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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS talk by US Rep. Sylvia Garcia drew a large audience and media last Wednesday night, at the HCC Northline campus. (Allan Jamail photo). See Story Below and KYR chart on page 4

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IN THE STARS

THEA/SJRC meeting Tue. February 11

The San Jacinto River Coalition will hold a wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm at the Highlands Community Center.

At this meeting, we will share our review of the latest Superfund Site design plans and get your input so we can provide comments back to the EPA as one unified community.

Additional information available at <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwp>

Highlands Chamber Gala Feb. 13

The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber will hold its annual Gala on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:45pm at the Monument Inn.

Included in the program will be Awards, a Silent Auction, and a fabulous meal. New officers and Board will be sworn into office.

For more information, to purchase \$75 meal tickets or a sponsorship, visit allabouthighlands.org. MORE information on Page 2.

Crosby-Huffman Chamber Banquet Feb. 27

Crosby-Huffman Chamber will hold their Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30pm at Stonebridge at Newport, 16401 Country Club Drive, Crosby.

Tickets, Sponsorships and information, contact www.crosbyhuffmancc.org or 281-328-6984 Deanna@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

Highlands Rotary Club Celebrates 50 Years of Chili Feast

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Patricia Scott didn't have time to be emotional on Saturday. She was busy raising money as the incoming president for the Highlands Rotary Club at the 50th annual Chili Feast. "My dad and Chester Stasney started the Chili Feast 50 years ago," she said.

Her father, Willie Lee Herndon might not have ever imagined the growth of the fundraiser nor the amount being raised from his and Stasney's idea back in 1974.

For Scott, it's a big deal. "This is where we get our money for scholarships to give out to area students," she said. Annually, the club donates approximately \$35,000 each year to local seniors and returning college students if they re-up.



Bryan Teel II and his family stand next to the car they won at the annual Highlands Rotary Chili Feast fundraiser. From left, Teel, his wife Chrissa, his father and mother-in-law Weston and Delene Cotten, Avery Kerr, and Hunter Teel.

The club also works on projects with Highlands Elementary, assists with senior programs at the community center, and a couple of international water projects with Rotary International. "We do the hot chocolate

with Santa every year, donated the book mobile van to the Stratford Library, and we do sponsorships for other fundraisers like purse bingo for Project Graduation, and Habitat for Humanity," she said. Take a drive through

Highlands and residents can see many of the projects the club has invested back into the community including the gazebo at the park near the train tracks.

"It's hard to find a local place to do something,

since we're not incorporated or a town center or anything like that. Last year we did an Outdoor Education Center for Highlands Elementary. Oh, okay, in the back of the school," she said.

Support for the club continues despite an ailing economy and a beautiful sunny day that might have lured a number of people away.

"I believe we had probably between 400-500 people come to the Chili Feast today," she said.

Running the club is nothing new for Scott. This will be her fourth time as president and that's no easy task, but she keeps coming back.

"This gray hair would be no hair if I had to do it four terms in a row," she laughed. "I do it in memo-

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Congresswoman Garcia holds "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" Town Hall

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's Know Your Rights Town Hall Part one of a series.
By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ January 29, 2025 ~ Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia of the 29th Congressional District held a town hall meeting at the Houston Community College Northline Campus.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform residents of their Constitutional Rights because of President Donald Trump's new immigration policies which made significant radical changes to former president Joe Biden's policies.

The town hall was packed to a standing room only crowd including large numbers of attendees filling the room entrance



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia held a Town Hall last Wednesday, to inform the public about KNOW YOUR RIGHTS in regard to immigration status. (Allan Jamail Photo)

doorways trying to hear speakers explaining their rights. The event was also made available online virtually which was also well attended.

Garcia opened the meeting with her own statement concerning the new changes. She then introduced US Congressmen Sylvester Turner and Al Green who delivered their positions on the new changes. All three of these Harris County Democratic Party congressional members pledge full support to work together to resist Trump's policies on US Constitutional grounds.

There are reports of school children coming home and finding their parents not there and not knowing how to locate them. Children being afraid and at home alone must be a frightening experience. Zeph Capo, President of the Texas American Federation of Teachers said this experience for kids to go through is inhuman.

Separating children from their parents is not new for Trump; he did this during his first term as president.

I remember covering a story for the North Channel Star on June 29, 2018 then State Senator Sylvia Garcia and State Representative Ana Hernandez went to Casa Montezuma a child detention facility in their district to check on migrant children being held there against their will by the Trump administration. The children had been forcibly separated from their parents who immigrated to the United States seeking political asylum from violence and persecution.

U. S. Rep. Garcia said the last two weeks have been a nightmare for immigrant communities, with people telling her they are afraid immigration agents are waiting for

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Mike Keeney's Super Bowl Preview:

Chiefs look to make history with 3rd straight SB win: Eagles look to win second Lombardi at SB 59

The Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles are the last two teams standing in the NFL.

And on Sunday, Feb. 9, KC and Philly will meet in Super Bowl 59 at Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans.

Patrick Mahomes and his Chief teammates will be looking to become the first team in the history of the NFL to win three consecutive Lombardi Trophies, while Jalen Hurts and the Eagles will be looking to win the City of Brotherly Love's second SB title.

These two teams met in the Big Game just two years ago in SB 57, with the Chiefs winning a thriller, 38-35 on kicker Harrison Butker's last-second field goal. That kick was set up by a controversial interference call against the Eagles. Many (including the Texans) think the Chiefs get preferential treatment from the men in the stripes, but all I know is the Chiefs just keep on winning.

Since Texas Tech product Mahomes became the starting quarterback in 2018, Andy Reid's (273-146-1 career record) team has gone 90-26 in the regular season and an amazing 17-3 in postseason play. KC played in five of the last six Super Bowls, winning three Lombardi Trophies. Sunday's game will be the fourth straight Big Game for Mahomes and Co.



PATRICK MAHOMES
QB KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
(PLAYED FOR TEXAS TECH)



JALENS HURTS
QB PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
(PLAYED FOR CHANNELVIEW)

KC is no stranger to the Super Bowl. The Chiefs played in Super Bowl I, losing 35-10 to the great Green Bay Packers and head coach Vince Lombardi. They returned in Super Bowl IV, upsetting the heavily-favored Minnesota Vikings, 23-7. They took a long hiatus before they returned to the SB in 2020 and have been a fixture for the AFC five of the last six years, winning three Lombardi's.

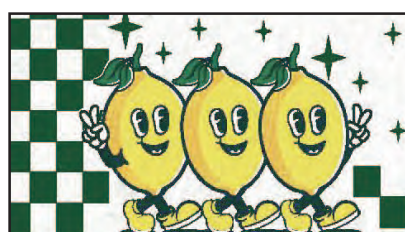
The Eagles have played in four Super Bowls, with the first coming following the 1980 season where ironically, they lost to the then Oakland Raiders (27-10) in the New Orleans Superdome. They returned to the Big Game following the 2004 season and lost to Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots, 24-21. Following the 2017 season, Philly extracted revenge over the Patriots with a wild 41-33 victory over the defending champions. And two years ago, they lost that thriller to the Chiefs.

Both teams were the class of their respective conferences during the 2024 season. The Eagles enter the game with a 17-3 record with an NFC East title and playoff wins over the Green Bay Packers (22-10), the Los Angeles Rams (28-22) and a dominating victory in the NFC Championship Game when they blasted one of the biggest surprises during the 2024 season, the Washington Commanders, 55-23.

The Eagles front office made perhaps the biggest move of the offseason when it signed star running back Saquon Barkley away from NFC East rival New York. All Barkley did in his first year in Philly was rush for 2,005 yards and 15 total TDs. He was 105 yards away

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CHS LEO Student club and Crosby Lions to organize

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

It's not often that students are looking for leaders. The roles are usually reversed—adults are looking for teens as members for their program—but there's a student organization at Crosby High School that's hoping some volunteers in the community will step up to help lead and sponsor them.

"We have a solid group of students who love to volunteer and enjoy spending time with each other on projects," said CHS Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus teacher Roberto Cruz.

No worries about the leadership by Cruz on campus aided by his colleague Renee Stewart in the Math Department. They are solid and as committed as ever.

The students? Well, they're thriving under the leadership of their sponsors and making their mark throughout the community volunteering and participating in numerous projects.

So, what's missing? "We're missing a host LEO Club," Cruz said.

A LEO club is the youth organization of the Lion's Club International, a service club that gives back to the community with volunteerism and honing leadership skills. "Traditionally, the LEO Club has a host Lion's Club in the area to help and assist the students, but the Crosby club folded a few years ago," he said.

Shortly after the pandemic, membership in the Crosby Lions Club dwindled down to one person having to do everything by themselves and the club was dissolved.

That left the LEO's without a leadership club and Martin said they were able to attach them to the Huffman Lions Club for the time being. There are no complaints with the help coming



Several attended the planning meeting at Iguana Joe's last week. From left, Jeremy Regan, Past District Governor Chuck Martin, Axli Deritzia Alvarez, First Vice District Governor Mike George, Renee Stewart, David Taylor, and Roberto Cruz.

from the Huffman Lions who have supported them unabashedly.

Now, the leadership in this region is anxious to reorganize a new Crosby Club to support and lead the student organization, a move that would strengthen all involved.

"I got involved when the previous faculty advisor had just left," Cruz said. He responded to a mass email requesting a sponsor for the club to do adult things.

"That seemed like my speed," he said.

He immediately met with the remaining students from the club and their officers.

"We really didn't do a whole lot that first year because I took over toward the end of the school year," he explained, but Cruz and his students hit the ground running the following year.

He began the new year with five or six students, but that group was very passionate and very vocal and they began to grow exponentially.

Fast forward five years and the LEO Club is one of the largest on campus.

"We mostly have juniors and seniors, but they have been reaching out to fresh-

men and sophomores to commit to the work," he said. "Unlike the juniors and seniors, they are mostly limited because of transportation."

"What really gets these high schoolers motivated to join when they're juniors and seniors is community service hours," he said. The hours look good on their college entrance applications.

They also have another related incentive.

"Students want cords to wear at graduation and we're one of the organizations that awards those," he said.

They don't do the projects for that alone, but out of generous hearts. The concern there is the supporting Lion's Club usually purchases the cords for the graduating seniors. Cruz has been able to secure the coveted cords, but his supply is quickly being depleted.

"I have found there's a lot of good that the youth in general want to do, but most of them have an outlet with church groups or families that are active," he said. Others who come and stick with the program haven't necessarily found an outlet outside of school but can be involved in LEOs.

"They are a big help to us at CUIC," said board member Dr. Shirley Ellisor. The students come to help at Churches United In Caring during the Halloween and Christmas markets and almost whenever they are asked, she said.

"We also help out at our local schools," Cruz said. That's included cleaning parking lots, cleaning up gardening areas at the elementary schools, and conduct their own bake sales to fund a scholarship at the end of the year.

"We have also gone to help on a farm where they donate a lot of produce, eggs, and vegetables to the food bank," he said. In the past, they have also volunteered for Habit for Humanity.

Now, the Lions District 2-S2 will host an organizational meeting next month and elect officers. The meeting will be led by First Vice District Governor Mike George who is encouraging those who may be interested in reaching out to him and letting him know you'll be attending. He can be reached at 936-334-4717. All offices will be filled that night and new members will be sworn in.

Highlands Chamber elects new officers, prepares for banquet February 13

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Randy Casey, Kent Clingerman, Cheri Melcher, Xiomara Duran, and Brenda Moore.

After surviving a near death knell after COVID and other extenuating circumstances, the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce has resurrected into a vibrant organization once again and is only days away from one of the organization's most important events of the year.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, the chamber will host their annual 2025 Sweetheart Gala and Awards Banquet at the Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway, in LaPorte.

The evening events begin at 6:45 p.m. and include awards for the year, a silent auction, and a wonderful meal.

Earlier in January, chamber members voted in new officers for 2025. Bella Dion of Sterling-White Funeral Home will lead the chamber as president, Jim Wadzinski as vice president, Kathryn Singleton will serve as secretary, and Ana Clark as treasurer. Directors include Alicia Spears, Gretchen Knowles,

Recently, award winners for the year have been announced: Sterling-White Funeral Home as the Business Of The Year; Mike Joseph, Terry Davis Award; Jose Gomez, Constable of the Year; Ruben Lopez, Jr., Firefighter of the Year; and Keith Shelton as Sheriff's Deputy Of The Year.

It's not too late to purchase tickets or sponsorship for the annual banquet. A Title Sponsorship is \$1,500 and includes 8 tickets, two bottles of wine, and recognition at the banquet. A Table Sponsorship is \$500 and includes four tickets, two bottles of wine, and recognition. Individual tickets to the event are \$75.

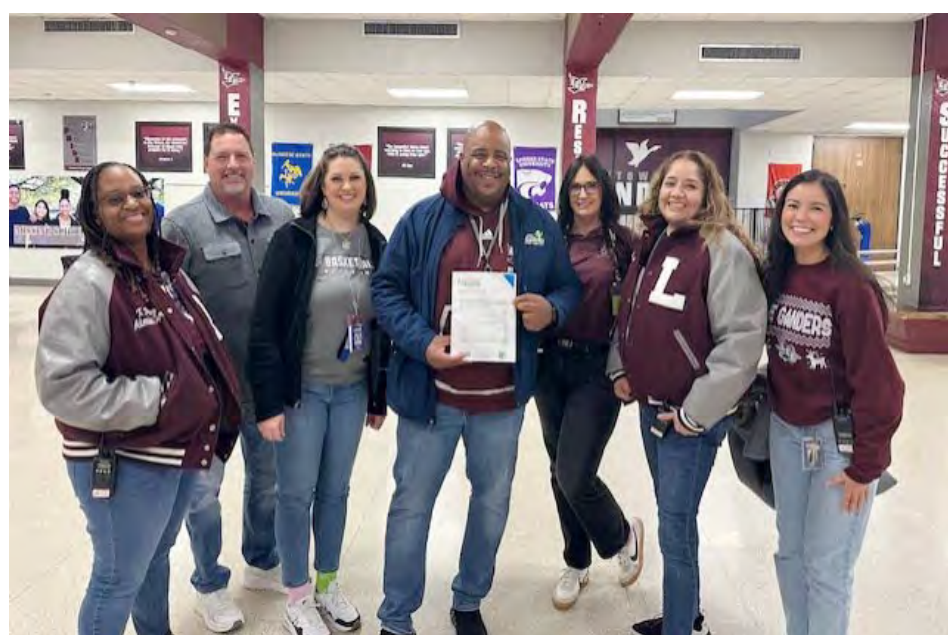
The evening is dedicated to celebrating exceptional individuals and businesses that stand out in the community.

For more information, to purchase tickets or a sponsorship, visit allabouthighlands.org.



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Baytown Rallies for Wellness: Join the 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge!



Be Well™ Baytown, a community-wide initiative of MD Anderson Cancer Center sponsored by ExxonMobil, is calling on all residents to kickstart 2025 with healthy habits and a shared commitment to wellness. This initiative focuses on promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing cancer before it starts, and Goose Creek CISD is proud to lead the charge in this vital work.

The 2025 Healthier Texas Community Challenge is a free, state-wide health competition that inspires individuals, families, employers, cities, and schools to engage in healthier activities. Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease affect millions of Texans, but many of these conditions can be prevented through simple actions like better nutrition, increased physical activity, and community support. The Challenge empowers Texans to embrace health by making it accessible, enjoyable, and achievable.

The Challenge kicks off today and runs until March 9, 2025. Participants log healthy habits like hydration, exercise, and nutritious meals using the free Community Challenge mobile app. They can also join live webinars, access educational resources, and recruit friends, family, and colleagues to participate.

Goose Creek CISD has ranked among the top three school districts in the state for the past four years in its size category. The district is dedicated to inspiring students, staff, parents, and the community to embrace healthy lifestyles. District recreational facilities, including tracks, walking trails, and playgrounds, are open outside school hours to encourage active living.

Baytown earned 3rd place in the 2024 competition. With more than 50 parks and over 15 miles of trails, it offers countless opportunities to get active. By joining forces, Baytown aims to secure the top spot in 2025 and build a healthier, more connected community.

Register at TxCommunityChallenge.org today, download the app, and let's make 2025 our healthiest year yet. Together, we can inspire positive, long-lasting change and make Baytown a model for wellness and community strength.

Goose Creek CISD Celebrates School Board Recognition Month



Each January, Goose Creek CISD proudly joins communities across Texas in celebrating School Board Recognition Month, a time to honor the dedicated individuals who generously volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the success of our students and schools. School board trustees play a vital role in shaping the future of education, providing leadership and guidance that help create meaningful learning experiences and opportunities for all students.

This year's theme, "Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas," perfectly reflects the invaluable contributions of our school board members. Their vision, dedication, and service help prepare students for success in college, careers, and beyond. Their efforts go beyond policy and decision-making; they impact the lives of students and staff by championing initiatives that enhance education, promote innovation, and strengthen the entire school community.

Over the past year, our district has achieved remarkable milestones that showcase our commitment to excellence and

innovation. From maintaining competitive teacher pay to earning the Trusted Learning Environment Seal for data security and safety, we've set new standards in education. Additionally, six of our schools have been recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools, three career academies have been celebrated as national models, our P-TECH designated campus continues to grow, and AVID Demonstration School status was accomplished—all of which contribute to the ongoing success of our students.

The school board's dedication to state-of-the-art early learning academies and college and career readiness programs is transforming lives and shaping brighter futures. These achievements reflect the power of your leadership and determination to continuously improve our schools and strengthen our community.

As a token of appreciation, students and staff throughout the district have come together to express their gratitude in creative and heartfelt ways. School campuses have designed and displayed posters honoring board members, each reflecting

the appreciation felt by students and educators alike. These visual tributes serve as a small but meaningful acknowledgment of the board's continuous support and dedication. In addition to the posters, campuses have also shared messages of appreciation through social media, posting heartfelt thank-you messages highlighting the impact of the trustees' leadership. Beyond our students and staff, proclamations were presented from the City of Baytown, as well as certificates from county commissioners, a resolution from state representative Ana Hernandez, and a donation of books.

As the district takes this moment to honor its trustees, it is clear that their service has profoundly impacted the more than 24,000 students in our district. The students, staff, and entire Goose Creek CISD community extend their deepest gratitude for the board's dedication to building a brighter future for all. Their leadership embodies the spirit of Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas, and their efforts continue to shape our district's education path.

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Mont Belvieu Recycling Drop-Off Program



Opens to the public on Saturday, February 1st from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The City of Mont Belvieu's new recycling drop-off location is now open! This site, located on Perry Avenue, allows residents to bring standard recyclable items such as cardboard, plastics, and metals. The first recycling drop-off day will be Saturday, February 1st from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location & Hours
Mont Belvieu's recycling drop-off station will be located at 4027 Perry Avenue, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580 and open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Accepted Items Paper

Accepted paper items include newspapers, magazines, office paper, books, cartons (such as milk or juice cartons), and flattened cardboard.

Cans

Accepted metal items include empty and dry aluminum cans (such as soda cans) and steel food cans.

Plastic

Accepted plastic items include empty and dry plastic bottles and containers, flexible plastics like grocery bags, and rigid plastics such as lawn chairs or laundry baskets.

Items That Will NOT Be Accepted

- *No batteries or electronics.
- *No food or liquid.
- *No flammables or fuel tanks.
- *No household hazardous waste.

What is a recycling drop-off program?

A recycling drop-off program is a community-based initiative that allows residents to drop off recyclable materials at a designated collection site.

United Way Unveils New Brand and Celebrates 79 Years of Service

Baytown, TX — The United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County (UWGBACC) celebrated nearly eight decades of service with a spectacular "Special Evening with United Way" event held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The evening was a momentous occasion, not only reflecting on the organization's longstanding impact but also highlighting the unveiling of United Way's dynamic new brand.

At the heart of the evening was the introduction of United Way's refreshed look—a vibrant



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new logo and bold color palette that reflect the organization's renewed commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and optimism. The brand refresh underscores United Way's vision for a brighter future, one where every individual and family has the opportunity to thrive.

Kaci Pena, Director of Community Engagement at UWGBACC, spoke passionately about the significance of this transformation: "Our new brand represents more than just a change in appearance; it embodies our unwavering dedication to thinking boldly and acting creatively to address

our community's most pressing challenges. This new look symbolizes hope, unity, and the power of collective action."

The unveiling also served as a call to action for the community to join United Way in its mission to create lasting impact. "This brand refresh is a reflection of our optimism

for what we can achieve together," Pena added. "With your support—whether through volunteering, donating, or advocating—we can continue building a future where everyone has the opportunity to succeed."

The evening's success was a testament to the community's shared commitment to making a difference. As UWGBACC celebrates its 79th year, the organization looks forward to continuing its legacy of service while embracing new approaches to create innovative solutions for the challenges ahead.

THOUGHTS FROM HILLSIDE CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



Are You Censoring Yourself?

Living your Christianity is easy in church, but what happens when you walk out the church doors? Who are you on the job? At school? In your own home? Do you censor yourself based on where you are and who is around?

Or, more to the point, do you censor Jesus who lives in you?

Do you have the courage to rise up and let the world know you stand with God even when it's inconvenient, uncomfortable, or potentially hazardous to relationships? Are you quick to say, "Praise God" and "Hallelujah" with your church friends and when you're alone, but bite your tongue among your more worldly companions?

In Mark 6:15, Jesus told His disciples to, "Go into all the world and

preach the gospel to every creature." We are to be His disciples as well, so these words also apply to us. No, this doesn't mean He expects us all to grab microphones and stand on street corners. It does mean we're to be living the gospel, living lives that truly bring glory and honor to Him, living lives that let others see Jesus.

In Luke 9:26, Jesus says, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of

Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels." So, here's an important question. Are you ashamed of Him? Are you ashamed of His message?

If you're not ashamed, but you still don't speak up, is it because you're afraid? Jesus understands our fears, but He also expects us to conquer them. He addresses the issue of worry extensive-

ly in Matthew 6, and asks a short but pertinent question in verse 27: "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

Worrying about what people would think of you if you were honest about your Christianity is pointless: It doesn't help anyone. Instead, it shuts you down and prevents you from helping them in ways you probably can't imagine. It has been said that you may be the only

Jesus people ever see; you need to let them see Him.

Jesus is coming back. The skeptic says people have been talking about His return for years. Christians have been looking for His return for about 2,000 years. In those thousands of years, prophecy after prophecy about His return has been fulfilled. The last big prophetic event was when Israel became a nation in 1948. The next fulfillment on the horizon is the Rapture of the Church.

We've been waiting thousands of years for something that could happen today. Don't let intimidation, fear, or anything else keep you from standing up for the Savior who laid His life down for you. The world needs to know Him too!

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Crowded Houston Area Market Receives New Area Code 621

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

The influx of new residents into the Houston metro area and the demand for more and more phones has resulted in the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to approve an additional area code for the region. The new 621 area code will encompass the greater Houston metropolitan area and surrounding communities such as Baytown, League City, Missouri City, Pasadena, Pearland, Sugar Land, and The Woodlands and will encompass Harris, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller Counties.

According to the PUCT, the new area code began on Jan. 23, 2025, while existing area codes, 281, 346, 713, and 832 will remain in use.

With the advent of the burner phone, the use of multiple phones now by individuals more and more, the increase for phone numbers has increased.

Telephone customers requesting a new phone number in the 281/346/713/832 area code overlay region may be assigned a number beginning with 621. Whether they're requesting new service, adding a line, or in some cases, moving their service, customers could be assigned one with the new 621 code.

The PUCT wanted the public to know some important facts about the new area code:

- Existing telephone numbers will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the new area code.
- What qualifies as a local call now will remain a local call.



- Customers in the new area code region will continue to dial 10 digits for local calls within and between the Houston-area overlay area codes, and 1+10 digits for long distance calls.
- Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 911 and 988, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711, or 811 if those services are currently available in their community.

Telephone customers should continue to identify their telephone number as a 10-digit number (3-digit area code + 7-digit telephone number) and include the area code when sharing the number.

Customers should ensure the accurate area code is reflected across their devices and personal identification. This includes any equipment that uses their phone number (i.e. auto-

matic dialing equipment, wireless phones, PBXs, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, medical alert devices, safety alarm security systems and gates, ankle monitors). It also includes printed communications including websites, personal and business stationary and printed checks, advertising materials, contact information, and personal or pet ID tags.

For more information, please contact your local telephone provider.

Texas consumers with questions or concerns about their telecommunications service should contact their provider first. If they do not feel the provider's response adequately addressed their needs, they should contact the PUC's Consumer Protection Division.

OPINION PAGE



Know Your Immigration Rights and Stay Prepared

As you have probably heard through news reports, the new Trump administration plans to make changes to our immigration laws that will impact all of us. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure everyone is informed of their rights and responsibilities.

What are your rights?

IN YOUR HOME: ICE agents cannot search your person, belongings, car, or home without your permission or a valid search warrant signed by a judge with your correct name and address on it.

AT WORK: ICE can only enter a workplace with the employer's consent or a judicial warrant. If they enter your work place, do not panic or try to run away.

IN PUBLIC: You are not required to answer questions about your immigration status, where you were born, or how you entered the country.

AT DOCTOR'S OFFICES: You are not required to disclose your immigration status to receive medical care, even if your healthcare provider asks you for this information.

AT SCHOOL: Students have the right to attend school without providing documentation of their immigration status. Schools should not ask about immigration status, and they cannot deny enrollment based on immigration status.

AT PLACES OF WORSHIP: Currently, ICE is directed to avoid enforcement actions in certain "protected areas" like schools, places of worship, and hospitals.

If you are detained by ICE, ask to speak with an attorney immediately. If you do not have a lawyer, ask an immigration officer for a list of pro bono lawyers.

To help protect yourself and your loved ones, here's a "Know Your Rights" card that outlines your legal protections and present it to ICE agents if needed.

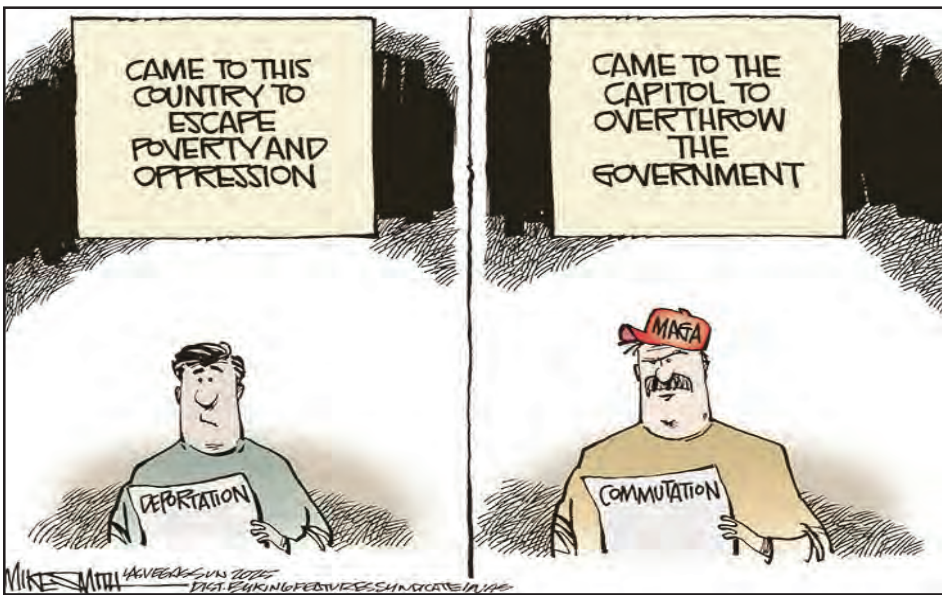
Develop a family safety plan by identifying trusted contacts that can keep important immigration paperwork safe and memorizing important phone numbers you can contact in case you are detained.

During these uncertain times, we must stand together as neighbors and ensure everyone knows their rights.

If you have any questions or need assistance with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or have an issue with ICE, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at 832-325-3150.

Sincerely, Sylvia R. Garcia Member of Congress

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



\$1 Billion for Vouchers, \$5 Billion for Teachers

Legislative budget writers are proposing nearly \$5 billion to increase teacher pay and \$1 billion to implement a school voucher program in the next biennium, the Austin American Statesman reported.



proposed rules for the current legislative session, according to the Statesman. That means this session that Democrats, who hold 62 of the 150 seats, would be left out of those positions this session, though committee vice chairmanships would be given to them.

PATRICK BACKS CLARIFYING STATE'S NEAR-TOTAL ABORTION BAN

Patrick said last week that the Legislature should amend the state's near-total abortion ban to address confusion over when doctors can legally terminate pregnancies.

SHARING CHAIRMANSHIPS WITH MINORITY PARTY TO END

A decades-long tradition of giving at least some committee chairmanships to members of the minority party is about to end under

sion's funding request and work with industry experts to better understand this compounding problem," Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance, said in a statement.

TEXANS URGED TO REPORT WINTER WEATHER DAMAGES

Abbott is urging Texans affected by recent winter weather to report any property and agricultural damages to the Texas Division of Emergency Management's portal: damage.tdem.texas.gov.

2024 WAS HOTTEST ON RECORD, BUT RAINFALL TOTALS VARIED

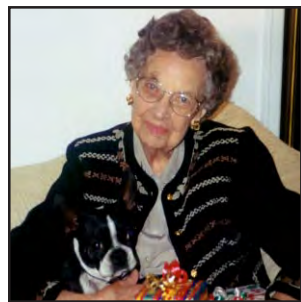
It's hardly news to Texans who lived through it, but last year was the hottest on record, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

STATE RECORDS MOST TORNADOES IN 2024

Preliminary data from the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center indicates the United States experienced a record 1,855 tornadoes in 2024, breaking a 20-year-old record.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Talking to a Friend



Yesterday, I got to talk with an old friend.

I used to see Cheryl almost every day. But for the last several years, we have seen each other once a year, at most. She's going to direct my show, so we'll be working together again.

"If we can't find a chair that looks good..." I began.

"You could bring a throw to toss over it," she finished.

"Exactly," I said.

We did that all afternoon.

This is also the week my editor, Patty, is retiring. Patty has been editing my columns for most of the time I've been writing The Postscript.

But I can't imagine not talking with my friend Patty every week because—although I'm sure she is one of the best editors in the business—that is not what makes her really special.

What makes her special is that every week she says something nice about my column. There is no need for her to do this, but it means the world to me.

But I somehow feel that Patty will remain in my life, just as Cheryl drifted away for a bit and circled back.

The people who are meant to be in my life have a way of staying there, in some form or another, sometimes taking a step back to make room for the new friends in my life.

And sometimes friendships end. I had a friend who ghosted me years ago. She did it three times and, finally, I decided I would stop reaching out to her except on her birthday.

Relationships change. One thing leads to another and, before I know it, I'm spending my time with new people, talking to new friends, without realizing how much has changed.

My grandmother lived to be 100 and outlived all her old friends. So she made new old friends. By the time she passed, many of her friends were closer in age to her children than to her, but she always seemed to have someone to talk to.

We all need someone to talk to. Till next time, Carrie

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Mike Keeney's Super Bowl Preview: Chiefs look to make history with 3rd straight SB win: Eagles look to win second Lombardi at SB 59

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from breaking Eric Dickerson's all-time single-season rushing record as he sat out Week 18 to rest up for the playoffs. In the post season, Barkley has added another 442 rushing yards (giving him 2,447 yards on the ground for the season). Barkley's presence has taken a lot of pressure on Hurts (2,903 passing yards, 18 TDs/630 rushing yards, 14 TDs in the regular season/505 passing yards, 3 TDs/122 rushing yards, 4 TDs in the playoffs). Hurts sustained a knee injury in the Division Round against the Rams, but did it did not seem to bother him at all in the NFC title game as he rushed for 3 TDs and threw a touchdown pass.

The Eagles also have one of the best offensive lines in the league and that unit helped the Eagles score an amazing seven touchdowns against Washington. The Kansas City defense will have its hands full against that unit.

While Barkley has been the key to the offense, Hurts has had his moments making plays to wideouts A.J. Brown (67 receptions, 1,089 yards, 7 TDs in regular season/9 receptions, 109 yards, 1 TD in playoffs) and DeVonta Smith (68 receptions, 833 yards, 8 TDs in regular season/9 receptions, 120 yards, 1 TD in playoffs). Look for Hurts to attack the KC secondary, which is one of the best in the league, with play-action if the Eagles can get Barkley going early on the fast track in the Dome. In Week 3, the Eagles defeated the Saints in NO 15-12 as Barkley rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Eagle fans will be hoping the Penn State product has another big day in the Big Easy on Sunday.

The Eagles have another weapon in tight end Dallas Goedert who missed a number of games with a hamstring injury during the middle part of the season. Goedert (42 receptions, 496 yards, 2 TDs in regular season/15 receptions, 188 yards, 1 TD in playoffs). Goedert could be a key weapon in the Super Bowl if the Chiefs concentrate on slowing down Brown and Smith. Don't be surprised is Hurts goes to Goedert early with short passes to get him and the passing game going.

The Chiefs enter SB 59 with a 16-2 record. They won another AFC West title and dispatched Houston (23-14) in the Divisional round of the playoffs and took care of Buffalo, 32-29 in the AFC Championship Game. The Chiefs will go as far as Mahomes will take them and the East Texas native thrives in big games. He's 3-1 in Super Bowls and the chance to make history and lead KC to a three-peat will motivate him all the more.

Mahomes had a pedestrian regular season passing for 3,928 yards with 26 TDs and 11 interceptions. He's passed for 422 yards and 2 TDs in his first two playoff games and something tells me he's saving his best game for the last game of the season come Sunday.

The Chiefs won a lot of close games this year, which means they don't panic as long as No. 15 is under center. Starting running back Isiah Pacheco was lost in

Week 2 to a fractured fibula, so the Chiefs signed former starting running back Kareem Hunt, who picked up the slack with 728 rushing yards and 7 total TDs. Hunt has added 108 yards and two scores in the post season.

And while star tight end Travis Kelce (97 receptions, 823 yards, 3 TDs in regular season/9 receptions, 136 yards, 1 TD in playoffs) had perhaps his least productive season in a number of years, the Eagles know he can turn it on when its big game time. Look for Kelce and Mahomes to be their usual big-play selves come Sunday.

Mahomes has found a new go-to wideout in rookie Xavier Worthy (a UT product). Worthy grabbed 59 passes for 638 yards and 9 total TDs (three rushing TDs) in his first NFL season. He's added a receiving TD and more than 100 yards in the playoffs. Look for Mahomes to go to him deep early to test the Philly secondary, which starts two rookies. Mahomes also has another weapon back in speedy wide receiver Marquis Brown. The former Ravens star played only two regular season games after dealing with an injury, but he could be a key player on Sunday. Like Worthy, he has game-breaking speed and I would not be surprised if Mahomes looks to get him going early, which could open up the middle of the field for Kelce.

Both teams have solid defenses. The Eagles defense recorded 41 sacks and came up with 26 turnovers (13 interceptions, 13 fumble recoveries in the regular season and have added 10 sacks and 10 turnovers (4 interceptions, 6 fumble recoveries) in the playoffs. The Chiefs defense produced 39 sacks and 20 turnovers (13 interceptions, 7 fumble recoveries) in the regular season and 10 sacks in the playoffs.

A key to this game will be if the Chiefs can get pressure on Hurts behind the Eagles excellent offensive line. KC defensive coordinator Steve Spagnolia is one of the best in the business, and with two weeks to prepare for this game, something tells me he will have something special up his sleeve come Sunday.

When it all comes down to it, look for Mahomes to be the deciding factor in this game. He's one of the best big-game QBs in the history of the league and lives for these types of moments. When the passing game struggled in the AFC title game, he rushed for two TDs. Look for him to once again use his legs to make plays for his team. Mahomes is also well aware he could become the first QB in the history of the NFL to win three straight Lombardi's, which would give him four of the shiny trophies in just his eighth year in the league.

This should be another high-scoring game, and Mahomes will once again be the difference maker as the Chiefs win their third straight. **My pick, Kansas City 33, Philadelphia 30**



top ten

NFL Teams With Most Super Bowl Wins

- 1/2 New England Patriots, 6
Pittsburgh Steelers, 6
- 3/4 San Francisco 49ers, 5
Dallas Cowboys, 5
- 5/6/7 Kansas City Chiefs, 4
Green Bay Packers, 4
New York Giants, 4
- 8/9/10 Denver Broncos, 3
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Congresswoman Garcia's Know Your Rights Town Hall,

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them at schools, health clinics and churches, regardless of their citizenship status.

She said "this is why I put together a quick town hall meeting this week aimed at telling both documented and undocumented Houston residents about their constitutional rights and what they should and shouldn't do if federal agents knock on their door.

"I want you all to know you're not alone," Congresswoman Garcia told the crowd. "That's why we're here. Know your rights and have the information you need to keep your family safe."

"I know many of you are scared because immigration officers are no longer instructed to avoid targeting schools, churches and health clinics. Trump rescinded that policy when he took office last week, creating new concerns for people already fearful about Trump's mass deportation plan," Garcia said.

Garcia said when agents knock on the door; people can get nervous and forget their rights. So, she has printed up thousands of small red cards that can fit in people's pockets with instructions in English and Spanish reminding them of their Fifth Amendment rights and what they should say if confronted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers at home or in the community. Attendees were given these cards.

But beyond that, Garcia and others pushed the audience to make sure they talk to their families about creating a plan for if a parent or grandparent is suddenly detained. She said people need to have emergency plans in place, especially if they have children that need to be cared for.

In attendance Houston immigration attorney Silvia Mintz said, "Everybody who resides in the United States has constitutional rights, and we need to make sure that we exercise our rights and, if we are not undocumented, that we make sure our sisters and brothers who are undocumented know their rights."

"That includes making sure parents update their emergency contact numbers with their children's school to ensure another trusted adult or family member can get their children if they are unable to." In addition, Mintz said they need to have emergency phone numbers and important papers, like birth certificates and marriage licenses in a place other family members can access if anything happens to them.

Mintz continued, "Chief among those rights one does not necessarily have to open the door or answer questions from immigration agents. A deportation warrant is not the same as a judicial warrant, and agents cannot legally enter a home under a deportation warrant without a verbal agreement from people inside." In addition,

Mintz said people shouldn't be signing papers they do not understand.

Garcia said one of the things she's encouraging people to do is get their passports for themselves and family members — including children — in case someone is deported so they can easily reunite with a loved one if something happens to them.

Garcia made clear she's angry about the fear the Trump administration has helped spread in its first few days. "Sadly, we know that the Trump administration is not doing what he said during the campaign: just going after criminals," she said. "He's also targeting many undocumented immigrants who do not have a criminal record and have been in our country for years."

She pointed to a grandfather in Chicago who was reportedly caught in one of the deportation raids. "ICE should not be targeting our grandparents," she said. "That's insanity. They're not criminals. Deporting them would not make us safer."

At the town hall, Monica Zepeda, a teacher, said she feels like she needs clarification, too. The questions, she said, have started. "Over the weekend, I had two students talk to me about what's happening with immigration, and these are boys much taller than I am and the way that they posed the question was, 'Are we going to be OK?'"

Texas Governor Gregg Abbott who's assisting

ICE in their arresting undocumented immigrants issued the following executive order.

In accordance with Executive Order GA-46 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on August 8, 2024, hospital providers must ask each patient during the hospital intake process whether the patient is (1) a citizen or an alien lawfully present in the United States, or (2) an alien not lawfully present in the United States. Hospital providers must report to HHSC quarterly the number of inpatient discharges of and emergency visits by all patients and patients who are (1) a citizen or an alien lawfully present in the United States, and (2) an alien not lawfully present in the United States. Hospital providers must also report to HHSC quarterly the costs of care for patients who are not lawfully present in the United States.

Hospitals began collecting the information on November 1, 2024, and are expected to begin reporting to Texas Health & Human Services on March 1, 2025.

When collecting information about a patient's immigration status, hospital providers must provide notification that, as required by federal law, the response will not affect patient care.

This article is one of a series for the purpose of helping to educate everyone concerning President Trump's new immigration policies. Upcoming article; Immigrant Students' Rights to Attend Public Schools.



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50 YEARS: How sweet it is for Highlands Rotary Chili Feast, raising funds for scholarships and community projects,

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ry of my dad. I've literally been with Rotary all my life," she said.

Scott, who plays piano, used to accompany the Rotarians when they sang at the meetings years ago.

"I've been playing piano since I was six years old," and now she's also the pianist for Highlands Methodist Church.

Scott says they will announce their scholarships in April and then send the money to the students in August when they get ready to head off to college.

She assumes her role as president on July 1 this summer.

Bryan Teel II was announced as the winner of the car this year.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "Our family has been buying tickets and supporting the Chili Feast for years and this comes close to breaking even," he joked.

He is the son-in-law of Baytown attorney Weston Cotton. The entire family was at the fundraiser working all day selling cake, assisting in the auction, and selling tickets.

It was too soon to know exactly how much was raised but Scott said in years past they have grossed between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

"I just want to say thank you to the community for their support of our club. We're a small but mighty club," she said.



Auctioneer Mark Tauber at work.



Bryan Teel II and his wife Chrissa are in shock as they were announced the winners of the top prize, a vehicle from Turner Chevrolet. Teel said it was the first time he had won anything since coming and participating in the fundraiser.



Ladies working the auction on Saturday included club president GayLynn Milliron, Martha Sutton, Kylee Daley, and Denise Smith.



Alexis Reyes, Arianna Cardona, and Delene Cotten work together selling desserts at the Highlands Rotary Chili Feast last Saturday. Alexis and Arianna are students at the Chinquapin Preparatory School in Highlands.



Enjoying the Chili Feast at any age are Kathy Fauci's daughter and granddaughter.



Rotarians Larry White and Deana Weaver help Hunter Teel with the ticket draw.



Rotarians Jeremy Rosenkranz and Robert Woodall were among the Chili chefs using this custom mobile kettle.

Highlands Rotary Chili Feast RAFFLE 2025 LIST OF WINNERS			
TICKET NUMBER	PRIZE DESCRIPTION	WINNING TICKET NUMBER	NAME ON TICKET
Early Bird	\$300 GIFT CARD	453	Don Hill
1 ST	\$200 GIFT CARD	453	Don Hill
50 TH	32" SMART TV	283	Larry Backketter
100 TH	PORTABLE ICE MAKER	489	Keith McCoy
150 TH	\$200 GIFT CARD	691	J Fallin
200 TH	AIR COMPRESSOR BATTERY CHARGER	431	Dependable Diesel
250 TH	BEATS SOLO 3 WIRELESS HEADPHONES	113	Chrissa Teel
300 TH	\$200 GIFT CARD	410	Central Auto Insp
350 TH	AIR FRYER	22	Jeffrey Bradeur
400 TH	68 QT RTIC COOLER	307	Bryan Teel
450 TH	SHOTGUN	330	Linda Shafer
500 TH	\$200 GIFT CARD	422	USB Tom Cottar
550 TH	28" BLACK STONE COOKER	277	Keith Morrill
600 TH	OUTDOOR PROPANE FIRE PIT TABLE	443	Peewee Farmer
650 TH	22-250 RIFLE	343	Jack Adcox
699 TH	55" SMART TV	679	Mike Parrott
700 TH	2025 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER OR TRAX	780	Bryan Teel

Highlands Rotary thanks everyone who helped make this 2025 Chili Feast a success.



The live auction included several Quilt made by Rotarian Connie Russell, including this one with a stained glass motif.



Even Rotarians themselves knew how good the chili was and lined up with everyone else to get a bowl of the delicious dish with all the toppings.

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Lee Jung-jae stars in "Squid Games 2."

"Squid Game 2"

"SQUID GAME 2" (R) — The second season of the South Korean survival series "Squid Game" is out now to stream three years after the first season was released. After bingeing season one in a couple of days, envisioning another season that could follow up its success seemed nearly impossible, but season two does not disappoint! Following Seong Gi-hun (Lee Jung-jae), the winner of the Squid Game in the first season, viewers watch as he once again enters the deadly survival game in an attempt to warn participants of its sinister nature and stop the game entirely. However, the Front Man is hot on Gi-hun's heels to ensure that his precious game remains intact. (Netflix) ***

2016 animated film about Moana (Auli'i Cravalho), the daughter of a Polynesian village chief. Having a bit more experience in the realm of wayfinding and sailing after her last adventure with Maui (Dwayne Johnson), Moana is tasked with searching for a sunken island called Motufetu that can connect all of the islands across the ocean. This time around, she has a bit more help than just the demigod Maui, with a crew consisting of Maui superfan Moni, a quirky craftswoman named Loto, and a grumpy farmer named Kele. Together, they will be able to break the curse of Motufetu. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video) ***

"MOANA 2" (PG) — The third highest-grossing film of 2024 was this sequel to Disney's hit

Harris Dickinson ("The Iron Claw") knew exactly what they were doing by signing on these two actors to star opposite each other. Kidman plays tech CEO Romy Mathis, who's deeply unsatisfied with her marriage with husband Jacob (Antonio Banderas). When a young man named Samuel (Dickinson) begins interning at her company, Romy is immediately enticed by him, and a torrid love affair commences between the two of them. But Romy's career and family life will hang in the balance as she continues to let her inhibitions overpower her reasoning. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+) ***

"67TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS" (TV-PG) — Hosted by Trevor Noah ("The Daily Show") for the fifth consecutive time, the Grammy Award ceremony is now available on streaming after being broadcasted live on Feb. 2. Topping the list of most nominations is none other than Beyonce, thanks to the release of her eighth studio album, "Cowboy Carter." Other notable names who were nominated and dominated music during 2024 include Sabrina Carpenter for her album "Short n' Sweet," Charli XCX for her album "Brat," and Best New Artist Chappell Roan. The three aforementioned women also performed during the ceremony, as well as Benson Boone, Billie Eilish, Shakira and Teddy Swims. (Paramount+) In Case You Missed It

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Q: Who is Selena Gomez's fiancé? Is he an actor? I hope she's finally found happiness. I've always liked her. — K.I.

A: Selena Gomez ("Only Murders in the Building") announced her engagement to music producer/songwriter Benny Blanco in December of last year, shortly before they attended the Golden Globes together where Gomez was nominated. Blanco has worked with two of Gomez's famous exes, Justin Bieber and The Weeknd, and even co-wrote and produced two of his future fiancée's songs on her 2015 album "Revival." The two first met when Gomez recorded songs for Disney while starring in her hit show "The Wizards of Waverly Place." Blanco was already a successful producer, working with pop superstars like Katy Perry and Britney Spears. However, they were just friends and professional collaborators and didn't start dating until mid-2023.

The two also share a love of cooking. Gomez hosts "Selena + Chef" on Max, and Blanco published his cookbook "Open Wide: A Cookbook for Friends," which became a New York Times bestseller. He even cooked Thanksgiving dinner for Gomez and a group of 50 people. Most of all, he makes her happy, and friends agree that no one else has treated her as well as him. ***

Q: Is it true that Billy Corgan and Bill Burr are brothers? Did they take a DNA test, or have they known all this time and just never went public with it? — D.E.

A: Despite having essentially the same first name, singer Billy Corgan and stand-up comedian Bill Burr might be half brothers. No 23andMe-like DNA test has been performed, but they both were recently bombarded into revealing their story on, of all places, a Howie Mandel podcast. Mandel invited both on his show without them knowing that it would be an unexpected family reunion.

A few months ago, Smashing Pumpkins lead vocalist Corgan was a guest on the podcast and revealed that his stepmother once told him that Burr "might be one of the children that [his] father sired in his days being a traveling musician." While Burr knew about the theory, he wasn't prepared to talk about it on the podcast and scolded Mandel for forcing the public re-



Actress/singer Selena Gomez

union. According to Entertainment Weekly, by the end of the episode, Burr was convinced that he and Corgan are indeed half-brothers. ***

Q: Who is the Asian actress who played the doctor who wanted a baby in "No Good Deed" on Netflix? Was she in "Hacks," too? — N.N.

A: Actress Poppy Liu plays Dr. Sarah Weber on the new Netflix series "No Good Deed." She is also part of the supporting cast of the Emmy-winning Max series "Hacks," who earned a SAG Award nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series in 2022.

Her breakout role was on the short-lived NBC sitcom "Sunnyside," which eventually led to a recurring role for her on the "iCarly" reboot and the critically acclaimed series "Better Call Saul." Next up for the very busy Liu is the comedy film "I Love Boosters" with recent Oscar nominee Demi Moore, as well as the upcoming Netflix series "His & Hers" with Tessa Thompson.

"Hacks" is expected to return for its fourth season this coming May.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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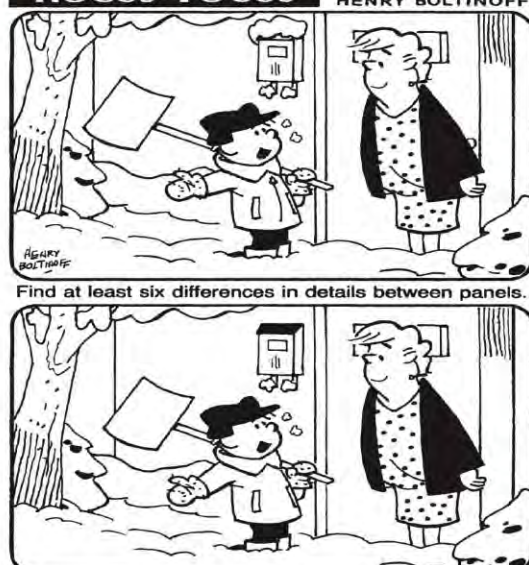
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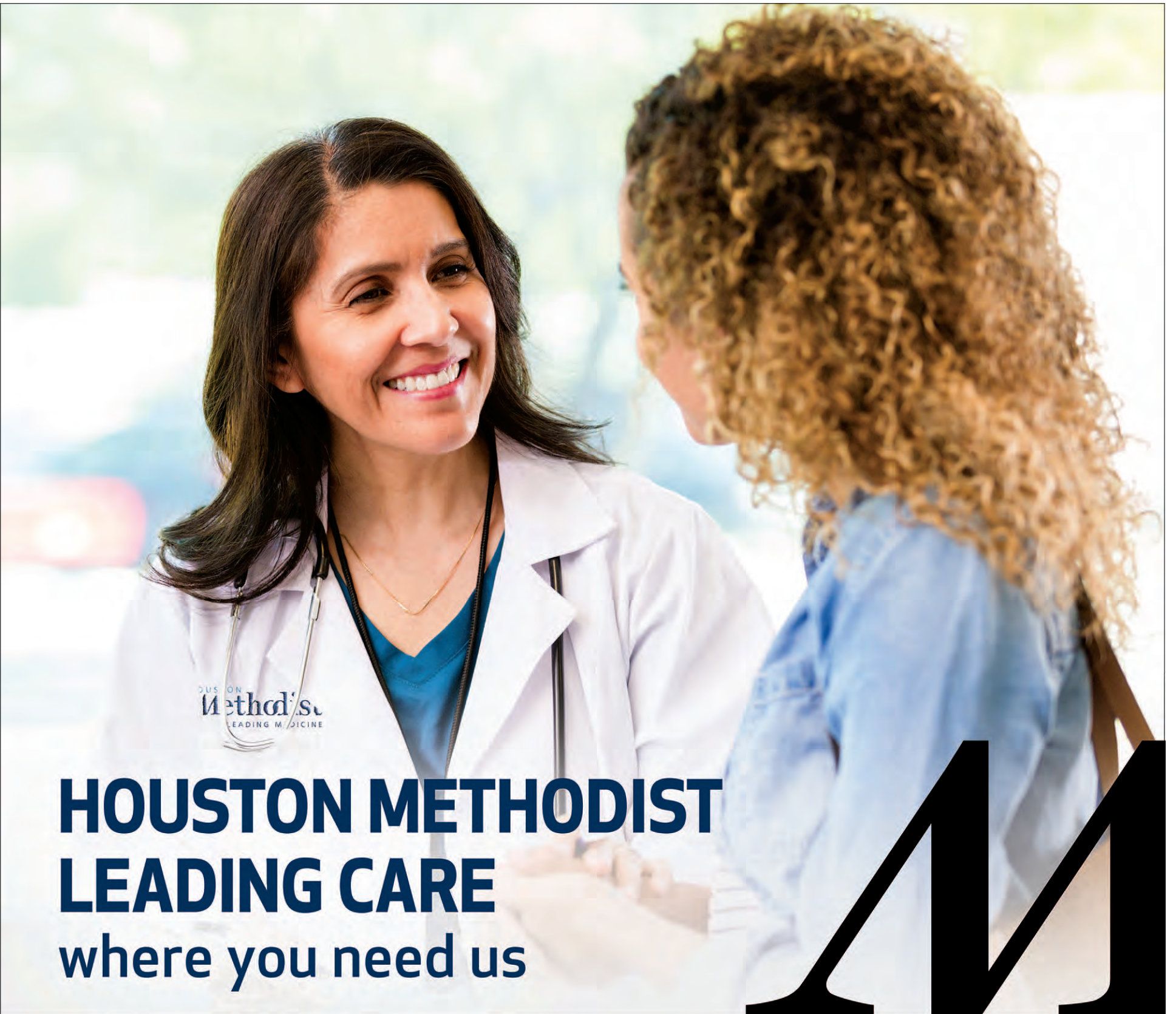
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the spaceship on the TV drama "Firefly"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only tropical rainforest in the United States?
3. LITERATURE: What is the title of author Oscar Wilde's only complete novel?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the killer in the movie "Silence of the Lambs"?
5. SCIENCE: What are the three branches of science?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which fast-food chain's slogan is, "What you crave"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many NFL teams are named after animals (including birds)?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state is the U.S. Naval Academy located?
9. ASTRONOMY: How many constellations are visible from Earth?
10. ART: What is the Japanese art of arranging flowers called?

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. Serenity; 2. El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico; 3. "The Picture of Dorian Gray"; 4. Buffalo Bill; 5. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Formal Sciences; 6. White Castle; 7. 14 (Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals, Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks); 8. Maryland; 9. 88; 10. Ikebana

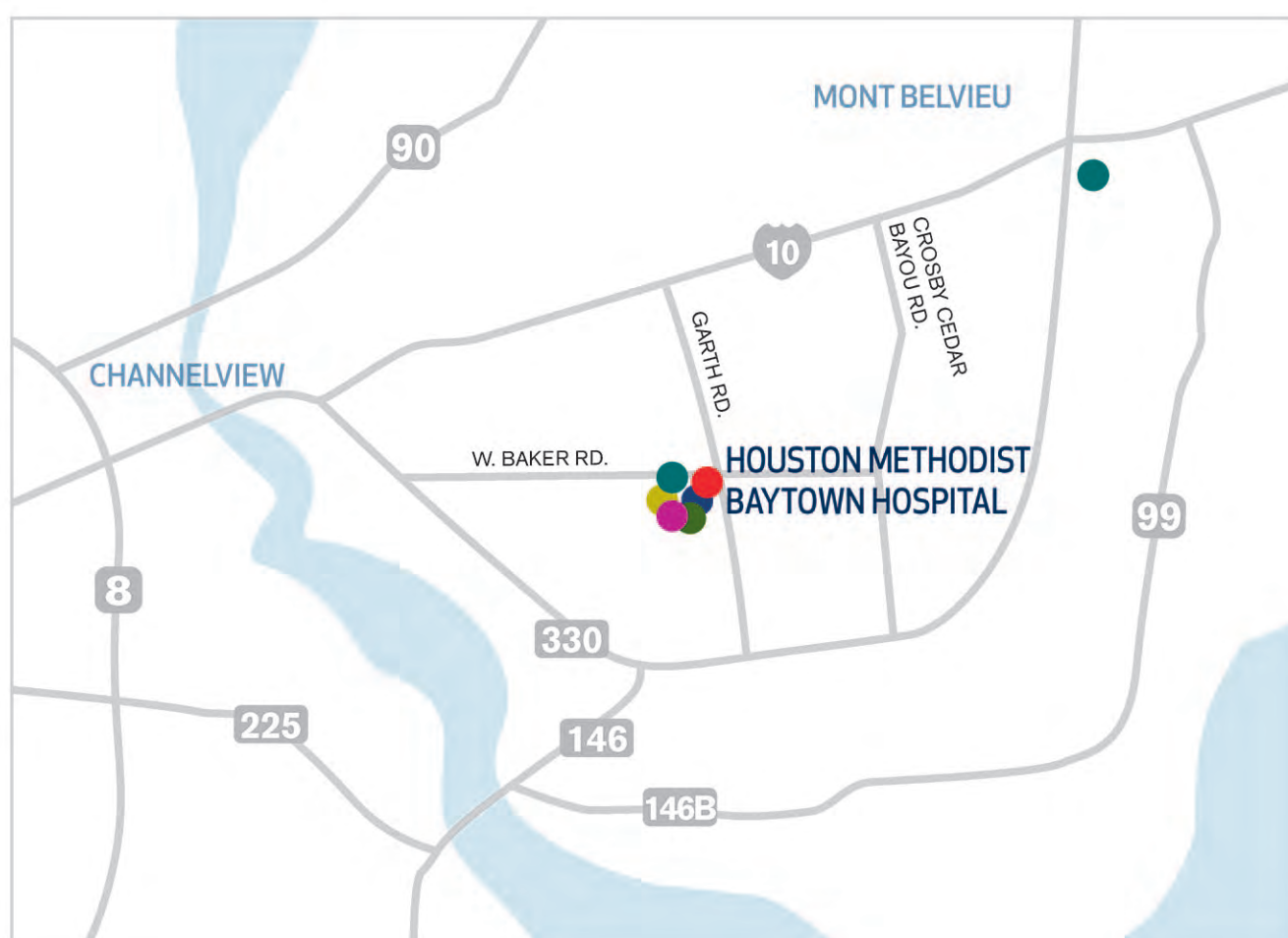


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