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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**FRI., OCT. 25
 Food Bank Mobile Unit**

At the POINT Alternative Center at 401 Jones Road in Highlands will host the Houston Food Bank Mobile Unit. Pick up free healthy food, such as milk, produce, cereal and canned goods, 4-6 p.m. This event is open to the community. Bring bags for the food items.

**FRI., OCT. 25
 Designer Purse BINGO**

Fundraiser for Highlands Horizons, \$50 includes dinner and Bingo. Starts 6pm at the San Jacinto Community Center.

**SAT., OCT. 26
 Harvest Moon Festival**

Crosby U.M Church, 1334 Runneburg Road, 10am to 3pm. See AD on page 10.

**SAT., OCT. 26
 Boo Bash**

And Pumpkin Patch Festival at Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd. 10 am - 3 pm. Questions? Please call 281-462-0543.

**SUN., OCT. 26
 Extreme Machine**

Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy 90. 10am - 4pm. Extreme Auto Show, Family Festival, Craft Show. Ad on page 2.

**THURS. OCT. 31
 Pct. 2 Halloween Party, Highlands**

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highlands Woods Dr.

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Early Voting starts October 21

Constitutional Amendments, Newport Water Election

HARRIS COUNTY – Monday Oct. 21 is the first day of Early Voting in the General Election. East Harris County area residents will vote on 10 constitutional amendments, METRO's MetroNext bond issue in some areas, Baytown councilmen, and Newport MUD bonds. Early voting continues through November 1, and you may vote this year at any election location. The General Election is scheduled for November 5.

BAYTOWN COUNCIL

In Baytown, District 1 has Laura Alvarado vs. Mercedes Rnteria III. District 2, Chris Presley is running unopposed. District 3, Charles Johnson is running unopposed.

NEWPORT MUD

In Crosby's Newport subdivision, the MUD district is asking for voter approval of a \$70 mil-

See Early Voting, Page 8

Recycling disappears from Northeast Harris

Many have noticed that recycling paper and other waste in Northeast Harris County is much more difficult than it once was. There were paper recycling bins at the libraries, some churches and the schools with the understanding that these worthy causes would benefit from the efforts and generosity of locals endeavoring to help clean up where they live and that the companies would profit from the waste.

Paper waste would be a commodities market and in 2015 they plummeted. In the Greater Houston

Region, Waste Management once provided bins and incentives to locals for paper, there were a multitude of understandings. One of those was that only paper and cardboard would go into the bins, that has not been the case in years. The last such local agency to call an attempt to recycle paper quits was Crosby ISD. When last they had recycle bins industrial and business waste was all anyone could see in what was supposed to be only paper and cardboard bin. An additional "contamination" fee for non-recycled waste mixed

in with the recyclables typically raises the costs by another \$12.50 per ton.

Maintenance personnel at Crosby ISD report having caught a commercial truck trying to dump trash in the school's other bins. They were forbidden that time.

Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton warns that he is aware of such behavior and isn't going to tolerate it.

"One of our main efforts since taking office in 2017 was improving the quality

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Stephens speaks in Pennsylvania on heart screening bill

HARRISBURG – Scott Stephens of the Cody Stephens Foundation spoke to a rally and senators in the Pennsylvania capital this week. They voted to advance a heart screening bill to the full senate for adoption.

Scott Stephens said "Today I speak in the Capitol of Pennsylvania on the same topic, on the same date I first testified in Austin in front of the UIL seven years ago. I remember the date well because 26 years ago on this date my son Cody was born. A very special date indeed, you just can't make this stuff up. Thank you for traveling this journey with me as the sec-



Scott Stephens in Pennsylvania, with Melody Stephens and Senator Mike Regan.

ond state begins the journey to heart healthy students thru ECG screenings. #gbogh #screenemall."

Rotary donates ECG machine to Goose Creek



With assistance from the Cody Stephens Foundation, the Rotary Club of Highlands presented Dr. Bernard Mulvaney, Athletic Director of GCCISD, with an ECG machine to be used for heart screenings at Goose Creek Memorial High School and Highlands Junior High. ECG's are quick, painless, and are used as a tool to help catch otherwise undiagnosed heart issues in students. Sudden cardiac arrest is preventable, and the Rotary Club wanted to provide students with easier access to this life saving tool.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

County Attorney Vince Ryan hosts symposium to address environmental disasters

At a conference hosted by County Attorney Vince Ryan last week, experts described the environmental challenges facing Harris County when storms like Hurricane Harvey strike the Texas coast, the home of hundreds of chemical companies and oil refineries.

The symposium titled "Environmental Disasters in Harris County," held on Oct. 10 featured scientists, lawyers, and other experts who discussed what government and industry were doing and could do to prevent the loss to life and property from flooding and severe weather events.

"Our office is willing to take the lead in protecting our community with respect to the environment," said County Attorney Ryan. "This symposium was a great effort to keep all parties focused, engaged, and up-to-date with the latest information and efforts by our office and other agencies."

Attorney Charles Irvine, lead counsel in a lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers, for flood damage to hundreds of homes located upstream of the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs in west Harris County, said the Corps knew that torrential rain storms regularly occurred in Harris County and that the areas upstream from the dams would flood. He described the devastating impact of flooding to homeowners.



County Attorney Vince Ryan welcomes the participants at the "Environmental Disasters in Harris County" symposium on Oct. 10.

Jim Blackburn, Co-Director of the SSPEED Center, Rice University, showed the catastrophic impact of a Hurricane Ike-type storm moving up the Ship Channel. He said it would be one of the worst environmental disasters ever to occur in the United States, jeopardizing over 200 chemical plants, shutting down refining capacity for six to 12 months, and placing the lives of 800,000 people at risk. He called for the construction of the Galveston Bay Park, a series of islands extending from Houston Point down the ship channel to Texas City, to provide protection from storm surge.

Arturo Blanco, Director, Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Assessment, EPA Region 6, shared the EPA's environmental justice outreach and emergency response initiatives. Rodrigo Cantú, Environmental Justice Team, Lone Star Legal Aid, discussed protecting communities from environmental hazards — especially low-income, marginalized communities. Randy Palachek, Senior

Technical Expert, and Kirk Dean, Ph.D., Principal Scientists, Parsons, discussed dioxin contamination at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits.

Other presenters included Dr. Latrice Babin, Interim Director of Harris County Pollution Control Services, Anne Hutson, Assistant District Attorney, and Bethany Dwyer, Assistant County Attorney.

The symposium is part of the County Attorney's continued environmental protection efforts. Last week, County Attorney Ryan swore-in environmental attorney Clarissa Kay Bauer as an assistant county attorney to help with environmental cases against several large corporations, including ITC, KMCO, Valero and Exxon-Mobil.

"We can only effect the change necessary to protect our environment if we work together," said County Attorney Ryan. "We had a great turnout today, and we will continue to work with all interested agencies and organizations to keep the focus on our environment."

Cody Stephens bill advances in Pennsylvania senate



Scott Stephens (in black hat) at a Rally in the capital building of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg for Peyton's Law (similar to Texas' Cody Law).

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A new bill is headed to the Pennsylvania Senate floor in honor of a King's College student who died of sudden cardiac arrest.

Senate Bill 836, or Peyton's Law, is based on legislation that was just enacted in Texas.

Julie Walker is a Penn State fan, but instead of cheering for a team, the crowd at the State Capitol in Harrisburg was cheering on Senate Bill 836, also known as Peyton's Law, in honor of Julie's daughter. She was 19 years old, studying to be a physician assistant at King's College in Wilkes-Barre when she died six years ago of sudden cardiac arrest, also known as SCA.

"The education committee just voted on Peyton's Law, and it is going to be

pushed to the Senate floor, so I realized there was no stress, no pressure, just a fun, incredible day," Walker said.

Peyton's law, sponsored by Senator Mike Regan of the Harrisburg area, expands on an act from 2012 that required information to be provided to student-athletes about SCA. The foundation says it's the number one killer of student-athletes in the U.S., and the number two medical cause of death of people under age 25.

Cardiac issues can be detected in an electrocardiogram, and this law would require notification of student-athletes and their parents that the test can be part of their standard physical.

It's modeled after a similar bill just passed in Tex-

as, shepherded through by the Stephens family, who lost their son Cody. Monday would have been his birthday.

"This is preventable. This is preventable by a simple ECG test, 86 percent of the cases of SCA can be detected with a five-minute, \$20 test that the Walker Foundation is giving," Scott Stephens said.

"Their hard work in Texas really streamlined the bill, made it more presentable. We took it, and I like to say Pennsylvania-ized it, got support from Republicans and Democrats," said Senator Mike Regan, (R) Cumberland County.

"We continue to give AEDs to the community, 49 states out of 50, and by December 2, we'll be in our 50th state. Let the beat go on," Rachel Moyer said.

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FOR the proposal: Allen Hall, Hugo Arriaga, Edna Ponder, Tomas Fernandez, and Bud Mills

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.60000/\$100	\$.60000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 148,995	\$ 158,896
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 148,995	\$ 158,896
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 893.97	\$ 953.37
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 59.40	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	6.64%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Income Tax on Social Security vs. the Earnings Test

Dear Rusty: I retired from work this year (age 62) and I will receive my first social security benefits in September. Is there a special rule for the first year you retire that allows you to not pay taxes on your social security since you have earned no other income since you retired? Before I retired, I earned about \$50,000, which I know is more than the usual allowed income. Signed: Retired Senior

Dear Retired Senior: I'm afraid there is no such "first year" rule which exempts you from paying income tax on your Social Security benefits. When you file your Federal income taxes with the IRS you will need to claim your Social Security (SS) benefits as part of your income, and whether it is taxable will depend upon whether your "modified adjusted gross income" (MAGI) for the year exceeds \$25,000 (if you file single) or \$32,000 (if you file married-jointly). "MAGI" includes your taxable income from all sources (your "adjusted gross income" from your Federal income tax return), plus any tax-exempt interest you may have received, plus half of your annual Social Security benefits. If your MAGI exceeds the above levels, then up to 50% of your Social Security benefits will become a part of your taxable income; or if you exceed \$34,000 (filing single) or \$44,000 (filing married-jointly) then up to 85% of your annual SS benefits will become taxable. If you don't exceed those levels your SS benefits aren't taxable as income.

However, I suspect you may be confusing income tax on your Social Security benefits with another rule - Social Security's "earnings test" which, if you have not yet reached your full retirement age, sets a limit on what you can earn without your benefit payments being affected. If you are collecting benefits before you have reached your full retire-

ment age and you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019) Social Security will withhold some of your benefits - \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If that is what you're referring to then, yes, there is a special rule for the first year you are collecting Social Security. That special first year rule says that if you claim benefits mid-year and you have not yet reached your full retirement age, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings test for the remainder of that year, rather than the annual test. So, if your benefits start in September, provided you don't earn more than \$1470 in September or any month thereafter in 2019 you won't lose any benefits. But if you do exceed that monthly limit, even by \$1, you won't be entitled to any SS benefits for that month. The monthly test is only in the calendar year you claim benefits - it goes away for you in 2020 and you'll be subject to the annual earnings test only for next year.

Please note that the earnings limits are considerably more if you are claiming in the year you will reach your full retirement age. If this were the year you will reach your full retirement age, the annual limit would be \$46,920 and the monthly limit would be \$3910 (these limits change annually). However, if you stay fully retired and don't return to work you will not need to worry about the Social Security earnings test but, depending on your "MAGI," you may need to pay income taxes on your Social Security benefits.

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Terrorism prevention programs across Texas to receive funding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 15 announced \$61.2 million in Homeland Security Grant Program funding to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and prepare for threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texans.

The awards, released primarily to cities and counties across Texas, include 264 projects under the State Homeland Security Program and 136 projects through the Urban Area Security Initiative.

"As governor, my top priority is keeping our communities safe," Abbott said in a news release. "These grants will ensure our communities have the resources they need to counter terrorism statewide and enhance security for all Texans. Our ongoing efforts to keep Texas safe would not be possible without our partnership with the federal government, and I thank them for their continued assistance."

Larger expenditures of grant monies would be applied as follows:

- \$24.3 million to provide equipment, training and exercise support for local, regional and state-level response teams such as SWAT, bomb, HAZMAT and search and rescue, and for other law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services personnel that serve communities across the state;

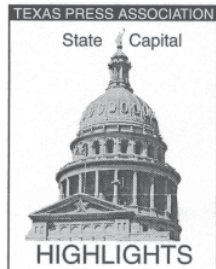
- \$13.4 million to support statewide planning and preparedness efforts that provide the foundation for effective homeland security capability development and implementation;

- \$8.3 million to sustain and enhance operational communications capabilities facilitating information sharing and coordination essential for the successful response to all types of threats and hazards; and

- \$3.2 million to support state and regional fusion centers promoting ongoing intelligence and information sharing capabilities and analysis, production and exchange of critical threat data between federal, state and lo-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Research first, then vote

Ballots in the Nov. 5 election will include proposed constitutional amendments, special elections and local political subdivision elections, including those for mayor, city council, school board, municipal utility districts and other local entities.

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs on Oct. 16 encouraged eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period ahead of the election, which began on Oct. 21 and will end on Nov. 1.

Hughs, the state's chief election officer, also urged voters to research the candidates, amendments and measures that will appear on their ballots as they prepare to make their voices heard.

Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot in upcoming elections may call 1-800-252-VOTE.

AG announces set-lement

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 18 announced a \$117 million multistate settlement with Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Ethicon Inc. for deceptively marketing transvaginal surgical mesh devices.

Texas was joined in the lawsuit by 40 other states and the District of Columbia. The Lone Star State's share of the settlement is nearly \$9 million.

Transvaginal surgical mesh is a synthetic material that is surgically implanted through the vagina to support the pelvic organs of women who suffer from stress urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse. The settlement was reached after a multistate investigation, launched in 2012, found that the companies failed to adequately disclose the products' possible side effects.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Oct. 18 announced that the Texas economy added 7,600 seasonally adjusted total non-farm positions in September and the unemployment rate held steady at 3.4 percent for the fourth month in a row.

The September unemployment rate matches the all-time record low first set in June, the lowest recorded unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976.

Leading job growth in September was the professional and business services sector, which added 9,600 jobs. The construction sector followed, adding 7,200 jobs. Education and health services added another 1,800 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded August's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.0 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.5. The Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Odessa MSAs each recorded the third-lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

Effort promotes safety

Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways, and since that day, fatalities resulting from vehicle crashes on Texas roadways have numbered more than 65,000, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

In its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign, TxDOT is taking safety messages to community events in the oil-and-gas producing Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale regions, where driving-related fatalities are high. The campaign is part of #EndTheStreakTX, a social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road.

THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"An Autumn Tale"

My parents live in a cabin deep in the north woods. I know this sounds like the start of a fairytale. Sometimes it seems a bit like one.

There are bear in the woods. Deer run in herds. The seasons are far more pronounced and extreme than those I am used to. After a day of glorious autumn sunshine on my bare arms, I woke in the middle of the night and saw, in the moonlight, that snow had covered the ground, turning the green grass white.

"It won't last," my mother assured everyone within earshot. "There's still a lot of nice fall days to come."

I knew she was right, but those snowflakes were a not-so-subtle reminder that summer was officially over and a very different season on its way. Autumn brings a sense of anticipation and a tiny dose of dread.

The weather turned dark and rainy. I went for a walk in a rain poncho I'd hauled around in a pouch for two years and never worn. The poncho was bright red, I discovered. I pulled the hood up over a broad brimmed hat and headed out.

I was walking down a narrow road in a light rain when I heard the pickup stop behind me. I turned around and saw a woman and a young girl in the truck.

"Maybe they're lost," I thought. I wouldn't be of much help if they were, a virtual stranger there myself. But I stopped as the woman rolled down her window. She looked at me for a moment.

"I thought you were someone I knew," she announced. "Oh," I replied, temporarily at a loss for words.

"Would you like some apples?" she asked.

"Um... you have apples?" I thought perhaps she had picked the last of the season's fruit. I looked in the back of her truck. There was nothing there.

"Yes," she said. "I just bought some."

"What kind are they?" I was expecting she'd tell me they were McIntosh or Winesaps. It was apple season, after all. "Walmart," she replied.

"Oh," I said. "Do you want some?" she asked again. "You can have the whole bag if you want!" I had no idea what the correct response was, but this seemed like it was pretty important to her.

"Um... sure, I'll take one," I decided. The truck was a double cab. She jumped out of the front and opened the backseat door.

"My daughter says you look like Little Red Riding Hood," she told me.

"I guess I do!" I agreed.

She reached into a bag and pulled out an apple. It was tiny and bright red. She handed it to me. Her nails were long and white and pointed. I looked at the bright yellow leaves on the wet pavement and her long white nails holding a shiny red apple. I suddenly felt a little nervous.

I took the unnaturally red apple.

"Thanks!"

"I used to walk here all the time," she told me. "I used to walk here every day!"

"Ah!" I responded, feeling seriously awkward.

The little girl was staring at me. I wondered if I was expected to eat the apple on the spot.

"Well, I better get on home!" I announced, tucking the apple in my pack.

"Bye-bye!" she said. The truck started up and they drove off.

When I got back to my parents' cabin, I told my mother what had happened. My mother looked at the bright red apple for a long moment.

"Maybe we should just keep that apple for decoration," my mother said.

Maybe we should. Till next time, Carrie

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ROUND-UP

Breast Health Event

The "Ladies Night Out for Breast Health" event hosted by Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital provides the ideal opportunity for Baytown area women to schedule this potentially life-saving examination.

The annual breast care event is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the hospital's conference center classroom. In addition to being able to schedule a mammogram, participants will have the chance to speak with breast care specialists about maintaining optimal breast health care and enjoy music, refreshments and fun activities.

Goss Memorial Library events

These are the event taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, October 28, 2019.

- Tuesday, October 29 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)
- Thursday, October 31 - 4:00 pm, Kids Halloween Party Music, games, craft, snacks and fun. Wear your Costume! (ages 0- 11)
- Friday, November 1 - 10:30 am & 2:00 pm, Story time (ages 0-5)
Call Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245 with any questions.

Fall Festival

Pct. 2 presentd Fall Festival on Thursday, October 31, 2019, 5 pm - 9 pm at J.D. Walker Community Center, 7613 Wade Rd., Baytown, TX. Enjoy music, food, games, special showing of Goosebumps 2 starting at 7 pm. For more information, please call 281-426-3551.

Treats on the Trail

October 31, 2019 - Trick or Treat on the Jenkins Park Trail, 5:30 pm - 10 pm, 4334 Crosby Cedar Bayou Rd., Baytown, Tx 77520.

Annual Veterans Day

Judge Lucia Bates would like to invite local Veterans to a free breakfast at the courthouse, 701 W. Baker Rd., Suite 101 Baytown. Please reserve by calling 713-274-0904 by Friday, Nov. 1

Baytown Sterling Rangers lose 63-0 against North Shore Mustangs

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium - Friday, October 18, 2019 the North Shore Mustangs easily defeated the Baytown Sterling Rangers 63 - 0 remaining undefeated in district play.

The Mustangs offense kept the scoreboard lit up with 9 touchdowns (TD's), with 433 total yards. They had 231 rushing yards and 202 passing yards.

The 9 Mustang touchdowns were made by, Zion Antoine (1), Shadrach Banks (2), Marcus Cockrell 64 yard punt return TD & 55 yard interception TD (2), Dematrius Davis (1), Zach Evans, 62 yards TD (1), Zorhan Rideaux (1), Ismael Villafuerte (1). Kicker John Villalobos again was perfect making all 9 extra point kicks.

Coach Jon Kay's defense



Photo by Allan Jamail

Marcus Cockrell, on the Mustangs Special Team with a 64 yard touchdown punt return.

continues to give up few yards and points shutting out the Rangers with no points allowed, holding them to minus 11 rushing and only 18 yards passing.

The 6A Region III District 21 champion will be decided when North Shore

travels to Beaumont and plays the West Brook Bruins both undefeated 4-0 in district play. The game is on Thursday, October 24th @ 7 PM @ 5250 Bayou Willow Way -- Beaumont, Texas 77707.

MONT BELVIEU

Emergency preparedness exercise this weekend

CHAMBERS COUNTY - The Chambers County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program will be participating in the Operation Paratus 2019 Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) full-scale exercise from Thursday, Oct. 24 to Saturday, Oct. 26. This exercise provides state and local officials with an opportunity to practice a coordinated response to a public health emergency that requires dispensing life-saving medications to people in Southeast Texas.

Residents may see increased law enforcement and first responder activity at public schools and community buildings during the exercise. Barbers Hill High School is one of the designated points of dispensing for this event.

An act of terrorism, infectious disease outbreak

or major natural disaster may create a large-scale public health emergency that would require rapid access to large quantities of medicine and other medical supplies. The purpose of the Strategic National Stockpile is to distribute and dispense those items to the largest number of people in the least amount of time. The SNS program maintains large stockpiles around the country so they can be delivered quickly to states and local communities in case of emergency.

Planning, training, and exercising these emergency response plans will preserve and protect the health and lives of the citizens of Texas against a wide range of lifethreatening risks. Again, the events on October 24-26, 2019 are only training events/exercises. Not a real life event.

West Chambers County Pilot Club at Barbers Hill Fall Fest

Members of West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc recently attended the 2019 Barbers Hill Fall Fest. Members gave out candy and 144 bicycle safety helmets. Their booth won the best Non-profit booth at the festival.

Pictured to the right (left to right) are West Chambers County Pilot Club President Chelsea George, Director Jan Jones, President-Elect Angela Fackler, Past-President Marla Van Pelt, Susan Hudnall, and Cheryl Ledet.

Pictured left to right are Cheryl Ledet, West Chambers County Pilot Club President Chelsea George, West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Macie Schubert and Pilot Club President-Elect Angela Fackler.



WCC Pilot Club attends Council meeting



Members of West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc recently attended the 2019 Texas District South Fall Council in Gonzales, Texas. 87 Pilots from all across Texas attended the Council. Pictured left to right are Texas District Project Coordinator Linda Gilmore, Registration Chair Linda Polk, standing and Texas District Pilot Club Governor-Elect Linda Vaclavik, sitting.

DAYTON

City receives \$4.8 Million infrastructure grant

The City of Dayton has been awarded a \$4.8 million grant by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant will support infrastructure improvements, including the construction of a utility extension, road expansion, and signal installation, to serve the Gulf Inland Logistics Park. This will serve as a catalyst for economic expansion in Dayton. The grant, to be matched with \$1.5 million in local funds, is expected to create 5,000 jobs, and attract \$137 million in private investment. The matching funds will come from the park's developer, CMC Railroad.

The City received support for the grant application from the office of Congressman Dr. Brian Babin. "I was proud to support Dayton's application for vital federal disaster grant funding to support and expand its existing city infrastructure and industrial growth," said Rep. Babin. "I know that EDA funding for the City of Day-

ton's project will be a much needed proverbial economic 'shot in the arm' to the recovery of our community."

Mayor Caroline Wadzeck stated "The Congressman's support and assistance are greatly appreciated. This project is of vital importance to our city's future growth and prosperity."

Grant funds will be used to extend water and sewer services down U.S. Highway 90 to Stilson Road and down Stilson Road to Gulf Inland Logistics Park. Stilson Road will be improved to support heavy-haul traffic.

City Manager Theo Melancon stated "We are immensely proud of all stakeholders who took part in making this happen for Dayton. The City Council is committed to building a vibrant and resilient Dayton in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Gulf Inland Logistics Park is only the

United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County raising funds for Imelda recovery

Baytown, Texas: (October 21, 2019) - Baytown Area & Chambers County Disaster Recovery partnership is the long-term recovery group representing greater Baytown and all of Chambers County. This is a United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County program that became active with Hurricane Harvey. It is a volunteer group that oversees the use of disaster recovery donations. They ensure donor's gifts are maximized to support repairs and help individuals return to clean, safe and secure homes.

Recovery is a long process and Tropical Storm Imelda recovery needs to begin immediately. "Most if not all houses have gone through the initial clean-up - muck and gut - and now we need to move to the repair stage and return houses to "home" status." Said BACC DR

Chairman Guido Persiani.

In order to begin repairs, funds need to be raised. Imelda did not hold the national media's attention and donations have been slow to come in. With it being declared a federal disaster, FEMA monies will be invested into the community. However, private donations are critical to make a dent in the recovery process. United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County is asking for financial support.

"We want to thank ONE-OK and Chevron Phillips for their donations to support Imelda recovery," said Persiani. "They immediately responded to the need."

With the number of homes that will need to be repaired, donations are greatly needed. The community needs your help again. Please sign up to volunteer or donate today.

At this time, your United Way is:

- Raising funds to support recovery. There are two online sites or donations by check can be mailed to UWGBACC, 5309 Decker Dr, Baytown, TX 77520. Write Imelda on the memo line.

www.unitedwaygbacc.org/give, please type Imelda in the designation area.

- Recruiting volunteers for Imelda and Harvey repairs. Register to volunteer online at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/disaster-recovery-volunteer-application.

United Way was instrumental in the immediate recovery from Harvey. More than 2000 individuals received help and either returned to or found safe, sanitary and secure housing.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

45th Texas Renaissance Festival now open thru December 1st



The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest and most acclaimed Renaissance-themed event. Established in 1974, the event attracts more than half a million visitors each year to its 55-acre recreation of a 16th century European village. This immersive experience features world-renowned live entertainment, works by master artists and craftspeople, award-winning food and drink, hand-powered rides and games, and over 100 interactive characters during its nine themed weekends from Oct. 5 through Dec. 1, 2019. The festival and the adjacent Fields of New Market Campground are located in Todd Mission, Texas, 50 miles northwest of downtown Houston. For more information, visit

TexRenFest.com. The 45th season will feature nine themed weekends, including Oktoberfest, 1001 Dreams, Barbarian Invasion, Pirate Adventure, All Hallows Eve, Heroes and Villains, Highland Fling and Celtic Christmas. A special themed weekend on Nov. 2-3, Return to the Renaissance, celebrates the festival's 45th anniversary and takes a nostalgic look back at the festival's beginnings. "We are thrilled to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Texas Renaissance Festival this season," said Joe Bailey, CEO and General Manager, Texas Renaissance Festival. "We look forward to continuing the magical enchantment that can only be found within the gates of the festival."

Hopper Primary receives attendance improvement award

Dr. Randal O'Brien (front), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, and (from left) Dr. Melissa Duarte, deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction; Matt Flood, chief technology officer and Becky Robins, director of curriculum and instruction, present an incentive check for \$500 to Maria Rosas, Hopper Primary principal (front left); Sandy Bocox (third row, second from right) and Jessica Turpen (fourth row, right) along with Hopper Grasshoppers for increasing the attendance rate by .77 percent. Goose Creek CISD has initiated an attendance campaign this year to increase awareness of the importance of good attendance habits. Missing School = Missing Out! Every Minute Matters!



Harlem students perform at Goose Creek ISD board meeting

Harlem Elementary School choir students perform during the opening exercises of a recent Goose Creek CISD board meeting. Pictured are (back, from left) Yurely Bustos, Dustin Argweo, Jordan Sagrero, Hailey Gray, Amy Castanon, (front, from left) Karla Roadeleon, Yasmin Meza, Jazlyn Wize, Vivian Martinez and Zeina Cruz. Not pictured is Gryphon Baldonado. The students are under the direction of Lawrence Creeks, choir director, and Betty Baca, principal.



Photo by Mima Trujillo

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE 2019 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #14

The notice concerns 2019 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14. It presents information about three (3) tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$350,458.00
Last year's debt taxes	0
Last year's total taxes	\$350,458.00
Last year's tax base	\$701,468,430.00
Last year's adopted tax rate	\$0.500/\$100.00

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$350,026.00
This year's adjusted tax base	\$768,549,406.00
This year's effective tax rate.	\$0.046027/\$100.00

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (After subtracting taxes on lost property and any other adjustments by law)	\$350,026.00
This year's adjusted tax base	\$761,409,590.00
This year's effective operating rate	\$0.046027/\$100
x 1.08 = maximum operating rate	\$0.0497091/\$100
This year's debt rate	\$0.024152/\$100
This year's rollback rate	\$0.0521243/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
ESD#14 has adopted a rate of \$0.0500/\$100. Total taxes will increase from 2018 taxes by \$3,067.00

Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's tax account at the end of the fiscal year

Type of Property tax Fund Balance	General Fund \$0
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Current Year Debt Service
The taxing unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debt that are secured by property taxes. These amount will be paid from property tax revenues
2019 Debt Service \$ 185,621.00

This notice contains a summary of actual, effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Weston Cotten, PC
1500 E. Wallsville Road
Highlands, TX 77562

Name of person preparing this notice: Weston Cotten, District Counsel
Date : Sep 9, 2019

Disaster Recovery centers open in Harris, Jefferson, Chambers to help Imelda Survivors

AUSTIN, Texas – Joint state/federal Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) and a Mobile DRC will be opening Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20 in Harris, Jefferson, and Chambers County to help disaster survivors affected by Tropical Storm Imelda.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), local and state agencies will be at the center to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest disaster loans. They can also help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance. The centers will be at the following locations:

- Harris County Social Services Building
9418 Jensen Drive
Houston, TX 77093
Opening Oct. 19, 2019 at 7 a.m.

- May County Center
2100 Wolf Road
Huffman, TX 77336
Opening Oct. 20, 2019 at 7 a.m.

The mobile DRC will be available at the following location:

- Winnie Stowell Community Bld.
335 South Park St.
Winnie, Texas 77665
Opening Oct. 20, 2019 at 7 a.m.
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Seven days a week (un-

til further notice)

A mobile DRC is a disaster resource that allows state and local officials to maximize their reach to as many affected areas and survivors as possible. The centers offer in-person support to Texas homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained damage or losses during Tropical Storm Imelda.

Texas homeowners, renters and business owners in Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange counties that were included in the major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance may apply for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses incurred from Sept. 17 – 23, 2019.

Individual Assistance for homeowners and renters may be eligible for grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs.

To register, go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages and phone lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Survivors who plan to register with FEMA at a DRC should have the following information:
- Social Security number

- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Low-interest disaster loans from SBA are also available to businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters to cover residential and business losses as a result of the disaster. Applicants can visit the DRC for one-on-one assistance, visit www.SBA.gov/disaster, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955.

Disaster recovery centers are accessible to people with disabilities. American Sign Language interpreters may be available to assist at a DRC.

FEMA Disaster survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 to register. Those who use 711 or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center may call 800-621-3362. All disaster recovery centers are accessible and equipped with tools to accommodate disaster survivors who need disability-related communication aids.

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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Rotary District Governor Gary Gillen visits Highlands

Sheila McDonald, Highlands Rotary Club president, presents a check to District 5890 Governor Gary Gillen, in support of the Rotary Foundation. Gillen said that over the life of the club, they have donated \$211,000 to the Foundation.

Gillen emphasized the international nature of Rotary, with 1.2 million members worldwide. In 2022 the international convention will be held in Houston. The Rotary motto this year is "Rotary connects the World."



Highlands VFD BBQ and Raffle

The 72nd Annual Highlands VFD BBQ & Raffle, a fundraiser for the firefighters, was held last Saturday, Oct. 19 at Station 17. The money also funds the fire prevention programs at local schools.

A large crowd enjoyed the excellent food, games, and silent auction, as well as the raffle prizes.

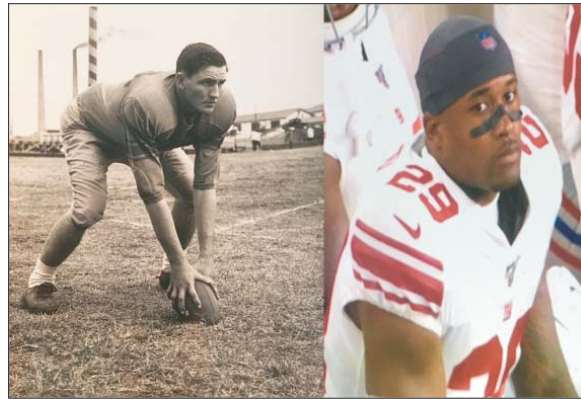
PHOTO AT RIGHT: Adisya Speaks pulls the raffle tickets. BOTTOM PHOTO: Children always have fun at the Bounce Castle, and slide.

Winners of the Raffle were:
 -- Carlton Adam, \$1000 gift card
 -- Debbie Pregeant, \$750 gift card
 -- Jeanette Young, \$500 gift card
 -- Roger Simmons, \$250 gift card
 -- Robert Mansfield, BBQ Pit Boss Pellet Smoker.

The Highlands Fire Department was founded in 1942. Harvey Little has been chief for 27 years. The department has 16 pieces of equipment, and runs EMS ambulance service 24/7/365.



Historic Crosby Photo



With the return of 2019 NFL season to our TV screens a few weeks ago, it seems timely to point out that the town of Crosby has had at least a couple of its high school graduates make it into the NFL. Playing for the NFL is a fairly rare achievement with only about 1700 professional players in any given season. In all, only about 24,000 players have ever played in the NFL, which isn't that many when you consider that the NFL began way back in 1920 as the American Professional Football Association. The first paid player was in 1892 in Pittsburgh. He signed a \$500 contract. Today the average salary is almost \$2 million per season.

Pictured on the left is Leo Rucka. He graduated from Crosby High School in 1950, and went on to play for Rice University. He was drafted in 1954 by the San Francisco 49ers. He was a backup center on the 1956 team, but his career was cut short when he was drafted to go to the Korean War after only five games in the NFL. The picture of him here is from his time in the service when he played football for the armed forces. He later played for the Canadian Football League, and was eventually inducted into the Rice Football Hall of Fame.

Pictured on the right is Austin Walter. He and his twin brother Aston graduated from Crosby High School in 2014. Like Leo, they both received scholarships to play for Rice University. Austin graduated last year and was invited to the San Francisco 49ers tryouts, and received a contract to join the summer training camp roster. He played in their final preseason game, and came close to scoring

a touchdown in his limited minutes near the end of the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, he did not make the 53-man roster for the regular season, but he caught the attention of the injury riddled New York Giants. They signed him to a contract a few days ago, on October 10th. He is now their third string running back (pictured here). He had a stand out career at Rice, where he led the country in all-purpose yards, and was only the fourth player in Rice's history to eclipse 4000 all-purpose yards.

Austin's twin brother Aston, had a number of injuries while at Rice. However, he was granted an additional year of eligibility because of them, and he is currently playing his final season for the Owls. He is finally healthy this season, and rushed for over 100 yards and two touchdowns in their game against Louisiana Tech in one of his best games as an Owl. We'll have to wait until next year to see if he also gets a chance at the NFL.

There may be other Crosby alumni who have made it to the NFL, that I am unaware of. 1978 alumni, Anthony Brock won a divisional championship with the USFL Houston Gamblers in 1984 as a defensive linebacker. There have also been a number of NFL cheerleaders from Crosby.

This is the ninth photo in a series, of historic photos of Crosby and the surrounding area in honor of its upcoming bicentennial. Over the next few weeks, we will hopefully present some more historic photos. Crosby was settled in 1823, making it one of the oldest settlements in Texas. Lifelong resident Jody Fuchs, is preparing a photographic history of the community in preparation for the upcoming event, and is looking for other old or interesting photos of the community. He is working with members of the Crosby Historical Society, Donna Davenport and Klaus Duda. In October, the Historical Society will hold a meeting, where Jody will present some of the 1000's of old photos that he has collected thus far in preparation of this project. The meeting is free and open to any interested persons, so please feel free to join us at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 19th at the Crosby Brethren Church.

The book will cover the entire 200-year pictorial history of the town, as well as briefly covering the surrounding communities of Highlands, Huffman, Lynchburg, Barrett, Baytown, Liberty, etc. If you have any interesting photos or artifacts of the area or its residents from 1823 until the present, please contact the Crosby Historical Society at 281-731-7010.

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Imelda Recovery, Crosby Education Foundation supports Crosby ISD academic programs

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ing. There were more than 275 volunteers who partnered with United Way in assisting 139 households with more than 160 projects. All of the cleaning supplies were donated by individuals and companies. To date, more than 50 homes have been repaired.

For more than 70 years,

United Way of the Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County has tackled our community's most difficult issues in the areas of education, financial stability and health. For more information about your United Way, visit: www.unitedwaygbacc.org

Infrastructure,

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beginning of job creation in the area. This grant is an integral part of creating primary, living wage jobs for the entire region."

The EDA is investing \$48 million in the state of Texas to help prepare for natural disasters and promote economic resilience and business growth. The EDA

grants are expected to be matched with \$13.2 million in local funds, help create 7,487 jobs, retain 225 jobs, and generate \$6 billion in private investment.

For more information, contact Theo Melancon, City Manager at (936) 258-2642.



The Crosby Education Foudation presented the Board of Trustees with a check for over \$136,000 to fund teachers grants. This year the foundation raised enough money to fund 93% of the teacher grants submitted.

Early Voting,

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lion bond referendum, to be used for water, sewer, and drainage system improvements, and approval of an Ad Valorem tax in payment of the bonds.

METRO BOND ISSUE

Proposition A on the ballot would authorize a \$3.5 billion bond issue, to be used for METRO street improvements, mobility projects, and other facilities. Funds for this work would come from the existing Sales Tax, and there would not be any additional taxes required. Projects included in this proposal are a new MetroRapid Bus System, more HOV lanes, and extension of the MetroRail system.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Texans will vote on 10 new Constitutional Amendments on November 5th. The issues addressed include a state income tax, creating a flood infrastructure fund, and funding for the Cancer Research and Prevention Institute of Texas. The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV) conducts research on each amendment to provide fair and unbiased information to Texas voters.

"The Texas Constitution is among the longest in the country. Since it was adopted in 1876, 498 amendments have been approved by Texas voters. You decide which of the 10 proposed amendments will become part of the Texas Constitution," says LWV president Grace Chimene.

The League's Voters

Guide is available online on the LWV website and Texas voters can review their ballot, make choices, and print out their choices from VOTE411.org. The printed Voters Guide can be found at many Texas public libraries. Texas voters may take the printed Voters Guide, their VOTE411.org printed list, or their own notes into the polling booth. They may not use their phone in the polling place.

Amendments to consider in this election:

-- Proposition 1 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow a municipal judge to be elected in more than one jurisdiction.

-- Proposition 2 (SJR 79) would allow the Water Development Board to issue general obligation bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP). The outstanding bonds could not exceed \$200 million. The bonds would be used to develop water supply and sewer projects in economically depressed areas of the state. The EDAP assists water infrastructure projects when the median income of a region is less than 75% of the state's median income.

-- Proposition 3 would allow the Texas Legislature to give a temporary property tax exemption in a disaster area.

-- Proposition 4 would prohibit the Texas Legislature from establishing a personal state income tax.

-- Proposition 5 would

require the Legislature to allocate sales tax revenue from sporting goods sales to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission.

-- Proposition 6 would authorize the Legislature to double the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to \$6 billion.

-- Proposition 7 would double the amount of money that the General Land Office could distribute to the Available School Fund to \$600 million.

-- Proposition 8 would create a Flood Infrastructure Fund to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control products.

-- Proposition 9 would authorize the legislature to exempt precious metals held in a Texan precious metal depository to be exempted from property taxes.

-- Proposition 10 would allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.

CITY OF HOUSTON

For those residents that live in the City of Houston, there will also be an election of a Mayor, from a field of 12 candidates. The incumbent, Sylvester Turner, is running for re-election. Some of the well-known challengers are Bill King, Tony Buzbee, and Dwight Boykins.

The position of City Controller is also open, with incumbent Chris Brown vs. Orlando Sanchez.

City Council will vote on and elect 16 new members, some representing districts and some at-

large.

City residents will also find four HISD trustee positions up for election, and Houston Community College will elect three trustees.

A number of MUD districts, not in this area, are holding bond referendums and directors elections.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote for 11/5 Election: October 7

Early Voting: October 21 to November 1

Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot: October 25

Vote by Mail Deadline: Must be received by November 5 at 7pm

Election Day: Nov. 5

VOTER ID INFORMATION

In Texas, you are required to bring a valid form of ID with you to the polls. There are 7 forms of ID you can use: a Driver's License, a US passport, a US military photo ID, a Texas Personal Identification card, a photo US citizenship certificate, or a Texas Election Identification Certificate. If you do not have a photo ID or cannot reasonably obtain one, you may still vote upon signing a form and presenting an original copy of your Voter Registration Card, certified birth certificate, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck with your name and address on it.

For help on registering to vote, checking your registration status, or finding what's on your ballot, visit VOTE411.org or our voting webpage.

Recycling disappears,

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of life within the Precinct. Our Environmental Crimes Division has been extremely successful since beginning in taking enforcement action in the changing of numerous suspects in misdemeanor and felony cases. In the beginning of the year, we realized that we needed to take a step further. Since then we've established liaisons in each community to address environmental issues. We are currently working to forge partnerships with private sectors in East Harris County to improve recycling. We're in the process of reaching out to local businesses who are willing to let us put recycling bins on their property."

Where before 2016 reducing landfill intake and giving some a place to work, the commodity collapse however jacked up the cost from nothing to \$92 per ton for hauling and processing. Where once Waste Management would haul and split profits with charities, they found costs exceeding and other companies went belly up.

Recycling in America from paper was propped up by China's willingness to purchase much of it, ostensibly for recycling and

reuse by its domestic industries. But in 2018, when China decided it didn't want the paper waste, it slashed the amount it would take and required the rest to be nearly pristine in content, so recyclables plummeted in value. Now there was no one to sell an excess of paper to and prices hit a negative.

A ton of recycled paper saves the equivalent of 17 trees, more than 16,000 gallons of water and 5,500 pounds of carbon dioxide, plus locals are more likely to recycle paper; collection rates for paper are above 60% far above other types of waste.

Fleets of trucks have to pick waste paper up and employ facilities to clean it, pulp it and make it into rolls of recycled paper. Recycled paper can be sold to manufacturers.

Now, there is a positive chance that the low price of discarded paper could make it cheaper for consumer companies to use it in their products. And, paper products biodegrade, so paper products are rising in demand again. Containers and wrapping makes up about 30% of American trash styrofoam and plastic is being found needing to be replaced by biodegradables.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for Construction of the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project to serve the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Harris County MUD 50, 12900 Crosby-Lynchburg, Crosby, TX 77532, until 1:00 P.M. local time, November 14, 2019 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the office of Harris County MUD 50 on November 6, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to rehabilitate a portion of the existing sanitary sewer collection system within the District and the adjoining service area. Project work consists of point repairs of existing sanitary sewers, grease removal, root removal, pipe bursting, cured-in-place pipe lining, manhole inflow protection dish installation, manhole rehabilitation, and manhole cover replacement. The scope also includes the replacement of a force main under an existing Harris County roadway. The project pavement demolition and reconstruction, storm water pollution prevention plan and traffic control plan will be performed as necessary.

This project is eligible for CWSRF funding; therefore, the following requirements apply:
• This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
• "Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract.
• This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.
• "Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60."
• This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

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• Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.
• Right to reject any and all bids.
• All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
• Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivCastUSA.com; Search Harris County MUD No. 50 - 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Questions deadline is November 8th at 5:00 P.M. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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