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Majdi Mohammed / Associated Press

A Palestinian protester carries tires for burning during clashes with Israeli troops in Gaza.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Homelessness official suddenly calls it quits

WASHINGTON – A top federal homelessness official has announced he has left his post at the Trump administration's request.

Friday's unexpected move came as the White House was planning a sweeping crackdown aimed at homelessness in California.

Matthew Doherty, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, wrote in an email to colleagues that the administration "no longer wishes to have me" in the position. Doherty also announced on Twitter that he was leaving at the administration's request.

"It has been an incredible honor to serve at US-ICH, and I do feel like I am leaving on my own terms," Doherty said in an email obtained by the Washington Post. "I believe that I have been able to keep my integrity intact; but, they have now told me to pack my things up and go."

The Trump administration still is actively exploring options for a crackdown on homelessness aimed at California, a process that has been ongoing for months, according to one person with knowledge of the planning who spoke on condition of anonymity to share internal information.

FLORIDA

Woman killed when SUV is struck by a train

AVENTURA, Fla. – Authorities say a woman died when her SUV was hit by a high-speed train at a railroad crossing.

Authorities told news outlets that a woman was driving a Mercedes SUV Friday afternoon near the suburb of Aventura and was trying to cross the tracks when a Brightline train struck her. She was pronounced dead at the scene, but her name had not been released.

Federal Railroad Administration records show 11 people were killed by Brightline high-speed trains between Jan. 1 and May 31. Media reports show at least eight more deaths since then.

OHIO

Students face testing for nicotine, drugs

HAMILTON, Ohio – In an effort to discourage drug use and vaping, a Catholic high school has announced plans to begin testing its students for drugs and nicotine, joining what education professionals are calling a growing trend.

Administrators at Badin High School in Hamilton, said in a letter to parents this week that the drug-testing program, which they said had been shaped over the course of two years with help from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, would go into effect in January.

Students will be tested at least once a year for illicit drugs, alcohol, nicotine and other banned substances, the school said in the letter.

There's no maximum number of times a student may be tested.

"The impact of drug use on young students and their families is staggering and our community is not immune to this issue," the letter said.

ISRAEL

Israeli planes hit Hamas targets in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip – Israel said its aircraft hit military sites for Gaza's Hamas rulers early Saturday after two rockets were fired from the Palestinian enclave.

This was Israel's first strike against Hamas since the start of last week's cross-border fighting with another Gaza militant group, the Iran-backed Islamic jihad. The shooting ended in a shaky cease-fire announced Thursday.

Israel so far had refrained from attacking Hamas, which has kept to the sidelines, adhering to understandings reached through Egyptian mediators after previous rounds of fighting with Israel.

But Israel's military on Saturday reiterated its long-held position that Hamas was "responsible for events transpiring in the Gaza Strip and emanating from it," following several firings of rockets by Palestinian militants since the Egyptian-brokered deal took effect.

IRAQ

Protesters are inching toward Green Zone

BAGHDAD – Anti-government protesters seized control of a strategic square in the central part of the city Saturday, as they inched closer toward their goal of reaching the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of government, after days of violent clashes with security forces.

An activist involved in the protest movement was shot dead early in the morning, security officials and activists said, in northwestern Baghdad. The officials requested anonymity.

At least 320 have been killed and thousands wounded since the unrest in the capital and the mostly Shiite southern provinces began on Oct. 1.

Protesters have taken to the streets in the tens of thousands over what they say is widespread corruption, lack of job opportunities and poor basic services despite the country's oil wealth.

MEXICO

Tropical storm starts running out of steam

MEXICO CITY – Tropical Storm Raymond began weakening Saturday over the Pacific as it moved northward in the general direction of Mexico's resort-studded Los Cabos.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Raymond had maximum sustained winds around 45 mph as of the afternoon, was centered about 460 miles south-southwest of the tip of the Baja California Peninsula and was heading north at 2 mph.

The hurricane center said Raymond should dump 3 to 5 inches of rain over southern parts of the peninsula, threatening dangerous floods.

From wire reports



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Brookstone, L.P., acting as Construction Manager-At-Risk on behalf of San Jacinto Community College District, will receive proposals from subcontractors and suppliers.

PROJECT: San Jacinto Community College District
Central Campus Davison Building Renovation

This project includes the renovation of a 47,513 SF, 2-story college classroom building constructed in 1980. The existing building in concrete frame, brick on CMU exterior walls. Renovations are intended to generally make the building compliant with current building codes, fire codes, and accessibility requirements. The renovations include new interior partitions, doors, windows, interior finishes, updated HVAC and electrical systems, plumbing, etc.

OWNER: San Jacinto Community College District

SEALED PROPOSAL TIME & DATE: December 5, 2019 @ 2:00 PM
Late proposals will not be accepted or acted upon.

QUESTIONS: Written questions should be addressed to
Karli Atkinson,
katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

LOCATION AND PROPOSAL OPENING: Construction Manager
Brookstone, L.P.
3715 Dacoma Street
Houston, TX 77092
Phone: 713.425.0751
Fax: 713.680.0068
Attention: Karli Atkinson
Email: katkinson@brookstone-tx.com

Proposal documents will be available 11/11/2019. Please contact Karli Atkinson for Proposal Documents at 713.425.0751 or katkinson@brookstone-tx.com.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities in the Proposal process.

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HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Notice of 2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plans
Public Hearing

The Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm, specifically regarding the 2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plan. The public hearing will be held at the main office of the Harris County Housing Authority, located at 1933 Hussion Street, Houston, Texas 77003. The hearing will act as a forum for public comments relevant to the HCHA 2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plan will be available for public review at the above address and on our web site (www.hchatexas.org). Public comments will receive due consideration in the preparation of the 2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plan. Written comments will be received by Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Written comments must be mailed or emailed to the attention of Beverly Burroughs: email – Beverly.burroughs@hchatexas.org

Mail – Harris County Housing Authority
2021 PHA 5 Year and Annual Plans
1933 Hussion Street
Houston, Texas 77054
Attn: Beverly Burroughs

If any further information is needed, contact Beverly Burroughs at (713) 578-2100.

Request for Proposals
RFP 19-07
Information Technology – Managed Services

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") is requesting qualifications and proposals from interested vendors (Offeror) to provide comprehensive **Information Technology – Managed Services** for the HCHA's Central Office Information Technology equipment, network, and software located in Houston, TX. **Proposals Due:** December 18, 2019, at 2:00 PM. **Proposal Submission shall be submitted electronically to:** Horace.Allison@hchatexas.org. **RFP 19-07** will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org, beginning November 20, 2019.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is developing a District Level Framework aligned to the Effective Schools Framework (ESF). TEA in coordination with the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 13 is requesting proposals from vendors with experience developing improvement frameworks for state interventions. The vendor will facilitate among stakeholders the development of a complementary district-level framework aligned to the ESF. Due date for proposals is Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 12:00 pm (CST). The RFP will be released Monday, November 20, 2019 at <https://www4.esc13.net/rip/>. For questions please contact rfg@esc13.txd.net.

Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) is requesting **Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP 20-203) for Administration Building HVAC Upgrades at 14705 Woodforest Blvd. (Project #1061)**. Proposals are due on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10:00 am CST** in the main lobby of the GPISD Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, at which time and place the Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. A Proposal Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the proposal amount is required. The scope of work includes replacing five roof mounted air handling units.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the **GPISD Administration Building, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 am CST**. Attendance is highly recommended.

Contract Documents will be available on November 18, 2019 at isqft.com and virtualbx.com. Proposers may also obtain additional documents, at their cost, from ABC Imaging, 4902 Richmond Avenue, Suite C, Houston, TX 77027.

Competitive Sealed Proposals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received electronically in the SBISD Purchasing Services Department, 1031 Witte Rd. Bldg. T-1-A, Houston, TX 77055 **JANUARY 22, 2020 @ 2:00 PM FOR: FIREWALL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (14014) PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DECEMBER 4 @ 1:30 PM** at the Purchasing Services Department, 1031 Witte Rd. Bldg. T-1-A, Houston, TX 77055 Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Rd. Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals. For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1102. Proposers may request on IonWave website at: <https://springbranchisd.ionwave.net/HomePage.aspx>

Responsive Educational Solutions is seeking General Contractor proposals for a kitchen remodel. Bid Documents will provide more information. The existing building is located at: Mainland Prep Academy 319 Newman Road La Marque, Texas 77568 Competitive sealed proposals must be received no later than 3:00 pm, on November 26, 2019 at Responsive Education Solutions, Attn: Gus Anderson, 1301 Waters Ridge Drive, Lewisville, TX 75057. For additional information, please contact Jerry L Varnway jlvarnway@wrightgroup.net or call 972-242-1015.

Sealed Bid Solicitation #HT06-20
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Cooperative Purchasing Program
Medium and Heavy Trucks & Truck Bodies
Pre-Bid Conference: 12/05/19 @ 9 am
Response Deadline: 01/22/20 @ 1pm
Public Opening: 01/22/20 @ 2pm
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice.
713-499-6693 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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CAUSE NUMBER: 2019-51756
IN THE 55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
Plaintiff: THE VETERANS LAND BOARD OF THIS STATE OF TEXAS
vs.
Defendant: CARLSON, CARL J AND CALLIE L CARLSON AND THE HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED)
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation a default judgment may be taken against you.
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED) ADDRESS AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to be and appear before the 55TH Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the city of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2019, being the Monday next after the expiration date of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file written answer to the PLAINTIFFS ORIGINAL PETITION, filed in said Court on the 29TH day of JULY 2019, in a suit numbered 2019-51756 on the docket of said court, wherein THE VETERANS LAND BORD OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, Plaintiff(s) and HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED), Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand and the said petition alleging: QUIET TITLE

SYNOPSIS:
The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 23130 Atascocita Point Drive, Humble, TX 77346 and legally describes as: LOTS FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15), IN BLOCK ELEVEN (11), OF ATASCOCITA SHORES, SECTION FOUR (4), A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 255, PAGE 59 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice hereby shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the 16TH day of DECEMBER 2019, in some newspaper published in the County of HARRIS, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on the 23RD day of DECEMBER 2019, which is forty two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return day.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court on said return day this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County Texas
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Houston, Texas this 04th day of NOVEMBER, 2019.

Newspaper: **THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE (SEAL)**
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER AMENDMENT
PERMIT NO. WQ0015292001

APPLICATION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536, c/o Schwartz, Page & Harding, LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas 77056, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015292001 to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated domestic wastewater in the Final phase from a daily average flow not to exceed 600,000 gallons per day to a daily average flow not to exceed 720,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 25, 2019.

The facility is located at 3420 1/2 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road, Katy, in Harris County, Texas 77493. The treated effluent is discharged to Harris County Flood Control District Ditch (HFCDD) U101-08-00, thence to South Mayde Creek, thence to Buffalo Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 1014 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for HFCDD ditch U101-08-00. The designated uses for Segment No. 1014 are primary contact recreation and limited aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 TAC §307.5 and the TCEQ implementation procedures (January 2003) for the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review is not required since no exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life use water bodies have been identified in the discharge route. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0b5bac488bbdd360fb168250f&marker=-95.79888%293824166&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Katy Branch Library – Reference Desk, 5414 Franz Road, Katy, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailings will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact and law raised during the comment period; and the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of the group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration if filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/cComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/cComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's public record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536 at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Brook Pope, Senior Project Engineer, EHRA Engineering, at (713) 784-4500.

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