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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Channelview celebrates FFA Heritage and History with 61st Annual Parade and Livestock Auction

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

North Shore Rotary FISH FRY Saturday April 20

North Shore Rotary will hold its 49th Annual Catfish Fry, Shrimp and Crawfish Boil. Serving from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road behind the Court-house.

Also a Live and Silent Auction, and a Raffle to award a lucky ticket holder a new Toyota Tundra Pickup truck, or a Toyota Rav4 SUV, from Community Toyota*Honda*Kia. Raffle tickets \$100, Food Tickets \$15, available from all North Shore Rotarians, or call 713-410-5352 for ticket info.

Pilot Club Puzzle Competition Sunday April 21

The public is invited to the San Jacinto Pilot Club Puzzle Competition, Sunday April 21 from 3pm to 5pm at the Hampton Inn, 14120 Karissa Court, Houston 77049. \$25 per person includes beverages and snacks. Tickets from any club member, or 281-701-9993 or 281-221-1616.

Sixty-one years of hard work was celebrated on the streets of Channelview last Saturday morning when the annual parade showcased students who have spent months working on projects.

Floats featuring area businesses, bidders, and students left the parking lot of Schochler Elementary and processed east down Woodforest Boulevard to hundreds of cheering fans. The cortege turned north onto Sheldon Road and ended the parade in the parking lot of the administration building.

The auction began shortly thereafter with bidding coming at a feverish pitch.

FFA director and sponsor Wesley Hutchins said they didn't have final numbers on how much was raised during the week at the auction and fair but would announce those at a later date.

Here's a few photos from the weekend's festivities.

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The Channelettes were joined by the Falcon band and Junior ROTC in the parade, the three largest organizations in the high school. (Photo by David Taylor)



Channelview Volunteer Fire Department showed off one of their vintage fire engines in the parade along with a host of other apparatus that were scattered throughout the parade. (Photo by David Taylor)



The Channelview High School Student Council sponsored a float in the 61st annual Channelview FFA parade last Saturday, April 6. (Photo by David Taylor)



Senior Cori McCloskey won Grand Champion Steer at the 61st annual Channelview FFA Livestock Show and Fair. (photo courtesy TJ Johnson Photography)



Senior Cori McCloskey won Grand Champion Lamb at the 61st annual Channelview FFA Livestock Show and Fair. (photo courtesy TJ Johnson Photography)

WOODLAND ACRES ELEMENTARY HOLDS CAREER DAY

By Allan Jamail

March 28, 2024 at the GPISD's Woodland Acres Elementary School (WAES) students of grades third thru fifth were exposed to career opportunities and to the related college courses needed to achieve in them.

Principal Sandra Rodriguez, Assistant Principal Alaide Zavala and Lead Counselor Charlene Marsh have always went the extra mile to make sure their students get a well rounded early education in things that matter.

Counselor Charlene Marsh was the Career Day Coordinator; she did an excellent job scheduling each separate class into the vendor's location. She was assisted by teachers of the 3rd thru 5th grades that participated. Also helping was Art Teacher Sonia Lloyd and Physical Education Coach Adrian Watkins.

San Jacinto College (SJC) was a vendor and their courses were presented by Outreach Advisor

Grecia Benitez. Students were given lanyards, pens, pencils, cups, erasers etc each with the SJC logo and contact information. Ms. Benitez handed out pamphlets which explained the affordability for their college education, how to enroll and how to pay for their SJC education. For a complete review of SJC visit: sanjac.edu or call 281-998-6150 or email: student.recruitment@sjcd.edu.

Community Family Centers (CFC) vendor presenter was Ms. Nallely Trevino. She explained how the CFC can help them and their adult family members receive educational assistance. She provided handout flyers which explained resources available through CFC.

Community Family Centers was founded in 1972, they equip families with the tools they need to become self sufficient members of the community. They work towards their mission by providing

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ABOVE: Woodland Acres Elementary School's (WAES) Career Day. Outreach Advisor Grecia Benitez for San Jacinto College with students. Photo by Allan Jamail

RIGHT: Isaiah Jamail a student at the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business presented the WAES students ways for them to become an entrepreneur so they can own their own business. On the table are copies of the North Channel Star, part of a Career demonstration. Photo by Allan Jamail



SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon Students and Educators Recognized at Chamber Luncheon



At the April 5 North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon, three Sheldon ISD educators and three students were recognized and celebrated for their achievements. The following were recognized as Student and Educator of the Month:

King High School: Joe Flores and Octavia Gilshenan King Middle School: Jorge Herrera and Bradley Boone Null Middle School: Jonathan Rodriguez and Madison Philip

King High School Teacher Receives Surprise Visit



Dr. Stacy B. Cross, a criminal justice instructor at King High School, is the recipient of an excellence in teaching award presented by Precinct 3 and Houston Sports. He was surprised with a \$1,000 check and a \$4,000 for the school on Wednesday, April 3. Dr. Cross has been instrumental in initiating countless work-based learning experiences for criminal justice students at KHS which include Youth Police Advisory Council (YPAC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy, and Federal Career Day - Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney.

Registration is open for 2024-25 prekindergarten students

Registration is now available for families in Sheldon ISD with a prekindergarten-aged child. To register, children must be four years old by September 1, 2024. Go to www.sheldonisd.com/register.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

GPISD Is Making The Connection

Local law enforcement and Galena Park ISD joined forces to create a unique opportunity for students to interact with service professionals. The event, hosted by Galena Park ISD's CTE Department at the Agriculture Facility on Friday, April 4, 2024, aimed to promote positive connections between students and service professionals. Precinct 1 Deputy Clint Brown was instrumental in coordinating the event, which attracted approximately 700 elementary students.

The event featured a range of booths and activities, including the Galena Park Public Library, Texas EquuSearch, a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter, Texas State Troopers, Coast Guard, Fire Departments, Deputies, and other service professional teams from surrounding areas. Students were invited to engage with the service professionals and learn more about the important work they do. One highlight of the event was the opportunity for students to step into the shoes of service professionals for a day. Students were named firefighters, FBI Agents, DEA officers, Coast Guard, and Deputies for a day, giving them a taste of what it's like to work in these fields. The students had a great time, and the event provided an opportunity for them to "Make the Connection" with service professionals.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, with students gaining valuable insights into the work of service professionals and building positive connections with these individuals. The collaboration between local law enforcement, community-based organizations, and Galena Park ISD highlights the importance of community partnerships in promoting positive outcomes for our students.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Home

We have all heard the saying “Home is where the heart is”. How do you define home? Some people will tell you about their home having a wraparound front porch complete with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Others will tell you that their home is an apartment in a new complex, where they were the first to rent that unit. Others will describe the landscaping and bubble with excitement about how many times they have been recognized as “the yard of the month”. Yet others will not say much.

Some neighbors will mention how many people live in the house and how many animals they have. Others will share that it is a home that has been in the family for several generations. Still others will tell you that they are the first in their family to own a home. Others will tell you how due to the economy they lost the home of their dreams.

I was sharing with some friends last week that to me, home is much more than where I lay my head at night. Home to me is the blessing of living in the same zip code for more than five decades. It is being familiar with the community. It is being able to share of the history of the community. And if you know me at all, you know I shared about the history of the founding of Woodforest National Bank, and how it started here in our community. I shared that Gary Keller, another North Shore graduate founded Keller Williams Real Estate.

I shared that not only does North Shore have many graduated that made it into the NFL but also Danielle Crockrum was drafted to the WNBA as she graduated from Baylor University. I mentioned that even though Jalen Hurts graduated from Channelview High School, he lived in North Shore for the majority of his life.

I could not help but share that San Jacinto College baseball has appeared in the Junior College World Series more than any other team in America. Or that we have a homegrown Justice of the Peace who played for the Houston Rockets. I also mentioned that we have numerous teachers in our local school districts that are the second or third generation in their family to do so.

I mentioned that among the many churches in the area, Uvalde Baptist Church just celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary and First Baptist Jacinto has their seventieth anniversary coming this August. I mentioned that Youth Reach Houston has been in the heart of the community for over thirty five years, giving young boys a second chance at life—with no government support.

I could not help but mention that my home is home of the Rotary Club of North Shore. Not just your average service club, but one that reaches into every corner of the community from donating the first ambulance to North Channel EMS, to donating food annual for the holidays and delivering food to many shut-ins on Thanksgiving. And of course, I mentioned that since the majority of our community is in the unincorporated area, we do not wait on help when there is an emergency. We just move to make things happen. We rely on the neighbors God has placed in our lives.

I love my home community and I love to tell others how special it is.

Buckshot Jamboree: A Musical Treasure



BUCK SLOAN PERFORMS ON THE FIDDLE AT THE BUCKSHOT JAMBOREE.



BUCK'S WIFE SHIRLEY JOINS IN FOR A DUET.

Still making great Country Music every Saturday night, with a loyal group of fans and performers, Buck and Shirley Sloan are a great asset to the North Channel community.

You can hear them at their Concert Hall, at 7414 Hartman, of the Old Beaumont Highway US90. Everyone welcome, it's a great way to spend a relaxed, inexpensive Saturday evening. Shirley and the Jamboree staff will make you feel welcome and want to come back.

Woodland Acres Elementary Career Day,

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a safe and nurturing environment for children to excel and adults to learn, by strengthening community partnerships, and through the promotion of cultural understanding and community empowerment.

Some of their programs are: Family Support Services, Adult Education, Youth Services and Early Childhood Education. This is all made possible by donors and volunteers who support the CFC programs.

CFC's Ms. Rosalba Castillo, Director of Youth Services can be contacted for the information needed to get their assistance. Contact her at: rocastillo@communityfamilycenters.org or phone 713.923.2316 ext 4237. Visit: communityfamilycenters.org.

Isaiah Jamail a student at the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business made a presentation in behalf of the university. He said students of Bauer learn how to succeed in making a career in the many financial investments markets. He also said they'd learn how they can become an entrepreneur and own their own business. something many students dream of. Students asked many questions about the prospect of becoming a business owner. For more information

about UH's Bauer College of Business and how it helps shapes the world of business through leading-edge programs and innovative thinking visit: www.bauer.uh.edu.

Jacinto City's Police K-9 dog handler Sergeant A. Seydler gave students his presentation using his dog named Fly. Students are always interested in becoming a police officer.

Fly is a 7 year old Malinois/Shepherd from Europe. The breed is known for their high energy that loves to put their intelligence and intense focus to work. Fly's trained to sniff-out narcotics and can track human scent.

Seydler and Fly trained together at the Houston K9 Academy before putting him to work on duty. Fly has to be continually trained and kept qualified for making criminal cases subject to convictions in criminal court cases.

Allan Jamail, a freelance photojournalist for the North Channel Star gave students a career path in journalism and photojournalism. He said most any college teaches journalism and photography. He demonstrated how to take photos of people and or events and then get them published. Students reviewed previous newspapers on display of the North Channel Star.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "The Power of Three?"

The world is your oyster
The power of three. The anatomy of a Rolex, part 3



This is the “Tripllock” winding crown from Rolex. It is equipped with an innovative system they introduced in 1970 on the Sea-Dweller: a “triple lock” that creates three sealed zones. As early as 1926, their Oyster case came with a screw-down crown to prevent what “can” happen: water, sweat or dust entering the watch.

Then, in 1954, Rolex conceived the Twinlock winding crown and its added waterproof barrier to counter what “could” happen: for instance, a rare incident which could compromise a gasket during a dive. As for their Tripllock winding crown, it was created to face what purely “can’t” happen: the crown somehow unscrewing itself at 11,000 meters (36,090 feet) below the surface... Hence, whatever the depth, Rolex sealed their watches from the impossible.

Credit to Rolex for the content of this article
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OPINION PAGE

OPINION
By Jennifer Hadayia, Exec. Director, Air Alliance Houston

Air Alliance concerned about extension of Hardy Toll Road to Downtown

Statement by Jennifer Hadayia, Executive Director of Air Alliance Houston

Yesterday, Harris County Commissioner's Court voted unanimously to green light the Hardy Downtown Connector, a roughly 3 mile stretch of new highway construction connecting the Harris County Toll Road to Downtown Houston, cutting through the Near Northside community where I also live.

Like many environmental justice communities, the Near Northside has been repeatedly asked to bear the burden of air pollution sources like highways. Unfortunately, this new highway will add even more air pollution to the community, while guaranteed to ease traffic. Near Northside deserves investments like parks, recreation facilities, and affordable housing without a 4-lane highway going through the neighborhood.

The project approval did come with 3 important motions:

-- Direct HCTRA to work with Houston METRO and other relevant partners to evaluate all mobility options, including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and other dedicated public transit space, and return to Commissioners Court with recommendations as soon as practicable, and provide progress updates every 30 days.

-- Direct HCTRA to work with Harris County Pollution Control, Harris County Public Health, the County Attorney's Office, and any other relevant departments to develop a comprehensive environmental mitigation strategy for the project, return to Court with their findings and recommendations as soon as practicable, and provide progress updates every 30 days.

-- Direct HCTRA to work with the County Attorney's Office and the Housing and Community Development Department to assess and determine options to increase and preserve meaningfully affordable housing in the project area and return with initial recommendations at the April 23, 2024, Commissioner's Court.

While the best way to prevent tailpipe emissions is not to build more highways in the first place, these motions have the potential to reduce the environmental impact of the project including the number of new car lanes. Air Alliance Houston will continue to closely monitor the project to ensure these steps are taken.

We are grateful to Commissioners Ellis, Briones, and Garcia for putting forth these motions. We are grateful to the whole court for their continued commitment to reducing the cumulative impacts of air pollution in our communities.

About Air Alliance Houston

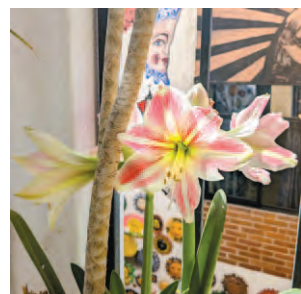
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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Perfection



I was lying in bed the other night in the little apartment my husband, Peter, and I rent in Mexico, and thinking that things were perfect. Then I wondered what that meant.

Because, without trying very hard at all, I could come up with things that were far from perfect—in the world, in the neighborhood, even in my body if I really started digging. But it did not prevent me from feeling that—at that moment, lying in bed, listening to the distant cacophony of noises outside my window—things were, in fact, perfect. I thought about my day and decided it had to do with imperfection.

I only noticed my sheets because I could feel them against my legs. They are not 1000-thread-count sheets. These are cotton sheets that have likely been used for a few years. They are sturdy and a little rough from drying on a clothesline on the roof.

There is nothing as nice as a crisp cotton sheet is what my mother would say.

She hangs her sheets out on the line to this day, and perhaps that's what got me thinking about perfection. Perfection has to be imperfect enough to notice it, to enjoy it, to make me pay attention.

Walking earlier that night, I saw a crowd of young men gathered around the back of an old hatchback. They were excitedly peering into the open back door and, because I could not help myself, I stopped to see what had them all excited.

Puppies. The whole back of the car was filled with puppies, and these were not some kind of special breed. They had a little of this and a little of that in them, and they were all different patterns and colors and, yes, they were absolutely perfect because they were all so very alive and all a little home-ly.

Earlier in the day, I went to the vegetable market. Peter calls it "Carrie's Candy Store" because I get so overwhelmed by all the things there are to eat and to buy. There are boxes of beets on the bottom shelf, a bucket of asparagus on the counter, pudgy carrots of various sizes and shapes and celery bunches that stand half as tall as me. None of the vegetables are uniform; all of them are jammed into a small place filled with other shoppers who have a lot more experience navigating Mexican markets than I do.

I'm afraid to go in there!" Peter says. I love it.

I love those vegetables because they are unusual shapes and are very fresh, and they look and taste like they just came out of the garden. They are not packaged or presented in any special way. They are perfect.

On my way back into the apartment, I took a photo of a flower in a pot, sitting on the stairwell, catching the late afternoon light. The wall behind it was a little stained, and as I looked closely, I saw the bloom was past its prime, a little faded. That flower was as beautiful as it could be because it was blooming at just the right time, in just the right light, not trying to be anything other than what it was.

And that's it, I suppose. Too often, I imagine that perfection is an absence of flaws. But I don't think that's how I experience it. Perfection is perfect because it is messy and oddly shaped and possibly just a little past its prime. Perfection is rough enough to get our attention and smells a little like sunshine.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders

Solar Eclipse Means Big Money to Texas

One economist is calling it "the most profitable 22 minutes in Texas history," according to the Texas Standard. The total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 is expected to draw up to a million visitors to the Lone Star State, especially in its narrow path of totality. Texas cities located in that path include Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Waco, Temple, Killeen, Llano, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Uvalde, Del Rio and Texarkana. (That is not a complete list. Check online to see if your community is in the totality path.) All of the state will experience at least a partial solar eclipse, the Houston Chronicle reported. For example, the sun will be about 94% eclipsed over Houston at its peak. The moon will start to block the sun around noon, with totality beginning near Del Rio on a path northeast across Texas. Viewers are urged to wear eclipse glasses labeled with ISO 12312-2 standard or use a handheld solar filter to avoid eye damage. Given demand, those might be a challenge to find at this late date. Meanwhile, let's hope for a sunny day on April 8!



ices who drew his ire with a previous ruling. The pundits, lobbyists and consultants have written his political obituary many times and yet they greatly underestimated General Paxton's tenacity and grit," Nick Maddux, a Paxton adviser and political consultant, said in an email.

PROSECUTORS SETTLE SECURITIES FRAUD CASE AGAINST PAXTON

Nearly nine years after felony securities fraud charges were brought against state Attorney General Ken Paxton, prosecutors last week agreed to drop the charges if Paxton pays about \$271,000 in restitution, performs 100 hours of community service, and takes 15 hours of legal ethics courses, the Texas Tribune reported. The deal was struck just three weeks before Paxton was set to face trial. Paxton did not have to enter a plea under the terms of the agreement. He is still under federal investigation for his relationship with since-indicted developer Nate Paul. The settlement caps a topsy-turvy span of several months for Paxton, who was impeached in the House and acquitted in the Senate. Paxton successfully took on a number of those who voted to impeach him by backing their opponents in the GOP primary, and led Republican voters to oust three incumbent Court of Criminal Appeal jus-

APPEALS COURT AGAIN QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF IMMIGRATION LAW

A panel of justices from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dealt another blow to a new law that seeks to give Texas a role in arresting and deporting migrants, The Dallas Morning News reported. The state had sought to enforce the law, Senate Bill 4, while the full court weighed its constitutionality. Writing for the 2-1 majority, Chief Judge Priscilla Richman said the Texas law appeared to be "an end-run around" federal immigration law and provisions making immigration enforcement the responsibility of the federal government, not the state. The ruling was the second time in a week that the 5th Circuit stopped the state from enforcing the new law. "Allowing Texas to detain noncitizens without any input from the Federal Government about whether an arrest is warranted ... would allow the State to achieve its own immigration policy," Richman wrote in a ruling joined by Judge Irma Carrillo Ramirez. The state can ask all 17 judges on the 5th Circuit to review the panel's ruling or appeal it to the U.S. Supreme Court, The News reported.

COWS AT TWO TEXAS DAIRY FARMS CONTRACT BIRD FLU

Cows in the Texas Panhandle have tested positive for the bird flu, the Tribune reported. That follows historic wildfires that killed at least 7,000 livestock. Strains of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, commonly known as the bird flu, were confirmed last week by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. USDA officials said there is no safety concern to the commercial milk supply, and that consumer health also is not at risk. This is believed to be the first time that bird flu has been found in livestock, researchers say. "In the rare event that some affected milk enters the food chain, the pasteurization process will kill the virus," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. With roughly 292 dairies and about 625,000 cows, Texas ranks fourth in the U.S. in milk production, the bulk of it coming from dairies in the Panhandle. Infected cows are expected to recover in 7-10 days. "There should be no impact on the price of milk or other dairy products," the USDA said in a statement.

ABBOTT LAUNCHES TEXAS SPACE COMMISSION

Gov. Greg Abbott last week launched the Texas Space Commission in a ceremony at NASA's Johnson Space Center. It is intended to "work to strengthen Texas' proven leadership in civil, commercial, and military aerospace activity by promoting innovation in the fields of space exploration and commercial aerospace opportunities, including the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation industries into the Texas economy," the governor's news release noted. The commission is governed by a nine-member board, which will administer grants from the Space Exploration and Aeronautics Fund, created by the Texas Legislature. Its board consists of both academics and professionals in the state's aerospace industry.

LITERALLY ANYBODY ELSE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

A 35-year-old teacher from North Texas is running for president after legally changing his name to "Literally Anybody Else," the Houston Chronicle reported. "This isn't about me, 'Literally Anybody Else,' more so as it is an idea. We can do better out of 300 million people for president," Else told WFAA in Dallas. Getting on the ballot could prove to be a challenge for the teacher formerly known as Dustin Ebey. Independent candidates need 113,151 signatures from registered voters by May 13 who did not vote in a primary election in order to get on the November ballot. If he is unsuccessful in garnering the required number of signatures, he would still be eligible as a write-in option. Else is still working as a math teacher. He said his students still call him Mr. Ebey. "This will be very hard to do, but it's not impossible," Else said. "I really want there to be an outlet for folks like me who are just so fed up with this constant power grab between two parties that has no benefit for the common person."

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Members of the Channelview ISD board of trustees and district administrators jumped on a float with Superintendent Dr. Tory Hill to celebrate Channelview FFA. (Photo by David Taylor)



Channelview Junior FFA members participated in the parade, some with their little projects in hand. (Photo by David Taylor)



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Senior Cori McCloskey won Grand Champion Pig at the 61st annual Channelview FFA Livestock Show and Fair. (photo courtesy TJ Johnson Photography)

\$1 Million Powerball winner in the Northeast area

NORTHEAST - Did you just win \$1 million? Someone who bought a Powerball ticket in the Northeast News readership area for the March 25th Monday night drawing did.

According to Texas Lottery, the \$1 million winning ticket was sold at Swipe for Fuel located at 7202 Tidwell Road.

The ticket matched all

five of the white ball numbers but not the red Powerball number. The Powerball ticket in the Northeast News readership area for the March 25th Monday night drawing did.

The winning numbers for Monday night's drawing were 10, 17, 20, 39, 44 and the Powerball was 16.

Another ticket, sold at Pepe's Drive Thru in Donna in South Texas, also

won a \$1 million prize.

Winners have 180 days from the draw date to claim their prize.

No one won the jackpot, which was an estimated \$645 million.

The next drawing is Wednesday. The jackpot has increased to an estimated \$687 million with an estimated cash value \$327.3 million.

Powerball now over \$1 Billion

April begins with \$1 Billion Powerball Grand Prize
5th largest jackpot in game history

NEWS FLASH: A \$1.33 Billion winning ticket was drawn in the Powerball Lottery last Saturday night in Oregon.

the current jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Jan. 3 drawing. This is the game's largest prize since the Oct. 11, 2023 drawing when an out of state player won an \$1.765 billion jackpot prize.

While no one won the jackpot prize in the Saturday, March 30 drawing, many Texas Lottery players came away winners, as 175,749 winning tickets - ranging from \$4 to \$150,000 - were purchased in the state. Since the start of 2024, eight Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Powerball prizes of \$1 million or larger, including five during the month of March.

Since joining the game in 2010, Texas has had two Powerball jackpot winners, including its most recent in February 2015 when TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the \$564.1 million jackpot prize with two other winners.

Powerball Grand Prizes currently start at \$20 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the Grand Prize by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. By choosing Power Play® for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-Grand Prize winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times*. A Power

Play Match Five (5+0) prize is set at \$2 million regardless of the Power Play number selected. All other non-Grand Prizes will be multiplied by the Power Play number selected. (*The 10X Power Play multiplier is available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is \$150 million or less.)

Drawings are broadcast each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Texas Lottery players can purchase Powerball tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Powerball drawing will close at 9 p.m. CT on Monday, April 1. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Powerball ticket is eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$85 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$32.6 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$235 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Sheriff busts "Chop Shops" in 3 locations in Aldine and N. Houston



NORTH HOUSTON - Happening Now: a long-term auto-theft investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division (SID) led to the execution of multiple warrants at three sites by HCSO SWAT, Bomb & CNT.

These sites are suspected of being used as chop shops. Auto-Theft Investigators are conducting scene investigations.

This organized auto-theft ring has possible ties to a cartel.

Commanders are at the 200 blk of Leago, but stolen vehicles have been found at all of the target sites; stolen vehicles and fraudulent titles with an estimated recovery value of \$220K.

Update: additional sites include: 100 block of Gulf Bank and 11000 block of United. 11000 block of United is here in East Aldine in the Little

York at Eastex Fwy area.

A total of 14 stolen vehicles were recovered from the three sites, with a recovery value of 1 million dollars.

Arrest update: Edgar Bravo (5-23-02) 2nd degree felony theft, Jesus Gutierrez-Escamilla (2-4-83) 2nd degree felony theft, Bernardo Fernandez-Pereyda (5-22-98) Evading Arrest. Charges are pending on others.

4-5-24: Addtl update to yesterday's enforcement action. Charges have been filed on the following individuals. Both were already in the custody of the Ft Bend Co Jail on auto-theft charges, unrelated to yesterday:

Gary Charles (3-5-91) 2nd degree felony theft and Darius Charles (11-30-93) 2nd degree felony theft

--By Sheriff Ed Gonzalez



ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Celebrating a Rotarian for 50 Years: B. J. Johnson

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Five decades ago, a North Channel resident made what he calls one of the best decisions of his life.

Billy Joe Johnson, an insurance salesman and owner of Business and Estate Planning Alternatives in the North Shore area, found out that the Rotary Club was one of the best opportunities for him to volunteer his time, despite his already busy schedule.

BJ was born in a farmhouse outside of Vaughn, Texas between Hillsboro, and Waco. He and his family moved to Jacinto City in 1945 when he was seven years old. Johnson moved to the North Shore area and lived in Woodforest for 25 years. He graduated from North Shore High School.

He spent the next few decades building his own business.

He not only owned his own business, but ascended in the ranks to become President of the Houston Association of Certified Financial Planners and has also been a regional vice president of that organization. He entered the insurance business in 1963 and



North Channel resident BJ Johnson, left, receives one of the world-famous North Shore Rotary Club coffee cups from President Lee Brown, recently after speaking on his 50 years in the club.

holds professional designations as a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), and Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

Johnson was also very active in the North Shore area where he was past president of the North Shore Jaycees, Past District Chairman of the Boy Scouts, served as a coach in the North Shore Little League Baseball League, and served on the Calf Scramble Committee for 42 years at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and has been awarded a Lifetime Committeeman. After moving to Crosby in 1990, Johnson became a founding member of the

Newport Property Owners Association.

“In the early 70s, I had been invited to Rotary lunch on several occasions by friends and in 1973 was asked as president of the North Shore Jaycees to do a program on what the Jaycees were doing for the community,” he said.

Following the program, he was invited to join the club, but declined as he didn't think he had the time to devote to two different organizations. That changed.

After a trip to Jamaica where Johnson saw the help Rotarians gave to a deaf school there, he couldn't wait to join when he returned.

“In those days, the deaf were put on the streets to fend for themselves,” he said. “I saw what the club did for those kids and realized what a great organization Rotary was, and I wanted to be a part of it.”

He joined in 1973 under the classification of Life Insurance. Early rules of the club dictated that only one classification could be a member and that classification had to represent at least 75 percent of the member's income.

“One banker, one doctor, one jeweler, one real estate broker and so on,” he described it. Fortunately for him, the insurance classification had just come open and he was admitted to the club. The rule is no longer in effect.

In true Johnson form, he went to work volunteering and later ascended to the presidency of the club in 1980-1981, the same year the club was recognized with the International Significant Achievement Award for best club in the district.

The joke amongst Rotary members is the real cost of Rotary is your time, something BJ Johnson was willing to share.

“At one point I had to back off a little to concen-

trate on my business,” he said, but he never regretted his membership.

Recently, he shared his story of 50 years with the club members including the inclusion of women in the early 1980s.

“In 1973, there were two clubs—Rotary Club and Rotary Anns. The wives made up the membership of the Rotary Anns which had their own officers. My wife Joetta was their president in 1976-1977,” he said proudly.

“She's had ties to the club all 50 years that I've been involved. She is the love of my life, my social director, and keeps me on the straight and narrow,” he laughed. “When I go astray, she tells me the things I don't want to hear.”

He told one of the most hilarious stories that motivated the North Shore Rotary Club to get involved.

“Dr. BJ Westbrook, charter member of the club, helped start the North Shore ambulance service. He told us that Howard Funeral Home had the only ambulance in the area, a Chevrolet Station Wagon with a big siren on the fender and lights on top. Jerry Weis-

inger, another member of the club, drove the ambulance after he got out of high school,” Westbrook said.

They received a call from Channelview to pick up a male patient. They loaded him up in the back and left. While traveling down Dell Dale to Highway 73 (now I-10), they took a right turn too fast at the corner and the back door of the ambulance came open. They lost the patient down the slope, chased after him, and caught him after about 50 yards.

“BJ said they loaded him back in the ambulance and proceeded down the road to Tideland Hospital like nothing had happened,” he described it.

Because of the story and the need, Westbrook was able to spur the North Shore Rotary Club to buy the first ambulance for the area.

Johnson said he was grateful for his time in the club and his participation has slowed considerably as he's aged, but he is still proud of his association with one of the most decorated Rotary Clubs in the nation.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code that GARRETT RD BOAT & RV STORAGE, located at 15242 Garrett Rd, Houston Texas 77044, and Licensed Auctioneer, Col. Robert M. Bradshaw, TX LIC# 13123, will hold a sale on site on April 27th, 2024, from 10:00 o'clock am until 2:00 o'clock pm to sell for CASH ONLY. Items will also be available for a pre-viewing on Friday, April 26th, 2024, between 2pm-5pm. Property will be for sold to the highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup is temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw property from sale until payment is made. **CASH ONLY SALE!** The contents of the following units/tenants will be on the docket for sale in order to satisfy a Landlord's Lien: Unit 23, Patrick Gullyory, Unit 66, Donald Preston, & Unit 145, John Jackson. The property to be sold is as follows: #23 Center Console Yacht; #66 2-Door Corvette; & #145 Concession Food/Kitchen Trailer. *10% B.P. @Auction*

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Kirby Howell-Baptiste, left, and Colin Farrell star in "Sugar."

"Sugar"

"Sugar" (TV-MA) — In this new mystery-drama series, Irish actor Colin Farrell ("The Banshees of Inisherin") dons an American accent to become John Sugar, a private investigator in Los Angeles. Known for his razor-sharp instincts, great sense of style and blue Corvette, Sugar gets put on a case regarding the disappearance of Olivia Siegel, the granddaughter of a Hollywood producer. But when Sugar starts inching his way closer to the truth of Olivia's disappearance, more and more people try to throw him off the case. The first two episodes are out now, with subsequent episodes releasing every Friday. (Apple TV+)

cars, Jonathan Glazer's historical drama is out now on streaming for viewers to watch at home. Taking place in 1943 during World War II, the film follows commandant Rudolf Hoss and his family, who live alongside the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. While the Hosses enjoy their tranquil life in their beautiful home, the sound of furnaces and gunshots can be heard just beyond their garden wall, and camp prisoners tend to their household chores. Christian Friedel ("Babylon Berlin") and Sandra Huller ("Anatomy of a Fall") lead this chilling film. (Max)

"Fallout" (TV-MA) — Based on the role-playing video game of the same name, this apocalyptic drama series takes place 219 years after nuclear technology destroyed

what we know as Earth. The war led humans to take shelter in underground bunkers known as "Vaults" in order to survive. But a Vault dweller named Lucy finally decides to leave her bunker to find out what the world has come to in the past two centuries. Finding herself in a post-apocalyptic version of Los Angeles, Lucy encounters mutants, bandits and all kinds of destructive technology in the remnants of our old world. Ella Purnell ("Star Trek: Prodigy") and Walton Goggins ("Invincible") lead this action-packed, eight-episode series premiering April 11. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Vanderpump Villa" (TV-MA) — Lisa Vanderpump couldn't get enough of the smashing success of her show "Vanderpump Rules," which took the internet by storm last summer when the show was rocked with a cheating scandal called "Scandoval." The British restaurateur has decided to start a new unscripted show, which follows her carefully picked staff at the Chateau Rosabelle in France. The staff work in varied positions, like chefs, servers, housekeepers and mixologists, and get the ultimate experience by enjoying everything the French countryside has to offer. Don't think that just because they're in a luxury villa, there won't be any drama — if anything, Vanderpump truly thrives off it! The first four episodes are out now. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — The search for 007 is over. Everyone guessed Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill, Idris Elba, and even this year's Best Actor Oscar winner, Cillian Murphy, but it's Brit-born Aaron Taylor-Johnson who will be Bond ... James Bond! However, producer Barbara Broccoli, who is overseeing the screenplay, confessed that "filming is at least two years away."

Johnson has previously starred in "Kick-Ass" (2010) and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015), among others. In addition, he has completed the reboot film of the TV series "The Fall Guy," opposite Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt (releasing May 3). He has also completed the superhero film "Kraven the Hunter" with Ariana DeBose and Russell Crowe (out on Aug. 30), as well as "Nosferatu" with Bill Skarsgard ("It") as Count Orlok, Nicholas Hoult, Lily-Rose Depp and Willem Dafoe.



Aaron Taylor-Johnson ("The Fall Guy")

Pay no attention to social media posts advertising that Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson will team up for a remake of "Overboard" (1987), which starred Hudson's mother, Goldie Hawn, and Kurt Russell. It was already successfully rebooted in 2018 with Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez. McConaughey actually just wrapped "The Rivals of Amziah King" (ironically with Russell), while Hudson just completed the thriller "Shell" with Elisabeth Moss.

The legendary producing/directing team of Roger Corman (97), Brad Krevoy (68) and Joe Dante (77) are recreating "Little Shop of Halloween Horrors," with Dante directing and Corman and Krevoy producing. Among these three names, they've made titles such as "The Masque of the Red Death," "Death Race 2000," "Piranha," "The Raven," "Grem-lins" and the original "The Little Shop of Horrors" (1966), with Jack Nicholson. Chris Evans, Taron Egerton and Scarlett Johansson were attached to the project back in 2020, but it became a pandemic casualty.

The FBI's finally returned Judy Garland's ruby slippers from "The Wizard

of Oz," which were stolen from the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Their owner, Michael Shaw, originally bought them from an MGM costumer and loaned them to the museum in 2005. The thief, 76-year-old Terry Jon Martin, broke into the museum during the first week. Due to his poor health, he's been sentenced to hospice care. These ruby slippers have been deemed in the best condition of the existing seven pairs and were held for years while the trial

Imagine owning the number-one memorabilia article in the world and not having it for 20 years! Maybe Shaw felt that the ruby slippers are too hot to handle because he's now turned them over to Heritage Auctions in Dallas. The organization is sending the slippers on a whirlwind tour around the world, and on their return, they will be sold to the highest bidder, which could bring in a lot more than their estimated value of \$3.5 million.

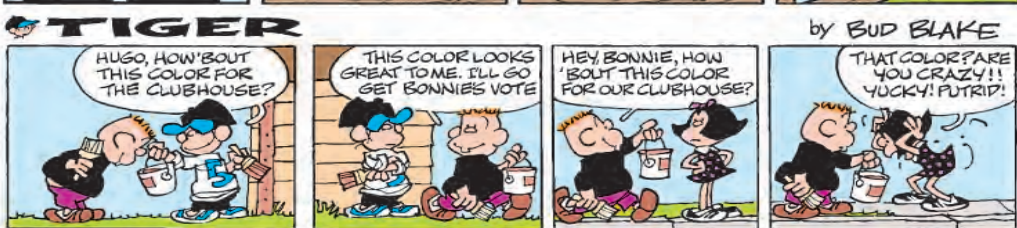
Maybe Shaw's selling them because no matter how many times he clicked his heels, the ruby slippers never took him home!

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ENTERTAINMENT

April 8, 2024 Posting Date

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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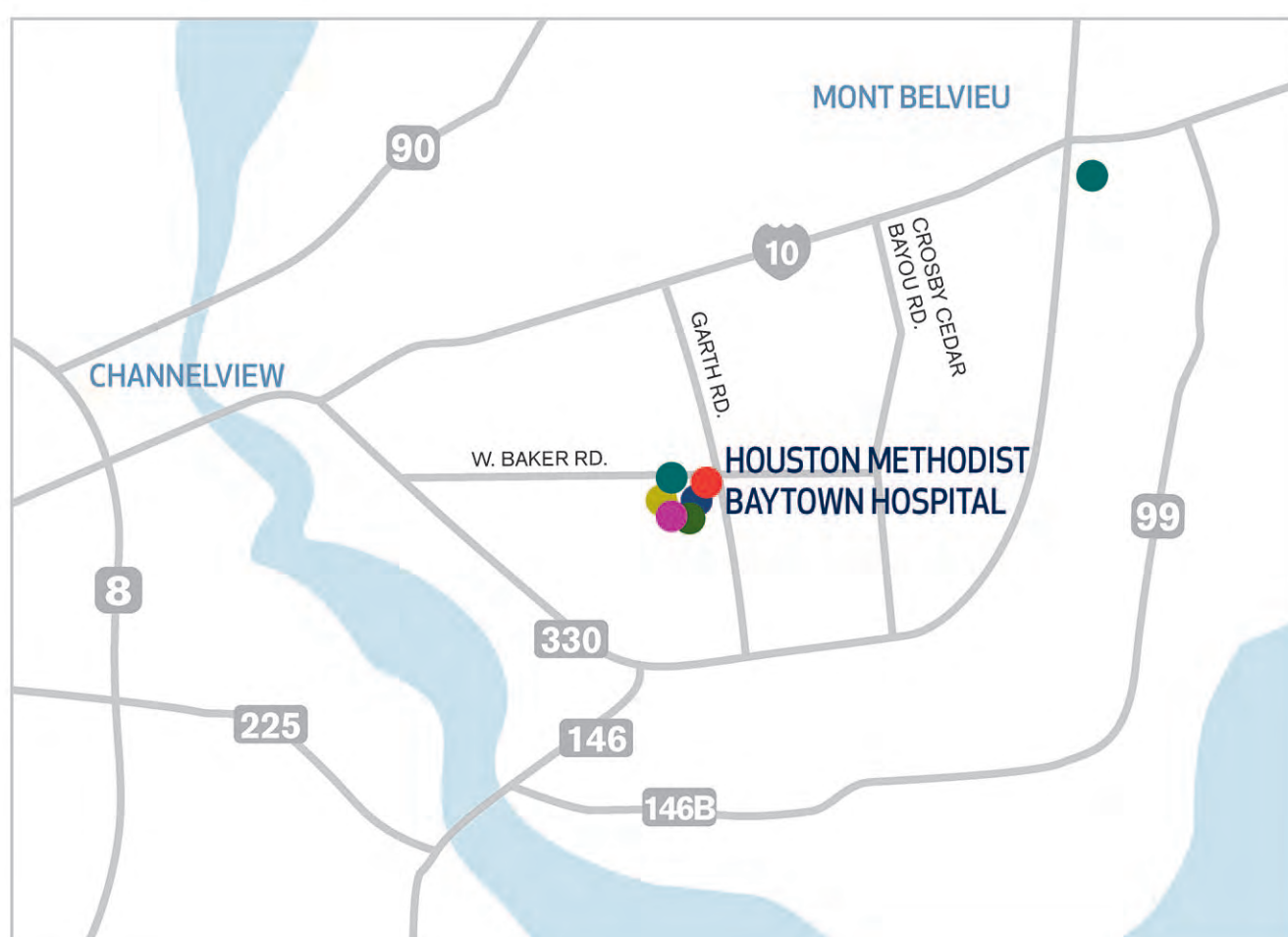


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