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CHANNEL CURRENTS

North Shore Rotary FISH FRY Saturday April 20

North Shore Rotary will hold its 49th Annual Catfish Fry, Shrimp and Crawfish Boil. Serving from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road behind the Courthouse.

Also a Live and Silent Auction, and a Raffle to award a lucky ticket holder a new Toyota Tundra Pickup truck, or a Toyota Rav4 SUV, from Community Toyota*Honda*Kia. Raffle tickets \$100, Food Tickets \$15, available from all North Shore Rotarians.

GP/JC Rotary Baked Potato Lunch and Cake Auction Apr. 4

Annual Baked Potato Luncheon and Live Cake Auction, Thursday April 4 starting at 12 noon, at the Jacinto City Town Center.

Delicious Baked Potatoes, Live Cake Auction, and Community Awards. Tickets \$15, call 713-539-8021.

Proceeds benefit International water project, and local scholarships.

Channelview FFA show & parade April 6h

By Gilbert Hoffman

CHANNELVIEW – Members of the Channelview FFA at Channelview High School are preparing for the 61st Annual Parade and Livestock Show & Auction, to be held next Saturday, April 6.

The parade will start at 10am from DeZavala Elementary School at the old Schochler Primary on Deer Pass. The Grand Marshall will be the Hall Family, honoring their daughter Madison Hall. She is a former Channelview High School Ag student, and a Texas A&M graduate.

The theme of the Parade is Making Memories, with



Some Channelview FFA members preparing for Saturday's Livestock Show & Auction. The Scramblers include Jayda Olivarez, Kolby Yelliott, Benjii Rangel, Madison Laird, Gracie Lopez, and Chloe Rios.

Family, Friends, and Animals (FFA). The parade route will go down Deer Pass to Woodforest, then to Sheldon. It will turn left on Sheldon and proceed past

the Admin Building the Athletic Center, and then into the new Memorial Stadium where it ends.

The Livestock Show kicks off on Tuesday, April

2nd at 6pm with a Broiler Show, followed by the Rabbit Show. Events take place at the Allen Hall Fair Grounds, 16204 Wood Drive in Channelview. The pub-

lic is invited to attend the nightly animal shows, concession stand, and pop-up booths (Thursday to Saturday). There is also a plant sale that day, at the High School from 8am to 2pm.

On Wednesday, April 3rd there is a Lamb Show at 6:30pm, followed by a Goat Show. On Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 there is a Pig Show. One Friday, April 5th there will be a Cattle Show at 6:30pm, with Breeding Heifers and Open Market Steers.

Saturday, April 6th is the big day for the Show and Auction. And also the

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Most Decorated American Veteran Viertman War Hero Colonel Robert L. Howard

By Allan Jamail

March 27, 2024 The North Channel Star recognizes 1st Lt. Robert L. Howard of the 5th Regiment Special Forces Group Airborne, in the 1st Special Forces serving in the Vietnam War. Contributions to this story came from hours of research from numerous sources.

From The American Presidency Project, Proclamation 10353—Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, March 28, 2022.

“On March 29th the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we honor all those who bravely served in the Vietnam War and who sacrificed, as did their families and caregivers, on behalf of our Nation...”

“In 2012, our Nation launched a 13-year long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War to ensure that every



Special Forces, Colonel Robert Lewis Howard
Born, July 11, 1939 – Died, December 23, 2009

veteran, family, caregiver, and survivor impacted by the difficult years in Vietnam feels our Nation's gratitude for their sacrifice. Every service member of the Vietnam generation should know that their sacrifices mattered and that their service made a difference. The names etched in The Wall

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Women's History Month Honoree - (Final of a Series) Celebrating Clara Barton

By Allan Jamail



Clara Harlowe Barton, American Red Cross Founder
Born, December 25, 1821 – Died, April 12, 1912

March 26, 2024 ~ Women's History Month is from March 1st. thru March 31st. ~ Clara Barton deserves recognition for her contributions as a battlefield nurse in saving lives and later establishing the American Red Cross. Contributions to this story came from hours of research from numer-

ous sources.

As a Boy Scout I remember being given a Red Cross identification card for my taking the Red Cross Swimming Safety Class. In later years I took the Red Cross emergency life saving classes and training so I would be able to locate artery pressure points to prevent a person from bleeding to death. The Red Cross thanks to Clara Barton is the world's most responsive organization in the time of a disaster and or tragedy.

Barton is noteworthy for doing humanitarian work and civil rights advocacy at a time before women had the right to vote. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973.

Today, the American Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters every year, providing food, shelter, relief supplies and other

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Children rob bank: Parents turn them in to the Sheriff

HOUSTON — Parents of young bank robbers dubbed as 'little rascals' turned them in, according to Harris County Sheriff Gonzalez.

A group of kids ranging between 11, 12, and 16 years old were arrested after police said they robbed a bank in Greenspoint.

The three bank robbery suspects dubbed as the "little rascals" are now in custody, according to the FBI Houston.

The trio made headlines when authorities shared on social media that they were wanted for allegedly robbing a Wells Fargo bank on the North Freeway and West Road in the Greenspoint area.

Initially, a witness told officials the boys appeared to be between 14 and 18 years old. But, in the arrest update, the FBI said they are 16, 12, and 11 years old.

“The age of the younger two, that's unusual for a bank robbery,” Mike



Dubbed the "LITTLE RASCALS" by authorities, the three young bank robbers are seen in a bank lobby camera.



Wells Fargo bank that was robbed, on the North Freeway in the Greenspoint area.

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Rotary Club of North Shore

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Channelview FFA Livestock Show & Auction,

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FFA ADVISORS: Wesley Hutchins, Brooke McCauley, Jacob Smith

Chili Cook-off, starting at 8:00am. The parade starts at 10:00am that day, and the Chili judging starts at 12:00pm. At 1:30pm the Awards Program is held, and then the Livestock Show & Auction starts. There are over 100 projects this year, according to the Ag advisors, Wesley Hutchins, Brooke McCauley, and Jacob Smith. All exhibitors in the Auction are Channelview

FFA students. They are showing Steers, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits and Chickens. There will also be Ag Mechanics exhibits made by the students in the shop. Students spend on average 3 hours a day for up to 11 months working with their projects, according to their advisors. This includes cleaning stalls, feeding, walking and practicing showing their animals. These

projects teach students about record keeping, responsibility, and endurance. Animal projects can be costly, from \$500 for a rabbit, to \$6,000 for a steer. Proceeds from the Show & Auction benefit exhibitors, and contribute to the scholarship fund. Buyers are welcome, and can contact the Ag Department at 713-447-4808 for more information.



Last Year's Parade included this FFA Float and FFA members.

ROTARY CLUB NEWS

North Shore Rotary supports programs of the Ley YMCA



At a recent North Shore Rotary luncheon, this check for \$5000 was presented to the Wendel D. Ley YMCA in support of their community programs. In the photo, Rotarians Ken Wimbley, Bill Palko, and president Lee Brown, with YMCA executive director Cleveland Landheart, second from left in the photo.

Celebrating Clara Barton

Women's History Month - (Final of a series)

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er assistance. It collects more than 4.5 million blood donations each year, and delivers CPR and water-safety education to more than 4.6 million people. It also provides more than 540,000 services to support the military and their families annually.

Clarissa Harlowe Barton died at the age of 91, born on Christmas Day in 1821 in North Oxford, Massachusetts, a small farming community. Her mother was Sarah Stone Barton, and her father was Captain Stephen Barton, a member of the local militia who influenced his daughter's patriotism and humanitarianism.

Clara became an educator in 1838 and served for 11 years in schools in Canada and West Georgia. She fared well as a teacher; she knew how to handle children, particularly the boys since as a child she enjoyed her boy cousins' and brothers' company. After her mother's death in 1851, the family home closed down.

While teaching in Hightstown, Barton learned about the lack of public schools in Bordentown, the neighboring city. In 1852, she was contracted to open a free school in Bordentown, which was the first ever free school in New Jersey. She was successful, and after a year she had hired another woman to help teach over 600 people. Both women were making \$250 a year.

This accomplishment compelled the town to raise nearly \$4,000 for a new school building. Once it was completed, Barton was replaced as principal by a man elected by the school board. They saw the position as head of a large institution to be unfitting for a woman. She was demoted to "female assistant" and worked in a harsh environment until she had a nervous breakdown along with other health ailments, and quit.

In 1855, she moved to Washington, D.C., and began work as a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office; this was the first time a woman had received a substantial clerkship in the federal government and at a salary equal to a man's salary. For three years, she received much abuse and slander from male clerks. Subsequently, under political opposition to women working in government offices, her position was reduced to

that of copyist, and in 1858, under the administration of President James Buchanan, she was fired because of her "Black Republicanism". After the election of Abraham Lincoln and her having to live with relatives and friends in Massachusetts for three years, she returned to the D. C. patent office in the autumn of 1860, now as temporary copyist, in the hope she could make way for more women in government service.

On April 19, 1861, the Baltimore Riot resulted in the first bloodshed of the American Civil War. The victims, members of the 6th Massachusetts Militia, were transported after the violence to the unfinished Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., where Barton lived at the time. Wanting to serve her country, she went to the railroad station when the victims arrived and nursed 40 men. Barton provided crucial, personal assistance to the men in uniform, many of whom were wounded, hungry and without supplies other than what they carried on their backs. She personally took supplies to the building to help the soldiers.

She along with other women, personally provided clothing, food, and supplies for the sick and wounded soldiers. She learned how to store and distribute medical supplies and offered emotional support to the soldiers by keeping their spirits high. She would read books to them, write letters to their families for them, talk to them, and support them.

In August 1862, Barton finally gained permission from Quartermaster Daniel Rucker to work on the front lines. She gained support from other people who believed in her cause. These people became her patrons, her most supportive being Senator Henry Wilson of Massachusetts.

After the First Battle of Bull Run, Barton placed an ad in a Massachusetts newspaper for supplies; the response was a profound influx of supplies. She worked to distribute stores, clean field hospitals, apply dressings, and serve food to wounded soldiers in close proximity to several battles, including Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg.

She helped both Union and Confederate soldiers. Supplies were not always

readily available though. At the battle of Antietam, for example, she used corn-husks in place of bandages. Today there's a Clara Barton monument at the Antietam National Battlefield.

Clara never married nor had any children although in 1863 she began a romantic relationship with an officer, Colonel John J. Elwell.

In 1864, she was appointed by Union General Benjamin Butler as the "lady in charge" of the hospitals at the front of the Army of the James. Among her more harrowing experiences was an incident in which a bullet tore through the sleeve of her dress without striking her and killed a man to whom she was tending.

She was also known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" after she came to the aid of the overwhelmed surgeon on duty following the battle of Cedar Mountain in Northern Virginia in August 1862. She arrived at a field hospital at midnight with a large number of supplies to help the severely wounded soldiers. This naming came from her frequent timely assistance as she served troops at the battles of Fairfax Station, Chantilly, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Charleston, Petersburg and Cold Harbor.

After the end of the American Civil War, Barton discovered that thousands of letters from distraught relatives to the War Department were going unanswered because the soldiers they were asking about were buried in unmarked graves. Many of the soldiers were labeled as "missing." Motivated to do more about the situation, Barton contacted President Lincoln in hopes that she would be allowed to respond officially to the unanswered inquiries. She was given permission, and "The Search for the Missing Men" commenced.

Thousands of tourists visit the American Red Cross Museum annually. Free tours of the Museum & National Headquarters is available at 431, 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Call, 800-733-2767.

To volunteer or find services needed at the Houston American Red Cross call, 713-526-8300 or visit 2700 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77098.

GoFundMe Benefit for Greg Moss



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Please help Greg recover from losing his home to a fire. The fire destroyed everything.

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Saturday March 2nd one of our longest and most supportive members of C.H.I.C. and the Channelview community lost his home to a fire. Greg and his rescue dog "Dog" lives and has his boat repair business in an area near the San Jacinto River and had raised his home 17 feet to safeguard against flooding, but lost everything to a fire instead. Greg could use your support as he rebuilds.

Greg is a veteran and many of you may know Greg through the many things he does to help the Channelview community; his advocacy for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits clean up and the river itself, his advocacy for a better and safer Channelview, seen him on the holidays delivering meals or he may have repaired your boat or golf cart. If you have attended the boat races at Good Times Marina, Greg officiates at them. Greg is an excellent photographer so you may have enjoyed his pictures and videos of our area's wildlife, especially the eagles, and other activities on the San Jacinto River that he posts on several Channelview, Highlands and Baytown FaceBook pages. If you have ever attended a C.H.I.C. meeting or visited the C.H.I.C. FaceBook page you have met Greg. I don't believe Greg has missed a single C.H.I.C. meeting since we held our first community meeting in 2019 and he manages our FaceBook page. Greg does so much for us.

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Children rob bank,

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Schneider, a retired juvenile district court judge told media.

While FBI Houston released the surveillance photos, the case is a Harris County Sheriff's Office investigation.

According to HCSO, the boys passed a threatening note to a teller. They were believed to be armed, though they did not present a weapon, and they got away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Once the photos were released, HCSO started getting tips from the public. Parents of two of the boys came forward and identified them, the sheriff's office said. The third boy was handled by a law enforcement agency following a fight and recognized. The sheriff's office said authorities recovered a weapon and a distinctive item pictured in one of the photos.

The "little rascals" are

charged with robbery by threat, a second-degree felony.

"I was thinking either this was very low in sophistication or maybe an adult had something to do with this. That is not uncommon. Because kids have a punishment that is less severe, it is not uncommon for adult offenders to get them to commit crimes," Schneider said.

Investigators will not say if anyone else is involved or whether any cash was recovered.

Because they are minors, the FBI said their

names and additional details will not be released.

If the allegations are proven true, they could face probation until they turn 18 or juvenile prison until they turn 19, according to one criminal defense attorney. The 16-year-old could also be certified as an adult, but it is not likely, he said.

The trio left the bank on foot.

The bank robbery comes as members of the juvenile division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office tell media the crime trends they're seeing

among teenagers are concerning.

The DA's office say while homicides are reducing overall in the county, the juvenile offender homicide rate has increased by 76% since 2021.

"The numbers aren't lying on those. We are seeing an uptick in particularly very violent crimes," Harris County District Attorney's Office 314th District Court Chief Allen Otto said.

"Sometimes older kids or even young adults are using younger kids because they know the con-

sequences of being charged as a juvenile are likely not to be as severe as if you're charged as an adult," Otto said.

"The law says that a judge has final say on whether a kid stays in juvenile court or whether it gets moved over to adult court," Otto said.

Otto says while the juvenile violent crime numbers are concerning, within recent years, they've expanded and had success with the diversionary programs they provide teens.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - SALE OF SURPLUS MOTOR VEHICLE

Sealed bids for the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe surplus motor vehicle will be received by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60. The bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2024 and will be acted upon thereafter at the District meeting held at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Minimum bid of \$1,500 is required. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes. The envelopes shall be labeled on the outside as follows: Harris County ESD No. 60, RE: Surplus-2009 Chevrolet Tahoe motor vehicle. The bids may be delivered or mailed to the following address: Coveler & Peeler, P.C., Attn: Ira A Coveler, 820 Gessner, Suite 1710, Houston, Texas 77024. Harris County ESD No. 60 reserves the right to reject any and all offers to purchase surplus or salvage property if the Board determines the rejection to be in the best interests of the District. The surplus motor vehicle is a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicle has approximately 239,380 total miles. Please be aware that the vehicle is offered for sale AS IS with NO WARRANTIES by the District. To inspect the vehicle or to receive more information contact Assistant Chief Roland Balderas at (281) 830-0759. Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60

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on "Mr. & Mrs. American Pie" by Juliet McDaniel, Kristen Wiig ("Wonder Woman 1984") takes on the role of Maxine Simons. Maxine is a woman desperate to join high-society life in 1969 Palm Springs, California, after getting dumped by her husband and social circle. She sets her sights on the Palm Royale, an exclusive club whose elite members are dripping with glamour and vanity. But if she truly wants to get to the top of the Palm Royale, Maxine must sacrifice parts of herself to become the person she wishes to be. The series co-stars Ricky Martin ("The Assassination of Gianni Versace"), Laura Dern ("Big Little Lies") and the legendary Carol Burnett. The first three episodes are out now! (Apple TV+)



Joey King, left, and Logan Lerman star in "We Were the Lucky Ones."

"We Were the Lucky Ones"

"WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES" (TV-MA) — After starring in the 2022 film "Bullet Train" together, Joey King and Logan Lerman reunite to lead this new eight-episode series based on the historical novel written by Georgia Hunter. King and Lerman respectively portray Halina and Addy Kurc, two siblings in a Jewish family of seven who live in Poland at the start of World War II. The large family inevitably gets separated as the war carries on, taking them far away from home and spreading them across continents. Amid the tragic circumstances they're forced to endure, the Kurc family is determined to keep their resilience and reunite with each other once the war ends. The first three episodes premiere March 28. (Hulu)

man"? In December 2023, Momoa told "Entertainment Tonight" that if the audience loves the sequel, "there's a possibility" of a third film getting greenlit. But after negative reviews and the film only making \$434 million against a budget of \$215 million, it doesn't look too good. In the sequel, Momoa stars as Arthur Curry four years after the events of the first movie. Now a married family man, Arthur splits his life between the land and sea, while Black Manta still seeks revenge in the shadows. When he learns of Manta's plans, Arthur breaks Orm, his half-brother, out of prison to join him in the fight against Manta. Amber Heard, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II and Nicole Kidman reprise their roles from the first film. Out now. (Max)

"AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM" (PG-13) — Is it the end of Jason Momoa's "Aqua-

"PALM ROYALE" (TV-MA) — In this period-comedy miniseries based

"ROAD HOUSE" (R) — Almost 35 years after the 1989 film "Road House" starring Patrick Swayze and Sam Elliot released, a reimagining starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Conor McGregor has made its way to streaming. Gyllenhaal takes on the lead role as Dalton, a former UFC fighter who gets hired to work as a bouncer at a roadhouse in the Florida Keys. The joint attracts a great number of rowdy customers, but none are a match for Dalton's fists. However, when news of Dalton's immaculate butt-kicking hits the ears of Ben Brandt (Billy Magnussen), the heir of a criminal empire, Ben will stop at nothing to shut Dalton and the roadhouse down. For anyone who loves nonstop action, this one's for you! Out now. (Prime Video)

Q: When is "Virgin River" coming back? Will there be another season? I've seen all of the episodes and hope it returns. — M.C.

A: Filming has already begun for season six of the Netflix series "Virgin River," but don't expect to see it on your screen for a while, possibly not until 2025. Showrunner Patrick Sean Smith confirmed at Netflix's Tudum event that Mel (Alexandra Breckenridge) and Jack (Martin Henderson) "will advance on their path to parenthood while also turning Lilly's farm into their ultimate dream home."

Smith further hinted that in the new season, viewers will "be surprised by some returning favorites from the past" and also get introduced to a new character — Mel's biological father, played by actor John Allen Nelson ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend").



Martin Henderson and Alexandra Breckenridge star in "Virgin River."

Q: Is there going to be another season of "Heartland"? I was so sad when Ty died in the ending chapter and wondered if Amy found love again. — T.A.

A: I'm assuming that you're watching "Heartland" via Netflix because only seasons 1-15 are currently available to watch on the streaming service. Fortunately, the Canadian series is on season 17 on the CBC network, but here in the United States, you'll have to wait a bit.

While no official statement has been released, there are reliable sources on the internet saying that season 16 will most likely be available on Netflix beginning in September, possibly earlier. This is because another streaming service, called UP Faith & Family, has first dibs on the show here in the U.S.. Once their customers have had enough time to watch season 16, Netflix viewers will then have their chance, likely starting this September, as mentioned above.

If you can't wait that long, visit UPFaithandFamily.com and learn how you can subscribe to the streaming platform, which calls itself "the leading streaming service for uplifting entertainment." They offer a monthly subscription plan for just \$5.99 month, but as always, be sure to read the fine print.

Q: What is the latest on Richard Simmons? He hasn't been seen in years, and

now there's a rumor that he died. But fortunately, it was just a rumor, right? — E.C.

A: American fitness personality Richard Simmons, now age 75, has been reclusive for about a decade now. There were rumors that he was being held against his will, but in 2022, he issued a statement to the New York Post that he was happy and healthy. Recently, however, he worried his fans again when he posted a message on X (formerly Twitter) that he was dying. He went on to explain, "The truth is we all are dying."

He went on to give some tips on eating better, getting enough sleep and exercising. Several hours later, he posted again to apologize for the confusion and clarify that he isn't dying anytime soon. He said he simply wanted to remind everyone to embrace every day that they have.

You can follow Simmons on his official page on X: @TheWeightSaint.

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Panels: 1. "Wow, Mom is sure upset with me for the mess I made." 2. "I need to think of something to really distract her." 3. "I could make her a card or pick her some pretty flowers." 4. "Nah, with any luck Dad will do something and I'll be off the hook."

Comic strip by Bud Blake. Panels: 1. "Get the phone, Punkinhead!" 2. "It's Hugo!" 3. "I'll call him back, go let the dogs in!" 4. "Dogs in!" 5. "He needs to be fep!" 6. "Okay!" 7. "How 'bout getting me an apple?" 8. "Here's your apple!" 9. "Close the windows!" 10. "All closed!" 11. "How's that program?" 12. "Boring!"

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panels: 1. "Jeffy, you should never talk to strangers." 2. "Grandpa, don't worry about that." 3. "...I don't know any strangers."

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. 9x9 grid with numbers. Includes difficulty level: Moderate. HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a man and a doctor. Task: Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Weighing device, 6. Sitar tunes, 11. Fearful, 12. Using the Internet, 14. Eagles' homes, 15. Julianne and Demi, 16. Away from SSW, 17. Auto style, 19. Wager, 20. Food regimen, 22. Cariou of Broadway, 23. Visibility hindrance, 24. Cancel, 26. Journeys, 28. Head of st., 30. Animal doc, 31. "Lolita" author, 35. Summary, 39. Plow pullers, 40. Felon's flight, 42. Sitarist Shankar, 43. Soccer's Hamm, 44. Prom duds, 46. Heavy weight, 47. E-business, 49. Boring type, 51. New citizen, perhaps. DOWN: 1. Picturesque, 2. Life's work, 3. Onassis nickname, 4. Cask sediment, 5. '50s Ford, 6. Peter the Great, e.g., 7. Shortly, 8. Day- paint, 9. Car safety feature, 10. Allergy season sound, 11. Hourglass fillers, 13. "Melrose Place" actor, 18. "Lion" star, 21. Yank at, 23. Misanthrope, 25. — choy, 27. — outta here!, 29. Library array, 31. — plume, 32. Wise sayings, 33. "Scram!", 34. Preventive shot, in slang, 36. 40 winks, 37. Sidesteps, 38. Lipstick shades, 41. Repairs, 44. Rent, 45. Foolproof, 48. Hollywood trickery (Abbr.), 50. Ruby or Sandra.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on geography, television, food & drink, history, movies, language, U.S. states, medicine, general knowledge, and anatomy. Includes a crossword puzzle and answers.

1. Indian Ocean; 2. "Seinfeld"; 3. A small pickle; 4. "...and carry on"; 5. Rooster Cogburn; 6. The knee; 7. One: Rhode Island; 8. Smallpox; 9. Anne Sullivan; 10. Pineal gland.

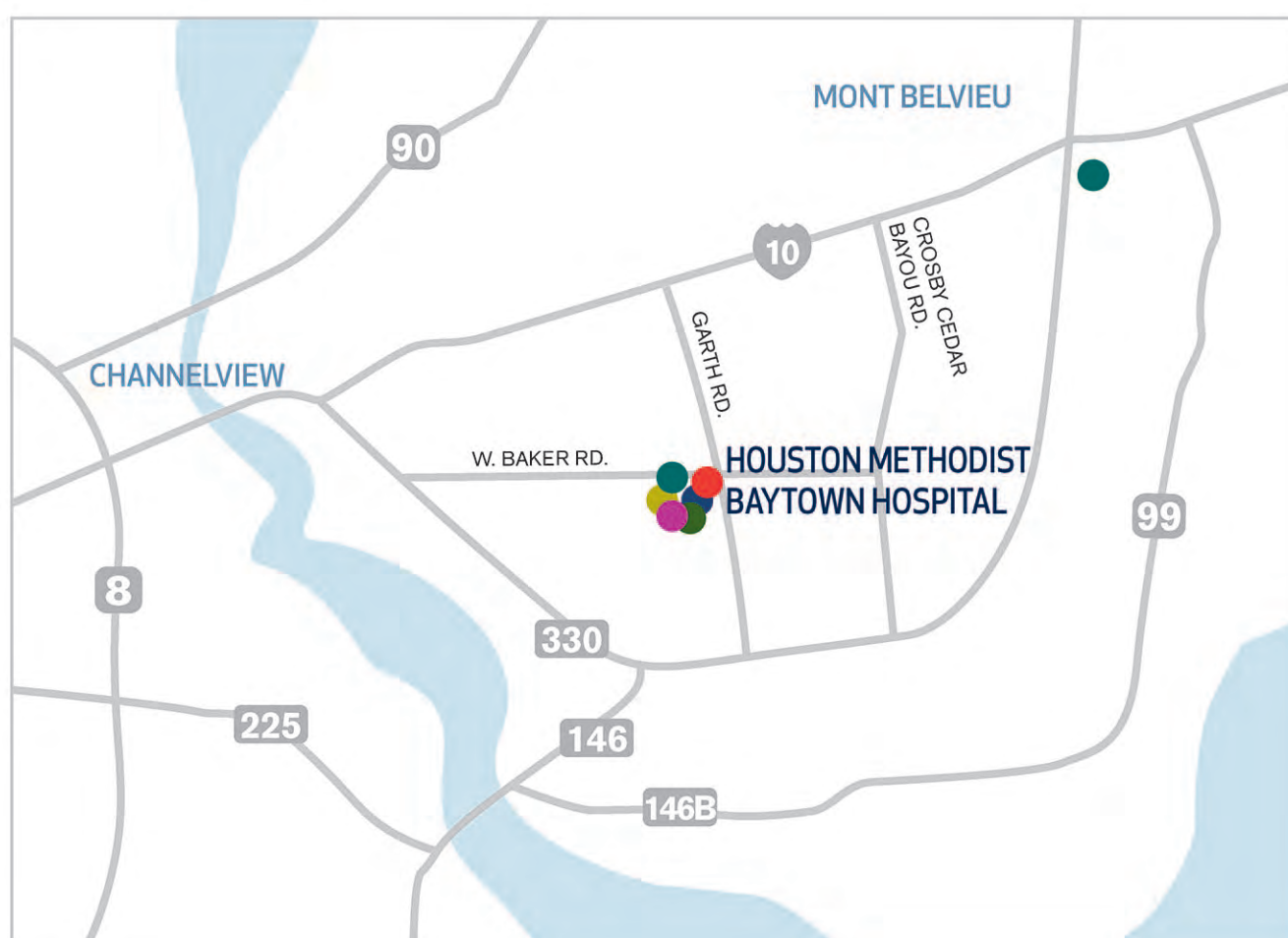


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