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Thousands mourn slain officer



John H. Kim / Chicago Tribune via AP  
Grace Bauer, 13, and her mother, Erin, follow behind the casket of their father and husband, Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer, during his funeral mass Saturday. Paul Bauer was fatally shot Tuesday afternoon while chasing a man near City Hall.

AROUND THE NATION AND WORLD

FLORIDA

Firing at Catholic school concerns parents

Parents at a Catholic school in Miami said they were astounded that administrators had fired a first-grade teacher Feb. 8, just days after she married her girlfriend, and now some of the teacher’s supporters on the faculty are scared that the school will retaliate against them as well.

The teacher, Jocelyn Morffi, was by all accounts one of the most popular educators at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Miami, where she taught for nearly seven years.

“I consider her the Mother Teresa of teachers,” said Samantha Mills, a parent whose son was in Morffi’s class last year.

Mary Ross Agosta, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Miami, said in an email that Morffi was fired because she violated a contract stipulating that teachers must abide by Catholic teachings and traditions.

Four teachers attended the wedding, one of them said. She asked not to be named out of fear for her career.

After Morffi was fired, the teacher said, they were called into a meeting with school officials and were warned that they could not post pictures or attend events that would be considered supportive of same-sex marriage.

OHIO

Grandparents win custody of transgender teen

CINCINNATI — A judge’s ruling will allow a transgender Ohio teenager to continue hormonal therapy over the wishes of his parents, who deny he is transgender.

The ruling issued Friday by a judge in Juvenile Court in Cincinnati awards legal custody of the 17-year-old to his grandparents, who support his pursuit of hormonal therapy.

The decision also says the teen must first undergo an evaluation by a psychologist before he can start hormone therapy.

The teenager’s parents deny he is transgender and want Christian-based therapy to get to the underlying causes of why he thinks he is.

A prosecutor who rep-

resented a social services agency says the grandparents accept him for who he is. The parents say the teen is too unstable to decide.

NIGERIA

At least 18 die in bombing of fish market

DAKAR, Senegal — An attack by three suicide bombers has left at least 18 people dead and more than 20 others wounded at a fish market outside the sprawling Nigerian city that gave rise to the Islamist extremist group Boko Haram, officials and news reports said Saturday.

The bombers set off explosives Friday at the market, about 15 miles from the center of the city of Maiduguri, Reuters reported. No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, but they were similar to scores of others in and around the city in the past few months.

The attackers were all female, and the victims were mostly women and children.

Boko Haram has been known to deploy young women and children as suicide bombers.

ETHIOPIA

Defense minister dismisses talk of military takeover

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia’s defense minister on Saturday ruled out a military takeover a day after the East African nation declared a new state of emergency amid the worst anti-government protests in a quarter-century.

The United States said it “strongly disagrees” with the new declaration that effectively bans protests, with a U.S. Embassy statement saying the answer to Ethiopia’s sometimes violent unrest is “greater freedom, not less.”

The state of emergency will last for six months with a possible four-month extension, similar to one lifted in August, Defense Minister Siraj Fegessa said.

He also ruled out a transitional government. Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn remains in the post for now after making the surprise announcement Thursday that he had submitted a resignation letter to help planned political reforms in one of Africa’s best-performing economies succeed.

The state of emergency will be presented for lawmakers’ approval within 15 days, Siraj said.

From wire reports



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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

The Klein Independent School District will accept **Competitive Sealed Proposals** (including Statement of Qualifications) for the **2018 Facility Renovation Projects – Roofing** until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018**, at the Klein ISD Administration Building, Attn: Mr. Robert Robertson, Associate Superintendent Facilities & School Services, Room 214, 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein, Texas 77379-3299.

The Proposal documents, including the **Proposal Form, Statement of Qualifications** form, Project Drawings, and Specifications will be released on or about **February 19, 2018**, and may be obtained at the offices of the Engineer/Consultant:

Price Consulting, Inc.  
211 Highland Cross Drive  
Suite 220  
Houston, Texas 77073  
Phone: 281-209-1724

Generally, the Project consists of performing roof replacement work at Frank Elementary Intermediate School, Wunderlich Intermediate School – Fine Arts Addition, and Hassler Elementary School – Addition.

A deposit check of \$100, made out to Klein Independent School District, will be required for each hard-copy set of Project Drawings/Project Manual requested. Deposits will be returned to document holders returning sets in good condition within 10 days after proposal due date. Documents in electronic format may be obtained from the Engineer at no cost.

A **Pre-Proposal Conference** will be held in the KISD Central Office, Conference Room 209, 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein, Texas 77379 on **Monday, March 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** Site visits to each of the subject schools will be conducted following the meeting.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

DivisionOne Construction, LLC as Construction-Manager-at-Risk is soliciting RFPs for the Spring ISD Police Command Center build to 2:00PM (CST) Thursday, March 1, 2018. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 9:00AM, February 27, 2018 at the project site, 420 Lockhaven Drive, Houston, Texas 77073. A walk through of the building will follow the pre-proposal conference.

Bids or proposals are due March 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Bids or proposals should be emailed to [bid@dlconstruction.com](mailto:bid@dlconstruction.com) or mailed/delivered to the DivisionOne Construction office located at 11280 West Road, Houston, Texas 77065. Late bids will not be accepted.

Drawings and specifications will be made available on ISQFT and at the DivisionOne Construction office located at 11280 West Road, Houston, Texas 77065 on Friday, February 23, 2018. Contact [bid@dlconstruction.com](mailto:bid@dlconstruction.com) for additional information on this project.

**Klein ISD will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals** from qualified general contractors until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 for Base Proposals and Alternates, at Klein ISD Central Office, 7200 Spring Cypress Rd, Spring, TX 77379, for the **New Elementary School #23**. Proposal evaluation criteria are published in the “Instructions to Proposers” section of the proposal documents.

Plans and specifications are available immediately, and can be obtained from the following address with a refundable deposit of \$250.00 per set, made payable to Texas-IBI Group.

Texas-IBI Group  
455 E. Medical Center Blvd., Suite 500  
Webster, TX 77598  
Phone: 281-286-6605

A Pre-Proposal Conference shall be held at 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, at Klein ISD Central Office, 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, TX 77379.

The Owner reserves the right to waive all informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

Competitive Sealed Proposals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received in the SBISD Purchasing Office at 1031 Witte RD, BLDG T-1A, Houston, TX 77055-6016 until:

APRIL 4, 2018 @ 10:00 AM FOR: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM (12399)

Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals.

For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1101

Proposers may download documents from SBISD website on or after 2/12/2018 at: <http://cms.springbranchisd.com/skin2/purchasing/tabid/16019/default.aspx>

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.**

**IFB No. 4018000104:** For Cleaning of Stormwater Oil Water Separators. Solicitation will be available on or about 2/19/2018.

**RFP No. 4018000085:** For Mobile Ticketing Application. Solicitation will be available on or about 2/19/2018.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO’s website at <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>

If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881

Request for Proposals RFP #18-02 Salary/Wage Comparability Study

The Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) is accepting proposals from qualified vendors to develop a comprehensive salary/rate comparability study for the existing organizational structure, which includes each of the HCHA’s job classifications with a corresponding salary scale chart. Interested proposer(s) can download the RFP and all amendments from the HCHA website ([www.hchatexas.org](http://www.hchatexas.org)).

Prospective proposer(s) desiring any explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must submit the request in writing no later than **4:00 PM (CST), February 28, 2018**, ATTN: Harris County Housing Authority, Vivian Clark at [vivian.clark@hchatexas.org](mailto:vivian.clark@hchatexas.org). Proposals must be received by HCHA no later than **March 13, 2018 at 4:00 PM (CST)**.

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**Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)** has selected Manhattan Construction Company to be Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for their new Arts Complex – approx. 72,000 SF. This Project includes a new 72,000 SF facility including all items related to building construction as well as parking / landscaping. Manhattan is looking for bids for the following work packages at this time: Earthwork, Utilities, Soil Retention, Foundation Drainage, Concrete; Subcontractors interested in submitting a competitive proposal may email [jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com](mailto:jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com) or call (713) 332-7285 to be placed on the bidders list. Documents will be available February 19th for an anticipated bid date / time of March 6th at 2:00 PM.

Public Notice / Advertisement

JE Dunn Construction Co. is requesting proposals for a project for Harris County’s Engineering Department. The project includes the “Harris County Pets – Demolition, Clearing & Earthwork – Package No. 1”, site demolition, clearing, earthwork, and related sitework. Subcontractors will only be awarded to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform its scope of work as required per the terms and conditions of the contract documents. Harris County Wage Rate schedule must be used: <http://www.eng.hctx.net/Consultants/Construction/Prevailing-Wage-Rates>. To respond to this notice for Contracting Opportunities please direct inquiries to William Woodfin for proposal information. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00am at offices of JE Dunn Construction on February 26th, 2018 (address below). Proposals may be submitted via the following methods: email [william.woodfin@jedunn.com](mailto:william.woodfin@jedunn.com); fax 713-521-5896, or hand delivered to JE Dunn Construction Company at 10350 Richmond, Suite 900 - Houston, TX 77042. Proposals are due on March 12th, 2018 before 2:00 pm. **Late proposals will not be accepted.** Plans and specs will be available for purchase at Thomas Repographics at 713-977-6363 or you may view them in JE Dunn’s Plan Room, 10350 Richmond, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77042.

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William B. Lawton Co., L.L.C., River Oaks Exploration, L.L.C. and Rayville Resources, L.L.C. (Debtors) each filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division (Bankruptcy Court) (Case Nos. 17-20948, 17-20949, and 17-20950, respectively). The deadline to file proofs of claim is March 14, 2018, except for governmental Units, which is April 9, 2018. If you believe you have a claim against any of the Debtors, you must file a proof of claim on or before the deadline or your claim will be barred. Proofs of Claim may be filed electronically at <http://www.lawb.uscourts.gov/epoc-electronic-proof-claim> or printed at [http://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/form\\_b\\_410\\_16.pdf](http://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/form_b_410_16.pdf) with instructions at [http://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/b\\_410instr\\_1215.pdf](http://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/b_410instr_1215.pdf). The executed proof of claim must be timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court Clerk, 214 Jefferson Street, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70501-7050. If you do not have access to a computer, contact Vicki Owens at 504-585-0142 to obtain a proof of claim form.

Notice of Public Meeting SH 3 Access Management Study

Brooklglen Drive to the Harris/Galveston County Line  
Project No: 0051-01-104  
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting to solicit input on an access management study for State Highway (SH) 3 from Brooklglen Drive to the Harris/Galveston County line on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the City of Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue, Webster, TX 77598. The meeting will be held in an open house format where the public may come and go at their convenience and provide comments at any point. Staff will be available to answer questions; no formal presentation is planned.

The purpose of access management is to provide vehicular access to land development in a manner that preserves the safety and efficiency of the transportation system. The study aims to identify short-, medium-, and long-range improvements to reduce crashes, improve mobility, and support existing and future development.

Maps of the study corridor and exhibits will be available at the public meeting. This information is also available for review by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007. To schedule an appointment, please contact TxDOT’s Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076 or email [SH3AccessManagement@txdot.gov](mailto:SH3AccessManagement@txdot.gov). The public is encouraged to visit the project website to fill out an online survey and review project information at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh3-access-management.html>.

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting; by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Advanced Transportation Planning, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386; or electronically to [SH3AccessManagement@txdot.gov](mailto:SH3AccessManagement@txdot.gov). Please reference Project No: 0051-01-104. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Materials for the public meeting will be provided in English. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs, or require an interpreter, are encouraged to contact TxDOT’s Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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**Sealed Proposal Solicitation #RA05-18A Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Radio Communication/Emergency Response & Mobile Interoperability Equipment**  
Response Deadline: 3/14/18 @ 1pm  
Public Opening: 3/14/18 @ 2pm  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX. Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice. 832-681-2514 or [www.hgacbuy.org](http://www.hgacbuy.org) for info.

**Manhattan Construction Company**, the Construction Manager-at-Risk for the Wortham Theatre District Recovery Project is requesting subcontractor / supplier competitive proposals for Bid Package 01, following trades are needed: Demo, HVAC, Electrical, Fireproofing, Steel, Temp Provisions. The work is located at the Wortham Theatre. Proposals shall be delivered in accordance with the instructions to proposers to Manhattan Construction, 2120 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006 on or before Tuesday March 6th at 2:00pm. This project has a 30% Diversity Participation Goal. MBE/SBE/WBE firms are strongly encouraged to submit. For more information or to obtain access to documents, email [jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com](mailto:jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com) or call 713 332-7285.

**Manhattan Construction Company**, the Construction Manager-at-Risk for the Wortham Theatre District Recovery Project is requesting subcontractor / supplier competitive proposals for Bid Package 02, following trades are needed: General Works; Masonry, Doors, Frames, Hardware, Fire Protection, Plumbing, & Electrical. The work is located at the Wortham Theatre. Proposals shall be delivered in accordance with the instructions to proposers to Manhattan Construction, 2120 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006 on or before Tuesday March 6th at 2:00pm. This project has a 30% Diversity Participation Goal. MBE/SBE/WBE firms are strongly encouraged to submit. For more information or to obtain access to documents, email [jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com](mailto:jbrown@manhattanconstruction.com) or call 713 332-7285.

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**Request For Qualifications**  
Chambers County Government is seeking Texas qualified Design-Build firms with which to establish contracts for future County government facilities design and construction in conformance with the processes outlined in Texas Government Code Section 2269.

Qualified firms who are interested in submitting a statement of their qualifications to be considered for a contract with Chambers County, Texas should contact:

Mr. George Barrera, Chambers County Purchasing Agent  
264 Washington Ave  
Anahuac, TX 77514  
Phone: (409) 267-2400  
Fax: (409) 267-8405  
E-mail: [gbarrera@chamberstx.gov](mailto:gbarrera@chamberstx.gov)  
To request a copy of the Chambers County Design-Build Request For Qualifications.

The written response and required documentation is required to be submitted to the above address on or before 12:00pm NOON on Monday, March 05, 2018 in order to be considered. Minority- and Women-Owned Qualified businesses are encouraged to submit RFQ’s.

NO LATE RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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**Phase 35 of Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Food and Shelter Program Notice**  
Phase 35 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) is now available for Houston/Harris/Fort Bend County, TX and Waller County, TX jurisdictions. The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (CFTH) is managing this competition. Information about the application, allocation to the jurisdictions and eligibility requirements will be located on the CFTH website at [www.homelesshouston.org](http://www.homelesshouston.org) beginning on February 19, 2018. Applications will be due by March 16, 2018 at 12:00 pm CST.

LEGAL NOTICE

BakerRipley, a non-profit human services organization, announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) 18-03 for **Budget and Forecasting Software System**.

The RFP will be posted on our website at <http://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> and the Electronic Business Daily (ESBD) **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**.

Interested Vendors can submit a proposal for **Budget and Forecasting Software System** to [abrown@bakerripley.org](mailto:abrown@bakerripley.org). The deadline for submitting a proposal is **Tuesday, March 27, 2018 by 10:00 AM (CT)**.

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Community Meeting to Discuss 2016 Flood Recovery and CDBG-DR Infrastructure Funding

On April 17 to 30, 2016 and May 22, 2016 to June 24, 2016, Harris County sustained significant damage from two major flooding events that resulted from severe storms and flooding. As a result, both flooding events were Presidentially Declared as Disasters in Harris County. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated the State of Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funding for 2016 disaster recovery. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is the CDBG-DR administrator of the State’s allocation. The amount allocated to Harris County by the GLO is \$19,044,584 for infrastructure projects.

Harris County and Harris County Flood Control District is hosting a meeting and seeking community input on damage, unmet needs and possible projects to address damage from the 2016 Presidentially declared disasters. The community meeting will occur at the following:

North East Community Center  
10918 ½ Bentley St., Houston, TX 77093  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
6:30PM – 8:00 PM

Harris County and Harris County Flood Control will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending the function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by Organization Staff 24-hour prior to the function. The meeting will be conducted in English and a Spanish interpreter will be in attendance to assist. Please call 713-274-3647 or email [terry.jones@hcpid.org](mailto:terry.jones@hcpid.org) for assistance or additional information about this posting.

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