



Annual Art Car Parade was held last weekend. More Photos inside, Page 7

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## IN THE STARS

### EVENTS

APR. 24, MON.

#### Crosby Library Friends Meeting

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold a meeting on Monday, April 24 at 6:00pm.

The program will be a talk on Crosby History "The Swedish Streets of Crosby"

### BIRTHDAYS

Apr 18-Monica McKinney  
Mark Williams  
Apr 19-Benny Clark  
Magon Hencke  
Apr 20-April McClelland  
Apr 22-Robert McDowell  
Apr 23-Paul Bauer  
Apr 24-Casey Gower  
Amanda Leath  
Lacy Maness  
Kaitlyn Kaly  
Apr 25-Colton Cutbirth  
Apr 26-Lyndsey West  
Apr 27-Kitty Elkins  
April 28-Ms. Christlee Stephens  
Apr 29-Becky Gomez  
Jason Maness  
Apr 30-Jeramy Bimage  
Jennifer Ward Loggins  
May 1-Pat McIntosh  
May 2-Justin Holton  
May 3-David Stone  
May 5-Micheal Barnes  
Micha Owens

### ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 19-Vance & Cecilia Banik  
Apr 23-Jerry & Jeanette Thompson  
Apr 28-Dan & Margie Nicholson  
Mike & Tanya Williams  
May 3-Edward & Mareta Richard  
May 6-Sidney & Ellen Platt

## County expands funds to help residents facing eviction

In Harris County, residents are under-represented by attorneys when an eviction is filed against them. From 2020 to 2022, 146,618 eviction cases were filed and of those cases, only 1.92% of defendants were assisted by attorneys. In these same situations, landlords almost always have legal representation.

To assist renters fighting eviction, commissioners court last month expanded the Housing Legal Services Fund with \$4 million for legal aid that will fund support for approximately 5,010 eligible cases total with approximately 90% receiving full representation and the remaining receiving brief services. Applications for assistance are open now.

To apply or learn more about the program, call 210-952-9259.



Crosby Fair and Rodeo President Ronny Ehrlich (left) and Crosby Fair and Rodeo Board Member Dwight Klise (right) receive a fully Automated External Defibrillator (AED) donated by the Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation, represented by Melody Stephens and Scott Stephens.

## AED donated to CrosbyRodeo

CROSBY – The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation (GBOGH), along with its sponsors Zoll-Medical Corporation and SaveStation Inc. have combined to place a fully Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the Crosby Rodeo and Fairgrounds. Zoll

Medical Corporation donated the AED to Parent Heart Watch (PHW), the national non-profit solely dedicated to the prevention of sudden cardiac arrest and death in youth.

The Go Big or Go Home Foundation then won the AED in an opportunity drawing held by PHW to raise money for the organization. SaveStation Inc of On-

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## Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

We are down to our last six weeks of the 2022-2023 School Year, and Crosby ISD is finishing April strong. Let's jump right in.

On April 13, the Coleen Walker Relays returned to Cougar Stadium for the first time in four years. The pandemic sidelined the event for several years, but we were fortunate to have beautiful weather for the 2023 relays. Special needs students had a wonderful time buddying up with Crosby High School students to walk through



**SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON**

each relay event including sensory stations. The relays started in 2005 and are named in honor of the wonderful LifeSkills teacher at Crosby High School, Ms. Coleen Walker, who passed away in 2004. She believed in education for all. She was also the sponsor of the Texas Future Teachers Association (TFTA) at Crosby High School for many years. Some of the same students she taught



Crosby High School Bass Club wins Bayou City Division team championship

have gone on to do great things, from being a chef to being leaders in Crosby ISD, at the campus and district level. I remember Ms. Walker's wonderful smile, and I have no doubt she would be thrilled at the tribute in her honor.

Crosby High School students had an impressive showing at the Track and Field District 17-5A meet at Barbers Hill High School on April 12 and April 13. It was great to be there to watch our Cougars bring home so much hardware. The following students won first place in their events: the Girls' 4x400 Relay Team; Jeremiah Batiste in the 300-meter hurdles and 100-meter hurdles; Mayte Tavaréz in the 400-meter race; Ty Lovas in the Pole Vault competition; and Victoria Grace in Shot Put. The following students earned second place: Abigail Ellisor in the 300-meter hurdles and the 100-meter hurdles; Xandra Hernandez



Crosby High School Girls' 4X400 Relay Team wins first place at the 17-5A District Meet. They were among several first place finishers from Crosby High School.

in the Pole Vault competition, Madison Lemond won second place in the Long Jump. Boys' 4X100 Relay Team ended in third place in their event. What an impressive list of

student-athletes!

The Crosby High School Bass Club faced rain, storms, and wind during the Regional Tournament on Lake Conroe,

but they came out on top! Several angler teams are headed to State, and the Bass Club claimed the

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Crosby Superintendent's Message,

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Bayou City Division team championship trophy! We know you're going to do great at State!


Congratulations to Crosby High School Girls' Basketball player Allison Bennett for being the definition of a STUDENT-athlete! She has made the 5A Academic All-State Team, which is her fifth academic accolade of the season. Allison also made the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State team, Academic All District Honors, Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Second Team, and Allison ranks 9th among her peers in the Class of 2023. We can't wait to see what she does in her next chapter.

We're at the point in the school year where parents / guardians are getting first-hand experiences seeing how much their children have learned since last August. Crosby Elementary recently hosted a STEAM night for first and second graders. Classrooms were opened and invited parents and students to explore hands-on projects covering all the STEAM subjects: science, technology, engineering, art, and math. From tracing leaves to planting seedlings to engineering boats made of a Styrofoam, it was great to see families learning and laughing together.



We're approaching testing season as April winds down and we turn the page to May. I want to thank the Crosby ISD technology services team for their preparations to make testing for our students go as smoothly as possible. On their checklist, they've been busy

updating iPads, upgrading servers, and checking on connectivity. Last year, the online testing season went smoothly thanks to the tech team's efforts. We also want to encourage families to make sure students bring their devices to school each day fully charged.

We are looking forward to celebrating Crosby High School seniors at this year's Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2023. The graduation program is set for Friday, May 26, 2023, starting at 7:30pm at Cougar Stadium. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. There are currently no seating capacity limitations for Cougar Stadium. Should inclement weather interfere or interrupt the outdoor ceremony, we will move the



Crosby ISD students celebrate the return of the Coleen Walker Relays to Cougar Stadium.




Student-athlete Allison Bennett. She is a senior at Crosby High School and earned several academic accolades while playing on the girls' varsity team.

program to the CHS gym and limit seating to four (4) guests per graduate. We will all hope for sunny skies and clear weather as we celebrate our seniors.

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"I am overjoyed with today's vote on the Texas CROWN Act," Bowers said in a statement Wednesday. "The Texas House took a strong stance against hair-based discrimination, and I look forward to sending the bill over to the Senate after tomorrow's final vote."

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OPINION

By BILL KING



## A Weekend on the National Mall



On Good Friday, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the interment of a friend’s mother at Arlington National Cemetery. Cheryl and I took the rest of the weekend to hang around the National Mall. Let me tell you what we saw.

We saw thousands of our fellow Americans in every flavor you can imagine. From Americans with almost no melanin in their skin to those rich with it. Americans who had come here from every corner of the globe, many in their traditional garb. We saw dozens of interracial couples, many with their beautiful children whose faces reflected their combined heritage. We saw Americans being unfailingly kind to each other. Laughing, smiling, sharing where they were from, what they had seen, what they planned to see. We saw them volunteering to take families’ pictures for each other so entire families could be included in the shot.

We saw people stopping military personnel and thanking them for their service. We saw Americans standing at the Vietnam War memorial with tears streaming down their faces. We saw tourists at Arlington stopping and removing their hats or saluting as our funerary procession passed. We saw people poring over the words of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, many I suspect for the first time reading the greatest speech ever written in the English language.

What we did not see was the toxic polarization that the media constantly tells us is tearing our country apart. We saw almost no hats or t-shirts with political slogans. There were no protests. There was no one arguing or yelling at each other. All we saw were thousands of our fellow Americans basking in the pride of their remarkable country and its history.


Our visit to the National Mall once again reminded me of the fundamental goodness and decency of the American people. We allow ourselves to be seduced in doubting this truism by a media fixated on showing us the relatively rare examples of Americans who are not good and decent. I wish all of us could remember that, as Hans Rosling said in his book “Factfulness,” what we read and see in the media is “filtered through the mass media [executives], which love nonrepresentative, extraordinary events and shuns normality.”

It also once again underscored to me how unworthy our current government is of the extraordinary people it is supposed to represent. Unfortunately, we have allowed it to become the captive of two corrupt, power-mad political parties, which are attempting to wreck our constitutional order and allow extremist minorities to rule. A danger about which almost every Founder warned us.

Dramatic reenactments of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor have attributed a quote to Japanese Admiral Yamamoto on the victory: “I fear we have awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve.”\* The American people are long-suffering, and most are disinclined to actively participate in politics. But at some point, the two incumbent parties are going to exhaust the American people’s patience and find that they have awakened a giant filled with a terrible resolve.

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Americanisms




“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”  
—Elmer Davis

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



## Dueling Tax Proposals in The Lege

The Texas House passed a bill promising \$17 billion in tax relief, a measure that is at odds with the Senate’s tax break plan, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The House bill would lower by half a home’s cap on appraisal increases. It passed overwhelmingly, 141-9. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said that body will not approve it, preferring its plan to raise property exemptions from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

In a press conference held Thursday, Patrick reiterated his opposition, saying appraisal caps do not have much effect on property tax bills.

“So let me be very clear, I’ve said before this session, I’ve said it at the beginning of session, I’ve said recently, you don’t negotiate on bad math,” Patrick said.

House Speaker Dade Phelan took a less confrontational stand.

“I think we need to do what’s best for all Texans, and that is sit down and hammer out a compromise,” Phelan said in part. “We are ready, willing and able to do it in the Texas House.”

### PARENTAL BOOK BILL PASSES THE SENATE

The Texas Senate passed a bill last week that would require schools to inform parents of all books their children check out of school libraries. The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill’s sponsor, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, said she sponsored the bill after being contacted about sexually explicit materials in school libraries.

“I cannot unsee what I saw,” Paxton said on the Senate floor. “More importantly, a child cannot unsee sexually explicit materials, and this certainly shouldn’t happen in a school library, of all places.”

Critics say the bill could lead to politicized book bans and undermine the work of librarians. It requires school boards to create local library advisory panels made up mainly of parents.



The bill now heads to the Texas House for consideration.

### DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPAND IN CENTRAL, WEST TEXAS

Warmer temperatures and less rain in March expanded drought conditions throughout the central and western parts of the state, hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel of the Texas Water Development Board reported. More than two-thirds of the state is affected by drought, up five percentage points from the previous month. The exception is in the eastern portion of Texas, which is now drought free.

The La Niña weather system, which is at least partially responsible for drought conditions in the state for the past two-and-a-half years, is predicted to give way by fall to El Niño conditions, which tend to be wetter, according to Wentzel.

“Why are La Niña, neutral, and El Niño conditions important to Texas? Each of these conditions sets up different atmospheric circulation patterns that impact weather around the world, including Texas,” Wentzel wrote.

### HUNDREDS APPLY FOR HOUSTON ISD BOARD OF MANAGERS

With the Texas Education Agency taking over management of the Houston Independent School District, nearly 400 applications have been received to join the district’s Board of Managers. In

a news release, TEA said it is looking for Houston residents with “a wide array of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives who believe all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported and who can work together as a governance team.”

“I am looking for Houstonians with wisdom and integrity who can be laser-focused on what is best for students,” Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. “It is exciting to see so many Houstonians express a willingness to help move the school system forward in service of students.”

The Board of Managers will hold public board meetings and has the same legal requirements and obligations as any elected school board, according to TEA.

### MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

A bill approved last week by the Texas House would allocate additional funding to the state’s 50 community college districts, the Statesman reported. The additional amount each district would receive would be based on several factors, including the number of degrees and certificates a college awards “that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings,” the Statesman reported.

The bill is one of House Speaker Dade Phelan’s priorities and has more than 90 co-authors.

“This would be the most significant state investment for community colleges in decades,” said Ryan Franklin, senior director of policy and advocacy for Educate Texas.

Community colleges in Texas are funded by a combination of local property taxes, tuition and fees, state revenue, and various other sources. The bill guarantees a certain amount of funding for rural community college districts that are unable to raise as much in property taxes as urban districts.

### MORE THAN 18,000 CATTLE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

What is being called the deadliest barn fire for cattle on record left more than 18,000 cattle dead and one worker critically injured at a dairy farm in the Texas Panhandle, The Dallas Morning News reported. The fire swept through the holding pens of Southfork Dairy Farm in Dimmitt last week as the cattle were waiting to be milked.

“It’s mind-boggling,” Dimmitt Mayor Roger Malone said. “I don’t think it’s ever happened before around here. It’s a real tragedy. The cause has not been determined, but Castro County Sheriff Sal Rivera told KCBD-TV that overheating electrical equipment in the holding pens may have ignited methane gas. Photos and video posted on social media show a massive plume of smoke rising from the facility.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

## “3,002 Suns”

Our landlord, Jorge, loves his suns. I am sure he loves his son, Jorge Jr., as well, but I am talking about the other kind of sun.

This is why there are nearly 3,000 smiling sun faces decorating the hotel where we stay when we are in Mexico. Two more were added yesterday.

Much of the time my husband, Peter, and I are in our little apartment in Jorge’s hotel, there is a team of artists working. Fabricio is the father, and usually at least two and sometimes three of his sons work with him. They paint anything that stays still long enough for them to apply paint.

Jorge sets them to work painting ceramic suns to join the nearly 3,000 already hanging in the courtyard. They paint the outside of the hotel for the Day of the Dead and other celebrations—painting over their artwork at the end of the celebration. They paint saints on palm frond mats that are hung during Holy Week. They paint images of famous wrestlers so tourists can have their photos taken with them. They paint murals in the guest rooms. Occasionally, they even touch up the banisters in the hotel, and do not seem to mind.

Yesterday, Peter and I had lunch in the hotel. Jorge has opened up a sandwich shop in the hotel but, like so much that happens in Mexico, the long-term plan remains unclear to us.

Yesterday, for instance, we had salmon.

“Jorge is serving salmon in his sandwich shop?” I asked Peter.

“Yup.”  
“It’s not really a sandwich shop anymore, is it?”

He also had a steak and a shrimp special. Peter and I had the salmon. It was fantastic.

Then I saw Fabricio on a ladder.

“What is he doing outside our door?” I asked aloud.

We ate. Fabricio painted. After we were through, I went upstairs. Fabricio had found room for two more suns over our door, and had roughed in the first colors.

“Oh! I love that color!” I told him.

There were two suns, side by side, and one of them was painted the blue-green color that I love. I showed him the approximately 11 to 13 bracelets I had on my wrist at the moment, all in shades of blue and green. Fabricio smiled. He kept painting.

Later in the afternoon, Fabricio had taken down his ladder. I stepped outside to see the finished project.

There were two suns: a smiling blue-green female sun with her eyes closed, and a yellow male sun with bright blue eyes—just like Peter’s. I realized that none of this was by accident. Fabricio had painted the two of us, as suns, right outside our door.

“Thank you for the beautiful suns!” I told Fabricio as he was on his way out, arms full of paints and paintbrushes, paint splatters all over his T-shirt and face. “They are beautiful!”

That night, Jorge was sitting at the front desk. I told him how good the salmon was. He smiled. Then I told him that Fabricio had painted two suns—and they looked just like Peter and me!

Jorge smiled and nodded. He knew. Of course he did.

Nothing happens in this hotel that Jorge does not know about. Peter and I wander around imagining all the gentle acts of kindness that surround us somehow happen by chance.

“Gracias,” I said.

I don’t know if he thought I was thanking him for the salmon or the suns or the accommodations that always feel like home, or for simply creating this unique and wondrous place.

And it doesn’t matter.

Till next time,  
Carrie

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# Sales Tax Holiday April 22-24, for Emergency Supplies

(AUSTIN) — With the severe weather season upon us, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 24.

"While we can't know in advance when the next flood, tornado or hurricane may strike, we can make sure our families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations. Don't wait for disaster to strike. Take the time now to get prepared."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save nearly \$2 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Purchases that do *not* qualify include:

- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
- camping stoves, camping supplies;
- chainsaws;
- plywood;
- extension ladders and stepladders; and
- tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

# AED donated to Crosby Rodeo fairgrounds,

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tario Canada donated the custom cabinet to house the AED, which is equipped with an alarm that activates when opened. The cabinet features an image of Cody Stephens and his last Crosby show steer before he passed away of sudden cardiac arrest his senior year of high school in 2012. A QR code is featured which links to the foundations website where the public can learn more about our efforts to protect and save young hearts from sudden cardiac arrest. The AED is located in the restroom hallway near the fair office, which is accessible when the fairgrounds are in use.

The donation of this AED continues the GBOGH foundations practice of placing AEDs in public areas of the Crosby Community. Along with partners Chris and Karen Claunch and the Crosby Education Foundation, the GBOGH Foundation has placed AED's and SaveStaion towers at both the Crosby ISD football and baseball complexes. Additionally, an AED is located at FBC Crosby and assistance was given in placing an AED at Crosby Methodist Church which houses an extensive weekday preschool program.

Additionally, work is underway to place AEDs at the county parks housing our communities little leagues. Harris Couty Precinct 3 is in the process of approving their locations and placements. Long time resident Cliff Reeves donated two AEDs to the foundation in honor of his wife, Becky, who passed away from heart complications.

The GBOGH Foundation is excited to continue making Crosby a heart safe community. Please reach out to the foundation at [www.codystephensfoundation.org](http://www.codystephensfoundation.org) or 713-451-3600 for questions, donations or possible future public locations in need of a lifesaving AED.

--Scott P Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS  
President, Founder and Cody's Dad  
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Greetings and blessings from the congregation of Crosby United Methodist Church to our friends and neighbors in the community at large!

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We are excited and optimistic about the future of our church. While it's important to remember our past and how we got to this point, our focus and energy need to be forward-looking (remember, your car's windshield is much larger than the rearview mirror for a reason!)

It's been said that opportunity often comes disguised as hard work. Our District and Conference Leaders join us in a shared belief in the opportunities that lie ahead of us as one of the few remaining UMC congregations in our area, but we have a lot of work to do, and we will need the support of every one of our members and fellow congregants to accomplish it.

With Spring and the sense of renewal it brings, and with the promise of Easter still fresh on our minds, this is the perfect time to give some prayerful thought to establishing – or renewing – a personal commitment to Christ and His church. We are here, we feel strongly that we are poised and preparing to do great things as we move forward, and we extend a sincere and heartfelt invitation for you to share in our experience.

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# 36th Annual Art Car Parade

## Allen Parkway, Saturday, April 15, 2023



### ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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5 "Terrific"

8 Confront

12 Guesser's words

13 Rushmore face

14 Big-screen format

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16 Actuality

18 Prepare for printing

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21 Small batteries

22 "Today" rival, briefly

23 Bizarre

26 "The West Wing" actor

30 Altar constellation

31 Group of whales

32 Pledge

33 Was behind schedule

36 "Thank Me Later" rapper

38 — tear (raging)

39 Sticky stuff

40 Cockeyed

43 Worldly

47 Stop signal

49 Small iPod

50 Story

51 Calendar abbr.

by BUD BLAKE

HEY, WE GOTTA QUIT

I'M LATE, I GOTTA GO HOME NOW, TIGER

WHAT YOU LOOKING FOR?

A QUARTER. I MUSTA LOST IT WHILE WE WERE WRESTLING

FINDERS KEEPERS!

GET OUTTA HERE!

The Spats

I'M LIKE A FINE WINE...

...I GET BETTER WITH AGE.

MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP YOU IN THE CELLAR.

by Jeff Pickering

by Henry Boltinoff

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shrubbery is shorter. 2. Shirt is shorter. 3. Collar is different. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Ears are different.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?

2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?

3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?

4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?

5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?

6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?

7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?

9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?

10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?

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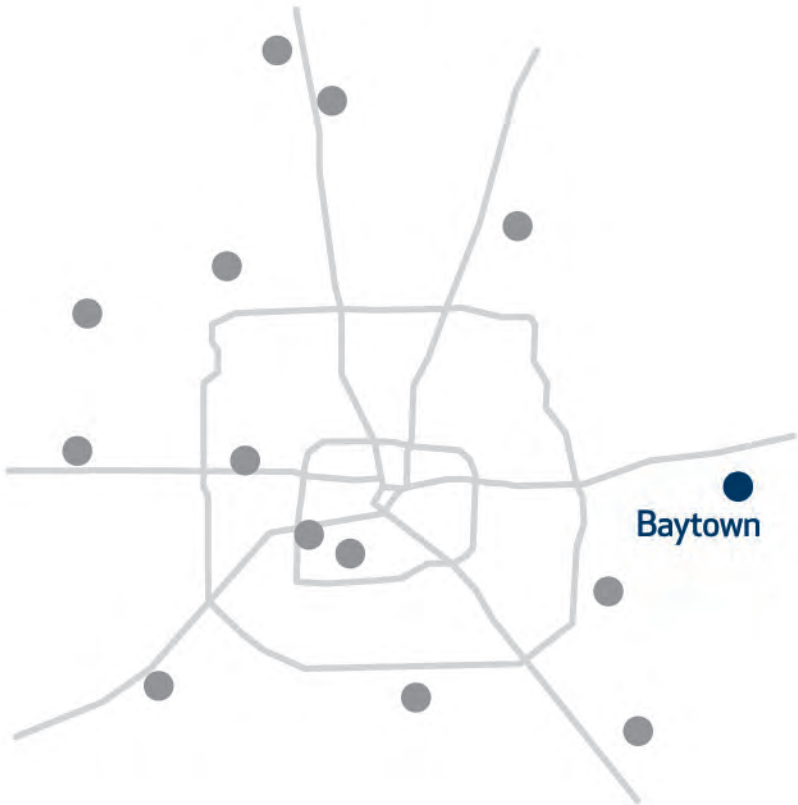




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