Family and Friends, Students will officially return to school this month to begin the 2022-2023 school year! We are excited about returning to academic excellence and have been diligently preparing for another great year! Along with academic preparation, we have also been preparing for a safe return to school because school safety is a top priority. I want to take some time to share how Galena Park ISD has been preparing for a safe return to school and how our Galena Park ISD parents and guardians might prepare for a successful start to the school year.

### Galena Park ISD's Safe Schools Measures:

\*All 26 campuses and two daycare facilities will have a dedicated School Resource Officer during the week.

\*Additional cameras have been added to the interior and exterior of all school campuses and facility buildings.

\*All staff will receive additional security training.

\*The School Safety and Security Committee will continue to meet on a regular

For the parents, guardians, and students of Galena Park ISD, please visit our Back to School Webpage for a school calendar, district map, emergency notification, school nutrition information, and other helpful resources. This tool will prove beneficial for you to prepare for a successful start to the school year.

As I have done throughout prior school  $\,$ 

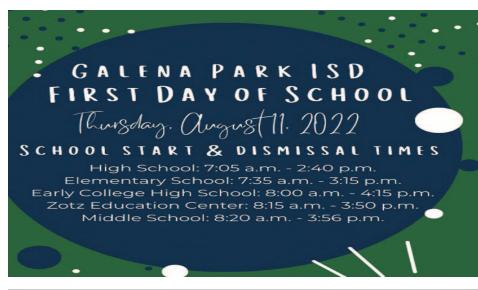


John Moore, Ed.D. Superintendent

years, I will share character traits with you each month. A character trait is a personal quality that we highlight that adds value and respect to our school family and the local community. Throughout the entire district, emphasis is based on certain character traits each month, and I will share those with you so that we can work on them together. Our emphasis on value and respect as a community ensures that Galena Park ISD is still a great place to be!

Sincerely,

JohnMoore, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools





# Constable Jerry Garcia's BACK TO SCHOOL Event

STORY & ALL PHOTOS BY ALLEN JAMAIL

Jacinto City Town Center – August 3, 2022 – Constable Jerry Garcia held one of his several Back To School events giving hundreds of school supplies and free haircuts for both girls and boys.



L-R: LESLIE MCCAFFREY, MICAELA URESTI, OLGA (WIFE) & CONSTABLE JERRY GARCIA (Photo by Allan Jamail)



L –R: CONSTABLE JERRY GARCIA & JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ELECT DOLORES LOZANO (Photo by Allan Jamail)



BEAUTICIANS AND BARBERS CUT HUNDREDS OF BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUTS. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



BEAUTICIANS AND BARBERS CUT HUNDREDS OF BACK TO SCHOOL HAIRCUTS. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## County proposes \$1.2b bond issue

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over the life of the 25-year bond.

"This commissioners court can pass this bond initiative and still continue to cut tax rates for the foreseeable future," said County Administrator David Berry. "If there is any added cost to a particular household, it will be because their appraisal went up."

Commissioner Jack Cagle, a Republican, wasn't convinced. "I always thought that debt costs something to somebody at some time," Cagle said. "And so I don't know that I quite buy the idea that this is free money. And I don't think the public will either. They've had to tighten their belt coming out of the pandemic. They have had to tighten their belt coming after Harvey. And I think that we should do the same."

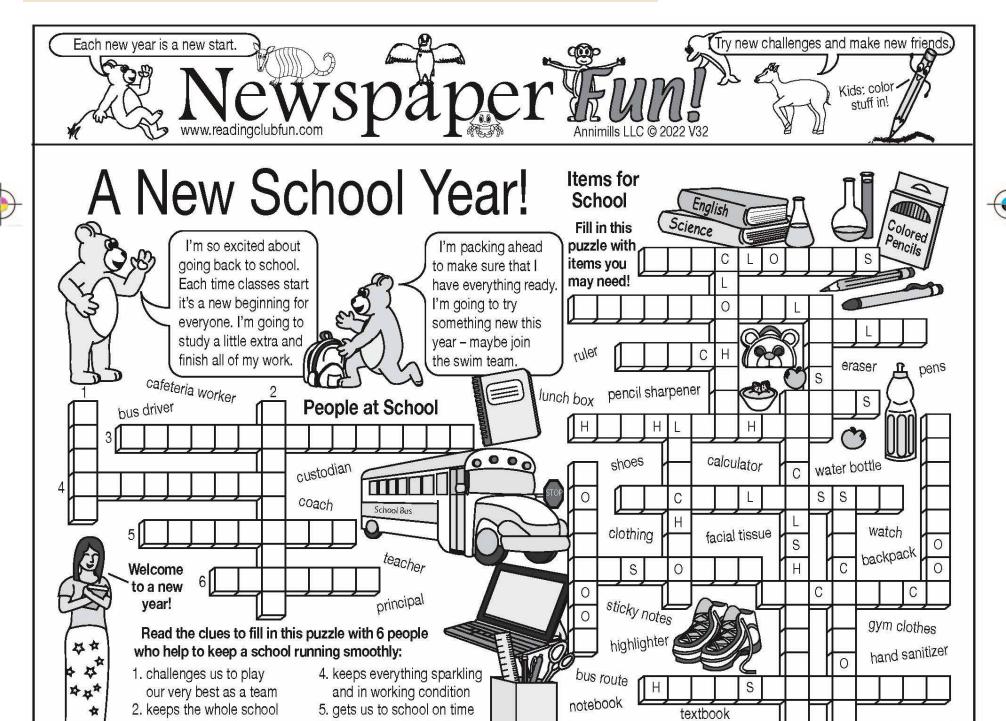
Republican Commissioner Tom Ramsey repeated a point he had made in previous court sessions discussing the possibility of a bond referendum, arguing the process was being rushed and was less than trans-

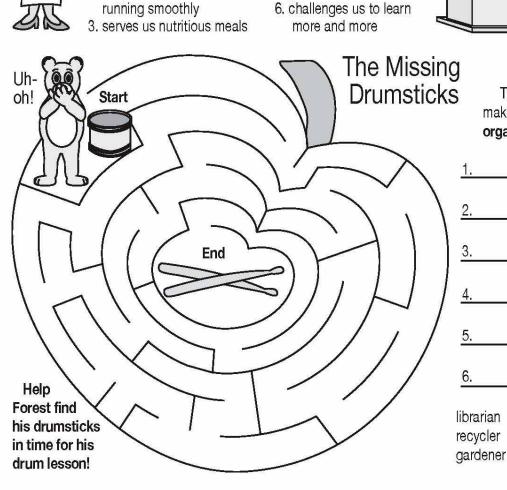
parent.

"I think a bond issue in November of 2023 makes some sense. It gives us time to communicate with the constituents. It gives the constituents time to communicate with us," Ramsey said. "But I'll not be supporting a 2022 (bond issue), because we honestly are not ready, in my opinion, to take that to the voters."

Commissioner Garcia, who has been leading the effort to get the bond issue on the ballot this year, responded to concerns Ramsey raised about a lack of trust among voters by saving. "The folks that I speak to also don't have a lot of trust in Harris County because of things that were done prior to 2019," that is, when Republicans held the majority on the court. "Precinct 2 has been largely underfunded, underserved, and roads and parks were not well funded...So, there wasn't trust. The trust is there today."

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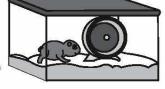


#### Classroom Jobs

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There are a lot of jobs to be done to make the classroom run smoothly. Can you organize these jobs into alphabetical order?



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12.

teacher's assistant

librarian line leader chair stacker recycler door holder recess helper

pet caregiver

calendar attendant homework collector computer technician

#### OPINION PAGE \*



### Cornyn Bill to Prevent Child Abuse Inspired by Texan Jenna Quinn Passes Senate

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after the Senate passed his Jenna Quinn Law, which would allow grant funds to be used to train and educate students, teachers, caregivers, and other adults who work with children in a professional or volunteer capacity on how to prevent, recognize, and report child sexual abuse. The bill is named for Jenna Quinn, a Texan and child abuse survivor, and is modeled after successful reforms passed by the Texas Legislature in 2009. **"For over a decade in** Texas, Jenna's Law has been crucial to training students, teachers, and caregivers to better identify and prevent child sexual abuse," said Sen. Cornyn. "The increase in reporting of these cases is why I am proud to partner with advocates and Texans like Jenna Quinn to ensure that these resources are available nationwide, and I strongly urge the House to pass this legislation and send it to the President's desk without delay."

Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Mike Braun (R-IN) and Ben Ray Luján (D-NM) joined Sen. Cornyn on the legislation. **Background:** Jenna Quinn has been an outspoken advocate for survivors of child sexual abuse and was the driving force behind what is now known as Jenna's Law in Texas. Unanimously passed by the Texas State Senate and House, Jenna's Law was the first child sexual abuse prevention law in the U.S. that mandates K-12 trainings for students and school staff; it was amended in 2017 to include sex trafficking prevention education in schools. More than half of all states have adopted a form of Jenna's Law. After Jenna's Law passed in Texas in 2009, a study found educators reported child sexual abuse at a rate almost four times greater after training than during their pre-training career. The Jenna Quinn Law would:

1. Authorize federal grants to eligible entities for increasing evidence-based or informed training on sexual abuse prevention education and reporting to teachers and school employees, students, caregivers, and other adults who work with children.

 $2. Ensure \ these \ grant \ recipients \ coordinate$ with local educational agencies to train students, professionals and volunteers who work with students on sexual abuse prevention, recognition and reporting.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.

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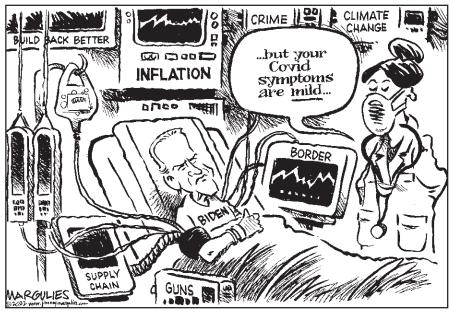
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## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

### DSHS Gets Nearly 15,000 Monkeypox Vaccines

The Texas Department of State Health Services has received and distributed 14,780 doses of the monkey pox vaccine to local health departments and DSHS regional offices. Another 27,000 doses could be made available by the Strategic National Stockpile.

The disease causes a serious skin rash with painful lesions and appears to be spreading through direct contact with the skin or saliva of an infected person. The disease is preventable by avoiding skin contact with someone who has the disease.

"Risks include having sex, kissing or hugging someone with monkeypox or sharing cups, utensils, bedding or towels with them," according to DSHS.

Through July 29, a total of 5,189 monkeypox cases have been reported nationwide, with 351 of those in Texas. While certainly painful, monkeypox is very rarely fatal.

#### COMMUTING TIMES SHOW **INCREASE IN STATE**

When it comes to commuting to work in Texas, two items stand out. Nearly 90 percent of Texans travel alone to work, and it takes longer to get to where one's going these

According to census data analyzed by the Texas Demographic Center, the number of commuters who from 2015-2020 spent up to an hour on the road getting to work stood at 17.2%, up from 15.7% from 2010-

More than 95% drove a car, truck or van to work, while a scant 1.3% used public transportation, excluding taxis. Folks who walked to work totaled just 1.5% of all Texas commuters.

#### **'URBAN HEAT ISLANDS' EXACERBATE SUMMER**

It's been hot out there this summer, and cities STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

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are recording record temperatures. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that developed areas often experience higher temperatures than rural areas.

"Areas in these microclimates of a highly developed city, known as urban heat islands, can be up to 20 degrees warmer than surrounding areas that are more rural, according to Climate Central, a nonprofit news organization that analyzes and reports on climate science," according to the news re-

Mac Martin, with the forest service, noted planting or saving large expanses of trees in urban areas can go a long way toward cooling temperatures. Mature trees can release hundreds of gallons of water vapor daily through their leaves, cooling the air. Shaded areas can be between 20 to 45 degrees cooler than peak temperatures in unshaded expanses of concrete.

#### **FIVE TEXAS COURTHOUSES GET RESTORATION**

The Texas Historical Commission has announced \$22.5 million in grants to five counties to aid in preservation and restoration of their historic courthouses. Four of the counties — Hall, Kimble, Upshur and Wise - received construction grants for full restoration. Comanche County received a planning grant that will be used to prepare for a future full restoration.

"We are thrilled to partner with these communities on these critical historic preservation projects," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "Their dedication to their historic courthouses will pay economic and quality of life dividends for decades."

Throughout the state, 104 counties have received grants from the THC program, with \$350 million allotted to fund the full restoration of 78 courthouses and smaller grants to assist with planning and emergency needs given to another 26 counties.

#### **DESPITE RAIN, FIRE DANGER REMAINS HIGH**

Scattered rain in the upper Texas Panhandle, the Upper Gulf Coast and East Texas have lessened the fire danger somewhat in those areas, but the risk remains high with temperatures hovering above 100 degrees. There were 14 active wildfires as of Sunday, the largest still being the Chalk Mountain Fire in Somervell County, covering 6,746 acres and 53% contained, according to the forest service.

With 224 counties now under burn bans, officials are urging landowners to be extra vigilant about preventing fires. The Austin American-Statesman reported a spate of fires in Central Texas in recent days.

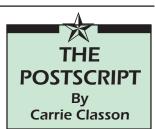
'We just want people to have a hyper sense of awareness," Hank Jones, Williamson County Fire Marshal, told the Statesman. "We are so dry just this week alone we had a fairly large grass fire in Jarrell caused by a truck that blew a tire and when the rim hit the asphalt it created a spark that had 20 to 30 acres burning."

Cedar trees can especially cause problems in Central Texas because they drop needles underneath that can quickly ignite. Homeowners are urged to consider limiting the use of cedar trees around their houses.

#### **NEW COVID-19 CASES DROP IN TEXAS**

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped in the past week to 72,653, with 154 deaths reported, about even with the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at John Hopkins University.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations rose slightly to 3,624 across the state, according to DSHS. The BA.5 variant is now prevalent in Texas and elsewhere but seems to have less serious effects, especially for people who have been fully vaccinated and boosted, according to health officials.



#### "Lulu"

My husband, Peter, and I are back in our little place in San Miguel de Allende,

Of course, it is not really "our" place. We don't own it and have no desire to own anything here larger than a pressure cooker (yes, Peter bought one). When we arrived, Pepe at the front desk said, "Welcome home!" in English, and that is exactly how it felt: as if we had been away from home and were now returning.

A large box that had formerly held boxes of Cocoa Puffs was already in our apartment, filled with the things we had been allowed to leave behind: kitchen stuff and some art and clothing. It's nice having our things stored for us while we are away. It is nice to have other people worry about the internet and water and electricity and watering the many plants that fill the courtyard. It's nice having someone at the front desk who will accept packages if we have any and say "good morning!" and "good afternoon!" whenever we come and go. And, I have to admit, it is nice to have Lulu.

I'm not used to having housekeeping. But Lulu comes twice a week, and I'm getting to like it.

Of course, I wash all my dishes, and six days of the week I make my own bed. I don't leave clutter lying about. I find myself looking nervously around the kitchen to make sure the place looks OK before she comes. But then Lulu arrives with fresh white towels and a rag mop and a bucket full of cleaning supplies, and I smile at her and say, "How are you doing today, Lulu?"

Lulu always says she is

doing fine. Lulu is an older woman, thin and somewhat severe. Her hair is pulled back into a tight bun and she wears glasses. She does not readily smile and so, when she does, it is a special treat, because I am quite sure she is not doing it for show. Getting Lulu to smile has become one of my major goals on Mondays and

Thursdays. It was a bit awkward at first. I was nervous having her in the apartment. Should I leave? Was I in her way? I'm pretty sure I made Lulu nervous, skittering around to avoid her and constantly apologizing for my existence. But this is our second stay in this apartment hotel, and we are getting used to one another, Lulu and I. Now I stay put until she lets me know when she'd like to clean the area I am currently occupying, and I tell her about all the amazing vegetables I found in the market and, when she leaves, I give her a larger tip than is, perhaps, cus-

tomary. Because I can't think of a better person to have a little extra money than

She always thanks me, and I thank her, and we have a moment of awkwardness, and then she is gone until the next Monday or Thursday.

And, of course, it is her job. But there is an ordinary kindness that Lulu embodies that warms my heart. She appreciates my gratitude, and I think she even enjoys my company for the short while we are together—even though my Spanish is not good and I am a little nervous around her. I think she knows I mean well, and that I appreciate her.

When Lulu is gone, the apartment smells of disinfectant soap—a pungent smell I will always associate with Mexico, a clean white bedspread, a spotless floor, and Lulu.

Till next time,

Photos from the column and other info can be found  $at\ \underline{CarrieClasson.com}$ .



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#### **DORIS GARREN TOMLINSON**

Doris Garren Tomlinson, 95, of Hideaway, Texas passed away Monday, July 25, 2022 at CHI St. Luke's Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

A celebration of Doris' life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Kingwood Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 3910 W. Lake Houston Pkwy in Kingwood, Texas.

Doris was born July 3, 1927 to Harry Alfred Lewis and Florence Lenora Thurston Beer in Colchester, England. A war bride, she married Hays Roy Garren. She was a former longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Hideaway for the past 15 years. She was a longtime Girl Scout leader for Troop #1319 in Jacinto City where she was Assistant Librarian, Recreational Director, and Pool Manager. After the



death of her husband of 33 year, Hays Garren, she married William Tomlinson and was married to him for 13 years before his death. She loved life, people and animals. Doris was a member of the Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands and her sister, Joyce Garren.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Campbell and husband Lou of Trinity, and Joyce Garren Lawrence and husband Fred of Hideaway; stepdaughter, Muriell Selman of Anahuac; grandchildren, Michele Hoffman and husband David, Connan Campbell and wife Jaime, Karen Lawrence, James Lawrence and wife Gina, and Valerie Lawrence and husband Keith; step grandchildren, Don Selman and wife Sandy, Jeannette Selman Beard, Sandy Selman Fruge and husband Gary; great grandchildren, Stacie Campbell, Natalee Campbell, Hannah Hoffman, and Jasper Lawrence-Wilmot; numerous other great and great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Smith County Alzheimer's Alliance, 3531 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cremation services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

#### DONALD WAYNE MAYON

Donald Wayne Mayon was born on September 27, 1947, at Memorial Hospital. He is from Channelview Texas where he grew up and graduated from Channelview High School. He was the loving first son of Albertis Benjamin Mayon & Eva Louise Mayon, loving grandson to his MawMaw, loving Father to Christina & Karey, loving brother to Daniel, Sandra, Ronnie Mayon. Donald was a loving Father, Pawpaw, Great Grandpa, Uncle, Grandson, Nephew and Cousin to many. First wife of many was Vickie Sizemore who he had his only children with Christina Crawford, Karey Mayon.

Donald was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was honored with 4



medals of honor during Vietnam War playing the taps over hundreds of soldiers. He is a recognized veteran and will always be remembered for his strength, courage, and bravery.

Donald loved the outdoors, traveling and music and was an accomplished Trim Carpenter. The thing he loved most was spending time with his children, Christina, Karey, his grandchildren, Justin, Ian, Haley, Hallie, Keira,

Sandra, Farrah, Jessie, great grandchildren, Tucker, Koehen, Kasey. He was a very caring and loving person. He was known for his sense of humor, boyish charm, dashing good looks and intense blue/green eyes.

There are so many fond memories of Donald, he was a loving husband to his wife Dianne Green and a loving stepfather to Amanda Green and her family Charlie's Victor, Mckeachie, Lela, Freya, and was a father, grandfather, brother and friend. He loved his two dog's. He was a bright beautiful soul and will be sorely missed.

Military Service will be held on September 27, 2022, at 2:30pm at the Houston National Cemetery.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Galena Park ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 23, 2022 in 14705 Woodforest, Administration Board Room, Houston, Texas 77015. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

\$1.04270/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

\$0.31148/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations-2.34 % decreaseDebt Service-5.71 % decreaseTotal Expenditures-2.76 % decrease

### <u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</u> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year

Total appraised value\* of all property \$12,560,818,802 \$14,644,297,770

Total appraised value\* of new property\*\* \$178,427,532 \$201,044,308

Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property \$9,926,481,787 \$11,342,251,358

Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\* \$143,779,584 \$117,484,851

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$331,405,674

\*Outstanding principal.

| Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates  |                          |                          |              |                                     |                           |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | <u>Total</u> | Local Revenue<br><u>Per Student</u> | State Revenue Per Student |  |
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.12510                | \$0.34000                | \$1.46510    | \$7,031                             | \$5,032                   |  |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance<br>& Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service                                | \$1.00824                | \$0.31149                | \$1.31973    | \$7,552                             | \$4,621                   |  |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.04270                | \$0.31148                | \$1.35418    | \$7,600                             | \$4,843                   |  |
| *The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. |                          |                          |              |                                     |                           |  |

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|   | <u>Last Year</u> | This Year  |
|---|------------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$140,999        | \$172,415  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$92,753         | \$102,799  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.46510        | \$1.35418  |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$1,358.92       | \$1,392.08 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |                  | \$33.16    |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.35418. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.35418.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$193,491,145
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$3,419,294

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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.

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### Gun BuyBack Program,

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streets safer and help

reduce gun violence."

The successful event was a collaboration between Mayor Turner, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, and the Houston Police De-

the Houston Police Department. U.S. Rep. Al Green, Council Member Abbie Kamin and other elected officials and community leaders attended Saturday's event at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Mayor Turner extended a special note of gratitude to the volunteers, Pastor Jose Ortega of NACC Disaster Services, and Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

"Thanks to all who made our gun buvback event such an incredible success. By all measures, it was one of the most successful gun buyback events in the nation. I commend the partnership between the City of Houston, HPD, and Harris County, who put this event together. The work continues. Tomorrow we'll continue to roll up our sleeves and work to stop gun violence," said Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

no questions asked and the type and working condition of the gun determined the gift card amount. HPD will check each gun collected to determine if it was stolen or used in a crime. HPD will destroy all guns that cannot be returned to their rightful owners or not considered evidence in a crime.

The gun buyback was

"I am so proud of our city. People can say what they want, but time and again, Houstonians step up with common sense and love. I thank all the men and women in uniform and the volunteers who made this day successful. I knew there would be a lot of people, but even I did not think there would be this many people the first time," said Houston Police Chief Troy Finner.

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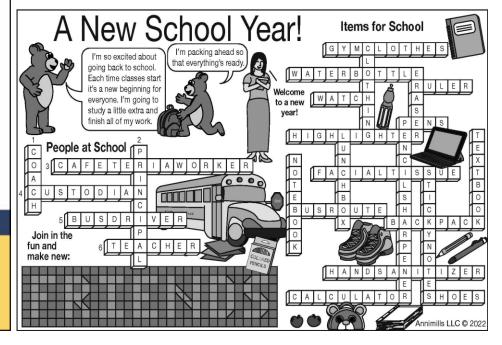
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### **CHARLOTTE'S** WEB By Charlotte Jackson

### Patience, Planning and Relationships

In the next few weeks, we will all need to exercise our patience just a little more. There will be children oversleeping, parents rushing to get everything gathered up so they can get out of the house on time and then there will be the traffic jams. If you have lived out in our area very long, you know to avoid Wallisville Road, Woodforest Boulevard and the intersection near Castlegory

You will need to avoid major roads such as Sheldon Road, CE King Parkway and Keene Street. These have the added congestion of new student drivers who are perhaps not as cautious as the older drivers. Students are often "showing off" to their friends and not paying as much attention to the traffic. The areas near the elementary schools will have many new students excited to be seeing friends, making new friends and not paying as much attention to the traffic as we would like them to.

Many teachers and other school employees tell horror stories of the long drop off and pick up line traffic. As a grandmother who attempted picking up grandchildren last year, I can attest to the congestion near Cunningham Middle School.

Patience is certainly needed when parents are trying to purchase those last few items on the school supply list that seem to have vanished. And when children come home and "must have" the new snack to take to school and parents do not have time or perhaps the money to run to several stores to find the item, there will be some sad faces.

Perhaps the best way to enjoy this time of the year is to plan as much ahead as you can. If you pack a lunch for your children, prepare the items on Sunday evening that you can have ready for the next few mornings. Emphasize to your children that as soon as they are home from school, to not only change out of their school clothes, but to hang them up. Remind them for a few weeks how important this is, and by the Thanksgiving holidays, they will be in a routine.

As parents, we always want to give our children more than we had. I have seen parents enroll their children in three or four sports, one right after another. This year, why not consider limiting the number of afterschool activities to just one? At first, your children may become upset because "all of their friends are playing fall ball" but in time, they will learn that if you focus on one activity, you become good at it.

When your children know they have time to spend at home with you, they look forward to it. Some of the best memories I have from my childhood, were sitting at the kitchen table learning the states and capitols because I knew my dad was going to be there helping me. Recently, I asked my granddaughter what she liked best about summer and her answer was spending time fishing with her dad. My other granddaughter shared that the night her mom accompanied her and her friend to a concert was memorable. When we give time to others, it helps build relationships. And relationships help us to be better people.

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### New TX law protects dogs,

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door restraint must be at least five times the dog's length measured from the nose to the base of its tail or never shorter than ten feet.

Adequate shelter means a sturdy shelter and not a cardboard box, with enough room that allows the dog while in the shelter to stand erect, sit, turn around and lay completely down in a normal position. Dogs must be allowed to have shade from direct sunlight and or getting over heated and have an area which allows the dog to avoid standing in water and exposure from animal waste (urine and or feces).

A dog collar must be of a comfortable band width of material (not a chain) specifically designed for dogs that doesn't choke or interfere with its normal breathing or swallowing. Harnesses must be made out of materials specifically designed to fit comfort-

The law does not apply

to a dog left unattended in an open-air truck bed that's not exposed to harsh weather providing it's only for a reasonable time necessary for the person responsible for the dog to complete a short temporary task. Nor does the law prohibit a person from walking a dog on a hand held leash on a surface that's not too hot for its

Call your local law enforcement agency any time you suspect an animal's basic needs are not being met. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police - 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police -713-672-2455, Galena Park Police - 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.

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### **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

### **Diamond Jim: "What is** Padparadscha?"

Padparadscha is an extremely rare variety of sapphire. In fact, it's the most rare, and most prized form of sapphire. It is also one of the most expensive gems in the world, with prices similar to those of emeralds and rubies. Padparadscha is also one of the hardest gems in the world, second only to diamond. As hardness is a factor that determines how long a gemstone will last, this trait makes padparadscha an excellent gem for jewelry. The name padparadscha (sometimes spelled padparadsha) derives from the Sinhalese word padma radschen, meaning lotus blossom, as the stone is of a similar color to the lotus blossom. Most padparadscha gems are small, less than two carats in weight. However, a stone from Sri Lanka is on display at the American Museum of Natural <u>History in New York</u> that weights an incredible one hundred carats.



Padparadscha is a beautiful pinkish-orange color, however retailers sell rich orange colored sapphires as padparadscha. This is misleading, as true padparadscha displays a delicate mixture of orange and pink. Quality stones will have a uniform, pure pink/ orange color and will be a lot more expensive. Padparadscha is the only variety of corundum other than ruby that is given its own name. Usually, different varieties of corundum are referred to as a particular color of sapphire.

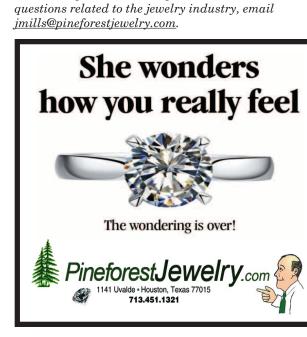
Today, many padparadscha stones are heat reated, to enhance their color. Most are cut into oval or <u>cushion</u> cuts. Padparadscha is brittle, with an adamantine to vitreous luster. It is an extremely hard stone, rating a 9 on the hardness scale. Many knowledgeable sources argue that the only real padparadscha can be found in Sri Lanka. However, pinkish orange sapphires have also been found in Madagascar, at the Quy Chau mines in Vietnam, and in the Tunduru district of the Umba Valley in northeast Tanzania. The padparadscha from Tanzania tends to be browner, and is sometimes called African padparadscha.

It has been said by some that: "Padparadscha is a gentle stone with enormous energy that is said to have many positive attributes. It is a stone that represents joy, vital energy and foresight. It can help the wearer make enormous changes, helping him come close to achieving his life goals. It removes the many resistances to change the wearer may have, replacing this resistance with clarity. With this newfound clarity, the wearer can achieve a much-needed calm. This calm helps him understand the root of his problems, allowing for a much needed change. With this calmness, it is also easier for the wearer to trust himself, which is freeing."

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### Safe Schools Meeting, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and kits throughout the district, over 2,500 remotely monitored cameras, and the importance of locking classroom doors.

"The simplest, easiest, free thing we can do to protect our kids is lock all classroom doors," said Chief Clements.

Dr. Tory Hill stated Channelview ISD's approach to student safety involves a multi-tiered system, and Dr. O'Brien stated GCCISD's approach involves the safety of structures and the security of all students and employees. Dr. Moore and panel members also addressed audience questions concerning online safety and audible alarms on larger campuses.

Thank you to State Representative Ana Hernandez, a representative from Senator Carol Alvarado's office, Judge Joe Stephens, Judge Victor Treviño, Dr. Moore, Dr. Hill, Dr. O'Brien and community members who were in attendance.







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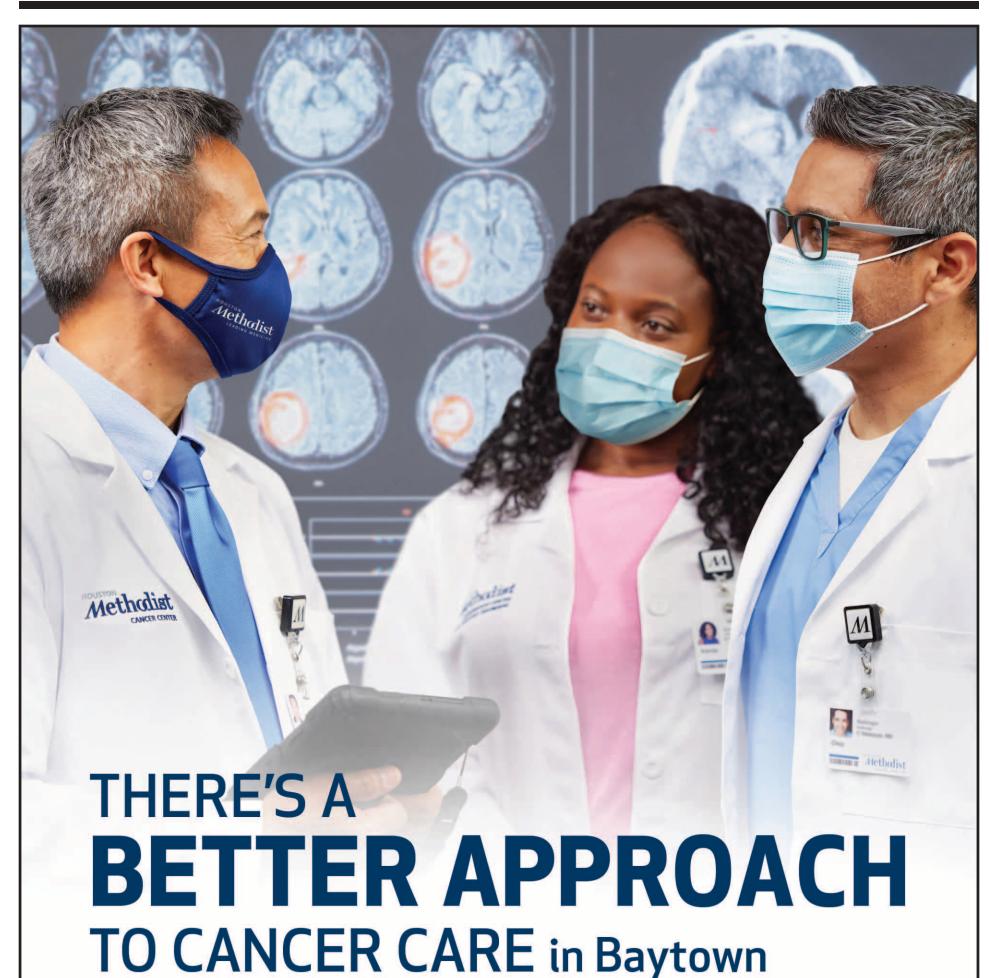
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