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## IN THE STARS

### Crosby/Huffman Chamber Lunch Nov. 21

November Luncheon Thursday November 21 from 11:30am. Thanksgiving Dinner with Baked Chickenn & Dressing from Teapot Depot, with Pecan Pie dessert. At May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Rd., Huffman. Speaker: Lara Umberger Tickets on the website: [crosbyhuffmancc.org](http://crosbyhuffmancc.org).

**Sunday, NOV. 24** GIVE THANKS: A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Crosby High School on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. The high school is located at 333 Red Summit Drive, in Crosby and the service will be held in the Performing Arts Center.

**Thursday, NOV. 28** Happy Thanksgiving!

**Tuesday, DEC. 3** CONCERT: The Crosby Middle School Bands present their Winter Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Beginner Band concert begins at 6 p.m. while the Cadet, Concert, and Symphonc Bands play at 7:15 p.m. The concert will be at the Crosby Middle School Auditorium, 14703 FM 2100 in Crosby and is free to the public.

**Thursday, DEC. 5** THEATRE: Crosby High School Theatre presents The Ice Princess Pageant at the Crosby High School Performing Arts Center, 333 Red Summit Drive, in Crosby. Tickets are \$8 and \$10 and the curtain rises at 7 p.m.

# Crosby History: Football & Czech Heritage

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

It was early, long before the people began arriving for the presentation, but Randy Kubin was doing some reminiscing. On the speaker, connected by Bluetooth technology, Kubin was blaring the 1980 Neil Diamond hit song, America.

"We've been traveling far, without a home, but not without a star, free. Only want to be free, we huddle close, hang on to a dream, on the boats and on the planes, they're coming to America. Never looking back again, they're coming to Ameri-



Randy Kubin, board member for the Crosby Historical Society, presented the program on the Czechs of Crosby.



Johana Dickerson, executive director for the Czech Center Museum Houston.

ca," the lyrics read. Diamond said in an interview with Gary Marlowe, "It's the story of my grandparents escaping Jewish oppression in Russia and coming to America for their freedom in the steerage section of a Holland-America ship."

The words could have easily been exchanged for Czechs who came

to America, looking for the same values and opportunities. Kubin led a presentation to the community on the Czech immigrants that settled in the Crosby area to a crowd of 100-plus friends last Saturday at the Crosby Brethren Church, Nov. 16.

Every quarter, the very active Crosby Historical Society makes presentations that both reflect the past and the future of Crosby. Earlier in the year, their presentation on what's coming to Crosby drew a record crowd, Ronnie Davenport made a presentation on the history of Crosby football's 100<sup>th</sup> year of competition and Kubin finished the year with the history of Czechs in Crosby.

The presence of Czechs is obvious in the community with the number of streets that bear their name—Hol Road, Janacek, Wolcik, Adlong, Bohemian Hall, Stroker

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# Cougars unite across Sports, Arts, Academics; Honor Veterans, and Prepare for a Season of Giving

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

One of the things I love most about being Superintendent of Schools is watching our Cougars support each other. This fall, we've seen football, baseball, softball, track, and basketball players cheer on the Crosby High School volleyball team during their playoff tiebreaker. We've seen the football team in the stands rooting for the Crosby High School band during their run toward the state championship. We've seen the Cougar Stars dance team support CHS theater students at their fall play. In fact, more than 250 stu-



Paula Patterson  
Crosby Superintendent

dents are involved in band, dance, cheerleading, and theater this fall semester. The students supporting each other is exactly what our Portrait of a Graduate is all about: producing Kind, Emotionally Intelligent, Goal-Oriented, and Service-Minded students.

Crosby ISD students and staff want to thank everyone who attended the Veterans Day celebration at Cougar Stadium on November 11. Students, from our youngest to the oldest, performed patriotic songs, dances, and cheers for the veterans of Crosby / Barrett Station. We are located in Harris County, which is home to the largest veteran population in Texas. 176,763 veterans were living in Harris County as of September 30. I encouraged the civilians in the audience to create their own Buddy Check Day, similar to the program promoted by the Texas Veterans Commission and the American Legion. We



Superintendent's Cougar Council. Superintendent Patterson had lunch with students from each campus in Crosby ISD this month. The group of students from 5th grade through 12th grade provides feedback about what's working well on their campuses, and what they think should be changed.

should start our personal tradition of checking on our veterans every 11th of the month, so that Veterans Day is more than just

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# Senator Alvarado testifies at PUC Centerpoint meeting

## Centerpoint Energy criticized by public

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

It was the first time in decades that the Public Utilities Commission stepped outside of their Austin confines to host a public meeting in Houston and the public responded. From organizations to individuals, businesses and other entities, they came with their own horror stories related to Hurricane Beryl and CenterPoint.

The first person to testify before the committee, however, was Lt. Governor Dan Patrick who lauded the response of the state, affected counties, and the city of Houston who took a direct hit.



Senator Carol Alvarado speaks her mind to the Public Utilities Commission at their historic meeting in Houston concerning the CenterPoint response to Hurricane Beryl.

"I cannot say I'm proud of the work of CenterPoint," he lamented, "neither in preparation, communication, or recovery of the storm."

Patrick, who arrived in Harris County in 1979, said he had endured the

same as every other resident and understands the risk of flooding and storms.

"We are patient people. We help people. We come together. We are Texas

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# Arkema settlement meetings are over, cleanup begins

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

For weeks, the Arkema settlement administrators have been in Crosby hosting town hall meetings to encourage any property owners that were affected by the Hurricane Harvey event, to contact them and sign up to have their property considered for cleanup. On November 18, that window closed and now the administrators will focus on the next steps.

"The judge delegated the authority to us for the signup time for property cleanup," said Edgar Gentle, III, settlement administrator in the Arkema case.

Now, Gentle says they will turn to the three bidders who have stepped forward to do the cleanup.

"They will actually know the properties in-



The Arkema plant in Crosby caught fire after hurricane Harvey hit in 2017, and first responders and neighbors suffered from toxic released.

involved and can come back to us with a good bid," he said, aiming to stretch the money as far as possible to cover more damages.

"That will be done by the end of the first quarter (2025) and the testing will be done by the middle of the year. Once that's done, we'll begin mediating," Gentle said.


He said they will aim at beginning the worst prop-

erties first and go down the list till they run out of money.

"We hope to be finished by 2026," he said, almost a decade after Harvey hit Houston in 2017.

Gentle said if residents have a large tract of land, maybe five acres or more, they won't remediate the

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# Crosby History: Football & Czech Heritage,

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(Strokas), Sralla, Krenek, Marek and even Kubin.

The idea for a Czech program came from Crosby Historical Society president Donna Davenport in a board meeting about a year ago.

"She asked me to do it, and I was a little bit shy about it at first, but took on the challenge," Kubin said.

He spent more than 40-50 hours preparing for the program.

"My first stop was at the Czech Center Museum Houston where I met the Johana (Dickerson) and invited her out to speak the first 30 minutes of the program," Kubin said. But as he began to delve into a book he borrowed from the museum, he discovered more about his own Czech heritage and stories from his parents and siblings.

"My grandmother crossed the Atlantic at least eight times," he said, shocked by the revelation.

Dickerson, the executive director for the Czech Center Museum Houston, presented some background of the political climate and changes in the country that came all the way up to 1983.

"Don't call them Czechoslovakians," she said. Between 1918 to 1992 that was their name but in 1993 is when the Czech Republic was established. That's officially when the Czechs and Slovaks separated," she said.

Kubin took over and led the discussion and then he invited several members of Czech families to come up and talk briefly about their own families and their voyage to America.

After all the work he's done on the presentation, Kubin said he had a greater appreciation for his Czech heritage.

"I had no idea how rich it was," he said.

He pointed out that many Protestants believe the Reformation began with Luther, but it was really preceded by a Czech theologian and philosopher. Johannes Hus or Jan Hus, who was born in Husinec, Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) was recognized as one of the critical leaders in the 15th century between the medieval and Reformation periods a century before



More than 100-plus came out to hear the presentation on the Czechs of Crosby on Saturday and enjoyed home-made kolaches.

the Luther-led change.

The Society also sponsored a kolache contest with a number of participants.

Gianna Kocurek Morris won the kolache competition and dedicated hers "In loving memory of my granny."

"There was never a family recipe when my grandmother made them. Everything was off the cuff," Morris said.

Her parents figured out a way to get the recipe committed to paper.

"When I was eight, they sent me to spend the week with my grandmom with the instructions to write down everything and measure everything and that's exactly what I did," she laughed. Every cup, every spoonful.

"My family immigrated to the Frydek area in Sealy. My parents moved to Crosby in 1978," she said to buy land, and they loved the Catholic church.

She makes the Czech delicacies about three times a year, and it takes between six to eight hours.

"I got worried last night because it got cooler and they really do better in warm weather," she said.

There were several tables filled with historical information, photos, and artifacts.

"People still yearn to be free, and America is still that shining city on a hill as Reagan called it," Kubin said. "People will move mountains to get here. They went through hell and high water to get here," he reminded everyone.



Judy Culbreath presents the winning award to Gianna Kocurek Morris who won the award for best kolache recipe. She dedicated her entry to her granny who taught her how to make the delicacy.

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### ON THE HILL

## Goose Creek CISD Celebrates Educators and Community at Evening of Excellence Gala, Honors Teacher of the Year

### Christmas Events in December

**Christmas on the Hill Parade**  
Sunday, December 8, 2024 | Eagle Drive

One of Mont Belvieu's biggest and most beloved events is the Christmas on the Hill Parade. This "can't miss" holiday event occurs on the first Sunday in December. You'll want to bring the entire family to see amazing floats, cool cars, marching bands, and more light up the night as they stream down Eagle Drive. And, you better not pout or cry, because you never know if Santa himself will come to town!

Visit our [Parade](#) page for more info.

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Saturday, December 14, 2024

Bring the family out and capture a special moment with Santa at our selfie station while we cater a tasty breakfast including a biscuit bar full of goodies. After breakfast, keep the kids engaged with a decorate-it-yourself ornament for your tree.

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Tickets will go on sale Fall 2024.

Buy your tickets in advance because this will sell out! Each person in attendance will need a ticket.

**Pictures with Santa**  
Friday, December 13, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa's last stop is at Eagle Pointe for a photo op where kids can pick up some cookies & milk after their photo with Santa!

This is a free event and no membership necessary. Cookies & milk while supplies last. No tickets or pre-registration needed.

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation hosted its highly anticipated *Evening of Excellence Gala* on Friday, November 15, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston. The event brought together educators, community leaders, and supporters to celebrate excellence in education and honor those who significantly impact Goose Creek CISD. Attendees enjoyed a night filled with inspiration, celebration, and entertainment, including a program, silent and live auctions, dinner, and a lively performance by the band *Bag of Donuts*.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of the district's Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, both recipients of the foundation's Innovative Teaching Grants, and the presentation of the inaugural Roger Elswick Legacy Award to its namesake. Gilbert Santana hosted the event, and guests heard from Superintendent Dr. Randal O'Brien, Foundation Board President Adelina Gomez Abshire, and Education Foundation Director Dr. Anna Espinoza. Proceeds from the event will help fund the foundation's impactful programs, including the Innovative Teaching Grants that enrich classrooms, celebrate students' and teachers' achievements, and foster excellence in learning across the district.



Lee High School teachers Raymundo Hernandez, Clemencia Vigil, Katie Dean, and 2024 Secondary District Teacher of the Year Johan Richards, Career & Technical Education Specialist Sara Malloy, Lee High School teachers Sarah Graham and Brandy Graham



Roger Elswick speaking after receiving the inaugural Roger Elswick Legacy Award



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OPINION PAGE

OPINION By BILL KING

Houston TIRZs: Taxing the Poor to Spend on the Rich

When the Texas Legislature originally established tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs), the intent was to provide a mechanism for underdeveloped areas to retain a portion of the property taxes collected in those areas to invest in projects that would spur development.

Houston now has 25 TIRZs that raked in nearly \$260 million in property taxes in 2023. It is important to understand that this \$260 million in property tax revenue was diverted from the general fund of the City of Houston and, to a lesser degree, the general funds of HISD or other sponsoring entities.

About two-thirds of that \$260 million went to just seven TIRZs: Uptown, Midtown, Market Square (Downtown), Lake Houston (Kingwood), Upper Kirby (River Oaks), Greenspoint (IAH) and Memorial. I don't know about you but when I think about areas in Houston with a "substantial number of substandard, slum, deteriorated, or deteriorating structures," none of these areas come to mind.

Over the years I have been observing the operations of the Houston's TIRZs, it has always appeared to me that the bulk of the TIRZ money was going to projects in affluent areas of the City. However, I could never figure out how to prove or quantify that suspicion.

Shortly after I started at the Center, I shared my suspicions about the TIRZs with my colleagues and asked if we could come up with a way to test whether the TIRZs were mostly benefiting more affluent areas of the City. The methodology they developed was to overlay the boundaries of the TIRZs on a map of census tracts using ArcGIS software.

Half of the TIRZs had household incomes higher than the City's \$62,637 median household income. In 11 of the TIRZs, the household income was more than 50% higher than the City's median and in three it was more than double the City's median.

But the comparison between the TIRZs is even more glaring. Thirteen of the TIRZs have median household incomes above the City's average. Those 13 TIRZs collected 71% (\$184 million) of the property taxes rebated to all TIRZs.

Another way to judge the benefit conferred by the tax rebates to the TIRZs is the total amount spent on projects in those TIRZs over their lifetimes. In total, the TIRZs have spent \$3.5 billion.1 Of that total, 70% (\$2.5 billion) has been spent in the Uptown, Midtown, Market Square (Downtown), Lake Houston (Kingwood), and Upper Kirby (River Oaks) TIRZs.

The team created this table of some of the key metrics for Houston's TIRZs. Clicking on this image will take you to an Excel pivot table that will allow you to sort the TIRZs by any of these metrics.

As our team said in its report, it would be a mistake to overly generalize about the operations and financial effects on the City of the TIRZ program. Each of the TIRZs has a unique history and the manner and scope of their operations vary widely.

But the data is clear that the TIRZ program, at least the way it has evolved in Houston, has strayed far from the Legislature's original intent and has become a perverse regressive redistribution of the property tax burden within the City.

Hopefully, the current administration and Council, as well as the Legislature, will implement a long overdue overhaul of this program.

Note 1 - The total amount the TIRZs have spent far exceeds the total of their tax rebate revenue because just about all of them have gone deeply into debt. I will be writing more on this soon.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Republicans largely flip Rio Grande Valley from Blue to Red

REPUBLICANS LARGELY FLIP RIO GRANDE VALLEY FROM BLUE TO RED

More counties in the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding areas went Republican this election, continuing what GOP leaders are calling the culmination of a years-long strategy.

The economy clearly was a major issue among voters in this election between former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

"A lot of the rural parts of Texas are shifting red because the economy is less good," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a University of Houston political scientist.

For example, in Starr County, Biden beat Trump by five points in 2020, but four years later voters there chose the former president over Harris by 16 points.

ELECTION DAY RUNS SMOOTHLY ACROSS STATE

Voting in Texas went fairly smoothly in Texas with no major disruptions reported, according to The Texas Tribune. Roughly half of the state's 18.6 million registered voters cast ballots in person either in person or by mail, and another two million went to the polls on Election Day.

There was only one violent incident reported at the polls, when a man punched an election worker in Bexar County after being asked to remove his Trump hat.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

date or proposition inside a Texas polling location is illegal. After the assault, the man was charged with a felony.

In another case, a Tarrant County man claimed a voting machine flipped his ballot from Trump to Harris, but election officials say he made a mistake while filling out his ballot.

"In Tarrant County, we have only had one person say their vote was flipped out of 591,885 votes cast to date," he said.

STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER

The Texas Demographic Center has released its population estimates for July 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024. Final population estimates are available for counties and places by age, sex, and race/ethnicity at demographic.texas.gov.

The state's estimated population rose from 29,145,505 in 2020 to 30,749,924 on Jan. 1, 2024 - an increase of 5.5%. Counties showing the largest percentage in-

crease in that time period were Kaufman (26.7%); Rockwall (25%); Kendall (22.2%); and Liberty (20.3%).

The U.S. Census Bureau also makes annual population estimates, and TDC says differences in input data and methodologies lead to slight variations between the two.

DFW AREA PREDICTED TO BE HOTTEST REAL ESTATE MARKET IN 2025

A real estate trends study reported by The Texas Standard predicts the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be the hottest real estate market in the nation for investment and development next year.

"Obviously, it's the really strong post-pandemic recovery. It's also size," Nick Wooten, real estate reporter for The Dallas Morning News, said.

Both sales and home prices are fairly flat in 2024, with supply reaching levels not seen in a dozen years, Wooten said.

"You're not seeing sales change a lot," he said. "I think a lot of people are still sitting on the sidelines trying to figure out what's going to happen in 2025."

RECORD NUMBER OF TEXAS HORNED LIZARDS RELEASED TO THE WILD.

The state reptile, the Texas horned lizard, has been listed as a threatened species since 1977. The Houston Chronicle reports that thanks to captive breeding efforts to populate the wild with the iconic critter, more than 600 hatchlings were recently released to the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Central Texas in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lizards are popularly referred to as horny toads. Their population decline is blamed on the pet trade, wild habitat loss, and the spread of invasive fire ants. The Texas horned lizard was designated as the state reptile in 1993. Their range takes them across the state's borders to northern Mexico and throughout much of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Monks in the Morning



"There will be monks here tomorrow morning," is what I figured Jorge was telling me. In Spanish, "monks" sounds like "monkeys" in English.

Jorge is my landlord here in Mexico, and he speaks only Spanish to me. He will speak some English when my husband, Peter, is around.

"Very good!" I answered, because I didn't know how else to respond. Then he said something about meeting them, if I wasn't too busy.

"Oh, certainly!" I said, although I honestly had no idea what I was agreeing to.

"OK!" I said, trying to sound enthusiastic.

This sort of thing happens to me a lot. I actually speak Spanish fairly well. The problem is that Spanish speakers (like Jorge) grossly overestimate how much I understand.

Later in the day, I quizzed the kitchen staff to see if I could get more intel.

"There are monks coming in the morning?"

"Yes."

"Do they speak Spanish?"

"No."

"Do they speak English?"

"I don't think so."

"Do you know why Jorge wants me to meet the monks?"

The kitchen staff shrugged in unison.

"OK. I will just say, 'Hello, monks!'"

The kitchen staff laughed. So that was the plan.

What I know is that Jorge is always volunteering. He makes more than 100 sandwiches for children who come to visit the city from small villages every month.

The monks showed up early. They were Buddhist monks in orange robes. Jorge was nowhere to be seen, but every other staff person was in the kitchen preparing a huge breakfast.

Peter and I cautiously approached the monks. They spoke English, as it turned out.

"Are you enjoying your stay?" "We are enjoying it very much."

"How long will you be staying?" "Five weeks."

"It's nice you get enough time to see the city." Everyone smiled, and Peter and I returned to our apartment.

After breakfast, they began to chant.

At least two of the monks were doing "throat singing." It is a low, growling harmonic sound that carried throughout the courtyard.

The procession of monks carried incense and bells up the outdoor stairs from the courtyard, past our apartment, and up to the roof. It appeared to be a kind of blessing, and one of the monks playfully splashed us with water as he passed.

And I marveled, as I so often do, how little of what happens I really understand. I don't know half of what happens at this hotel. I don't know why the monks came. I don't know what they were doing or why they were doing it.

But I know I felt good, listening to them chant, and I know when they splashed water on us, they were wishing us well. And really, that's all that matters.

Till next time, Carrie

Star Courier advertisement with contact information and staff list.



**FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 12:**

**Texans look to take control of AFC South against Titans:  
No. 8 Indiana has tough task against No. 2 Ohio State**

Things are winding down in the college football season, and as teams prepare to take on their traditional rivals during the Thanksgiving weekend, there is a huge game in the Big 10 this Saturday.

No. 8-ranked Indiana, one of, if not, the best stories of the 2024 season takes its 10-0 record to No. 2-ranked Ohio State on Saturday. The Hoosiers aren't just a basketball school anymore, not since they hired Curt Cignetti from James Madison. Cignetti forged a 52-9 record at James Madison and brought his Midas touch to Indiana, where he just keeps winning.

Cignetti's team will face its toughest test of the season against a Buckeye team that is rolling and has its sights set on not only a Big 10 title, but a national title as well.

This should be a good one in Columbus on Saturday.

There aren't a lot of big games on the college schedule this weekend, aside from the clash in Columbus, but there is an interesting one slated for Yankee Stadium in New York where No. 25-ranked Army (9-0) will face No. 10-ranked Notre Dame. This game used to be one of the biggest in college football back in the '40s and 50s, but has lost a big of its significance due to the fact Army struggled to be relevant over the last few decades, but this Black Knights team is one of the top rushing teams in the nation and will face its sternest test against an Irish defense that has allowed just nine points a game through their first nine contests.

No. 11-ranked Alabama heads to Norman to take on the disappointing Sooners, who could very well be playing for head coach Brent Venables job. OU fell to 5-5 two weeks ago after their 30-23 loss at Missouri, while the Crimson Tide rolled to a 42-13 victory at LSU thanks to four rushing TDs by QB Jalen Milroe. Alabama needs to win out to have a shot at one of the 12 College Football berths, so look for Kalen DeBoer's team to be focused come Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans host the Titans as DeMeco Ryan's team will be looking to take control of the AFC South. Two weeks ago, the Texas lost a tough one at home to the Lions, 26-23 on a last-second 57-yard field goal. Houston needs to get its offense back on track. The Texans scored 23 points in the first half against the Lions, but were shutout in the second half.

In other games on the Week 12 schedule, Pittsburgh and Cleveland renew their heated rivalry on Thursday Night Football, while the disappointing Dallas Cowboys travel to Washington to take on the Commanders. Dallas appears to be playing out the string on what could very well be a double-digit loss season. Starting QB Dak Prescott has been lost for the year with a severe hamstring injury. The offense wasn't playing all that well with him as the starter, and it is really struggling now with Cooper Rush and Trey Lance under center.

The Lions, perhaps the best team in the NFL, head to Indianapolis to take on the Colts, while Minnesota and the Bears do battle in Chicago in a key AFC North contest. There's a good one in the NFC West this Sunday as the surprising Arizona Cardinals (6-4 after their 31-6 dismantling of the Jets) head to Seattle. The 49ers head to Green Bay to take on the Packers in an important game for both team's playoff hopes, while Sunday Night Football will feature the Eagles at the Rams. Week 12 concludes with a good one on Monday Night Football as Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens visit the Los Angeles Chargers.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. A phenomenal 11-1 week upped the season record to 83-37 (69%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

**NCAA**

**Alabama at Oklahoma** - No. 11-ranked Alabama heads to Norman to take on a Sooners team that has found that life in the SEC isn't all sunshine and puppy dogs. OU dropped to 5-5 on the season two weeks ago with its 30-23 loss at Missouri, while the Crimson Tide played perhaps its best game of the season with its 42-13 pasting of LSU in Baton Rouge. 'Bama QB Jalen Milroe (2,046 passing yards, 13 TDs/565 rushing yards, 16 TDs) ran over and



around the Tigers for 185 yards and four TDs. It was the second straight year that Milroe scored four rushing touchdowns against the Bayou Bengals. Look for another from Milroe, running back Jam Miller (488 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Williams (37 receptions, 731 yards, 7 TDs). Look for the 'Bama defense to harass OU QB Jackson Arnold (1,243 yards, 12 TDs) all afternoon. My pick, Alabama 33, Oklahoma 16

**Army vs. Notre Dame** - No. 25 Army takes on No. 10 Notre Dame at Yankee Stadium in a big game for both teams and their CFP chances. Army is run of the top rushing teams in the country, and that ground game will get a stern test against one of the top defenses in the country. The Irish defense has allowed just 100 points in their first nine game, but they will face a QB in Bryson Daily (1,062 rushing yards, 21 TDs/644 passing yards, 7 TDs) who is one of the best option QBs in the country. Daily also has a solid running back in Kanye Udoh (856 yards, 9 TDs). The ND defense will look to shut down the Black Knights run, which won't be easy. The Irish have a pretty fair running QB as well in Riley Leonard (1,575 passing yards, 9 TDs/609 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and a capable runner in Jeremiah Love (583 yards, 10 TDs). ND also has a decent passing game, led by wideout Beau Collins (29 receptions, 374 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the ND defense to be the difference maker in this one as the Irish pad their CFP resume with a big win in Yankee Stadium. My pick, Notre Dame 31, Army 23

**Indiana at Ohio State** - The Game of the Week pits the surprising No. 8 Indiana Hoosiers against No. 2 Ohio State in Columbus on Saturday. Indiana first-year head coach Curt Cignetti has done a masterful job in his first year on the job. He has a big-play QB in Kurtis Rourke (2,410 passing yards, 21 TDs), a strong running game led by Justice Ellison (688 yards, 9 TDs) and Ty Son Lawton (508 yards, 9 TDs) and a quality wideout in Elijah Sarratt (35 receptions, 685 yards, 6 TDs). The Hoosier offense will get its biggest test against a fast and experienced OSU defense. Indiana had an extra week to prepare for this game and that might not be enough against a Buckeye team that is focused on winning a national championship. The Buckeyes have a pretty fair offense as well led by QB Will Howard (2,237 passing yards, 22 TDs), two quality runners in Quinshon Judkins (647 yards, 6 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (588 yards, 5 TDs) and two big-play wide receivers in true freshman Jeremiah Smith (45 receptions, 765 yards, 9 TDs) and veteran Emeka Egbuka (47 receptions, 557 yards, 8 TDs). I think Indiana hangs with the Buckeyes, but look for OSU to pull away in the fourth quarter to pick up a big late-season win. My pick, Ohio State 31, Indiana 22

**NFL**

**Pittsburgh at Cleveland** - Week 12 begins with Thursday Night Football as the surging Steelers visit the slumping Browns in a renewal of one of the nastiest rivalries in the NFL. To say these two teams do not like one another would be an understatement, which means the Browns will probably put forth a solid effort in this one, but it won't be enough to slow down Pittsburgh and QB Russell Wilson (737 passing yards, 6 TDs in three games), running back Najee Harris (645 yards, 3 TDs) and big-play wideout George Pickens (40 receptions, 639 yards, 2 TDs). The Steelers will be coming off a tough game against another division rival, Baltimore, but look for the Steeler defense to be the difference maker against a suspect Browns offense. My pick, Pittsburgh 26, Cleveland 13

**Detroit at Indianapolis** - The high-flying Lions hit the road for the second time in three weeks to take on the reeling Colts in Indianapolis. Two weeks ago, Detroit overcame a 23-7 first half deficit at Houston and rallied for a 26-23 win on a last second field goal. The Lions won in spite of five interceptions by QB Jared Goff (2,080 yards, 16 TDs). Goff

has a load of weapons led by running backs Jahmyr Gibb (727 yards, 8 total TDs), and David Montgomery (520 yards, 8 total TDs) and dependable wideout Amon-Ra St. Brown (54 receptions, 524 yards, 7 TDs). The Detroit defense will get after Indy QB Joe Flacco (1,167 yards, 9 TDs) and look to slow down running back Jonathan Taylor (616 yards, 5 TDs). The Lions can help the Texans in their quest for a second straight AFC South title with a win in Indy. My pick, Detroit 33, Indianapolis 20

**Dallas at Washington** - The Cowboys head to Washington looking like a dead team at this point of the season. Two weeks ago, Jerry Jones' team fell to 3-6 after getting curb stomped at home by the Eagles, 34-6. Starting QB Dak Prescott is finished for the season with a severe hamstring injury. The offense is now in the hands of Cooper Rush (a whole 45 passing yards against Philly) and turnover-prone Trey Lance. Good luck with that Jerry. Washington has been one of the biggest surprises of the season and is squarely in the playoff hunt thanks to sensational rookie QB Jayden Daniels (2,147 passing yards, 9 TDs/464 rushing yards, 4 TDs). Look for Daniels to run around the suspect Dallas defense, while running backs Brian Robinson (464 yards, 6 TDs) and Austin Ekeler (326 yards, 4 TDs) run over it and wide receiver Terry McLaurin (47 receptions, 711 yards, 6 TDs) will make plays downfield. This one should be over by halftime. My pick, Washington 36, Dallas 13

**Minnesota at Chicago** - A big one in the NFC North for the Vikings who have come back to earth a bit after winning their first five games. QB Sam Darnold (2,141 yards, 17 TDs) needs to get back on his early-season roll. Two weeks ago, Darnold and the Vikes offense only mustered four field goals against that juggernaut Jaguars defense. Look for Darnold and wideout Justin Jefferson (53 receptions, 831 yards, 5 TDs) to get back on track against a suspect Bears defense. The Chicago offense has also been in a funk lately as rookie QB Caleb Williams (1,785 yards, 9 TDs) has not played well over the last month. Look for the Vikes defense to make it another long day for Williams and the Bears. My pick, Minnesota 26, Chicago 16

**TENNESSEE AT HOUSTON**

- The Texans will look to put a clamp on the AFC South when the struggling Titans visit NRG Stadium on Sunday. Tennessee might just be the perfect tonic for the Texans offense that has struggled in the second half lately. QB C.J. Stroud (2,371 yards, 12 TDs) hopes to get star wide receiver Nico Collins (32 receptions, 567 yards, 3 TDs in first 5 games of the season) back for this one and that would be a huge boost for the offense. Running back Joe Mixon (655 yards, 8 total TDs) should have a big day against the Tennessee defense. Look for the Texans defense to get after Titans QB Will Levis (574 yards, 7 TDs/7 interceptions) and force the turnover over prone QB to give it to the Texans a time or two, or three. My pick, Houston 33, Tennessee 16

**Arizona at Seattle** - Don't look now, but the Arizona Cardinals are cooking on both sides of the ball and are a legitimate playoff contender. Two weeks ago, the Cards dismantled the Jets, 31-6. QB Kyler Murray (2,058 passing yards, 12 TDs/371 rushing yards, 4 TDs) and he's getting help from running back James Conner (697 yards, 5 TDs) and rookie wideout Marvin Harrison Jr. (33 receptions, 499 yards, 6 TDs). Seattle has some offensive weapons as well in QB Geno Smith (2,560 yards, 11 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (398 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers DK Metcalf (35 receptions, 568 yards, 3 TDs) and Jaxon Smith-Njigba (50 receptions, 565 yards, 3 TDs). This could turn into an offensive shootout, but I think Arizona has the better defense, which will carry the Cardinals to a big road win. My pick, Arizona 31, Seattle 27

**Arkema meetings concluded, cleanup begins,**

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entire five acres.

"We'll test where the worst spots are and clean those," he said.

The first set of bids will involve the testing of the properties and then once that's determined, the cleanup companies will know how to bid on the actual properties that need the cleanup the most.

"We'll start with the soil cleanup and then the inside of houses as necessary," he said.

In a house, it was not as contaminated as much because it was self-contained.

"The soil is the biggest risk to the community," he said.

Gentle said they were trying to get neighbors of those who came in to get their properties cleaned up.

"If you come in and your neighbor does not, the wind could blow it back onto your property," he said.

The Class area is a 7-mile radius, residents were asked to come in for the

settlement. That settlement area included Harris, Liberty, and Chambers counties.

More than a 100 people turned out for the party they threw, encouraging all claimants to get to know each other if they didn't already and bring their friends or neighbors for a presentation.

Ashley Liuzza, one of the class counsels in the litigation.

"We brought the lawsuit, we got it to settlement and ultimately got a program that we're really proud of," she said.

The suit was filed in Judge Keith Ellison's court, United States district judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas in 2017.

"We fought for many years, and we won class certification, went to the Fifth Circuit, had to redo it, it was a long road," she said.

"It was what I expected for the community, and it will help lower the pres-

ence of dioxins," Liuzza said.

Some of the money will be used to pay a university such as Baylor or University of Texas to do a medical study and see if there's any increase in health risks.

"Information is power. It may not be this facility ever again but knowing exactly what happened and how to prevent it will be helpful," she said.

She also said the testing protocol will be valuable knowing whether or not your property was contaminated or not.

"Our goal is to lower the risk of dioxins in the community. There are other sources of dioxin in the community. We want to lower the exposure as much as possible," she said.

Arkema Crosby is no longer operational. When the lawsuit was filed, Arkema did take steps to harden the facility to try and prevent this from happening again, she explained.

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**FRIDAY 6A, Division 1**  
Conroe 34, Aldine Davis 7  
The Woodlands 42, Aldine Nimitz 20

**THIS WEEK'S PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**

**6A, Division 1**  
Galena Park North Shore Mustangs (11-0, 7-0) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point Panthers (10-1, 7-0) at Pearland ISD Stadium, in Pearland on Friday night, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

**5A, Division 1**  
Barbers Hill Eagles (8-3, 4-2) vs. La Porte Bulldogs at Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston. Game time is Friday night, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

**5A, Division 1**  
Barbers Hill 84, Houston Sterling 13  
College Station 41, Crosby 10  
Port Arthur Memorial 70, Galena Park 0

**4A, Division 1**  
Needville 49, Houston Furr 7  
Tyler Chapel Hill 44, Huffman-Hargrave 35

**SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 12**

**PLAYOFFS WEEK 1**

**LAST WEEK'S SCORES**

**THURSDAY 6A, Division 1**  
Galena Park North Shore 56, Deer Park 13

**San Francisco at Green Bay** - A good one for the Lambeau Field faithful pits the surging 49ers against the solid Packers on Sunday. The 49ers got over the .500 mark two weeks ago with a tough road win at Tampa Bay, while the Packers had the week off. SF got superstar running back Christian McCaffrey back and he looked solid in the win. He gives QB Brock Purdy (2,454 yards, 12 TDs) one more weapon, along with tight end George Kittle (43 receptions, 560 yards, 7 TD). The Packers will need a big day from QB Jordan Love (1,820 yards, 15 TDs), who used the bye week to heal up from a number of nagging injuries he has sustained so far this season. Love will need help from running back Josh Jacobs (762 yards, 4 TDs) and wideouts Jayden Reed (36 receptions, 620 yards, 3 TDs) and Romeo Doubs (30 receptions, 412 yards, 2 TDs). The 49ers have owned the Packers the last few years and appear to be ready to go on a run. Look for SF to pick up a big road win on Sunday. My pick, San Francisco 26, Green Bay 23

**Philadelphia at Los Angeles Rams** - The Eagles and Rams get after it on Sunday Night Football as Philly will bring its high-flying offense to LaLa Land. Two weeks ago, the Rams lost at home to what was a two-win Miami team (23-15) as QB Matthew Stafford (2,262 yards, 9 TDs) could not muster even one TD pass. Stafford will need help from running back Kyren Williams (664 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Cooper Kupp (41 receptions, 382 yards, 2 TDs) when it takes on a very good Philly defense. The Eagle offense is pretty potent as well led by QB Jalen Hurts (1976 passing yards, 12 TDs/375 rushing yards, 10 TDs), running back Saquon Barkley (991 yards, 8 total TDs) and big-play wide receivers A.J. Brown (28 receptions, 553 yards, 3 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (37 receptions, 457 yards, 4 TDs). Philly also has tight end Dallas Goedert back, which gives Hurts one more weapon. My pick, Philadelphia 32, Los Angeles Rams 23

**Baltimore at Los Angeles Chargers** - Week 12 concludes with a good one for the Monday Night Football crew as the Ravens and Chargers meet in LA. This game will pit the Harbaugh brothers, as John will lead the Ravens, while Jim leads the Chargers. Jim Harbaugh is a master strategist and you had better believe he will have something in the works to slow down Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (2,669 passing yards, 24 TDs/538 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Good luck with that, Jim. Jackson is not a one-man offense as evidenced by running back Derrick Henry (1,120 yards, 14 total TDs) and big-play wideout Zay Flowers (50 receptions, 686 yards, 3 TDs). LA will need a big night from QB Justin Herbert (1,589 yards, 11 TDs) and running back J.K. Dobbins (670 yards, 6 TDs) and young, budding wide receiver Quentin Johnson (20 receptions, 306 yards, 5 TDS). I think the Chargers hang around in this one, but look for Jackson to be the difference maker late as Baltimore picks up a huge road win. My pick, Baltimore 30, Los Angeles Chargers 26



# Senator Alvarado testifies at PUC meeting,

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strong," he said.

"This is not the CenterPoint that I know from the past or the company that preceded them, and their failures resulted in misery for the most vulnerable, misery for everyone [including] the economic impact on businesses and people who couldn't go to work and for the over 40 people who died in the storm," he continued.

He doesn't blame CenterPoint for all the deaths that occurred, some were accidents, but he squarely put the blame on them for those who died heat-related deaths due to a poor response by CenterPoint.

Patrick related an interview CenterPoint CEO and former CFO of the company Jason Wells had with a KPRC Channel 2 reporter.

"The reporter asked Jason, the city of Houston and many others believe that CenterPoint has been overcharging customers by as much as \$100 million a year. What do you say? These are Jason Wells' exact words— 'We want to work with all our stakeholders on what is a fair rate for our service. [Pause] I don't think we're overcharging our customers \$100 million.'"

"This is the CEO and the former CFO of CenterPoint and you don't know if you've been overcharging the customers \$100 million?" Patrick charged. "That's an answer from a



CenterPoint CEO Jason Wells, left, testifies in front of the Public Utilities Commission in Houston.

low-level management person, not the CEO of CenterPoint.

Wells, who testified later in the hearing, unequivocally denied the company was overcharging customers.

Patrick proceeded to ask the commission to conduct an audit and review the utilities management and business operations.

Patrick also blamed the CenterPoint CEO for not being prepared for the storm though he had three to four days.

"In communication, no one knew who to turn to. No one could get a response. It was the poorest response to citizens and elected officials trying to reach them of any storm I've ever seen," he said.

Patrick continued levying charges against the company and finally called for the resignation of Jason Wells from CenterPoint.

Senator Carol Alvarado, who also testified at the hearing, said she is planning on getting a briefing from Houston City Attorney Arturo Michel who allegedly lodged the allegations of overcharging by CenterPoint.

"I haven't seen anything, so I really can't comment on it, but I am looking forward to hearing what he has to say, and they have it documented some way, somehow," she said.

Alvarado testified that these storms are now becoming a battle of haves and have nots.

"I applaud people who can afford one [generator], it's great but they shouldn't have to make that investment. We have a generation problem, grid issues and this affects us year-round," she said.

"I think it's gotten better."

Alvarado was also considering legislation that would hold a multi-family complex in Jacinto City and others like it responsible if they abandoned their residents.

"Places like that are difficult because they're not registered with the state. It's privately owned but they cater to seniors," she said. Alvarado discovered the management allegedly bailed on the residents during the storm leaving the residents on the second floor abandoned without supplies, food, or assistance. Many of them were in wheelchairs and had to be brought down by Jacinto City Fire Department.

"We are going to try to do something about that, and I think I'll have the bipartisan support in both chambers to get it done," she said.

Alvarado also hoped that future responses to the storms would be equitable.

"It seems that the lower income neighborhoods and our unincorporated areas are always hit the hardest and I just want to see them get equal treatment. It's harder since they have no city council member or mayor to reach out for them," she said.

Wells testified that the company was moving along with their resiliency program announced in the wake of the controversy.



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# Crosby ISD celebrates a season of student support, FFA Success, community unity, and veterans appreciation,

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one day a year. My father bravely served in Vietnam, and I am adding a monthly reminder to my phone to intentionally check on him on the 11th of every month. It's easy to call, text, or visit a veteran in your life. They would love to hear from you. You can ask one simple question, "How are you?"

Congratulations to three members of the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees on their re-election. Trustees Kea Lynn Lewis, Jennifer Roach, and Phillip Chapman were all re-elected on November 5 to serve new, four-year terms. All three are community leaders who use their different expertise and perspectives to collaborate and prioritize the needs of students and staff members. We thank them for their volunteer service.

It's been a big month for Crosby High School FFA students. Five teams scored well enough in the district Leadership Development Events to advance to the area round. During the district contest, Lainey Duke scored 3rd place in Senior Creed Speaking; Belinda Palomares finished in third place in Greenhand Spanish Creed Speaking; the Senior Skills team of Keitlyn Mack, Alasia Pierre, Dalecia Driver, Sadie Manuel, and Kenzie Wainscott finished in second place; the Public Relations team of Addison Maxey, Maddox Lester, Grant Hood, and Chloe Hood finished in second place; and the Radio Broadcasting team of Hannah Roder, Thomas Pier, and Ramon Cardona finished in first place. Way to go, FFA students!

Accolades continue for

the Crosby High School volleyball team now that their season has come to an end. Four players made Academic All-District. That means they balanced their duties in the classroom with their skills on the court. Kudos to Kali Mason, Erica Oney, Iyan-na Saenz, and Kate Valt for making the grade.

This month has been a month of reflection for me. I met with ambassadors from four different stakeholder groups in the district. First, I had lunch with students on the Superintendent's Cougar Council. The students in grades 5th through 12th shared feedback from their individual campuses. I also shared a meal with my Parent Ambassador Committee, Paraprofessional Advisory Committee, and Teacher Advisory Committee. This year, I added the paraprofessional group, which includes office staff and aides, so that I could hear from as many stakeholders as possible. Each session this month helped me to outline trends of what's working and what needs to be improved in Crosby ISD. I appreciate everyone who took time out of their busy days to offer candid feedback.

This month's conversations also reminded me that Thanksgiving is made up of two words. We give thanks, and we're also thankful for the giving of others. I am grateful to those willing to serve the greater good, sharing their time or talent to make Crosby / Barrett Station better each day. May we all let our lights shine a little brighter this holiday season.

We are Committed to Excellence! Go Coogs!



Crosby High School hosts playoff pep rally and fall achievement celebration at Cougar Stadium on Tuesday, November 12.



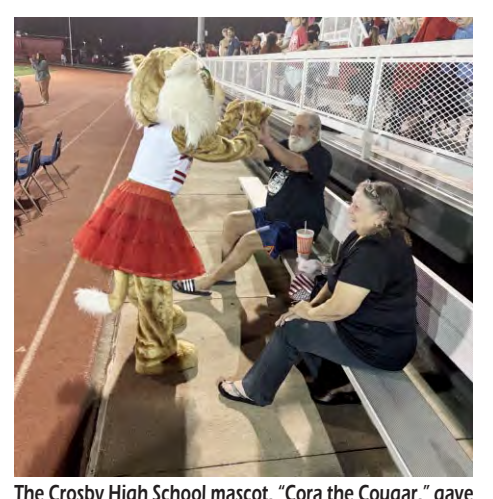
Group photo of Crosby High School FFA students who competed in the Lake Houston Leadership Development Events district competition. Five teams or students advanced to the area round.



Families celebrate military service during the Crosby ISD Veterans Day event at Cougar Stadium on Monday, November 11. During the celebration, dozens of veterans from Crosby / Barrett Station were honored by name, rank, and branch of service.



The Crosby Middle School Band waved American flags as part of the Crosby ISD Veterans Day celebration at Cougar Stadium.



The Crosby High School mascot, "Cora the Cougar," gave high-fives to veterans and their loved ones during the Veterans Day celebration at Cougar Stadium.

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ACROSS

1 Clutch  
6 Modern messages  
11 "Queen of Soul" Franklin  
12 Used a modern car service  
14 Irish singer O'Connor  
15 More promising  
16 "— Mine" (Beatles song)  
17 "Zorba the Greek" star  
19 Hit CBS series  
20 Morning droplets  
22 Pump up the volume  
23 Bit of dust  
24 Road curves  
26 Test monitor  
28 Wardrobe malfunction  
30 Sharing word  
31 Driving instructor?  
35 Flavor  
39 "Les Etats—"  
40 Hosp. areas  
42 Earth sci.  
43 Astern  
44 "Star Trek" doctor  
46 Computer acronym

DOWN

1 Tony winner Tammy  
2 Extends, as a lease  
3 Devoured  
4 Cager O'Neal, for short  
5 City near Venice

6 Start playing for pay  
7 Black, in verse  
8 Ballot marks  
9 Lingerie fabric  
10 Handles  
11 Stage comment  
13 Less damp  
18 Little rascal  
21 Feudal farmers  
23 Jazz singer Carmen  
25 Use a straw  
27 Ump's call  
29 Method

31 Sentry  
32 Walking  
33 Lengthy list  
34 Tolkien creature  
36 Abrasion  
37 Horn blower  
38 Gantry of fiction  
41 Italian wine  
44 Surrealist Joan  
45 Saint Laurent of fashion  
48 "Le Coq —"  
50 Follower (Suff.)

### Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- TELEVISION: What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
- HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization created?
- SCIENCE: What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest of metallic elements?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is challah?

Answer

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Answers

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Solution time: 21 mins.





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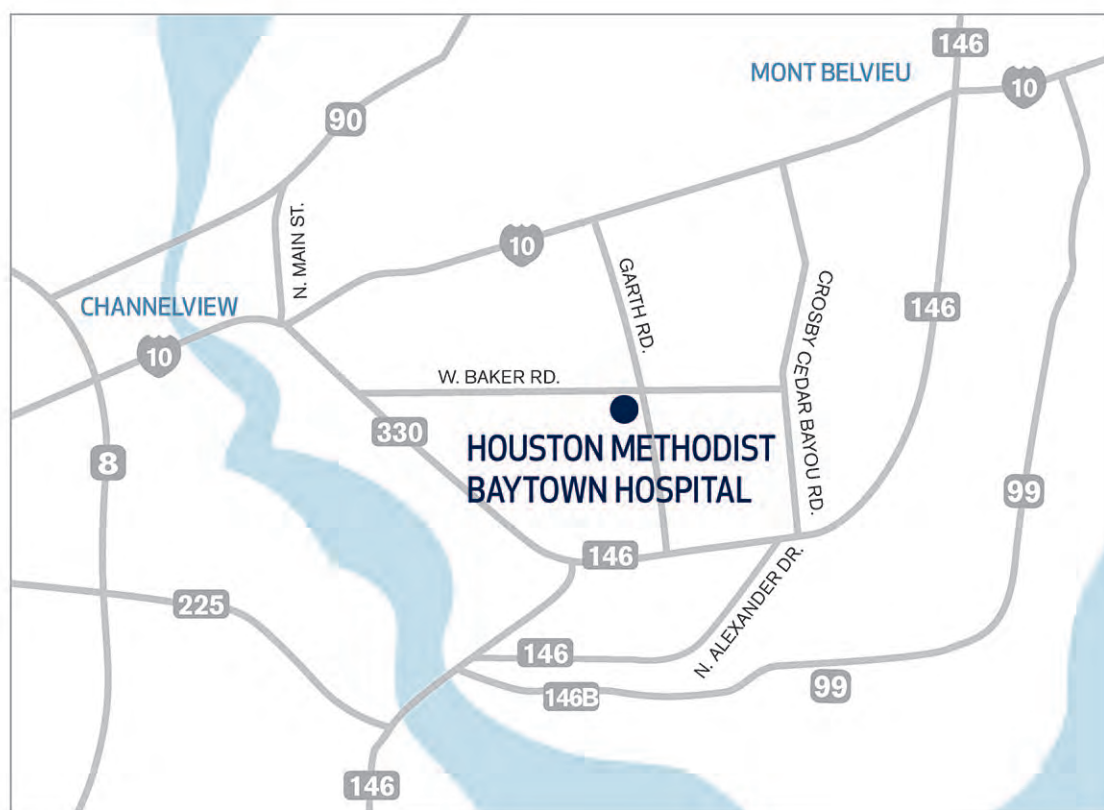
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