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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THURS. JUNE 10 EPA holds Virtual Meeting for Waste Pits

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will hold a Microsoft TEAMS Video and Call Conference on Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Topics for discussion include: Changes to Remedial Design Schedule, Upcoming Design Investigation Sampling, and Overall Remedial Design Update. The public is invited to join, at the Web Address <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjwv>. Or you may join by calling in by telephone. SEE MORE DETAILS on Page 2.

PUBLIC may use the group VIEWING SITES: San Jacinto Community Center, and Channelview Fire Department.

FRI., MAY 28

Crosby ISD Graduation

At Cougar Stadium 14703 FM 2100.

MON. MAY 31 Sterling-White Funeral Home & 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

BIRTHDAYS

- May 27-Bob Elkins
- May 28-Ellen Beck
- Mrs. Mark Collins
- Rufus Larkin
- Blake McCain
- Rusty Maxey
- May 30-Justin Hodges
- May 31 Danielle Grooms
- Rodger Simmons
- Jun 1-Brittani & Paige Carroll
- Evelyn Wotipka
- Jun 2-Martha Keyes
- Bettie Woosley
- Jun 4-Whitney Sain
- Mary Ann Stone
- Michael Taylor
- Patricia E. Sparks

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jun 1-Harold & Janice Havard
- Doug & Roxanna Phillips
- Jun 2-Glen & Nell Salters
- Jun 4-Donnie & Connie Larrison
- Jun 6-Randy & Nita Sloan

CROSBY JACK IN THE BOX

Heroic youth foils fast food robbery

CROSBY - An attempted robbery on May 23 at 3:37 a.m. left a young man that refused a gunman's demands shot and the attempted robber fleeing with miniscule loot.

Malacheye Simpson, 18, was working his shift at the drive through window of Jack In The Box Restaurant in Crosby.

Law enforcement has declined to discuss a case with the investigation ongoing and most information concerning this case comes from the victim, co-workers and relatives and the restaurant camera. Harris County Sheriff's



Malacheye Simpson, shooting victim, recalls the ordeal of robbery and defense of his workplace.

Office would not comment on any reward.

According to the victim himself, "A hooded figure comes up from behind me talking all crazy with a gun, telling me to give him the register. I told him 'no!' and we started fighting."

Brawling inside the restaurant ended outside, Simpson recalled winning the battle for the pistol but discovered he had been shot from above down through his body and fell to the floor. The trajectory of the bullet damaged his dia-

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Scant facial features are visible in this depiction of the robber taken from surveillance equipment.

TEA releases statistics on local middle schools

AUSTIN - Urgent to the education process is work on educating 6th through 8th Graders. On April 22 the Texas Senate added more legislation to keep students up with the nation as focus shifts on testing to determine proficiency in a year when less than expected students are yet returning to the classrooms. Updated TEA statistics have been released concerning Crosby Middle and Highlands Junior High. Both are remarkably similar and surprising in differences.

Highlands Junior High has a student population of 1,185. The student population of Crosby Middle is 1,428.

In Highlands, 46% of

students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 38% scored at or above that level for reading. At Crosby Middle, 60% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 39% scored at or above that level for reading.

Highlands' minority student enrollment is 76%. The student-teacher ratio is 18:1, which is worse than that of the rest of the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District, (GCCISD). Crosby's minority student enrollment is 57%. The student-teacher ratio is 17:1, which is worse than that of Crosby ISD. All teachers at both schools are certified.

Highlands' student pop-

ulation is made up of 50% female students and 50% male students. The school enrolls 62% economically disadvantaged students. There are 67 equivalent full-time teachers and 2 full-time school counselors. Crosby's student population is made up of 49% female students and 51% male students. The school enrolls 51% economically disadvantaged students. There are 86 equivalent full-time teachers and 2 full-time school counselors.

Compared with GCCISD, the Highlands school did better in math

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Crosby Chamber names scholars



Janice Ivey is a Crosby-Huffman Chamber scholarship recipient here with Kim Harris, Chamber President and Crosby ISD Counselor Alice Hoy. See MORE on Page 5

GLO, Feds deny Harvey flood mitigation funds to Harris County

Harris County and Houston officials learned Friday that the state GLO (General Land Office) and the federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development) had determined that these two governments would not receive any Flood Mitigation funding of the approximately \$1 billion that was available, in the first round of allocations by the state.

The allocations are based on a formula to determine which communities are the neediest, according to GLO. Within Harris County, approximately \$90 million was allocated to Baytown, Pasadena, Galena Park, and Jacinto City for flood mitigation projects that they had applied for.

Harris County had submitted an application asking for \$900 million, according to Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Commissioner Gar-



COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA
HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 2



JUDGE LINA HIDALGO
HARRIS COUNTY

cia, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner issued statements expressing their displeasure and disbelief in news of the allocations not including local jurisdictions.

Commissioner Garcia said that he was upset, and "incredibly frustrated." Judge Hidalgo said "It is unconscionable that the very community hit with the most flooded structures by far during Hurricane Harvey received nothing as part of this Harvey Mitigation allocation."

Mayor Turner said "For the State GLO not to give one dime in the initial distribution to the City and a very small portion to Harris County shows a callous disregard to the people of Houston and Harris County."

Judge Hidalgo said that she plans to ask HUD for a review of the criteria used, and assurance that the County will receive future fund allocations. She said the formulas that are used disadvantage large urban areas that are hardest hit.


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San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site
Virtual Community Meeting
June 10, 2021**



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a virtual community meeting to provide an update for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (Site). As we navigate our way through this unique time, the health and safety of our staff, contractors, and the communities we serve is our top priority. As a result, EPA and its Superfund Site teams are conducting virtual meetings in lieu of in-person public meeting events to reflect current COVID-19 guidance from federal, state, tribal, and local officials discouraging gatherings of more than ten people at a time.

During the virtual meeting, EPA staff and stakeholders will provide information and answer questions about the status of the Site. The virtual meeting will be held online and/or over the phone via Microsoft Teams Video and Call Conferencing on:

Please test your computer or mobile app prior to attending the meeting using the link below. Technical support is limited and subject to significant delays. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, EPA will host the Site Update Meeting over the phone via Microsoft Teams Video and Call Conference.

Meeting Format	Microsoft Teams Video and Call Conference
Community Meeting	Topics for discussion include: Changes to Remedial Design Schedule, Upcoming Design Investigation Sampling and Overall Remedial Design Update
Meeting Web Address (URL)	https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwsp
Date and Time	June 10th, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Toll-free Audio for Meeting	(469) 607-1035 or toll free (844) 608-7693 Conference ID: 187 538 612#

There are Two ways to attend the virtual meeting:

- Visit EPA's San Jacinto River Waste Pits website: <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwsp> to access virtual meeting information and web link.
Click on this link that says "Click here to join the meeting" When the Teams page launches, select "Use Teams" on current browser or "Go to Teams App" and follow the instructions. Browsers may vary by computer. Microsoft Teams currently supports the following browsers: Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. Ensure you're running the latest browser version on your device to avoid any limitations in terms of features. Alternatively, you can download the Microsoft Teams app to your desktop computer or mobile device prior to the meeting.
- Call in using this phone number and Conference ID (Audio only):
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If you have any problems joining by phone or online on the day of the meeting, please contact Jeff Criner at (713) 985-6627 for immediate assistance.

Copies of fact sheets, information bulletins, the administrative record, and other information are available online at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site: <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwsp> or on the National Superfund Program website: www.epa.gov/superfund.

Or at the following Site information repositories:

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Should you have any specific needs or questions about the online virtual meeting, please contact: Janetta Coats, Senior Community Involvement Coordinator, at (214) 665-7308 or coats.janetta@epa.gov. Any request for accommodation should be made to Janetta 1 week or more in advance so that EPA will have sufficient time to process the request such as closed captioning.

All news media inquiries should be directed to the EPA Region 6 Press Office at (214) 665-2200 or (214) 665-2261.

Tornado damages Crosby apartments



During Thursday's sporadic downpour at about 10:47 a.m. a swirling cloud of thunderstorms produces an EF 0 tornado depicted as a white dust devil above ripped the bricks off of Building B of the apartments on Krenek Road. The swirl rose up as quickly as it came down (about 2 seconds.)



Damage to the apartments included the bricks on building B and in one account a woman was tossed a few feet, although it was not caught on camera. The storm rapidly went north again but no reports of damage were filed in that direction although some small homes lie in that direction. Meteorologists stated that there was no indication of the tornado that was caught on surveillance cameras. But then, it had been reported that there were no tornadoes generated during Hurricane Ike although numerous reliable accounts reported seeing a massive one in Highlands and trees in the reported location were twisted and a Little League Baseball building had its roof twisted off.



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★ OPINION PAGE ★

OPINION
By **BILL KING**



Clearance Rates for Crimes Continue to be Abysmal

The Texas Department of Safety has finally released its annual crime report by jurisdiction for 2019. This is the only place I have been able to find data on the number of reported crimes that are “cleared” by individual law enforcement agencies. The clearance rates across the state continue to be abysmal, but Houston and Harris County are particularly pathetic.

Overall

Harris County tied with Dallas County for last place among major Texas counties in solving the crimes reported to their law enforcement agencies at just 11%, compared to the statewide average of 15%. The Harris County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) and the Houston Police Department (HPD) dragged down the countywide average, coming in at 8% and 10%, respectively. These rates are among the lowest clearance rates for larger law enforcement agencies in the State.

Murder

The Houston Police Department (HPD) only solved 40% of the murder in 2019. This was one of the worst murder clearance rates in the state. Its rate was well below the statewide average and other metropolitan areas.

This was just the latest leg down for HPD’s murder clearance rate. The 2019 rate was the lowest since I started tracking it in 2000.

Rape

For many years I have been writing about the embarrassingly low rates at which rapes are solved across the board. 2019 was no different. Statewide, only 23% of rape cases were solved. It is very difficult for sexual assault victims to come forward and report these crimes. For less than one in four of them to receive justice from our legal system is shameful. Every agency is pretty much equally awful on this one.

HPD is now solving rape cases at about half the rate it was a decade ago (28% vs 53%).

Robbery & Burglary

Most people are stunned at how few robberies and burglaries are solved. The results for 2019 were pretty similar to what we have seen in other years. The statewide clearance rates for robberies and burglaries were 18% and 9%, respectively. HCSO apparently makes no attempt to solve burglaries, as it cleared only 2% of its cases. I would have thought that more burglars than that would have shown up and turned themselves in. HPD was only slightly better at 5%. I am just guessing that having a 95-98% chance of getting away with a burglary does not provide much of a deterrent to criminals.

Conclusion

To put these percentages in some numerical context, in Harris County there were over 200 unsolved murders in 2019, nearly 2,000 unsolved rapes, over 10,000 unsolved robberies and nearly 25,000 unsolved burglaries. In all, Harris County citizens reported almost 175,000 crimes that were not solved. Lord only knows how many they did not even bother to report.

Law enforcement agency managers and their surrogates, such as the police unions, always have a litany of reasons for how shockingly few crimes are actually solved. They complain about staffing levels, that they are discouraged by prosecutors and judges not prosecuting the criminals they do catch, lack of public cooperation, etc. And there is some merit to their points.

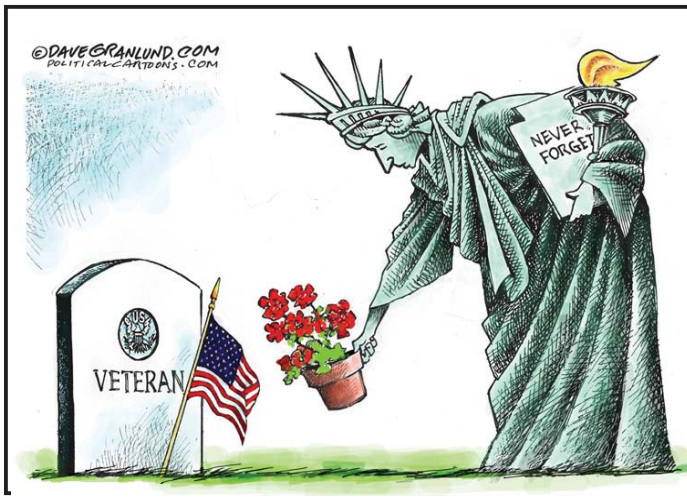
But the fact remains that, as a society, we are failing miserably to provide justice to the victims of crimes and we have been failing to do so for a long time. And as time goes by it is only getting worse.

There are many negative ramifications from our inability to solve a reasonable percentage of crimes beyond the obvious. For one, when the public does not have any confidence that law enforcement can do their job, they begin to take matters into their own hands – as I suspect is evidenced by the meteoric rise in gun sales.

Instead of everyone trotting out the same tired arguments about why we are not doing better, we need a deep dive into why we are doing such a terrible job. We need the governing bodies which supervise law enforcement agencies to start doing their job. Have you ever heard any member of the Houston City Council ask why HPD only solved 40% of murders or 23% of rapes last year? My guess is that not a single one of them even knows what the rates were.

A good start would be to require every law enforcement agency in the state to publish its clearance rates monthly. One of the basic rules I learned in my business career was that “if you cannot/do not measure it, you cannot manage it.” The clearance rate should be a regular agenda item for every governing body that supervises a law enforcement agency, and the media should cover how well crimes are being solved on a regular basis.

Of course, none of that is happening now, which is probably why the numbers are so abysmal. Where there is no accountability, poor performance almost always follows.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Gary Borders**



A Special session of the Legislature coming this fall

Texas lawmakers will adjourn the regular session on Monday — Memorial Day — but Gov. Greg Abbott has already indicated he will call a special session in the fall to grapple with redistricting after detailed census results are finally released.

Last week, Abbott told lawmakers he would put them in charge of deciding how to spend nearly \$16 billion in federal money the state received for COVID-19 recovery efforts. During the first two rounds of stimulus funding, Abbott decided how the money would be spent, which angered some legislators.

The special session comes just months before the 2022 primaries, with Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton and Comptroller Glenn Hegar all planning to seek re-election. That raises the possibility of other topics being added to the special session that could appeal to the governor’s base, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Abbott has drawn one primary opponent, former state Sen. Don Huffines.

MASK MANDATES LARGELY A THING OF THE PAST IN TEXAS

Abbott last week issued an executive order banning all government and public entities from mandating the wearing of masks. The order went into effect May 21, except for public schools, which can require masks until June 4.

Local governments or officials can be fined up to \$1,000 for requiring the wearing of masks, although businesses can still require them. Most large retailers, such as Walmart, Costco and Target, announced they were ending mask requirements.

However, state-supported living centers, government owned or operated hospitals, state prison juvenile justice facilities and county and municipal jails



are exempt from Abbott’s order and can still require masks to be worn.

A DAY IN TEXAS WITH NO COVID-19 DEATHS

For the first time since March 21, 2020, the state’s Department of State Health Services on Sunday, May 16, said no deaths related to COVID-19 were reported.

The milestone was noted by Abbott and others, though celebrations were tempered at least among some, the Houston Chronicle reported. The hiatus was short-lived, however, as DSHS reported 23 new deaths the following day. The number of Texans hospitalized who are COVID-19 patients is at its lowest level since last June, according to DSHS, with 2,070 cases that were lab confirmed as of Sunday.

The number of new cases in the past week in Texas, as reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, stood at 12,290, down 17.5 percent from the previous week and continuing the steady decline statewide. A total of 269 deaths were recorded statewide for the same time frame.

Meanwhile, the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated reached nearly 9.8 million.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EASING UNDER WIDESPREAD STORMS

Much of the state has

experienced a soggy May thus far, with widespread precipitation blanketing much of the eastern and central regions. As a result, drought conditions have eased except in the Panhandle and West Texas and the counties around Laredo on the border.

The Texas Water Development Board reports a total of 44% of the state’s area is now under moderate or worse drought conditions. By comparison, we reported on April 4 that drought conditions existed in more than two-thirds of the state.

TEXAS OPTS OUT OF FEDERAL JOBLESS ASSISTANCE PLAN

Abbott last week announced the state will no longer accept federal jobless assistance funds after June 26, including the extra \$300-per-week approved earlier this year by Congress.

The state is also leaving a federal assistance program that provides aid to self-employed and gig workers not normally covered by unemployment insurance. The move is intended to encourage people to return to work, as restaurants and other businesses say it is difficult to attract workers.

“The Texas economy is booming, and employers are hiring in communities throughout the state,” Abbott said. “According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the number of job openings in Texas is almost identical to the number of Texans who are receiving unemployment benefits. That assessment does not include the voluminous jobs that typically are not listed, like construction and restaurant jobs.”

The state’s jobless rate was 6.7% in April, according to the Texas Workforce Commission, down from the record high of 12.9% in April 2020.

SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHS TO STEP DOWN

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Ruggiero Hughs will step down at the end of May, she announced last week. Hughs was appointed by Abbott in August 2019. However, the Texas Senate never formally confirmed her nomination. Abbott will now be free to appoint a new secretary of state, who could be confirmed during the upcoming special session.

LEARN MORE ABOUT COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS OFFERED BY STATE

The state of Texas offers three tax-advantaged plans for higher education — the Texas College Savings Plan, the Lone Star 529 plan and the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. Parents can learn more about the plans by watching a webinar at 1 p.m. on May 26 and four additional dates in June and July. Register for the webinar here: <https://www.texas tuition promise fund.com/events/>.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By **Carrie Classon**

A Change of Scenery

The old wooden folding table belonged to my grandma. I don’t remember her ever using it.

After she moved out of her house and into a retirement home, my sister inherited the table, but she didn’t use it much either. The table has four wooden folding chairs that tuck beneath it and the whole thing rolls on casters. My husband, Peter, and I are moving to be closer to family and we don’t have a serviceable table for our new place.

“Bring the folding table when you come,” I told my sister. “We’ll use it until we find a new table!”

Peter and I were ready to move our furniture when we learned the moving truck had broken down on the way to our house, delaying the move. So Peter stayed behind to help load the truck when it finally arrived, and I flew ahead to meet the movers. I spent four nights in a sleeping bag on the floor, but when my parents and my sister came to visit, they brought the table.

Peter and I did not spend Christmas of 2019 with my family, but rushed home to see his sister, Lori, who was very ill. We thought it might be her last Christmas. We were wrong. We celebrated the next Christmas with her before she died. And I did not see my family again until this past week, 17 months later, when they arrived with my grandma’s old table.

“It’s been so long!” everyone kept saying.

I got lost leading them out of the parking garage and we ended up taking the heavy wooden folding table on a tour of the neighborhood. The table rattled along on its 75-year-old casters and made a heck of a racket as we rolled by the Church of Scientology.

My dad was laughing. “Do we even know where we’re going?”

“Do you think someone is catching this on a security camera?” my sister asked.

I felt as if I had not been away for 17 months—or even a day.

On Saturday, our furniture finally arrived, and on Sunday morning, still surrounded by boxes, I discovered we were within earshot of three churches with bell towers. I sat out on our little balcony in the sunshine and called Peter.

“All the bells are ringing!” I told him.

My parents and sister came to visit one more time before I left, and this time they brought along my brother-in-law, niece, and nephew. My niece is now completely grown up and my nephew went from being a child to a teenager while I was away.

I had tied brightly colored seat cushions onto the old wooden folding chairs and my mother didn’t recognize them.

“Those aren’t the same chairs!” she said, amazed.

“They are!” I told her. “They just perked up when they got a change of scenery!”

Peter still hasn’t seen this new place we bought during the pandemic, and I know he still has some trepidation. But I am feeling so much better. It is good to be closer to family. We will be able to see more of our old friends and both Peter’s relatives and mine. We’re looking forward to trying new restaurants and riding our bikes and doing a lot of things we haven’t done in a long time.

Of course, there will be things we will miss. But right now, I’m feeling like one of my grandma’s old wooden folding chairs, all decked out in a fancy new seat cushion.

I’m thinking a change of scenery will do us both a world of good.

Till next time,
Carrie
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Barrett Station's matriarch, Mamie Lewis, was laid to rest on May 22. Mrs. Lewis was nearing her 104th birthday just days before her passing. She will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. We keep her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

-- Constable Sherman Eagleton

Crosby Robbery Foiled

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phragm, kidney, intestine and colon, but doctors indicate expectation to make a full recovery.

The camera shows the fight, the shot and a badly acted attempt to access the cash box of the register. Failing that primary point of the robbery and seeing that now he lost the pistol, had shot someone, and reinforcements for the victim were on the way from the father, and getting no money, the loser swiped some sauces and dashed for the door.

Malacheye's father Cole Simpson called his son a hero adding "He couldn't have handled it a better way."

Malacheye's quick action allowed a female co-worker to get to safety.

According to Stefania

Okolie, "That man shot Malacheye right in his chest. Tonight he is still on the street."

According to Malacheye's aunt, Chelsea Eslinger on Twitter, "There were numerous suspects, which are still at large, and they shot him in the chest and left him for dead. He went through 6 plus hours of emergency surgery. He's stable and just got out of surgery. His father is with him. Surgery on diaphragm, colon and intestine. The bullet went in through his chest, hit his lung and lodged in his hip. He still has a long road ahead, so please keep him in your prayers."

According to Cole Simpson, "This guy needs to be caught and taken off the streets. It seems like they'd put a dragnet out to find this guy because he's going to do it again."

State of the County

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and about the same in reading, according to this metric. In Goose Creek CISD, 38% of students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 43% tested at or above that level for math. However this junior high did worse in math and worse in reading in this metric compared with students across the state. In Texas, 44% of students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 47% tested at or above that level for math.

At Crosby Middle, 60% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 39% scored at or above that level for reading. Compared with all of Crosby Independent School District, the school did better in math and worse in reading, according to this metric. In Crosby ISD, 40% of students tested at or above the proficient level for reading, and 48% tested at or above that level for math.

Crosby Middle did better in math and worse in reading in this metric compared with students across the state.

Highlands has a Hispanic/Latino population of 55.5%. Crosby's Hispanic/Latino population is 40.8%.

Highlands' White population is 23.6%. Crosby's White population is 42.6%.

Highlands' Black or African American population is 14.1% and Crosby's is 14%.

Highlands' Asian population is 3.8% while Crosby's is 0.5%.

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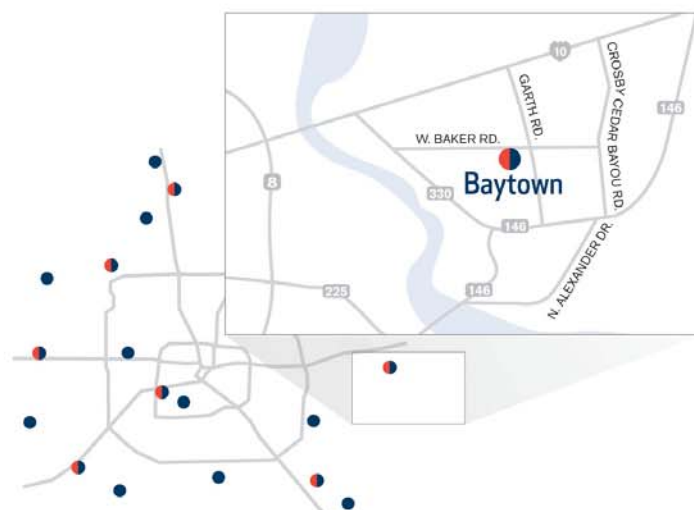


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You can purchase tickets at the door, \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

LifeShare Blood Center will also have a truck located outside of the Community Center during the event.

BARBERS HILL TOP 10 GRADS

The Academic Top 10 Seniors appear, Left to Right are

1. Evelyn Longorio, Summa Cum Laude,
2. Katherine Strickland, Summa Cum Laude,
3. Kaylee Myers Summa Cum Laude,
4. Jesse Thomsen, Summa Cum Laude,
5. Rebecca Wells, Summa Cum Laude,
6. Taylor Tomlinson, Summa Cum Laude,
7. Katlon Gilbert, Summa Cum Laude,
8. David Mendez, Magna Cum Laude,
9. Trevor Bates, Magna Cum Laude,
10. Savannah Brumley, Magna Cum Laude.



UHD, Lee College Establish Partnership to Support Seamless Pathways to Degrees

HOUSTON – MAY 5, 2021 – The University of Houston-Downtown and Lee College have pledged their support to enhancing the educational experience of students who attend Lee College and transfer to UHD with the intent of using their associate's degree credits towards completion of a baccalaureate program of study.

Lee College President, Dr. Lynda Villanueva, and University of Houston-Downtown Interim President, Dr. Antonio Tillis entered into this agreement in December 2020. UHD's new President, Dr.

Loren Blanchard looks forward to working with Lee College in support of this effort.

"The University of Houston-Downtown and Lee College play integral roles in the region," President Blanchard said. "Together, our efforts to educate ... and graduate ... community members are enhanced by a shared commitment to student success. Overall, this partnership signals a win-win for students and the state of Texas. Working together, our respective institutions will bolster the academic aspirations of our communities

while supporting our state's goal of having 60 percent of Texans earning degrees by 2030."

This pact commits both institutions to creating a seamless pathway for Lee College students seeking to transfer to UHD to complete a baccalaureate as well as a reverse pathway for UHD students to transfer to Lee College to complete their associate's degree. This agreement focuses on student support and success by providing resources such as degree maps, transfer of credit, and access to academic advising services and

honors programs.

It also promotes data sharing between the institutions to provide students with information regarding transfer processes, financial aid, degree programs and degree completion.

"Lee College is excited to partner with UHD to offer students a more streamlined and efficient pathway to reach their educational goals," said Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President of Lee College. "Many of the students we serve are first-generation college students who may have felt that attending a university was out of reach.

Working together, we can now provide a seamless transition for all students to reach their full educational potential and earn a four-year degree or higher."

To further assist students through the transition from associate's program to bachelor's track, students admitted to UHD will have full access to advising services; and, Lee College Honors students admitted to UHD will be eligible for a minimum of 12 hours of honors credits to be transferred as well as being transferred into the UHD honors program.

Early Diagnosis and Prevention is Key to Beating Hepatitis C

BAYTOWN — (May 14, 2021) — Hepatitis C is a stealthy virus that can be potentially lethal. An estimated 3.5 million Americans have the hepatitis C virus, but because it frequently has no symptoms, many of them have no idea their health could be in danger.

Hepatitis C, the most common type of the disease in the U.S., primarily affects the liver. It may cause inflammation and can lead to liver cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Dr. Rashid Khan, a gastroenterologist/hepatologist with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates, says May's designation as Hepatitis Awareness Month (liverfoundation.org) helps bring attention to the prevalence of the virus in the U.S. and its potentially dangerous impact. He says people in high risk groups for developing hepatitis C should schedule a blood test to detect the disease in its earliest stages.

"Hep C spreads through the blood or bodily fluids of an infected person," Khan said. "Someone may become infected by using in-

travenous drugs (sharing needles), acquiring tattoos, piercings, and getting blood products (donated blood) prior to the 1990s. Sexual transmission is not common, but does occur."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a one-time screening blood test for anyone with an increased risk of infection. The CDC reports that baby boomers (anyone born between 1945 and 1965) have a higher risk of contracting hepatitis C. Other high-risk groups include people with HIV, patients undergoing long-term kidney dialysis and anyone born to a mother who has the disease. Khan says while there is no vaccine to prevent the disease, there are steps available to lessen the risk of infection.

"To avoid getting the virus, do not share personal items such as razors, and be careful when getting things like piercings, tattoos and manicures because the equipment may be contaminated with infected blood. Practice safe sex and avoid injection drug usage," Khan said.



DR. RASHID KHAN

Chronic, or long-term hepatitis C, may result in cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer. It may remain a "silent" infection for many years until the virus damages the liver sufficiently to cause symptoms. Some patients will experience nausea, fatigue, loss of appetite, jaundice, itchy skin, bleeding or bruising easily, dark colored urine, swelling in the legs, confusion, drowsiness and slurred speech. Khan says new advanced treatments for hep C have been developed in recent years, including highly effective oral therapies. In cases in which the disease progresses to cirrhosis, however, liver transplantation may be required.

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town 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.

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