



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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CHANNEL CURRENTS

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/sjrcwp>

North Channel Chamber Lunch Feb. 14

North Channel Chamber will hold its February Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 14 at San Jac North at 11:30 am. Program to be determined. Info and Tickets 713-450-3600.

Congresswoman Garcia holds "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 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



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)

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 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

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Senator Alvarado files Bills to correct Hurricane Beryl's problems

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Promises made. Promises kept.

Senator Carol Alvarado (D) promised at a Public Utilities Commission of Texas hearing in Houston last fall on the response to Hurricane Beryl that she would file legislation related to the debacle created by CenterPoint Energy. The Senator kept her word.

Now as the session gets underway, some of her colleagues are signing on to strengthen the chance they will get a vote on the floor of the Senate and eventually become law in the state.

Last year, Hurricane



Sen. Carol Alvarado has the mike in the Senate chatting with her colleagues. The Senator filed six bills related to the state's response to the hurricane and the failure of CenterPoint as promised last fall at the Houston PUC meeting.

Beryl struck the Texas Gulf Coast leaving nearly 3 million homes without power, exposing critical gaps in Texas's disaster

preparedness and leaving some of the most vulnerable

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Lady Mustangs Win Overtime Thriller Nshore 55 - Atascocita Lady Eagles 49

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ January 28, 2025 at the Galena Park ISD basketball court the North Shore Lady Mustangs varsity team won a final period barn-burner over Humble ISD Atascocita Lady Eagles 55 - 49 in overtime (OT).

The game started with what appeared to me an easy win for the Mustangs with a halftime score 24 - 16.

Coming back onto the court in the third period the Mustangs continued to dominate with an ending score of 36 - 29.

However in the final fourth quarter the Eagles found their rhythm and began sinking baskets and blocking the Mustangs shots.

The fourth quarter scoring had the Eagles with 16 and the Mustangs with 9. Because of the Eagles late fourth quarter burst with 2 seconds on the clock they tied the game putting it into OT, 45 - 45.

In OT Head Coach Curtis Bason the Lady Mustangs second year coach got the team on the court and prepared their winning OT strategy.

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With seconds remaining in overtime Lady Mustangs #10 senior Yaslyn Gonzales goes airborne to make a crucial 2 point layup to seal the victory. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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 post-season 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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GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Celebrating Black Excellence: Kevin Rutland's Inspiring Journey from NFL Star to Community Leader

Kevin Rutland, born on April 2, 1988, to Kenneth and Helen Rutland, is a former professional athlete, entrepreneur, podcast host, brand ambassador, and devoted family man. Raised in Houston, Texas, Kevin is the youngest of three siblings, with his older brother Kenneth Rutland II and sister Kimberly West.

Kevin attended schools in the Galena Park Independent School District, including Purple Sage Elementary, Cunningham Middle School, and North Shore Senior High School. A gifted athlete, Kevin was a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and track & field. His remarkable talent and leadership on the field and court set the stage for his future success. After graduating high school in 2006, Kevin accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Missouri, where he excelled both on and off the field.

As a standout defensive back for the Missouri Tigers, he earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention honors in 2009 and 2010. In 2010, Kevin graduated with a degree in Psychology, solidifying his commitment to personal and academic growth. Kevin's athletic journey continued as he pursued a professional football career, playing in the NFL for the Jackson-



ville Jaguars and Kansas City Chiefs.

He also had a stint in the Canadian Football League (CFL). After five successful years in professional sports, Kevin retired and transitioned to life beyond football. In 2015, Kevin married his college sweetheart, Sydnea, and together they have built a beautiful life with their two daughters, Olivia and Addison.

The couple are proud owners and operators of a Chick-fil-A restaurant in northwest Houston, where they are known for their commitment to community and excellence in service. Kevin is also the co-host of the Tru Sons Podcast alongside fellow Missouri football alumni and former NFL players Sean Weatherspoon and Jeremy Maclin.

The podcast celebrates

their time at Missouri, shares behind-the-scenes stories from their careers, and provides insights into football, life, and leadership. In addition to his entrepreneurial and creative endeavors, Kevin is a brand ambassador for Lululemon Houston. In this role, he represents the brand's commitment to health, wellness, and community engagement, embodying an active and inspiring lifestyle. Continuing his passion for helping others, Kevin is pursuing a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University. Through his studies and work, Kevin aims to empower families and individuals to thrive. Kevin Rutland's journey exemplifies determination, faith, and resilience.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

A Bright Future for Education: Mayra Bernabe Honored with Future Educator Scholarship

Channelview, TX – The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce lit up with celebration tonight as Mayra Bernabe, a devoted staff member at Channelview ISD's Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center, was awarded the prestigious Future Educator Scholarship. The honor recognizes her unwavering dedication to education and her inspiring commitment to shaping young minds.

Bernabe, known for her passion and hard work, has become a beacon of hope and motivation within the community. Her journey reflects the power of perseverance and the impact of educators who go above and beyond for their students.

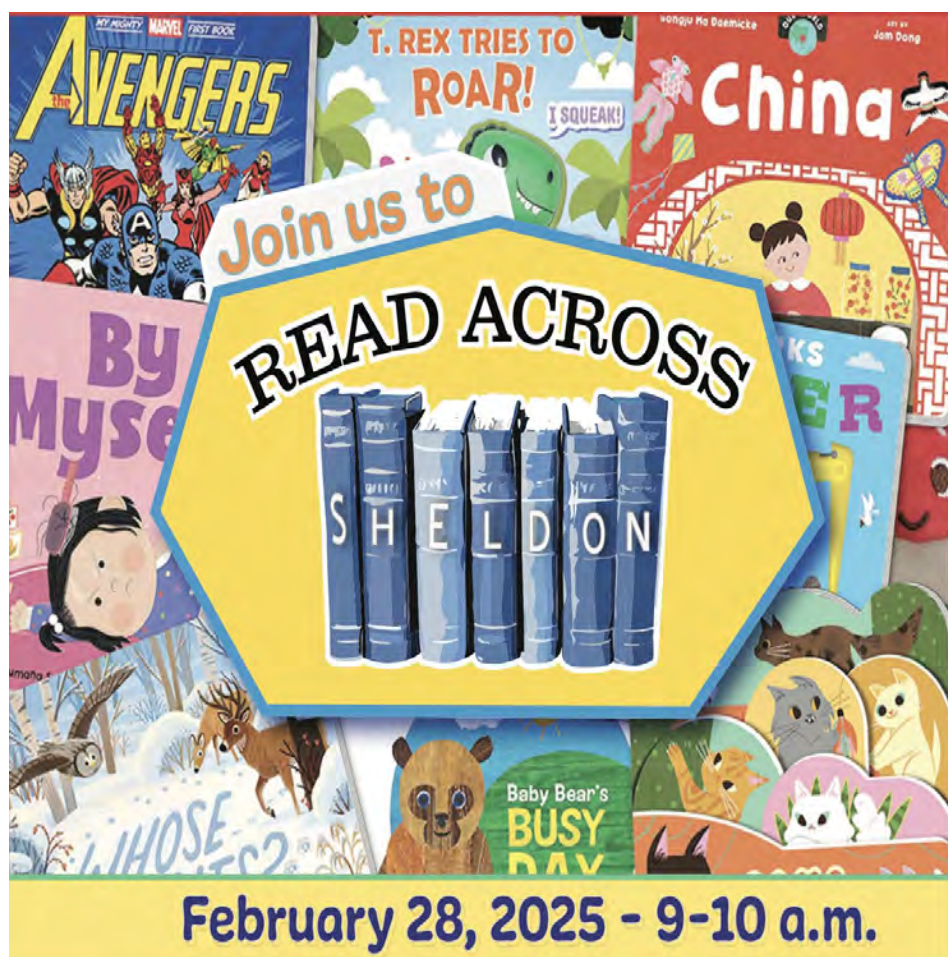
The event also served as a reminder of the community's vital role in supporting educators. "Together, we are building a brighter future," said a Chamber representative, echoing the sentiment of gratitude shared by all in attendance.

As Bernabe steps into this new chapter, her story continues to inspire, proving that with dedication and community support, the future of education is indeed bright. Congratulations, Mayra! Your journey is just beginning, and the best is yet to come.



SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD presents Read Across Sheldon on February 28



Read Across Sheldon is an opportunity for families, community members, business partners and staff to volunteer their time to read in one of our elementary classrooms. On February 28 from 9-10 a.m., Sheldon ISD will welcome volunteer readers into nine of our schools to read to students. Readers must be 18 years of age or older and have valid photo identification. A registration form is on the district's website at www.sheldonisd.com.

Can't join on February 28, but still want to get involved? Consider donating books or gently used books to our libraries. Contact 281-727-2007 for more information.

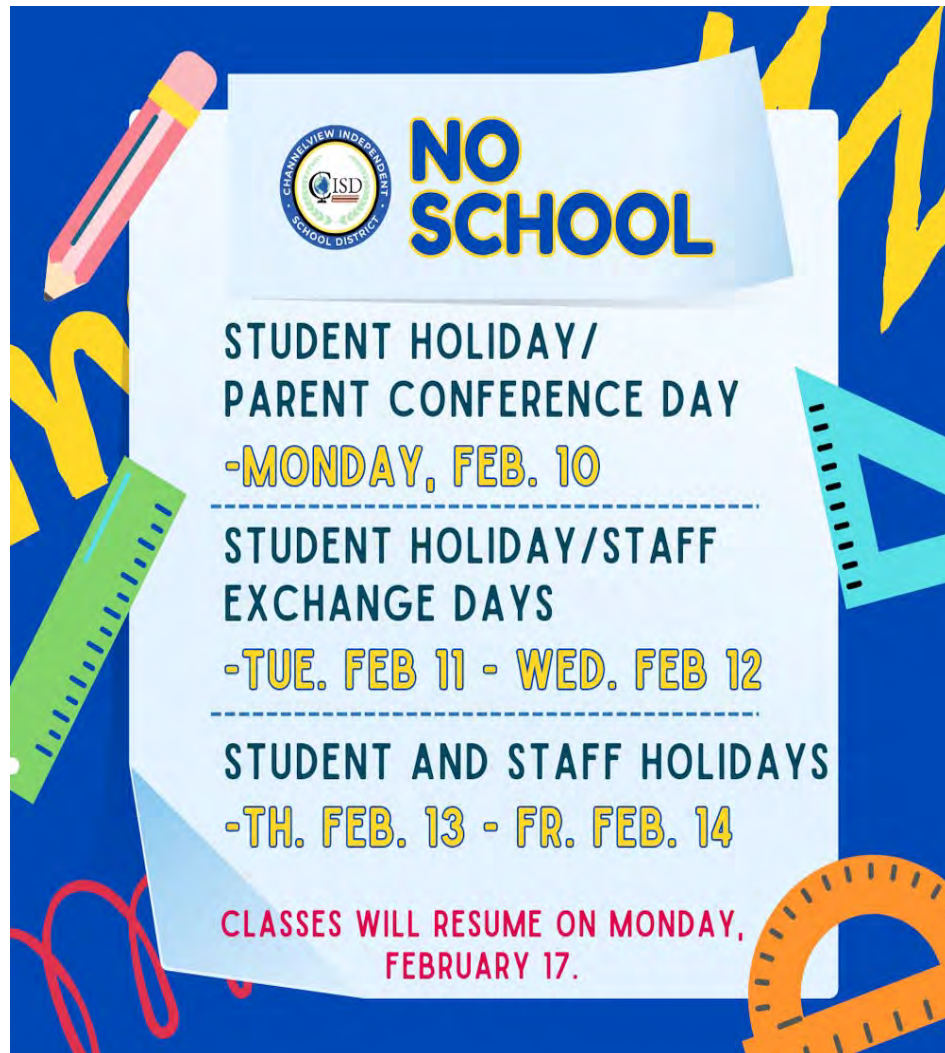
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Bragging on the Bold: Mrs. Nora Urbano



Let's give a big round of applause to Mrs. Nora Urbano from our Channelview Childcare Center!

Her passion for creating a warm, caring, and enriching environment for our little learners is unmatched. Mrs. Urbano's dedication ensures our students have the best start to their educational journey, and we are so grateful for her commitment! Shoutout to Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union for partnering with us to highlight incredible team members like Mrs. Urbano.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



We Blinked

There are times we find ourselves so engrained in our own lives that we do not notice what is happening in our community. Sixty years ago, there was a group of high school seniors preparing to be the first graduating class of North Shore Senior High School. Our community was small, and many of the residents knew each other. Many of the men worked for ARMCO Steel, Champion Paper, and other various factories. A large majority of the women stayed home and took care of the home, the children and not only prepared dinner but seemed to perfect gifts of sewing, crocheting and canning vegetables from their family gardens. Somehow, both parents found time to be involved in their local church as well as actively support their children not only in school but in Scouting, Little League, and other activities.

There were "Blue Laws" which prohibited businesses from being open on Sunday or from selling certain items. Families would gather after church with other family members as well as friends from church. There was time for "Sunday drives" when a family would load in the car and travel to areas to sightsee and often go visit relatives for an hour or two.

We blinked and as more individuals received advanced education, there were often farewells and loved ones moved from the area to other states or even if they moved within Texas, it was not a simple drive to visit them. Families were spending more time in front of the television and there was a growing number of other entertainment options to capture our attention. Families took vacations to Six Flags or often they hosted family who came to Houston for Astroworld, events at the Astrodome or even to visit the San Jacinto Monument.

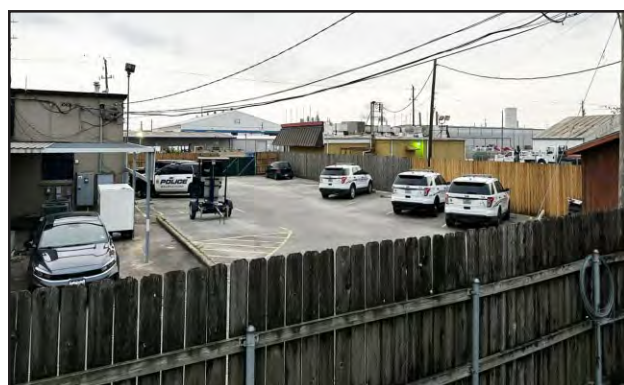
Many churches began hosting youth camps during the summer months and our children began making new friends from across the city. As they began playing youth sports, the same was true. As many of my friends entered Junior High, we began volunteering at North Shore Medical Plaza as Candystripers. We enjoyed volunteering and being a help to others.

We blinked and many of our children have grown up without one parent in the home. This has led to many children not knowing the absent parent's family. The parent raising the children has often had to take on additional hours with a part time position in addition to having a full-time job. Many times, the children are left to prepare their own dinner. Often, neighbors became the extended family who helped get the children to and from school, to and from after-school activities and even included them in family events. Extended family became so important.

We blinked and perhaps got so busy that we do not know our neighbors. So now we have isolated families who do not know their relatives, their neighbors and too often do not have a church family. Television, the computer, and smart phones have become the child's best friend.

We may have blinked but it is not too late to slow things down and learn to know our families, our neighbors and community. We need to show kindness now more than ever as we welcome everyone to the table.

Report: Information Regarding Galena Park Police Not Available



Galena Park PD parking area facility.

By Jackie Gonzales
Citizens of Galena Park

This week I contacted the Galena Park Police Department in order to inquire about the current status of the police chief following news of Chief Wagner's retirement or resignation. Dispatcher Hernandez advised me to contact City Hall on Monday for this information. I mentioned that I had previously submitted a records request and received the response that Robert Wagner was the chief.

When I inquired about who was now handling his duties, Dispatcher Hernandez reiterated that I should direct my questions to City Hall. I also asked if there was a detective available for me to speak with, to which she responded that detectives are only available Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

She assured me that in the case of an emergency, officers would be available on patrol.

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone of February?"

For individuals with February birthdays, the amethyst makes a perfect birthstone. This month is often cold, dark, and short for many people around the world, so the amethyst—which is often associated with qualities of peace, courage, and stability—is the right gem for individuals who need a little extra warmth and strength this time of year.

Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word "methustos," which means "intoxicated." Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness.



photo courtesy of Stuller

Amethyst, as previously mentioned, is composed of quartz, which is the second most abundant material found in the Earth's crust. Amethyst gets its color from irradiation, iron impurities, and the presence of trace elements. Its hardness (a 7 on the Mohs scale) is the same as other quartz, which makes it a durable and lasting option for jewelry.

While amethyst is most commonly recognized to be a purple color, the gemstone can actually range from a light pinkish violet to a deep purple that can read more blue or red, depending on the light. Sometimes, even the same stone can have layers or color variants, so the way the gemstone is cut is important to the way the color shows in a finished piece.

Amethyst often occurs in geodes or in the cavities of granitic rocks. It can be found all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Brazil and Zambia. The amethyst is not only the February birthstone, it is also used to celebrate the 6th and 17th year of marriage.

It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Some historical accounts say that Saint Valentine had an amethyst ring carved with an image of Cupid. And for those familiar with Old Testament history, amethyst was one of the twelve gemstones that represented the twelve tribes of Israel.

For many years, amethyst was held to be one of the most precious gemstones, often favored by royalty or exclusively by the clergy as a symbol for the deity of Christ. It was even held for many years in the same regard as the diamond. It was not until the discovery of more abundant supplies of amethyst that it became a gemstone enjoyed by more than just the wealthiest buyers.

Many wearers of amethyst throughout history and even today prize the gem for its symbolism as well as its beauty. Leonardo da Vinci once said that amethyst helps to quicken intelligence and get rid of evil thoughts. Other qualities like peace, stability, courage, and strength are said to be derived from this gemstone. Today, many wearers simply prize the amethyst for its beautiful shade and the way it complements both warm and cool colors.

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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.

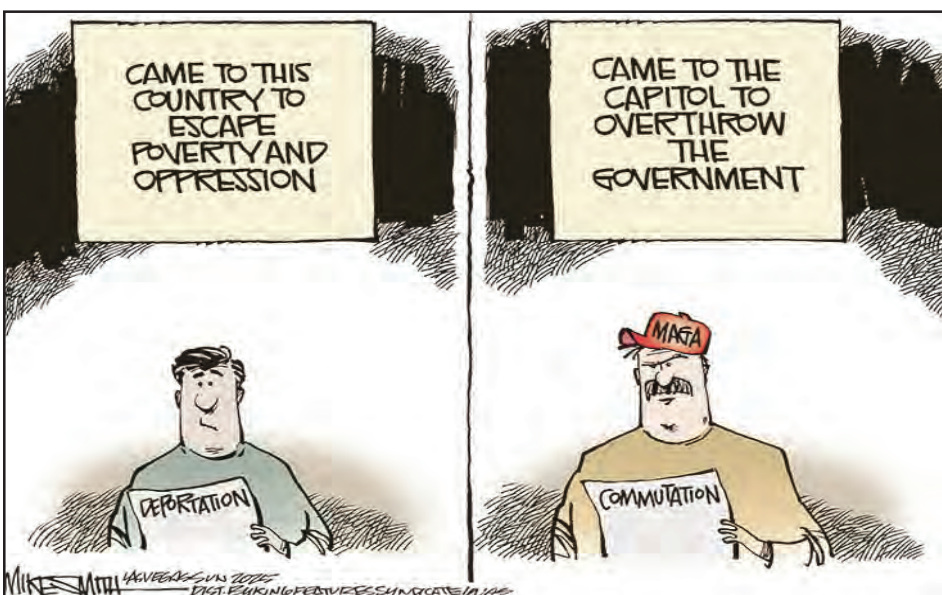
Develop a family safety plan by identifying trusted contacts that can keep important immigration paperwork safe and memorizing important phone numbers you can contact in case you are detained.

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 Austing American Statesman reported.

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 proposed rules for the current legislative session, according to the Statesman.



sitions this session, though committee vice chairmanships would be given to them."The rule is amended to restrict the appointment of chairs of a standing committee to those members of the political party that constitutes a majority of the House membership and to provide that a majority party member may not be appointed as a vice chair of a standing committee," the synopsis of the proposed rules says.

RRC SEEKS \$100 MILLION TO FIX LEAKY OIL AND GAS WELLS

The cost and frequency of plugging leaking oil and gas wells has prompted the Texas Railroad Commission to request an additional \$100 million in funding to address the issue, according to the Houston Chronicle.

should do more to hold operators accountable for plugging their own wells, according to the director of one watchdog organization.

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.

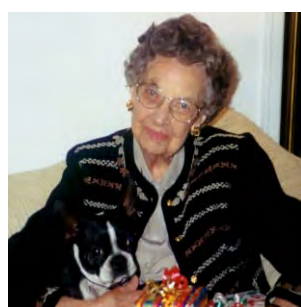
STATE RECORDS MOST TORNADOES IN 2024

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.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park.

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.

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.

I've learned that almost always, when people do something that hurts me, it has much more to do with their own hurts than me.

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 au-

dience 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 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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NS Lady Mustangs triumph in overtime thriller against Atascocita lady Eagles, behind Yaslyn Gonzales performance,

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On courtside Lady Mustangs head coach Curtis Bason gives the team their overtime winning strategy. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

The Mustangs senior Yaslyn Gonzales took over the game's scoring in OT. She made 70% of the Mustangs 10 OT points to the Eagles 4 points.

Gonzales is the Mustangs shortest player but don't let her size fool you. You've heard dynamite comes in small packages; she lived up to that, (see Gonzales photo). In OT the Eagles got into foul trouble which put the Mustangs on the free throw line. They made 8 of their 10 points from the free throw line; Gonzales made 7 OT free throw points.

During the season Gonzales set a new Lady Mustang program record by making eight 3 point shots in a single game.

Nshore's last regular season game before heading into the playoffs is February 4th at home against Summer Creek. Linda Jamail, Statistician.

Head Coach Curtis Bason, Assistant Coaches: Gisele Price, Francesca C. Okwara-Fisher, Tykejah Hall, Athletic Trainers: Dericka Stewart, C. Ramirez, & Lakendria Davis, Team Manager, Vivian Dancy, Athletic Director, Kae Walker, Assist. Athletic Director.



Leading scorer #11 junior Kobe Johnson makes a 2 point layup. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Sen. Alvarado delivers on promise, files six bills to strengthen disaster response after hurricane Beryl,

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ble residents in dire straits.

Alvarado said the legislation is aimed at closing the gap between the haves and have-nots after disasters, when safe living conditions are too often a privilege.

Here's a brief summary of each of the six bills filed by Alvarado.

—SB 481 requires nursing homes and assisted living facilities to maintain emergency generators to power heating, cooling and emergency functions for at least 96 hours. In Harris County alone, 14 nursing homes and 30 assisted living facilities were without power for at least four days after Beryl struck, leaving residents exposed to extreme heat. This bill ensures facilities can maintain safe temperatures, properly store medications and operate essential medical equipment during extended outages.

—SB 482 protects utility workers by increasing penalties for assault during disasters – the same protections afforded to first responders. After Hurricane Beryl, thousands of line workers traveled from across the country to help restore power to millions of Texans. These essential workers must be protected from harassment and violence.

—SB 483 mandates that utility companies securely share customer contact information to promote timely communication during emergencies. While millions struggled without power during Hurricane Beryl, many were unable to receive basic updates about outages affecting their homes. This bill enables direct emergency communications while implementing strict data security requirements and time limits on information retention.

—SB 484 requires warning labels on portable generators that do not include carbon monoxide safety shut off features. Portable generators are one of the most dangerous consumer products on the market. Carbon monoxide deaths spike predictably because of portable generators after every major power outage and this legislation ensures consumers are properly warned when the product lacks an essential safety feature.

—SB 485 creates clear duties of care for landlords serving senior citizens and Texans with disabilities. The bill establishes clear responsibilities for landlords during disasters, requiring them to take reasonable precautions to protect residents, prepare for hazardous conditions and ensure that staff are

properly trained and available during emergencies. Additionally, landlords are prohibited from abandoning their complexes during disaster situations, emphasizing their obligation to remain present and accountable to their tenants.

—SB 486 increases criminal penalties for the abandonment of children, seniors and disabled Texans during declared disasters. With rising rates of natural disasters, caretakers must be held accountable when they desert those in their care. This bill ensures that leaving vulnerable Texans behind during their time of greatest need carries serious consequences.

“These bills represent critical steps toward ensuring that all Texans have the protections and support they need when disasters strike,” Alvarado said in a press release.

All bills must endure a seven-stage process: Stage 1, the bill is filed; Stage 2, the bill leaves out of the Senate committee; Stage 3, the bill receives a vote by the entire Senate and then heads to the House; Stage 4, the bill leaves the House Committee; Stage 5, the bill receives a vote by the House; Stage 6, if the bill survives, it then heads to the governor for his signature; and lastly, Stage 7, the bill becomes law.

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To All Interested persons, The City of Jacinto City has rescheduled the below noted Variance Hearing, previously scheduled for January 21, 2025, to now be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Variance 2025-001

11941 Market St. – Trevino, Eduardo/TIG Market LLC is requesting permission to build an Office-Warehouse, typically zoned as industrial, in a commercial zone.

The Board will hear the petition on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Starting at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10301 Market St. Any Interested person may attend.

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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

"BABYGIRL" (R) — The creators behind this erotic thriller starring Nicole Kidman ("A Family Affair") and

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.

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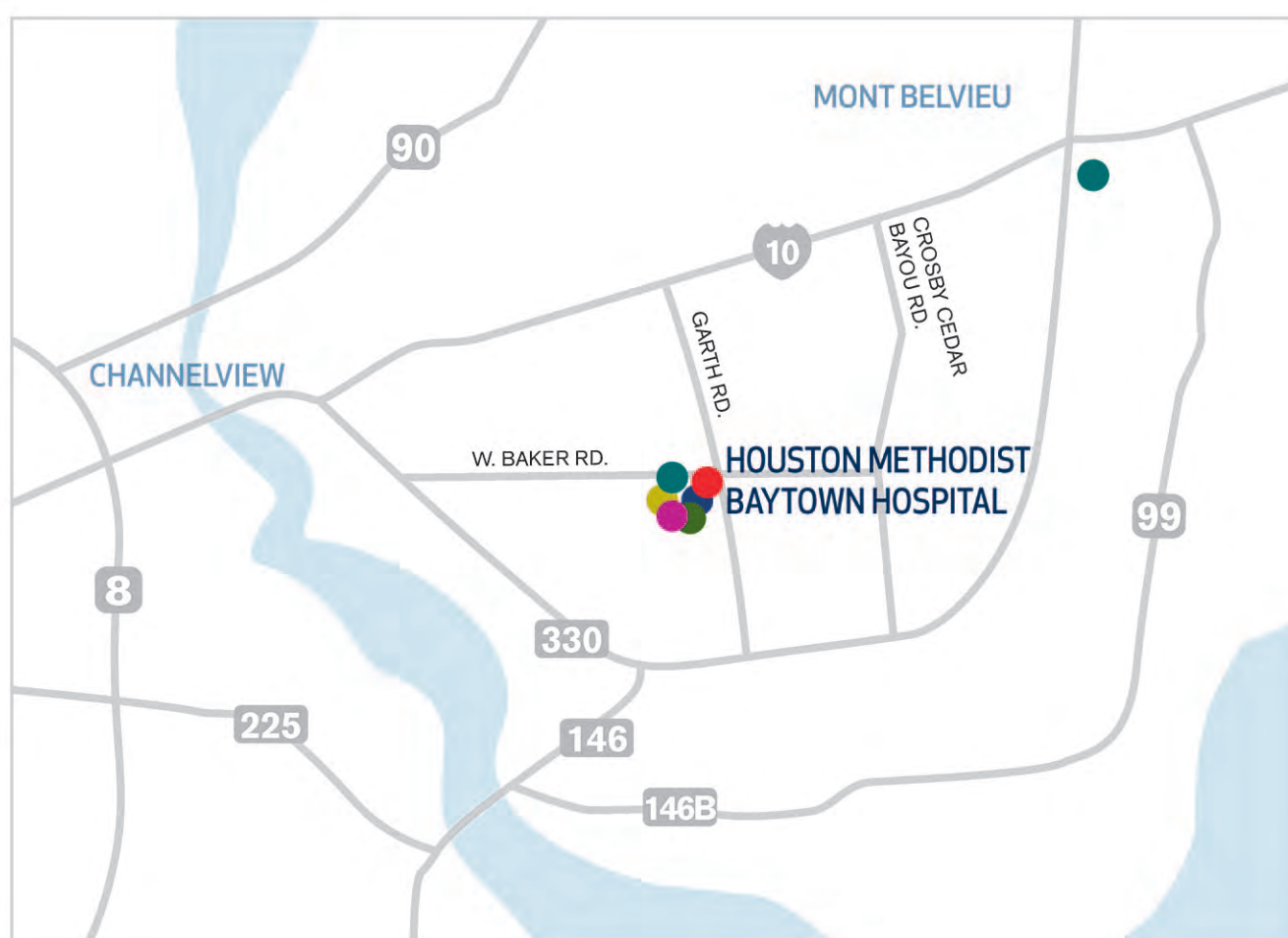


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