



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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DR. LARRY HOLLIER

LSUHSC faculty brings closure to family

Despite what was reported, it was Dr. Robert Barsley, a professor, division head and forensic dentist at LSUHSC's School of Dentistry, who identified the body found in Evangeline Parish as missing ULL student Michela (Mickey) Shunick.



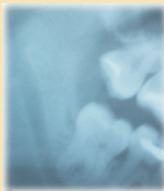
Dr. Robert Barsley

Mickey Shunick's family had been seeking answers since May when she was last seen riding her bike home from a friend's. Dr. Barsley's work finally brought them closure.



Mickey Shunick

As often happens with complex cases, Dr. Barsley made the identification through dental records. He, along with other faculty at the LSUHSC dental school, have worked with coroners' offices in several jurisdictions, law enforcement, and the FACES Lab at LSU for many years. Our faculty report their findings to these agencies.



LSUHSC med students beautify city for Super Bowl

LSUHSC Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner and LSUHSC medical student Ashlea Winfield, L2, turned the annual 1st year medical student orientation service project into an initiative that kicked off beautification efforts to get New Orleans ready to host Super Bowl XLVII. They brought the idea to the DDD and



Ashlea Winfield doing her first tv interview - during 1 of 2 live reports on WWL-TV

City Park and also requested support from other partners including First NBC,

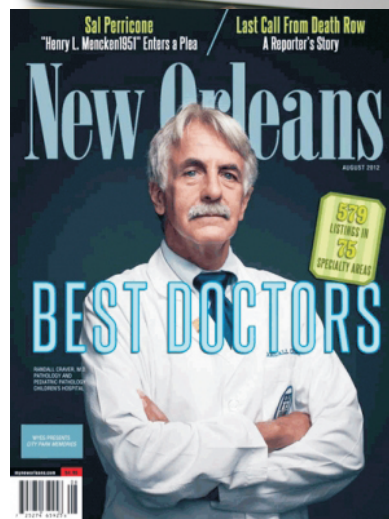
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LSUHSC doctors among the best

A number of LSUHSC faculty in various specialties are included in New Orleans Magazine's Best Doctors issue this month.

Our own Dr Randall Craver, Professor of Clinical Pathology and Pediatric Pathology, graces the cover and is featured in a story about his achievements including a collaboration that characterized progressive osseous heteroplasia as a distinct developmental disorder of heterotopic ossification.

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First Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Sherwin Williams. Transportation and a tent for headquarters in Lafayette Square were provided by Sheriff Marlin Gusman's office.

One hundred of the LSUHSC medical students worked in the CBD painting over graffiti on 7 downtown properties, painting planters, signal control boxes and light poles, cleaning tree wells, removing trash and weeds,



and digging up shrubs, pruning foliage, and weeding beds in Lafayette Square.

At the same time, another 100 LSUHSC medical students worked at City Park. In the Botanical Gardens, they pruned, weeded, planted, mulched, and performed other flowerbed maintenance. At the Amusement Park, they painted

benches and fences, weeded, and performed flowerbed maintenance. In the Sculpture Garden, they weeded, pruned shrubbery, and performed flowerbed maintenance. At the Volunteer Center/Scout Island, they cleared and mulched forest trails.

In the LSUHSC tradition of giving back, each year, the incoming freshmen LSUHSC medical students do a community service project. In recent years, projects included sprucing up Tad Gormley Stadium and rebuilding a playground in the Lower 9th Ward.



Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner

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Dr. Jayne Weiss

Dr. Jayne Weiss, Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology, is also prominently featured in a story about one of her toughest cases. After seeing four other area ophthalmologists for a complication from a Lasik procedure, a patient finally got into Dr. Weiss's capable hands. Dr. Weiss used her skill and judgement to treat the young woman and the result was far better than what could have been expected. Instead of vision loss, the patient was left with corrected vision of close to perfect. The patient and her family were so thrilled, they honored Dr. Weiss at the young woman's wedding which they said

would not have taken place when it did without Dr. Weiss.

Russo interviewed by National Geographic TV

A National Geographic television crew interviewed LSUHSC Orthopaedic Surgery resident Dr. Russell Russo for a documentary about the dangers of synthetic drugs.



Earlier this year, Dr. Russo reported the first case of necrotizing fasciitis, or flesh-eating bacteria, in a patient who had injected "bath salts" into her arm.



The case attracted worldwide attention, as Dr. Russo described the infection spreading so fast, he could almost see it advancing while he and his fellow surgeons were removing infected tissue in the operating room. As these drugs gain popularity, Dr. Russo continues to alert the medical community as well as the public of potentially deadly consequences with these drugs.

The documentary is expected to air next year.