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### CHANNEL **CURRENTS**

# Battleship sails to Galveston August 31

# In Drydock one year for repairs

### AUG. 26 - 29 East Loop closed over Ship Channel Bridge

**IH-610 EAST LOOP** MAJOR CLOSURES. IH-610 EAST LOOP NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND LANES OVER THE **HOUSTON SHIP** CHANNEL BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TOTALLY FROM 9:00 PM, FRIDAY, **AUGUST 26 TO 5:00** AM, MONDAY, AUGUST

These closures have been input into the TxDOT PIO system and can be found at www.houstontranstar.org.

### **SEP. 1, THURSDAY** Pct. 2 Public Safety Meeting

Meeting for the public at Bill Neal Athletic Center, Channelview ISD, 828 Sheldon Road, Channelview on Thursday, September 1 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) for updates on overall public safety and programs in this area.

Information, 346-217-5958 or Cindy.Miller@pct2.hctx.net.

### SEP. 2, FRIDAY NC Chamber Luncheon

The North Channel Chamber will hold its regular monthly luncheon on Friday, September 2 at the San Jacinto College North Monument Room.

Speaker will be Jacqueline Young-Hall of Port Houston

Lunch for members \$20, non-members \$30. Reservations at 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

### **AUG. 27, SATURDAY** Pct. 2 Movies In the Park

Pct 2 invites you to a Free Movie in the Park, on Thursday August 27 starting at 8:30pm. At North Shore Rotary Park, 14000 Force Street, Houston 77015.

Movie is SING 2. Popcorn and Snow cones available while they last. More info, 713-274-2222

### SEP. 10, SATURDAY Teen Youth Summit

Judge Lucia Bates invites all Teens to this event, at Goose Creek Memorial High School, 6001 E. Wallilsville Rd, Baytown 77521

10:00am to 2:00pm. The Summit is designed for 7th thru 12th grade students. Free Event, lunch, prizes, information, door prizes. Info 713-274-0900.

Battleship Texas Foundation Announces Ship Departure on August 31st

LA PORTE- The Battleship Texas Foundation (BTF), with their partners, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Historical Commission. announce that the Battleship Texas will be depart-San Jacinto ing Battleground State Historic Site for repairs on August 31st. Repairs will be done at Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corporations' Galveston Shipyard. Due to weather or day of delays, the departure is subject to potential postponement. A livestream video of the departure will be available for the public to view for free on the BTF YouTube channel and Facebook group page.

San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site,



The Battleship Texas is set to sail on Wednesday, Aug. 31 to a drydock in Galveston for repairs to its hull.

parts of Independence Parkway, and the Lynchburg Ferry will be closed from the early morning hours on August 31st until the ship has moved past

the Lynchburg Ferry. The ship can be viewed throughout her route over most of the day. Good viewing locations for the public include, subject to the local authority, Bayland Island, Texas City Dike, Seawolf Park, and Pier 21. The ship should pass the Texas City Dike and Seawolf Park around early to mi-

dafternoon and be in Galveston by mid to late afternoon.

All updates will be on BTFwebsite battleshiptexas.org.

Please see the FAQs below or attached for more

information. Battleship Texas Departure FAQs

Q. Is the Battleship Tex-

as moving?

A. Yes. The ship is being towed from San Jacinto to Gulf Copper shipyard in Galveston for repairs to the ship's hull.

Q. When will the ship leave San Jacinto?

A. August 31st. This date is based on the optimal tides and currents at San Jacinto and Galveston

 $Continued.\ See$ Battleship Sails,

MR. KENNETH WALLACE

# GP North Shore High Eulogized Principal Kenneth Wallace

By Allan Jamail

August 9, 2022 - Houston, TX. - The GPISD North Shore High School (NSHS) assembled several hundred of its faculty and staff to pay tribute to the late Kenneth Wallace to kickoff their school Wallace was described by former co-workteammates, classmates, students as an exceptional leader and educator.

This year's NSHS Mustangs will wear a decal of "KW" on the Varsity Football helmets in recognition of Mr. Kenneth Wallace. His son Reggie Wallace has been named 2022-2023 Head Track Coach at NSHS.

Wallace better known as, "Mr. Wallace" was the NSHS principal from 2000 to 2011 when each of his years there as principal the school achieved recognition by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). He advanced to associate superintendent and ultimately deputy superintendent before retiring in 2019 with 45 years as an educator.

Principal Dr. Joe Coleman was Master of Ceremonies of the memorial ceremony. He presented screen slides of Wallace's successes which also included NSHS's current history of academic and athletic achievements of 2021 -2022 and before.

School, Texas Tech University and later in life. While using Wallace's background as an illustration Coleman said to the assembly, "You'll see the true influences you teachers and coaches have on

David Moody, Wallace's classmate remembers Estacado Coach Jimmie Keeling and his role modeling which influenced us

Coleman used the positive impact of role modeling by Wallace's teachers and coaches as to how they affected him as a student and football player at Lubbock's Estacado High

students." cioeconomic. We didn't

Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal, North Shore High School, Master of Ceremonies For The Kenneth Wallace Memorial. -- Photo by Allan Jamail

players. "Coach Keeling was like a dad to so many, " Moody said. "Kenneth and I came from low socioeconomic backgrounds, we use to talk about this all the time: Keeling would always ask us almost daily — what are we going to be doing with our lives in 10 years? And that was huge, because, like I said, we were low so-

know where our next meal was going to come from sometimes, stated Moody.

Kenneth took it to heart, becoming a trailblazer on the field and off from the time he was a high-school athlete far into his professional life. "It's amazing what he did with his career," said

James Mosley, another classmate and teammate said, "Kenneth was very serious about whatever he was involved in, he had a vision for what he wanted to do, and he went and accomplished it. Ken was our starting quarterback on the 1968 Estacado Mat-

Continued. See The principal Kenneth Wallace, Page 7

# Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal GPISD North Shore HS

By Allan Jamail

August 23, 2022 -Houston, TX. – 353 North Castlegory Rd. - At the North Shore Senior High School on any given school day you'll find Dr. Joe Coleman hard at work. I've visited him at all hours of the day and he's always involved with the students helping them through their day. At class breaks you'll find him in the hallways making sure students follow school policies and promptly get to their next class. But he always has time to smile and greet any student that needs his help or advice.

He's at Mustang's sporting events and at football games you'll find him on the goal line cheering his team on. He'll walk over to the



Principal Dr. Joe Coleman North Shore Senior High School

stands and talk to parents at games when they want to say a word to him. He's always thanking the cheerleaders, band members and dance team for doing their part for the school and athletic department. He's what I call a "peoples person" always promoting good will from the school to the community.

Dr. Joe Coleman is currently serving in his 11th year as North Shore Senior High School Principal and beginning his 32<sup>nd</sup> year serving in public school education. During his tenure, he has taught middle school and high school, been an assistant principal at the middle and high school levels, and served as a high school principal in San Angelo ISD, Fort Bend ISD and in Kansas City Public Schools. Under his tenure as North Shore Senior High School's principal, accomplishments include but are not limited to:

\*2019 Texas Gold Ribbon Academic Standard

\*2017 State Academic Runner-up Conference 6A for UIL Academics \*Basketball state champions (2014)

\*Football State Championships: 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2021.

\*2005 & 2010 Principal of the Year, Region XV & Region IV

Dr. Coleman is national curriculum auditor who has participated in conducting school audits across the United States. He was a presenter at the 2010 Texas School Improvement Conference and he has shared his vision on "Effective Strategies for Improving Urban

Schools" to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in 2012.

Coleman is a member of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Dr. Coleman has also received numerous awards as a secondary school principal including being named Galena Park ISD Secondary School Principal of the Year (2022). Dr. Coleman looks forward to continuing the high expectations set forth by Mr. Kenneth Wallace and well as continuing the tradition of strong academic excellence at North Shore Senior High.

# SHELDON ISD NEWS

# **Sheldon prepares for growth in** enrollment on first day of school

Sheldon ISD opened its doors the first day of school on Wednesday, August 17. The district will welcome approximately 10,700 students for the 2022-23 school year and remains one of the faster growing districts in the area enrolling 300-400 new students annually. All back to school information can be found at www.sheldonisd.com/ backtoschool/ The district's C.E. King 9th Grade Campus has opened this fall in a previously used building (Sheldon Education and Community Center) on C.E. King Parkway. King High School will now serve 10-12th graders.





#### Sheldon trustees call for November bond election

The bond package includes a new ninth and tenth grade campus, expansions to Null Middle School and Cravens Early Childhood Academy, safety and security enhancements to all buildings as well as technology upgrades.

After the bond election did not pass in May, Sheldon ISD administration made adjustments such as redrawing attendance boundaries to relieve overcrowding at Null Middle School and open a 9th grade campus in an existing facility. "These changes that we made as a result of the May bond not passing are a quick fix," Dr. Davis explained. "The growth in our enrollment will continue, and the current solution will only temporarily relieve overcrowding." Since 2016, Sheldon ISD has increased by 2,100 (20 percent) students.

For the past two weeks, the community and staff had an opportunity to provide feedback to the school board regarding our facilities, growth and future bond elections. The results from the survey were carefully reviewed by trustees to understand and prioritize the need for facilities to support the continued enrollment growth.

'Thank you for the feedback you have provided to our school board," Dr. Davis said. "We continually monitor our demographics, and the growth in our student population is inevitable. In the survey, stakeholders prioritized projects and this package reflects those priorities provided by the community to address current academic and facility projects as well as upgrades to safety, new school buses and technology devices for all students."

The Sheldon ISD school board has called for a \$247,791,000 bond referendum for the November ballot. The bond package includes a new ninth and tenth grade campus, expansions to Null Middle School and Cravens Early Childhood Academy, safety and security enhancements to all buildings as well as technology upgrades.

The full package breakdown can be seen below:

Proposition A: New Schools, Expansions and Safety/Security Upgrades -\$240,800,000

- \*Enhance safety and security in all buildings
- \*New 9th and 10th grade campus
- \*Null Middle School expansion \*Cravens Early Childhood expansion
- \*New school buses to include GPS tracking, cameras and radio
- \*Facility upgrades to existing buildings
- Proposition B: Technology \$6,900,000
- \*Upgrades and replacements for 1:1 devices for all students \*Upgrades to classroom technology to include interactive monitors in classrooms

"Sheldon ISD continues to grow by 300-400 students annually, and this year we are expecting it to be no different," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. King Davis.

If voters were to approve the 2022 bond, the maximum increase for the district's Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate would be 4 cents per \$100 assessed value for the entire life of the bond. For example, the average Sheldon ISD homeowner's residence is valued at \$180,832 (taxable value) and would see an approximate \$3.50 per month increase. Sheldon ISD residents age 65 or over will not see an increase in their tax rate if they have applied for an Over 65 tax exemption.

"Our school board is dedicated to prioritizing what is best for all children," School Board President Eileen Palmer said. "I want to thank the community for participating in the survey. Your feedback has been instrumental in our planning."

More information about the November election will be shared to the Sheldon ISD website at www.sheldonisd.com. The district will provide opportunities for meetings and events to learn more about the bond. This year's election is November 8, 2022.

Sheldon ISD earns a B in state rating

The Texas Education Agency released ratings for school districts last week, and Sheldon ISD has earned a B.

"I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. King Davis. "We had seen such positive gains prior to the pandemic when schools shut down. We have worked hard, and we are seeing the outcome of the long hours and dedication."

'We are fortunate in Sheldon ISD to measure success and accountability in many ways besides the STAAR exam," Dr. Davis said. "For example, many of our students have graduated this past summer to enter college with more than 60 hours of college credit. Some have certifications to be able to work in the field of cosmetology or fly a drone airplane. Our STEM students are achieving skills to be able to work in the medical field or technology industry. These accountability scores are simply a measurement from one test.

While the STAAR exam doesn't define the total package of our work to prepare each child for the future, it does measure the success and growth of our students during the year and is a true testament to their learning and the instruction received from our hardworking staff. Of course, we could not do all of this without the support of our parents and families. Congratulations!'

# CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

## CISD will provide free Chromebook to students in grades 6-12

To help students and their families stay connected, CISD students in grades 6-12 will receive a free Chromebook and charger to keep! Through the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), a majority of CISD students can utilize these tools to complete homework, conduct research, or even collaborate together on group projects at no cost to them or the district.



# **GALENA PARK ISD NEWS**

### **GPISD Celebrates Great Grades!**



Houston, TX: Galena Park ISD (GPISD) began their 3rd day of the 2022-2023 school year with reason to celebrate! Based on the combined district efforts in 2021-2022, the district earned an accountability rating of 'A' from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

TEA also noted additional earned distinctions throughout the district:

- 11 ELA/Reading Distinctions
- 8 Math Distinctions
- 9 Science Distinctions 1 Social Studies Distinction
- 12 Closing the Gap Distinctions
- 13 Postsecondary Readiness Distinctions

The GPISD campuses that earned an overall rating of 'A' for the 2021-2022 school year include:

Galena Park Elementary School

Galena Park ISD Career & Technical Early College High School

Jacinto City Elementary School

James B. Havard Elementary School MacArthur Elementary School

Normandy Crossing Elementary School North Shore Middle School

Pyburn Elementary School

Sam Houston Elementary School Woodland Acres Elementary School

Out of 1,195 Texas school districts that were rated based on 2021-2022's academic performance, GPISD is one of the 396 school districts to earn a grade of 'A.' Galena Park ISD is also a part of the 25% of schools in Texas that improved its 2019 letter

Dr. Moore, Superintendent of Galena Park ISD, proudly stated "As the leader of this great district, I am blessed to have an opportunity to serve the BEST students in the world and to work alongside the best school community. We are an 'A' because of YOU! Thank you, to the entire school community for the role you play to ensure

student success. You make Galena Park ISD a GREAT place to be!" Story Credits: Dr. Tommie Smith & Elyse Rountree

# Our Campuses visits from the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees!

Today, our newest trustee, Mrs. Linda Clark Sherrard, visited North Shore 9th Grade Center and Zotz Education Center. Check out the pictures below from her campus visits!









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

### **Forgiveness**

Have you ever met someone who could not let go of a broken promise or mistake that someone else committed? When someone is holding on to pain, they do not realize it, but the other person has probably long forgotten what the issue was. I have heard it said that not forgiving someone is much like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies.

I have met many people in my life who are angry and bitter at everyone. Yet when you ask questions and try to understand why, you realize that they were hurt years ago and have not healed. And the old saying "hurting people hurt others" is so very true.

Perhaps someone was young, and their parents divorced, the child never developed a relationship with the absent parent. Later, as they grew up and married, their child was extremely close to the other parent. The parent who grew up without a relationship with the absent parent may become jealous of their spouse and their child having a relationship. For whatever underlying reason, they tend to not nurture and love their child as much as the other parent who grew up in a two-parent home.

As the child grows up there is tension and nothing the child does is good enough for that parent. If they should make a mistake, the parent points it out over and over, no matter how many times the child apologizes. If there is an opportunity for the parent to embarrass the child, they will.

One person I know shared about how when his sister was only in fourth grade and new to a school, she was having a birthday party. The mother intentionally bought a blouse that was three sizes smaller than the size needed. When the girl opened the present, the mother told her to go try it on and show it to her friends. The girl went to the bedroom, tried it on and found it entirely too small. She put back on her previous clothes and walked back to the room where the friends were. The mom asked why she did not show them how it fit, and the girl explained it was the wrong size. But the mother insisted that little girl put it on and walk back out and show everyone how small the blouse was. To this day, the brother remembers the shame on the girl's face as her friends laughed about her being too fat. The mother stood in the corner smiling ear to ear. For the next few years, the mother would repeat this type of behavior and always try to embarrass the girl. What sort of parent does something like this?

After years of pain the young girl grew up and moved away. She started seeing a counselor and as she shared this story, tears fell. She also shared that the mother seemed to be angry that the daughter had a relationship with her father. The mother began to find more ways to hurt the young lady. As time went on, the daughter took the advice of the counselor and learned to live her life without her mother. The therapist told the girl that until the mother recognizes her mistakes and ask for forgiveness, the young lady should avoid the mother. Years later, no matter how much the daughter tried, the mother still causes pain.

Life would be so much better if she would seek therapy and understand her pain has caused so much pain to her daughter. And ask for forgiveness.

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### **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

# Diamond Jim: "How do



I select the **perfect** engagement

ring?"

It should be one of the most memorable moments in your life. You pull an engagement ring out of your pocket and ask the love of your life to be your wife. You desperately want her to say yes and fall in love with her ring too, right? You can make sure that happens if you follow these tips to pick out the perfect engagement ring:

DECIDE HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO SPEND

You will be confronted with a dizzying array of choices when it comes to engagement rings. Have a price range in mind before you start to shop. Going in with fairly specific parameters will help your jeweler find the right engagement ring to fit your budget.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

There's a lot you can learn about diamonds before you even set foot in a jewelry store. Start with the 4Cs - Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat Weight - so you understand how each influences the value of the diamond and adds to the overall appearance of the stone. You'll learn what is most important to you and where you might want to compromise to fit your price range. Begin your homework at our website: www.pineforestjewelry.com Click on the first tab "BRIDAL", and then on the far right click on "Diamond Education". This is the interactive diamond education display from GIA where you'll learn all about the 4Cs.

#### UNDERSTAND HER TASTE IN JEWELRY

Pay attention to the kind of jewelry she already wears. Is she more classic or modern? Does she wear more white metals or yellow gold? Do her pieces tend to be more delicate or chunky? Sleek or ornate? Have these preferences in mind when you set out to shop. If you buy something similar to what she already likes, you can't go wrong.

KNOW HER RING SIZE

If she wears rings, borrow one she already owns. Trace the inner circle on a piece of paper, or press the ring into a bar of soap for an impression. You can also slide it down one of your own fingers and draw a line where it stops. A jeweler can use these measurements to identify her approximate ring size. If she doesn't wear rings, estimate in the following manner: The average ring size in the U.S. is 6 (based on the 'average' U.S. female being 5'4" tall and weighing 140 lbs.) If she's more slender, or fine-boned, her ring size is probably in the 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 range. If she is heavier, larger-boned or taller, her ring size is probably in the 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 range. It's always better to buy a ring a bit bigger than you think she'll need, because sizing a ring down is much easier than increasing its size.

### KNOW HER FAVORITE SHAPE AND CUTTING STYLE

If she hasn't made it easy for you by already voicing an opinion on the subject (or admiring someone else's engagement ring), keep these thoughts in mind when considering shape: She will be wearing this ring every day of your married life. It will need to go with everything from jeans to evening wear. If you're uncertain about her diamond shape preference, it's sensible to stick to the classics, such as a round or square shape. They became classics because they appeal to most people most of the time. Certain shapes pair more successfully with other shapes in multi-stone rings. Round, oval and marquise shapes work well sitting side-by-side. Pear and heart shapes are more challenging.

A diamond's cutting style refers to its facet arrangement, rather than its shape. Round-shaped diamonds, for example, are cut in the brilliant style an arrangement of 57 or 58 facets designed to maximize the diamond's sparkle and minimize the appearance of inclusions. The fewer the facets, the more visible any inclusions will be, so a cutting style such as a step cut (a.k.a. emerald cut), for example, requires higher clarity in the diamond.

DECIDE ON A SETTING

Consider her lifestyle and how well a certain setting design will fit into it. If she's more active or outdoorsy, look for lower profile, less ornate or more secure mountings, which are less likely to get knocked against or caught on things. If she's more of a glamour girl, look for statement settings, with a higher stone profile, more intricate ring detailing or a unique motif. While there are endless design choices you can make for her ring, there are some basic setting types you are likely to encounter:

SOLITAIRE: A single stone and still the most popular style choice in engagement rings.

SIDESTONE: Smaller diamonds or other gemstones that flank the larger center stone for additional sparkle or color.

THREE STONE: Typically, the diamonds are the same shape with the center diamond larger than the two side-

HALO SETTING: The center stone is surrounded by tiny gemstones in a pave (pah-vey) setting, usually diamonds, to add sparkle and to give the appearance of a larger center

DECIDE ON A METAL

A diamond engagement ring is meant to last a lifetime so it is often made of gold or platinum - highly durable metals that can withstand many decades of daily wear. Metal color is a matter of personal preference with gold providing more color options: white, yellow, or rose. Metal color is also a consideration since the appearance of a diamond's color is affected by its surroundings. Once you've selected your diamond, ask your jeweler to show you how it would look with different colored metals.

FIND A JEWELER

You don't have to go it alone. Pineforest Jewelry will ensure that your engagement ring buying process is stressfree. Our knowledgeable staff will educate you about the 4Cs of diamond quality, answer your questions in detail, and help you narrow your choices to those that fit your intended's tastes and your budget. Our sales associates are professionally educated by the GIA, making us a great choice to assist you. We stand behind our diamonds and engagement rings with over forty years of experience as one of Houston's best jewelers.Buying an engagement ring can be easier than you think, if you educate yourself about diamonds and the 4Cs, know her tastes and find a good jeweler to work with. Enjoy the process and imagine the look of awe, surprise and love

you'll get when you put that perfect ring on her finger! Credit to GIA for much of the content in this article.



#### OPINION PAGE \*



# Hidalgo Urges Residents to Remain Vigilant for Monkeypox

The Monkeypox virus is spreading rapidly across the world and many countries are now facing high case rates. The World Health Organization has now deemed Monkeypox a Global Health Emergency. Texas has the sixth highest case count in the United States with 220 cases. As of July 25, Harris County has confirmed 57 cases. Monkeypox can look like a pimple or blister, or a rash and lesion. In some cases, just a few small bumps can be the first indication of an infection – before any symptoms are felt. If you notice any new rashes, pimples, or blisters anywhere on your body, including in your mouth, it is important to get checked out and tested. While certain groups are at higher risk – we know from nationwide cases that men, particularly men who have sex with men (MSM), have been disproportionately impacted so far – anyone can get Monkeypox including children and the elderly. While cases remain low in the region, city and county officials remain vigilant and prepared, and urge residents to take some simple precautions to curb the spread:

Limit intimate and sexual contact with anonymous partners.

If you have new/unknown lesions, assume it is Monkeypox and get tested.

Get the vaccine, if you qualify.

For support with testing and vaccines, call 832-927-0707, or visit ReadyHarris.org.

### Free COVID Vaccines Now Available for Children Six Months and Older

While Harris County is still in yellow, many in our county are still contracting the COVID-19 virus, suffering from symptoms, and having to quarantine. And while children do not face the same risk from COVID as adults, we have had over 15,000 Harris County children contract COVID. Thankfully, families now have the ability to protect themselves better than ever by signing up kids ages 6 months to 5 years for the FDAapproved Pfizer and Moderna pediatric vaccinations, and now is the time to get children vaccinated before school starts in the fall and cases are likely to rise. Harris County Public Health is administering "little pediatric" vaccines at all 20 vaccination sites across the county, free of charge, for walk-ins and appointment holders. Parents can talk to their pediatricians if they have questions. Visit ReadyHarris.org or call 832-927-8787 to schedule an appointment for you and/



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# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

# Texas Gas Prices are Lowest in the Nation

While gas prices nationwide dropped below \$4 per gallon average last week, the state boasts the lowest prices in the country at an average of \$3.49 - 50 cents below the national average, according to AAA Texas."Retail gasoline prices in Texas fell for the eighth consecutive week, said AAA Texas spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "While gas prices will likely keep dropping in the near term, it is unclear how long the trend will last. Demand for fuel jumped seven percent across the U.S. this week and regional fuel supplies fell by around three percent."Drivers fueling up in College Station are paying the most on average at \$3.72, while those in the Brownsville-Harlingen area have the cheapest fuel at \$3.19, according to a report by KWTX-Waco.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE IS OCT. 11** Eligible Texas voters must be registered by Oct. 11 in order to cast ballots in the Nov. 8 general election, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott."Even though we're still two months away from the voter registration deadline, it's never too early to make sure you're registered, update your registration information if you need to, and prepare yourself to vote in the upcoming election," Scott said.Texas law requires eligible voters to be registered 30 days before Election Day. Since the 30th day before Nov. 8 falls on a Sunday, prospective voters have two extra days to register this year. Voters can visit the state's official voting website — <u>VoteTexas.gov</u> for more information.

### **DROUGHT CONDITIONS** NOW INTO SIXTH MONTH



drought conditions covered 97% of the state, up 11 percentage points from the end of June, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. July was drier and warmer than normal, a familiar refrain in 2022. Storage in the state's reservoirs is at 71% of capacity, which is 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year. Wentzel wrote. Still, the current drought is not as severe as the one Texans endured in 2011 for most of the state. However, South Texas is faring worse than it did in 2011 since it started the year with its water supply reservoirs already well below normal.

### MORE STATE RESOURCES MOBILIZED FOR WILDFIRE

**THREATS** On Friday alone, Texas A & M F o r e s t Service firefighters responded to 15 new wildfires that burned 540 acres. There are five active wildfires throughout the state, the largest being the Pine Pond Fire in Bastrop County, covering an estimated 700 acres and just 35% contained as of Sunday. The Texas Division of Emergency Management at the direction of Gov. Greg Abbott has deployed additional strike teams, consisting of 32 firefighters and 10 engines. "Communities across the state continue

to be impacted by dangerously dry conditions that could lead to further spread of wildfires," said Abbott said. Burn bans are now in place in 224 Texas counties, out of 254

#### **SCAMMER POSING AS TDI EMPLOYEE**

If someone calls claiming to be a Texas Department of Insurance employee offering to meet at one's home to discuss insurance needs, it's almost certainly a scam. That's according to a TDI news release, which notes the agency only calls people who ask for assistance. The agency's fraud unit received a report from a person who was contacted by someone claiming to be a TDI employee and offering to come over and review insurance needs."The individual who received the call did the right thing by not providing any personal information and contacting us," said Chris Davis, head of TDI's Fraud Unit. "This may have been an attempt at identity theft or other crime."Anyone needing help with an insurance issue or suspecting insurance fraud can contact the TDI help line at 800-252-3439.

### **ALL STATE OIL AND GAS**

**RECORDS NOW ONLINE** Have you been wondering about that working pumpjack in the stripmall parking lot in Longview? (Yes, there is one.) The Texas Railroad Commission has recently completed placing all historic oil and gas production records online. The RRC database covers oil production dating back to 1931 and gas back to 1937. More than 1,300 rolls of microfilm containing about 2.2 million images in the RRC's central records digitized."This is a significant undertaking and a historic moment for the Commission," Matthew Herzon with RRC, said. "Not only does it give the public quick and easy access to the information, but it can also save staff time that's spent researching for public information requests.

#### **COVID-19 CASES DIP SLIGHTLY**

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week dipped slightly to 72,715 with 194 new deaths reported, according the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 3,174 lab-confirmed COVID-19

hospitalizations on Sun-

day, a slight drop from the

previous week.

THE **POSTSCRIPT** By Carrie Classon

### "Piccolina"

I was walking down an old street in an old part of San Miguel de Allende, Mex-

Brightly colored wooden doors lined the streets. There was no indication from the outside what might be within. It could be a courtyard filled with flowers and a fountain, or a small business, or somebody's kitchen. It is always a mystery what is behind these doors, and so, when one is open, naturally I look inside.

Last week, a door was open, and I saw a few items of clothing for sale, so I stepped inside. That's when I met Piccolina.

"Who is this?" I asked. "That is Piccolina," a

woman at a sewing machine answered in Spanish.

Piccolina was a fat little puppy with blue eyes and black-and-white spots. She was delighted to meet me, and I was delighted to meet the woman with the sewing machine because I had a square tablecloth that I wanted to be round. I had thought of bringing it back home with me to the States to do the alteration, but that seemed like a lot of heavy fabric to haul back-and-forth when, the odds were, I would run into someone like Piccolina's mother. And now I had.

I explained my tablecloth situation as best I could, and it was clear from the woman's nodding and pantomimed gestures that she understood the project. I agreed to bring it the next

"And then I get to see Piccolina!" I thought.

The next day I called, Where is Piccolina?!" and the little dog came running, and the woman, whose name was Marta, also came running. I handed off my tablecloth, and we agreed on a price that seemed like far too little for the work involved.

A few days passed, and I came back. The floors had just been mopped, and Piccolina was not being allowed on the Hoors until they dry. She was being held by a young relative of Marta's and this made her unhappy, which she indicated by chomping down on my finger when I went to greet her.

"Oh, no! Piccolina!" Marta said. She didn't think Piccolina should be biting the customers, but they were just puppy bites, and the customer had been asking for it.

The tablecloth was not finished because Marta was proposing something more complicated—and prettier than I had envisioned.

"Fine!" I said, even though I wasn't entirely sure what she was saying. I promised to return in a few days.

"And then I get to see Piccolina again!" I thought.

The next time I arrived, the tablecloth was finished, with a fringe all around the edge that transitioned from one color to another, with a mixture of the two colors in between. It had taken a lot of thread-pulling and time, and I paid Marta more than she had asked for and I said goodbye to Piccolina.

But not for good. Yesterday I stopped by, even though I had no business with Marta.

"Piccolina, where are you?" I called, and she was easy to find because she was waiting at the doggy gate that Marta had installed.

'Piccolina has a gate!" I said.

"Piccolina has been running onto the street!" Marta tut-tutted.

The street is quiet and cobblestone, so I don't think Piccolina was in much danger, but I also imagine Marta got tired of running outside to retrieve her.

"You are a naughty little dog!" I informed Piccolina, and Marta agreed.

You can tell friends things like this, and we are all friends now-Marta and me and Piccolina.

Till next time, Carrie

Photos from the column and other info can be found at CarrieClasson.com.



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# **OBITUARIES**

### BERNIE "LYNN" HALL

Bernie "Lynn" Hall, 85, passed away peacefully on August 13, 2022 in Baytown, Texas. She was born on April 8, 1937 in Denton, Texas to parents Bernie and Mary Blowers.

Lynn was a loving wife and dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting, painting, and crafting. She liked to watch rodeos as well as the Houston Astros.

Lynn is preceded in death by her parents, Bernie and Mary Blowers; and grandson, Cody Hall. She is survived by husband of 65 years, Allen Hall; sons and daughters-inlaw, Doug and Kayla Hall, Clay and Pam Hall, and Spence and Tammy Hall. She has six grandchildren, Cody Hall, Brittany Hall, Casey & wife Colby Hall, Cooper Hall and fiancé Ashley,



Calli and husband Trevor Harrington, and Madison Hall. She also has three great grandchildren, Kira and Mya Hall, and Wyatt Hall.

Lynn also leaves several special friends that have been with her for more than fifty

Lynn graduated from Brenham HS in 1955. She attended Sam Houston State University and studied Commercial Art. She went to work at Channelview ISD at DeZavala Elementary and ended her career as the

Secretary to Special Services Director. After 32 dedicated years she retired from CISD in 2002.

Visitation for Lynn will be on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm atCarter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Carter-Conley Funeral Home and will be officiated by Pastor Gene Summers. Her final resting place will be at Brookside Memorial Park, 13747 Eastex Freeway, Houston, TX 77039.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's/ Dementia Association.

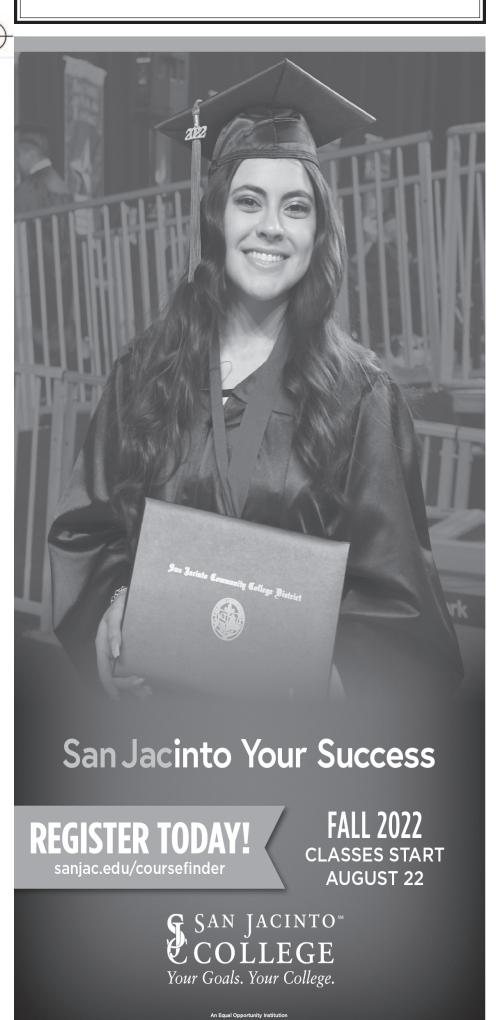


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# Do Texans move closer to respectability in 2022? Texas looks to step up after 5-7 campaign in 2021

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** 

While the Astros appear headed to another American League West title, and hopefully another long playoff run, the 2022 football season is right around the corner.

Halleluiah!

The Texans enter the 2022campaign with a new head coach in Lovie Smith, who previously served as the Chicago and Tampa Bay's head man before accepting the head coaching job at the University of Illinois. He served as David Culley's defensive coordinator last year and when Culley was fired after one year on the job, Texans General Manager Nick Caserio promoted Smith to the top job.

Smith and have staff definitely have their work cut out for them in 2022. Houston is coming off a 4-13 season (they were 4-12 in 2020), but they enter the season without having to deal with the Deshaun Wat-

Watson, who last played a full season in 2020, was traded to Cleveland for three first rounds picks and is awaiting his fate now that the NFL has appealed the six-game suspension retired Federal Judge Sue L. Robinson handed down her decision on Aug. 1, but that did not sit well with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The appeal should come down before the regular season begins on Sept. 8. If Watson is suspended the entire season, it could be another long year for beleaguered Browns fans.

But back to the hometown

The Texans will turn to second-year man Davis Mills (2,664 yards, 16 TDs in 11 starts in 2021) as the man under center. If Mills proves to Caserio and Smith that he is indeed the man to play QB moving forward, the Texans can concentrate on upgrading other portions of their team in the 2023 draft, where they should have another high pick.

Caserio did have a good draft in 2022, landing LSU cornerback Derek Singletary, Jr. and Texas A&M standout offensive lineman Kenyon Green (6-4, 323 pounds and a product of Attascocita High School) in the first round. They added Alabama linebacker Christian Harris and Baylor safety Jalen Pitre in later rounds. Pitre has already secured a starting safety spot and Singletary should also hold down one of the corner spots.

The Texans also upgraded at running back by signing Marlon Mack, a former Colt, and drafting Dameon Pierce (16 total TDs his final year at Florida). Both should be a big improvement over last year's running back situation, which was the worst in the league.

Mills still has speedy Brandin Cooks (90 receptions, 1,037 yards, 6 TDs) to throw to, but that's about it as far as big-play wideouts go for the Texans. The Houston brass is hoping secondyear man Nico Collins takes a step up this year.

Defensively, the Texans should be better, but then again, they can't be as bad as they were in 2021, can they?

We shall see.

I think Caserio made the right move in hiring a veteran with a proven track record in Smith. How that translates into wins remains to be seen.

Texas' other NFL team, the Dallas Cowboys, is coming off a 12-5 season, the NFC East title, and another first-round exit in the playoffs (Dallas fell at home to the 49ers, 23-17, in the Wild Card round).

Dallas still has Dak Prescott (4,499 yards, 37 TDs), wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (79 recepitons, 1,102 yards, 6 TDs) and tight end Dalton Schultz (78 receptions, 808 yards, 8 TDs). Dallas will need a bounce back year from running back Ezekiel Elliott (1,002 yards, 12 total TDs) and look for backup running back Tony Pollard (719 yards, 2 TDs) to play a bigger role in the Pokes offense this year. Pollard has blazing speed and could be used more in the passing game.

Defensively, the Cowboys will be led by second-year linebacker Micah Parson (13 sacks). Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn will have him attacking from all over the place to take advantage of his rare speed and quickness.

The Cowboys should be a playoff team, but they might be looking up at Philadelphia in

the NFC East standing. Philly



made a huge upgrade on offense by acquiring speedy wide receiver A.J. Brown (63 receptions, 869 yards, 5 TDs) from Tennessee on draft night. He will be paired with another fast Eagle wide out in second-year man DeVonta Smith (64 receptions, 916 yards, 5 TDs). The key to the Eagles will be the improved play of quarterback Jalen  $\mathbf{Hurts} \ (3{,}144 \ \mathrm{yards}, \ 16 \ \mathrm{TDs/}784$ rushing yards, 10 TDs). If Hurts does a better job of reading defenses, the Eagles could be scary on offense in 2022.

While the Cowboys and Eagles battle for the NFC East title, Tampa Bay should take care of business in the NFC South, as long as Tom Brady (5,316 yards, 43 TDs) his 45year-old body stay healthy.

In the NFC North, Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers (4,115 yards, 37 TDs/4 interceptions) will see what life will be like without star wide receiver Davante Adams (1,231 yards, 11 TDs) is like now that Adams has moved onto Las Vegas.

The NFC West should be the most competitive division in the conference. It is home to the defending Super Bowl champions, the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams should be solid again this year led by quarterback Matthew Stafford (4.886 vards, 41 TDs), productive wide receiver Cooper Kupp (145 receptions, 1,974 yards, 16 TDs) and one of the best defensive players in the league in defensive tackle Aaron Donald.

Arizona will go as far as quarterback Kyler Murray (3,971 yards, 26 TDs/819 rushing yards, 11 TDs) takes them. Murray won't have star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (115 receptions, 1,407 yards, 6 TDs) for the first six games as he serves a suspension for taking a

The AFC South should be a two-team race between Indianapolis and Tennessee. The Colts traded for former Falcons QB Matt Ryan (3.968 yards, 20 TDs), which should be a huge upgrade from Carson Wentz. The Titans will be led by QB Ryan Tannehill (3,734 yards, 21 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (937 yards, 10 TDs in eight games).

The AFC West, like the NFC West, is loaded. All four teams are potential playoff squads. Kansas City is the defending champ but suffered a huge loss when stud wide receiver Tyreek Hill (111 receptions, 1,239 yards, 9 TDs) left for Miami. The Chiefs still have star QB Patrick Mahomes (4,839 yards, 37 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (92 receptions, 1,125 yards, 9 TDs).

Denver upgraded at QB by acquiring Russell Wilson (3,113 yards, 25 TDs in 14 games). If young wide receivers Courtland Sutton (58 receptions, 776 yards, 2 TDs) and Jerry Jeudy (38 receptions, 467 yards) progress, the Broncos could be a playoff contender.

In the AFC North, the Cincinnati Bengals shocked the world by winning the AFC and took the Rams to the wire before losing the Super Bowl. Cinci is loaded on offense led by QB Joe Burrow (4,611 yards, 34 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (1,205 yards, 16 total TDs) and wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (81 receptions, 1,455 yards, 13 TDs) and Tee Higgins (74 receptions, 1,091 yards, 6 TDs).

In the AFC East, Buffalo is the team to beat led by QB Josh Allen (4,407 yards, 36 TDs/763 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers Stefon Diggs (103 receptions, 1,225 yards, 10 TDS) and Gabriel Davis (35 receptions, 549 yards, 6 TDs). Davis had a breakout game in the Bills' 42-36 loss to KC in the Divisional Round with eight receptions for 201 yards and four TDS.

There will be 10 new head coaches when the 2022 season begins. Matt Eberflus takes over in Indy, while Nathaniel Hackett takes over in Denver, Todd Bowles in Tampa Bay, Mike McDaniels in Miami, Brian Daboll is the Giants new head coach, Doug Pederson is the new head man in Jacksonville, Josh McDaniels takes over in Vegas, Dennis Allen is the

new man in charge in New Orleans, Lovie Smith tries to rebuild the Texans and Kevin O'Connell takes over in Minne-

The 2022 season will conclude with Super Bowl LVII on Feb. 12 in Phoenix.

At the college level, teams will be vying for a spot in the College Football Playoff (CFP) National Title game, slated for Jan. 9 in Los Angeles at SoFi

The national semifinal games will be held on Dec. 31 (Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl).

Georgia is the reigning national champ and while they lost 15 players to the NFL (five defensive players were drafted in the first round alone), head coach Kirby Smart will just reload and field another strong

Texas A&M and head coach Jimbo Fisher should be 'Bama's biggest threat in the SEC West. Fisher has a veteran team back, led by running back Devon Achane (1,171 yards, 10 TDs) and wide receiver Ainais Smith (47 receptions, 509 yards, 6 TDs). Fisher has to choose a QB and has three talented signal callers to choose from in LSU transfer Max Johnson (2,815 yards, 27 TDs), former starter Haynes King and true five-star freshman Conner Wegman.

Ohio State should be the class of the Big 10. Ryan Day has a plethora of returning starters led by star QB C.J. Stroud (4,435 yards, 44 TDs), running back TreVeyon Henderson (1,560 yards, 19 TDs) and wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba (95 receptions, 1,606 yards, 9 TDs). Smith-Njigba had an amazing performance in OSU's 48-45 Rose Bowl win over Utah with 15 receptions for 347 vards and 3 TDs.

When it's all said and done. look for Alabama and Ohio State to meet for the national title, with Saban winning his eighth national title.

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PAC 12

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**CFP NATIONAL TITLE GAME ALABAMA OVER OHIO STATE** 

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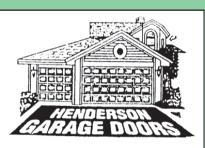






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He and a partner have recently established a firm to teach and implement growth stratgies, using new digital techniques, equipment, and social media platforms.

He has embodied this training in an App on the Internet, and a channel

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tax year and the 2022 tax year.

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Mulcahy said that results come from branding and spreading the

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**ON TAX INCREASE** 

A tax rate of \$0.030000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property

tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 from the same properties in both the 2021

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 may

adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris

County Emergency Services District No. 6 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency

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word about your business through digital media. He suggested that business owners make a short video of themselves, and their business for distribution. This could expand their professional profile and draw customers.

Mulcahy is an intense businesman, who has had several businesses of his own, that prospered and also failed. From that he learned much of the lessons of selling, and strategizing for maximum benefit. His background includes sales for Herbalife, real estate investment, and several security businesses, including LegalShield and IDShield

# Principal Kenneth Wallace

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Texas Tech Coach JT King presents the Donny Anderson Sportsmanship Award to cornerback Kenneth Wallace in 1973. The Red Raiders went 11-1 and beat Tennessee in the Gator Bowl.

### By Allan Jamail

Our team was the first team to ever win a Texas high-school state championship in its first year of varsity competition. He led us, he was a true leader, he had both football smarts and book smarts," Mosley said.

Wallace received a full scholarship to play football at Texas Tech University. He was the first Black American football player to graduate from Texas Tech in 1974. He was an all-Southwest Conference cornerback on Texas Tech's 11-1 Gator Bowl champions of 1973. He was winner of the Red Raiders' Donny Anderson sportsmanship award in 1973, and played in the 1974 Coaches All-America Game at

Jones Stadium. On the occasion of the Red Raiders' 1,000th game in 2015, Wallace was selected on the alltime Texas Tech team and started every game on the Red Raiders' 1972 Sun Bowl team and the 1973 Gator Bowl team.

He was selected in 1999 as one of the South Plains' top 100 athletes of the century. In 2016 he was inducted into the Lubbock ISD Hall of Fame.

Wallace after graduating from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's and master's degree began coaching high school football. He was the first black man hired to be head coach in any sport at one of Lubbock's predominantly white public high schools.

He was named Coach of the Year on the All-City team for the job he did in 1981 at Dunbar and in 1987 at Coronado. He took the Panthers from 1-9 in his first season as head coach in 1980 to 7-1-2 in 1981 and 10-2 and regional finalists in 1982. Classmate Mosley said, "He wasn't only about football but also academics; he convinced students not to drop out but to graduate and then complete college "

He was principal at Es-

tacado for 13 years, then again principal and an administrator GPISD's at NSHS from 2000 to 2019. Some of his coworkers still at NSHS say, he laid the early ground work that's helped the Mustangs win five state championships.

Dr. Coleman said, "Mr. Wallace started the Ken Wallace Leadership Scholarship in 2012 for our students and nearly 70 scholarships have been given out since. He also started the wall of honor where students who receive a 3.6 GPA or higher are awarded LET-TERMAN JACKETS."

Born Kenneth Wayne Wallace, in Lubbock, Texas on October 29, 1951, he passed away at MD **Anderson Cancer Center** in Houston June 24, 2022 at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Wallace; son, Reggie Wallace (a NSHS coach); twin daughters, Tiffany Wallace, Tonya Wallace.



The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

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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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 6 this year.

	2021	2022	Change	
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.030000	\$0.030000	increase of 0.000000, or 0.00%	
Average homestead taxable value	\$162,903	\$179,767	increase of 16,864, or 10.35%	
Tax on average homestead	\$48.87	\$53.93	increase of 5.06, or 10.35%	
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,048,435	\$1,145,677	increase of 97,242, or 9.27%	

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services

District No. 6 at or, or visit. for more information.

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THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF JACINTO CITY WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10301 MARKET STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANTICIPATED **BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023** 

The proposed budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$ 309,835, which is an 8.6 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$ 384,811.16.

Property Tax Rate Comparison	2021-2022	2022-2023
Property Tax Rate	0.773590/100	0.65588/100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.749138/\$100	0.599472/100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate	\$0.657427/\$100	0.623138/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.773592/\$100	0.620453/100
De minimis rate	\$0.845413/\$100	0.682623/100

Total debt obligation for CITY OF JACINTOCITY secured by property taxes:

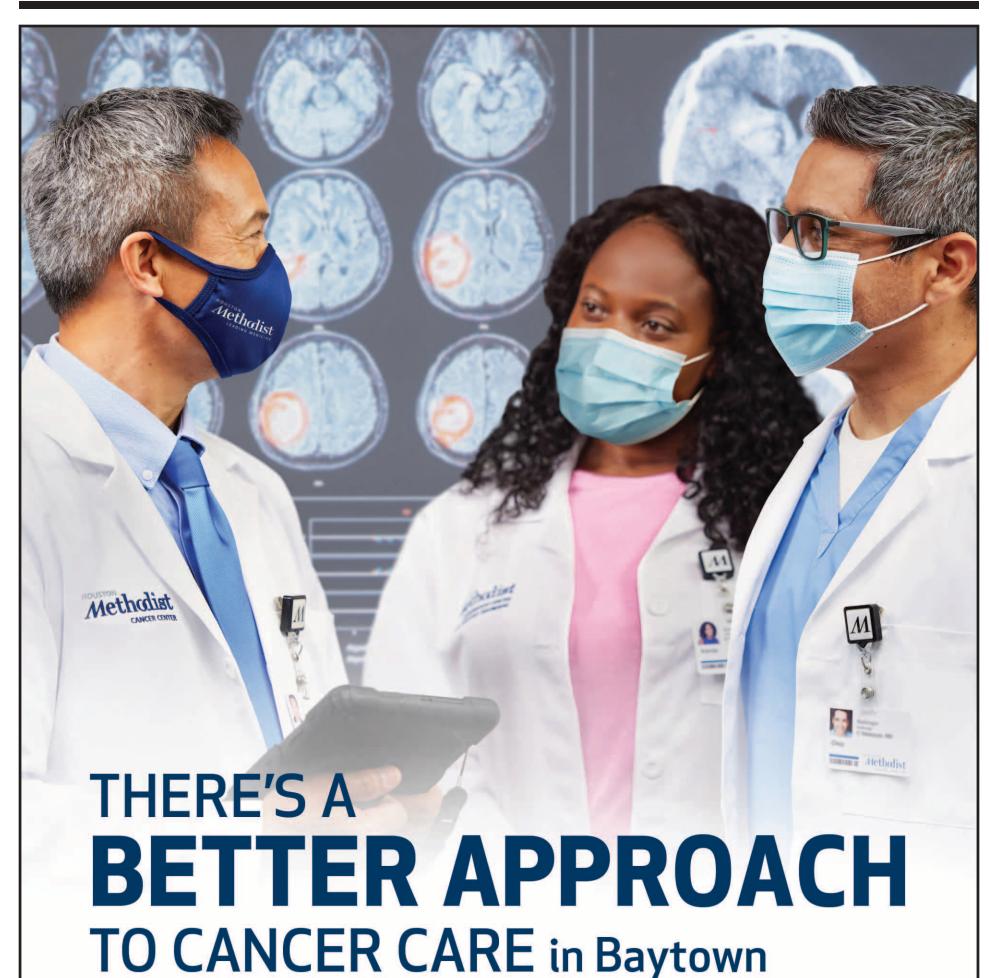
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During the 2022-2023 Budget year, \$ 2,000.00 projected for advertising and \$ 1050.00 has been spent as of 8/9/2022. The 2022-2023 Budget Proposal includes \$ 2000.00 for advertising.

Jacinto City did not budget for or spend funds on lobbying efforts in the 2021-2022 budget and there is no such funding proposed for the 2022-2023 budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

Joyce Raines, City Secretary



At Houston Methodist Cancer Center, we treat every aspect of your cancer. Leading oncologists work with our specialists across disciplines to minimize cancer's effects on major organs. One comprehensive team — dedicated to your individual care — uses the latest research, treatments and technology to stop your cancer. From infusion and clinical trials to surgery and reconstruction, our innovative care is available in Baytown.

That's the difference between practicing medicine and leading it.







