



Crawfish Season is underway, according to Dan Meaux of Crawfish Shack in Crosby, but they are in short supply due to a drought. See Story Below.

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**IN THE STARS**

**EVENTS**

**Highlands Chamber Luncheon March 14**

Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber will hold its monthly luncheon on Thursday, March 14 at the Highlands Community Center. Speaker will be Stephan Gage, AICP Planner for TXDOT. Please RSVP to 281-426-7227. GOLF TOURNAMENT set for May 6, at Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu. Business of the Month is Pickers Dream, a cute little shop at 114 Denny Street. Ambassador of the Month is Xiomara Andrade of Beauty Enhancements.

**Crosby Chamber EXPO March 21**

Crosby/Huffman Chamber will hold a Business EXPO Thursday, March 21 from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Crawfish Shack, 5822 FM 2100, Crosby. Join the EXPO and chat about everything business in an awesome and fun environment. Each Chamber member will have the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas to their business community. Deadline to RSVP is March 14. Reserve your table today! For more information, contact [Traci.Galyean@marriott.com](mailto:Traci.Galyean@marriott.com), Crosby/Huffman Chamber, 281-328-6984 or [chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org](mailto:chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org).

## Primary Election: Ogg out; Teare, Lee, Cain in

HARRIS COUNTY – Former prosecutor Sean Teare ousted Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg from the November ballot Tuesday following a bruising Democratic primary campaign that saw progressive county and city officials back the challenger.

In his bid for re-election to the Harris County Department of Education board, East Aldine District's Richard Cantu won by getting 64% of the vote.

In other races of interest, for Sheriff incumbent Ed Gonzelez won with 67% of the vote; in Constable races Al Rosen won 75% of the vote in Precinct 1; Jer-



DA Kim Ogg loses, Sean Teare won, Sheila Jackson Lee won, Briscoe Cain won in the Primary Election.

ry Garcia won 76% in Precinct 2; and Sherman Eagleton won 82% of the vote in Precinct 3. For County Attorney incumbent Christian Menefee received 70% of the vote.

Running unopposed were Judge Joe Stephens, and State Representatives Armando Walle, Senfronia

Thompson and Ana Hernandez. State Senator Carol Alvarado ran unopposed, as did Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. Some of these democrats will face opponents in the November general election, though.

On the Republican ticket, Briscoe Cain beat chal-

lenger Bianca Gracia for Texas House District 128.

Aiming for a third term, Ogg conceded the race shortly before 9 p.m., before any Election Day votes had been tallied. She only received 25% of the vote, to Teare's 75%.

In her speech, Ogg touted her record as district

attorney and argued financial support from outside of Houston as the reason Teare prevailed.

"I have made some powerful enemies for all the right reasons," Ogg said.

The early voting and absentee ballot returns staked Teare to a 50 percentage point lead that proved impossible for Ogg to overcome.

Teare, who resigned from a leadership position in the district attorney's office to run against Ogg last year, now has to win the November general election against former

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## Crosby ISD Shines: Fiscal Success, Solar Eclipse Excitement, and Student Achievements!

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

I hope our families are enjoying Spring Break this month. I pray for a safe journey for those traveling and opportunities for our families to make memories, reconnect, and replenish ahead of the final two months of the school year.

Let's start this column with some good news about district finances. I am proud to say Crosby ISD is cementing a solid financial future. The school district has started the process to approve a non-deficit budget, a growing



Paula Patterson  
Crosby Superintendent

rarity among school districts in Texas. At the Board of Trustees meeting on February 26, 2024, board members heard from Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Yvonne Johnson, about the current financial status of Crosby ISD. The

budget workshop is the initial step in the months-long approval process for the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. Crosby ISD is only one of about 20% of districts that are not planning to approve deficit budgets. In December, we also announced another fiscal achievement for Crosby ISD. The school district achieved its highest School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating in more than five years, scoring a 96 or Superior Achievement for the 2021-22 fiscal year. I am so proud of the fiscal path we have cemented in Crosby ISD. Our financial future



The 2023-24 Crosby ISD Principal of the Year is Ms. Herlinda Minor. She is the Principal at Crosby Kindergarten Center. Superintendent Patterson made the surprise announcement on Friday, March 1.

is bright.

Speaking of bright, Crosby ISD is looking forward to the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8! Each campus is throwing an outdoor viewing party that day. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon travels between the Earth and the Sun, completely blocking out the Sun. We can expect coverage of the sun to be about 94% in Crosby and Barrett Station. The peak of the total solar eclipse is expected to be around 1:35pm that day. We are so excited about this that

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## Crawfish Shack managing shortage of "Mud Bugs"

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

The phone was ringing off the wall at Crawfish Shack in Crosby on Sunday and the conversation for each was the same—"We're not selling bags, only boiled crawfish through the drive-through," owner Dan Meaux replied. He could hardly leave the building to take his mobile point-of-sale system tablet with him out to the line of cars to help take orders without stopping for another call.

The sales and calls were a welcome relief to Meaux and other restaurant owners who are riding a two-month delay because of the much smaller-sized mudbugs, a direct result of the summer drought last year.

"It's unreal how bad it



Dan Meaux interviewed by Chris Shepherd on KPRC's food program.



Cars are lined up through the parking lot and out onto FM 2100 at the Crawfish Shack in hopes of being able to get some delectable crawfish. The summer drought of 2023 has caused an unusual shortage.

## Sawyer Yards a Cornucopia of Art every Second Saturday

The Market at Sawyer Yards, an outdoor arts and crafts market, made its return last Saturday, March 9th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event took place in Art Alley at Sawyer Yards, conveniently located at 2101 Winter St., surrounded by The Silos at Sawyer Yards, Winter St., First Industrial and Silver Street Studios. Art Alley, once a bustling rail line serving the Mahatma Rice Company, has since been transformed into a vibrant hub for local artists.

Since its inception in May of 2016, The Market has been a staple on 2nd Saturdays, coinciding with Second Saturday Open Studios at Sawyer Yards. It has consistently offered patrons a dynamic outdoor



The Market at Sawyer Yards 2024



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# GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

## Alamo Teacher Receives National Recognition



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman: Lizzet Austin works on angles with her fourth grade students.

Goose Creek CISD is proud to announce Lizzet Austin, fourth grade teacher at Alamo Elementary as the Progress Learning Educator of the Year. This national recognition is awarded to teachers that exemplify the four core values at Progress Learning: Learning, Diversity, Professionalism, and Unity.

## GCCISD Employee on Family Feud this week!



Pamela Brooks (Special Education Coordinator at GCCISD) and her family will appear on Family Feud on Wednesday, February 14 – Friday, February 16, 2024.

## Check Mates: Houston Loves Teachers Honors Outstanding Educator and School

By Norma Martinez

In a celebration of educational excellence, Houston Loves Teachers, in partnership between Precinct 3 and the Houston Loves Teachers program through the Harris County Sports Authority, recently awarded Ashley Henderson, a dedicated 6th-grade teacher, and E.F. Green Junior School for their remarkable contributions to Houston-area students.

Lawrence Bell, Community Involvement for Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey, and Maria Duran, Community Engagement Director for Harris County Sports Authority, surprised Ashley Henderson in her classroom at E.F. Green Junior School with a \$1,000 check. Known for her unique teaching methods and unwavering dedication to her students, Ms. Henderson has proven to be an inspiration to both her colleagues and the young minds under her guidance. In an equally surprising moment, Mr. Bell interrupted the celebration to announce that Dr. Alicia Babin and the campus were also being recognized and would receive a check for \$4,000 for the school.

Houston Loves Teachers, a citywide outreach and support effort for educators, both present and future, partnered with Commissioner Tom Ramsey to identify the best teachers and campus talents in Precinct 3's boundaries. E.F. Green Junior School emerged as a beacon of educational excellence, showcasing a commitment to fostering a positive learning



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman: Norma Martinez (GCCISD), Maria Duran (Harris County Sports Authority), Ashley Henderson (Teacher), Alicia Babin (Principal), and Lawrence Hall (Precinct 3) pose with the checks awarded.



Students in Ms. Henderson's class performed open heart surgery on their writing.

environment and nurturing the intellectual growth of its students.

The office of Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey, who played a pivotal role in recognizing outstanding educators, expressed their admiration for the exceptional work being done at E.F. Green Junior School. They emphasized the importance of investing in education and supporting teachers who play

a crucial role in shaping the minds of the next generation.

To learn more about the Harris County Sports Authority or their program Houston Loves Teachers, please visit <https://www.houstonsports.org/> or <https://houstonlovesteachers.org/>. Contributed photo: Students in Ms. Henderson's class performed open heart surgery on their writing.

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The Harris County District Attorney's Office has prosecuted 77 hate crime cases in the last 7 years. The most ever, by any District Attorney's office in Texas.

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### ON THE HILL

## City of Mont Belvieu wins H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas Award for Hackberry Park

The City of Mont Belvieu is pleased to announce Hackberry Park - Phase 1 was selected for recognition in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) annual Parks and Natural Areas Awards Program.

H-GAC established the Parks and Natural Areas Awards in 2006 to highlight best practices and innovative approaches to parks planning and implementation. H-GAC honors projects in the categories of Projects Over \$500,000, Projects Under \$500,000, Planning Process/Policy Tools, and Programming. Mont Belvieu's Hackberry Park - Phase 1 project has won the Projects Over \$500,000 category.

"We are honored and excited to win H-GAC's Parks and Natural Areas Award," said Mont Belvieu Parks and Recreation Director Dustin Schubert. "Projects like this are a true team effort, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share this with everyone that played a part in making Hackberry Park a reality for Mont



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Initially slated as a 20+ year project, the 200-acre

Hackberry Park, which features over 70 acres of ponds, opened Phase 1 to the public after just 5 short years on April 19, 2023. The park's development was boosted by the demand for dirt as a part of the construction of SH 99/ Grand Parkway and thanks to generous donations from ONEOK and other area partners. Phase 1 of Hackberry Park's development features a robust trail system, stocked and interconnected pond

system, hundreds of new trees, and parking infrastructure. The expansive Hackberry Park makes a beautiful and natural entry into Mont Belvieu for travelers exiting the Grand Parkway (SH 99). Marked with an amenity bridge that harkens back to the City's important role in the Texas oil boom, Hackberry Park gives Mont Belvieu's residents an outdoor haven that's perfect for short afternoon strolls or longer heart-

pumping hikes. The park's 70 acres of interconnected ponds that are perfect for fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. Hackberry Park also plays an important role in keeping Mont Belvieu safe; the park is designed to flood and gives the city an abundance of storm water detention during large weather events. Since it's opening last April, the park continues to grow in popularity and in size; Mont Belvieu's first dog park, located inside of Hackberry Park, is slated to open to the public on February 12, 2024. Projects recognized by this awards program are selected by a panel of expert judges and industry professionals.

The City of Mont Belvieu and other winners were honored during a celebration on Feb. 9 at the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

**For more information about H-GAC's Parks and Natural Area Awards, visit [h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards](http://h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards).**

### Mont Belvieu Police arrest wire thieves



Jack Mayfield Timothy Sanford

An alert pair of MBPD Night Shift officers rolled up on two suspicious males at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday morning on FM 565 near Loop 207.

A large section of copper wire/cabling was found to have been cut down from overhead lines and in the process of being cut up into smaller sections near their pickup. The wire and assorted cutting tools were recovered as evidence and both persons were taken into custody.

37-year old Jack Mayfield (left) from Bacliff TX was arrested and charged with felony theft and criminal mischief.

32-year old Timothy Sanford (right), of Crosby TX was arrested and charged with felony theft and criminal mischief as well as Possession of Marijuana and Evading Detention after attempting to outrun one of our officers.

Great work by Night Shift, the men and women in blue who work in the shadows while most people sleep securely in their homes.

### Mont Belvieu 2024 Calendar of Events

**Spring Sprint**  
Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. | City Park

This event is a family 5K run/walk and kids fun run. The 5K course starts and ends at Mont Belvieu City Park. Run on City streets and sidewalks; finishing the last mile on the gravel trail around the City Park.

Visit our Spring Sprint page for info & registration.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 30th, 2024 | City Park, Little League Soccer Fields

You don't want to miss all the EGG-citement at Mont Belvieu's yearly Easter Egg Hunt. This event is held at the soccer fields at City Park on Eagle Drive and begins at 10:00 am. The event is broken into three age groups: 1-4-year-olds, 5-7-year-olds, and 8-10-year-olds. That way, everyone is sure to have fun and get a lot of eggs! Children must be accompanied by an adult and they must bring their own baskets. After the event, families can stay for refreshments and kids can have their pictures made with the Easter Bunny.

Cowboy fathers tend to delight in raising their children up to be cowgirls and cowboys. We teach them to ride, to rope, to tend their horses... so many things. Cowboy grandfathers do too; I love it when my grandson, Cross, loads up his little tractor and follows me down to the barn to help.

My children and grandchildren are precious to me. From the oldest to the youngest, I treasure each one of them. I want to bless them, teach them, protect them, help them have the best possible lives and grow into the best possible people. I've spent decades learning how to be a father (and grandfather) from the greatest Father of all - God.

Our heavenly Father is right there with us, ready to teach us what we need to know - if we'll listen.

### THOUGHTS FROM HILLSIDE CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



### For Our Children

So, it's astounding how many Christian parents miss the glaringly obvious fact that the devil is after our kids. He is clearly on a rampage against not only Christians specifically, but families and children in general.

We have a responsibility to this next generation. I think about my youngest grandson, who is named after my dad, and how greatly the world this Ronnie Joe will grow up in differs from Dad's world. Things that never would have been accepted when I was a

kid, ungodly behaviors that are clearly condemned in the Bible, are not only accepted today, but actively promoted to our children. This is bad enough, but even worse is the fact that too many parents simply watch as if they're helpless or, worse yet, have fallen for the devil's lies themselves.

Falling for a lie is all too easy when you don't know the truth. The Word of God is Truth. We must teach it to our children, and we can only do this if we study it our-

selves. It was for good reason that God gave the command in Deuteronomy 11:19, "Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

The truth found in God's Word is what shields us from the lies of the devil. As Psalm 91:4 tells us, His truth is our shield and buckler. His Word, the Truth, will shield and protect us if we know it and know how to use it. In Ephesians 6:17

we also see the Word as the sword of the Spirit. It is a weapon against the works of our enemy the devil. Again, we must know it and know how to use it. A sword is only as good as the swordsman, and just like vitamins sitting in a drawer can't help the person who won't take them, a Bible sitting on a coffee table can't help the person who won't open it and dig in.

Many Christians see how evil the days are and get focused on praying, "Maranatha! Come quickly Lord Jesus!," and that's a great prayer! Even so, we can't ignore reality in the meantime. Like it or not, we're at war and it's up to us to stand up and fight the battle for our children today.

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## Mont Belvieu Breaks Ground on \$32 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion



MONT BELVIEU-Yesterday, we took the plunge and broke ground on our Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion! All sewage runs aside, this project is an important step for the city. At \$32 million, this is the largest capital project in Mont Belvieu history. The expansion of the plant will double our daily wastewater capacity and allow for our systems to keep up with the city's growth.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive

@ Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex

MARCH 11

Spring Sprint 5K Fun Run

Join the community fun & spirit!

MARCH 23

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual eggstravaganza!

MARCH 30

OPINION PAGE

LETTERS To The Editor

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee Statement on SB4 Ruling

Houston, Texas – A United States federal court has issued a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocks the implementation of Senate Bill 4 (SB 4), a harsh anti-immigration law...

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee gave the following statement in response:

"This is an important win for all Harris County communities. Immigrant populations should be welcomed as valued members of our society, not subjected to policies that cause them to live in a constant state of fear..."

It shouldn't be lost on us that this decision came just a few days after a local megachurch pastor disparaged immigrants and spewed hatred to thousands of people...

Judge Lina Hidalgo Statement in Response to SB 4 Federal Court Ruling

Harris County, TX, February 29, 2024, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo issued the following statement in response to the federal court ruling today:

"I am in full support of this ruling. SB 4 is nothing more than a political stunt that dehumanizes immigrants and creates a culture of racial profiling and police mistrust in communities across Texas..."

Governor Abbott Statement On Preliminary Injunction Against SB 4

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement on Texas' constitutional right to defend itself following a federal judge granting the Biden Administration's motion for a preliminary injunction against Senate Bill 4...

"Texas will immediately appeal this decision, and we will not back down in our fight to protect our state—and our nation—from President Biden's border crisis..."

LETTERS To The Editor

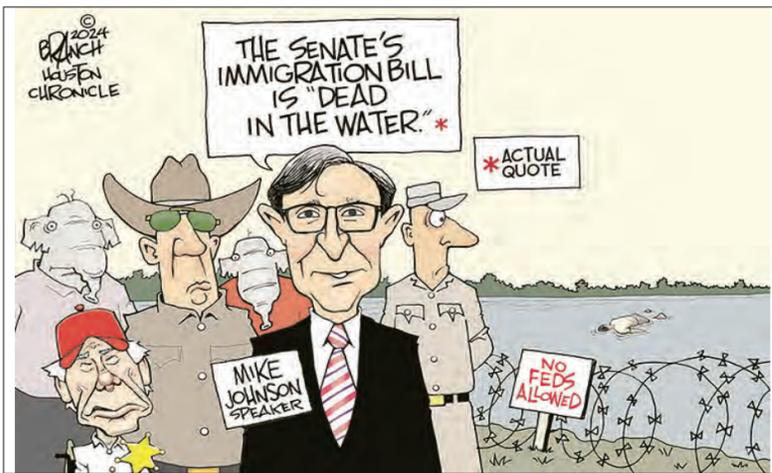
Reader comments on "Buckner FHC to relocate to new campus"

I'm sorry to see an organization such as this leave our East Aldine community. However, I can sincerely say that since Sylvia Bolling, the founder of the original organization known as Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. (now known as Buckner) left, it's never been the same.

Sylvia was a dear friend to many and strong advocate for people of all ages living in East Aldine. She has been sorely missed.

--Marina Flores Sugg, resident of East Aldine since 1975, and former President of the Aldine YOUTH board of directors.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Largest Wildfire in State History Still Raging

A wildfire in the Texas Panhandle has consumed more than 1 million acres and as of Sunday was just 15% contained, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is the largest wildfire in Texas history.

The Smokehouse Creek Fire is by far the most extensive of several blazes, which also include the Grape Vine Creek Fire in Gray County, covering 30,000 acres and 60% contained, and the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, which covers 142,000 acres and was 60% contained.

Two deaths have been reported thus far, with hundreds of homes and other structures destroyed and thousands of cattle likely killed, according to Sid Miller, the state's agriculture commissioner. Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 60 counties, and fire-fighting crews from across the state have arrived to assist.

The causes of the fires have not been determined, though the Panhandle has been experiencing exceptionally dry and windy weather. The forest service is advising residents and motorists traveling through the Panhandle to be cautious and not aggravate fire conditions.

"A lot of our fires start from the roadside," Meghan Mahurin, public information officer, said. "Dragging chains, throwing cigarettes, and pulling trucks off into a bar ditch where a hot exhaust can hit tall grass can cause one."

At least one lawsuit has already been filed, blaming downed power lines owned by Xcel Energy for starting a blaze, the Texas Tribune reported.

DPS DIRECTOR TESTIFIES BEFORE UVALDE GRAND JURY

A Uvalde grand jury considering bringing possible charges against law enforcement officers for the flawed response to the Robb Elementary school shooting heard testimony behind closed doors last week from Texas Department of Public Safety Director Col. Steve McCraw.

The Austin American-Statesman reported McCraw flew from Austin on a state plane and was driven to the



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Uvalde County Fairplex, where the grand jury is meeting. He made no public comments.

The Statesman has previously reported that multiple law enforcement officers have been ordered to appear before the grand jury, including from DPS. The responding officers have come under harsh criticism for not confronting the shooter more quickly. He murdered 19 students and two teachers before being killed.

McGraw's agency thus far has refused to release investigative information in the case, despite rulings to do so from a judge in lawsuit brought by the Statesman and multiple media outlets. The agency said it is doing so at the request of the Uvalde County District Attorney to protect the grand jury proceedings.

SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS STATES' SOCIAL MEDIA LAWS

Laws passed in Texas and Florida to regulate the authority of social media companies over content moderation have been challenged and are now before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Statesman reported.

Trade groups representing Facebook, YouTube, X and Instagram have been joined by the U.S. Justice Department in suing the two states, arguing the laws infringe on the companies' First Amendment right to free speech.

House Bill 20 in Texas passed in 2021. It required social media companies to publicly disclose their content moderation processes and provide recourse for Texans whose posts or accounts are removed or suspended.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineo-

la, held a news conference after the high court hearing laws week.

"They control the new town square," he said of the social media companies. "Everybody understands that that's where people go to hash it out, to exercise their First Amendment rights, to have a discussion."

JUDGE PAUSES SURVEY OF TEXAS BITCOIN MINERS

A federal judge has temporarily halted an effort by the Department of Energy to collect electricity consumption data from cryptocurrency miners, the Houston Chronicle reported. Texas bitcoin miners claimed the mandatory survey was a "politically motivated attack on the industry."

The suit was filed by the Texas Blockchain Council and Riot Platforms in Rockdale, the most power-intensive bitcoin mine in the United States. They claimed the DOE sent out the mandatory survey without a public notice and comment period.

Cryptocurrency miners use huge arrays of computers to process data that unlocks cryptocurrency. They consume huge amounts of energy. One estimate claims a single bitcoin transaction uses as much power as the average U.S. household consumes in 37 days.

POSTPARTUM COVERAGE EXTENDED FOR MEDICAID, CHIP RECIPIENTS.

The state is extending postpartum health coverage from two to 12 months for eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) recipients, Gov. Greg Abbott announced.

"By extending postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage, we will help ensure new mothers and the most vulnerable young Texans receive critical healthcare resources they need to care for their families and thrive," Abbott said.

The change was effective March 1.

MITIGATING IMPACTS OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN TEXAS

The Texas A&M Forest Service is trying to raise awareness of the damaging effects of invasive species, from displacement of native trees to potentially wiping out entire species.

"Invasive species produce a measurable impact," said Demian Gomez, with the service. "If left unchecked, invasives can threaten native species, biodiversity, ecosystem services, water resources, agricultural and forest production, economies and property values."

Among the invasive species affecting Texas are the emerald ash borer, oak wilt, the Brazilian peppertree and the red bay ambrosia beetle.

"Early detection, rapid assessment and rapid response (EDRR) provides the greatest opportunity for eradication and cost-effective management of invasive species. The EDRR program, a network of traps targeting exotic bark and ambrosia beetles, increases the likelihood that invasive species will be found, contained and eradicated before they become widely established," the news release said.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

What Cats Like



"I've been reading about cats," my husband, Peter, tells me. Peter has never had a cat before.

"Oh, yeah?" "Salt is not good for their kidneys. We have to give Felix unsalted fish."

Felix is our adopted street cat here in Mexico. He is coming back to the U.S. with us in a fancy backpack carrier I found online. It has mesh on either side, with one big plexiglass bubble in the back, so Felix can watch his fellow passengers in comfort. He hasn't flown yet, but our trips to and from the veterinarian were uneventful, so I think he will adapt to it rather well.

Felix is adapting to everything rather well, especially considering he is not the five-month-old kitten we thought he was, but fully two years old. I learned this at the vet when he got his first vaccination.

"I don't know how old he is," I told them, explaining that he was a rescued street cat.

The vet tech was nonchalant. She peeled back Felix's lips and examined his teeth. "One or two years," she declared.

"Really?" "I think so."

Then a second veterinarian's assistant came in. "How old is he?" she asked.

I told her again that I didn't know. (I figured it was good to get a second opinion.) Felix suffered the indignity of having his lips peeled back a second time in five minutes.

"At least two years old," she said.

"Two years?" I asked—for clarification. (I have misunderstood numbers in Spanish more often than I care to admit.)

"Yes," the vet tech said with certainty. "He is at least two years old." They recorded his date of birth as 2022, and Felix suddenly went from being a scrappy kitten to a remarkably playful and adaptable adult cat.

But he is very thin, and unlike a lot of rescued animals, he does not seem to be especially interested in food. The woman who fostered him said she had dry cat food available for him all the time, so that's what we did as well. But Felix was not eating much.

I bought an overpriced package of soft chicken cat food. It smelled awful. Felix tried it. He was unimpressed. The food hardened in his bowl, and he was still not putting on any weight.

"Maybe he'd like a scrambled egg," Peter suggested. "Do cats like eggs?"

I've had several cats but, as far as I can remember, I had never made breakfast for any of them. Peter scrambled up an egg and gave Felix part of it. Felix loved the scrambled egg. Then Peter got reading up on what else cats like.

"They can have fish, but they should eat all the bones for better nutrition," Peter informed me. I believed him. Peter brought home a can of mackerel. The mackerel was a huge hit. Peter kept reading.

"It says here that cats like peas. Maybe we could give him some garbanzo beans."

At this point, Peter was miles ahead of me in his study of cat nutrition. We gave Felix three garbanzo beans. Felix ate them immediately and demanded more.

Now Peter is looking for canned fish—whole fish—complete with bones that we can give Felix for a bedtime snack. "I can get a case of salt-free canned sardines for a good price!" he announced. "Do you think Felix would like sardines?"

I looked at Felix lying contentedly in his furry bed. I don't know nearly as much about cats as I thought I did. But I'm willing to bet Felix will like sardines very much indeed.

Till next time, Carrie

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# GCCISD's Team Titans Wins Second Place at Aramark's Culinary Star Competition

GCCISD's Team Titans sizzled their way to second place at Aramark's Culinary Star Competition! Facing off against 13 other teams, these culinary stars impressed with their "Vegetarian Stir-Fry Noodle with a Southwest Twist," a dish that tantalized the judges' taste buds. This win is a delicious testament to the dedication of the students and their instructors, and a source of immense pride for the entire GCCISD community.



# Sawyer Yards, a Cornucopia,

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experience complementing the serene atmosphere of the indoor art studios.

As the market approaches its 8th anniversary milestone, attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars for the upcoming markets on April 13th and May 11th. The May 11th event will hold special significance as it commemorates the 8th anniversary and marks the final market at this location.

Visitors can expect to discover a diverse array of handcrafted ceramics, woodwork, fiber art, leather goods, and folk creations. Additionally, a variety of delectable treats will be available from packaged food vendors, ranging from cheesecake and chocolates to jams, jellies, and convenient Indian cuisine to-go. As always, a food truck

will be stationed on-site.

For those seeking further information and a sneak peek of the full ro-

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# Primary Election Results,

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prosecutor Dan Simons to take charge of his former workplace.

Meanwhile, longtime U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee swatted away a spirited challenge by attorney and former Jackson Lee intern Amanda Edwards.

After a crushing loss in the Houston mayoral runoff in December, Jackson Lee was seen as vulnerable by Edwards, who argued Congressional District 18 voters are ready for a fresh face.

In full but unofficial vote tallies reported late Wednesday morning, other primary upsets emerged, including six incumbent state district judges who lost their benches to challengers.

The elections are part of 241 Democratic and Republican primary races across Harris County, according to County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, along with thousands more across Texas and 14 other states holding primaries or caucuses on Super Tuesday.

Other Harris County results include:

Harris County District Attorney

Teare resigned from his leadership post in Ogg's office last year and announced his election bid with hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds and the backing of Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis and other Houston-area Democrats.

Ogg, who first was elected in 2016, cruised to victory in her last Democratic Primary in 2020. In the four years since, however, a series of high-profile case losses, a lingering backlog of criminal cases and public feuds with Commissioners Court left Ogg abandoned by the left flank of her party.

Teare claimed Ogg weaponized her office against political opponents and ran as a self-professed progressive who will bring criminal justice reform to bear in the county.

Ogg said she had taken steps to reform the county's

criminal justice system already and the political process was being weaponized against her for simply following the law.

Teare vastly outraised Ogg to jump-start his campaign. Ogg criticized Teare for his high-dollar donors, including nearly \$700,000 from billionaire George Soros' Texas Justice and Safety PAC.

Congressional District 2

U.S. Rep. Dan Crenshaw defeated far-right challenger Jameson Ellis by a comfortable margin in the Republican primary.

Crenshaw, a former Navy SEAL, has held the seat since 2018, and was initially a Republican darling after receiving national attention when a Saturday Night Live skit made fun of the eye patch he wears to cover a wound received while in service.

Since then, Republicans have soured on Crenshaw.

Congressional District 18

Jackson Lee declared victory Tuesday evening at a watch party prior to most Election Day results being reported.

Edwards, in a speech around the same time, said she was waiting for more results to be reported. With final results released Wednesday, Jackson Lee's lead remained largely unchanged.

Jackson Lee jumped straight from a bruising campaign for Houston mayor to the strongest challenge of her incumbency throughout her nearly 30 years in office. She ended up having an easier time defeating Edwards, a former Houston city council member, than a University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs poll last month had suggested. That survey had the well-funded Edwards within 5 percentage points of the incumbent.

The congresswoman and 42-year-old Edwards largely agree on policy, but Edwards said the district is ready for a change after decades of representation by Jackson Lee.

Texas House District 128

GOP state Rep. Briscoe Cain defeated community activist Bianca Gracia by a wide margin in the safely Republican district.

Gracia challenged Cain with the backing of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who Cain voted to impeach last year. Paxton has funded primary challengers to supporters of his impeachment across Texas.

Harris County Attorney First-term Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee easily bested civil rights attorney Umeka "UA" Lewis in the Democratic primary.

Lewis brought a higher name ID to the race because of a false arrest lawsuit she filed and won against the city in 2019, but fell far behind Menefee in early returns.

Harris County Sheriff

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez easily defeated three Democratic Primary challengers, well above the 50 percent threshold needed to avoid a runoff.

On the Republican side, former At-Large Houston City Council Member Mike Knox bested three others for the opportunity to face Gonzalez in the November.

U.S. Senate

U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, won the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate, setting up a November race against Sen. Ted Cruz. State Sen. Rolad Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, came in a distant second.

Cruz easily defeated his two primary challengers.

U.S. President

President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump continued their march to their parties' nominations for the second presidential election cycle in a row.

Both men easily won their primaries in Texas easily, with Trump brushing aside former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and Biden not facing any serious challenger.

--With Ed Cagley  
Houston Landing

# Crosby ISD: Building a Bright Financial Future, Embracing Learning,

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the district is giving every student a free pair of viewers. These specially-designed viewers help protect students' eyes from the ultraviolet, infrared, and intense visible light produced by the eclipse. Total solar eclipses are relatively common, happening once or twice a year. However, Texas may not be along the direct path again for 100 to 300 years! This is a great opportunity for our students to see their science lessons come to life. Let's all pray for clear skies and calm weather that day!

We held a very special training session for our Transportation Department in recent weeks. Bus drivers, mechanics, and office staff had the opportunity to engage with a facilitator from "Capturing Kids' Hearts." The program is interactive and engaging. It helps provide reflections on how to provide authentic and meaningful connections with co-workers and our students. Our bus drivers start and end each day for our students. They work hard, and we want the best possible workplace culture for our transportation team.

It's also time to hand out some March kudos to the students on Crosby Middle School's Varsity Choir. They scored #1 ratings in their recent UIL contest, one of the best showings ever for a CMS choir! The Crosby High School Robotics Team finished second in their recent competition. Their school-made robot was faster and scored better than all but one other in the competition in Katy. We're looking forward to the next robotics contest at Clear Brook High School later in March. Two of our Crosby High School pow-



The Crosby Middle School Varsity Choir is the first CMS Choir to earn top (#1) ratings from all the judges for their UIL performance.



The Crosby High School Robotics Team, "Alloy Obsession," finished second in this month's competition in Katy. The students designed, built, and programmed their robot from scratch.



Crosby High School sophomore, Kayleigh Bowling, is headed to the State Powerlifting competition for the second year in a row. She placed second in the Regionals competition.



Crosby High School cheerleaders read to Drew Elementary School students during "Read across America" Day on February 29.



erlifters are also moving on to the state finals. Sophomore Kayleigh Bowling and senior Levi Fontenot qualified to represent Crosby ISD at the state finals. Kayleigh placed second in Regionals last month. Levi recorded a personal record at Regionals. Good luck, Kayleigh and Levi!

This month also marked "Read Across America" Day. District staff and Crosby High School students had a chance to read to elementary students, as we continue that spark of literacy in our younger students. Some campuses held book parades and students dressed like their favorite fictional characters. We're all about promoting a love of reading among Crosby/Barrett Station children.

Finally, let's celebrate Crosby ISD's 2023-24 Principal of the Year! Principal Herlinda Minor from Crosby Kindergarten Center is a VIP in our district. She's served the students and staff in various roles, from teacher to assistant principal and principal, for the past 12 years. I enjoyed surprising her with flowers and video messages from our littlest Cougars during our March District Leadership Team meeting. Principal Minor and her team do the heart work at CKC. She will be honored at a banquet in April celebrating all Principals of the Year from around the Houston Region.

We are Moving Forward! Go Coogs!

Crosby ISD's Transportation Department engaged in "Capturing Kids' Hearts" training this month during the district's Staff Development Day on March 1.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search "Crosby MUD SWTP Improvements". Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, and other related documents for this project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

This project will be federally funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Applicable requirements include but are not limited to compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Federal Labor Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, and contracting with small, minority, and disadvantage firms. In addition, applicable requirement include compliance with Build America, Buy America Act is defined in 2 CFR § 184.3, as detailed in the project manual.

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CROSBY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY AND TEST OF TABULATION EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80, and Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, will conduct a public test of the logic and accuracy of automatic tabulating voting equipment machines which will be used in the election to be held on May 4, 2024. The test will determine that the voting equipment will accurately record the votes cast for all offices and all propositions.

The tests will be conducted on March 18, 2024, commencing at 9:00 A.M., at the following location: 820 Gessner Rd., Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024.

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Las pruebas se llevarán a cabo el 18 de marzo de 2024, a partir de las 9:00 a.m. en la siguiente ubicación: 820 Gessner Rd., Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this MARCH 7, 2024

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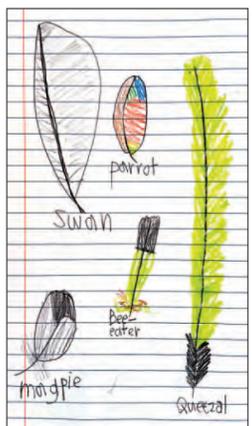
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*Kids Korner: The New Generation*

A note from Kristan Hoffman, daughter of publisher Gilbert Hoffman:

30 years ago, before the digital age had fully taken hold, and this newspaper was still laid out on giant paste-up boards each week, my dad marked off a small section on one of the interior pages and gifted it to me. We named it "Kids Korner," and every week I did my best to fill it with fun features like jokes, drawings, and best of all, my own writing. What a cool job for a kid! What an honor.

Now my young daughter would like a chance to follow in those footsteps. I guess newspaper ink must run in our bloodline. Anyway, I hope you will indulge and enjoy this new generation's fresh energy, creativity, and humor, just like you always did for me.



The Columnist's notes in preparation for the column.

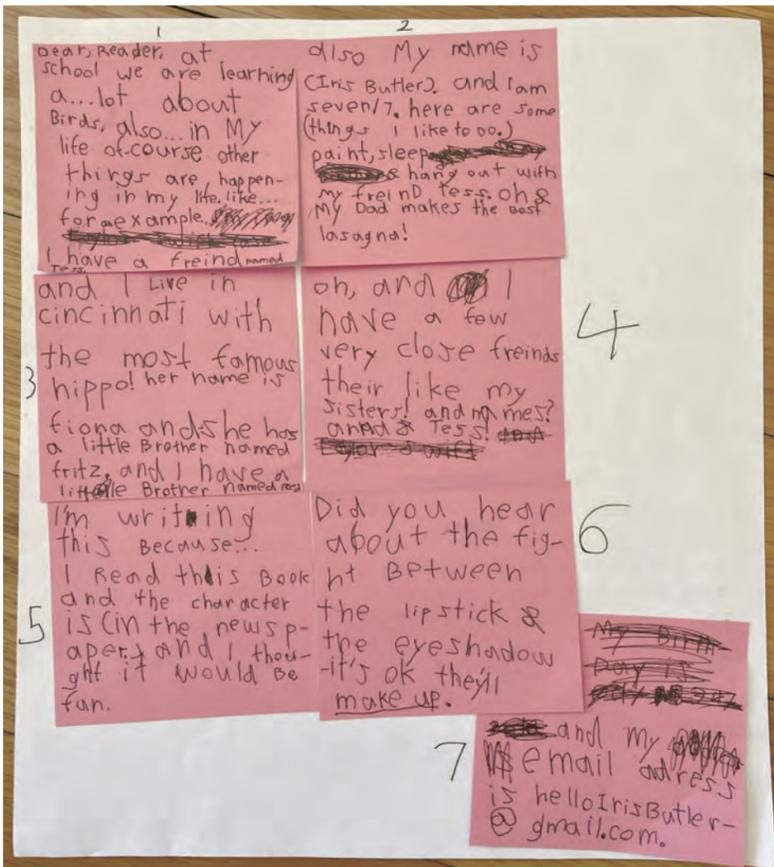
# ★ KIDS KORNER: The New Generation By Iris Butler



Columnist Iris Butler readings one of her books.



The Columnist's Family: Andy, Kristan, Iris, Reed



The Handwritten manuscript of the Kids Korner column.

Dear Reader,

My name is Iris Butler, and I am 7 years old. I live in Cincinnati with the most famous hippo! Her name is Fiona, and she has a little brother named Fritz. I have a little brother too, named Reed. My mom is a writer, and my dad works at a company called P&G. Oh and my dad makes the best lasagna!

I am writing this column because I read a book where the main character writes a column for her local newspaper, and I thought it would be fun. The book is from the Front Desk series by Kelly Yang.

Here are some things I like to do: paint, swim, and hang out with my friends. I have a few very close friends. Two of them are like my sisters. Their names are Tess and Anna. We call ourselves the Three Musketeers. We are in the same first grade class, and

we play soccer together.

At school we are learning a lot about birds. My teacher used to work with birds at the Cincinnati Zoo. There is a kind of feather called semiplume, and I like it because it is fuzzy. I also like scarlet macaws, because they are red, green, and blue, from top to bottom.

I hope you liked my first column! If you would like to write me a message, my email address is [helloirisbutler@gmail.com](mailto:helloirisbutler@gmail.com). Take care!

Jokes:

1. Did you hear about the fight between the lipstick and the eye shadow? Don't worry, they'll make up.
2. What do you call a fish without eyes? FSH!
3. What do you call a cow that plays the flute? A moo-sician.

## Crawfish Shack managing shortage of Mud Bugs,

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is," Meaux said. "The supply is down about 80 to 90 percent."

They opened on Friday and sold out in a few hours. The same was true for Saturday and Sunday.

"We're getting multiple trucks each day. It's just that they have so few bags on them," he lamented.

Wholesalers are not making any money either, he said.

"They still have all the same overhead but with fewer bags to sell. Everybody's losing—farmers, restaurants, wholesalers," he said.

Meaux is still optimistic that the season can be salvaged.

"March looks like it's going to be much better."

Marshal Tobey works on the crew at the purging table and has been working at the restaurant for two years. It's the worst he's ever seen.

"We're sorting through the bags we get here on the table taking out the dead and the small crawfish. We're also removing grass, leeches, and other stuff and trashing it," he said. "We'll take the best quality crawfish and rebag them to cook up for our customers here at the Shack."

Tobey said the first bags of the crustaceans they received a few weeks back were horrible, but have since gone through several molts, have grown, and are looking much better.

Right now, they are getting approximately three deliveries per day and only 35 to 45 sacks.

"That's not normal for us whatsoever," he said. "We typically average in the hundreds of sacks daily."

Meaux said he needs at least 150 sacks per day before he can open dine-in.

"We really need closer to 200-250 sacks on the weekends," he said. They're not selling any bags for customers to boil themselves.

Meaux said the shortage can be blamed on the drought last summer when there was no rain at all in Louisiana where the ponds are during August, September, and October.

"A lot of the crawfish just burned up. They would bury themselves deeper and deeper and then just died because it was so dry and hot. Now, when the crawfish did come up this year, they came up two months later than they normally do at the beginning of October when the females release their eggs into the water," he explained.

They didn't come up until December which has put the season two months behind.

"We're having to cull out so much with each bag because there's so much small and dead that it's cutting out all our profit," Meaux said.

They're not alone. Every part of the industry is suffering while trying to keep prices low for customers. High demand with low yield will elevate the price...Economics 101.

"We're hoping to make it up by going deeper into the season this year. Normally we close at the beginning of June. We're going to try and go all the way through June. I think the quality will withstand later in the year," he said.

The ponds also froze earlier in the year causing some damage then too, but the drought was a major interruption in the industry.

"If you talk to any of these farmers, they'll tell you this is the worst crawfish season ever," he said.



A Delectable Crawfish Dinner, with Mud Bugs, corn, and potatoes is extremely popular in Houston. PHOTOS BY DAVID TAYLOR, and KPRC



Casen McMullen oversees the boil room where the crawfish are boiled. It can get pretty hot as the season warms up.



Marshal Tobey gets some help on the purging table from Seth Martinez, Josh Garrett, and Zach O'Brien.



Dan Meaux removes two bags from the aerator tank, a sort of jacuzzi for the crawfish that stays in the tub up to an hour to remove any remaining dirt and sand from the mudbugs before they head to the boil room. Only about 10 percent of restaurants across Houston have the equipment which makes them extremely clean before boiling.

Meaux explained there's 250,000 acres of farmland that are fished for crawfish in Louisiana that are farm raised and 80,000 of those acres were lost to the drought.

"Anything on the south near the coast is all wiped out," Meaux said.

Meaux opened Crawfish Shack for two weekends in January and sold everything else on his menu except for crawfish, but they just weren't busy enough to remain open.

In 21 years of business, most of them at their present location, Meaux has never had a losing season in business except during COVID and this year.

"We started here in 2007 at this location and we were the only crawfish business in town. We had 10 tables and now we have 58 picnic tables and seat about 350 in our dining room," he said. On a good day, he'll sell close to 100 sacks of live crawfish and boil another 160-plus sacks for the restaurant and drive-thru.

"We have an incredible to-go business. On a good Saturday, we're boiling 6000lbs, which is more than any place in Louisiana or Texas for one location," he said.

He now has four competitors in Crosby and said about 400-plus businesses now sell the mudbugs across the Houston/Harris County area.

It's a family affair with his co-owner wife Jennifer, daughters and in-laws, and a few others that make up the 97 employees when the season is in full swing.

"When we open dine-in, we'll need busboys, hostesses, servers, and much more support staff to add to the 35 to 40 who are working right now," he said.

Crawfish Shack is one of the largest employers in the area and donates back to the community in numerous fundraisers and serving on boards.

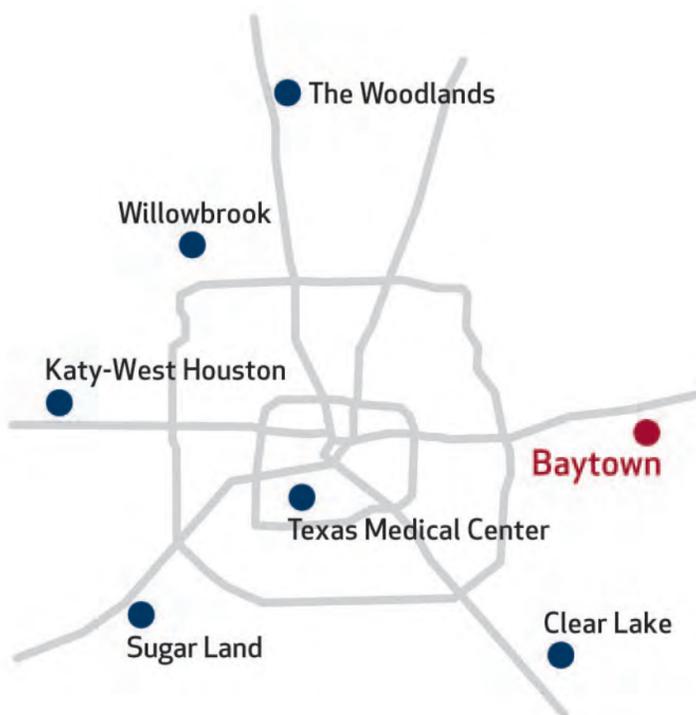
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