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# CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Galena Park Parade for North Shore Mustangs

Galena Park ISD will hold a COMMUNITY PARADE, honoring the North Shore Mustangs 2021 UIL Class 6A Division I State Championship.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 2022 STARTING AT 4:30PM from the North Shore 9th Grade Center on Hollypark, ending at North Shore Senior High School on Castlegory Drive

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Hampton Inn, off Beltway 8 at 14120 Karissa Court. Tickets at door \$30, advance \$25. Call 281-701-9993.

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Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6:30pm, Sylvan Beach Pavilion. Speaker is Bryan Yarbro, retired Navy Seal. 713-450-3600.

# Sheldon FFA holds successful Show

Grand steer nets \$5,750 at Sheldon FFA Livestock Show

SHELDON – The wind may have made things cold, but buyers at the Sheldon Future Farmers of America Livestock Show warmed things up in what could be the largest show ever, according to officials.

The show was held last Saturday at the Agriculture barn on Old Highway US 90, the Beaumont Highway. Buyers were able to bid on a total of 35 animals and auction items. The auction netted more than \$43,000 this year.

This year's Grand Champion Steer, raised by C.E. King High School senior Jamari Davis, was sold for \$5,750 to Stewart and Donna Henderson of DH Show Cattle.

Davis said his Grand Champion Steer's name is Dynamite, is 14-monthsold and weighed 1,206



Jamari Davis, a senior at C.E. King High School, shows off his Grand Champion Steer at the 2022 Sheldon FFA Livestock Show, where his steer, Dynamite, sold for \$5,750. Stewart and Donna Henderson of DH Cattle Show won the auction for the steer.

pounds. He talked about raising Dynamite.

"It's been real good. You have good times and bad times," Davis said. "But I really love it. I like spending time with my animals. My favorite place is the barn."

Davis said he plans to use the prize money to attend Texas A&M University and major in

veterinary science.

Aside from having the Grand Champion Steer in this year's show, Davis also had the Grand Cham-

pion Pig, Coco. Turner Chevrolet outbid everyone to win the pig for \$2,000.

"There is a real big difference in raising a pig and a steer," he said. "I like steers better, to be honest. They are easier to control, and they are harder to get away from you. I fell in love with steers. I told my mom when I started showing steers, I was never going back to pigs, and they convinced me to go back to pigs in the last year, and I'm winning in the show."

Davis has been in the show more than once, even raising and having another grand steer sold to the North Shore Rotary Club last year. He also sold the Reserve Champion Steer the year before.

Davis said as a senior, he is happy to be graduating soon but is sad to be in his last showing.

"I wanted it to come soon, but not this soon. I wish I had a little bit more time to keep showing," he said.

Another senior, Samantha Doerr, raised and sold this year's Reserve Champion Steer, named Johnny Walker. She has been in

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## Channelview ISD names new Superintendent

CHANNELVIEW – The Channelview ISD Board of Trustees has unanimously named Dr. Tory C. Hill as the lone finalist to become the District's next superintendent.

Dr. Tory C. Hill is currently the Superintendent for Sweeny Independent School District, Among his many accomplishments include being a Superintendent of the Year nominee for Region 4 in 2020. After serving as Superintendent for the past 5 years at Sweeny ISD, Dr. Hill was instrumental in passing a \$28 million bond to address safety, health, and wellness of students as well as major infrastructure improvements. He also led a \$1.7 million agreement with Chevron Phillips for the naming rights to the new Sweeny ISD CPChem CTE Center which opened for students in August 2020.



DR. TORY C. HILL

Dr. Hill earned a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University. He also obtained a master's degree in education from Florida A&M University and a bachelor's of science degree in secondary education from Southern University.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Hill to

our Channelview ISD family," said CISD Board President Patrick Lacy. "We look forward to working with Dr. Hill to continue to advance our District's commitment to develop and enhance our students' intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth."

The selection comes after a nationwide search with help from the search firm, KBS Law Group. The Channelview ISD Board began its search in October 2021 by gathering input from the community, district employees and parents. The search firm allowed stakeholders to complete a survey to voice their opinions on the type of candidate they would like to lead the nearly 10,000 student school district. Following the application period and after interviewing multiple qualified candidates, the Board selected Dr. Hill for the position.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the students, teachers, staff and community of Channelview" said Dr. Hill. "I look forward to partnering with the Board of Trustees to build on the rich legacy of excellence in Channelview Independent School District."

Prior to the Superintendent role, Dr. Hill served as a social studies teacher in

Georgia, Florida and Texas. He was assistant principal, principal and Assistant Superintendent in the Katy Independent School District. He also served as the Executive Director of Professional Learning in the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Dr. Hill is married to Cassandra and together they have three beautiful daughters-Niesha, Taylor, and Khadija.

Texas law requires a 21-day waiting period after naming the lone finalist before the superintendent can be officially named and the superintendent's employment contract can be approved. The Board anticipates meeting on February 1, 2022 to officially name Dr. Hill as superintendent and to approve the superintendent's employment contract.

### Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King

Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. By Allan Jamail

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, 2022 this day is a much deserved holiday all Americans should be proud to honor. With Monday marking the observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, communities across the nation commemorated the civil rights icon's legacy with celebrations and festivities.

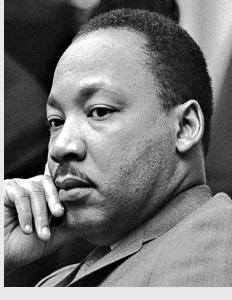
Dr. King an African American was greatly responsible for bringing social justice to many Americans regardless of race or ethnicity. He was assassinated April 4, 1968 when I was 24 years old. As a young man I was beginning to take an interest in politics and so I had been keeping up with the politics of the times and so I took a special interest in Dr. King's speeches. In that time of the early sixty's it was unusual for a Black person to be as outspoken as he was. He became popular as he publicly called on the government to treat everyone equal as the constitution spelled out for citizens to be treated equal. Blacks in most states were not given most of the same privileges as Whites, including the same voting rights

ing the same voting rights.

I can remember as a child there were separate restrooms and water fountains for Blacks to use, they couldn't use the ones designated for White's only. Blacks couldn't eat in restaurants where White's ate. The public schools were separated so Blacks couldn't attend those schools which were designated for White's.

Dr. King organized movements and demonstrations all across the nation to bring an end to racial injustice. Although he stressed the need for non-violence to bring about these changes it was a violent act of being shot to death that took his life.

In the 1960's there were several assassinations of political figures. Nov 22, 1963, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Feb 21, 1965, Malcolm X (a outspoken Black calling for



racial equality), April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr is assassinated and June 5, 1968 Robert Kennedy is assassinated as he was running for President.

More than 50 years have passed since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, but his words are just as meaningful as they were during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement.

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# **Highlands Rotary Chili Feast set for Feb 5th**



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The Highlands Rotary Club is holding their 47th Annual CHILI FEAST, at St. Jude's Catholic Church social hall, 808 S. Main Street, Highlands. 11am to 3pm, with a Live Auction at Noon to 3pm.

Raffle Tickets are \$100, Meal Tickets \$10 and the winner will receive a new 2022 SUV Chevy Trailblazer or Chevy Equinox. There are also other valuable prizes. Tickets from any Rotarian, or call 281-426-33558. Tickets also available from Turner Chevrolet, Central Auto Inspections, Weston Cotten, Dr. Larry White.



# SHELDON FFA Livestock Show 2022

65TH ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SHOW SHELDON ISD AG CENTER JAN. 13-15, 2022



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**GRAND CHAMPION STEER Exhibitor: JAMARI DAVIS** Buyer: STUART & DONNA HENDERSON



**GRAND CHAMPION SWINE** Exhibitor: JAMARI DAVIS
Buyer: TURNER CHEVROLET



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**GRAND CHAMPION GOAT Exhibitor: DIEGO MAYBERRY** Buver: CHARLES SCHRADER REALTOR



**GRAND CHAMPION RABBITS** Exhibitor: **JENNA SIMIEN** Buyer: CHANNELVIEW FAMILY MEDICINE/DR.NINO



**GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS** Exhibitor: **JERONIMO VILLANEAVA Buyer: NORTH SHORE ROTARY** 



**GRAND CHAMPION HORTICULTURE** Exhibitor: SAMANTHA DOERR **Buyer: JEREMY & ELIZABETH STATEN** 



**GRAND CHAMPION AG MECHANICS Exhibitor: JOSHUA GILSTRAP** Buyer: GARY BRIGHTWELL



**GRAND CHAMPION DECORATED CAKE Exhibitor: REAGAN MCGEHEE** Buyer: **DAVID GILSTRAP** 



GRAND CHAMPION FOOD SHOW Exhibitor: **LELIAH GOMEZ** Buyer: **ZORRO'S WELDING & FABRICATION** 



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### RESERVE CHAMPIONS

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RESERVE CHAMPION FOOD SHOW **Exhibitor: REAGAN MCGEHEE** Buyer: **JEREMY & ELIZABETH STATEN** 



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**RESERVE CHAMPION PHOTOGRAPHY** Exhibitor: KAITLYN WISENER Buyer: RODEO READY CUSTOM LEATHER/CHRIS JONES



**RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE** Exhibitor: REAGAN MCGEHEE **Buyer: GOOD TIMES MARINA** 



**RESERVE CHAMPION RABBITS** Exhibitor: **JOE FLORES Buyer: TURNER CHEVROLET** 



RESERVE CHAMPION DECORATED CAKE **Exhibitor: KAITLYN WISENER** Buyer: **DAVID GILSTRAP** 

NOTE: There were a Total of 35 Sale slots Exhibits. Space does not allow us to show all, but we Congratulate all that competed. **CREDITS:** 

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BOOSTER CLUB: Elizabeth Staten, Pres; SHELDON SUPERINTENDENT: King Davis CTE COORDINATOR: Bonita Taylor Show Secretary: Cindy Langdon

Congratulations to all the Exhibitors at the Sheldon FFA Livestock Show We are pleased to support the Youth in their endeavors.



ROTARIANS WITH SWINE EXHIBITOR MADISON STATEN



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### Sheldon FFA,

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the show for the past 10 years.

"This is our last go here," Doerr said. "This year is really special. I fell in love with FFA more than I have in the past. When I first started, I fell in love with it. But with this being my last year, something about each and every animal has a special place in my heart. I am not ready to say goodbye and let go. I will be back. Because agriculture has built me into the person I am today, and I am not ready to let go yet."

Johnny Walker was sold for \$5,000 to Zorro's Welding and Fabrication.

Doerr said she also has future plans with her prize money.

"I plan on attending Sam Houston State University and becoming a game warden, so this money will help pay for college," Doerr

In 2020, Doerr's Grand Champion Steer was sold to Rotating Equipment for \$2,600. This year, aside from the Grand Champion Steer, she had multiple items and animals in the show, including the Grand Horticulture, Grand Photography, the Reserve Lamb, and Reserve Agriculture Mechanics. In addition, she also had the thirdplace swine and goat.

"This was one of the biggest shows we've had in a long time," said Stephanie Jones, Sheldon FFA advisor.

This year's Livestock Show was dedicated to the memory of Karen Renee Denton, who died in October of COVID-19. From year-toyear, the Dentons supported the Sheldon FFA and the Sheldon FFA Booster Club. Karen Denton was the secretary and treasurer for the

Booster Club, while her husband, Dale, served as president. The Sheldon FFA and C.E. King Agriculture Department issued a

statement saying they were ex-

tremely grateful for the hard work and dedication from the

Denton Family. "Throughout the years, we have witnessed the time and effort from Mrs. Denton has put forth while volunteering for Sheldon FFA and Sheldon FFA Booster Club events. Mrs. Denton will be missed, but her legacy of the work she has done will be left behind in every student and parent she has known. We can never thank you or your family enough for all that you have done," the statement read.

Other Grand Champion winners include Reagan McGehee for the Grand Champion Lamb, bought by Outlaw Ray's for \$800. Diego Mayberry's Grand Champion Goat went for \$1,500 to Charles Schrader Realtor. Jenna Simien's Grand Champion Rabbit was sold to Channelview Family Medicine - Dr. Donald Nino for \$500. Jeronimo Villaneava's Grand Champion broilers were bought by the North Shore Rotary Club for \$700.

Doerr's Grand Champion Horticulture was bought by Jeremy and Elizabeth Staten for \$250. Joshua Gilstrap's Grand Champion Agriculture Mechanics, a deer stand, was bought for \$3,500 by Gary Brightwell. The Grand Champion Decorated Cake, a cactus cake, was made by McGehee and bought by David Gilstrap for \$250. A homemade apple pie by Leliah Gomez was auctioned as the Grand Champion Food Show and bought by Zorro's Welding and Fabrication for \$350. Doerr earned another \$300 thanks to her Grand Champion Photography, which was purchased by Jackson's Custom Slaughter.

The sponsors for this year's show included:



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#### What We Got Done in 2021

Despite the partisanship that has gripped Washington, I've found countless opportunities to get things done for Texas, but a great deal of work remains?

WASHINGTON — With the start of a new year, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) authored the following op-ed in the Austin American-Statesman about what he has accomplished in Congress for Texas in 2021 and shares his outlook on what work remains for 2022:

The first year of a government completely controlled by Democrats is quickly drawing to a close. I began 2021 with this promise to Texans: to push back against Democrats' dangerous proposals when needed and to work together wherever possible. The year brought a heavy dose

Despite President Joe Biden's pledge to be the dealmaker-in-chief. Democrats have unleashed a parade of partisan bills. At the start of last year, they went around Republicans to spend nearly \$2 trillion billed as "pandemic relief," even though less than ten percent of the funding was directly related to COVID-19 and only one percent supported vaccinations. They've made repeated attempts to seize states' constitutional power to manage their own elections and skew all future elections in Democrats' favor. And despite the fact that families are footing the bill for the highest inflation in nearly four decades, Democrats are trying to go on a nearly \$5 trillion reckless tax-and-spending spree. Fortunately, they don't have the votes to write a check that big, thanks to members of President Biden's own party joining the unified Republican opposition.

I've been clear in my fierce opposition to each of these bills, but I know that Texans did not send me to the Senate to simply vote "no." While I will continue to fight legislation that harms families, the economy, or our national security, there are plenty of issues where Republicans and Democrats can work together, and I was proud to act on those opportunities in 2021 and get critical legislation signed into law.

After years of fighting alongside advocates in Texas, including my friend Ms. Opal Lee of Fort Worth, I was proud that, we succeeded in making Juneteenth a federal holiday. For generations to come, folks across the country will celebrate the significance of the day Major General Gordon Granger's troops arrived in Galveston and declared that all slaves are "forever free."

Another new law strengthens the policies and procedures for reporting missing service members. The need for this legislation became clear after the tragic murders of Spc. Vanessa Guillén, Sgt. Elder Fernandes and other service members across the country. Military installations are now required to increase security and protection protocols for reporting service members missing or AWOL, and improve information sharing with local, state and federal law enforcement if a service member goes missing. This isn't a silver bullet, but it's a big step toward preventing similar tragedies in the future.

Bills to modernize and increase staffing at our ports of entry without spending taxpayer dollars. To ensure anyone who attacks federal officers and employees serving abroad will be brought to justice. To close a loophole abused by companies fueling the opioid epidemic. To help victims of human trafficking regain their financial independence. All of these bipartisan bills I introduced were signed into law last year.

Despite the partisanship that has gripped Washington, I've found countless opportunities to get things done for Texas, but a great deal of work

This past year, annual border crossings hit an all-time high, and law enforcement, nongovernmental organizations, and border communities are being overwhelmed by the scale of the humanitarian crisis. The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in our supply chains that need to be addressed. Families are struggling to cover high costs at the pharmacy – even for medications that have been available for decades. I've introduced bipartisan bills aimed at these and countless other challenges facing our country. I hope we can make progress on those bills this year and notch even more bipartisan wins for Texas.

In 2022, I'll keep searching for opportunities to reach across the aisle on legislation. I hope my colleagues will make an effort to do the same no matter if there's an "R" or a "D" after their names.

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

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# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

### Emergency SNAP benefits again extended

#### **EMERGENCY SNAP BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commisagain extending emergency food benefits this month, with more than \$307 million in emergency allocations expected to help more than 1.5 million Texas house-

"As Texans ring in the new year, this additional support will help families start 2022 with food on the table for themselves and their children," said Wayne Salter, HHSC deputy executive commissioner.

The agency received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum allowable amount of benefits provided through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. That means recipients will receive at least \$95 in emergency SNAP allotments by Jan. 31, in addition to their regular allotment.

rexans in need can ap ply for benefits at YourTexasBenefits.com.

#### FORMER HOUSTON NFL **PLAYER PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD**

A former linebacker for the Houston Texans has pleaded guilty to taking part in a scheme to defraud a player health care reimbursement fund by submitting false claims totaling more than \$129,000.

Shantee Orr is one of eight former NFL players accused in a case led by Texas Department of <u>Insurance</u> investigators working with prosecutors from the Harris County

District Attorney's office. 'Those claims were for rehab therapies and medical treatments that were never actually provided," TDI prosecutor Rick Watson said. "The players and the trainer would each get a cut of the money that was reimbursed by the fund."

Orr pleaded guilty to a third-degree felony, paid restitution and will serve five years' probation.

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#### **INSURANCE COMPANIES** LINE UP TO SUE ERCOT

As the one-year anniversary of the winter storm that left millions without power approaches, more than 100 insurance companies are suing the state's main power grid operator and a number of electricity providers, the Austin merican-Statesman reported.

Defendants are the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, as well as companies that supply power through ERCOT. The power failure caused more than \$10 billion in property damage, primarily to residences

The suit claims ERCOT "failed to adequately prepare for the 2020-2021 winter season, and in fact, planned to fail," noting that the agency had projected the state would end up in the highest state of emergency in the event of an extreme weather event, the Statesman reported.

all the state's power grid.

#### **ABBOTT SUES FEDS OVER VACCINE MANDATE FOR GUARD**

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced he will sue the federal government to fight a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for members of the Texas National Guard.

In a <u>letter</u> released last week, Abbott prohibited the Texas National Guard from punishing any service member who does not receive the vaccine.

CROSBY

Gilbert Hoffman

.. Willie Glasgow

"Unless President Biden federalizes the Texas National Guard in accordance with Title 10 of the U.S. Code, he is not your commander-in-chief under our federal or state Constitutions," Abbott wrote. "And as long as I am your commander-in-chief, I will not tolerate efforts to compel receipt of a COVID19 vac-

The Biden administration maintains the secretary of defense has the legal power to require vaccines. In a mid-November press conference, Pentagon press secretary John F. Kirby said, in part, "When (guardsmen are) called up for their monthly training, they're still federally funded. So (the secretary) has those authorities. And he believes, and this is a larger point, that vaccinated forces are a more ready force."

#### **COVID-19 CASES MORE THAN TRIPLE IN PAST**

The omicron variant of OVID-19 has sent cases skyrocketing throughout the state, with a recordhigh 413,994 new cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week — nearly four times the number re-

increase of 77% from the previous week. Just a month ago, hospitalizations had dropped below 3,000, according to <u>DSHS</u>. The number of new cases this past week is more than ten times the total

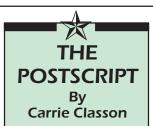
#### **SECOND ROUND OF**

A second round of funding for the state's COVIDvaccine outreach program has begun. Organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million "to engage in vaccine education and outreach with the goal of increasing the number of fully vaccinated Texans against COVID-19."

Money will be awarded for projects that increase access to COVID-19 vaccines or provide outreach to populations disproportionately affected by the virus.

"As with the first round of funding, DSHS is confident that communitybased organizations are perfectly positioned to offer local support for those who seek access for and information about COVID-19 vaccine services," said Imelda Garcia, DSHS associate commissioner for laboratory and infectious

vaccinegrant/round-2.html



#### Fancy Dress

I was excited to wear my new dress.

It was slimming, I thought: all black and covered with flounces from the neckline to the hemline. I wore it with high heelswhich I rarely wear—and red drop earrings. I was feeling much more sophisticated than I usually do when I went over to my sister's house for dinner.

"Nice dress!" my mother said.

I gave my new dress a little twirl and set the ruffles flying in all directions.

"You look like a car

wash." my sister said. This is why it's good to stay close to family.

My husband, Peter, and I moved across the country to the Midwest in large part so we could be closer to family. It's good to see my parents on a regular basis. Peter's oldest sister is battling cancer, and we can now be near her. We have dozens of cousins. nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and now most of them live nearby.

My family members (and my sister in particular) absolutely do not care what I say about myself. They do not care about my New Year's resolutions or recent accomplishments or nice things other people might have said about me.

They remember when I was 13 and wore a green felt hat all the time out of some sort of weird superstition. They remember when Dad had to drive back two hours to fetch the green hat after I left it someplace. And they will never believe that the green felt hat-wearing person has entirely changed.

I look at pictures of myself as a young teen, very shy, trying to become invisible beneath my peculiar green hat and only drawing more attention to myself in the process.

There was a lot I didn't understand as an awkward teen. I didn't realize that lots of people were shy. I didn't know that, by starting a conversation with someone, I would be doing them a huge favor. I didn't know I'd see the relief in their eyes when they realized they could talk to me and forget about feeling awkward themselves. I

changed quite a bit since then, but my family knows better.

I firmly believe in the power we all have to change ourselves and follow our dreams wherever they take us. I hope to continue trying new things for quite a while. But, while chasing my highfalutin dreams, it's good to have family around to keep me grounded. It's good to remember that, no matter what grand schemes I take on, there are people who have known me before and know me best.

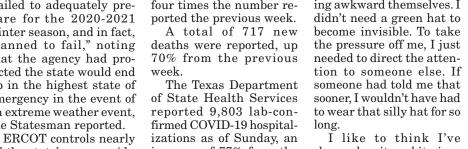
They will always cheer me on, but they will also know that I am still the same person, in a fancy dress, trying new things. sometimes succeeding and sometimes failing miserably. And they still love me.

"It doesn't really look like a car wash," my mother said.

My mother has been saying reassuring things to me all my life. But I suspect, now that the image is in her mind, my fancyschmancy dress will never look quite the same. And that's OK.

My self-esteem has come a long way since my green hat-wearing days. Nowadays, I can put on my fancy car wash dress with a pair of heels and not care who sees me.

Till next time, Carrie Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at Carrie Classon.com.



reported a month ago.

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

### **Community**

Last week when I wrote my column on "Benevolent", I had no idea that in just a few days, our community would be saying "See you later" to Brother John Brady. On Tuesday, January 18 the sanctuary of Fellowship of the Nations was filled with some of the lives he had touched through the years.

John A. Brady Sr. was born on July 1, 1934 to Edwin and Evelyn Brady in Valley Junction, Texas. He went to be with Jesus on January 14, 2022 surrounded by family in his home in Houston, Texas at the age of 87. He attended school in Hearne, Texas and was a 1956 graduate of Baylor University. He accepted Christ at sixteen years old and was called to preach. He always said God took him from tending cows on the family ranch to tending sheep as a shepherd. From then on, he was known as Brother John. He pastored his first church at eighteen years of age at Five Points Baptist Church. While attending Baylor he pastored Heidenheimer Baptist Church. He moved to Houston to pastor Cottage Grove Baptist Church. In 1960 he came to pastor Woodforest Baptist Church on the east side of Houston and stayed there for 48 years. He served with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was proud that Woodforest Baptist hosted the formation of the Southern Baptist of Texas and he served with them also. At retirement he became the Compassionate Care pastor for Fellowship of the Nations. The mission trips to Kenya were a highlight in his life. He began the work with the Kuna Indians in the San Blas Islands in 1959; he traveled the world preaching the gospel.

He loved people, ministry and missions and was an extremely knowledgeable Bible teacher. Bro. John's passion was preaching the gospel and winning souls to Christ. Countless people have accepted Christ as their Savior and have been impacted by John Brady's life of boldly witnessing and sharing his testimony.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Yvonne Scott Brady. They were childhood sweethearts and shared a beautiful marriage. His pride and joy were his family. He loved to brag on them every chance he could. He is also survived by son Scott Brady and wife Tricia, son Johnny Brady and wife Lisa, daughter Lydia Grimes and husband Randy. He was blessed with cine grandchildren as well as 17 great-grandchildren and a host of ""spiritual children" as was evident by glancing through the crowd on Tuesday. Members from Rotary Club of North Shore, as well as North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce were present as well as many former ESOL students who had learned English while attending Woodforest Baptist Church. Many of the men who went into ministry as well as those who had served alongside of him were present for the

The church was filled with many people from our community that learned to love others as well as love the community because of the words and actions of Brother John. In his honor, consider a donation to Fellowship of the Nations Missions.

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With the assistance of the HCSO Auto Theft and District 3 Crime Reduction Unit, 5 stolen vehicles were recovered along with numerous motors and stripped auto parts.

Multiple suspects were charged with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity in this ongoing investigation.

Great work by everyone involved!



Sheriff Ed Gonzalez commented "Outstanding

Our HCSO Auto Theft, District 3 Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), and Precinct 3 Constables Office dismantled a chop shop in East Harris County.

They recovered 5 stolen vehicles, a stolen engine & numerous vehicle parts valued at approximate-

3 suspects charged w/ Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity & are connected to several other chop shops.

It's common for stolen vehicles to be taken to chop shops to be dismantled and sold for parts. Chop shops are a lucrative business that law enforcement has to battle against. We've made proactive enforcement a priority, said the Sheriff.

### Hide it under her pillow



At bedtime, she may experience an unusual burst of energy.



### **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

### Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for January?"



#### January's Birthstone is Garnet

For babies born in January, the garnet is the perfect gem to represent their birthstone. This beautiful stone, which is most commonly red but can be found in a range of other colors, symbolizes peace, prosperity and good health. Some say it even has the power to give the wearer eternal happiness, health and wealth.

We say it's the perfect way to start each year!

Garnet is actually the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the Pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of Tsavorites. Some rare garnets are even blue, colorless, or-most rare of all-change colors in different lights. But the most common color is a beautiful range of reds, from rust colored to deep violet-red.

The garnet is a very durable gemstone (6.5-7.5 on the Mohs scale) found all over the world, including Wyoming, Czech Republic, Greece, Russia, Tanzania, Madagascar, Sri Lanka and

The folklore on garnet is extensive. Legend has it that the garnet can bring peace, prosperity and good health to the home. Some even called it the "Gem of Faith," and it's believed that to those who wear it and do good, more good will come. (Conversely, it was also said to bring very bad fortune to those who commit bad acts while wearing it.)

It is also believed that the garnet symbolizes deep and lasting friendship. With that "legend" in mind, give a garnet to someone whose friendship you deeply value. No matter why or how you wear garnet, this beautiful gemstone is perfect for those who share January birthdays and get to start each New Year with a sense of goodwill, happiness, and purpose.

#### HOW TO BUY GARNET

If you're looking to purchase a garnet for yourself or a loved one, it is a great way to celebrate friendship, toast a 2ndwedding anniversary or recognize the wearer's January birthday. When you're ready to buy a garnet, visit a jeweler you can trust to assist you like Pineforest Jewelry. Look at how the garnet reacts under light and check for an intense, saturated color.

Try to find a cut that spreads light evenly over the surface of the gemstone. This will help to bring out the overall beauty and color of the garnet. No matter which stone or piece you choose, remember that the garnet is known for its durability and richness of color, so your investment will not only have great emotional value but could be a piece that stands the test of time.

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

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

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Data Control Codes	-	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
5700	Revenues  Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 114.129.640	\$ 32,743,830	\$ 192.088	\$ 941,416	\$ 148,006,974
5800	State program revenues	135,793,332	193,989	\$ 192,088	3,039,479	139,026,800
5900	Federal program revenues	7,660,320	193,909		33,078,137	40,738,457
5020	Total Revenues	257,583,292	32.937.819	192.088	37,059,032	327,772,231
3020	Total neverties	237,303,232	32,337,023	132,000	37,033,032	327,772,231
	Expenditures					
	Current:					
0011	Instruction	137,331,341			15,427,069	152,758,410
0012	Instructional resources and media services	2,776,099			27,441	2,803,540
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff					
	development	5,339,655			3,325,083	8,664,738
0021	Instructional leadership	5,860,151			617,979	6,478,130
0023	School leadership	17,037,626			93,911	17,131,537
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation					
	services	8,924,798			772,917	9,697,715
0032	Social work services	634,197			460,148	1,094,345
0033	Health services	2,447,556			345,476	2,793,032
0034	Student transportation	8,394,754	-	-	315,539	8,710,293
0035	Food services	336,723			13,217,189	13,553,912
0036	Extracurricular activities	4,124,782			485,763	4,610,545
0041	General administration	9,228,106			1,500	9,229,606
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	27,622,946	-		235,358	27,858,304
0052	Security and monitoring services	3,698,027	-		348,453	4,046,480
0053	Data processing services	4,543,837			55,546	4,599,383
0061	Community services	1,359,139	-	-	1,115,357	2,474,496
	Debt service:					
0071	Principal on long-term debt		19,461,758			19,461,758
0072	Interest on long-term debt		17,335,504			17,335,504
0073	Bond issuance costs and fees		7,300			7,300
	Capital outlay:					
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction					
	expenditures	720,744		19,685,707		20,406,451
	Intergovernmental:					
0093	Payments related to shared					
	services arrangements				343,072	343,072
0099	Payments to appraisal district	1,051,148				1,051,148
6030	Total Expenditures	241,431,629	36,804,562	19,685,707	37,187,801	335,109,699
	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under)					
1100	expenditures	16,151,663	(3,866,743)	(19,493,619)	(128,769)	(7,337,468)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7912	Sale of real and personal property	158,465			7,686	166,151
8911	Transfers out	(20,000)				(20,000)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	138,465			7,686	146,151
1200	Net change in fund balance	16,290,128	(3,866,743)	(19,493,619)	(121,083)	(7,191,317)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	177,578,294	9,888,037	105,969,781	5,998,263	299,434,375
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 193,868,422	\$ 6,021,294	\$ 86,476,162	\$ 5,877,180	\$ 292,243,058



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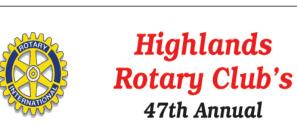
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### **Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King**

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The Civil Rights leader died at age 39, but his impact continues to this day. From his most famous "I Have a Dream" speech to his letter from a Birmingham jail, his message is truly timeless.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born and raised in the American South, but his dream of racial equality and social justice reverberated out of his region, into the whole country and around the world. And it just wasn't his vision that spanned the globe.

Central to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s transformative impact as an activist and leader - and to his enduring legacy as a global icon for human rights and justice was his deep-seated commitment to speak truth to power. From the famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" to the lesser known address "The Three Evils of Society," and countless other speeches that shook this nation's conscience and spurred hundreds of thousands into action, he demonstrated an unfaltering belief that truth is integral to justice.

"All we say to America is, 'Be true to what you said on paper," Dr. King said in 1968, in the last public address he made before he was assassinated. "Somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly Somewhere I read of freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of the press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right." Dr. King never wavered from his invocation that truth — regardless of how uncomfortable it may be is critical to America's ability to live up to its stated ideals. He never lost his faith in the power of truth, either. As he said in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in 1964: "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality."

The vision of a truly just, fair and equal America, which Dr. King spent his life working to build, is still being shaped today — and we all have a crucial role to play in its creation.

Just before he was assassinated at the height of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, Dr. King demanded that America live up to its promises. Dr. King also called upon everyday Americans to act in pursuit of justice. Many have been answering that call with unrelenting activism, organizing and advocacy. With our democracy hanging in the balance, however, it is up to all of us to answer that call. We must act in defense of the truth. We must defend our right to learn, teach and interrogate Black history — which is American history — and the right of our children and all children to know that history. We must defend the right to protest as a peaceful means of giving voice to our demands and our dissent. And we must defend

the right to vote as the bedrock of our fragile multiracial, multi-ethnic democracy.

1. "We are not wrong, we are not wrong in what we are doing. If we are wrong, the Supreme Court of this nation is wrong. If we are wrong, the Constitution of the United States is wrong. And if we are wrong, God Almighty is wrong. If we are wrong, Jesus of Nazareth was merely a utopian dreamer that never came down to Earth. If we are wrong, justice is a lie, love has no meaning. And we are determined here in Montgomery to work and fight until justice runs down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Address at Holt Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama,

2. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Letter from Birmingham Jail,

April 16, 1963 3. "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige, and even his life for the welfare of others.'

From his 1963 book, Strength to Love

4. "There are some things so dear, some things so precious, some things so eternally true, that they are worth dying for. And I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.'

Speech in Detroit on June 23, 1963

5. "When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'

Speech at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963

6. "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, December 10, 1964

7. "We've been in the mountain of war. We've been in the mountain of violence. We've been in the mountain of hatred long enough. It is necessary to move on now, but only by moving out of this mountain can we move to the promised land of justice and brotherhood and the Kingdom of God. It all boils down to the fact that we must never allow ourselves to become satisfied with unattained goals. We must always maintain

a kind of divine discontent."

Sermon at Temple Israel of Hollywood in June 1965

8. "When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

Address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on August 16, 1967

9. "We all have the drum major instinct. We all want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade. ... And the great issue of life is to harness the drum major instinct. It is a good instinct if you don't distort it and pervert it. Don't give it up. Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity."

Sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on Feb. 2, 1968

10. "Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like any man, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Almost every American adult (95%) believes he was an important figure in American history in CBS News polling. But it wasn't always that way. King's now uniform popularity isn't only because older generations died out. People's minds changed. King became a lot more popular among many people who didn't like him when he was alive.

It's been 27 years since former President Ronald Reagan signed the bill officially in 1983 acknowledging Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday to be celebrated on the 3 rd Tuesday of each January. A day cemented to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and to encourage all Americans to volunteer for a better community.

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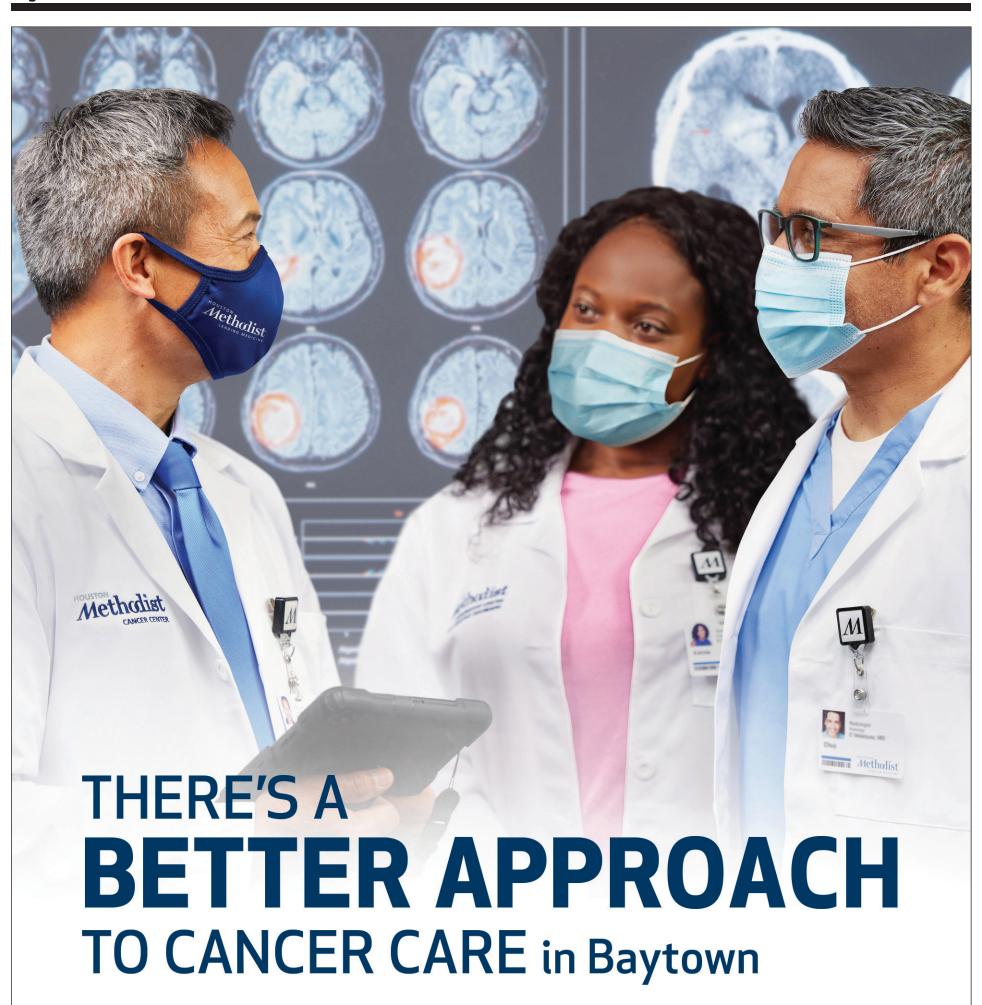
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