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Luncheon**

11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Crosby Church by Crosby-Huffman Chamber. Program is MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS. The speaker will be Katrina Landry with Renewed Hope Counseling Center, speaking on "Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health." Lunch is \$20. Please RSVP by May 17, to 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

FRI., MAY 28

**Crosby ISD
Graduation**

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14703 FM 2100.

MON. MAY 31

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& Cemetery**

honors lost loved ones that have served their country. 10:00 a.m.

JUNE 4 THRU 12

**Crosby Fair &
Rodeo**

Crosby Fairgrounds
Cook-Off June 4 - 6.
Rodeo June 11 & 12.
Livestock Auction June 10

SAT. JUNE 12

**Goose Creek
Memorial
Graduation**

2:30 pm, Graduation at
Ford Park Arena,
Beaumont, Texas

Rodeo pageant unfolds bloom of youth



The Crosby Fair & Rodeo held their annual Rodeo Pageant featuring cowboys, cowgirls, rodeo dress and rodeo clowns of kids aged 0-8 in twelve categories last Saturday. This year Rachel Hicks has taken the reins but Lanette Armstrong (having lead multiple successful pageants) was still present and helpful as boys and girls paraded before a substantial crowd to show their charisma. Each of the 58 contestants deservedly received a trophy for their participation. Twelve first place contestants get to ride inside the Rock'n C Arena on both nights of this years' Crosby Fair & Rodeo and the Crosby Fair & Rodeo Parade to be held June 5. The Crosby Fair & Rodeo hosts the Cook-Off is June 4 through 6. The annual Livestock Auction on June 10. The Crosby Fair & Rodeo is June 11 and 12. Read Southall Band plays June 11 in concert. Lanco plays June 12 in concert. For tickets visit Crosby Rodeo.com Box Office. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 6.

Highlands Rotary awards 19 scholarships

Highlands Rotary Club held their annual Scholarship Banquet last Monday night, and awarded 19 scholarships totalling \$32,500.

In spite of heavy rains and very inclement weather, the venue of the Bay-town Boat Club on Highlands Clear Lake Road was full to capacity, with scholarship recipients, family and friends, and Rotarians and their families.

The scholarships are a result of the funds raised primarily at the club's Annual Chili Feast in February. At this event, a new vehicle is raffled off to a \$100 ticket holder, along with 13 other prizes, and the net proceeds are used



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SCHOLARSHIPS, page 2*

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS pose for a group picture after the banquet, speeches, and awards. Pictured with the scholars are Rotarians Jerry Fallin (President Elect) and Dr. Larry White (Scholarship Chairman). Not pictured, Andy Scott, club president.

Jose Jimenez wins North Shore Rotary Raffle

North Shore Rotarians gathered last Saturday afternoon at Turner Chevrolet in Crosby, to pull raffle tickets for their benefit Raffle event, and award prizes.

The raffle this year was in place of their annual Catfish Fry and Crawfish Broil, which they did not hold because of the health concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In spite of that, and due to the hard work of the members of the club, they were able to sell over a thousand tickets, which will fund their projects in Harris County and internationally for the next year. The club through ticket sales, sponsorships,



live and silent auctions typically raises several hundred thousand dollars, which allow them to put the money back into the community for projects, scholarships and more. They are strong supporters of FFA programs in three school districts, and other educational projects.

As excitement and anticipation mounted, club president Lowell Everitt and Raffle Chairman

At left, Rotarian Shawn Silman reads the name on Ticket #25, and Jose Jimenez is the winner of a new vehicle in the raffle. club president Lowell Everitt, right, pulled each of the 25 tickets for Shawn.

Shawn Silman spun the drum filled with ticket stubs, and pulled each of 25 winning tickets.

The luckiest person of the afternoon was Rotarian and Pct. 2 employee Jose Jimenez, who not only won the top prize of a new vehicle from Turner Chevrolet, but actually won three other prizes, too.

Of course that immediately led to a lot of joking about taking a trip to Las Vegas with him, to share his luck.

Jose will have his choice of a new Chevrolet Colorado pickup, or a Chevrolet Camaro. At press time he had not made a decision, but either way he will have great new wheels.

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Rotary Scholarships,

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for the scholarships and other community projects.

Over the years, these projects have included supporting such groups as the Bay Area Homeless, Baytown Youth Fair, Bras for the Cause, Cody Stephens Foundation, Crosby Fair & Rodeo, Highlands Food Pantry, Harris County Stratford Library, Harris County Seniors program, Highlands Horizons Miss Highlands Pageant, Highlands Little League, Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, Hurricane Relief, Methodist Church, Northshore Rotary, Partners in Education, Share Your Christmas, Stratford Library Summer Reading Program, Community Tree Lighting ceremony, Wreaths Across America, Thanksgiving Turkeys for needy families, and Precinct2gether, as well as many other projects.

The club estimates that since it started awarding scholarships, it has given out over \$500,000 in scholarships to college bound students. Awards are from \$1500 to \$2500 per school year.

Scholarship Awards this year went to the following:

From Goose Creek CISD:

- Natalia Alonso
- Lorelei Barboza
- Isabella Castellano
- Yaddah Rodriguez

From Crosby ISD:

- Yeddeh Rodriguez
- Pranav Gupta
- Krystal Herrera
- Samantha Hillier
- Tanishqa Kharat
- Nelda Marquez
- Mairely Padilla (RL Creel Scholarship)

From Crosby ISD:

- Zarina Ards (Pat McPhee Scholarship)
- Isaiah Cavazos (Chester Stasney Scholarship)

Presenters of the Scholarship Awards:



DR. LARRY WHITE, past president of the club, and recent recipient of his Paul Harris #5 Award, has been the chairman of the Scholarship Awards program for many years. With the help of an 8 person committee, the applications are screened and evaluated, before the choice of awards is made. This year there were about 70 applications.



MARIE STASNEY and JOHNNY GAEKE presented the Chester Stasney Scholarship Award. Chester was the oldest living member of the club, and still active in its activities, until his passing away this year. The Chili Feast each year features his Chili Recipe, and he is famous for its distinct and delicious flavor. Johnny Gaeke has worked with Chester for many years perfecting the recipe, and will carry on his tradition.

Recipients of the Scholarship Awards:



ZARINA ARDS, a student at Crosby High School, was one of the 19 recipients of a scholarship, and represented the high level of accomplishment.



MORGAN FORSYTH is a student at Sam Houston State University, where she helped found a student Rotary club, known as a Rotaract. She has been involved with Highlands Rotary Club, where her aunt and grandfather were members.

ter Stasney Scholarship)

From Chinquapin Prep:

-- Francisco Trujillo (JE Bird Scholarship)

From Sam Houston State Univ.:

-- Morgan Forsyth (WL Herndon Scholarship)

From Texas A&M:

-- Madison Moyer

-- Joshua Protain

From UT Austin:

-- Shaily Yadav

Named scholarships are in honor of Highlands Rotarians who contributed to the club and the community, and that have passed away. They are presented by a person who was best friends or family to the Rotarian that is being honored.

This year, the following special named Scholarships were:

Pat McPhee Scholarship, presented by his widow Barbara McPhee to Zarina Ards of Crosby ISD;

Chester Stasney Scholarship, presented by his best friend Johnny Gaeke and his widow Marie Stasney, to Isaiah Cavazos of Crosby ISD. Chester passed away this year, but he was known for his famous Chili recipe that was served annually at the club's Chili Feast. This honor has passed to the presenter, Johnny Gaeke.

W.L. Herndon Scholarship, presented by his daughter Patricia Scott to Morgan Forsyth of Sam Houston State University. Morgan is the granddaughter of Dr. Herndon.

R.L. Creel Scholarship, presented by Dr. Larry White to Mairely Padilla of Goose Creek CISD;

J.E. Bird Scholarship, presented by Dr. Larry White to Francisco Trujillo of Chilquapin Prep.

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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE

3 Women’s Health Myths: Don’t fall for these works of fiction

There’s a lot of misinformation about women’s health out there, making it difficult to know what’s true. Here, Dr. Pooja Kulkarni, who practices at Houston Methodist Primary Care Group in Baytown, debunks three common myths.



DR. POOJA KULKARNI

Myth #1: Women don’t have to worry about heart disease.

FACT: Heart disease is the leading killer of women.

It’s especially important for women to know the signs of a heart attack because they are more likely to have more subtle symptoms, such as jaw pain, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, and fatigue.

Plus, you need to understand your personal risk for heart disease and have your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels checked regularly.

Kulkarni also recommends that women of all ages consider seeing an internist or a primary care provider in addition to their obstetrician-gynecologist.

Myth #2: Most breast cancer is hereditary.

FACT: Only 5 to 10 percent of breast cancers are hereditary.

Kulkarni emphasizes the importance of recognizing if breast cancer runs in your family. If a woman does have an

affected gene for breast cancer, she has a 40 to 80 percent chance of having breast cancer in her lifetime.

But the biggest risk factors for breast cancer are two things you can’t do anything about: being a woman and getting older. So, make sure you talk to your doctor about your situation and the best age to begin screening mammograms.

“It is important to maintain healthy habits like exercising, having a clean diet and limiting alcohol to reduce your risk,” Kulkarni explains.

Myth #3: Calcium alone will keep your bones strong.

FACT: Calcium is important, but vitamin D and lifestyle choices are also essential.

Women reach their peak bone mass by their 30s, and bone mass drops significantly the year leading up to menopause – so it’s important not to wait until after menopause to start thinking about bone health, Kulkarni said.

Doing regular weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, jogging, hiking and weight training, as well as not smoking, are key to having strong bones. So is making sure you’re getting enough calcium and vitamin D.

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OPINION

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Judge Moves COVID-19 Threat Level to Level 2: Orange

Key COVID-19 Trends Continue Downward Trajectory; Hidalgo Commends Community for Driving Indicators Down By Getting Vaccinated, Urges Continued Vigilance and Action to Reach Non-Vaccinated Population

Harris County, Texas - May 18, 2021, Judge Lina Hidalgo today announced that she is moving the county's COVID-19 Threat Level Indicator from Level 1: Red to Level 2: Orange, the system's second highest threat level. The move comes as a variety of indicators demonstrate significant progress in reducing the threat of COVID-19 and the availability, administration, and efficacy of vaccines for eligible age groups.


Over the past several weeks a convergence of factors has led to the lowering of the threat level. Among them, a variety of key indicators used to inform the county's threat level system made significant improvements. These include hospital population trends, hospital usage trends, case trends, and positivity rate. Additionally, the on-demand availability of vaccines, their efficacy against variance, an increasing number of individuals getting vaccinated, and updated CDC guidance regarding mask usage and testing. These indicators have been used by the county in conjunction with health experts to make decisions about policy changes and community guidance.

"Thanks to the hard work of our residents, we have made substantial progress in turning a corner against this virus," said Judge Hidalgo. "This is not a mission accomplished moment, but we should feel encouraged that these vaccines have helped us finally trend in the right direction. Let's continue to pull together and help persuade friends, family members, and others those who haven't been vaccinated to do their part."

Level 2: Orange signifies substantial transmission of COVID-19 still remains in Harris County. Given the efficacy of vaccines, guidance within each threat level will now apply primarily to unvaccinated individuals. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks should still be worn while traveling by plane, bus, or train as well as in certain settings like hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, and businesses/workplaces where required by rules and regulations.

For a complete list of indicators, guidance, and related information visit [ReadyHarris.org](https://www.readyharris.org).

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo is the head of Harris County's governing body and Director of the Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Judge Hidalgo, alongside four county precinct commissioners, oversees a budget of approximately \$5 billion that funds services and institutions for the third-largest county in the nation, home to nearly 5 million people. For more information about Harris County and the Office of the County Judge, please visit: [cjo.harriscountytexas.gov](https://www.cjo.harriscountytexas.gov).



with Slim Randles

Too Many Pancakes

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms." It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

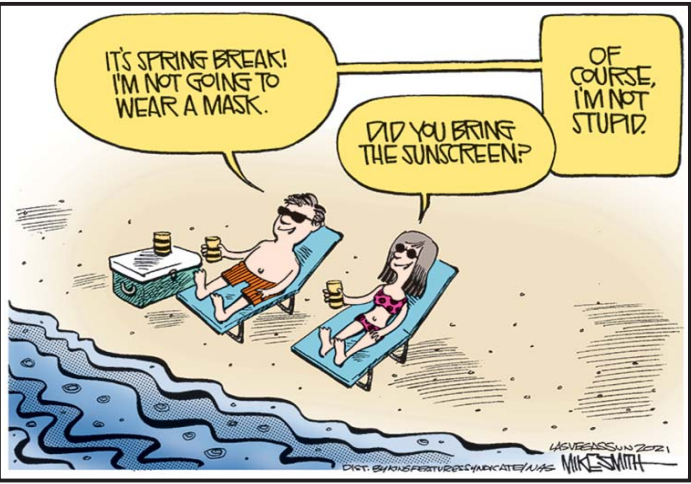
Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assignment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver," but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him an idea of what to write next. So he took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

For a treat, go to the heart of Louisiana with Shari Hearn's books. <https://books2read.com/ap/nmPreX/Shari-Hearn>.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Deaths of Unbuckled Texans spike

The number of traffic accidents decreased in 2020, but the number of Texans killed while not wearing a seat belt increased by 16%, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

In 2020, 1,073 fatalities were attributed to not wearing seat belts, up from 926 fatalities in 2019. Buckling up reduces the risk of dying in a traffic accident by 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and 60% for people in pickups, according to TxDOT.

"This past year we have all been reminded of the simple acts we can take to protect our lives and those of our loved ones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass.

"Wearing a seat belt is the most important step we can take to protect ourselves from serious injury or even death in a traffic crash. Instead of putting yourself and others in danger, remember: buckle up day and night, every rider, every ride."

Texas officers will step up enforcement of the state's seat belt and child car seat laws May 24 through June 6. Fines for not having everyone properly secured range up to \$250.

OVER HALF OF ELIGIBLE TEXANS VACCINATED

More than 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Texas as of last week, fully covering more than half of eligible Texans 12 and older. Gov. Gregg Abbott hailed the effort.

"Vaccines are the most effective defense against the spread of COVID-19, and I continue to urge all eligible Texans to get the vaccine," Abbott said. "The COVID-19 vaccine will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas, but it is up to all of us to ensure that we defeat this virus — which is why it is



so important for Texans to seek out these safe and effective shots."

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced last week that the Pfizer vaccine is now authorized for anyone 12 years and older. Also last week, the federal Centers for Disease Control announced that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

Local businesses still have the option of requiring employees and patrons to wear masks while inside their establishments.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped to 14,909, down 17% from the previous week and down 90% from the record high in mid-January, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalization of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas stood at 2,199 last week, down slightly from the previous week.

WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY PLANS TO BE BANNED

With time running out in the legislative session, which ends May 31, just one bill addressing the blackouts during February's winter storm has made it to the governor's desk thus far.

House Bill 16 bans residents or small businesses

from signing up for the type of electricity plans that allow wholesale electricity prices to be passed to customers. Those plans resulted in huge electric bills for some customers after the power outage, in some cases more than \$15,000.

Griddy, the main company offering such service to about 29,000 Texas customers, has filed for bankruptcy and ceased operations.

Meanwhile, the interim CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas testified before a Texas Senate committee that ERCOT overrode its protocols in deciding to set prices for wholesale electricity at the highest level, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Brad Jones said that "market rules were not followed." The maximum price of \$9,000 per megawatt hour was held for 32 hours, far longer than normal intervals of 15 minutes or so. The move cost Texas utilities billions of dollars.

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after being billed \$1.8 billion by ERCOT. The cooperative's 16 members serve 68 counties from the Panhandle to Houston.

BILL TO INSTALL AC IN PRISONS PASSES HOUSE

The Texas House on Friday voted to require the state prison system to install air conditioning in state-operated prisons and jails, according to The Dallas Morning News. The measure now heads to the Texas Senate.

If the measure passes and is signed into law, its implementation would be dependent on the state providing funding.

"This is the right thing to do. It's the humane thing to do," bill sponsor Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, said. "The reality is in Texas, we are cooking people in prison."

According to the Prison Policy Initiative website, only 30 of the state's 109 prisons have air conditioning in all inmate housing areas.

CORRECTION

Last week's Capital Highlights column contained a mathematical error, stating that almost two-thirds of Texans of all ages had been vaccinated as of that time. The actual number of all Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday account for about 40% of residents. We regret the error.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

The Fanciest Desk in the World

Everyone knows that I am attached to my desk. I would argue I have good reason. My desk is an extension of myself. Whereas other people are attached to their phones, I frequently lose track of mine. (Just writing this made me wonder where it was. Don't worry; I found it.) My desk is my home inside my home.

I hear about people working from their couch or from their kitchen table or even from their bed and I cannot imagine it. My desk is always tidy. I always have fresh flowers sitting on it—even if it's just a rose from the garden or a bouquet from the grocery store.

My desk came from a junk shop that my parents and I visited a few years ago. It's a child's desk and was painted fire engine red. It did not look promising.

But my dad knocked on the wood beneath the red paint, "It's solid maple," he declared. I bought it for \$15. We took it to my dad's wood shop, refinished it, and I have used it ever since. One hot summer night a fan came flying off the windowsill, making a deep gouge in the top. I sanded out the gouge, but then put water-soluble polyurethane on the surface. That was a mistake. The surface has begun to dissolve beneath my hands, peeling like a snake losing its skin.

So now my desk is getting refinished before it gets loaded into a big truck and taken to our new home. In the meantime, my husband, Peter, said I could use his reject computer desk, which is being left behind.

Peter's old desk had a storage tower on top, which he knew would get in my way, so he removed it. It also had a slide-out thingy the keyboard was supposed to sit on and that was never going to work, so I yanked it out. Below that was a shelf, which bumped my knees, so I threw that away as well. There was one last brace I had to straddle and Peter smashed it out with the back side of an ax.

I was still unsatisfied. The little desk rolled around every time I moved. I felt as if I was typing on a boat. "This isn't going to work!" I told Peter, who was doing his best to get his old desk to meet what seemed to me like minimal requirements: a stationary typing surface that my knees fit beneath.

Peter looked at me like I was the resident prima donna, then removed the wheels. Now all that remains is a small, gray box. I think it will work.

Meanwhile, I pulled out the drawers in my old maple desk and I noticed where the wood had warped and the construction was not the best. I wondered if I shouldn't just replace the old desk, start with something new in a new place.

But I remember all the time I've spent at the little desk, looking out one window or another, and I feel as if the old desk and I have too much invested in one another to part ways now. I wiped it down and was astonished how much coffee had managed to splash all over. I lined the drawers with cedar shelf paper and refinished the peeling top.

I'm imagining it in a new place, working on new projects, with fresh flowers sitting on it, and I know it will be fine.

I don't need the fanciest desk in the world. I just need a desk that's all mine.

Till next time,
Carrie
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Gas Prices Hit \$3 Per Gallon Average, First Time Since 2014

BOSTON (May 12, 2021) – The national average price of gasoline today has passed the \$3 per gallon mark, according to GasBuddy, the travel and navigation app used by more North American drivers to save money on gas. This is a milestone not seen since David Letterman still hosted Late Night, Pharell’s hat was introduced to the world, and Kim and Kanye got hitched.

GasBuddy previously prognosticated that gas prices may escalate past the key barrier in its 2021 Fuel Outlook released in January of this year. While many Americans are pointing fingers, they should be pointing at the same factor GasBuddy mentioned months ago: COVID-19 related recovery is pushing things back to normal and leading to rising gasoline demand.

“While this is not a milestone anyone wants to celebrate, it’s a sign that things are slowly returning to normal,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “In this case, rising gas prices are a sign Americans are getting back out into the world — attending baseball games, going to concerts, taking a road trip — basically staying anywhere but at home. This summer may see some blockbuster demand for fuel as well, as Americans find it very challenging to travel internationally, leading many to stay in the confines of U.S. borders, boosting some weeks to potentially record gasoline demand.”

GasBuddy expects summer gas prices not to set records, but settle down to levels more similar to 2018: the national average briefly rising above \$3/ gallon but eventually falling back under and remaining in the upper \$2 to low \$3 per gallon range. Should any major refinery issues develop in the midst of the summer travel season, gas prices could become impacted in a large way, especially if the economy continues to see solid recovery and demand for fuels increases.

Previous yearly peaks in gas prices and date:

Jan 9, 2020	= \$2.60
May 5, 2019	= \$2.89
May 27, 2018	= \$2.97
Sept 9, 2017	= \$2.66
June 12, 2016	= \$2.38

For those trying to stretch their hard earned dollars into more miles, GasBuddy suggests shopping around at the pump with the free GasBuddy app and driving less aggressively: the savings could add up to \$477 per year, or roughly \$10 per tank. In addition, motorists can sign up for Pay with GasBuddy, a free program that links to your checking account and offers savings of up to 25 cents per gallon.

Lake Houston Safety Plan - Know Your Zones

HOUSTON - Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin is proud to announce the “Lake Houston Safety Plan”, which promotes lake safety by improving geographical awareness to residents and recreational users preparing them to better identify their location on the lake and how to best report an incident to 9-1-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin has worked tirelessly over the last year with City of Houston’s Planning Department to create a map for Lake Houston identifying seven geographic areas by color for residents to use when needing to identify their position on the lake. This map was completed in collaboration with City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem Martin’s District E Office, Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department and Lake Patrol Division, Houston Emergency Center, Houston Public Works, and our partners in the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.

The colored zones will be essential when contacting first responders to help reduce response time. This map will be posted at all public docks/piers and offered to private communities for installation within their own private launch areas. The dispatchers at Houston’s Emergency Center have been notified of the Lake Houston Zones and have already started their training.

This zone system will continue to be included in future trainings and refresher courses going forward for all City of Houston dispatchers. These maps have also been provided to all Lake Houston first responders and will be posted at public boat ramps. The City of Houston Public Works Department has prepared signage to be placed on the sides of bridges crossing Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River with the names of corresponding roadways which will be highly visible from the water. Signage should be in place by Memorial Day.

Over the next several months, the District E Team will be conducting outreach events, a targeted social media campaign, as well as sending out a mailer this summer to Lake Houston residents with more information on the Lake Houston Safety Plan. The District E Office is actively working with communities on the lake to distribute this information.

Thank you again to all the City of Houston Departments and personnel who worked to make this program and plan a resource for the Lake Houston Community. To receive resources on the Lake Houston Safety Plan or to schedule a member of the District E Team to provide a presentation to your group directly please call (832) 393-3008 or email the District E Office at districte@houston.tx.gov.

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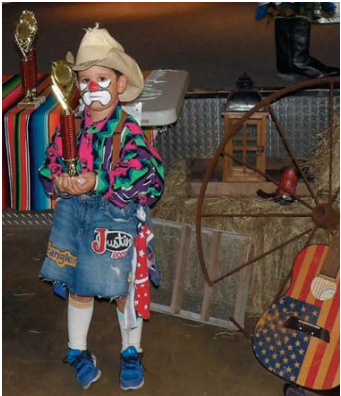
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Excitement backstage of the 3-5 All American Cowgirls
The Crosby Fair & Rodeo held their annual rodeo pageant at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Crosby last Saturday with an outstanding turnout of 56 kids to participate in All American Cowboy 0-2, 3-5, & 6-8; All American Cowgirl of the same three age groups; Rodeo Dress for girls and Rodeo Clown for the boys.

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FREE VACCINATION SCHEDULE 5/17 - 5/22

Free COVID-19 vaccinations available at 22 Houston Health Department-affiliated sites week of May 17, 2021
HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department is announcing the schedule for sites offering free first doses of COVID-19 vaccine during the week of May 17, 2021. Twenty-two Houston Health Department-affiliated free vaccination sites are on the schedule for the week.

Health department-affiliated vaccination sites are available for walk-ins and appointments. Vaccination does not require proof of residency, citizenship, or insurance.

POP-UP SITES

The department will offer Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine, approved for people age 18 and older, at nine pop-up sites during the week, located at:

Houston Community College - North Forest Campus, 6010 Little York Rd, 77016
May 18-21, 2021: 10 a.m.-6p.m.
May 22, 2021: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
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Hobby Airport (Next to Delta check-in), 7800 Airport Blvd, 77061
May 18-19, 2021: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Greater Emmanuel Family Worship Center, 3915 Kelley St, 77026
May 18, 2021: 12-6 p.m.
May 19-20: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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Rose Plaza Apartments, 3031 Sumpter St, 77026
May 18-19, 2021: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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Verandas at Northshore Apartments, 666 Maxey Rd, 77013
May 20-21, 2021: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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Cook Elementary School, 7115 Lockwood Dr, 77016
May 21, 2021: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7539 Avenue K, 77012
May 22, 2021: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Fe y Justicia Worker Center, 1209 James St, 77009
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Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, 1106 Valentine St, 77019
May 23, 2021: 1-5 p.m.
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FIXED SITES

Moderna vaccine is also available at the department's health centers and some multi-service centers, located at:
Northside Health Center, 8504 Schuller Rd.

Mondays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.

Sharpstown Health Services, 6201 Bonhomme Rd.
Mondays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.

La Nueva Casa de Amigos Health Center, 1809 North Main St.
Mondays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunnyside Health Center, 4605 Wilmington St.
Mondays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.

Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star Dr.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunnyside Multi-Service Center, 9314 Cullen Blvd.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Magnolia Multi-Service Center, 7037 Capitol St.
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua St.
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m.

Acres Home Multi-Service Center, 6719 W.

Montgomery Rd.
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m.

Peavy Senior Center, 3814 Market Street
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m.
Second doses of Moderna vaccine are also available at the department's four health centers.

MEGA SITES

First doses of Moderna vaccine are available at two drive thru mega sites, located at: Delmar Stadium, 2020 Mangum Rd.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Moderna

Rodeo Reed Parking Lot, 2098 Reed Rd.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Moderna

Pfizer vaccine, approved for people age 12 and older, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine are available at the NRG Park Yellow Lot, Gate 16, 9036 S. Main St. The site is available with or without appointments Tuesdays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m.

Appointments and additional information are available at HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 or by calling 832-393-4220 or 832-393-4301.

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Atención escuelas privadas, Escuelas sin fines de lucro, Educadores en el hogar, Padres y Miembros de la comunidad en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sheldon Las escuelas privadas, escuelas sin fines de lucro, que califican legalmente como una organización sin fines de lucro (actualmente tienen un certificado 501-C3), los educadores en el hogar, los padres y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a participar en una reunión virtual con representantes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sheldon. Para obtener más información sobre los programas y servicios financiados con fondos federales disponibles para el año escolar 2021-2022. La reunión se llevará a cabo de manera virtual a través de Zoom, el Martes 25 de Mayo de 2021, de 1:00 p.m. a 2:00 p.m. Si está interesado en participar o tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Sheldon ISD al (281) 727-2096. Los detalles sobre cómo acceder a la reunión de zoom se publican en https://www.sheldonisd.com/apps/events/2021/5/25/9133861/?REC_ID=9133861&id=0

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Eleanor Van Cleave of Beach City on Dean's List at Belmont Univ.

NASHVILLE, TN (05/12/2021)— Eleanor VanCleave of Beach City qualified for the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 53 percent of Belmont's 6,170 undergraduate students qualified for the Spring 2021 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "Students achieving the Dean's List recognition at Belmont have clearly demonstrated enormous commitment to their educational endeavors - they have invested deeply in their studies and in their future. We are happy to celebrate their success and know that their continued, consistent and comprehensive dedication to their academic work will equip them to embrace future opportunities to engage and transform our world."

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Four charged in organized crime theft of copper and vehicles

Charges include felonies in Chambers Cty.

Investigators from the Harris County Precinct 3 Constables Office, along with the Baytown Police Department and the Harris County District Attorney's Office (Financial Crimes Division) concluded a several months long investigation into a series of thefts from Highlands, Crosby, Baytown, Channelview and parts of Chambers County.

Originally, Baytown Police had filed felony theft charges on Joe Hennington and Stephanie Martinez for possessing three stolen all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and two stolen Harley Davidson motorcycles.



Yet, police allege even after being charged, they continued committing thefts throughout Precinct 3 and investigators determined that over the course of a year these defendants had scrapped over \$100,000 in stolen copper.

Prosecutors now charge four defendants as having targeted local businesses and Petro-Chemical Refineries, stealing thousands of pounds of copper and continued to target a large number of utility terrain vehicles in Precinct 3. The investigation resulted in all four defendants being charged in Harris County with Felony Engaging in Organized Crime and currently face felony charges in Chambers County. Three of the defendants were arrested and booked in the Harris County jail. Corey Simmons remains a fugitive, wanted for Felony Engaging in Organized Crime.

According to Constable Eagleton, "We would like to thank the Baytown Police Department, Harris County District Attorney's Office (Financial Crimes Division) and the Chambers County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation."

Legislative update by Mayes Middleton

Property Tax Bill, STAAR Reform, and Civics Education Bills Pass House

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF LEGISLATION PASSES HOUSE

Last week, I passed HB 1568 in the House. The bill will expand the margin of error that is permissible for an appraisal district when being examined by the Comptroller's property valuation study. This will help limit property tax valuation increases and is estimated to save taxpayers over \$1.7 billion.

STAAR REFORM LEGISLATION PASSES TEXAS HOUSE

Last week, the House passed a bill slashing STAAR exam testing. The reforms include eliminating unnecessary STAAR tests and giving more flex-

ibility to school districts regarding standardized tests. I am a proud co-author of this important legislation.

BILL TO REFORM TRINITY BAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT DISTRICT PASSES HOUSE

Recently, HB 3006 passed the Texas House. This bill severs the Trinity Bay Conservation District's (TBCD) water and drainage functions so that a new special purpose district oversees water and the current district focuses solely on drainage for the area. This change will devote all property tax revenues for TBCD to drainage. I am proud to author this bill for the water and

drainage customers served by the district.

SHIP CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCESS FOR THE PORT OF GALVESTON PASSES HOUSE

On Friday, I passed House Bill 1507 which allows the Port of Galveston to have access to the state Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund. This legislation will allow Galveston to benefit from this vital source of capital funding for port improvements.

NURSING HOME INFECTIOUS DISEASE TRANSPARENCY BILL PASSES TO GOVERNOR'S DESK

Recently, I passed SB

930 through the House and on to the Governor. This bill brings publicly accountable transparency to outbreaks in nursing homes. I am proud to have brought this bill on behalf of Texas families with loved ones in nursing homes. I look forward to the Governor's approval and this bill becoming law.

CIVICS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEGISLATION PASSES THE TEXAS HOUSE

This session, several bills regarding public education curriculum and policies advanced from the Texas House. They are:

HB 3979 bans the teaching of Critical Race

Theory in public school curriculum.

SB 1776 requires the offering of an elective course on the American founding in public high schools and the posting of the Founding Documents on the campuses of public schools.

HB 4509 adds the learning objective of an informed patriotism to be cultivated in public school students as a part of the objectives of public education in Texas.

HB 2681 allows public schools to expand the elective course on the Bible to include grades six through eight, in addition to grades nine through twelve.

HMB Hospital: When Wounds Won't Heal

BAYTOWN—(April 29, 2021) — A non-healing wound—no matter how insignificant it may seem—is nothing to take lightly because all wounds have the potential to become chronic and lead to serious health consequences.

While a small cut can usually heal on its own, other wounds like burns, ulcers or rashes, may become serious and require urgent medical attention.

The Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown offers expert treatment of wounds by a skilled and knowledgeable staff in its new, state-of-the-art facility that features two hyperbaric chambers.

"Some people have medical conditions that cause small wounds to become chronic; sometimes issues that are beyond their control," said vascular surgeon Dr. Jacobo Nurko, medical director of the Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown. "That is the time when you need to talk with your doctor and seriously consider a referral for an evaluation at our advanced wound care center. Our multidisciplinary group of doctors will evaluate your wound to provide the best cost-effective treatment option to promote healing



DR. JACOBO NURKO

in a timely fashion."

Chronic wounds are wounds that fail to heal naturally and on their own for over a month. Taking care of such wounds can prevent them from damaging your overall health.

Factors that may contribute to poor wound healing include smoking, diabetes, neuropathy, obesity, peripheral vascular disease, infection, poor nutrition and immunosuppression, among others. Specialized care can help heal wounds and prevent more complex medical problems. Some medical technology and techniques used for treating chronic wounds include:

- Wound dressings: Cleansing, covering the wound, ensuring moisture balance
- Debridement: Scraping away tissue to allow growth of new tissue
- Compression therapy: Compression bandage systems



Advanced Wound Treatment: Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital hyperbaric medicine technician Perry Finger communicates with a patient during a hyperbaric oxygen therapy session.

- Offloading: Protective footwear, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs
- Skin grafting: Using your own skin, or a skin substitute, to provide quick coverage of the wound and expedite healing

- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT): Delivering more oxygen to the wound by breathing 100% oxygen in a special chamber

The Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown provides a full spectrum of specialized care to treat chronic wounds. The program is accredited by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), one of just two clinics in the Houston area accredited by the UHMS. The program meets the very strin-

gent certification criteria, which provides Baytown area residents with the highest quality of wound care treatment and patient safety possible without having to leave home.

"With help from our specialized wound care team, chronic wounds can heal faster and complications can be avoided," said Nurko. "Before wounds get worse, consult your doctor, or call our wound care program. We are ready to answer all of your questions to help ensure proper healing and the best outcome."

Focusing on preventing infection can help keep wounds from becoming chronic. To prevent wounds from endangering your health, Nurko recommends taking steps such as maintaining a healthy

lifestyle, practicing proper hygiene, including regularly washing hands and feet and checking for small cuts, cracks, tenderness, redness or swelling on a daily basis, and scheduling regular doctor appointments, especially diabetes patients, who should ask their doctor to check for early signs of nerve damage or other issues.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital screens all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office. Masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) are required while providing patient care, and we have reorganized waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing. We have also implemented additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

The Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown offers a full range of wound care treatments. For more information, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-425-2160.