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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Free shuttle to Recovery Center for North Channel areas

The Harris County Community Services Department of Transit Services will be providing FREE shuttle bus services for flood victims, from the Jim Fonteno Courthouse Annex on Wallisville Road, to the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center located at the Baytown Community Center.

Shuttle bus service will begin on Thursday, September 14, 2017 through Wednesday, September 20, 2017, except Sunday.

Shuttle bus route will run every hour starting from the Courthouse Annex at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the final trip being from the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at 7:00 p.m.

Areas provided but not limited to, are North Shore/ North Channel Area, Channelview, Galena Park, Jacinto City and Cloverleaf.

Pick up Location: Jim Fonteno Annex, 14350 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049

Drop off Location: Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77520

For more information please call 713-578-2216. www.HarrisCountyTransit.com.

Annual San Jacinto Pilot Club Spaghetti Dinner

The 30th annual San Jacinto Pilot Club Spaghetti Dinner & Auction has been set for Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Live Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. at Baldree building located at 13828 Corpus Christi St. (behind Grayson Center), \$10 dinner tickets.

Proceeds are donated back to the community for scholarships and community programs. For more information, please call 281-221-1616.

First responders sue over Arkema fumes

CROSBY – Seven first responders and as many as 20 homeowners have filed suit over fumes from the Arkema plant explosions on Sept. 7.

The suits allege gross negligence and demand at least \$1 million in damages in Harris County District Court.

Fifteen Harris County deputies and eight ambulance crews including the Medical Service Director were hospitalized on Sept. 3 after the last of refrigerated trailers exploded at the Arkema

plant.

Reports indicate that ambulance personnel flung themselves onto their own ambulance gurneys and deputies vomited on the spot but most refused to be taken by ambulance because they would not vacate their vehicles due to munitions aboard their patrol units and elected to drive themselves to the hospitals.

The suit alleges that Arkema had days of warning to be prepared for the disaster. It was

over 500,000 gallons of organic peroxides within the nine refrigeration trailers that without the refrigeration capacity were expected to explode said the company. On August 31, the first of a series of explosions of the trailers dispersed throughout the plant's property went off.

Although the Harris County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in-

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Deputies and EMS personnel stand ready on US90 the night of September 7th, outside the 1-1/2 mile safe zone.



Several fires and subsequent explosions sent black smoke and fumes into the sky near Crosby.

Hurricane Recovery Event held at Galena Park



WELLNESS SCREENING AND A MOBILE CLINIC VAN were part of the on-site Public Health Services brought to Galena Park by the Harris County Public Health department.



MOSQUITOS were fought by free cans of spray repellent, after you viewed a video of the health dangers of mosquitos and how to avoid them.



PET dogs & cats could get free microchipping, and pet food. Those cats and dogs in the same cage seem very happy together.

including blood pressure and blood sugar tests
-- WIC services and nutritional information
-- Mosquito control and education
-- Food safety and clean water education
-- Free Pet food and microchipping for dogs and cats

In addition, bags of groceries with bulk canned vegetables, hand cleaner, and crackers were also given out as basic subsistence.

More photos and information are available on page 8 of this issue. See @hephtx on Twitter for more scheduled stops.

ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT

Oil spill into Ship Channel from Magellan/Galena Park

GALENA PARK – Authorities are investigating a major gasoline spill from two storage tanks in Galena Park, damaged by flood waters from Hurricane Harvey. The tanks belong to Magellan Midstream, in Galena Park. The spill happened on Thursday, August 31 but was just recently reported.

The size of the spill, 11,000 barrels or 461,000 gallons, makes this a major environmental problem. However, the company said that they were able to contain the spill almost immediately, and only a small amount leaked into a drainage ditch and on to the Ship Channel. Spokesperson Bruce Heine said that the company covered the spill



MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM has oil storage tanks and pipelines in Galena Park, similar to this view from their website.

with firefighting foam to prevent harmful vapors from escaping into the air, and used containment floats to keep the liquid from spreading, and then it was recovered. They are currently excavating contaminated soil and trucking it to an approved landfill.

The Magellan terminal

is near Hunting Bayou and the Ship Channel in Galena Park. The original estimate of the size of the spill was 1000 barrels, but raised when officials were able to access the area.

Harvey floodwaters caused other spills, from ExxonMobil, Valero, KinderMorgan, and Phillips elsewhere in Texas.

AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY

Initial inspections completed on Superfund Sites

AUSTIN – September 8, 2017 - Governor Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and have completed the initial assessments of all 60 Superfund sites in the affected area caused by Hurricane Harvey. The TCEQ has completed the assessment of all 17 state Superfund sites in the affected areas with no major issues noted. EPA has also completed site assessments at all 43 Superfund sites in the affected area. Of all

the sites, two (San Jacinto and U.S. Oil Recovery) require additional precautionary assessment efforts. Assessments of these sites will take several days to complete.

"It is imperative that the State of Texas work in close collaboration with our federal partners at the EPA to ensure that the safety of the people in these areas," said Governor Abbott. "I am pleased at the swift action by the TCEQ and the EPA to assess these threats, and I'm thankful for dedication of the profes-

sionals at both the state and federal level who have worked so diligently to evaluate the affected areas."

"Recognizing the importance of potential environmental impacts, TCEQ staff took swift action by getting to the impacted state Superfund sites as soon as possible to assess potential damage," said TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw.

State and federal environmental agencies will continue to work together to monitor all state and federal Superfund sites to ensure the

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crosby Fair & Rodeo elects board

Poor visibility kills cyclist in Huffman



At the membership meeting On Sept. 11, the membership decided to continue with the same board members as last year. This year the outstanding candidates were added to by write in candidates, yet it is hard to argue with lasat year's success. Ricky Larkin remains Chairman of the Board and the President is Sonny Armstrong, Bill Busby is Business Manager.

On Tuesday, September 05, 2017, Deputies with the Harris County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a Fatal Crash in the 6000 block of E FM 1960. During the investigation it was determined that the complainant was traveling east the eastbound number 2 lane on his 2008 Suzuki VS800 motorcycle in the 6000 block of E FM 1960. Traveling east behind the motorcycle in number 2 eastbound lane in the 6000 block of E FM 1960 was a silver 2002 Ford Crown Victoria. Witnesses to the crash advised the motorcycle was driving erratically and was observed to not have any lights illuminated on the motorcycle prior to the crash. This section of E FM 1960 has no artificial lighting and was extremely dark. The Ford struck the motorcycle in the tire with its front left as they both traveled eastbound. During my on scene investigation I determined the complainant operated his motorcycle at nighttime hours with no visible illumination on the motorcycle. Due to not being visible at nighttime hours the motorcycle was struck by the front left of the Ford. The complainant while operating the motorcycle sustained serious bodily injuries, which ultimately caused his death. This crash remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Vehicular Crimes Division.

Governor suspends waiting period for insurance to pay claims for vehicles

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today took action to expedite insurance claims for Texans whose vehicles have been totaled by Hurricane Harvey. Working with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), the Governor suspended a statute and rule requiring a 30-day waiting period and notification requirements for insurance companies that are unable to obtain current vehicle titles prior to paying claims on non-repairable vehicles. This suspension will alleviate the burden on vehicle owners and will expedite the claims process, resulting in a faster claim payments from the insurance companies to the owners of non-repairable vehicles. The TxDMV estimates that over 500,000 vehicles were damaged by the storm. "The last thing the victims of this storm need is the burden of procedural red tape while trying to get their lives back on track," said Governor Abbott. "Suspending this rule will make it easier for those currently without transportation to get needed assistance from their insurance companies. As the recovery process starts to take shape in Texas, I will continue to do what I can to make sure Texans are getting what they need in every way possible." For additional information Texas should contact the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at (888) 368-4689.

Hurricane Harvey: Residential Debris Removal Information

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS—Harris County Precincts and the Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment teams are conducting debris clearance in unincorporated areas of the County affected by Hurricane Harvey. Debris will be cleared from major Harris County roadways to allow emergency response vehicles to pass through the area to support life-safety operations. Debris clearance will only be conducted in unincorporated areas where high water has receded. Once emergency roadway clearance is completed, Harris County Precincts and the Residential Debris and Damage Assessment teams will begin debris pick-up operations for residential subdivisions. Please be patient and be prepared by following the directions in the diagram. Follow debris separation instructions* in the diagram provided by Harris County to help speed up the process and allow for safe operations. If you are in the process of clean-up and debris removal from your property, please take precautions to prevent disaster-related casualties and fatalities.

- Be aware of damaged water, gas, and electric lines.
- Be aware of damaged building and construction materials.
- Do not attempt to conduct major tree work or reconstruction without proper equipment, permits, and training.
- Be aware of household hazardous waste and contaminants.
- Report any hazardous materials spills to: Harris County Pollution Control Services Department at 713-920-2831.

For additional information about debris separation and debris removal, please call the Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline 713-274-3880.

*Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as paint (oil-based and latex), automotive chemicals, batteries, and lawn chemicals. HHW will not be picked up with regular debris piles. Harris County will notify all residents about HHW collection dates and drop-off locations.

Recovery and clean up efforts continue in Harris County

What is the danger? There is a lot of misinformation circulating about issues related to rumors and scams including inspections, fraud, and disaster cleanup. Get the latest rumor control news here: <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey-rumor-control>. The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains at Level 1 (Maximum Readiness).

Tips to Help Prevent Disaster Fraud Here's how to protect yourself, or someone you care about, from disaster fraud:

- Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money. FEMA staff will never charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications. Stay alert for false promises to speed up the insurance, disaster assistance, or building permit process.
- In person, always ask to see any FEMA employee ID badges. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams may be in impacted communities providing information and assisting survivors with the registration process or their applicant files.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including our contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) adjusters will have a NFIP Authorized Adjuster Card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.
- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact local law enforcement.
- If you suspect fraud, contact the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- More information on disaster-related fraud is available at the Texas Attorney General's Office website at texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/disaster-scams or call -800-252-8011.

Debris Removal Continues Harris County Debris Removal is still underway. Be mindful of personal safety during flood clean-up. Take steps to stay safe. For additional information about debris separation and debris removal, please call the Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline: 713-274-3880.



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OPINION PAGE

County Attorney advises Hurricane Harvey Flood victims: Know your rights

The recent floods in the Harris County area have been a nightmare for many families struggling to clean up the mess and have repairs made. The Office of Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan offers the following tips to flood victims who rent their apartments or homes:

- If your apartment is unlivable, you have the right to terminate your lease by giving your landlord written notice and obtain a refund of the unused portion of the rent you have paid plus any security deposit that is owed to you. You cannot be charged a penalty for terminating the lease due to unlivable conditions.
- If your landlord offers you another unit because yours is unlivable, you are not required to accept it. If you do accept a new unit, you are not required to enter into a longer lease for the new unit.
- If your apartment is partially damaged, first provide written notice to your landlord of the repairs needed. Make sure you are current on your rent. The landlord is not required to make repairs if you are not current on your rent.
- If your apartment is partially damaged, you may be entitled to a reduction in your rent in proportion to the extent the apartment is unus-

able. Talk to your landlord. If you cannot reach an agreement, do not withhold any portion of your rent. You may have to file suit seeking a rent reduction. Withholding rent is almost always a bad idea.

- Your landlord is not required to start making repairs to your unit until after the landlord's insurance company pays him or her for the damage. The bad news is that you must continue to pay rent while you wait for the repairs.
- If the landlord has had a reasonable amount of time but failed to complete repairs, send a second notice to the landlord with a request for an explanation of the delay and explain that you will terminate the lease unless repairs are made or repair the damage yourself and deduct the amount from your rent. You should consult an attorney if you intend to repair the damage yourself.
- You may want to consult the "Tenants' Rights Handbook" published by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the State Bar of Texas.
- If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the Office of the Harris County Attorney, 713-755-6065.

Governor Abbott requests federal funding for flood and water infrastructure projects

AUSTIN - September 9, 2017 – Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter to Administrator Scott Pruitt of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expressing his support for a request by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to streamline federal funding for flood and water infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

"Texas has faced an unprecedented natural disaster, and quick action, flexibility and innovation are essential to keeping Texas and our economy strong," said Governor Abbott. "The seamless collaboration between the State of Texas and our federal partners has been imperative to allow these communities to rebuild and recover following Harvey's devastation. I am hopeful that the EPA will continue its commitment to getting Texans the resources they need to address the urgent needs that will allow for the immediate resolution to some of the most

pressing water-related concerns."

"The TWDB believes that the SRF funds can provide a critical financing bridge between the immediate need for cities to restore their water and wastewater systems and the delivery of federal disaster aid," said Chairman Bech Bruun. "We appreciate EPA's consideration of this request to allow us to put these funds to work on this recovery as expeditiously as possible.

The TWDB administers EPA's state revolving funds, which communities affected by Harvey can use to help finance all phases of water and wastewater projects, including projects related to stormwater infrastructure. The funding will provide timely financing that allows hurricane- and flood-stricken areas of Texas to rapidly repair and rebuild these critical systems and to ensure the future protection of these communities.



Texas begins long march toward recovery from Hurricane Harvey

AUSTIN — As contaminated waters receded and mountains of debris from flooded homes and ruined belongings grew last week, a picture of post-hurricane Texas developed and the process of weighing impacts to lives, property and infrastructure began.

Gov. Greg Abbott delivered a series of announcements and proclamations related to catastrophic flooding and wind damage brought by Hurricane Harvey to more than 50 Gulf Coast and inland counties in late August and early September.

On Sept. 7, Abbott thanked Congress for passing a \$15.3 billion hurricane relief package and called the bipartisan action "an encouraging sign."

On Sept. 9, Abbott wrote to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, expressing support for a request by the Texas Water Development Board to streamline federal funding for flood and water infrastructure projects related to Hurricane Harvey. The board administers EPA's state revolving funds, which will be used to repair and rebuild water, wastewater and storm water systems in communities affected by Harvey.

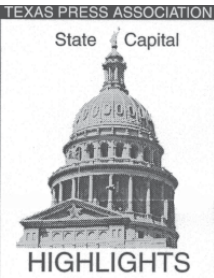
Also on Sept. 9, Abbott and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, who heads the newly created Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, met with Beaumont officials along with leaders of many state agencies. It was the first stop in a three-city, five-day trip to discuss the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and get input on how the commission can assist in the rebuilding and recovery effort.

Mosquito spraying begins

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 6 announced the launch of FEMA-assisted mosquito control measures over the Hurricane Harvey-stricken counties of Refugio and Bee.

Areas of standing water may increase the number of mosquitoes capable of spreading diseases such as the West Nile and Zika viruses, the DSHS said.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Paxton applauds ruling

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised a decision Sept. 5 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to uphold the state's voter identification law that was blocked last month by a Corpus Christi federal district court.

A three-judge panel of the Fifth Circuit voted 2-1 to overturn an injunction granted by the lower court. The ruling, Paxton said, means that an interim court remedy is in place for 2017, preserving the requirement of an ID while allowing those without an accepted ID to vote by signing a sworn declaration stating that they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 5, a law passed by the Texas Legislature this year amending the voter ID law to comply with a prior 5th Circuit ruling, takes effect in 2018, Paxton said. Paxton echoed the U.S. Department of Justice, saying the new law "eradicates any discriminatory effect or intent" and expands voter identification options.

DACA decision pleases AG

Attorney General Paxton on Sept. 5 applauded President Donald Trump's decision to phase out within the next six months the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program created by President Barack Obama in 2012.

DACA granted lawful presence and work permits to nearly 800,000 people who were brought to the U.S. as children by foreign nationals. President Trump left it to Congress to pass a law by March 5, 2018, that would allow affected individuals to continue residing in the U.S.

Hegar reports on taxes

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week released the total of state revenues collected during the fiscal year that began Sept. 1, 2016, and ended Aug. 31, 2017. Hegar also posted a state revenue report for the month of August.

Sales tax revenue for the year was \$28.9 billion, 0.3 percent ahead of the \$28.8 billion projected in the January biennial revenue estimate, and general revenue-related revenue was \$52.3 billion, or 1.2 percent ahead of the projection of \$51.7 billion. State sales tax revenue for the month of August totaled \$2.48 billion, 0.9 percent less than in August 2016, he said.

Also, Hegar reported that Texas' "all funds" tax collections for fiscal year 2017 came to \$49.6 billion, or 0.2 percent less than his \$49.7 billion projection, and all funds revenue totaled \$111.2 billion, or 1.4 percent less than his \$112.8 billion projection.

Revenue distribution set

Comptroller Hegar on Sept. 7 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$668.3 million in local sales tax allocations for September, an amount 6.2 percent more than the Office of the Comptroller distributed in September 2016.

Allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Babin supports initial disaster relief for Harvey victims

Washington, DC – SEP. 9, 2017 – U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36) issued the following statement today after the House passed an emergency disaster relief bill that provides \$7.85 billion in support of victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana:

"I am very pleased that the House has acted swiftly to ensure those impacted by Harvey receive relief. Our congressional district – the 36th District of Texas – was devastated. All nine counties have been declared federal disaster areas. The devastation is truly heartbreaking. I've traveled to each county and assisted in the recovery efforts and met with the victims. My staff is on the ground across the district working with local relief officials to make sure their needs and those of our constituents are met.

"This bill provides desperately needed funding as a first step in helping our fellow Americans put their lives back together. It provides a hand up – not a handout. In the midst of this devastation, the entire world has seen the resiliency, compassion and determination of the people of Texas. I urge the Senate to quickly follow suit and send this clean bill to President Trump's desk. Let's show the thousands of Americans in desperate need of relief that we stand with them during this very difficult time."

Governor Abbott statement on passage of Harvey Relief Bill

AUSTIN - September 8, 2017 – Governor Greg Abbott issued the following statement after Congress passed a \$15.3 billion relief package in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

"I thank the bipartisan and overwhelming majority of Congress that voted in favor of this disaster relief bill," said Governor Abbott. "Although the recovery process is just beginning, Texans can rest assured that our federal partners are with them in their time of need. This initial down payment passed by Congress will go a long way in helping victims of the storm rebuild their lives and their communities."

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LIFESTYLE

Lois Marleen Reed McAlister



Lois Marleen Reed McAlister of Highlands, Texas, was called home on Friday, September 1, 2017. Mama Mac to those who loved her was born on November 25, 1931, in Pineville, Louisiana to Etha George and Sinclair T Reed. She is preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband Billie Gene McAlister, her only child Patrick Wayne McAlister Sr., her sisters Mollie Mae Reed Messick and Eris Reed Newman, her brother Sinclair T. Reed Jr, and her great grandson Chance Patrick Choate.

Lois graduated from Bolton High School and the Alexandria Business College, both in Alexandria, Louisiana. She spent 33 years with the Texas Public School Systems, having worked in the North Forest ISD in Houston, the North East ISD in San Antonio, and the Richardson ISD, where she eventually retired from in 1988. She was a member of the Texas Educational Secretaries Association and the Texas Retired Educational Secretaries Association. After her retiring to Louisiana, she became involved with a variety of volunteer programs, including the St.

Francis Cabrini Hospice Program in Alexandria, Louisiana. Following the death of her beloved Bill, she relocated to Highlands to be near her son and family. She then became involved in her community, giving again in serving as a counselor in the AARP Tax Counseling for Elderly Program. She was also a past president of the Orchard Crossing Estates Homeowners Association.

Lois is survived by her baby sister, Helen Aymond of Monroe, Louisiana. Her daughter-in-law, Pamela McAlister of Cypress, Texas, granddaughter Stephania Traylor and husband Barry of Cypress, Texas, grandson Wayne McAlister and wife Christina of Highlands, Texas and four great grandchildren: Emilee Traylor, Clay Traylor, Trevor McAlister, and Ty Jarrett McAlister. She is also survived by many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends scattered across the United States.

Mama Mac was a caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, who truly loved and enjoyed life and giving of herself not only to her family but to others as well.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Thursday September 7, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., followed by services in Sterling-White Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be held on Friday September 8 2017 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery 4000 Monroe Hwy. Ball Louisiana at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Edward Leger



Edward Leger, 87, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 2, 2017. He was born on November 13, 1929 in Centerville, Louisiana to Homer Leger and Aline Guillory Leger. He served his country and was honorably discharged from the Army in 1948. Edward married Hazel Guillory on October 9, 1951. They were together for over 66 years and raised a beautiful family. He worked as a diesel mechanic at Armcoc Steel for 33 years and Harris County Precinct 2 for 10 years. He was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus and also a member of the American Legion. He was calm, gentle, honorable and was simply the best husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all playing poker. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Edward is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Aline Leger; six brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Hazel Leger; sons, Eddie Leger and wife Susan, Darrell Leger and wife Lilly, and Mark Leger and wife Lorrie; grandson, Jason Leger and wife Amanda; granddaughters, Leah Davis and husband Joey, Tara McMullen and husband Gary, Kristy Leger, Nicki Leger and fiancé

Ashley Patten, Shelby Cox and husband Aaron, and; great grandchildren, Kamryn Disney, Kelsey Disney, Casen McMullen, Jaxen McMullen, Gaven Beau McMullen, Hayden Caudill, Phalicity Davis, Brooklin Leger and Bree Leger; sister, Laurie Brazil; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a 7:00 pm rosary at Sterling-White Funeral Home. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday morning, September 7, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg, Crosby, TX. Interment to follow in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Dorothy “Dot” Ella Reynolds



Dorothy “Dot” Ella Reynolds, 96, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 31, 2017. She was born on April 22, 1921 in Sulphur, Oklahoma to James Arthur McClure and Elloy George McClure. She was one of nine children born to her parents. She was married to

her husband, Wesley Levi Reynolds for 62 years and was a wonderful Domestic Engineer. Together they travelled all over the world and eventually they moved to Lake Houston where she enjoyed watching the sunset. They also loved fishing, boating, skiing and the Indian Shores Family. Dot was a member of the Indian Shores Garden Club and the Indian Shores Civic Club. She was known to be a great seamstress that could sew anything. Dot was simply the life of the party and was the “Hostess with The Most”. She will be remembered for her sweet personality and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Wesley Levi Reynolds; her parents, James and Elloy McClure; and all other siblings.

Dot is survived by her nieces, Margaret Martin of Weatherford, TX; and Lynda Smith Schick of Oklahoma City, OK; and nephews, Dr. Bill Smith of Sedona, AZ; and Art Smith of McAlester, OK; and other nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Sterling White Funeral Home from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Funeral services will immediately follow at 2:00 pm. Interment with no services will be held in Duncan City Cemetery in Duncan, Oklahoma. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

In lieu of flowers and plants, donations can be made in her memory to the Indian Shores Garden Club, care of Anita Cristosi, 2110 Round Wind Trail, Crosby, TX 77532.

Jimmie Joe Bulanek Sr.



Jimmie Joe Bulanek Sr., son of James and Annie Bulanek. He was born on September 24, 1932 in Sheldon, Texas. Preceded in death by his wife Jolean Bulanek on March 17, 2017. They were married on 1-27-1951 and were in total love for over 66 years. Jimmie had three sons, Jimmie Joe, John Glenn and Ronald Wayne. He was surrounded by loving family members that includes daughter in laws Lucie, Sherry, Lena and 7 grand kids and 8 great grand kids. Jimmie was loved by brothers and sister in laws Raymond & Norma, Fred & Carolyn, Timmie & Kay and his one sister Susie and her husband Chuck plus many cousins, nieces and nephew. Jimmie Joe passed away to join his lord and Jolean on September 6, 2017.

Viewing will be held at Sterling White Funeral Home on 9-10-17 from 5-8 PM. Located at 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. Funeral services to be held at Fellowship of the Nations Church on 9-11-17 at 10 AM. Located at 13305 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

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1st Day Goose Creek Memorial

(from left) Torie Gonzalez, Hector Diaz, Savannah Minton and Courtnee Lambricht wait for their schedules in the gym at GCM on the first day of their senior year.



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1st Day - Sterling Seniors

Bryn Benoit (left) and Megan Clausen enjoy the first day of their senior year at Ross S. Sterling High School.

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The first watches produced under the Seiko brand appeared in 1924. In 1969, Seiko introduced the Astron, the world's first production quartz watch; when it was introduced, it cost the same as a medium-sized car. Seiko later went on to introduce the first quartz chronograph. In the late 1980s, Seiko produced the first Kinetic watch that combined the self-energizing attributes of an automatic watch with quartz accuracy. The watch is entirely powered by its movement in everyday wear.

Seiko is perhaps best known for its wristwatches, all of which were at one time produced entirely in-house. This includes not

only major items such as micro-gears, motors, hands, crystal oscillators, batteries, sensors, LCDs but also minor items such as the oils used in lubricating the watches and the luminous compounds used on the hands and the dials.

Seiko produces watches with quartz, kinetic, solar, and mechanical watches of varying prices, ranging from around \$45 to \$554.00. To separate the customer groups, Seiko has created many different brands in Japan, the U.S. and the remaining international market. Seiko also has several different watch lines such as the Seiko "5" series (the 5 reflects five key features of the watch, namely automatic winding, day and date display in a single window—rare at the time, water resistant, recessed crown at the 4 o'clock position and durable case and bracelet—i.e. steel), and the luxury "Credor," "King Seiko," and "Grand Seiko" series.

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Players, sponsors sought for 20th Annual B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Channelview ISD Education Foundation is excited to host the 20th Annual B. H. Hamblen Scholarship Golf Tournament on October 9 at the River Terrace Golf Club.

The Foundation is seeking teams and sponsors to participate in this year's tournament that provides scholarships to graduating seniors at Channelview High School. The 2016 tournament raised over

\$28,000 for scholarships to our seniors. This tremendous accomplishment put the scholarship tournament total at over \$432,000 in the past 19 years.

Registration and sponsorship information for the four-player scramble is available on the Foundation website at www.cvisd.org/foundation. The tournament awards cash prizes to the first

through fourth place teams and trophies to fifth through eighth. Opportunities for other prizes are available through the door prize raffle and Silent Auction.

All donations are tax deductible as the CISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. A variety of sponsorship levels available begin with door prize/Silent Auction items, \$100

Hole Sponsors up to \$5,000 Platinum Corporate Sponsors to assist in funding the student scholarships.

For additional information about playing in the tournament, or to become a sponsor, please contact Fred Hubbard, 281-960-3714, Jimmy Smith, 281-960-3714 or William Jennings, 281-860-3803 or Darcy Blackstock, 281-452-8008.

Open Books courses will save students \$3.5 million

Digital course materials increase opportunities for degree completion

HOUSTON – Today's college students often face the decision of buying a textbook or paying their light bill. As textbook prices continue to rise, college retention rates decrease. Textbook costs remain one of the largest barriers to student success and degree completion.

Since 1978, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that college textbook prices have risen more than 800 percent. Within the last decade alone, textbook costs have increased by 73 percent—more than four times the rate of inflation.

Beginning this fall semester, San Jacinto College's Open Books courses will meet the growing need for quality, affordable course materials that students and faculty have been waiting for.

"Open Books is a chance for San Jacinto College to help reduce the cost of going to college for thousands of students," said Mark Johnson, San Jacinto College dean of business and technology and Open Books project director. "Textbooks can be up to half of a student's cost of

attending college. A typical full-time student taking 12 or more credits could easily spend \$1,400 a year on textbooks. The high cost of textbooks can make it impossible for students to attend or stay enrolled in college. We didn't want students having to choose between paying their electricity bill or buying their chemistry textbook."

Funded by a grant from Achieving the Dream, participating San Jacinto College faculty will be provided with an array of open educational resources (OER) that feature peer-reviewed, open-licensed digital textbooks and course materials from Lumen Learning. OER includes full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other digital course materials that faculty can use as is, repurpose or adapt to fit their specific course needs. OER materials also provide more flexibility for faculty as they set the student learning outcomes (SLOs) for their courses. Students also have access

to their course materials on day one, eliminating delays that students experience working on assignments due to the ability to purchase the textbook.

"As a faculty member, Open Books has allowed me to use the continuous academic freedom that our College has always promoted," said Tonja Conerly, San Jacinto College sociology professor and Open Books project coordinator. "I am working with an endless number of peers literally throughout the world, sharing knowledge and different teaching techniques. Open Books really allows our faculty to enhance their pedagogy because they can tailor these unique resources to their specific course's student learning outcomes. At the end of the day, we're providing them with the same quality, peer-reviewed educational resources, but with no cost or a very low cost to our students."

Based on the spring 2017 pilot, 24 San Jacinto College faculty taught 33 sections of Open Books

courses saving 687 students \$119,616 in textbook costs. Johnson says the College intends to dramatically increase the number of course offerings by spring 2020, estimating that students could save more than \$3.5 million. This fall, students will also be able to earn associate of arts degrees in general studies and business entirely through Open Books courses.

"After the first year of implementing the Achieving the Dream OER degree grant, San Jacinto College has saved students \$410,000 in textbook costs. We're also watching to see what kind of positive impact Open Books will have on student success in the classroom. Other colleges across the country, like Tidewater College in Virginia, have reported that students enrolled in OER courses have performed 6 percent better in the classroom than students in classes without OER. This is likely because students in OER courses have their course materials on the first day of class."

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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE
2017 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HARRIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80

This Notice concerns 2017 property tax rates for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's 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 (the total value of taxable property) 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	\$	864,733
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$	864,733
Last year's tax base	\$	1,729,466,615
Last year's total tax rate	\$.05000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	862,526
→ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	1,784,411,714

= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)	\$.048330/\$100
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This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	862,526
→ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	1,784,411,714
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.048330/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.052190/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.00
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.052190/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.048330 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$39,883.

SCHEDULE "A": Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund:	General Fund
Balance:	\$0

SCHEDULE "B": Current Year Debt Service

The taxing unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

2017 Debt Service:	NONE
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This Notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

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Name of Person preparing this Notice: John W. Peeler, District Counsel

Date: September 7, 2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is being held on Thursday October 26, 2017 at 6:00PM at 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Barrett Station, Texas, to discuss the Harris County MUD 50's proposed project to construct a new Waste Water Treatment Plant and associated sewer and force main lines at Harris County MUD 50 owned property, located near Barrett, Texas, south of FM 1942 between Milo Drive and Jean La Fitte. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,500,000. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident is currently \$37.50 of in-district consumers and \$63.50 for out-of-district consumers. At this time no user rate increase is expected, as the project will be funded by grant funds, if an increase is expected to occur, residents and businesses will be notified. At this time no connection fee / tax / surcharge / other fee of will be required. An application for financial assistance for the project has been *(will be)* filed with the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas, 78711-3231. An Environmental Information Document for the project has been prepared which will be available for public review at the Harris County MUD 50 District Office at 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Barrett Station, Texas between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments on the proposed project may be sent to 1018 Frost St. Rosenberg, TX 77471 or to the Texas Water Development Board.

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2017 Property Tax Rates in Harris County
Emergency Service District No. 12

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax 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 rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) 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	\$1,435,013
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,435,013
Last year's tax base	\$2,870,026,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,433,620
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,001,550,316
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.0477/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$1,421,290
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,001,550,316
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0474/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0511/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.0511/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0477 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$12,026.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	5,000,000

Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0

Total required for 2017 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2017	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 09/06/2017

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O1146

Application and Draft Permit. Sequa Corporation, 1310 Papin St., Fl. 3, Saint Louis, MO 63103-3132, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1146, Application No. 23875, to authorize operation of the Precoat Metals Division Sequa Corporation, a Coating facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 16402 Jacintoport Blvd in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015-6588. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.7555&lng=-95.11&zoom=13&type=L>. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 15, 2015.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St., Ste. H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, 107 N. Munger St., Pasadena, Texas 77506-1322, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-1540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacin en Espaol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Sequa Corporation by calling Ms. Brooke Williams at (281) 452-4521 x7039.

Notice Issuance Date: July 17, 2017

Hurricane Recovery,

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INFORMATION BOOTHS FOR Nutrition and Physical Activity, and Dental Health. Besides information, they both had healthy samples and supplies for the public.



ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BOOTHS was the Veterinarian Public Health booth, where you could get information, free pet food, and free microchipping for your dog or cat.

Suit over fumes,

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sisted there were no concentrated ammonia compounds on the site, worry continued for most people in surrounding communities over air quality and the nature and size of explosions. Sizes of the explosions were consistent with expectations raised by the company. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Commission for Environmental Quality collected 6 surface water runoff samples on Sept. 1 indicating quantities less than would warrant further investigation after the first explosion. The federal agency sent aerial surveillance aircraft to test resulting smoke from the Arkema fires and "found no exceedance of the Texas comparison values." From August 30

to Sept. 7 no exceedances of the short-term Air Monitoring Comparison Values was found by the TCEQ. One must assume then that when the tires on the trailers caught fire it must have produced a non-toxic smoke!?

The EPA ordered Arkema to provide a detailed timeline of events and to respond within 10 days to questions about the handling of organic peroxides, the amount of chemicals, and measures taken in advance to guard against flooding and loss of electricity. The U.S. Chemical Safety Board has initiated an investigation at the Arkema Plant.

Experts responded to inquires that the plant had generators and backup generators at the loca-

tion to provide refrigeration of the chemicals but both went under water due to the unprecedented flood. The diluting of the chemicals was ruled out due to containers being by law so small that the task becomes impossible to perform in time once refrigeration has stopped.

Arkema responded that the suits are mistaken and that the company never failed to warn people nor misled anyone.

A judge granted the plaintiffs a temporary restraining order and injunction to keep Arkema from destroying or moving evidence. The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office and Crosby Volunteer Fire Department are looking into the fire at Arkema.

Aerial Mosquito spraying over Harris County begins

HOUSTON, TX. - September 13, 2017 - The Texas Department of State Health Services is providing an update on aerial mosquito spraying operations after Hurricane Harvey.

In the Coastal Bend area, flight crews had a scheduled safety rest day last night and will be flying again tonight, planning to complete Lavaca county and begin spraying over Jim Wells and Kleberg counties.

Along the upper Texas coast, Texas is receiving support from the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 910th Air-

lift Wing flying modified C-130 cargo planes staged out of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. Last night, they treated approximately 156,000 acres over Brazoria, Chambers and Jefferson counties. They plan to be working over those counties again tonight. Flights over Harris County are currently scheduled to begin Thursday evening.

A total of approximately 2.01 million acres have been sprayed across all areas. Flight schedules are subject to change.

The goal is to reduce the effects mosquitoes are having on recovery efforts and the possibility of a future increase in mosquito-borne disease. During aerial spraying, a small amount of insecticide is sprayed over a large area, one to two tablespoons per acre. When applied according to label instructions by a licensed professional, it does not pose a health risk to people, pets or the environment. According to the EPA, people may prefer to stay inside and close windows and doors when spraying takes place, but it is not necessary.



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YMCA, Wallisville Rd.
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8
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