



Community Resource Credit Union's Eunice Morgan & Laura Kunefke were ready to sign up new members. Story Below and Page 2

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Meetings April 8 & 21 About San Jacinto River Cancer Cluster Discovery

Two community meetings are planned to discuss a recent assessment by the State of Texas that residents in a 250 square mile area of the San Jacinto River floodplain suffer from higher than expected rates of cancer. The meetings are being organized by Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA), which had requested the state cancer study. They are scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00pm

San Jacinto Community Center

604 Highland Woods Dr, Highlands, TX 77562

Monday, April 21 at 6:00pm

Crosby Community Center

409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532

The state report covers a large area, 65 census tracts in all, surrounding the San Jacinto from just below the Lake Houston Dam in Atascocita to the point where the river flows into Galveston Bay. It identified four types of cancer that were found at rates that are higher than



expected: Cervix Uteri Cancer, Leukemia, Lung and Bronchus Cancer, and Lymphoma

According to THEA CEO Jackie Medcalf, "Residents have suspected for a long time that the high incidence of cancer in the

area isn't normal. The state report confirms that most of east Harris County is a cancer cluster. It's important to remember that the study area includes the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and four other Superfund Sites. For

the last 35 years, the state has advised people to not eat fish and shellfish from the river because of dioxin releases."

"Keep in mind that the cancer cluster area is the source of much of the drinking water for Houston and the surrounding region," Mrs. Medcalf said, "the purpose of the meetings is to come together as a community and talk about what this means to local residents."

This isn't the first cancer assessment the state has done in this area. In

2015, the state broke down its review by individual census tracts and found 14 different types of cancer, including several childhood cancers, that were above the expected rates. The new state assessment doesn't address those cancer clusters or offer any explanation of what has changed. In addition to the meetings, THEA has launched an online campaign to ask the state to provide more information. You can find more information at www.TXHEA.org.

IN THE STARS

Purse Bingo at American Legion Crosby on April 4

Want a fancy purse? The David H. McNerry American Legion Post 658 will host a Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser on Friday, April 4, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Bingo begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 to sponsor a table.

Melissa McBride, adjutant officer and vet at the American Legion Hall said there would be 15 rounds of bingo. "For those who haven't played before, Designer Purse Bingo is where you play regular games of Bingo and instead of winning cash, you win a designer purse like Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Tory Burch and so on," she said. The specialty purses are worth hundreds of dollars up to \$1,000 or more, some of which have been donated to the organization.

Purses are not the only prizes, there's also a men and women's set of Fossil watches, and charm and earrings from Swarovski.

GOOSE CREEK SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Balancing Compassion & Accountability: Why I Testified for HB 6

On March 18, 2025, I had the honor of submitting testimony to the Texas House Public Education Committee in support of House Bill 6 at the State Capitol in Austin. I genuinely appreciate Chairman Buckley and the committee members for the opportunity to share my perspective. I have always believed that those who serve in our state legislature are committed to doing what is right for the citizens of Texas, and I was proud to contribute to that process.

House Bill 6 aims to provide greater local authority and flexibility in addressing student behavior and discipline in the classroom. This approach is intended to benefit students, teachers, and administrators alike.

My testimony was rooted in over 30 years of experience as an



Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Randal O'Brien

educator—first as a classroom teacher, then as a campus and district administrator, and now as a superintendent for the past fifteen years. I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and triumphs that come with shaping the educational journeys of our students.

While I understand and respect that previous legislative efforts—particu-

larly changes to Chapter 37—were likely crafted with good intentions, I felt compelled to address a growing concern. I recognized that some policies were designed with vulnerable students in mind, especially those facing behavioral challenges through no fault of their own.

However, throughout my testimony, I emphasized the need to also advocate for the students who come to school each day ready to learn, who work hard to achieve academic success, and whose progress is often disrupted by a small but persistent group of students who consistently distract from the learning environment.

I advocated for our dedicated teachers—professionals who have exhausted every known classroom management strategy, often with limit-

ed success, while trying to maintain a productive learning space for all. I also communicated on behalf of our school administrators, who invest time and energy into building relationships with every student, including those whose behaviors challenge the classroom environment and compromise the focus on learning.

I supported the commonsense provisions outlined in HB 6 because they offer practical tools and restore local control to our districts. These measures empower our educators—those closest to the classroom—to use their professional judgment in managing student behavior and upholding the integrity of the learning environment. Our teachers and principals are the experts in this work, and they deserve the ability to apply the very strategies

proposed in this legislation to help restore order and raise expectations for all students.

The behavioral challenges we see today are not isolated—they often result from social and emotional gaps that widened during the pandemic, particularly for students who lacked supportive family structures. HB 6 acknowledges that reality and provides school districts with the flexibility and tools to respond effectively.

Testifying on behalf of this important bill was both a professional responsibility and a personal commitment to the students and staff of Goose Creek CISD—and to all public schools across our great state. I remain hopeful that HB 6 will move forward and bring about the meaningful change our educators and students deserve.

Garcia testifies in Washington on FEMA Disaster responses



Commissioner Garcia urges improved disaster response

HOUSTON – With Hurricane season two months away, recent disasters have highlighted how critical FEMA is in helping Harris County recover.

This week, Commissioner Garcia was on Capitol Hill representing counties nationwide as Chair of the

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee and Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force for the National Association of Counties (NACo).

In his role as an advocate of NACo, Commissioner Garcia represents

counties large and small, rural and urban, any of which might be impacted by a disaster. He testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Emergency Management to advocate for faster, more efficient FEMA funding.

Chamber Expo Features Local Businesses, Relationships



Board chairman Velma Ellison presented Rev. Larry Koslovsky of the Crosby Brethren Church a certificate honoring him for his 30-plus years of service to the chamber of commerce. Koslovsky also served as chairman of the board.

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

From cushiony recliners, to jewelry, to overnight stays at the Courtyard at Marriott, the Crosby-Huffman Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo featured a bevy of retailers and businesses ready to deal with customers. The Expo was held last Thursday at the Crawfish Shack who furnished the food for

the accompanying luncheon.

Businesses spread their wares across the tables inside the eatery and spent the bulk of the meeting interacting with potential customers and seeking relationships and cross-branding and promotions with other chamber businesses.

Chamber board chairman Velma Ellison recognized Rev. Larry Koslovsky at the meeting for his many

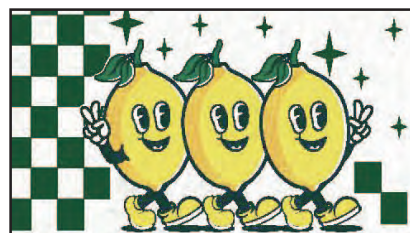
years of service to the chamber including his service as chairman of the board.

It's not too late to jump in on buys from chamber businesses. Visit the chamber website to cash in on deals at www.crosbyhuffmancc.org.

Interested in joining them next year? Call their office at 281-328-6964.

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Crosby-Huffman business expo showcases local vendors, deals, and community,

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Jennifer and Dan Meaux invited the chamber into their business Crawfish Shack to provide the food for the annual Business Expo.



Tim Patterson from Skero's Furniture and Mattresses Crosby location shows off a couple of recliners and some furniture at the Crosby-Huffman COC Business Expo last Thursday.



United Community Credit Union's Jamarcus Charles and Trudi Griffith were ready to sign up new members for the local bank.



Kay Sosa with Visiting Angels in Baytown showed customers the services they offer.



Traci Galyean with Courtyard By Marriott was booking reservations for their Generation Park location.



Alliance Properties Velma Ellison, Krissi Taylor, and Toni Handley are ready to sell you a home or property.



Jacqueline Papiion of Pro Lift Garage Doors sells and services garage doors in the Crosby-Huffman area.



Ryleigh Debose and Renee Parrott from new chamber member Charme by Neé is a locally owned candle company.

Black Excellence in Action: Sterling High Honors Legacy and Leadership

Though Black History Month was celebrated in February, the impact of Ross S. Sterling High School's powerful Black History Program continues to resonate throughout the campus and the community.

With the theme "The Black Excellence Movement: Breaking Limits and Building Legacy," this year's program showcased the incredible talents, voices, and leadership of Sterling students and community members. The event featured performances and presentations from the Black Student Association (BSA), Jazz Band, Choir, and the dynamic Sterling Steppers.



Mayor Charles Johnson joins the Sterling Jazz Band in celebrating black history and excellence.



Sterling Choir students featured as one of the many student performances at the Black History Program. (Photos by: Carrie Pryor-Newman)

gram was a heartfelt appearance by Charles Johnson, the Mayor of Baytown and a proud alumnus of Ross S. Sterling High School. Mayor Johnson delivered a mes-

sage of inspiration and encouragement, urging students to continue striving for greatness and reminding them of the power of their roots and education.

The Black Student Association played a central role in the program. The BSA President captivated the audience with a moving poem, while two other members offered a

warm welcome to guests, setting the tone for a celebration filled with pride, unity, and vision. Ross S. Sterling High School is proud to recognize and uplift the voices

and contributions of Black Americans through programs like this and remains committed to fostering an environment where all students can thrive.

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ON THE HILL

Mont Belvieu Easter Bunny Picnic April 12

Saturday, April 12, 2025 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | City Park Amphitheater

Celebrate spring with a day of family fun at the **Easter Bunny Picnic**. Enjoy interactive games, festive activities, and delicious food in a relaxed picnic-style setting. Bring your blankets, baskets, and a sense of adventure for a memorable experience.

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: City Park Amphitheater - 10900 Eagle Dr., Mont Belvieu, TX

What to Expect

Meet the Easter Bunny - Stop by the stage for a special photo opportunity.

Outdoor Movie Screening - Snag a spot on the lawn to eat your picnic treats while the film "Peter Rabbit" plays on the big screen.

Easter Egg Hunts - Search for hidden eggs, including special golden eggs.

Games and Activities - Participate in Easter-themed games and challenges to gather eggs.

Food and Refreshments - Choose from a variety of vendors offering picnic-style meals and Easter-themed treats.

Patriots Day Celebration April 21

Monday, April 21, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | City Park

Celebrate our local heroes at the Annual Patriots Day Celebration in collaboration with the Chambers County Veterans Association! Join us for a day filled with military appreciation, thrilling activities, and heartfelt recognition of our service members in and around Chambers County.

Enjoy games and giveaways for all ages, explore military vehicles at the touch-a-truck exhibit, get up close with local emergency response vehicles from Mont Belvieu Police & Fire Departments, and experience the excitement when a helicopter touches down at the stage field.

You have your marching orders! See you at the park on April 21st!

Visit our New Website for Chambers County News: www.BHDPRESS.com

Sam's Club to Anchor Baytown's New San Jacinto Marketplace

A major retail revival is underway in Baytown as Sam's Club has been confirmed as a key anchor tenant for the upcoming San Jacinto Marketplace, a 550,000-square-foot mixed-use development rising on the site of the former San Jacinto Mall.

The wholesale giant will develop a 169,570-square-foot store at 6611 Garth Road, with an estimated project cost of \$22.1 million. This store is expected to offer a more modern shopping experience than current Sam's Club locations, according to early plans.

Developed by Fidelis Realty Partners, San Jacinto Marketplace will include 10 anchor tenants that together will occupy about 75% of the total retail space. The

project also features restaurants, multitenant buildings, pad sites, potential apartment complexes, a hotel, and office space, transforming the 103.8-acre site into a vibrant hub for shopping, dining, and living.

The city of Baytown and Fidelis signed a Chapter 380 agreement, allowing for up to \$16.2 million in sales tax rebates to support the development. Fidelis demolished the old San Jacinto Mall in 2022 and began sitework for the new project in October 2023.

Baytown city officials are calling this a major milestone for the community, with more tenant announcements expected next month as the San Jacinto Marketplace continues to take shape.



Texas Sen. Brandon Creighton Advances Legislative Priorities at Midpoint of 89th Session

We're now approaching the halfway point of the legislative session—where all bills have been filed and major action is about to heat up in the Texas Capitol. The Texas Senate is off to a bold, strong, and historic start, already passing key conservative priorities that protect our values, our communities, and our future. We'll continue working every single day to deliver results for Texans and ensure our state remains the greatest in the nation. I wanted to take the opportunity to explain some of the impactful legislation we've passed this week in my Capitol update. In the coming weeks, I'll provide additional details on my legislative priorities for border security, tax relief, election integrity and public safety.

89TH SESSION UPDATE

-Establishing a Parental

Bill of Rights (SB 12 - Creighton, Author) - Parental rights in education are God-given and Texas-protected! This bill strengthens parental rights, ensuring parents have a say in what their children are taught in Texas public schools.

-Stopping Foreign Adversaries Land Grabs (SB 17 - coauthor) - Texas land should never be owned by foreign adversaries that threaten our sovereignty. This bill ensures hostile foreign nations like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea can't buy up our land and jeopardize national security.

-Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing (SB 15 - coauthor) - Homeownership is a cornerstone of the American dream. This bill cuts unnecessary local regulations that slow down home construction, ensuring more Texans can



achieve the dream of owning a home and building wealth for their families.

-Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Schools (SB 13 - coauthor) - Parents should never have to worry about explicit content in their child's school library. This bill gives parents more oversight and ensures that school books are age-appropriate and focused on education- not indoctrination.

-Banning THC in Texas

(SB 3 - coauthor) - Unregulated, intoxicating THC products have flooded our state, targeting kids and putting communities at risk. The Senate took action to ban these dangerous substances and protect Texas families.

-Increasing Texas' Electric Grid Reliability (SB 6 - coauthor) - Texas is the nation's economic powerhouse, and we need a strong, reliable grid to power that growth. With demand expected to skyrocket in the coming years, this bill strengthens our electric grid to support businesses, protect consumers, and ensure Texas remains the best state to live, work, and invest.

-Defending Faith & Religious Freedom in Schools (SB 10 & SB 11 - coauthor) - Faith and values have long guided our nation, and these bills reaffirm that foundation. SB 10 ensures

the Ten Commandments are displayed in classrooms, reminding students of timeless principles of integrity and responsibility. SB 11 protects students' right to pray in school, allowing districts to establish a voluntary period for prayer. These bills protect religious freedom and reinforce the values that make Texas strong.

-Banning Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying (SB 19 - coauthor) - Texas taxpayers should never foot the bill for lobbyists who work against their own interests. This bill ensures taxpayer dollars are not used by local governments to hire lobbyists who push for bigger government, higher taxes, and more regulation. The Senate took a strong stand today to protect taxpayers from being forced to fund political agendas they don't support.

Angel Lagoon Makes a Splash: Nation's First Public Access Lagoon Opens in Dayton

DAYTON - On August 30th, Houston Life celebrated the grand opening of Angel Lagoon in Dayton, Texas.

Designed as a beach club and an aqua adventure park, Angel Lagoon is the nation's first public access lagoon, welcoming both day pass holders and community members.

From swimming in the crystal-clear waters of the lagoon to riding the inflatable water slides or simply relaxing on the white sandy beaches and enjoying live music, Angel Lagoon has fun for the whole family! It even has the biggest bounce house park in Houston!

Nestled at 15 River Ranch Blvd in the heart of Dayton, Texas, this expansive 40-acre destination



boasts beautiful white sand beaches, an array of water-based activities, and numerous dining options. Uri Man, the visionary Founder and CEO of The Lagoon Development Company, shares his excitement, "Angel Lagoon is more than just a lagoon;

it's a slice of heaven on earth that we're offering to the Dayton community. It's a chance for locals and visitors to indulge in top-tier amenities and forge unforgettable moments close to home."

Just a 40-minute drive from downtown Houston,

there is a crystal clear lagoon where everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a slice of heaven on earth. Angel Lagoon at 15 River Ranch Blvd in the heart of Dayton, Texas, is now open! Dive into the clear blue lagoon waters, zoom down inflatable slides, or chill on the soft, sandy beaches with cool live music vibes - there is a lot of fun for everyone! Plus, Angel Lagoon is home to the biggest bounce house park in Houston!

But, dipping deeper into the technology behind the crystal waters is something developed by Crystal Lagoons®, who have implemented their innovative projects on five continents! These sustainable, manufactured lagoons require minimal

chemicals and technology for upkeep, using their patented technology to ensure reduced water usage. Depending on what's available, they can adapt to different water sources, including sea, fresh, or brackish waters. A Crystal Lagoons® powered lagoon uses significantly less water than traditional golf courses and parks of the same size, ensuring a safe, family-friendly environment.

Man said, "Our goal is to introduce the peaceful, luxurious lifestyle of lagoon living to this new Houston area. Angel Lagoon is a space where everyone—whether they are locals or visiting guests—can dive into the distinct experiences it provides."

OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By BILL KING



With No Immigration, U.S. Population could fall 30% by Year 2100

The US Census Bureau makes projections of the US population based on various immigration scenarios.

In its main case, which the Census Bureau considers the most likely scenario, the US population is projected to increase slowly from its current level of about 338 million to 369 million by 2080, with an average annual growth rate of 0.0163%.

In the high case, which assumes approximately 1.5 million new immigrants each year, the population continues to grow for the remainder of the century, reaching 435 million by 2100.

In the low case, which assumes about 500,000 new immigrants each year, the population peaks in 2043 at just under 346 million, representing a 2.8% increase from the current population.

But the scenario that really caught my attention was the zero-immigration projection. In this scenario, the US population is projected to have already peaked and will decline by over 30% by 2100, reaching approximately 225 million.

If you look at the components of the zero-immigration projection, you will see that net immigration is a negative number for all years. This is because, contrary to what many believe and what is trumpeted incessantly on social media, many immigrants leave the country every year.

Many leave voluntarily. A good example is when young people come here on educational visas and then return to their country after completing their education.

There is a heavy emphasis on immigration in these projections because it is the most impactful factor on population and the most difficult to predict. When making a population projection, three key variables must be taken into account: the birth rate, the death rate, and immigration.

However, the country can regulate the number of people who enter the country. The rate of immigration, therefore, depends on the public's attitude toward immigration and how their feelings will be reflected in public policy.

I think the US will have significantly lower immigration rates in the near term. That is what the American people want, and it was the animating issue in the 2024 election.

However, I am not sure that will be a good predictor of this cycle. The country has never experienced an anti-immigrant cycle with this demographic setup or with information moving at the speed it does today.

But the attitudes will change. Because this kind of population loss, or even a stagnate population, is going to create economic hardships for a wide swath of the country.

For those of you who engage in the fantasy that native Americans will backfill these jobs, let me assure that it is exactly that - a fantasy.

The American ship of state has a massive ballast. It will eventually right itself and we will not have a net zero immigration policy, at least, not for long.

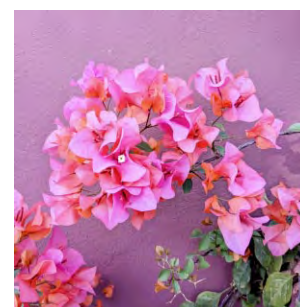
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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Bougainvillea Poetry



After a while, no one wants to look like a tourist.

Experienced travelers will buy a hat in a local store, convinced that having the same head covering will somehow make them less conspicuous.

If the tourists who don't want to appear to be tourists take photos, they only take a picture of themselves and their traveling partners.

I was at a poetry reading the other day. I go to very few poetry readings. Because I write, I have writer friends, and some of them write poetry.

I sit among a group of people, listening to poetry, while consciously thinking to myself, "I have no idea what that means."

As I puzzle over what it might mean, the poet keeps on reading. Then I realize I have missed the last line. Now I really don't understand what is being talked about.

But at this poetry reading, I heard something that I understood—although it was not from the poet who was reading, but from another poet.

Everyone around the poet laughed, and I actually knew what she meant—and I was kind of sorry that I did.

Much of Mexico is filled with bougainvillea, which bloom for most of the year, and San Miguel is no exception. It is stunning, especially blooming against a brightly painted wall.

Everyone photographs the bougainvillea when they first arrive. Then they realize it is everywhere, and in time, they usually stop noticing it altogether.

If having more refined tastes means I stop noticing bougainvillea, I'd be happy with the tastes I have, even if I never understand much poetry. Because it seems to me the ability to notice the beautiful in the ordinary is more important than recognizing the unusual.

My friend read her poetry, which I was delighted to discover I not only understood but found very funny.

It is ordinary beauty that stuns me, time after time.

Seeing something that has no business being so beautiful—in a setting where no one even notices—seems like a miracle.

It is not a bad thing to be a tourist. It is not terrible to stop in the middle of the sidewalk, blocking foot traffic, overwhelmed by the beauty of an ordinary thing.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Senate Backs Prayer Time, Ten Commandments in Classrooms

The Texas Senate last week passed a bill to allow school districts to set aside time for in-school prayer and gave initial approval to requiring all schools to post a copy of the Ten Commandments in every classroom.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

and fishing. DPS would manage all law enforcement duties, such as game wardens. Employees of TPWD would be transferred to the agencies overseeing the new duties.

PAXTON MULLING RUN AGAINST CORNYN IN 2026 Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is raising money for a possible primary challenge against U.S. Sen. John Cornyn next year.

BILL FILED TO ABOLISH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

A Waco lawmaker has filed a bill to abolish the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and transfer its duties to the Texas General Land Office, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Public Safety.

BILL SEEKS TO IMPROVE STATE'S WILDFIRE RESPONSE

A Panhandle legislator

whose district and his own property were affected by last year's wildfire that burned more than 1 million acres has filed a bill to create a statewide system connecting all first responders and government agencies to the same network.

MEASLES CASES NOW TOP 300 IN STATE

The number of confirmed measles cases in Texas now totals 309 as of Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, with 40 hospitalizations and one fatality.

The U.S. Justice Department has dropped its lawsuit against a 2023 state law that allowed local and state law enforcement to arrest and deport undocumented migrants.

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Highlands Little League Kicks Off 2025 Spring Season with Community Support and Celebration!

The Highlands Little League 2025 Spring Season officially kicked off with a successful opening day, thanks to the support of Grand Marshal Mr. Weston Cotten, The Sampson Masonic Lodge No. 231, The Baytown Shriners, Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, Harris County Police Department, Highlands Rotary, HLL Board Members, parents, and players. The event brought the community together to celebrate the start of another exciting season of baseball.



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Goose Creek CISD's Best in Bilingual Education Recognized as HAABE Finalists



Irasema Cisneros of Bañuelos Elementary is honored by campus and district administrators for Excellence in Bilingual Teaching.



Purnima Rahlon of Crockett Elementary is celebrated by her students for being honored as the Rising Star ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Story by: Nancy Bonds, GCCISD Director of Communications

Goose Creek CISD proudly announces their district finalists for the 2024-2025 HAABE Awards! The Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education (HAABE) works to serve and support the education of linguistically and culturally diverse students and to support and promote the growth of their educators. These outstanding educators have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and passion for serving their emergent bilingual students. Their commitment to excellence in bilingual and ESL education has earned them the honor of representing the district at the regional level.

Congratulations to the GCCISD HAABE Finalists!

Excellence in Bilingual Teaching: Irasema Cisneros (Bañuelos Elementary)**Rising Star Bilingual Teacher of the Year:** Nora Sandoval (Lamar Elementary)**Excellence in ESL Teaching - Elementary:** Maria Fuentes (Lamar Elementary)**Rising Star ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year:** Purnima Rahlon (Crockett Elementary)**Excellence in ESL Teaching - Secondary:** Alexa Augustine (Cedar Bayou Jr)**Leadership Champion Award:** Faith Longorio (Associate Director for Social Studies and World Languages-LOTE)

GCCISD is incredibly proud of these educators and their dedication to bilingual education. They will now advance to the regional competition, where they will compete against the best bilingual and ESL educators in the Houston area.

Photos by: Brittney Culpeppe.

CHAMBER NEWS

Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce New Personnel



Recent changes in the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce include a new personnel. Deanna Becker has been doing the work of two people and is now the communications director for the chamber. Debra Roberts is the new marketing director for the chamber. Both can be reached at 281-328-6984 or by email at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org or debra@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

Crosby-Huffman Chamber New Logo and signage



After months of consideration, the Crosby-Huffman Area Chamber of Commerce has changed their logo and this week their new sign with the new logo was installed at the office on First Street. All future correspondence and merch will reflect the new logo.

<p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 528493; Estate of RANDELL LOUIS DODD Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, were issued on FEBRUARY 12, 2025 to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KIRBY DODD</p> <p>The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">c/o Weston Cotten 1500 E. Wallisville Road Highlands, TX 77562</p> <p>All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this MARCH 26, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Weston Cotten</i> by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consumer Cellular[®]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO HIDDEN FEES. NO HIDDEN ANYTHING. FREEDOM CALLS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plans start at just \$20/month.</p> <hr/> <p>AWARD-WINNING CUSTOMER SUPPORT 15 TIMES IN A ROW. <small>We've been ranked #1 in Customer Service among Wireless Value MVNOS, 15 Times in a Row.</small></p> <p>100% U.S. BASED CUSTOMER SUPPORT. <small>All of our support teams are just a call or click away.</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">855-821-6277</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">© 2024 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. For T10. Power 2024 Wireless Customer Care Value Mobile Virtual Network Operator Study annual information. Visit power.com.</p>
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From left, Rachel Zegler and Jaeden Martell star in "Y2K."

"Y2K"

"Y2K" (R) — In his directorial debut, Kyle Mooney ("Saturday Night Live") brings back 2000s-style comedy in full force. This film deemed an "apocalyptic sci-fi comedy horror" follows a group of high school students in 1999 who crash a New Year's Eve party. Expecting a night full of the usual teenage angst and antics, these kids receive the shock of their lives when the power goes out at midnight and technological chaos ensues! As pieces of technology from VCRs to Tamagotchis to microwaves begin to murder the partygoers, our group of unsuspecting high schoolers must fight to make it through the night. Jaeden Martell ("Mr. Harrigan's Phone"), Rachel Zegler ("The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes"), and even The Kid LAROI co-star in "Y2K," out on

April 4. (Max) ***

"PULSE" (TV-MA) — Fans of "Grey's Anatomy" and medical dramas, look no further than this new series set to premiere on April 3. Taking place in a trauma center in Miami-Dade County, the show centers around Danny Simms, a third-year resident in emergency medicine. When her personal relationship with the chief resident gets him suspended, Danny receives a promotion so that she can prove herself. With a hurricane on its way to Miami and new responsibilities on her shoulders, Danny faces the biggest challenge of her entire career. Luckily, she has the help of a great staff, played by Colin Woodell ("The Flight Attendant"), Justina Machado ("The Horror of Dolores Roach"), and Jessie T. Usher ("Smile").

(Netflix)
 "The Bondsman" (TV-MA) — Kevin Bacon ("Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F") has been enjoying thrilling roles as of late, and his latest role as the titular character in this eight-episode miniseries continues to add to his repertoire in the horror genre. Premiering April 3, "The Bondsman" stars Bacon as Fred Herbert, a bounty hunter whose last mission didn't go too well and resulted in a gruesome death. However, Fred eventually wakes up and realizes that he's been resurrected ... with just a small catch. Lucifer only let Fred escape from hell on the condition that he continues his bounty-hunting job — but this time, he'll be catching demons. (Amazon Prime Video)

"CLASSIFIED" (R) — Most notably known for his role as Harvey Dent/Two-Face in Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight," Aaron Eckhart leads this action thriller out on April 4. Eckhart plays Evan, a hitman who has been getting his mission instructions from the CIA through the classified section of newspapers. His MI6 analyst daughter, Kacey (Abigail Breslin), tracks him down to tell him that these coded instructions haven't been coming from the CIA and that his boss has been dead for years. Desperate to find out who he's been killing for, Evan pairs his combat skills with his daughter's analyst skills to follow this lead. Tim Roth ("Poison") co-stars. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD
by Tony Rizzo

Q: Is it true that Meryl Streep is dating Martin Short? I thought they were just friends, but apparently they're in love? — S.J.

A: Yes, the two stars became an item after their on-screen love on the Hulu series "Only Murders in the Building" turned into an off-screen courtship. Short was left heartbroken after losing his wife Nancy to ovarian cancer in 2010, while Streep has been separated from her husband, Don, since 2017.

Since their "OMITB" characters, Loretta and Oliver, tied the knot last season, Streep will likely be featured in the upcoming fifth season of the hit whodunit series. Streep joined the show in season 3 as a recurring character. The new season, which is currently in production, will feature guest stars TV's Leoni ("Madame Secretary," Keegan-Michael Key ("Wonka") and two-time Oscar winner Christoph Waltz.

Q: I read that Gwyneth Paltrow is going to be in something with Timothy Chalamet. I thought she retired from acting to focus on her lifestyle website. What happened? — J.A.

A: In 2017, Gwyneth Paltrow announced that she was taking a break from acting to focus on her business, Goop, but she didn't close the door completely. Her last major role was in the Netflix series "The Politician," which starred Ben Platt ("Dear Evan Hansen") and was co-produced by her husband, Brad Falchuk. That was back in 2020.

She's been selective about her next projects, which she has the luxury of doing. She's back on the set in 2025 with not one but two films, both comedies. First up is "The Miracle on 74th Street" with Drew Barrymore and Christine Taylor, and then "Marty Supreme," which she's currently filming with Timothy Chalamet and Sandra Bernhard.

Q: I know that Donnie Wahlberg is an actor on a successful TV series, but whatever happened to his fellow boy band member Joey McIntyre? Is he still acting? — K.W.

A: Yes, Donnie Wahlberg and Joey McIntyre have both made a successful transition into acting since their days of singing and dancing with New Kids on the Block, a wildly successful boy band from the '90s. Wahl-



Actress Meryl Streep is dating on-screen love interest.

berg made the leap to film and TV with small roles in "The Sixth Sense" and "The Practice" before landing his big break, the critically acclaimed HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers."

He later appeared in the horror movie "Saw II" and two of its sequels before being cast in the hit CBS police drama "Blue Bloods," which ended last year after 14 seasons. The network has a lot of faith in him and his character, Danny Reagan, because they're building a spinoff series around his character. "Boston Blue" will launch during the 2025 fall TV season.

As for McIntyre, he starred in the short-lived CBS sitcom "The McCarthys" a decade ago and has worked steadily ever since, mostly in TV movies like "V.C. Andrews' Dawn" and the recent Roku Christmas movie "Jingle Bell Love."

Don't write off New Kids on the Block, however. Four of the five original band members, including McIntyre, will be performing in their very own Las Vegas residency called "The Right Stuff" beginning this June. Visit NKOTB.com for more info.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plink is missing; 2. Panel is missing; 3. Paper is added; 4. Screwdriver is longer; 5. Fan is smaller; 6. Box is missing; 7. Panel is moved; 8. Box is missing.

King Crossword

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 - 26 With passion
 - 30 Monk's title
 - 31 Piquant
 - 32 Tic-tac-toe win
 - 33 Hit song by ABBA
 - 35 Curved
 - 36 Fused lines
 - 37 Jiggly dessert
 - 38 Rum cocktail
 - 41 Pear-shaped fruit
 - 42 Spumante source
 - 43 Agitates
 - 48 Actor Schreiber

- DOWN**
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 - 8 Trattoria deserts
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: In the sitcom "Modern Family," Gloria is from which country?
- LITERATURE: Which author wrote "Kite Thief" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the world?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which first lady's name was Lady Bird?
- ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
- MOVIES: Which famous Hollywood actor played lead roles in the film version of "Wuthering Heights" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a hexagon have?
- ART: Which American artist focused on women and children in her paintings?
- ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?

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