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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Edward Carter Jr. Honoree



Edward A. Carter Jr. / Medal
of Honor Recipient
Black History Month Honoree

2nd of a series...
By Allan Jamail

February, 14, 2024
~ When the Civil War ended, 21 African American soldiers wore the Medal of Honor. Blacks have earned our nation's highest honor in every war since then, except strangely eighty years later, World War II. Then 1.2 million blacks served in that conflict and many bravely died in it, yet not one received any of its 433 Medals of Honor.

As a warrior, Edward A. Carter Jr. had few peers and won several war battles.

He fought the Japanese as a teenager in China, and in Spain's Civil War in an American volunteer unit opposing Francisco Franco, the ruthless general and dictator who ruled Spain's fas

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North Shore Rotary FISH FRY Fundraiser Set Earlier This Year, on April 20

By David Taylor
Managing editor

Danna Niño has a big task as the fundraising chairman for the North Shore Rotary Club. She changed the date of the annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil for the first time in more than a decade to Saturday, April 20.

For at least 15 years, everyone has known that the fundraiser is the Saturday following Mother's Day. The common knowledge of the date has led to its success and ease in planning for everyone involved. However, the last few years have presented problems with the date.

"Last year, Channelview ISD hosted their graduation on the same day, and we've been talk-



ing about changing the date for a number of years, particularly during COVID," she explained.

Danna presented her change to the club who gave her the thumbs up.

"We work with our club member Dan Meaux who is in charge of the crawfish,

and he's warned us that the hotter months of May in the last few years have produced sub-par size crawfish making it harder to find large ones," something that didn't sit well with Niño and others in the club.

"We want to have the

best product we can serve our community," she said, and that included having to raise the price a few years back a nominal amount from \$10 to \$12 to accommodate the rising prices.

"We could have just any catfish, but we always ask

for the best farm fresh," Niño said.

Last year, the heat was enough to cause one person to be overcome while at the fundraiser.

Changing the date will solve a couple of problems but create a few more.

"Keeping the same date will conflict with Easter next year," she said, so she's already resigned to the fact the date may continue to shift.

Danna is calling on the public to help her get the word out because the fundraiser is dependent upon the overwhelming support they have received in the past.

"The date is going to be

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Tactical Gear gift to Galena Park Police

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. ~ Police Chief Richard Wagner said, "Our department has received critical life saving tactical gear which may make the difference between life and death not only to our officers but including students and the citizenry."

He said the bullet proof shields will allow officers to confront an assailant who may be heavily armed. The special equipment was made available from contributions by local businesses and was manufactured by Armor Upfitters.

Armor Upfitters is an American company that manufactures lightweight composite armor.



Galena Park Chief of Police Richard Wagner demonstrates holding a hand-held armor protection shield. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Using cutting-edge graphene nanotechnology and traditional American craftsmanship, they've developed a non-metallic, bulletproof armor that can be specialized for unlimited applications.

The company states with their base in the Greater Houston Area it allows them immediate access to some of the world's leading experts in graphene technology, petrochemical manufacturing, aerospace engineers, world-class universities, and experts from NASA.

Wagner said his department has two types of shields, one type is small hand-held shields to allow an officer responding to a call or dur-

ing a traffic stop quick and immediate protection from a shooter. It provides protection to the upper torso; they were also given armor proof helmets. These are to be kept in the patrol vehicles at all times. The fire department has been given some of the same types of gear.

The other type is about five feet tall by 30 inches wide giving complete body protection.

"By using two of the larger shields officers can put them side by side for cover and move them into and down a hallway and or corridor in pursuit of a gunman in a building and to rescue a hostage

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Task Force shoots two suspects in 2 days, one fatality results

EAST HARRIS COUNTY, Texas – A man who was wanted for sexual assault of a child was fatally shot by members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force in east Harris County Wednesday morning.

This was the second shooting of a suspect in this Woodforest area in two days.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said members of the task force were in the 14600 block of Lourdes Drive, attempting to arrest the fugitive wanted for five counts of sexual assault of a child.

The suspect shot by US Marshal, Harris County deputy fired at officials first in NE Harris County

He then got into his vehicle, and deputies tried to stop him.

He was wanted for charges out of Jackson



Scene of Fatal Shooting of Suspect by Task Force officers in an arrest attempt on Lourdes Drive in Woodforest last week.

County. His name and age were not released.

Gonzalez said no law enforcement officers were injured during the shooting, and this case will be presented to a grand jury.

On Tuesday, another suspect was shot by a US Marshal and Harris County Sheriff's deputy 10 minutes away from where the shooting happened today,

on Black Walnut Street near Beltway 8.

Gonzalez said the suspect fired at law enforcement while they were serving a drug-related warrant.

The suspect was transported to the hospital and expected to survive. No law enforcement officers were injured.

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PineForest Jewelry plans exciting New Store concept

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Visitors will be immersed in activities that are more than a shopping trip, Jim said. See more details and photos on Page 5.

SHELDON ISD NEWS

Celebrating the Work of Sheldon ISD Counselors



February 5-9 is National School Counseling Week 2024. Every day, school counselors make a difference for students. Sheldon ISD are so grateful for our counseling team in Sheldon ISD!

KHS Class of 2024 Top 10%
Revealed at Ceremony



On February 2, C.E. King High School celebrated their Top 10 at a Class of 2024 Top 10% reveal ceremony. Congratulations to valedictorian Cienna Ferguson and salutatorian Hannah Teagle.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

North Shore Mustangs Sign
Letters of Intent



Pictured from left to right, LaVonte Johnson, Rice University; Dillon Dixon, Lamar University; Khamani Hudson, University of California Berkley; and Jimmy Odom IV, Texas A&M University - Kingsville. (Photo Credit: Christopher Gause)

By Dr. Tommie L. Smith

The excitement in the air was palpable as four North Shore Senior High School Football Mustangs signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day, February 7, 2024. Players, coaches, and families gathered together to celebrate this momentous occasion. Through hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to their sport, these players have accomplished something special!

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Sign up to Read Across Sheldon
on March 1

Attention families, business partners, and community members! Here’s an amazing opportunity for you to give back to our schools. Sheldon ISD is hosting its first-ever Read Across Sheldon experience on Friday, March 1, from 9-10 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to spend their time reading at one of our nine locations. Sign up at www.sheldonisd.com/readinsheldon.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Galena Park ISD Surprises
Elementary and Secondary
Principal of the Year



By Dr. Tommie L. Smith

Congratulations to Toshia Gouard and Dr. Kimberly Martin for being named Galena Park ISD (GPISD) 2024 Elementary and Secondary Principal of the Year! Toshia Gouard has served as the principal of Tice Elementary School for six years, and Dr. Kimberly Martin has served as the principal of Galena Park High School for six years. GPISD would like to congratulate Toshia Gouard and Dr. Kimberly Martin and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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COUNTY MATTERS

Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee



New Federal Air Quality Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced new air quality standards for fine particulate matter (PM2.5), an airborne pollution typically emitted in large quantities at refineries and plants, construction sites, and other industrial facilities. Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee had previously submitted a formal comment advocating for stronger protections.

These stronger standards will lower the amount of fine particle pollution emitted by plants and factories and better control pollution often produced in densely populated areas. The EPA estimates this could prevent up to 4,500 premature deaths across the country.

PM2.5 exposure can lead to respiratory issues, irregular heartbeat, death in people with heart or lung diseases, and aggravated asthma. Harris County’s formal comments pointed to communities like Settegast in Northeast Houston where air monitors consistently report heightened PM exposure and has some of the lowest life expectancy in the county.

“Black and Brown communities in Harris County and around the country have disproportionately been affected by air pollution for decades,” said County Attorney Menefee. “Many of the facilities are located directly in neighborhoods, and these guidelines will ensure that we do as much as we can to limit harmful exposures. I’m pleased to see the EPA make this move, and I will do everything I can to ensure every person living in Harris County has clean air and water”

This decision is expected to impact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality’s (TCEQ) process for issuing permits to industrial facilities.

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About the Harris County Attorney’s Office

Christian D. Menefee serves as the elected, top civil lawyer for Texas’ largest county. The Harris County Attorney’s Office represents the county in all civil matters including lawsuits. Menefee leads an office of 250 attorneys and staff members. He entered office at 32 years old, making him the youngest person and first African American elected as the Harris County Attorney.

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OPINION

By Jennifer Hadayia, Exec. Director, Air Alliance Houston

Moving the Needle on Particulate Matter Pollution

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released the new, more protective standard for annual Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) pollution - from 12 microns (µg) m3 to 9 µg m3. This will put the Houston Area out of attainment and require improvement plans and stricter protections to help us reach attainment of the new PM2.5 standard.

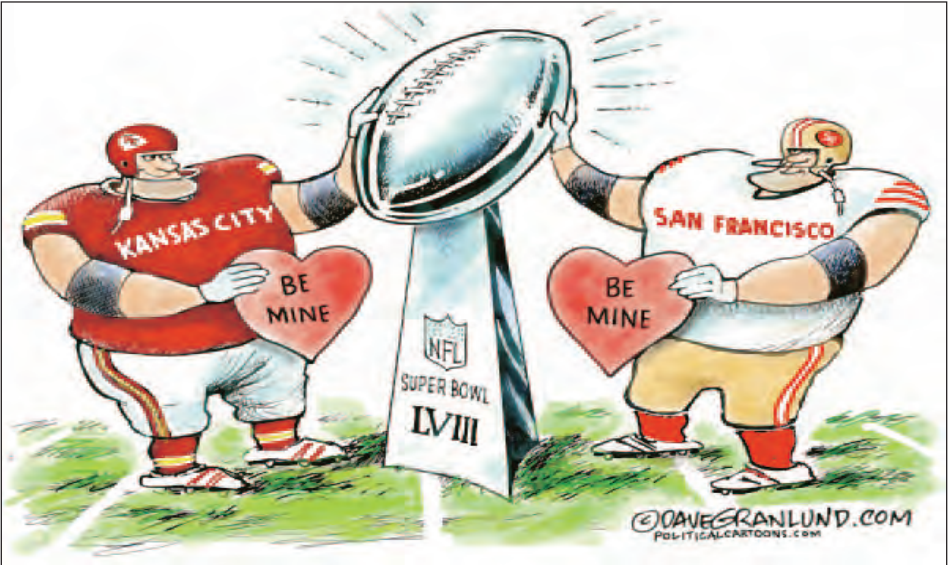
Air Alliance Houston has been working to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM2.5.

- Our Executive Director Jennifer Hadayia, MPA, Government Relations and Community Outreach Director Leticia Gutierrez, and Community Air Monitoring Program Manager Juan Flores all went to Washington D.C. last year and talked about these issues with multiple federal offices.

- Our Research and Policy team including Dr. Inyang Uwak and Coordinator Anthony D’Souza wrote a comment letter last March on this issue. The World Health Organization’s guideline level of exposure is much lower (5 µg m3) but this is a move in the right direction, and it will save lives. This was a brave decision for EPA as industry continues to lobby legislators against standards that protect community health. Read our Statement. Concrete batch plants are a major source of health-harming Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) pollution in many Houston neighborhoods. For years, AAH has held that the standard permit that these facilities are governed by does not do enough to protect communities from PM 2.5 and has advocated with residents for more protections.

We are glad to share with you that, earlier this month, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted improvements to the standard permit for concrete batch plants. While they did not go as far as we had hoped, this is a step in the right direction.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



TEA Annual Report Just Released

The Texas Education Agency’s annual report was released last week. It indicates per-student funding in the 2021-2022 school year averaged \$14,928 per student, up 42% since 2011. However, state funding has only risen slightly in the past decade, while local funding has increased substantially.

Texas public schools educate 5.518 million students while employing 371,778 teachers on 9,054 campuses, according to the report.

Compared to other states, Texas ranked 33rd in reading among fourth graders, and 41st among eighth grade readers, which were improvements over previous years. Texas public school students ranked 14th in math for fourth graders, down two slots, and 25th among eighth graders, up seven slots.

BORDER STANDOFF CONTINUES IN EAGLE PASS

Despite a 5-4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that U.S. Border Patrol agents can cut razor wire placed along the Texas-Mexico border to deter migrants from crossing the Rio Grande, Texas National Guard members and state troopers continue to lay down wire as a convoy of protestors from across the country heads to Eagle Pass. The Texas Tribune reported Gov. Greg Abbott has been joined by 25 Republican governors who support his claim the state has the right to supersede the federal government’s constitutionally mandated rights to control the nation’s border because of the migrant “invasion.” Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick also defended ignoring the high court ruling.

“We believe, constitutionally, we are right. We have a right to defend our citizens. We have a right to defend this country,” he said on Fox News.

Immigration rights groups say claims that immigrants are part of an invasion could lead to increased border vigilantism and violence.

WHISTLEBLOWER LAWSUIT AGAINST PAXTON CAN CONTINUE

The legal saga of a whistleblower lawsuit filed against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will continue despite his efforts to have it thrown out, even though the Texas Supreme Court issued an emergency ruling to delay his testimony temporarily, the Austin American-Statesman reported.



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Travis County state District Court Judge Catherine Mauzy ruled that the case, brought by four former top aides to Paxton who allege wrongdoing on the part of the attorney general, can move forward despite Paxton saying he will not contest the suit and will comply with any settlement agreement issued by the court.

TJ Turner, an attorney for the whistleblowers, said Paxton is attempting to avoid taking the stand.

“This is just the latest parlor trick in OAG’s quiver that they’ve deployed to avoid what the Attorney General fears most, and that’s testifying under oath,” Turner said, referring to the Office of the Attorney General.

Mauzy noted Paxton has been willing to concede the whistleblowers’ case but simultaneously maintain his innocence.

“Those seem to me to be contradictory positions,” she said.

CRIMINALS IMPERSONATE STATE IN ASSET SEIZURE ATTEMPTS

Some taxpayers are receiving fraudulent letters warning the state will seize their assets and property for unpaid taxes unless payment is received with seven days, the state comptroller’s office said. The letters did not come from the Comptroller’s office, which said in a news release that criminals have been running these types of scams for years. The letters demand immediate payment and often provide a false link for such payment.

“Be incredibly wary whenever you receive unexpected messages like these, as they can be a trap. The criminals’ threats

are designed to get you to react by calling the criminals’ phone number or clicking on a fake link to solve the problem. The consequences can be catastrophic,” the news release said.

Victims can not only lose money but can become victims of identity theft or have malware installed on their computers simply by clicking on a scam link.

If you receive an unexpected message of this type, do not respond in any fashion. Instead, call the Comptroller’s Collection Team at 800-252-8880.

COURTHOUSE ARSONIST FOUND GUILTY

A man accused of setting fires at the historic Mason County Courthouse and an occupied home was found guilty last week. Nicholas Miller was accused of starting both fires almost three years ago, according to investigators with the state fire marshal’s office.

“I want to thank our investigators and the local public safety authorities for their case,” said Debra Knight, state fire marshal. “By coordinating evidence, communication and resources, we worked together to achieve justice and further enhance the safety of Texans.”

The building was being prepared for restoration at the time of the fire, and all county records and documents had been relocated just weeks before the blaze.

Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 28.

HIGH COURT QUESTIONS 2021 STORM POWER PRICES

The Texas Supreme Court heard arguments last week in a case questioning a government order that sent electric rates soaring during 2021’s Winter Storm Uri. The case was brought by Luminant, a subsidiary of Vistra Corp., which argues the Public Utility Commission exceeded its authority with the emergency pricing order, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The emergency order was put in place during a widespread blackout that resulted in \$16 billion in overcharges, The News reported. The high prices led to a number of bankruptcies among utilities, including Brazos Electric Power Cooperative.

Luminant argued that the PUC is prohibited by law from overruling the competitive market to set prices.

“This is as clear a case as we believe ... of an agency not staying within its lane and busting through the rails, the guardian rails that the Legislature has put in place,” Luminant’s attorney Allyson Ho said.

TEXAS IS THIRD-DEADLIEST STATE TO DRIVE THROUGH

Texas trails only California and Florida as the most dangerous state to drive through, according to a recent study reported by the Statesman. The state averages 15.4 fatal crashes per 100 miles. Of the 10 most dangerous interstates in the country on which to drive, two of them come through the Lone Star State – I-35E and I-45.

I-35E, which runs north-bound through the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, had nearly 30 fatal crashes per 100 miles, while I-45, from Galveston to Dallas, averaged 24.6 fatal crashes per 100 miles.

Be careful out there!

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Palazzo Pants



My Facebook feed reminded me that, exactly 12 years ago, I was considering buying palazzo pants.

I found this astonishing because just that day I had been looking at palazzo pants, and I had not mentioned it to Facebook—or anyone else, except my husband, Peter. Peter did not even know what palazzo pants are.

“You know, they have really wide legs,” I told him.

“Isn’t that what you just bought?”

I honestly wonder if Peter notices anything at all. The pants I just bought are harem pants. They have elastic around the ankles. They are 100% cotton, and they are green and blue and have pockets. They are fun to wear and very comfortable, but they are certainly not palazzo pants.

“Palazzo pants have big bells at the bottom. And they are usually slippery.”

“Slippery?”

“Yeah. Kind of.”

“Whatever.”

I could tell no useful wardrobe advice was going to come from Peter. But I must add, in all fairness, he always dutifully tells me I look fine in whatever I wear.

I did not buy palazzo pants 12 years ago. Apparently, I considered it, but I remember I did not do it. And I guess, after that first palazzo pant flirtation, I thought the subject was closed, and I was simply not a palazzo pant wearer.

But I have heard that the periodical cicada hatches every 17 years and wreaks havoc on the fruit trees, and, when I was young, I saw a forest tent caterpillar outbreak, where every bit of green was devoured by nasty worms that appear every 10-16 years. I now suspect that the urge to buy palazzo pants is something similar. It’s best to be prepared.

Once I was reminded of my close brush with a palazzo pants purchase in the past, I did what any sensible person would do. I posted my dilemma on Facebook, telling folks that I was, once again, considering it. My friends immediately weighed in.

“Resist that urge, Carrie! Stay strong!” my friend from college, Jennifer, wrote.

“I think we need more baggy pants,” wrote Chris, who is a man and, like my husband, obviously had no idea what palazzo pants are.

A couple of friends said, “Go for it!” But I had the impression they would have said that if I’d suggested shaving my head, getting a navel piercing or joining a cult. These are good friends to have, but not always the best source of objective advice.

I went back to the store to look at the palazzo pants in question. I tried to imagine where I would wear these pants, and nothing came to mind. I could imagine them swishing around my ankles. I would wear platform shoes and enormous hoop earrings. I imagined the person I would be, wearing palazzo pants, and a whole new world opened up before me. A world that, in actual fact, did not exist.

In the end, better sense prevailed.

I did not buy palazzo pants. I left them hanging in the store, where I am sure they will be purchased by someone much younger and hipper who already owns a lot of hoop earrings. But I now feel prepared.

I fully expect another attack of palazzo pants to hit. I’ll be in my 70s when the next outbreak arrives, and I’ll be ready. This time, I suspect I will buy palazzo pants—and I will probably not stop at a single pair. By the time I hit 80, I may wear nothing but palazzo pants.

And that’s not a bad thing to look forward to.

Till next time,
Carrie

Black History Month,

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cist troops.

But one skirmish he couldn't win, at least in his own lifetime, was the fight he waged at home against ignorance, bigotry and McCarthyism.

A disheartened Carter died at age 47 in January 1963 without an inkling that he would become, more than three decades later, California's most decorated African American hero of World War II.

President Clinton in 1997 righted some of the wrongs inflicted on Carter during his lifetime when he posthumously awarded Carter this country's highest decoration for heroism in combat, The Medal of Honor.

Carter's contributions to the California National Guard and to his exploits on the battlefields is on exhibit in California's Military Museum, the state's official military heritage museum in Old Sacramento.

"It's taken 31½ years of research and pressing the Army to do the right thing, but the recognition he so deserved is finally on its way," said Carter's daughter-in-law, Allene Carter in 2000, the family member most responsible for uncovering Carter's unsung heroism. "We're excited about it."

Gregory Tracy, curator of the California Military Museum, said Carter was "the consummate soldier, an American hero who continued to hold his country in high regard" despite the prejudice he encountered throughout his military career. "In a democratic nation, there is an ability to correct deep injustices," said California Military Museum Director Donald E. Mattson.

"What's amazing is once he was allowed to go into combat it only took him 11 days to earn the Medal of Honor," Allene Carter said, pointing out that Army policy relegated most African American troops to behind-the-lines non-combat roles until March 1945.

When the opportunity to fight arose, Carter gave up his sergeant's stripes and volunteered for an all-black infantry platoon. Eleven days later, he found himself pinned down outside an enemy-held warehouse with five bullets and three shards of shrapnel in his body, the rest of his patrol some distance away.

Army records show that when Carter refused to show himself, the Germans sent eight of their own out to get him, and Carter opened up with his Thompson submachine gun, killing six of the enemy and forcing the other two to surrender.

Using the captured Germans as human shields, Carter rejoined his company, pointed out the machine gun nests he had found on patrol and turned over his prisoners, who provided information that paved the way for a U.S. advance.

Carter's exploits earned him the nation's second-highest honor for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, and 42 years later, the top prize: the Medal of Honor.

But in the years after the war, with communism posing a threat, McCarthyism taking hold and racism entrenched in some segments of society, Carter's colorful past became the subject of Army counterintelligence inquiries. Incredibly, he was denied re-enlistment.

Carter had been a soldier since his teens.

The son of a traveling missionary to Shanghai, Carter attended military school and fought with the Chinese Nationalist Army until his father got him



Edward Carter with Thompson Submachine Gun

booted by revealing that he had yet to turn 18 years old.

After riding a merchant ship to Manila and being rebuffed when he tried to enlist in the U.S. Army, Carter joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, a group of American volunteers in the Spanish Loyalists' fight against Gen. Francisco Franco's fascist regime.

That 2 1/2-year experience exposed Carter to fierce combat, got him captured and later cast a political cloud over his loyalty to the United States. Many of those in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade turned out to be members of the U.S. Communist Party, a fact that tarnished the reputations and careers of the hundreds who weren't.

As the Red scare spread, Carter was denied re-enlistment and his name was deleted from the California National Guard honor rolls, all "part of a design to destroy his entire military career," Allene Carter said.

But Allene Carter launched a crusade in 1996 to restore her father-in-law's dignity, and Army records ultimately proved he had been wrongly stigmatized by innuendo and fear-based hysteria.

After months of volunteering, Carter's platoon made it into combat, yet he had to accept demotion to private. This was because his superiors would not allow a black to command white troops. He eventually served in the "Mystery Division" of blacks in Patton's Third Army. (The Mystery Division performed missions requiring uniforms without identifying unit insignia.) On March 23, 1945, Private Carter earned his Medal of Honor, was recommended, but received the nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross because of his race.

At the height of his military career he was even close to General George S. Patton, serving as one of the general's guards. Patton had no room for prejudice in the ranks and reinstated his sergeant's rank. They had a strong bond with the fact they both believed they had been visited by a spirit who foretold accomplishments on the battlefield.

The Medal of Honor Deed:

Carter's unit was the Seventh Army Infantry Company Number 1 (Provisional) attached to the 56th Armored Infantry Battalion, 12th Armored Division. In concert with the Third U.S. Army it was advancing toward Speyer, Germany on March 23, 1945. Speyer, a city of about 50,000 was a target in a race to secure bridgeheads.

The tank on which

Carter, then 28, and other infantrymen were riding came under heavy small arms and anti-armor fire. Unit members thought the fire had come from a large warehouse on the outskirts of town. This resulted in him volunteering to lead three other soldiers on a patrol against the German position. They advanced toward the structure and took cover where they located and assessed the approximate enemy strength. They left this cover to cross 150 yards or so of open fields to the warehouse.

One American soldier was soon killed and Carter sent the two survivors back to hold the position covering his advance. There, another comrade was killed and the other seriously wounded by the German defenders. Carter inched his way to a place of safety behind a ridge 30 yards away and endured an exchange of gunfire with the warehouse. Along the way, his deadly fire knocked out two enemy machine gun nests and a mortar crew.

He paid a price though, as a machine gun burst put three bullets through his left arm. Continuing, he was knocked to the ground by another wound to his left leg. Then, after taking "wound tablets" a drink from his canteen was interrupted with another wound through his left hand. Three shrapnel wounds followed and were credited for pain he endured the rest of his life.

After enduring Carter's close proximity and periodic fire, German officers in the warehouse finally sent eight soldiers to flush him out and finish him off. He lay still for two hours until the patrol approached him, thinking the blood-soaked American soldier was dead.

Suddenly, Carter, seriously wounded, opened fire with his .45-caliber submachine gun. He shot six of the enemy dead and took the other two prisoner. Using them as a human shield, the sergeant made his way back to the American tanks. As another act of courage, Carter refused to be evacuated until he could report all he had observed and extract needed information about the enemy's emplacement from his German speaking prisoners.

He died a heartsick man, never knowing the real reason for his country's post-war rejection of him. He died peacefully of lung cancer in the UCLA Medical Center, a Los Angeles hospital, on January 30, 1963 at 47 years of age, his doctors attributed the discovery of lung cancer due to shrapnel still in his neck.

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ARTIST'S CONCEPT OF THE NEW PINEFOREST JEWELRY "EXPERIENCE"

DIAMOND JIM'S "WOW EXPERIENCE" CONCEPT

To this day, Diamond Jim insists that every customer receive a "WOW Experience" from the moment they walk through the door. That dedication to exceeding customer expectations is the reason Pineforest Jewelry has earned the reputation as one of the highest rated jewelry stores in Houston, Texas. And now they are taking this "Experience" to the next level...construction of an 8,000 SF theme jewelry store. Slated to open in late 2024, "Diamond Jim's Pineforest Jewelry Experience" will offer customers a unique jewelry experience unlike any other.

Upon your arrival, you will find a jewelry store that inside and outside is based on an 1800s gold mine experience. At the entrance you will be greeted by a statue of a gold miner panning gold, a genuine ore cart on rails, and a boulder-sur-



Linda and Jim Mills celebrate the progress, as Jim Cihak applauds.

rounded entrance to the gold mine. You won't see expensive crystal chandeliers, but instead will find mining tools, artifacts, mining timbers, stalactites and stalagmites, and the sounds of mining in the background!. In addition, videos of gold and silver mining, diamond mining, diamond and gemstone cutting, pearl diving, jewelry manufacturing and repair, and countless other jewelry-related videos

will be located throughout the store. Our complete repair facility may be viewed through a continuous glass wall. An old time "Assay Office" will complete the feeling of the olden days... where your gold, silver, coins, and other precious metals can be evaluated and sold...or traded as the case may be. And last, but not least, you will be able to relax and complete your experience in our 600 SF restaurant!

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GET TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!!

This special edition will run the week of February 27-30 and salutes the strength of the east Harris County area economy with local business and industry. With features and a history of area iconic work, the community can learn about your business/industry and how it contributes to the success of the area—Highlands, Crosby, Huffman, Dayton, Barbers Hill, North Shore, Channelview, Sheldon, Galena Park, and Jacinto City. With one of the three sizes listed below, your business can submit a photo and article (dependent on the size of the ad) to go with your ad.

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North Shore Rotary Moves Fundraiser to Earlier Date,

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a battle, but we have a great club and community whose very supportive. We'll work it out," she said.

Another problem for Danna is the earlier date also means early deadlines.

"This week is the last week we can take sponsorships because tickets, banners, and posters have to be printed the following week," she said.

There are three different levels of sponsorship: Silver for \$2,500, Gold at \$5,000, and \$10,000 for Diamond. Each level has their own benefits including food tickets, raffle tickets, shirts, caps, wristbands for the full bar, and media opportunities.

It also means a shorter timetable to sell tickets, which will now be available in the last week of January and will be sold by every member of the club.

Food ticket prices are \$12, and the raffle tickets remain at \$100 which also includes two meal tickets. Food service is between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"We have a cap on how many raffle tickets we will sell at 2,500," she said.

There are 25 prizes in the drawing, the top one being a choice between two vehicles.

There is a silent auction which businesses in the area can donate to and a live auction that begins after noon.

The largest portion of the money that is raised is for scholarships. Every year, the scholarship com-



Rotarian Scott Stephens, at right, helps with last year's Live Auction at the North Shore Crawfish Boil and Catfish Fry.

mittee interviews students for area districts who apply for the funding and receives varying amounts according to their need.

Money is also dispersed to youth programs, senior citizens programs, veterans, and the annual Christmas food basket giveaways. This year they increased the number of baskets for needy families to 100 for each of the three school districts: Channelview, Galena Park, and Sheldon.

"This year we also partnered with the county and brought back the bicycles for kids too," she said.

The Rotary Club has for years partnered with other organizations and government to provide amenities throughout the North Channel area including the Rotary Pavilion, the baseball park in

North Shore, water park and pavilion in Cloverleaf, park in Channelview, and most recently, the Yellow Bird Park and Trails behind the county courthouse on Wallisville Road.

"Often, we have people in the community or businesses who just give us money for the fundraiser and don't want the tickets or any prizes, just to support the work we do in the community," Danna said.

She has picked, "It's time!" as her theme for this year.

"I kept it simple. It's time for Rotary. It's time for the community to come together. It's time to raise money. It's time," she said.

To get more information on the Rotary fundraiser to buy tickets or become a sponsor, contact Danna at 713-410-5352.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect shot in Drug Raid in Woodforest area

NORTH CHANNEL — In the first of two drugs raids, held on two consecutive days in the Woodforest area, a man was wounded during an officer-involved shooting as members of the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force were serving a warrant, according to Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

Members of the task force approached the front door of the home around 6 a.m., knocked and announced themselves, the sheriff's office said. When no one answered, they knocked down the door.

Investigators said the wanted man had a gun and fired at the officers. A bullet was lodged in one of their shields, they said. At that point a Harris County Sheriff's Office deputy and a U.S. marshal shot him. The man, whose name hasn't been released, was taken to the hospital in critical condition, according to Gonzalez.

There were six other people, including women and children, inside the home during the shooting but no one



STREET SCENE on Black Walnut Drive after the shooting. Neighbors and Task Force Deputies gather to discuss the activity.

else was hurt.

No law enforcement officers were injured, either.

The task force was serving a warrant involving drug felony charges at the home on Black Walnut Drive in the Cloverleaf area in far east Harris County.

"We do take this very seriously. We do have an accountability process where we have the Harris County District Attorney's Office investigate," Major Saul Saurez, HCSO's Criminal Investigations Bureau, said. "Our internal affairs division, but also we're doing a thorough investigation with our crime scene unit and also our homicide unit."

What is the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force?

The Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force is a task force that's made up of local, state, and federal agents and local police officers. Their mission is to go after the most violent offenders.

U.S. Marshal Thomas Michael O'Connor said the suspect fired at the task force members who breached the home. One of the bullets was found in their shield.

"This enables us to have a force multiplier to go after the worst of the worst in the region and in the Houston area," O'Connor said. "Unfortunately, this subject decided that he was gonna fire upon our entry team."

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Precinct 2 Seniors on Day Trip to Nederland

On Thursday, February 1st we enjoyed our latest daytrip with the seniors from Aldine and the Leonel Castillo Community Center of Harris County Pct. 2.

Thanks to Commissioner Adrian Garcia for providing us retirees with this opportunity to socialize, relax, laugh, explore, and to just feel grateful for being alive.

—By Marina Sugg



DUTCH WINDMILL MUSEUM and TEX RITTER PARK, Nederland Texas.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — The children of four-time “Superman” Christopher Reeve bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father’s passing at the age of 52. The documentary follows his rise to fame through 1995, when he was thrown from a horse, breaking two vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played Katharine Hepburn’s grandson on Broadway in “A Matter of Gravity.” He also starred in the soap “Love of Life” and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap. The photos and story ran in Soap Opera Digest, and I invited him to stay in my guest room in Hollywood if he ever needed to.



Christopher Reeve (“Superman”)

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in “Gray Lady Down” with Charlton Heston and Rosemary Forsyth, and he became my house guest. I shot new photos of him, and two of them were sent to the producers of the upcoming “Superman” movie, who saw the jawline of the future “Man of Steel” in my photographs.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become “Superman” for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as “Somewhere in Time” (1980). In 2006, despite having partial paralysis and being in a wheel chair, he directed and executive produced the computer-animated sports comedy “Everyone’s Hero,” with the voices of Rob Reiner, William H. Macy, Raven-Symone and Whoopi Goldberg. Christopher truly was a super man!

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com “Anyone but You” passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film “Hit Man” (due June 7) and the disaster film “Twisters” with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for “Huntington,” which was inspired by the 1949 Brit-

ish comedy “Kind Hearts and Coronets.” It starred Sir Alec Guinness (Obi-Wan Kenobi from “Star Wars”).

Both Margot Robbie and Greta Gerwig of “Barbie” were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay — and Robbie as a producer of “Barbie.”

In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for “Lady Bird” (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for “Little Women” (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for “I, Tonya” (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for “Bombshell” (2019).

“Oscar” is not a person who snubs anyone! He’s comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Kapow!"

4 React in horror

8 Pitcher Nolan

12 Flamenco cheer

13 Genesis shepherd

14 Spanish greeting

15 Squealer

16 Drive -- window

17 "-- the picture!"

18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly

21 Rowing tool

22 Expert

23 Japanese verse

26 Glutton

27 Ultramodernist

30 Rhine feeder

31 Golf prop

32 Basketball tactic

33 Tibetan beast

34 4, on a phone

35 Dollar divisions

36 Observe

37 Texter's chuckle

38 Where something is created

45 QB Tony

46 Ocho --,

6 Lowly worker

7 Fruit-filled dessert

8 Horned beast

9 Meditative practice

10 Mr. Guinness

11 Post-WWII alliance

19 Pepsi rival

20 URL ending

23 Stable diet?

24 Small battery

25 Annoy

26 JFK Library architect

27 Convent resident

28 Tolkien creature

29 Approves

31 Math statement

32 Sub shop

34 "My word!"

35 Waist-cinching garment

36 Tea biscuit

37 Unfettered

38 Baby carriage

39 "Damn Yankees" role

40 Latin 101 word

41 Blaze

42 Periodontist's concern

43 Rapsallions

44 Kvetches

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed “Kooks” and “Pogues”?

2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?

3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like “Changes” and “Let’s Dance”?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?

6. AD SLOGANS: Which company’s advertising slogan is “the ultimate driving machine”?

7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to “i.e.”?

8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?

9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, “Mischief. Mayhem. Soap.”?

10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

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1. “Outer Banks.”; 2. 2004.; 3. David Bowie.; 4. England.; 5. An ostentation or a pride.; 6. BMW.; 7. Id est (that is).; 8. The Labyrinth.; 9. “Fight Club.”; 10. 37.

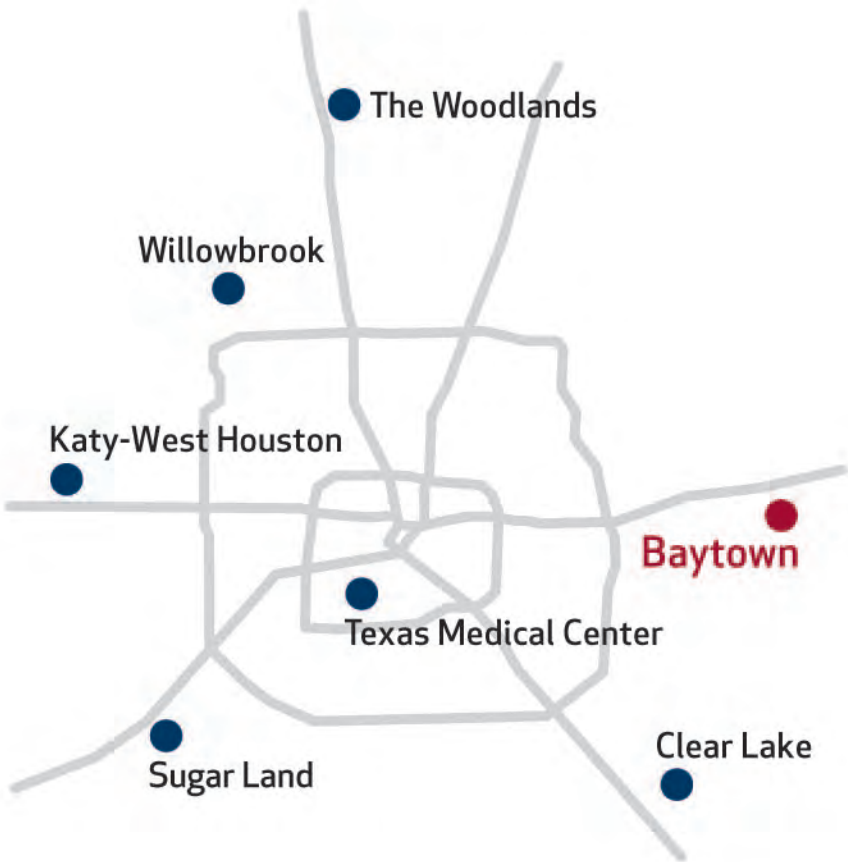
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